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## Campus recycle efforts grow



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## WCC recycling operations to expand in 2017

BY IVÁN FLORES  
Staff Writer

Washtenaw Community College recycles about 46 percent of all waste produced on campus. It's well above the state average of 34 percent, but Barry Wilkins, recycling operations manager, thinks the school can do better. Someday, he hopes, the school's efficiency will expand to 80 or 90 percent. But, the current facilities have reached their maximum capacity and there are tentative plans to move WCC's recycling plant in 2017.

The current recycling plant is in the TI building. The space was designed to be a pseudo-loading dock for the building. The recycling center was placed there as a temporary measure, and there are logistical inconveniences when

the space must serve its original purpose.

"We're basically working on top of one another," Wilkins said. "It's not conducive to what we're trying to accomplish."

According to Wilkins, the new location would be in one of the school's warehouses on the northwest side of campus. The space is currently used for storage by the college and the Ironworkers. If approved, the space would house the recycling center, building maintenance and Ironworker storage. Wilkins said logistical and administrative roadblocks make it hard to put a timeframe on the transition.

As the recycling operations manager, Wilkins has worked to make WCC an environmentally friendly campus. He coordinated the 2016 Welcome Day clean-up

effort, which resulted in 94 percent of the waste being recycled.

Thanks to Wilkins, WCC has participated in a national recycling competition called Recyclemania year for the past five years. Over 600 colleges and universities take part; this year, WCC ranked 50.

Speaking about Welcome Day, Wilkins said, "Our original goal was to (recycle) 80 percent. It was a tremendous amount of work. It's worth the effort."

Joe Chapman is the head of WCC's sustainability club. He has worked with Wilkins to improve the college's efficiency.

According to Chapman, an organization called Zero Waste Washtenaw helped organize the Welcome Day event, and he would like to implement their system in the Student Center.

The new system would have three tiers- recyclables, compost, and trash. Chapman said the majority of waste produced in the student center can be recycled, even plastic wrappers and Subway sandwich bags.

In addition to the new recycling center, Wilkins hopes to make campus more environmentally friendly with a composting operation. He was recently started using a system involving worms to break down organic waste. The verma culture, as it is called, may be able to compost up to 500 lbs of waste per week once it is fully operational.

The sustainability club is planning on redesigning the poster boards currently above the waste bins to make them more accurate and user-friendly.

Wilkins and Chapman are also



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planning on placing all of the recycling bins in the student center next to an information table for a couple of weeks next semester.

The goal is to educate students about what materials are recyclable.

## Fake news awareness

BY JENEE GREGOR  
Deputy Editor

When scrolling down a Facebook feed, the accuracy of a story isn't the first thought. Information is glanced upon and reader's attention spans are shortening. In 2000, a Canadian research study concluded that they had an attention span of about 12 seconds. Now, it is proposed that humans have about an eight second attention span.

Is eight seconds enough to really know anything you read for certain?

"People glance at headlines and that's the way that they read. Info-snacking is the jargon term," said David Waskin, WCC journalism program advisor and instructor.

Info-snacking is a term that explains what people are doing with the flooded news feeds, tweets, emails and so on. Just grabbing bits and pieces of headlines, memes and snippets of information and then operating from there.

As the clickbait continues to roll passed eyes of the scroller, what makes it into the memory

### This is an example of what to look out and check for.



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banks? Things like "pizzagate," where a story was crafted about a pizza place in Washington D.C. linked to a pedophilic sex slave trade. The news had traveled so far and well believed that a man went into Comet Pizza, the restaurant under fire for this rumour and fired a rifle, ready to free these

child slaves as reported by a NPR article in December.

I use Snopes to fact-check said Luis Villa, physical therapy assistant student at WCC.

The people that seemed to be really for this story or strongly believe this tended to stray away from mainstream news, and

reached to alternative sources, said Waskin.

There are theories and rumors that have floated about and in a charged time, filled with political rhetoric from e-mails to the scandalous alt-right.

"The real culprit is confirmation bias. This phenomenon that we will look for or readily accept information that confirms beliefs that we already hold," said Waskin.

Outside of this, there are some guidelines that are important to deciphering truth behind the sources before the article is even clicked on. Some things are common sense, but just because it's a posted article doesn't mean that it is based in truth.

Looking for a logo or a trusted insignia from a long running journalistic source, looking for spelling errors in the title and description. And the organization itself, said Waskin.

When scrolling and in the corner of the page there is a website address, are places to look for credibility, using websites that are .gov, .edu or .org are more reliable said Lindsay Fischer, WCC Journalism instructor.

