



Janet North, coordinator of the ETCS Outreach Program, with Laura Maseto and Jason Wiczorek, who found PFW's weather balloon in Lake Erie.

Prodigal Sun Total Eclipse Weather Balloon Returns to PFW

When Purdue University Fort Wayne gets its next chance to see a major eclipse on Sept. 14, 2099, the legend of the 2024 weather balloon launched from campus may still be told. And it will still be a remarkable tale.

Launched by the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science, and ETCS Outreach Programs, everything went perfectly when the 10-foot balloon took off from the Science Mall at approximately 2:15 p.m. on April 8. Lifting its 12-pound payload about two meters per second until it reached 88,033 feet over northeast Ohio, the highest temperature the balloon experienced was 96.3 degrees, and the lowest was minus 63.8.

PFW officials tracked the balloon throughout its journey—except for two minutes over Bowling Green, Ohio, during the solar eclipse totality. As designed by Upland’s NearSpace Education, the hydrogen-filled balloon popped at 4:50 p.m., but it happened over Sandusky Bay before descending to land in the middle of Lake Erie just north of Cleveland at 5:36 p.m.

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Dining Services and Pantry Summer Hours

For meals, snacks, and beverages of all kinds, don’t forget to visit Don’s at Walb and Java Spot on weekdays, Monday–Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Einstein Bros. Bagels on the ground floor of Kettler Hall is also open to serve the campus community on a trial basis. This will run through at least June 15, and may continue all summer, based on utilization. The adjusted hours there are Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; closed on Friday.

Bon Bon’s Coffee is also open Monday–Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed Friday.

Click here to learn more about dining services including catering.

The FRIENDS of the University Pantry location at the Student Housing Clubhouse is open Mondays from noon to 2 p.m. Special appointments can be made by contacting Conner Miller at mill3335@pfw.edu. The pantry location in Walb Student Union, Room G36, is open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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., noon–1 p.m.

Employee Yoga: In-Person and Virtual Class

Move. Breathe. Stretch. De-stress. Join the Employee Yoga class for these benefits and more. Learn poses and techniques to practice yoga anytime, anywhere. All levels—beginners through advanced—are welcome...

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Tues., 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Tuesdays in June: InBody Health Screenings

Go beyond the scale with the InBody Test, a quick, non-invasive body composition analysis that provides a detailed breakdown of your weight in terms of muscle, fat, and water. The results can help you understand your weight, set goals, measure your strength, and track your overall health progress. Private screenings will be offered every Tuesday in June...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Andrew Swain, custodian | Building Services

Transfers

- Gemssy Munoz, admissions processor | Admissions

From the Field

Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow this link to read the latest:

Chapman Scholars Program

Expressions | College of Visual and Performing Arts

School of Education

In a Snap

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



Buck Jordan, director of student success and advising in the Doermer School of Business, found a

great spot from which to attend a Friday remote meeting. The solar charging station is located in the Alumni Plaza.

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