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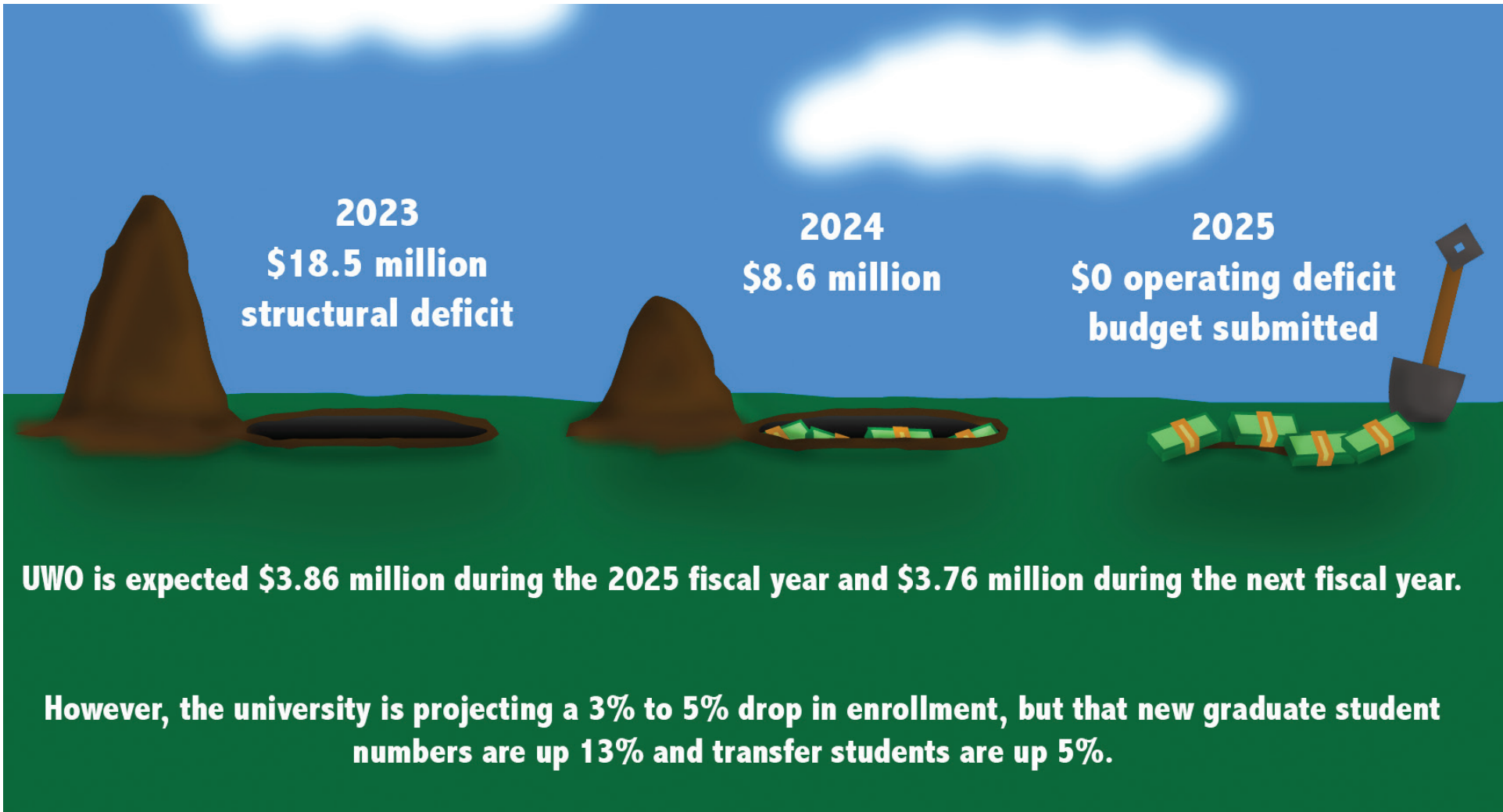
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## UWO no longer operating in deficit

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UW Oshkosh Provost Ed Martini announced that the university is no longer operating in the red, and Chancellor Manohar Singh previewed the upcoming school year during UWO's convocation address Aug. 28 inside Reeve Memorial Union.

"Two years ago, we stood up on this stage and we told you that we were facing a structural deficit of \$18.5 million and had a lot of work to do on the cost side of the equation," Martini said. "Last year, we said we've made a lot of progress, but we still got a heavy lift in front of us with an \$8.6 million deficit left to close. And I'm pleased again to share with you today that the budget that we submitted to the Universities of Wisconsin (UWs) this year and that we're currently operating under has no structural deficit whatsoever."

Martini said that UWO is expected to save \$3.86 million dollars during the 2025 fiscal year, and \$3.76 million during the 2026 fiscal year. The biggest savings came from the university's academic restructuring (\$1.5 million), the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Option Program for faculty (\$1.1 million) and a 25% reduction in overload expenditures (\$1.42 million).

UWO also reported during convocation that they are projecting a 3% to 5% drop in enrollment, but that new graduate student numbers are up 13% and transfer students are up 5%. The projections are based on the UWs' 10-day enrollment census, which showed the university had 13,127 students in 2024.

During his address to the university, Singh announced that UWO will be looking to make more changes as the school year progresses, including new degree programs relating to artificial intelligence, and the additions of new athletic teams such as women's flag football.

Singh said that his goal for the university is to innovate and to be ahead of the curve.

"We want to be relevant," Singh said. "We want to be serving the community that we were supposed to be serving, our research, our teaching, our enrollment strategies will be all focused on it, including every single person in the state of Wisconsin, as we have a system of institutions. We'll be collaborating with them so that no one stays uncovered by the reach of accessible, affordable education. And that's a promise."

Singh said that one of the ways to be ahead of the curve is to give students a degree faster, while keeping the graduation requirement to 120 credits.

"Giving college credits to your high school students is another way of doing that," Singh said. "We have 5,600-plus dual enrollment students. (We need to be) giving them the pathways we can do that innovation in that sense, where we pick them up when they are ready, and bring them to the horizon of their success when they are ready, without compromising the quality. Nothing diluted will work in favor of Wisconsin or in favor of this most powerful, most beautiful nation on this planet I've been around."