"Go back to the source," Fischer said. Checking the facts for each person, to make sure the truth is presented.

"A government website, and organization potentially might be biased but more reliable or a trusted news organization is more trustworthy, not just looking at a headline and moving on from there, but clicking on it and going to the website and finding out what the source is."

Not just trusting that reporting has covered all the bases but to do their own reporting and research. Read into the facts and look markers of truth, not just snacking on information, but actually looking into the resources.



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## Board members' affirmative action goals

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE  
Staff Writer

It seemed fitting that the same board of trustees meeting in which the new board members took their oath, bringing the total number of women on the board from three to four, and the number of minorities to three of seven, that the meeting would focus on representing diversity on campus. A number of speakers came to present numbers and ideas for the future on the topic of racial and gender representation, from vendors on campus to the faculty.

Board of Trustees policy states that the college will be an equal opportunity employer to all personal identifications, even if they are not a protected classes. The board has specific goals when it comes to minority and female representation, with a desire for it to reflect Washtenaw County.

Douglas Kruzel, the Vice President of Human Resources, presented the affirmative action report for the 2015/16 school year.

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## Helping area residents

*Property managers give back, create a new nonprofit focusing on housewares for new homes*

BY SUNI JO ROBERTS  
Contributor

An identified need for furniture assistance in the community inspired property managers and private property owners from the Washtenaw Area Apartment Association to form a new charitable nonprofit organization called Grace Outreach of Michigan.

The organization kicked off their first fundraiser this October; it was a reverse trade show that raised between \$2500-\$3000 according to Amy Khan, founding board member and Property Manager at CMB Management. They also recently received their 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

Grace Outreach of Michigan seeks to give back to the renters that the Association serves by providing furniture and other household items to those in need. Khan mentioned they have a special focus toward assisting single parents and single grandparents and will assist both men and women.

The board of directors consist of five members who are a mix of property managers and private property owners. They are each in a unique position to be able to donate household items that renters sometimes leave behind at their properties.

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# FEATURED TEACHER



BY MICHAEL MISHLER  
*Contributor*

**Instructor:** John Edwartowski  
**Subject:** WTMC Band

**Q:** What made you want to teach at Washtenaw?

**A:** Because it's filled with people who want to learn.

**Q:** What is your favorite part of your job?

**A:** Watching students have breakthroughs. It depends on the student: a minor breakthrough for one student might

be a major breakthrough for another. Watching them gain confidence and develop techniques and watching them struggle with something, then watching them later do that same thing without struggling,

**Q:** What interesting books have you read lately?

**A:** I'm currently reading a book called Death in Winterreise about a song cycle composed by Franz Schubert based on the poems by Euler. I also read a history of "Chocolate and Cheese," the album by Ween. I've been reading a lot of academic articles rather than books, so I read a great article on modulation as

a dramatic agent in the music of Frank Loesser and a lot of stuff on jazz harmony. I'm reading so much for my dissertation right now that it sort of runs the gamut.

**Q:** What is the most exciting thing you've done?

**A:** Parenthood and marriage aside, serving as a resident music director for a sketch comedy and improv company for a decade. I've toured the west coast of Mexico and the Caribbean as a music director for that same company. I've served as a keyboardist for a show band on a cruise ship, but because my work schedule is only four to six

hours a week, I got paid to be a tourist for 18 months, which was great. I dove in the Great Blue Hole in Belize and been ziplining in Acapulco, mountain-climbing, cliff-diving, and any other number of things that have nothing to do with being a musician but come with the job. I lead a charmed life.

**Q:** What do you do most often in your spare time?

**A:** I read and I play with my son. I'm trying to teach him to be patient at the piano, but he's three so that's an uphill battle. I watch him learn, which is also a very exciting thing. Watching him learn how to do something, then watching him realize that he learned how to do something is ridiculously exciting.

**Q:** When do you think we'll get to Mars?

**A:** In my lifetime, going by average life expectancy, but there are hurdles that we as a species or a society need to overcome to make it worth the trip.

**Q:** If you won the lottery, how would you spend it?

**A:** Depending on how much it was, I would buy a farm

and turn it into an artist's retreat where we'd have a gigantic pole-barn equipped to do shows, as well as a recording studio. We'd also have ATVs and outdoor equipment so that if someone need to do something other than be a creative person, they can. Some place out of the way where they can get away with having no responsibility and be true to who they are.

