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Weber's gift to Winona

WSU receives largest gift in college's history

DYLAN JOHNSON
Winona State University

With the largest financial donation ever received in its history, Winona State University has \$5.26 million to put toward student scholarships and the creation of a state-of-the-art gallery space in

the Laird Norton Center for Art & Design, among other areas across the university.

The gift, from lifelong patron of the university, the late Maynard "Mo" Weber, class of 1950, further cements his legacy as a Warrior.

"Mo Weber's generosity and love of WSU knew no bounds," said WSU President Scott R. Olson. "He helped kindle Winona

State's love of beautiful art as well as our love of Warrior baseball, and for that and so many other reasons, we will be forever grateful to him."

Weber came to Winona in the 1940s, following his military service during the sec-



Weber

ond World War. He completed his bachelor's degree in education at Winona State, and spent his time helping to coach baseball, a passion that led Weber to teach and coach at various institutions across the country after graduating.

As the son of famed painter Max Weber, Mo also formed a bond with WSU's Art & Design program. The elder Weber, widely considered one of the most significant

early American Cubists, was a contemporary of renowned artists like Henri Matisse, Henri Rousseau and Pablo Picasso. Over the years, Mo Weber has gifted several of his father's paintings to WSU, such as the 1951 work, "Mexican Water Jug" and the 1932 piece "Football Players."

The lion's share of the gift

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JIM MONE, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supporters of a ban on wolf hunting rallied in the Capitol Rotunda, Feb. 27, 2014 in St. Paul, Minn. The advocacy group Howling for Wolves opposes the random killing of non-problem wolves for sport.

Suing to kickstart hunt

Group aims to force start to wolf season

TODD RICHMOND
Associated Press

MADISON — A national hunting group filed a lawsuit Tuesday to force an immediate start to Wisconsin's wolf season before President Joe Biden's administration restores federal protections for the animals.

The Trump administration removed Great Lakes wolves from the federal endangered species list last month, handing management rights to the states. Wisconsin law requires the Department of Natural Resources to hold a wolf hunt between November and February; the agency is planning a season that will begin in November.

A group of Republican legislators demanded the DNR started the hunt immediately before the season window closes at the end of February, but the depart-



CORY MORSE, THE GRAND RAPIDS PRESS VIA AP

This Oct. 10, 2013 photo, John Koski walks near cattle bones on his Matchwood Township, Mich., farm. The 68-year-old, who has a second cattle farm in Bessemer, has the highest number of reported wolf attacks in Michigan.

ment's board refused last week amid concerns that that Wisconsin's Chippewa tribes haven't been consulted as required

by treaty agreements. The Chippewa consider the wolf sacred and are opposed to hunting it. Kansas-based Hunter Nation

Inc.'s lawsuit makes no mention of the treaty requirements. The group argues that the DNR must start the hunt immediately because wolves could regain federal protection any moment. The lawsuit notes Biden signed an executive order on Jan. 21 requiring agency heads to review all existing regulations, orders and policies that impede "environmental justice," including the decision to delist wolves.

"In other words, there is a substantial possibility that Wisconsin's time to hunt wolves is limited," the lawsuit said.

DNR officials contend they need time to study the wolf population to determine sustainable harvest quotas, but Hunter Nation maintains that will only cost taxpayers money and the wolf population has clearly surpassed the state's goal of 350 animals. The latest DNR estimates put the population at

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Council scraps Broadway project

JOSH DELAROSA
Winona Daily News

In a 4-3 vote, the Winona City Council moved to cease work on the Broadway conversion project Monday evening, bringing an end to an issue that has fluctuated in support both within the community and in the council.

Despite the recent efforts of more than 360 residents who signed a letter asking the city to move forward with the project, nobody on the council who was opposed to it was swayed, namely Michelle Alexander, Steve Young, Aaron Repinski and George Borzyskowski.

As a result of the motion, the

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Sen. Miller applauds 'Seniors First' plan

Minnesota Senate President Jeremy Miller (R-Winona) issued the following statement in response to Gov. Walz's announcement that 35,000 doses of the COVID vaccine would be sent to 100 additional sites across the state, allocated specifically for seniors.

It was also announced the nine pilot sites throughout the state will be decreased to three under the governor's updated plan.

Miller said: "I wrote a letter

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