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## Oshkosh Media to dissolve

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Oshkosh Media, which operates public television and radio in the city, will be shut down by the City of Oshkosh and restructured into the Communications and Engagement Division on May 15.

In an email sent to TV and radio producers on March 5, City of Oshkosh Communications and Engagement Manager Drew Bailey said that Oshkosh Media will be retired and the space will be used by his new division.

"... We anticipate needing to repurpose the space currently used by the Oshkosh Media program in order to support the broader communications and engagement needs of the city," Bailey said. "As part of this transition, the city will no longer be able to house or oversee any community media services including the radio station, TV studio, and other media services currently operating under Oshkosh Media within our building."

Since 1987, Oshkosh Media has produced "Gov TV" for government-related meetings and events and "Life TV" for community-created content.

The group also runs a community radio station on 101.9 FM.

According to city officials, the restructure was made in order to operate all communications in-house instead of continuing to outsource things like media releases and social media to third-party vendors.

City Manager Rebecca Grill said that "Gov TV" will continue as it has at the March 10 Common Council meeting.

"My expectations of that meeting were that staff would share some things that we're looking into for the future and potential timeline, not a definite transition plan," Grill said. "However, discussion at the meeting was not necessarily consistent with my expectations. Further discussions were and are needed."

In an email to Oshkosh Media volunteers last week, Bailey said, "the channels, 'Gov TV' and 'Life TV' will cease operations at that time."

When Oshkosh Media officially closes its doors, Bailey said in his email that "Life TV" studios will no longer be avail-

able for the public or air content.

Bailey said in an email that the Oshkosh Media YouTube channel will continue to air Oshkosh Common Council meetings and other government content after the closure.

"This new group, (The Communications and Engagement Division), will be tasked with covering communications for all city departments," Bailey said. "This causes a need for physical space, as some of these folks will be relocating from other city facilities into the current Oshkosh Media office. The work this new division has been tasked with will also require us to consider where staff time and resources are being used, and for that reason, staff will no longer operate the channels."

Russell Potratz, president of the Friends of Oshkosh Community Media Board of Directors, said in a letter to City Manager Rebecca Grill that the timeline and process surrounding the decision is concerning.

"The announcement was made with minimal notice and without meaningful opportunity for public input," Potratz said. "This abrupt transition disrupts services residents have relied on for decades and places community partners, volunteers and producers in an untenable position."

At the common council meeting, Bailey said that the improper communication between Oshkosh Media's staff and volunteers falls completely on him.

"I could have done a lot better," Bailey said. "As far as the initial communication, how it went out ... and overall with making sure the direction and expectations of the city manager were clearly outlined ... I'm excited to talk and work with you (Oshkosh community members and city council) as we look for the best possible options."

Potratz and the community members who attended urged the city council to delay the May 15 shutdown so that there's opportunity for proper engagement and transition planning, as well as a provided clear explanation of the data and process to justify eliminating the channel's work.

Mike Hert, who produces "The Outpost" for Oshkosh Media as a volunteer, said in a Facebook post that he was shocked to receive the announcement.

"I did talk with Bailey regard-



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Oshkosh Media, a non-profit organization that runs public TV and radio, will close its doors May 15.

ing the email," Hert said. "He indicated that the leadership team made a decision and it was reflected in the operational budget. I was disappointed that local producers were not brought in for discussion prior to a decision-making process. Sadly, local producers appear to be an afterthought."

Hert said that many of the shows produced by Oshkosh Media help bring awareness to specific members of the community.

"My last show on 'The Outpost,' showcased a Disabled American Veterans (DAV) national and chapter service officer, who shared with viewers how to access the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs system regarding benefits," Hert said. "Putting a local face on it makes a difference ... this appeared to be pushed through with little thought or concern."

Tony Palmeri, a professor at UW-Oshkosh, reminded the council of "Life TV's" mission statement and said that he hasn't seen that mission statement reflected in discussion of the city's new Community and Engagement Division.

"Promoting the cultural diversity doesn't mean sending staff out to film a meeting," Palmeri said. "It means giving people an actual opportunity to produce their own messages, and that's what the studios of Oshkosh Media have done.

So I hope we can find a way to keep the studio, and if anything, encourage more people to use those facilities."

Palmeri listed various colleagues who volunteer their time to host shows for Oshkosh Media and said that those people who've put so much time and effort, deserve more than to be told to figure out how to get their program on YouTube.

"The city helping these people produce their outstanding messages is very important," Palmeri said. "We're trained in this country to always think left versus right, but these folks think of right versus wrong, and that's what we want to see the city do here."

John Nieman, a volunteer at Oshkosh Media for over 24 years said that his experience as the first caller to the Communication and Engagement Division after the news broke wasn't good.

Nieman said he was broadly directed to transfer his show to YouTube after presenting the question of what he should do with production.

"I'm 65 and retired," Nieman said. "I call my children to figure out how to reset the remote control and the microwave. Now I'm supposed to suddenly know how to go on YouTube and do all this when the wonderful Oshkosh Media team has been doing this for us."

Since news broke to the pub-

lic, Nieman said that 55 listeners to his show have called him personally looking for answers as to what's happening but he doesn't have any because of the lack of communication that's occurred.

"I'm passionate about this because I love Oshkosh Media," Nieman said. "I wouldn't have done it if I didn't. So I really think something needs to be done before decisions like these are made. And through an email, that's not communication."

Potratz said that eliminating Oshkosh Media removes public assets that are not replicated by any other platform.

"Community media has ensured that residents regardless of income, technology access, or digital literacy can follow local government proceedings and participate in civic life," Potratz said.

Bailey said in his email to producers last week that he understands the changes are going to be hard.

"The stories you tell as a 'Life TV' producer and contributor to the radio programs are important to the community, and to us," he said. "If you have not already, we encourage you to create your own YouTube channel or find easy accessible tools or platforms where you can share your content with the community. If you need assistance with that, our staff can help."

