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COURAGE & RESILIENCE | 12-YEAR-OLD GEORGIA MURPHY



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Georgia Murphy reaches for a volleyball as her brother, Charlie, plays keep-away with her on Tuesday at their home in Cross Plains.

‘I just want to play again’

Volleyball is fueling remarkable recovery

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The main character in this story won't wow you with words. She's a 12-year-old girl with an abundance of courage and resilience. She has sweetness and smiles for miles. She's intelligent and shows diligence in and out of

the classroom. She's determined to resume playing the sport she loves as soon as possible. But Georgia Murphy is shy — particularly with strangers — so others will have to fill in the gaps. That's not a problem because there's no shortage of people who are eager to tell you all about her. At the front of that line are her parents, Quin and JoJo Murphy. The past 9½ months have been a

How to help

The Murphy family's Go-FundMe page can be found at <http://bit.ly/4rllrqC>.

living hell for the Murphys since their world was turned upside down by a head-on crash that left these two parents and both of their children with various degrees of serious injuries. Georgia

had it the worst and yet somehow is at the forefront in this family photo of perseverance, a youngster so brave that her father sometimes scolds himself when the natural urge hits to complain about his own struggles. “She makes me a stronger dad,” Quin said. If there's a miracle in this nightmare, it's that the Murphys

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SCHOOL SHOOTING ONE YEAR LATER

Mixed results at state Capitol

Yes to prevention but no to tighter gun laws

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In the immediate aftermath of the shooting at Abundant Life Christian School last December, in which a 15-year-old student killed a teacher and a student and wounded six others before shooting herself, there were renewed calls to address gun violence in Wisconsin.

Federal, state and local officials condemned the shooting, state lawmakers reintroduced gun safety proposals, and hundreds of high school students — well-versed in active shooter drills and lockdowns — marched to the Capitol to demand action.

Nearly a year after the Dec. 16, 2024, shooting, the results have been a mixed bag.

The vast majority of bills proposed by Democratic lawmakers, including measures seeking to impose universal background checks or red flag laws, have gained little traction in the GOP-controlled Legislature.

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SUN PRAIRIE | AFTER THE EXPLOSION

Patience, hope are winning

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SUN PRAIRIE — Once the site of destruction and despair in this city's downtown, there are now cups of coffee, racks of books, spinning wheels of pottery and above, dozens of apartments. An ice cream shop and nail salon are coming, and across

the street, at the epicenter of a deadly natural gas explosion seven years ago, a hotel, steak house and 100 more apartments are about to rise. Old City Hall, built in 1895 and damaged in the blast, has not only new windows amid its Cream City brick but a yoga studio and boutique clothing store.

The process has taken years, but the work is giving new life and energy to the intersection of Bristol and Main streets in the aftermath of the 2018 disaster

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Anna Kleven, left, and Sydney Cornwell, both of Madison, work remotely from Jinx Coffee Co. on Main Street in Sun Prairie. The shop opened last month in the Monarch on Main building, part of more than \$64 million in redevelopment projects that have happened or are planned in the aftermath of a deadly 2018 natural gas explosion that destroyed several buildings.

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