Martini said that the university is in a good position for the next few years, especially because of the new state budget that Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers signed in July.

"We need to continue to be disciplined on position management, good decisions and good headway around procurement, and we're finally making some progress on the sale of some of our land and parcels off campus that will set us up for success as well," he said. "... over \$30 million is going to campuses like ours that have lost enrollment in helping us to ease the pain of that, and over \$22 million is going to campuses based on a credit hour completion metric."

Singh said that he wants to honor all of the sacrifices that had to be made during the budget cuts over the past two years, and said

### FY25 IRP Phase II

FY2025 Initiatives	Projected Savings	Actual Savings	Savings Type
25% Reduction in Overload Expenditures	\$ 600,000	\$1,421,000	Base
Reduction in GPR Supplies & Expenses	\$ 235,000	\$ 235,000	Base
Energy Conservation	\$ 500,000	\$ 761,000	One-Time
Tuition Reimbursement Suspension	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	Base
Travel Restrictions	\$ 500,000	\$ 776,000	One-Time
Procurement as a Shared Service	\$ 70,000	\$ 84,000	One-Time
Reduction in Student Employment Cost	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	Base
Centralized Position Management	\$ 585,000	\$ 289,000	Base
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,785,000</b>	<b>\$3,861,000</b>	

FY2026 Initiatives	Projected Savings	Savings Type	
Academic Restructuring	\$1,500,000	Base	
Faculty VRIOP	\$1,100,000	Base	
Program Consolidation	\$ 500,000	Base	
Sale of Land/Buildings and Building Closures	\$ 375,000	One-Time	
Outsource Bookstore	\$ 200,000	Base	
Procurement as a Shared Service	\$ 90,000	Base	
Centralized Position Management	TBD	Base	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,765,000</b>		

Courtesy of UWO

**Top: UW Oshkosh's cost-saving initiatives for the 2025 fiscal year.**  
**Below: The university's cost-saving initiatives for the 2026 fiscal year.**

that as chancellor, he's not focusing on reducing course offerings.

"We are re-engineering, re-imagining, re-defining their role as those producing leaders, critical thinkers, scientists, artists, not just someone who can code," Singh said. There will be 100 and 70 million more jobs created because of AI. We are here to serve

those 100 and 70 million new job seekers that make sense ... We are bound by our promise to the state of Wisconsin. We are bound by our promise to humanity that we will make the world a better place with every single stroke of our keyboard and every single writing up with our pen, that's who we are."



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# One person dead after crash near campus

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A motorcycle crash at the intersection of High Avenue and Wisconsin Street killed a 27-year-old Appleton man Monday night.

According to the Oshkosh Police Department, a motorcycle headed eastbound on High Avenue collided with the passenger side door of a southbound truck on Wisconsin Street at around 6:30 p.m. By the time first responders arrived at the scene, the Appleton man was pronounced dead, and two others were transported to a local hospital for injuries sustained from the accident.

UW Oshkosh Police Department Chief Chris Tarmann said that no UWO students or employees were involved.

“We will share updates if new information becomes available that affects our campus,” Tarmann said. “In the meantime, we encourage you to use caution when traveling nearby and follow any directions provided by law enforcement.”

The intersection was closed for approximately four hours and the investigation into the crash is ongoing.

A source close to the matter told the Advance-Titan that the motorcycle allegedly ran a red light, and that a child in the truck is in stable condition after being airlifted to a Milwaukee children’s hospital with a ruptured spleen and a collapsed lung.

If anyone has information regarding the 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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Flowers, baloons, candles, handwritten cards, a motorcycle helmet and other items were set at the traffic light near the crash.



(Left) People gathering at the intersection of High Avenue and Wisconsin Street to remember the motorcyclist who died due to a collision of vehicles. (Right) Framed photo of two adults and a baby was set at the traffic light near the place where the motorcyclist died in the crash.



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# OPD responds to fake gun near Oshkosh West

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The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating an incident involving juveniles displaying a handgun near Oshkosh West High School.

Shortly before noon Sept. 5, the Oshkosh Police Department was called to a skate park at 1570 Taft Ave., across from Oshkosh West High School, for a report of a male displaying what looked like a handgun. The school was placed on a temporary lockdown as officers investigated.

Police determined that the item was a BB gun, and four juveniles were identified as the individuals involved. The case is being referred to the Winnebago County District Attorney’s office for potential criminal charges, though no specific charges have been announced.

“Facsimile or replica handguns can be easily mistaken for real firearms by law enforcement and the general public due to their realistic appearance,” Oshkosh Police Sgt. Kyle Roberts said. “This can quickly es-



Courtesy of Oshkosh Police Department  
The gun that Oshkosh Police Department seized from four juveniles on Sept. 5, which was determined to be a facsimile firearm.

calate situations and lead to potentially tragic outcomes during disturbances.”

The Oshkosh Police Department is urging parents to be aware of the risks associated with their children having replica weapons.

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





Courtesy of NTSB

The flight path of the warbird that crashed July 29, 2023 in Lake Winnebago which killed a pilot and a passenger during EAA AirVenture.

# Pilot blamed in fatal 2023 EAA crash

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The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) announced Aug. 20 that it concluded that the probable cause of a fatal warbird crash that killed pilot Devyn Reiley, 30, and passenger Zach Collie-moreno, 20, during the Experimental Aircraft Association’s (EAA) AirVenture 2023, was pilot error.

On July 29, 2023, Reiley’s North American AT-6D took off westbound from Wittman Re-

gional Airport at 8:57 a.m. and reached a peak altitude of 3,900 feet. The aircraft then executed a right turn followed by a left turn. During these maneuvering turns, the plane’s airspeed critically decayed from 110 mph to 87 mph before it dropped rapidly and crashed into Lake Winnebago eight minutes after takeoff.

The Warbird broke apart and sank in 20 feet of water. According to the NTSB’s examination of the wreckage, there were no preimpact anomalies found in the airplane, engine or

related systems that would have prevented normal operation, thereby ruling out mechanical failure. The report noted that officials did toxicology testing on the pilot, an experienced Warbird pilot with over 600 hours of experience, and did not identify any impairing substances.