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A landmark designation recommendation for 404 W. New York Ave. was unanimously passed by the city’s Landmarks and Plan Commission March 3 at City Hall.

# Home may get landmark designation

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A landmark designation recommendation for 404 W. New York Ave. was unanimously passed by the city’s Landmarks and Plan Commission March 3 at City Hall.

If approved by the Oshkosh Common Council, the designation would help protect the property from being demolished or architecturally altered, preserving one of Oshkosh’s historic homes.

To homeowner Rich Green, historic buildings represent more than architecture.

“Historical architecture lays the foundation for lasting memories,” Green said. “It is irreplaceable, truly irreplaceable. We must preserve what we have.”

The home was built in 1902 by the L. Frank Gates family, who managed the Diamond Match Company, Oshkosh’s largest employer at the time.

The house features exotic wood, intricate woodwork and carvings, leaded bevelled glass windows, and early-20th-century technology, including an electric dinner bell, a maid call button beneath the dining room table and a speaking tube from the master bedroom to the kitchen.

After the Gates family, Frank Sullivan moved in and founded Triangle Manufacturing Company, which is known for inventing the ball bearing and the Lazy Susan. Green’s father David, a former employee at the company, later developed a connection to the home before his family purchased it in 1963.

Green said he is proud to live in such a historic home.

“This is one of the most significant homes in Oshkosh,”

Green said. “It has many merits, including near-perfect architecture and fascinating inhabitants who not only made history in Oshkosh but had the civic integrity to help build a great city.”

For the Green family, the house is more than a personal connection; it also stands as a reminder of the industrial roots that helped shape the community during wars.

“The house represents not only a glorious period in architecture, but it also exemplifies the deep history of Oshkosh as a manufacturing powerhouse,” Green said.

Regardless of the history, Green’s personal relationship with the house remains important.

“My family moved there in 1963, the year the Beatles were on the ‘Ed Sullivan Show,’ which I remember clearly,” Green said.

This ruling to make the house a landmark was a long time coming, Green said.

“It’s been my dream, and the dream of my parents, both now deceased, to landmark the property,” Green said.

Tom Perry, the council chairman, said landmark designations are rare for private homes during his time on the commission.

“I am not sure in my eight-plus years on the commission I have ever seen a house before,” Perry said. “We have done statues in parks before, but I can’t remember a house.”

Common council member Ed Bowen said older generations still remember the loss of the Athearn Hotel, as well as ongoing struggles to maintain the EB Davis House and Merrill School.

“Some of that is unavoid-



Courtesy of the Oshkosh Public Museum

The home on New York Avenue was built in 1902 by L. Frank Gates, who managed the Diamond Match Company.

able over time, obviously, but some of it speaks to an attitude in the city that has not traditionally been all that concerned with historic preservation,” Bowen said. “To see someone consciously look to establish their property as a landmark to be preserved and go through the labor-intensive process to get there is great.”

Bowen said the process and restrictions that come with landmark status can discourage some property owners.

“Any alterations to a landmark property must be reviewed by the city’s Landmarks Commission to ensure the work maintains the historic character of the property,” Bowen said. “This requirement often scares owners from pursuing landmark status because it could impact a future sale, as a future owner may not want to invest in preserving the historic character.

Bowen is optimistic that Green’s landmark will create more movement for other

historic resident owners going forward.

“I’m hopeful that the activity here will show other owners that there are historic structures all over this city with rich histories that are hiding in plain sight, just like this one was for years,” Bowen said.

Green said he is hoping this inspires other historical site owners in Oshkosh to take the necessary steps to preserve their history.

“I sincerely hope that landmarking my house will be an example to others that they should also step up to protect our heritage,” Green said. “Oshkosh is a very special place. It’s up to us, the property owners who care, to celebrate our city for generations to come.”

Diamond Match Company was located on High Street until it was demolished in 1966, after which UW-Oshkosh built the Kolf Sports Center on the site.

# UWO alumnus to be UWSP chancellor

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The Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents appointed Robert Brinkmann as chancellor of UW-Stevens Point on Feb. 25, making him the 16th person in the school’s history to hold the position.

This motion was commended by Board of Regents President Amy Bogost who said she is excited to welcome Brinkmann to the university.

“Brinkmann brings a lifetime of leadership in higher education and specifically sustainability and natural sciences,” Bogost said. “We owe a debt of gratitude to the dedicated committee of Regents, campus members and local partners who worked relentlessly to bring us a leader who so deeply cares about our campus and will ensure UW-Stevens Point’s environmental legacy isn’t just honored but will have a resilient future for the university and community.”

Brinkmann has contributed to many institutions throughout his tenure, including the University of Southern Florida, National Cave and Karst Research Institute (New Mexico), Hofstra University (New York), and most recently, Northern Illinois University as the dean of liberal arts and science. He also graduated from UW-Milwaukee, but his origin in natural sciences and his start at higher education began at UW-Oshkosh.

Brinkmann said that UWO had a big impact on him.

“UW-Oshkosh was perfect for me,” Brinkmann said. “I moved into Donner Hall and found a great group of friends. In my home department of geology, I found a great group of students and faculty who were so committed to the environment and learning about the history of the planet. The student-focused approach at UWO stayed with me through my career and helped me become the person I am today.”

Brinkmann will be officially installed as UWSP’s 16th chancellor on July 1.

Last spring, he was one of four candidates to become UWO’s chancellor, losing out to Manohar Singh.

When Brinkmann spoke at UWO’s open forum on his goals for the university last year, he said that developing curriculum and student experience is essential to better integrate UWO for everyone.

“The world is changing all around us, and we need to do a better job developing curriculum that matters to our students and matters to the community,” he said.

During his time at NIU, the university raised over \$25 million in five years, with Brinkmann highlighting his proficiency in engaging with alums and building a fundraising team. He said that NIU’s financial deficit was between \$17 million and \$24 million.

“The president asked me, one of the first years I was there, to be part of a three-person group to develop a plan for how to deal with that deficit,” he said. “We spent a year looking at the budget, as well as working with all of the stakeholders across campus to try to develop appropriate planning for how to deal with the deficit.”

