



## MASTODON LIFE

### Father Finds Best Possible Motivation for Career, Life Change

Because he is severely autistic, it's doubtful Eric Jones will ever understand the sacrifices his father is making for him. But that's OK, Shane Jones says, because he knows—and that's enough to express his love for his 8-year-old son.

"What that really means to me is that I'm going to have that love in my house for the rest of my life," Jones said.

That will be rewarding enough. But what happens someday after the father is gone? What services will be available and possible for the son then? That's what drives Jones now, to build a better future for his son after that day comes. It's anything but easy.

[READ STORY](#)

## Alumni Night with the TinCaps June 1



Join the Mastodon Alumni Community in the Treetops at Parkview Field for the annual Alumni Night with the TinCaps.

The event begins at 6 p.m. on June 1 and features your favorite ballpark foods—included in the ticket cost—and an opportunity to reconnect with fellow Mastodons. Enjoy complimentary beer and wine as the hometown team takes on the South Bend Cubs.

The first pitch is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. Everyone is invited to stick around after the game to enjoy a fireworks display.

Adults: \$30

Kids: \$10

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## Featured Events

*There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. Some opportunities are exclusive to university employees and their families. Check the full [events calendar](#) often to see what's happening on campus.*

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Tues., noon–1 p.m.

### Healthy Boiler Virtual Workshop: Being Active Outdoors

This class will help you get a walking/running program started—including how to set up a plan, selecting the right shoes, fueling your body right, and outdoor exercise considerations...

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Wed., noon–1 p.m.

### Employee Yoga: In-Person and Virtual Class

Participants work at their own level guided by health coach and fitness instructor Lindsay Bloom. All levels of fitness are welcome...

## News Spotlight

*A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.*

### PFW's Glen Nakata helps WANE 15 preview Cherry Blossom Festival

WANE 15 | Sunday

### New Census Bureau study shows parts of Fort Wayne in 'persistent poverty'

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Friday

### PFW celebrates more than 1,000 graduates at Spring 2023 Commencement

FOX 55 | May 10

### WANE 15 previews PFW's 2023 Commencement

WANE 15 | May 10

## In a Snap

*Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.*



*Ben Grubisich, food service director, prepares a perfect personal pizza pie. Don's at Walb will be open Monday-Friday this summer from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

News Center



Events Calendar



Athletics



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