



Helmke Solar Panels Helping PFW Reduce Environmental Footprint

Though installation required nearly 12 months, no one seemed to notice a difference when the changeover finally happened. However, the new solar panels atop Helmke Library at Purdue University Fort Wayne will have a large environmental impact.

About a year ago, PFW received a \$135,000 grant from EBSCO Information Services Solar. The company's goal is for university libraries to implement solar arrays to reduce their environmental footprints and decrease electricity costs. Mitch Davidson, associate vice chancellor for ITS and chief information officer, applied for the grant in early 2023.

After selecting a contractor and gathering materials and equipment, the installation required less than a week. The final hookup to the library's electrical system required a four-hour power outage on Sunday.

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Crescent Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Closed through July 10

Work began Monday to resurface the walking path on the Crescent Avenue Pedestrian Bridge. This is simply an improvement project, not the result of structural or safety concerns. The closure will last through July 10.

A campus shuttle will be offered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to provide transportation for those who are living in Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus. Pick up and drop off locations include Cole Clubhouse and Walb Student Union.

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Solomon Buchanan, custodian | Building Services
- Alyssa Sherman, custodian | Building Services
- Alexis Lowen, administrative assistant | Human Services
- Angela Kiess, accounts payable clerk | Accounting and Budget

Transfers

- Amritjoty (Amber) Kaur, sponsored funding administrator | Sponsored Programs

In a Snap

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



Fort Wayne Taiko presented several rousing sessions of traditional Japanese drumming on Sunday at the annual Fort Wayne Cherry Blossom Festival, hosted again this year at Walb Student Union. Taiko is a Japanese musical tradition that means “big drum.” The characteristic beat is achieved through choreographed arm movements as drummers “dance” their sticks from drum to drum.

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