Brinkmann said taking steps to push beyond structural deficit is crucial for the university to move forward positively and craft a vision of itself.

“Budgeting is not accounting in that budgeting is really an expression of your values as an institution,” he said. “You build your budget based on what you want to do and what your aspirations are to do. The accounting is what you have at the end of that, and it tells the story of whether or not you were able to achieve your goals through the budgeting work you did in planning for the year ahead. I think it’s really important to be intentional with strategic planning to make sure that you build a budget that makes sense for where you want to go as an institution.”

Brinkmann said he doesn’t only have experience engaging with the community but also with public officials. He developed experience working with state governments during his time at Hofstra University, which was during the Great Recession of 2008.

“I was asked to be part of the economic development planning team for Long Island,” he said.



Courtesy of UW-Stevens Point  
Robert Brinkmann, a UWO alumnus, will officially become UWSP’s 16th chancellor on July 1.

“We had to work with a team to develop planning around economic development to drive the economy forward ... we helped bring millions and millions of dollars of investments to Long Island.”

He said they focused on rebuilding industries in Long Island around sustainability, which included industries transporting and storing food on the island.

“That was a wonderful experience to build that connection with the university, with the private sector and the public sector

with the state hopping in,” he said. “We also funded a number of non-profit organizations that were also key to the success of the economy on Long Island.”

Brinkmann said he has a lot of experience working with governmental agencies and congresspeople, which he can bring to the university.

“I know how to work with state organizations,” he said. “I know how to work with federal organizations, local governments to try to enhance support for the university’s initiatives.”



Courtesy of UWO  
UWO Student Health Center hosted a measles clinic on Wednesday, March 4, due to an increased number of measles cases across the country.

## Student health center hosts a measles vaccine clinic

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The UW-Oshkosh Student Health Center held a measles vaccination clinic on March 4 in light of outbreaks across the U.S.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), South Carolina now has a confirmed 991 cases as of March 6. Utah has the second-most cases at 184 and Wisconsin only has two confirmed cases.

In a press release, the Student Health Center said it wanted to remind students that measles is a highly contagious viral illness.

“The virus can remain in the air or on surfaces for up to two hours, and individuals who are not vac-

cinated can become infected simply by being in the same space as someone with measles — even before symptoms are obvious,” the Student Health Center said. “Because of this, our health center staff are working closely with Winnebago County Public Health officials to stay ahead of developments, review protocols, and ensure we are ready to support our students and campus community.”

Early symptoms of measles include cold and flu symptoms, along with white spots in the mouth called Koplik spots.

A rash typically will break out soon after, with the disease being highly contagious four days before and four days after the rash initially appears.

Quarantine is highly recommended if you have these symptoms. The measles vaccine is even more encouraged, as it is the most effective way to get protection from the disease.

The measles vaccine is classified as an MMR, a two-dose vaccination that protects against the measles, mumps and rubella.

Getting one shot provides protection from the disease, but getting the second shot provides 4% more protection.

After getting your second shot, you have the maximum protection from the disease, barring a scenario where a booster shot is made available.

The Student Health Center said its team is committed to being a

trusted, compassionate resource for students and families.

“We are taking proactive steps now — coordinating with county health partners, reviewing preparedness plans, and ensuring we are ready to respond quickly and thoughtfully should the need arise,” the group said.

Booster shots are typically introduced in outbreaks at the discretion of the CDC, and are eligible to be taken by anyone, even someone who has both of the two vaccinations already done.

When you get your first measles vaccination, it is recommended to wait at least a week until you travel to avoid complications.

For more information on measles, contact the Student Health Center.

## Police find missing man dead

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The Oshkosh Police Department found a dead body March 3 in the drainage area south of the southbound on-ramp of Interstate-41 and W. 9th Ave.

An investigation led the police to discover the body was Frederick Ellis, an African American male that was reported missing by family Jan. 10. When Ellis was reported missing, the family claimed they hadn’t heard from him since October 2025 and were concerned due to mental health issues.

A final autopsy and toxicology results from the Fond Du Lac Medical Examiner’s Office are pending, but preliminary autopsy results told OPD that Ellis didn’t suffer any injuries at death.

Ellis’s last confirmed contact was Oct. 25, 2025, while OPD visited various locations across Oshkosh and used their drone in an effort to locate Ellis from the time of his disappearance to his death. OPD asks that anyone who’s interacted with Ellis after Oct. 25, 2025, and hasn’t spoken with authorities yet, to contact Detective Tyler Mentink at 920-236-5267. Additional updates will be provided on the OPD facebook page as details emerge from the investigation.

# UWO heads to third Sweet 16

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The UW-Oshkosh women’s basketball team advanced to its third straight sectional round in the NCAA Division III women’s basketball tournament last weekend at the Kolf Sports Center March 6 and 7.

The No. 4 Titans did it by beating the St. Louis Intercollegiate Conference champions in Webster University (Missouri) 53-47 and Wisconsin Lutheran College 65-56 in the regional round of the tournament.

The Titans opened the tournament against Gorlocks. It was the first time that UWO faced the Gorlocks in the opening round of the tournament since 2024 (UWO beat Webster 57-42). Guard Sammi Beyer led UWO in scoring on the night with 10 points, shooting 4-for-11 on the night with a perfect 2-for-2 from the free throw line.

The first half ended with UWO only holding a 17-12 lead. Despite a good performance by the Titans on defense, it was a slow start for them shooting wise. The first UWO 3-pointer did not come until 2:06 remaining in the first quarter when Abby Inda made one.

The slow start was something that Beyer said she knew that the team could fix right away.

“I think all of that comes in rhythm,” Beyer said. “I think your shots start to fall when you take shots you practice on the daily. The first half we were sped up, frantic and in the second half we executed really well.”