Based on the available information, the NTSB determined that Reiley “likely failed to maintain adequate airspeed while maneuvering and exceeded the airplane’s critical angle of attack,” resulting in the plane going into an aerodynamic stall.

A witness on a boat corroborated this finding by describing the plane being in a flat spin immediately prior to impact.

The NTSB report highlighted a common risk in aviation: during steep turns or abrupt maneuvering, airspeed can decay and load factors increase, which in turn raises the aircraft’s stall speed. The report stressed that accelerated stalls and spins remain a significant hazard, particularly when they occur at low altitude where there may not be sufficient height for recovery.

# OPD jails Michigan man

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The Oshkosh Police Department arrested a 50-year-old Michigan man for recklessly endangering safety and possessing a firearm as a felon after a standoff with police on the 600 block of Jackson Street Aug. 29.

Court documents obtained by the Advance-Titan show that the man was identified as Montay Betts from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

OPD responded to a 911 call at 4:38 p.m. after it was reported that Betts was inside a residence firing a gun. Officers encountered Betts outside of the residence that he was staying at and took him into custody without further incident after law enforcement shut down the surrounding area.

Police reported that there were no injuries to anyone involved at the scene, and they recovered a loaded handgun at the home Betts was staying at. OPD added an additional charge of possession of a narcotic drug after searching the home, and Betts was transported to the Winnebago County Jail.

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

# City of Oshkosh ends EMS service to rural towns

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Several towns and villages surrounding Oshkosh will soon have to find new ambulance coverage after the city’s common council voted unanimously to end ambulance service agreements with eight nearby communities.

After almost two decades, the city is looking to end the existing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) contract with 10 neighboring municipalities amid staffing challenges at the Oshkosh Fire Department. The contracts expire at the start of 2026.

Oshkosh still hopes to have another partnership, but that contract would be for one year and only serve the towns of Algoma, Black Wolf and Nekimi.

City leaders say the decision comes after years of increasing demand for ambulance calls within Oshkosh itself, adding that maintaining services in these towns has become unsustainable with current staffing levels and call volume.

“When it was originally set up, it was not set up as a regional ambulance service, and that is what it needs to be if it were to continue that way,” Oshkosh City Manager Rebecca Grill said during her recommendation at the June 25 com-

mon council meeting. “There’s a negative impact to the city of Oshkosh residents to whom we’re responsible for doing the right thing for.”

According to the Oshkosh Northwestern, when the services started in the late 2000s, it was a way for the city to offset some of the costs related to EMS services, especially in rural towns and communities. OFD and the City of Oshkosh entered into contracts with the Towns of Algoma, Black Wolf, Nekimi, Omro, Poygan, Rushford, Winneconne and Utica, during that time.

“Facing an increasing demand and call volume, the city decided to add a fourth ambulance to service its towns. However, it has been unable to hire the eight paramedics needed to staff it.

The decision comes just one year after Oshkosh essentially stopped subsidizing the cost of its EMS services for the 10 surrounding municipalities. The adjusted rates equated to a 1,000% increase, moving from roughly \$3 to \$30 per capita paid by Oshkosh residents.

City officials notified the towns, but no replacement options were given.

When Omro council member David Wiese learned that his city’s access to a shared resource would be cut, he said to



Courtesy of the Oshkosh Fire Department

An Oshkosh Fire Department ambulance sits outside the station on Court Street. OFD recently announced its plans to cut ambulance service to numerous neighboring towns.

NBC 26 that he can’t really be upset with Oshkosh because he doesn’t control the ambulances.

“They have to take care of their own first, and unfortunately, we’re getting cut,” Wiese said.

Omro City Administrator Brandon Hennes said he has been preparing for this possibility since the fall of 2023.

“The pressure is on, we’re trying to think of everything,” he said. The decision gives the impacted municipalities less than six months to find a solution.

To address the issue, the City of Omro and the Towns of Winneconne, Omro, Poygan, Utica, Black Wolf and Nekimi have

entered into an intergovernmental agreement.

“We know collectively that having one service provider service the entire area, with the number of runs and calls, would make the most financial sense,” Hennes said.

The agreement will create two EMS stations, with one being placed in Omro. The IGA would then contract an outside private EMS company like Superior, Lifestar or Gold Cross, to house its vehicles and staff at the stations. Gold Cross already provides services for the city of Menasha.

According to Hennes, any changes would be a blow to the budget, and the changes could

be more than double the original estimate. Due to state levy laws, they can’t just raise property taxes to pay for the new EMS.

“We can only increase our levy through net new construction, and last year Omro’s net new construction was .872%. That equated to a \$13,000 increase,” Hennes said.

However, hope is not lost for the towns, as Grill said city staff is looking at the possibility of a joint fire service department with the neighboring municipalities for 2027 and beyond. In August, the city announced it was completing a feasibility study to look at a joint fire department with Algoma.





Courtesy of Terri Cole / UWO Athletics

UWO's Grace Jurgens (7) attempts a kill in the match against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps on Saturday. Jurgens' combined 66 points throughout the invitational was a team high.

## Volleyball sweeps Marty Petersen Invitational

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The UW Oshkosh volleyball team hosted the annual Marty Petersen Invitational at Kolf Sports Center over the weekend, improving to 9-0 on the year.

The No. 6 nationally ranked Titans beat No. 10 Washington University in St. Louis, No. 5 Emory University (Georgia) and No. 14 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (California) with scores of 3-1, respectively, and beat Marian University 3-0.

Going 4-0 in the Marty Petersen Invitational with the quality of opponents that the Titans faced is an opportunity that head coach Jon Ellmann said he is happy to have had.

"To play great teams and to do so at home is something that we surely don't take for granted," he said. "Our conference is always tough and playing solid

teams before conference kicks off will help us prepare for the WIAC."

Ellmann also said that the tournament helped show the team the areas that they need to improve on.

