



Eclipse Day at PFW Doesn't Disappoint

The weather on Monday cooperated. In fact, it turned out to be the kind of spring day many dream of in the dead of winter. And after a slightly harrowing launch, the balloon did eventually clear those assembled on the Science Mall—and the Liberal Arts Building.

All in all, eclipse day 2024 gave students, faculty, and staff of Purdue University Fort Wayne who gathered with members of the community a great setting to witness an amazing celestial event.

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PFW Music Ed Students Inspire Levan Scott Academy Fifth Graders

No one wants to leave a warm bed in the middle of the winter to be at school before 8 a.m., but a group of Purdue University Fort Wayne music education students did just that this semester and found joy in the early morning experience. Under the direction of Casey Collins, clinical assistant professor of music education, four are earning field hours by serving as music teachers at Levan Scott Academy, a Fort Wayne Community Schools institution.

Considering none of the students had any idea what to expect in the beginning, the results have been remarkably positive. Responses from a few of the younger LSA students have centered on themes such as “It’s over already?” and “I don’t want music class to be done yet!”

“This is such high praise for a teacher!” PFW student Leah Pranger said. “The best part of taking on this project with Levan Scott has been the elementary students. They come to our class time ready to learn about music. It’s been incredible to have a chance to practice our teaching skills. The whole experience has completely reinvigorated my drive and passion to teach music.”

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ETCS Students Show Strong Drive to Produce Sports Car Performance

On a \$450 investment, **ETCS Motorsports Club** members have received a huge return, and there are still more good opportunities for learning ahead.

After looking for a car they could fix up to compete in local competitions, club president and junior Wyatt Newcomer found a 1998 BMW Z3 near St. Louis and left with his dad and a trailer to retrieve it on Jan. 2, 2022. It was a very long day on the road, but the BMW started on site and the son-father duo arrived back to their Elkhart home.

The early stages of the project included organizing and registering the club with the Student Government Association. Newcomer and senior Quentin Carr, the group's vice president, also needed various university permissions and an actual spot on campus to work. With guidance from Gary Steffen, an associate professor and director of the School of Polytechnic, the details worked out, allowing multiple mechanical engineering technology majors who had joined the team to park and work on the car in a lot adjacent to the ETCS Building.

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Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month-Inspired Events on Campus

Though Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month is observed nationally in May, two related activities are taking place on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne throughout April so a greater number of people can participate before the spring semester concludes.

The first opportunity is a panel discussion on Wednesday in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The topic is a celebration of personal journeys and diversity.

The panelists are Glen Nakata, vice chancellor for financial and administrative affairs; Victory Paw, a graduating senior majoring in general studies; Pooja Singh, senior compensation and classification analyst in Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity; and Xueqian Wang, adjunct instructor of medical education at Indiana University Fort Wayne.

An Asian Fest will also be held April 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Alumni Plaza. It will feature various student and employee organizations showcasing their cultures and activities. If the weather is poor, the event will move indoors to Walb Student Union.

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Multicultural Center are sponsoring the events. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Eventful

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full [events calendar](#) often to see what's happening on campus.

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Wed., 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Popular Music Ensembles Showcase

Popular music ensembles bring the heat with their electrifying performances, showcasing their raw talent and distinct style. Each ensemble puts their own twist on the music, guaranteeing a night of excitement...

APRIL

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Fri., 5–7 p.m.

Take Back the Night Mixer

This event in Walb Atrium is designed to stand against sexual assaults on college campuses and in our communities at large. The gathering will provide free Panda Express, mocktail drinks, a live DJ, tips and info on drug and alcohol consumption, how to be safe when you go out, and...

APRIL

12, 13

Fri., 7:30 & Sat., 2:30 p.m.

Two Opera One-Acts

In “The Impresario,” Mr. Bluff tries to stop his boss, the impresario Mr. Scruples, from retiring. Mr. Angel steps in, in order to keep the cash-strapped opera company afloat. “Captain Lovelock” is a tale of a wealthy, elderly widow who wishes to marry a young army officer instead of...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Chelsie Fackler, custodian | Building Services

Transfers

- Austin Horn, procurement agent | Purchasing
- James Swavely, senior operations clerk | Salvage Operations

In a Snap

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



Around 3:10 p.m., the scene on the Science Mall looked a little like those old black and white photos of folks watching a 3D movie in the 1950s. Without question, the PFW campus was a popular place to gather and experience the wonder of Monday's near-total solar eclipse.

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