That second half proved big for the Titans as immediately in the third quarter, when UWO outscored the Gorlocks 21-9 to go from a 17-12 lead to a 38-21 lead

to end the period. The Titans used that gap to carry them to the win to advance to the Second Round.

Despite the slow start, what allowed UWO to be successful was the defense. The Titans outscored the Gorlocks with 16 points off of turnovers compared to Webster’s two points.

UWO head coach Brad Fischer credits the defensive performance on the Titans ability to get teams off track.

“We’ve been really good all year at making stuff difficult,” Fischer said. “Once you get people off page, we always feel like that’s an advantage with the defense.”

The Titans faced Wisconsin Lutheran College in their Second Round. It was the first time that UWO faced the Warriors since the Titans 62-27 victory over WLC last season.

Forward Paige Seckar led the team in the win against the Warriors with 21 points, shooting 7-for-11 while making all seven of her free throw attempts.

The Titans however had a hard time against Warriors’ forward Margie Stevens who led WLC with 17 points on the night.

UWO outshot Wisconsin Lutheran 44.9% to 38.2%, however the Warriors beat the Titans in fast break points and second chance points.

Despite being tied 14-14 in the first. UWO was able to pull away with a 22-14 second quarter by the Titans that gave themselves a 36-28 lead at halftime.

However, up 49-37 in the middle of the third quarter. The Warriors went on a 10-0 run to close the Titan lead to only 49-47. The Titans shut the Wisconsin Lutheran run down with back to back two point shots from Beyer and Seckar to build back the Titans lead and from there UWO



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

UWO forward Sarah Hardwick puts up a shot over a Wisconsin Lutheran College defender at the Kolf Sports Center March 7.

was able to hold off the Warriors for the win and to advance to the program’s third straight Sweet 16 appearance.

The players said they credited the ability to stave off the Warriors run by just trusting in themselves.

“We all talk about not doubting each other and in every game in the NCAA tournament, the teams are going to be really good,” guard

Avery Poole said. “They’re going to go on runs because they’re good teams. We talked before the game about just making sure we stay together in those moments.”

By making the Sweet 16 for the third straight year, this is also the first time in Fischer’s tenure that the Titans will host the sectional rounds at the Kolf Sports Center.

UWO will begin the sectional rounds with a Sweet 16 match

against Washington University in St. Louis (Missouri). Then if the Titans win, they will play either Hope College (Michigan) or the University of Chicago (Illinois) in the Elite Eight round.

The Titans’ Sweet 16 matchup against Washington University will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, March. 13. You can watch the game on NCAA.com and Titan TV or listen on 90.3 WRST FM.

# After 3 ACL tears, Froehlke back on the court

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For most athletes, one ACL tear is enough to change everything, but for Bridget Froehlke, a senior guard on the UW-Oshkosh women’s basketball team, three didn’t stop her.

The senior from Wrightstown started her collegiate career at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Froehlke transferred to St. Cloud State University (Minnesota) for the 2021-22 season then transferred to UWO in the midst of the 2022-23 season, tearing her ACL a second time at the end of the year.

Froehlke said she knew what path was ahead of her after the third ACL tear.

“I’m going to have to go through a lot of pain physically and a rollercoaster of emotions throughout the whole time,” she said. “It’s going to be a really hard journey to get back, but in the end, I knew it was going to be worth it.”

UWO head coach Brad Fischer said optimism was high during

the recovery process for Froehlke.

“It did get to a point where even though things were not progressing the way we needed, I knew if it was ever going to happen, she was the one that was going to get to the finish line,” Fischer said.

In the 2023-24 season Froehlke started in 21 out of the 30 games she played.

Froehlke averaged 10.5 points per game, shooting 37.8% from the field, 37.5% from behind the arc and 86.4% from the free throw line.

This season Froehlke has played in 23 games. She is averaging 3.1 points per game, shooting 33.3% from the field, 32.2% from the three point line and 60% on free throws.

Even though Froehlke’s back on the court this season, she said the recovery process wasn’t a smooth one.

“My first surgery didn’t go quite as planned, so I ended up needing four surgeries to come back,” she said. “I think it took 18 months for me to be cleared to play five-on-five again.”

Teammate Olivia Argall said

she was there to support Froehlke every step of the way.

“The amount of times she woke me up in the summer at 6 a.m. on a weekend just to get a lift in,” she said. “I mean, she’s in the gym constantly shooting, doing rehab and lifting. I mean, she just did the work.”

Froehlke said her support team came from numerous people around her.

“My parents did an awesome job supporting me throughout the way,” she said. “They couldn’t have been a better support system.”

Froehlke said she faced challenges leading up to her return to the hardwood.

“There’s times when you’re doing rehab by yourself and you want to quit, but you know that it’s going to make you stronger to keep pushing through,” she said.

All of the dedication that Froehlke put in now gives this Titans team an added piece after making the final four last season, and now host a sectional round for the first time since 1994.

“The type of year that we had without her, I think everyone’s re-



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

Bridget Froehlke launches a 3-pointer in UWO’s win against UW-Stout on Feb. 14. Froehlke finished the game with 16 points.

ally excited for the type of year we can have with her,” Argall said.

Froehlke knows just what this Titans team is capable of.

“We know that we can win a national championship if we do

all the right things that it takes to get there,” she said.

For Froehlke, it took a third ACL tear, countless hours of rehab and dedication to get back on the court with her team and family.

# Final Four spot on the line in Oshkosh sectional

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When the UW-Oshkosh women's basketball team hosts its first Sectional Round of the NCAA Division III women's basketball tournament since 1994 this weekend (March 14-15), the Titans will be welcoming some of the most accomplished teams in the country to the Kolf Sports Center.

UWO will play in the second game of the Sweet 16 on Friday at 8 p.m. as the Titans will play Washington University in St. Louis (Missouri).

The opener of the Oshkosh sectional will take place at 5:30 p.m. as Hope College (Michigan) will play the University of Chicago (Illinois).

The winners of Friday's games will compete in the Elite Eight round on Saturday at 8 p.m. for a chance to go to the Final Four in Salem, Virginia.

