



A group of friends challenge each other to a fast game of air hockey between classes, one of amenities offered in the new Herd Hideout at Walb Student Union.

Despite the Name, New Student Lounge Anything But a Place to Stay Hidden

For more than a year, Purdue University Fort Wayne students walked past the former first-floor entrance to the Mastodon Campus Store wondering what might happen with the empty space.

"You would be shocked how many people would ask me about it," said Mikayla Haggarty, former president of the Student Government Association. "I wanted to tell them so badly, but I'd just say, 'You are in for a surprise.'"

The surprise has finally been revealed with this semester's introduction of the new Herd Hideout,

a dedicated student lounge for collaboration and socialization to foster a better sense of community. With comfortable chairs and tables, four big-screen monitors, a study/meeting area, air hockey, shuffleboard, and an area to check out flyers, it's got just enough of everything to let students relax, gather socially, or just get some homework done.

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Building Deputy Program Seeks Volunteers; Stipends Available

The goal of Purdue Fort Wayne's building-specific emergency plans is to prepare everyone, in advance, for what may happen while they are in the building—and to provide information on how to react to those scenarios.

To strengthen these efforts, a new Building Deputy Program has launched and volunteers are being recruited. Based on the specific location and role, most primary deputies will be eligible to receive a stipend of anywhere between \$400 and \$1,400 per year. Those interested in serving as a back-up deputy may also be eligible for compensation, which will be determined on a case-by-case basis. General information about the responsibilities of a deputy can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

This is a team effort. The crisis management committee and University Police will assist deputies, as needed, during the development of their building-specific safety plan and onward.

Those interested in supporting the campus community, its students, faculty, and staff in this important way are invited to [complete this Qualtrics form](#).

For additional information about the program, contact Lisa Zerkle, director of special events and emergency preparedness specialist, at lisa.zerkle@pfw.edu or Greg Justice, associate vice chancellor of facilities management, at justiceg@pfw.edu.



Library of Things Continues to Grow

During its first year of existence, the “**Library of Things**” most popular item students checked out was the ukulele. It was the favorite by a considerable margin, and it also fits the section’s exploratory theme. The items can be as uncommon as a yoga mat, iron, or vintage suitcase turntable. Other examples are a cooler, an air fryer, and a four-person tent.

The most recently added items to the service at Helmke Library are a Yamaha electric keyboard, a Singer sewing machine, a hand mixer, a cordless drill, and a cookie and muffin baking set. The library within the library also takes suggestions and has a wish list that currently includes an acoustic guitar, a crockpot, and a karaoke machine.

Additional information can be found **online** or by contacting **Sarah Wagner**, associate librarian, or **Emily Tock**, information services librarian and assistant librarian.

Students Attending a Graduate Information Session Can Earn a Free Application

By participating in a **graduate studies event**, students may be eligible to submit a free graduate application. To receive this incentive, valued between \$60–75, attendees must check in—online or in-person, based on the type of session that’s being offered—at an approved event associated with the Purdue University Fort Wayne graduate degree program selected on the application.

There are a few important steps to be aware of. They can be viewed in the Application Fee Satisfaction section by [clicking here](#).

Attending a graduate studies event gives those interested a no-obligation opportunity to learn more about a wide array of graduate programs by connecting with directors, faculty, and admissions staff. Sessions cover topics such as admission requirements and application deadlines. They're also a great chance to ask questions. [Register today](#) and jumpstart the graduate journey.

Visit the [Graduate Admissions](#) page for additional information.

Good to Know

Trick-or-Treat with the Student-Athlete Leadership Team

Members of the PFW Student-Athlete Leadership Team will host a trick-or-treat event before the women's volleyball match versus Northern Kentucky on Oct. 26 at the Gates Sports Center. The event will run from 1 to 2 p.m. The opening serve is scheduled for 2 p.m. Each athletic team will have a decorated table/station and will pass out candy to children. Parents will receive a \$5 ticket to the match, and kids 12 and under will get in for free.

Free Tickets for Notre Dame Exhibition Game

The PFW men's basketball team will host Notre Dame in a charity exhibition on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. PFW faculty and staff may receive one free ticket per university ID presented. Faculty and staff may redeem their free ticket at the Coliseum box office and purchase additional tickets, if needed.

PFW, Visit Fort Wayne, and Sycamore Hills to Host 2027 NCAA Women's Golf Regional

For those who like to mark their calendars well in advance, an event just 31 months from now may be the first can't miss activity to circle for 2027. The NCAA announced Wednesday that Fort Wayne has been designated as the host city for the 2027 Division I Women's Golf Regional. Purdue University Fort Wayne, in conjunction with Visit Fort Wayne and Sycamore Hills Golf Club, will serve as the host school for this major postseason event, May 10–12. [Click here](#) to read more.

Concerned about a Student? Contact the CARE Team

Midterms and the middle of the semester can cause students to feel overwhelmed or stressed

with exams, papers, assignments, and projects that are due. If you observe, or are made aware of, student behavior that leaves you feeling concerned, worried, and/or alarmed, trust your instincts and say something. The CARE Team can help the student and, in some cases, provide you with suggestions as to how you can assist directly. Fill out a CARE referral [here](#).

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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Mon., 5:30–8:30 p.m.

CPR and AED Certification Class

The American Heart Association Basic Life Support and First Aid classes teaches basic life-support techniques—including CPR using various methods to assist victims of all ages—and how to operate an AED, or automated external defibrillator...

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Tues., 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Chancellor's Chili Fest 2024

Don't miss this university tradition! Get your full bowl of chili with cornbread and a mug as you listen to live bluegrass music. Meet the chancellor, enjoy a hayride, take pictures with your friends in the photo booth, and vote for your favorite chili recipe...

News Spotlight

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

PFW helps Indiana DNR try to restore endangered squirrel

wane.com | Sept. 26

In a Snap

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



The annual Pride Fair in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union on Monday kicked off a Pride Week observance at PFW. The fair featured several LGBTQ+ resources, as well as friendly and affirming local organizations.

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