UWO began the invitational with a doubleheader on Friday against Washington University (Wash U) and Marian. In the game against Wash U, Sami Perlberg led UWO in scoring with 27 kills and three aces and Grace Jurgens wasn't far behind with 18 respective kills. Izzy Coon, who took over the role of the main setter, led the team with 45 assists.

The first set was a preview of how the match was going to go. UWO was able to take a 9-7 lead early in the set behind six combined kills from Perlberg and Riley Borrowman. However, a 4-0 run by the Bears allowed Wash U to take an 11-9 lead.

Despite a few rallies, UWO was never fully able to close the gap as the Bears took set one with a score of 25-20.

Set two started the same way as the first. Both teams were leveled for the first part of the set, but halfway through, UWO had an 11-9 lead. The Titans went on a 12-2 run to claim a 24-11 lead behind four kills from Perlberg and two aces from Malia Winchel. The big lead allowed UWO to cruise to a 25-13 set two win and even up the set score at one apiece.

Set three was back and forth, but the set and entire match flipped at the end of the third set. With Wash U holding a 24-22 lead, it looked like the Bears won the set after Lauren Grier was tagged with an attack error. But after close discussion by the referees, it was deemed that the ball deflected off a Bears player. Instead of Wash U going into

set four with the lead, UWO had new life. Behind back-to-back aces and a kill from Perlberg, UWO went from being in danger to being in control with a 25-24 lead and Jurgens ended the rally with a kill to claim the third set.

The fourth set was also tightly contested, as neither team held a lead of more than three points. But at the end of the set, Wash U was able to claim a 24-23 lead. Like in the third set, UWO was in do-or-die mode with the points position they were in. The Titans went on a 3-0 run behind three kills from Perlberg to win the match.

Later that night, UWO returned to the court for game two against Marian. Despite a tough fight by the Sabres, the Titans swept Marian 3-0 with set wins of 25-19, 25-18 and 25-10. UWO came back on Saturday, opening the final half of the invitational with a game against

Emory University, and the Titans beat the Eagles 3-1 with set scores of 25-17, 25-22, 17-25 and 25-18. Jurgens led the team with 18 kills and Coon led the team with 44 aces. The Titans were able to make it a game after falling down 3-0 to start set one by clawing back to take a 10-9 lead. After that, both teams were able to match each other's punches until the Titans held a 19-17 lead. UWO was able to end the set on a 6-0 run behind four kills from Perlberg.

The second set was another tightly contested one. Neither team held a lead of more than three points in the set. Just like the first set, with both teams tied at 22, the Titans were able to go on a run to close it out. Behind a kill and an ace from Jurgens, the Titans took set two to gain a 2-0 set lead.

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## Titans football upsets Linfield to begin 2025

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The UW Oshkosh football team, ranked No. 16 in the nation in Tuesday's D3football.com Top 25 poll, defeated the preseason No. 16 team, Linfield University (Oregon) 31-14 Saturday at Maxwell Field in McMinnville, Oregon.

Quentin Keene made his first career start under center for the Titans and finished the game with 285 yards through the air along with 18 net yards on the ground, two passing touchdowns and one interception.

The interception occurred during UWO's first drive of the game, but the Titans found a way to bounce back and followed up with only two other empty possessions throughout the rest of the contest.

Clayton Schwalbe earned himself his second D3football.com team of the week honors of his career by scoring touchdowns on both his touches in the contest. Schwalbe's first of the day put UWO up 10-0 in the first quarter as

he finished a long nine-play drive with a 1-yard rush, then in the third quarter, Schwalbe flashed his receiving excellence as he broke through for a 48-yard touchdown.

Axel Vera Trejo, in his first ever collegiate football game, put UWO on the board first with a 33-yard field goal and continued to make his presence felt with two more field goals and two extra points, giving Trejo 11 total points in the season opener.

Linfield University was held scoreless for the entirety of the first quarter and up until 11:20 left in the second, before quarterback Luke McNabb connected with Caleb Woodcock for a 1-yard touchdown to bring the score to 10-7.

After conceding their first touchdown of the season, UWO responded with 18 unanswered points, 11 before the first half was over. Trejo succeeded in his second field goal attempt of the day to increase the Titans lead to 13-7, before Keene hit Kellan Mella in the endzone with 14 seconds left and a successful 2-point conversion.



Courtesy of Steve Fromell / UWO Athletics

UWO's Clayton Schwalbe hauls in a touchdown in the game against Linfield last season.

Going into the second half, the Titans led 21-7 and never looked back. Schwalbe scored his second touchdown of the day in the third quarter, then Trejo finished off his day with a field goal following the two-minute warning. The Wildcats reached paydirt one more time when McNabb found his leading receiver of the day, Dane Meddaugh, for a 15-yard touchdown, but couldn't mount a comeback.

UWO had four different rushers net double-digit yards in Saturday's contest, with A.J. Korth leading the team in both carries and yards. He had a final statline of 15 attempts for 53 yards. Doug Burson was the next best rusher with 32 yards on seven attempts.

As for the receivers, Londyn Little had his second career 100-plus receiving yard game as a Titan, and led the game with five

receptions for 114 yards. One reception was enough for Schwalbe to gain the second-most receiving yards on the team.

The Titans next clash will be against last year's undefeated NCAA D-III champions in No. 1 North Central College (Illinois) at Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium in Naperville, Illinois, Saturday at 1 p.m. The game will be streamed on 90.3 WRST-FM.



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The Titans started set three with a 6-2 lead behind four Eagle attack errors. Unfortunately, UWO was not able to hold onto the lead as Emory came back to tie it at 12. After a couple of strikes by both teams to tie it at 14, Emory was able to go on a 4-0 run due to three Titan errors to claim an 18-14 lead. That was all Emory needed to take set three.

The fourth set started out with the Titans jumping out to a 3-0 lead behind two kills from Perlberg. Emory was able to respond and cut UWO's lead to one. However, with the Titans holding a 5-4 lead, UWO went on a 7-0 run to claim a 12-4 lead. From there, UWO was able to use the gap for the rest of the set. Emory did make it interesting at the end, cutting the lead down to 22-18, but the Titans were able to close it out like they did all game with the final punches making it a 25-18 set win and a 3-1 match win.