The host, UWO will not only be coming into this sectional round in their third straight sectional appearance, but will be hoping to make its second straight Final Four. Despite falling in the WIAC Tournament championship, UWO is the WIAC regular season champions for the third straight season. The first team to accomplish that feat since UW-Green Bay in the conference's Division-II segment from 1980-1982.

Paige Seckar, the WIAC player of the year, leads the Titans with 13.5 points, 7.3 rebounds, 1.6 steals and 1.3 blocks per game. The sophomore forward led the team with 21 points and 13 rebounds in the Titans regional clinching win over Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Four Titans earned All-WIAC recognition this season. Junior guard Sammi Beyer and



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UWO's Sarah Hardwick tries to get around a Falcons defender to make a shot in the Titans game against UW-River Falls on Feb. 25.

senior forward Sarah Hardwick earned first team All-WIAC recognition. Senior guard Avery Poole was an honorable mention selection. Beyer was a WIAC Player of the Year finalist while Hardwick and Poole were representatives on the WIAC All-Defensive team.

WashU secured its spot in the Sweet 16 with a 65-53 victory over SUNY Genesio (New York) and 73-68 over regional host Ohio Wesleyan in Delaware, Ohio.

The Bears finished second in the University Athletic Association standings, four games behind two-time reigning national champion and undefeated New York University. WashU got the eighth at-large bid into the 64-team NCAA tournament field.

WashU is led by the duo of

junior center Lexy Harris and junior guard Sidney Rogers.

Harris, ranked fourth in the country with a .606 field goal percentage, averages 18.5 points, 9.2 rebounds and 1.3 blocks per game.

Rogers on the season is averaging 12.7 points, 3.7 rebounds and a team-best 3.6 assists per game.

Hope punched its ticket to the Sweet 16 by winning its regional with wins of 103-65 over Pennsylvania State University-Behrend and 90-85 in overtime against Illinois Wesleyan University in the second round.

Hope earned a berth in the NCAA tournament by winning the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's tournament championship.

Fighting Dutch sophomore

guards, Anna Richards and Maddie Petroelke were tabbed with All-MIAA First Team honors.

Richards leads Hope with 12.3 points, 2.4 assists and 1.7 steals per game. She has a 45.3 shooting percentage from 3-point range and has 5.7 rebounds per game.

Petroelje is one of the leading 3-point shooters in the nation, shooting 66-for-140 from beyond the arc to rank second with a .471 percentage. Petroelje averages 11.9 points, 3.7 rebounds and 1.2 steals per game.

The final team in the sectional is UChicago, the Maroons are back in the Sweet 16 round for the fifth time in program history after winning the Whitewater Regional by beating Gustavus Adolphus College (Minnesota), 60-44 and

UW-Whitewater 62-46.

The Maroons are also from the UAA conference with WashU and finished third in the conference behind WashU and NYU.

The Trio of All-UAA first teamers in sophomore forward Annabelle Spotts, sophomore guard Chris Sanders and UAA honorable mention, senior guard Kate Gross headline the Maroons.

Spotts leads the way for the Maroons with 11.3 points per game while Sanders has 10.7 points per game and Gross is fifth on the team with 6.6 points along with a team-high 2.2 assists. Sanders has hit a team high 37 three pointers.

The Titans faced the Maroons earlier this season on Nov. 8. UWO escaped UChicago with a 60-58 in overtime.

# Gymnastics win sixth straight WIAC Championship

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Program and division records were shattered on March 7, as the No. 1 UW-Oshkosh gymnastics team won its sixth straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship at Winona State University (Minnesota) in the McCown Gymnasium.

This is the program's 20th overall title, and qualified the Titans for the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Championship, which is set to take place March 20 on the campus of State University of New York at Cortland.

UWO won the meet with 195.175 points, marking the first time in Division III history as the first school to score greater than 195 points in a single meet, surpassing the Titans' record of 194.975, which was set during the 2024 NCGA Championship.

In addition to the overall score record being broken, two event records were reset on

both vault and balance beam.

In vault, UWO scored a 48.775 to the prior record of 48.5. On balance beam, the Titans moved the record up to a 49.125 from a 48.85. During the meet, UWO also scored a 48.775 on floor and a 48.5 on the uneven bars.

Oshkosh saw multiple gymnasts take home the crown in individual events throughout the meet, in addition to the top six finishers in each event receiving all-conference designation.

On the vault, senior Reanna McGibboney won the event with a score of 9.85. McGibboney also finished tied for second on the floor exercise and 13th on the uneven bars, paving the way to be named the WIAC Gymnast of the Year. She's the third in Oshkosh history to receive the honor behind 2025 winner Delaney Cienkus and 2022 recipient Emily Buffington.

All-WIAC designations on vault went to freshman Kris Phillips, senior Amaya Mc-



Courtesy of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

UWO gymnastics poses for a photo with the 2026 WIAC championship trophy and signage on March 7.

Conkay and junior Kasha Muraski.

Freshman Ome Ellis reset the individual balance beam record, as she won the event with a 9.925 on the scorecard. The previous mark, set by Tiffany Barden in 1998, was the longest standing program record at 9.9. Freshman Sam Dorrity received all-conference honors in balance beam as well.

Lydia Hayden finished top three in two events for the black and gold. The senior ended the night in third place on the balance beam, and tied for first place with UW-Whitewater's Elaine Copeland with a score of 9.8 on the uneven bars. McConkay and sophomore Averie Evans nabbed all-conference honors in the event for UWO.

Lastly, on floor, junior Jay

Ratkowski led all performers in the conference, as she finished in the top spot with a final score of 9.8 in favor of the Titans.

As the Titans prepare for the NCGA Championships, eyes now turn to SUNY Cortland, where UWO will compete for their sixth overall NCGA title, and fourth in the last five years. The 2026 Championship will begin at noon central time.