**Q:** Who was your role model growing up?

**A:** I'd say that for who I've become as a musician and teacher, my older brother who played piano, just by virtue of the fact that I found him moving his hands on the keyboard and making magical sound appear out of this piece of furniture pretty captivating. When I had the opportunity to take piano lessons, that inspirational role was taken over by my teacher who could just improvise entire pieces of music, so my understanding of what it meant to be a musician was changed to be someone who can just speak the music without a script. Often students are asked to duplicate something on a page, and I didn't realize that the standard that was being set by my teacher

was much higher.

**Q:** What's your favorite movie and why?

**A:** I'm obviously a very big fan of the Star Wars series because I grew up with them. I was three when my siblings went to see it, so I was taken as well, but I was asleep by the time the Sand People showed up, so it took a couple trips to see the whole movie.

**Q:** What advice would you give to the younger generation?

**A:** The advice I'd give to my younger self is that if anyone asks your older self to give advice to your younger self, don't give it to them. But I would say do exactly what you're doing, because not knowing that doing what you're doing is the right thing is exactly what some people need. I'm happy with how my life is and how it's worked out, but do I want to say it's fate or a cosmic plan that I am exactly where I am? I don't know. I think it's 50% mystery and 50% design. If i could change the question and say what advice I'd give to the younger generation, I'd say listen more and talk less.



Portfolio exhibit for students of photography class, PHO230 Portfolio Projects, taught by Donald Werthmann on display throughout the garden level of the Gunder Myran building on Friday, Dec. 16, wrapping up the Fall '16 semester.

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Intent of the holidays



BY JENELLE FRANKLIN  
Editor

After a morning full of excitement, a nap on Christmas day is complete with a hand woven blanket. Lying under the fuzzy crocheted masterpiece, a child sleeps soundly as parents pick up the wrapping paper strewn about the living room.

Time and good intent is all it takes to create a gift of memories. While you can make something with tools, paint with beautiful colors or craft with yarn they all create the memory of appreciation of hard work.

The soft comfort of a scarf made for blustery days protects and brings smiles of appreciation to the recipient.

Homemade gifts bring the warm and fuzzies to cold winter days, the thought and care behind a home crafted gift shines

through the snowstorms, melting hearts.

We cannot simply rush out, grab something random off the store shelves, wrap it and call it acceptable. There must be thought behind what you are giving, the intent is as important as what's in the package.

If you find that you cannot craft or build, you can enjoy the gift of time with friends and loved ones. Activities are available to choose to do together--companies like Painting With a Twist, Paint Nite, Paint and Pour, all offer painting sessions in Ann Arbor where you sit among friends laughing and creating memories while be reassured that each art piece will be unique. If you enjoy your piece, you may hang it in your home, or gift it if that is your desire.

One year, while in college and just getting by paying my bills, I used my skills to edit photos with the software I had at my disposal, which I paired with nice frames I got at a good price and a kind note; each brought smiles and I received the best gift of all, a heartfelt "thank you."

Opportunities to show how

much we care are all around us, try making a coupon book with offers of: cooking your parents a meal and cleaning up the kitchen or customize each page for the relationship you share.

When pulling from the shelves, keep in mind what is most important to the receiving person and not what will just pass as an okay gift. If it is just some money you want to drop, include a gift receipt so they can return your thoughtless purchase for something they needed that you never asked them about.

It is not the cost, but the intent that warms hearts when celebrating with loved ones.

Holidays differ and the amount of gifts given varies, but when each one comes from the heart, the holidays are much happier.

Wrapping someone in a blanket, one that took weeks to make is one of my favorite things.

This weekend's blizzard, SE Michigan's first accumulated snowfall of 2016, reminds us that the warmest places this holiday season will be found on the inside, not on the hunt for hatchimals.

MY TOP 10 BEST HOMEMADE GIFT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 🎁 Passage of time picture
- 🎁 An edible gift
- 🎁 Become a volunteer in their honor
- 🎁 Arrange a family photoshoot
- 🎁 Coupon for date night babysitter
- 🎁 Make a new, or digitize an old scrapbook
- 🎁 Crochet, knit, or construct a blanket
- 🎁 Make an ornament
- 🎁 Personlized mixed CDs
- 🎁 Painting or handcrafted frame



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Voice Box

"What do you do to shop sustainably during the holidays?"

BY HEBE ORMSBY  
Contributor



"I try to do my stuff by myself, I try to make things with stuff I already have at home. I find I receive a better response that way."

**Kelsey Stone**  
16, Ypsilanti, philosophy



"Legitimately, I spend too much. But if I did, I would buy off-brand things."

**Peter Wilson**  
17, Ypsilanti, general math and science



"I find out what I need to buy, then set a goal of how much I spend, put that amount in my wallet and take out the rest, so that I only spend that amount."

