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Purdue Fort Wayne Graduate Student Crisscrosses Indiana to Study Small Mammal Population

Though arriving in Fort Wayne just over a year ago, California native Lauren Lee has probably seen more of the Hoosier State than most Indiana natives—especially spots hidden from major highways.

A Purdue University Fort Wayne graduate student working on her master's degree in biology, Lee has been involved with a research project since last summer that has required her to place 102 Adapted-Hunt Drift Fence Technique camera traps across the state. Funded by a \$150,000 Department of Natural Resources grant to study the small mammal population, Lee continually crisscrosses Indiana every month to check her systems and swap out secure digital SD memory cards and rechargeable batteries. The work includes hitting up to 10 locations in a day before finding a state park or fish and wildlife area to camp out. The term camera trap is a misnomer because the animals are not actually captured. Camera traps are a growing technology used by researchers, hunters, and backyard wildlife enthusiasts all over the world. It's an effective way to photograph rare, elusive, fast-moving, and human-evasive wildlife species.

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Campus Roadway Repairs/Closures Next Week

Roadway repair work will necessitate some brief street and/or lane closures on Purdue Fort Wayne's Main Campus next week, The work will take place Tuesday through Thursday and consist of milling and patching existing asphalt and repaving with new asphalt. Minor milling activities will also occur in several locations and disrupt the flow of traffic for less than 30 minutes. Flaggers will direct traffic.

News Spotlight

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

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21Alive and WANE 15 | Monday

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In a Snap

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



Students in the Advanced DroneBlocks camp put their skills to the test on Wednesday in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The weeklong program combines expert instruction with advanced technology, offering participants a unique opportunity to expand their drone technology, AI, and computer vision skills. The camp is sponsored by the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science.

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