# Scoreboard

Thursday, March 5

Baseball  
UWO - 10  
Concordia Moorhead (Minn) - 0

Friday, March 6

Baseball  
UWO - 2  
Concordia University Chicago - 1  
Men’s Track and Field  
Non-Scoring  
Men’s Track and Field  
Non-Scoring  
Women’s Basketball  
UWO - 53  
Webster University (Mo.) - 37

Saturday, March 7

Women’s Track and Field  
Non-Scoring  
Men’s Track and Field  
Non-Scoring  
Softball  
UWO - 5  
St. Norbert - 0  
UWO - 2  
St. Norbert - 0  
Women’s Gymnastics  
WIAC Championship  
1st of 6, 195.175  
Baseball  
UWO - 3  
St. Scholastica - 2  
Women’s Basketball  
UWO - 65  
Wisconsin Lutheran - 56

Sunday, March 8

Baseball  
Mount Union (Ohio) - 9  
UWO - 4

Monday, March 9

Women’s Golf  
14th of 16, 360-350 710

Tuesday, March 10

Women’s Golf  
14th of 16, 360-350 710

## Upcoming Events

Friday, March 13

Track and Field  
NCAA D-III Indoor Championship  
at 10 a.m.  
Women’s Track and Field  
NCAA D-III Indoor Championship  
at 10 a.m.  
Baseball  
vs Webster University (Mo.), at 3 pm  
Women’s Basketball  
NCAA D-III Sweet 16  
Washington University in St. Louis (Mo.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

Track and Field  
NCAA D-III Indoor Championship  
at 10 a.m.

Baseball

vs. Milwaukee School of Engineer-  
ing (Illinois) at 8:30 a.m.

Women’s Basketball

TBD

### A-Trivia

When was the last time UWO  
hosted the NCAA Division III  
Women’s Basketball Sectional  
on campus?

Answer: 1994 in Albee Hall

# Sports

## Baseball splits four-game Florida trip

By Matthew Hoyman  
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The UW-Oshkosh baseball team (2-2) ranked No. 19 in the nation, split a four-game trip to Florida to start the season during the first week of March.

The Titans threw the program’s 13th no-hitter in a dominant season opener, winning 10-0 against Concordia College (Minnesota) (4-2) on March 6, in Winter Haven, Florida.

Connor Walters earned a win after shoving for six shutout innings, facing 21 hitless batters, striking out seven and walking four. Joe Richardson pitched the seventh inning, allowing zero hits, striking out one and walking one before the game concluded due to the mercy rule.

UWO scored early and often, putting up five runs in the first three innings. Owen Housinger had a sacrifice fly in the first inning, then next inning, Aaron Davis singled in two runs, and in the fourth, Brenden Max and Jack McNamara both singled in a run. Davis collected his third RBI with a sacrifice fly in the sixth, before the game broke open in the seventh with Braydon Skenandore driving in a run. Gavin Persson drew a bases-loaded walk and Danny Connelly finished it off with a two-run single.

The Titans had ten hits, three walks, six strikeouts and seven stolen bases. Max, Skenandore and Connelly all picked up three hits and combined for five runs batted in. McNamara had two hits, Persson had a hit, Cash Kaczmarek scored two runs and walked twice and David Wick scored a run as a pinch runner.

Oshkosh’s baseball team lost 2-1 after wasting a strong pitching performance by Josh Jansen against Concordia University of Chicago (3-6) in Auburndale, Florida, on March 6.

The Titans jumped to an early one-nothing lead after a two-out rally started by Persson and Wick, who accepted their walks, which led to Davis hitting a run-scoring single.

The score would remain that way until the top of the ninth. Jansen cruised for eight domi-



Courtesy of Jennifer Zuberbier / UWO Athletics

Joe Richardson prepares to throw a pitch during UWO’s game against Mount Union on March 8. Richardson allowed one hit and three walks across four innings, and struck out eight batters.

nant innings, allowing three hits, fanning eight and walking none. Jansen came out for the ninth, where he immediately allowed two hits and was replaced by Ryan Richter.

Richter allowed a single to load the bases, struck out the next batter, then a run scored on an error by Wick, and a fielder’s choice by the next batter. Richter eventually got out of it by striking out the next batter. UWO went down quietly in the bottom of the ninth. Oshkosh mustered only two hits by Davis and Jack McKellips, walked five times, including two each by Housinger and Wicks.

UWO improved to 2-1 after a highly contested 3-2 win against the College St. Scholastica (Minnesota) (3-3) behind the back of Schill’s three steals on March 7, in Auburndale, Florida.

The Titans did damage early, scoring two runs in the second inning. Schill’s legs scratched the first run across the board. He singled, advanced to second on a wild pitch, stole third and scored on a wild pitch. Max walked, made it to second on a wild pitch, and went to third because Davis and Connelly walked, eventually scoring an unearned run because

of an error. The Saints battled back and tied the game after a pair of run-scoring singles in the fourth and fifth innings.

However, Oshkosh persevered after Schill reached on a hit by pitch in the eighth inning, prompting him to steal second and third, forcing the Saints catcher to make an error and allowing Schill to score the go-ahead run.

The UWO baseball team had seven hits, five walks and 10 strikeouts. Davis and McKellips led the way with two hits each. Housinger had a hit and two walks and Persson and Schill each had a hit. Baris Brau sent six solid innings with five punchouts, two free passes and two runs allowed. The bullpen was lights out with Hoyt Keller, Benje Hencke and Ben Buehring going three shutout innings with a combined three strikeouts, zero walks and zero runs. Keller earned the win and Buehring closed it out for the save.

The Titans fell 9-4 against the University of Mount Union (Ohio) (9-2) after the pitching staff allowed 12 walks in Auburndale, Florida, on March 8.

Oshkosh gave up three runs in the first inning, but rallied by

scoring two in the second from a single by Davis. That was as close as the game would get because the Purple Raiders scored six runs between the fifth and eighth innings. UWO scored in the sixth from a single by Skenandore and in the ninth when Evan Olsen also singled.