The fourth and final game of the invitational came against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. In the rematch of the 2023 Elite Eight matchup where the Athenas swept the Titans, UWO got its redemp-

tion in the rematch on Saturday night with a 3-1 win. Just like the game against Emory, Jurgens led the team with 24 kills on the night. Coon led with 37 assists on the night.

The Titans took a tightly contested set one 26-24. Neither team took a lead higher than three points in the set, but at the end, UWO was able to close it out with a kill from Perlberg to win the set. Set two was another close one, where the Athenas jumped out to an 8-4 lead in the set. They never relinquished the lead until the end, where UWO was able to cut the lead down to one multiple times in the set, but could never overcome the big deficit. Despite nearly blowing a 24-18 lead, CMS won set two 25-22.

Set three was identical to set one, as neither team held a lead larger than two while going back and forth. However, with Claremont holding a 23-22 lead, UWO went on a 3-0 run to win the set behind two Athena attack errors. Set four began very rocky for the Titans as CMS jumped out to a 7-0 lead. As it was looking like Claremont was going to cruise to a set four win, once again UWO did not unravel as the Titans responded



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

Sami Perlberg had 32 kills between UWO's pair of wins, including a 27-kill performance against Washington University (Missouri).

with a 10-3 run to claim the lead at 10-9. From there, with the set having new life, both teams went back and forth to the end. With the teams even at 21, UWO ended the game and the match on a 4-2 run behind three kills from Jurgens to win the set at 25-23.

UWO is now sitting at 9-0 to start the year, and a big part of that is the production that the team has gotten out of Jurgens. The transfer from the University of New Haven (Connecticut) not only played

a big role in the invitational with her team leading 66 points in the four games, but she has made an impact throughout the first part of the season.

"We recruited (Jurgens) when she was coming out of high school, so to have her come back to Oshkosh later in her career has been an absolute treat," Ellmann said. "She has fit right in and has already found very authentic ways to help lead our team."

UWO will return to Kolf Sports

Center this weekend for the UW-Oshkosh Invitational. It will be another tough weekend for the Titans as they welcome No. 5 University of La Verne (California), No. 8 Hope College (Michigan) and (RV) University of Chicago (Illinois). The match against La Verne will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12. Then on Sept. 13, the matches against Hope and Chicago will begin at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. respectively.



Mattie Beck / Advance-Titan

Women's flag football will become UWO's 21st sport, with recruitment and planning charging toward a possible spring 2026 kickoff.

## UWO announces women's flag football

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UW Oshkosh Chancellor Manohar Singh announced Aug. 27 that the university will be adding women's flag football as its 21st varsity sport, with a goal to fulfill the roster and coaching staff by next spring.

Singh said the new program reflects UW-Oshkosh's commitment to expanding athletic opportunities for women and being part of the national growth of the sport.

"This is an exciting addition to Titan Athletics and UW Oshkosh overall," Singh said. "By embracing women's flag football, we are responding to current, prospective, local, national, and global student-athletes' interests, helping them join and celebrate a sport quickly becoming a fixture in collegiate and international competi-

tion. It is one of the fastest growing sports anywhere. Its launch at UW Oshkosh expands student offerings and helps us continue to strengthen enrollment."

As flag football continues to be one of the fastest growing sports in the country, UWO becomes the fifth four-year Wisconsin college or university to offer the sport on a varsity level, joining UW-Stout as representatives from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

UWO Assistant Chancellor of Athletics Darryl Sims said that women's flag football is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country.

"The excitement surrounding this sport is undeniable and UW Oshkosh students will now have the opportunity to compete in a program that has both incredible momentum and a bright future nationally," Sims said.

Earlier this year, the NCAA recommended a motion to recognize women's flag football as part of its Emerging Sports for Women program, putting the sport on a trajectory to reach championship status by 2028.

The recommendation came on the heels of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Committee announcing flag football as part of the competition. Right now, over 65 NCAA universities across the country sponsor the sport at either the club or varsity levels.

If the recommendation is officially approved by the NCAA, flag football will join acrobatics and tumbling, equestrian (Division I and Division II only), rugby, stunt and triathlon as the only sports in the Emerging Sports for Women program per NCAA.com.

More colleges are hopping on the trend as there's currently 20 others who've announced plans to

integrate the sport by spring 2026.

Flag football teams compete 7-on-7, with average rosters of about 25 players. Games are played in four 12-minute quarters on a field 80 yards long by 40 yards wide. The offense has four downs to cross each 20-yard line for a first down, with an option to punt on third down. Failure to advance results in a change of possession. Teams score six points for a touchdown and may attempt an additional one- or two-point play from five or 10 yards out. Unlike tackle football, there are no field goals or point-after kicks. Instead of tackling, competitors wear flag belts with two pop-flags fixed at their hips; play ends when a flag is pulled.

The soon-to-be Titans will play their home games at both the UW Oshkosh Rec Plex Dome and J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

## Golf wins two meets

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The UW Oshkosh women's golf team placed second at Augustana College (Illinois) for the Highland Championship on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

The Titans were led by senior Taryn Endres as she won the individual title, the first in her collegiate career, and the first Titan since 2019 to accomplish that feat. The team posted a total score of 617 (+41), with all six UWO golfers in the top 25.

In consecutive invitationals, a UWO golfer was crowned the individual winner, with Sydney Bornhorst claiming the individual title with a score of 78 (+6) at the Wisconsin Lutheran College Invitation, Sept. 5. Hailey Matenaer and Chloe Young tied for fourth with 86 strokes (+14). The final top ten finish for the Titans was Rylie Severson, who finished with 90 strokes (+18).

UWO then placed first at the Milwaukee School of Engineering Invitational on Saturday Sept. 6. The Titans finished with a team score of 339 strokes (+51). Endres finished with a score of 79 strokes (+7), only one stroke behind the leader, Sydney Fulton from Lake Forest College (Illinois). Matenaer tied for fourth place with 84 strokes (+12). Bornhorst, Severson and Chloe Strunk all shared 10th place with a score of 88 (+16).

The Titans will be back in action next Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14 for the Illinois Wesleyan University Fall Classic at Ironwood Golf Course in Normal, Illinois.





