



PFW Using New Tool to Help Students, Visitors Dig Archaeology

The study of the past is meeting the technology of the future at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Jamie Cochran-Smith and Andrew Smith, professors of practice in anthropology, love giving their archaeology students a chance to show off what they're learning during Fort Wayne's annual Johnny Appleseed Festival. That will again be the case Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when the team from PFW will be stationed at a dig site on the east side of the Venderly Bridge alongside the St. Joseph River.

The goal is to show festivalgoers who park on the PFW campus, and particularly their children, what a dig site looks like and how archaeologists seek clues of times past.

This year, the work will be a little easier as the Smiths introduce their students and passersby to a Bartington Grad 601 Data Logger, more commonly known as a magnetometer. Typically, students dig approximately 8 inches to see the change in soil color, then dig in 10-centimeter increments while sifting the dirt. The new machine examines the magnetic field about two feet below the surface, allowing for more accurate work. The results resemble an x-ray of the ground.

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Environmental Resources Center Aims to Drive Dialogue on Climate Change at Sept. 25 Conservation Conversation

The Environmental Resources Center in the College of Science at Purdue Fort Wayne will host its largest annual event, Conservation Conversation, on Sept. 25 in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The title of this year's conversation is "Changing the Climate." Activities and discussions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Speakers will come from both academia and the community. Anyone wishing to keep the conversation going is invited to stick around for a postevent reception.

Held for the sixth time, Conservation Conversation is a chance for the public, representatives from various local and regional entities, and PFW faculty and staff to exchange information on topics related to sustainability and the environment. The goal is to facilitate dialogue about the opportunities and challenges of conservation efforts in this growing community.

Speakers from higher education, the City of Fort Wayne, NIPSCO, the Hoosier Environmental Council, and others will cover topics such as the science, challenges and mitigation of climate change, and responding to policy setbacks.

General admission, which includes lunch and the reception, costs \$5 for students and \$10 for all other attendees. Those interested can register at pfw.edu/erc.

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Whirlwind of Activity and Fun Marks Start of Fall Semester

A new academic year is off to a fast start at Purdue University Fort Wayne! Relive some of the excitement through photos of the people and moments that help make the PFW student experience so special.

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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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Today, 4:30–6:30
p.m.

The Color Bleeding: Andres Montenegro Featured Faculty Opening Reception

This can't miss exhibition explores Montenegro's desire to mix digital and physical media into artistic communion and features works in traditional oils, 3D sculpture, digital art, and virtual reality technology...

SEPTEMBER

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Guest Artist Recital: Michael Seregow, Piano

Seregow will present a guest recital of the works of Maurice Ravel in

Wed., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

commemoration of the 150th anniversary of his birth with a program that illustrates his influence on a changing world through his and his contemporaries' works for solo piano...

News Spotlight

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

Fort Wayne businessman reflects on finding Mastodon fossil 27 years ago

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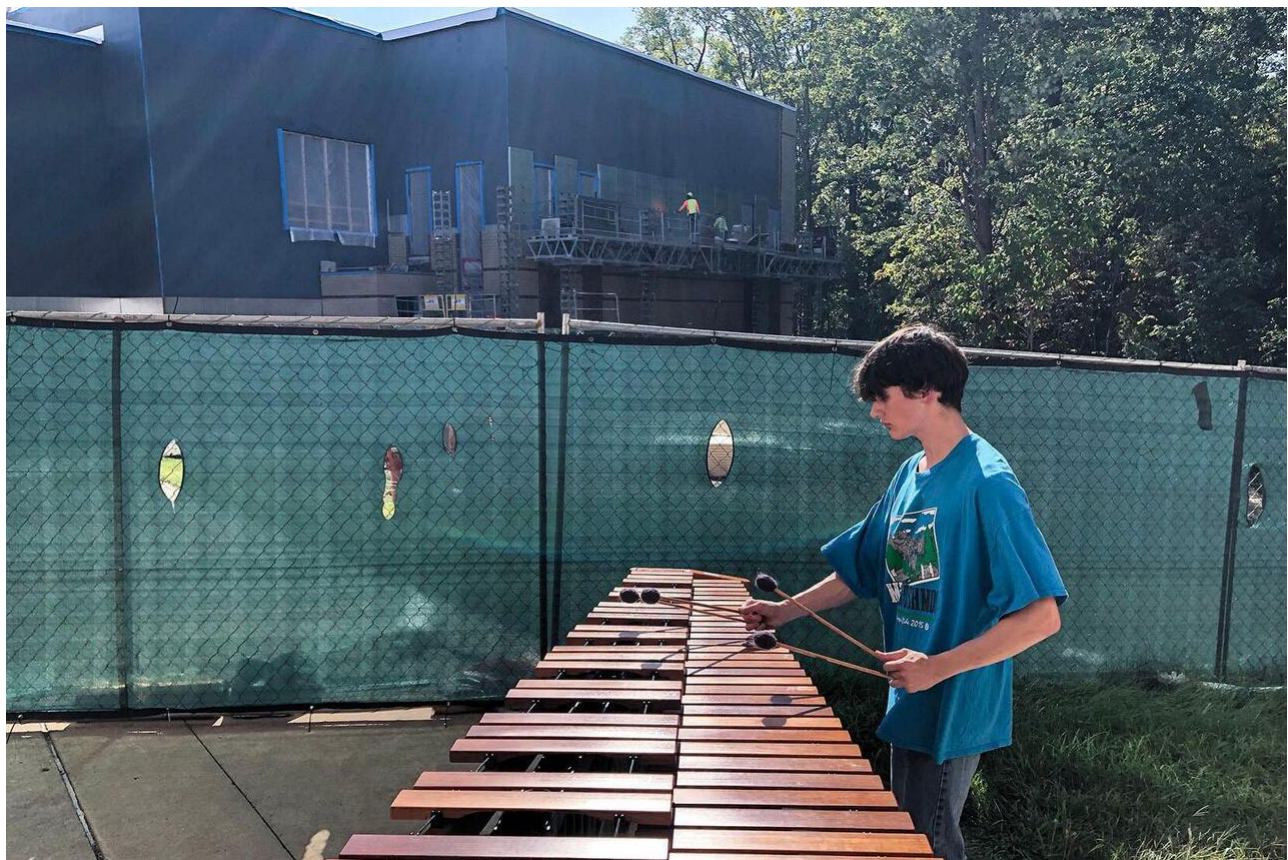
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We all can play a part in suicide prevention

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Sept. 9

In a Snap

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



Sophomore Gavin Utterback's marimba practice provided a melodic contrast to the construction noise coming from the new Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Building on Friday. As a music technology major, Utterback will be a student in the new facility when it opens prior to the start of the fall 2026 semester.

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