Richter started the game, only recording one out while allowing three runs on four hits and two walks. Richardson ate up three and two-thirds innings while striking out eight, walking one, and allowing one run to score. Keller, Colten Kachinsky, Parker Thompson, and Kael Johns allowed five runs to score in the last four innings of the game.

The offense got nine hits, but struck out 12 times and left eight runners on base. Persson had the only multiple-hit game, picking up two hits, while Davis, Housinger, Olsen, McKellips, Kaczmarek, Connelly, and Skenandore all had one.

The Titans will play three games this week, facing No. 17 Webster University (Missouri) at 3 p.m. on March 13, Milwaukee School of Engineering at 4 p.m. on March 14, and Hanover College (Indiana) at 11 a.m. on March 15.

## Softball sweeps St. Norbert in home doubleheader

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The No. 15 UW-Oshkosh softball team swept St. Norbert College in a doubleheader on Saturday, March 7. The Titans beat the Green Knights with scores of 5-0 and 2-0 in the two games at the UWO Rec Plex.

In game one, Grace Nardi earned the win by pitching four innings, allowing only two hits and two walks while striking out five. Brianna Bougie got the save, pitching a perfect final three innings.

The Green Knights’ pitcher, Addison Mauer, was on track to start the game with three perfect innings. That was until UWO’s nine hole hitter Olivia Bagnet reached base on a bunt single with two outs in the third inning. The bunt opened up the scoring for UWO as Titans leadoff hitter Olivia Ullmann

scored Bagnet on a double and Ullmann scored on a single from Sarah Hammerton to make it 2-0 Titans. UWO tacked on three more runs in the sixth inning to open up a 5-0 lead and secure the win.

Titans’ starter Kiran Sanford pitched a complete game in the second game of the doubleheader. Sanford pitched all seven innings, allowing only one hit while striking out 18 Green Knights hitters. With the performance from Sanford, all the Titans needed was the two runs that was scored in the fourth behind a



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

Kiran Sanford pitches during game two of UWO’s doubleheader against St. Norbert College on March 7. Sanford pitched all seven innings and struck out 18.

two run single from Morgan Miller to give the Titans a 2-0 win and a sweep over St. Norbert.

The Titans will return on Thursday, March 19, as UWO

will go down to Clermont, Florida, to compete in the annual Spring Games. The Titans will be participating in the tournament from March 19-25.



Courtesy of Mark Rutkowski

Dublin’s Pub’s well-known annual St. Patrick’s Day Tent Party, complete with live music, drinks and celebrity bartenders from the Oshkosh Fire Department.

# Dublin’s St. Patty’s Day Events

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Dublin’s Irish Pubs’ annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration is back, and this year they’re doubling the fun.

Dublin’s will be kicking things off with their Tent Party on Saturday, March 14 and ending with all-day festivities on St. Patrick’s Day itself, Tuesday, March 17.

The Oshkosh Fire Department will be serving up drinks at the Tent Party beginning at 11 a.m., and all tips will go to the Oshkosh Firefighters Charitable Trust, which supports community members who have been affected by fire-related events.

“It’s great that we can offer an avenue for the fire department to use for a large fundraiser,” Mark Rutkowski, co-owner of Dublin’s Pub, said.

Dublin’s will have their traditional Irish fare on the menu in their pub and will also be offering a selection of appetizers, burgers and sandwiches during the event.

Live music will begin at 2 p.m. with Ask Your Mother, a Wisconsin-based variety cover band known for their dynamic performances of pop, classic rock, country and hip-hop.

Local Irish dancers from Richards School of Dance will come out to perform between sets.

“The Irish dancers are phenom-

enal,” Rutkowski said. “It’s their competition group that comes out to do it, so it’s just kind of neat to have a packed tent of people and a bunch of youth come out to showcase their skills.”

Wisconsin Area Music Industry award-winning cover band, Star Six Nine, will be closing out the evening with a live performance from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

“It’s great building the relationship with our bands who have been coming for years,” Rutkowski said. “It’s a fun way to have the community come out and enjoy themselves safely to celebrate [Irish] culture, music, and all that goes with it.”

The festivities will then move

indoors to the pub, where the party will continue until bar-close at 2 a.m.

“It’s just a lot of fun, and everybody has a good time,” Rutkowski said. “That’s what it’s all about.”

If you’re looking to continue your St. Patrick’s Day celebrations, Dublin’s will be opening at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, with an Irish breakfast spread that will be available until 9 a.m.

The pub will also have its weekly live music performance by local Fox Valley musicians beginning at 8 p.m.

“We have a bunch of seasoned musicians that just have a jam session,” Rutkowski said. “They’re professional musicians in the Fox

Valley who do stuff all over the United States, so it’s cool to have them come in.”

Rutkowski, a UW-Oshkosh alumnus, said that he and his business partner hope to show UWO students that great events are happening, providing an opportunity to connect with their community.

“It’s good to have that connection and to get you guys off campus sometimes,” Rutkowski said. “To get you over the highway, show you that there’s more to the city.”

If you’re on the hunt for some traditional Irish festivities to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day this weekend, Dublin’s Irish Pub is the place to be for fun local performances and delicious Irish food.

# Cheer and Stunt Club wins back-to-back titles

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The UW-Oshkosh Cheer and Stunt Club won its eighth state championship in the Wisconsin Association of Cheer and Pom Coaches competition.

The team competed in the state championship finals for varsity and collegiate cheer teams in Resch Expo Center on Feb. 20. With this eighth win, the UWO Cheer and Stunt Club holds one of the best records reported among the Universities of Wisconsin.

Lylah Baumann, the club’s vice president, said that they have been working on their routine since October. She’s been helping with choreographing the team’s routine and dance motions.

“I am extremely proud of all of the hard work the girls put into this season,” Baumann said. “Looking back at it this year will definitely be memorable and I think we killed it and very much deserved

the win at state.”

The routine is carefully fabricated based on difficulty, scoring and execution, according to Thea Bender, the team’s president.