Scoreboard

**Monday, Sept. 1**  
**Women's Golf**  
UWO - 2 of 13

**Wednesday, Sept. 3**  
**Women's Tennis**  
UWO - 6  
LAW - 1  
**Women's Volleyball (Match 1)**  
UWO - 3  
LU - 0  
**Women's Volleyball (Match 2)**  
UWO - 3  
SNC - 0

**Friday, Sept. 5**  
**Women's Golf**  
UWO - 1 of 5  
**Women's Volleyball (Match 1)**  
UWO - 3  
WU - 1  
**Women's Volleyball (Match 2)**  
UWO - 3  
Marian - 0

**Saturday, Sept. 6**  
**Women's Golf**  
UWO - 1 of 5  
**Women's Volleyball (Match 1)**  
UWO - 3  
EU - 1  
**Women's Volleyball (Match 2)**  
UWO - 3  
CMS - 1  
**Women's Soccer**  
UWO - 1  
GAC - 1  
**Football**  
UWO - 31  
LIN - 14

Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, Sept. 10**  
**Women's Soccer**  
at MSOE at 4:30 p.m.  
**Women's Tennis**  
vs Ripon College at 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 12**  
**Women's Volleyball**  
vs University of La Verne (California)  
at 7p.m.  
**Women's Cross Country**  
at UW-River Falls at 5p.m.  
**Men's Cross Country**  
at UW-River Falls at 6p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 13**  
**Women's Golf**  
at Illinois Wesleyan University Fall  
Classic at 9a.m.  
**Women's Volleyball**  
vs Hope College at 2p.m.  
vs University of Chicago at 4p.m.  
**Football**  
at North Central College at 1p.m.  
**Women's Tennis**  
at UW-La Crosse at 2p.m.  
**Women's Soccer**  
vs Lake Forest College (Illinois) at  
2p.m.

A-Trivia

Who was the last UW Oshkosh women's golfer to win an individual title prior to Sydney Bornhorst and Taryn Endres?

Answer: Nikki Differt won the UW-Stevens Point Mad Dawg

Invite in 2019



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

The UW Oshkosh women's soccer team huddles up before its match against Gustavus Adolphus College (Minnesota) on Saturday.

UWO draws with Gustavus Adolphus

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The UW Oshkosh women's soccer team drew 1-1 against Gustavus Adolphus College (Minnesota) at Gustie Soccer Field in Saint Peters, Minnesota, this past Saturday.

The first half went scoreless, with UWO leading with 15 shots

on goal compared to Gustavus' 14. Oshkosh's Mallory Kerhin had seven saves, all coming from the first half, with four of her saves happening in the first seven minutes of play. UWO took three shots afterwards, but none were on goal. Gustavus later tried three more times to score on the goal, but Kerhin was able to supply the save.

After a Gustavus player had received a yellow card, Addyson Edwards scored on a deep free kick to put UWO up in the 55th minute. The Titans tried four more times on goal but were unsuccessful. In the 64th minute, Gustavus' Hallie Wilson scored off an assist from Tessa Zachmann. UWO remained in control of the ball for the remainder of the game with

Jaden Leroy adding shots on the goal in the 74th and 82nd minutes. Gabby Born attempted to score with 14 seconds left in the game but missed. UWO is 1-0-2 this season with the draw. The Titans will travel to Milwaukee to face the Milwaukee School of Engineering Raiders at Viets Field on Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Oshkosh tennis wraps up opening week

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The UW Oshkosh women's tennis team (1-1) split the opening week of the 2025 season while also finishing in a tie for seventh place at the UW-Whitewater Warhawk Invitational.

The Titans opened up the season against UWW (1-0) Aug. 29, where the team was swept by the Warhawks 7-0. In singles competition, Cate Gerl was the only Titan to reach three sets, whereas every other Titan lost their match in two sets. Gerl, in the No. 6 singles match, picked up a victory in the first set 6-3, but dropped the final two 3-6 and 1(10)-0(5), which allowed UWW to complete the sweep.

Doubles competition was a similar story for the Titans as they went 0-3 in each of their matches. Olivia Pethan and Sarah Schaeffer were the closest to picking up a victory, as the No. 3 doubles match concluded 6-4. Kayla Gibbs and Mana Usui, in the no. 1 doubles match, fell 6-3, and in the final doubles match of the day, the duo of Brianna Owens and Jameson Gregory lost 6-2.

Following up the opening day sweep by the reigning WIAC champions, the Titans competed in the UWW Warhawk Invitational Aug. 30, where they finished in a tie for seventh with 17 points.

Pethan was paired with Courtney Carpenter this time around, and the duo picked up victories in two of their three matches, 6-3 and



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The UWO tennis team competes at the Kolf Sports Center Outdoor Tennis Courts during a dual meet last season.

6-1. Gibbs and Usui stuck together for the Warhawk Invitational and picked up a victory in one of their three matches, winning the second match against a Carthage College duo, 6-3. The duo of Gregory and Schaeffer picked up their only victory 6-2 in the first of three matches.

Gerl was the only Titan to land in the win column in singles competition by a score of 8-6 against Maitreyi Shrikhande representing Augustana College (Illinois). Both Brianna Owens and Vianna Dao were swept in each of their three matches.

UWO faced off against Lawrence University Sept. 2 to wrap up opening week and picked up their first victory of the season 6-1. In doubles competition, the Titans swept. The duo of Gibbs and Usui won yet again, this time 6-4, while Pethan, with another new duo partner, Breanne Schultz, won 6-3. Owens and Schaeffer rounded out the doubles matches with a 6-1 victory. Pethan was the only Titan singles competitor to fall, as she dropped the No. 1 singles match in three sets. Gibbs and Usui carried the momentum from their doubles

match over to singles competition, where both picked up wins in two sets. Owens defeated Tess McGleen in a long three-set match, with the third ending in a score of 1(12)-0(10). Gerl and Schaeffer dominated their singles competition, surrendering only six total points to their respective opponents between the two matches. The Titans will compete next against Ripon College on Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m., a rescheduled match between the two schools from Sept. 5, in their home opener at the Kolf Sports Center Outdoor Tennis Court.