“To get inspiration, I have looked at the previous year’s teams that we’ve competed against at nationals to see what they’ve done,” Bender said.

The club members have proved their commitment to the sport for years, securing the state championship title years in a row.

According to Bender, it’s about “how hard we push ourselves and the high standard that we hold ourselves to.”

She said that the team’s “expectations for stunt and pyramid difficulty have gotten higher and higher each year.”

Their total score was 94.7 out of 140, finishing nearly 20 points ahead of the second-place team.

The team builds on knowing each other. Without trust, none of the intricate stunts could go

up. With spending six-plus hours a week together during the season, “everyone inevitably forms a bond,” according to Bender.

“With having that close of a bond the team also learns to trust each other, which also allows us to be successful in our performances,” Bender said.

Bender said there’s multiple levels of proficiency on the team, and the members are all over the board.

“Some girls came from all-star cheer or high school cheer, others have experience in dance or gymnastics and some girls have never cheered before in a day of their life,” she said.

Aside from expertise, being committed matters more.

“A lot of them have so much passion for this sport and our club specifically, and they’ve proven that they’re capable of very difficult things,” Bender said.

Bender started pursuing cheer competitively as she started col-



Courtesy of UWO Cheer and Stunt

The UWO Cheer and Stunt Club poses after winning state.

lege, and is in her fourth and final year on the team.

Bender said that during her time as a president, she hasn’t made major changes in how the club

is run. With the interest for the game team peaking over the past two years, she said more positions have been added, such as a captain and co-captain.



# SEX

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Your College Sex Guru.

## Cute date ideas

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Welcome to Sex In-The-920! I'm the Carrie Bradshaw of UW-Oshkosh, or your college sex guru. As we know it's cuffing season, or in other words, it's the time where everyone is getting in relationships. With that being said, getting to know someone can be difficult. Also, if you're in college it's most likely that you're broke. But, with that in mind, I couldn't help but wonder, when did people stop going on first dates, and only met each other online and called it that?

I do believe with the age of dating apps, it can be difficult to get to know someone. There's a major dynamic of someone in real life, versus in person. Words always are interpreted differently over text. So getting to know someone in real life is most important. Yes, dates or first dates can be awkward, but they are super important! Dates keep the relationship alive! And, luckily there are many ways to go on dates that are in budget, or even if you want to have a fun little night, and ball out, there are some more expensive options!

### 1. Pottery painting

Having an activity on a first date is the best way to communicate with someone but also keep yourself busy. Painting is very relaxing, and it's fun to pick out a piece together, and see how your partner paints it!

This option can be a little expensive, but there are cheaper pieces to pick from, and usually the glaze is always included! The only downside is if this is a first date,

you'd have to go back to pick your pieces up, and if the date doesn't work out, it could be a little awkward. This date idea is very fun, and gives you time to have a longer date!

### 2. Coffee and a walk

This date is so cute and inexpensive. Luckily, downtown there are many coffee shops! If you're not into coffee, there are other options. You could grab a quick drink and snack for under \$15, and go on a little walk downtown or by the river! This date can allow you to get to know each other, and can be a shorter date!

### 3. Dinner

The most classic date! There are many options for food in town, and they can range between cheap and expensive. There may be pressure on who needs to pay as a downside, but the safest option is that each person pays for themselves, or one person pays and the other leaves the tip. The dinner date can be fun because again you guys can get to know each other, and have some very good conversations. You can also really get to know someone from what they order! Another bright side is if the date doesn't work out, you get a good meal out of it.

There are many different options for cute fun dates! I do believe that a movie date is not great for a first date because you can't really talk or get to know someone. However, a movie is a good way to end a first date that can relax you. It's also cute when both of your hands are in the popcorn bucket. But again, don't do this as the first date off the bat!

# Things to do

By Genevieve Haartman  
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Despite the busy time of the semester, everyone deserves a break and should do something fun! I know I need a break from my classes and

I want to go do something as I'm sure others do too. Many students aren't from the area, so how would they know what's around?

To hopefully give some other tired college students ideas, here are a few things I enjoy in Oshkosh that are near or on campus, and are fun and affordable.

### 1. Hangout at a coffee shop

Sometimes just spending some quality time with your friends is exactly the break a student needs. Oshkosh has many coffee shops like New Moon or Elsewhere.

Both of these cafes are on Main Street and offer great varieties of food and drinks to choose from.

This could easily make your visit much more affordable than going out for dinner and closer to campus.

### 2. Attend school events

So many events happen on campus and some people tend to not know what is going on.

If you go to the Reeve Memorial Union, there are literal

walls of posters for events and other things happening on or near campus and most often they are free for UWO students!

### 3. The Time Theater

The Time is a fun old-fashioned movie theater that plays movies on weekends with cheap ticket prices and concessions!

Tickets tend to be \$4 and they sell cheap concessions too. The Time is on Main Street so once again not too far from campus! Just make sure you bring cash to pay!

### 4. Support the Art and Music Programs

There are many student recitals, concerts and other shows that occur throughout each semester and with just your student ID, students can attend for free.

It's a great opportunity to support your friends or even get to hear some beautiful music.

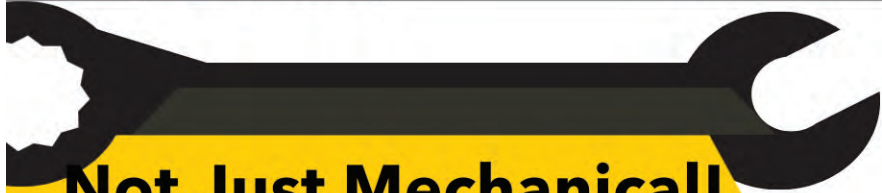
You can also visit the art galleries in the Arts & Communication Center building or in Reeve Memorial Union's Steinhilber gallery.

In the A & C, there are two galleries with the Allen-Priebe Gallery on the first floor and the Annex gallery on the second.

These galleries often have beautiful art and certain shows hold student art!



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