# Quick and healthy breakfasts

## Three-ingredient back-to-school meals perfect to grab-and-go

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With everyone back to school, rushed mornings and packed schedules (and bags) have become the new norm again — a routine that typically leaves out breakfast.

Just finding time for breakfast can seem like a feat, but a healthy one, too? Forget it.

Many either don’t have the time or the appetite for breakfast in the morning, typically resulting in either buying an overly expensive breakfast somewhere else or starving through all your classes.

Our brains are our biggest asset, and it needs good nutrients to function properly.

So make it a habit now with any of these quick, healthy breakfasts that use fewer than five ingredients and are perfect for grabbing and going to eat in class or on the way.

### 1. Parfait to go

Yogurt, fruit and granola are a quintessential breakfast meal, but now you can take this go-to-go. This isn’t revolutionary, but I recommend stacking the ingredients a little differently.

Oftentimes, people will stack the granola on top of the yogurt, it soggy when you go to eat it the next day. If you like that, all the

power to you, but I recommend putting a thick layer of fruit between your yogurt and granola to prevent that from happening.

Also, make sure to leave some room at the top so you can shake all the ingredients together — or feel free to keep them layered and separate. You can make these the night before, and then all you have to do is grab it in the morning.

### 2. Bacon Pancakes

If you prefer more of a savory breakfast, bacon pancakes are the way to go. Not only are they super easy to make, but they also typically use only three ingredients: bacon, pancake mix and water.

Grab a boxed pancake mix (preferably one that just needs water), make your batter and then dip the bacon in the batter. Drop it on a greased pan and cook on the stove until both sides are golden brown.

Make as many as you’d like, store them in the refrigerator and then heat them up in the mornings to eat on your way to class.

### 3. DIY Sargento Balanced Breaks

If you’re like me and you like a breakfast that is both sweet and savory, these are a great option. Many have heard of the Sargento Balanced Breaks — prepackaged cheese, nuts and dried fruit.



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Left: Bacon pancakes topped with syrup. Right: DIY Sargento Balanced Breaks and a strawberry banana parfait.



While delicious and convenient, they’re also overpriced considering their simple ingredients, and they can be easily replicated.

What’s more is that you can customize them to your liking, depending on your preferences and health goals. As you can see in the

photo on the top right, I added a granola bar, two types of nuts and some chopped up beef sticks for some added protein.

This is great to eat throughout the day as a snack as well, although you should be careful if you’re using cheese to eat it

within two hours of taking it out of the fridge.

So, take the extra time and stress out of your morning routine and try out some of these quick and healthy on-the-go breakfast options.

# How to make friends in college

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College is known for being a good place to “find your people.” Free from the shackles of judgement and the high school hierarchy, finding friends with similar values and interests is much simpler — but still stressful.

You can no longer rely on your locker buddy or assigned seating to create a built-in friend, but college provides many other opportunities for you to make new friends instead.

Here are some low-stress and low-pressure ways to make friends as a college student, regardless of your year, from a student who has been in your shoes.

### 1. Say hi to your neighbors

Although you no longer have locker buddies, you likely have something almost identical: neighbors. This is even better — it’s not like you could invite people into your locker.

Whether you live in the dorms, an apartment or in a house, introducing yourself to neighbors is a great way to make friends while also creating a supportive community. You’ll be glad to have that community for when you need that extra cup of sugar or for when you leave your Titan Card in the bathroom— again.

### 2. Introduce yourself to classmates

This is a great tip in general. I’ve always made sure to make at least one friend in each class. Not only is it super helpful for studying or when you’re confused on assignments, but it also makes class more interesting and provides an incentive to go on days you can’t seem to roll out of bed. This tip is also especially helpful as you get into classes revolving around your major, as these peers often become your career network when it’s time to get a job. Even if it is just your major, you’re bound to have something in common with them.

### 3. Get involved

Yes, it’s a broad and cliché statement, but it works. Join campus clubs and organizations and go to campus events. Don’t overlook it just because it’s obvious. Joining clubs and organizations are a fantastic way to find people with similar interests and values. Joining can also provide you with leadership opportunities that can improve your resume. Events are also a great, low-pressure way to find people with similar interests, and they are often free and a lot of fun.

### 4. Get a job

Getting a job is a foolproof way to make friends, especially in Oshkosh. Regardless if you’re looking for on or

off-campus job, you’re likely to work with at least one other college student because we live in a college town.

On-campus employment guarantees that, as well as the ability for flexible hours and a fixed schedule. Off-campus jobs provide a wider range of opportunities with higher wages while also allowing you to work more than 25 hours.

### 5. Become a regular

I’ll admit this isn’t the best method, but it definitely still works. While it may not be the best way to form deep, emotional relationships, it is definitely a launchpad for that.

It’s the most unstressful and pressureless method of making friends due to its passive nature. Instead of being assertive, this method allows for a relationship to form and progress naturally over time. This could be at a coffeeshop, the gym, a yoga studio, a bar, etc.

Relationships can be formed with both employees and other regulars and typically begins with something as little as making eye contact. Next, you’re smiling at one another, and then you’re chatting the next time after that.

Other times, it begins with asking for the Wi-Fi password or asking which latte they’re drinking. The more you visit, the better your chances are. “Some-



Courtesy of UWO Flickr  
Friends walk on campus together on the first day of school this year.

times you wanna go where everybody knows your name,” as the “Cheers” theme says.

### 6. Be yourself

Perhaps the most important method to making friends is just being yourself. I found this piece of advice to be so cliché I ignored it altogether, but I wish I would’ve listened. Many people (including myself at one time) are so desperate to make friends for fear of being alone that they go about making friends the completely wrong way.

I would just mold my personality to everyone I met in hopes of finding a friend. Although it worked for a little, it never stuck.

Doing this also prevented me

from finding the people that I would click with. When you are yourself, it’s like displaying a bat signal to the world that other like-minded individuals can follow. If your signal is blurry and unsure, you’re less likely to draw people to it.

Don’t be mistaken, however — you will not solely make friends by “drawing” them to you. You have to actually make an effort. I know it’s scary, but that’s what all these great tips are for.

While you may be looking for friends, don’t forget that you’re a prize, too! At the end of the day, just remember that you yourself are awesome and worthy of friends, and anyone would be lucky to have you as a friend.



# Best bagels at Einstein Bros. Bagels

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As you’re waiting in line in Sage Hall about to order, it’s difficult to know which bagel to choose at Einstein Bros. With many choices such as a sweet or savory bagel, and many schmears that can enhance the flavors, I give you the best bagel combination at Einstein’s (not including bagel sandwiches). I’ll be sticking with the classic and signature bagels because the gourmet can be a bit overwhelming. Also, for those with a sweet tooth, I give you not only the best savory combination, but also the best sweet combination!

Starting off weak, the plain bagel takes the cut. Why do you choose this when there’s so many flavors to choose from? While it is a classic, it’s still boring, but this doesn’t mean that plain cream cheese is out the door.

While the everything bagel is an enhanced plain bagel, it gets messy with all of the seeds falling off of it. But if you are looking to order an everything bagel, it is best topped with chive cream cheese!

My top pick for a savory bagel goes to the Asiago cheese bagel. While it has a bit of a garlic taste, the toasted cheese on top gives it a bit more flavor and a savory addition. Topped with parmesan and different types of cheese, it is important to just get plain cream



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**Einstein Bros. Bagels is located on the first floor of Sage Hall. Open from- 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Monday’s-Thursday’s. 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Fridays, and closed Saturday’s and Sunday’s.**

cheese with this bagel to not take away from the cheesy flavors.

I believe that you have to be in the mood for a sweet bagel, and it’s not always an everyday pick. That’s why the blueberry bagel, especially with strawberry cream cheese, is the worst. When the bagel gets toasted, the blueberries become mushy and give off a bad texture. And while blueberries

and strawberries are both great on their own, together in a bagel is just not good.

This same narrative goes for the cinnamon raisin bagel. The cinnamon raisin bagel with plain cream cheese is great, until you get a bite with all the raisins and bad texture. If you want cinnamon, the cinnamon sugar bagel with plain cream cheese is in sec-

ond place for best sweet bagel. Meaning, the best sweet bagel at Einstein Bros. Bagels is the chocolate chip bagel with plain cream cheese.

This combination allows for a sweet and savory delicious flavor, and can give off dessert vibes, but also can be a bit healthy with the grams of protein within it. As the chocolate chips melt from the

toaster, they can taste a bit like a muffin, but in a better form.

Hopefully, this will make ordering or decision-making a bit easier. It is understandable for the indecisive ones (myself included) to not know which bagel to get. If you have trouble choosing between sweet and savory, nine out of 10 times, go with sweet, you won’t regret it!

# Minnesota resident shares emotions on shooting

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This is a piece that I don’t want to write but I feel like it is something I have a duty to do. I am the Co-Sports Editor for the Advance-Titan. I love to write about sports, especially UW Oshkosh sports, but a very terrible event happened back in my home state of Minnesota a couple of weeks ago and I feel that this is my opportunity to share my view on what happened.

On the morning of Aug. 27, I woke up to the news that there was an active shooter situation at Annunciation Catholic School and Church in Minneapolis. First, I read that the shooter was contained and I thought that it was a relief and a disaster averted. But then I later read and realized that before the shooter was “contained,” they shot what is now confirmed to be 23 people including 18 kids, killing two of the children.

I remember when the 2012 Sandy Hook shooting happened, and when the Uvalde school shooting happened in 2022. It seemed unfathomable that a shooting at an elementary school would happen not once but twice. But for the third time, especially at a school in your state, that feels awful. Especially when your state is trying to be from Minnesota, it had a different feel. One that feels like your entire security of your state was shattered. I have gone through school shooting scares throughout my childhood, especially a couple of times when my high school had to deal with a potential threat.

But I never would have imagined something would happen like what occurred at Annunciation School and Church.

While I do not personally know the victims, a family friend I know teaches at a neighboring school, and his kids had to go on lockdown. I’m very thankful for him and his kids and families that nothing more happened to the surrounding area.

The Twin Cities community has been decimated emotionally with this shooting. A podcast I listen to called the “Skor North Minnesota Twins Show” had to cancel a live show they had scheduled that day at the Minnesota State Fair because one of the hosts, Declan Goff, has a couple of nephews who go to the school, and were at the church when it happened. When the podcast eventually went live the next day, it was very hard to listen to because Goff, who I feel like is very laid back, was on the verge of tears while describing what the experience was like for his family. Thankfully for him too, his nephews survived, but as he described, it sounded like an awful experience.

No one should ever go through an incident like that, but especially not kids. My older brother currently goes to UW-River Falls for a teaching degree. He also works at the River Falls School District. Unfortunately, in this modern-day world, I have to pray that I will never hear him telling a tale of him and his kids going through a situation like what happened at Annunciation School, or an outcome even worse.



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**The mass shooting at Annunciation School and Church occurred on Aug. 27 in Minneapolis.**

Annunciation School is now one of the thousands of sites of a mass shooting in America. I really don’t understand how you can be a lawmaker and see something like the events of what happened at Annunciation, and not do a single thing to help prevent more incidents like that. I understand giving people the right of self-defense, and unfortunately, there will always be people out there who are carrying weapons that want to cause trouble, but I am under the belief that there is no reason why a regular citizen

should ever have access to any sort of assault rifle. The only purpose an assault rifle has is to kill. Thoughts and prayers to those affected by mass shootings can only go so far. It’s well past the time for our government to put an end to this madness, and to make a change to this senseless amount of gun violence.

On a larger scale, I think we all need to come together and not only stop gun violence, but also stop unnecessary political hate. I am a 21-year-old who is on the autism spectrum, and I am far

from perfect. I am saying this because I’m tired of people acting like they’re perfect over each other based on how they vote, what they identify as or what they look like. We are all humans and we all have choices. What happened at Annunciation School is an example of what hate can do. We all have a choice and an opportunity to change. My wish is not just for there to be thoughts and prayers for those affected by this mass shooting, but I also want all of us to treat each other for what we are, as humans.