**Luke Huff**  
16, Ypsilanti, music production

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Bye, bye, bye, WCC



BY JENEЕ GREGOR  
Deputy Editor

It's come time for me as a student, where Financial Aid is pushing me out the door, my transcript is booked, and I am ready to go. I have finished my program and should get a degree in the mail this winter. I am not quite sure where it all will lead but surely glad to be on my way. There have been the more glorious of moments in the realm of reformation, in the sense that a foiled trip to India reshaped my plan of action. A year in SE Asia turned a month and into me going back

to school.

But WCC gave me an opportunity. I didn't squander it and let it sneak by, I took advantage of what I could in the time that I allotted. In a sense I checked into a form of legitimacy and grabbed on to the things that could truly give me experience. Now, in the scheme of things it's a beautiful occurrence, but I need the change.

Some are meant for the life of structure, but I fight with that idea, and crave variety. Not all people are built for the same workforce or remotely similar skill set. There comes the obviousness. I have spent a year, walking into the newsroom on various levels of tired, stressed out or in some cases with hula hoops in tow.

This stint in the journalism program has ended for me, and set sights on a little bit of

exploring. Time is seemingly not pressing until allowed to be. The truth is to gather the experience, turn into lessons and go forward into world not a babe in the woods but with a small tool kit.

It will give more growth space in the future, and that can only be a good thing as WCC is such a blessing for having the prices it does to let students explore their options without the time and financial commitments.

As time has passed and the publishing experience his given me something to bulk up my resume, I am ready to be out into the world again. I'm heading out of the country for a while, but my keyboard will stay warm and keep looking for the byline. Thanks Washtenaw Voice and WCC.

"There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. Yet that will be the beginning."  
-Louis L'Amour

Art shore for community change

BY CHANEL STITT  
Contributor

Many people filed into the Neutral Zone on Wednesday Dec. 14 for an art show with pieces made by students of the Ann Arbor high schools.

The Neutral Zone is meant for teens to come have a free environment and be able to express themselves.

All the money raised from the show is being spent on creating care packages for the homeless in Washtenaw County and Detroit.

The room was packed with multiple bright individuals with big personalities showcasing their work.

Brett Trocchio, an English teacher at Pioneer High School, gave an assignment for the students to, "change the world in a community setting."

"Our English teacher asked us what can we do to help the community as a semester project

for our senior year, and I came up with the idea of an art show," said Tylan Harris, a student at Pioneer.

"Our two major votes were making care packages for homeless people and having an art show, so we combined it," said Fernanda Perrone, a student at Pioneer.

With Trocchio stepping back to let the kids plan it, they were able to gain communication skills and step out of their comfort zones to accomplish what had to be done.

"I'm a part of the Neutral Zone, but this is my first time using my voice to reach out as far as I can to bring people to one central location," said Harris.

There were various positions that the students were able to take on which helped to build leadership and communication skills.

"I was head of the communications department. We reached

out to businesses, put up posters, and communicated with artists," said Clarisse Jorah, a student at Pioneer.

Jorah was also able to post her artwork in the show.

Many parents came out to support the fundraiser and they gave nothing but positive remarks about the students coming together to put this show forth.

"I think this gives the students an opportunity to show their work and let the community see exactly what kind of talent they have right here at home," said Dr. Pam Harris, Tylan Harris's mother.

The art show turnout was very successful and many students hope that this will continue to happen every year.

"It's my senior year, I'll be leaving," said Harris. "I hope it can continue on afterwards. I think it's very important for artists in high school to get the exposure that they need."



Clarisse Jorah, student, stands next to her recent work on display Dec. 14 at the Neutral Zone, 310 E Washington St, Ann Arbor

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“The bottom line to the report is, we meet the board’s goal of meeting minority representation as compared to the county, and we exceed it in female representation,” Kruzel said.

Kruzel’s department helps all departments within the college keep with the board’s goals while considering new hires.

“My staff meets with hiring committees and hiring officials when they begin their search, they identify if it’s an underutilized area, review what their statistics are, and reiterate to them what the board policies are,” Kruzel said.

WCC’s faculty and staff matches the Washtenaw County workforce in minority representation, with both coming in at 26 percent. WCC reports a 57 percent female employment, compared to the county at 51 percent. The only specific category that is

still underutilized, is minorities in full time faculty positions, which sits around 20 percent.

Trustee Ruth Hatcher, who in the past has won the WCC Vision of Racial Equality Award, was happy with the numbers, but saw room for improvement.

“The board’s policy is the 26 percent, and we’re there, but we’re there with our fingernails,” Hatcher said. “It’s a little worrisome, especially with respect to faculty, when the student body is around 32 percent minority.”

Vice Chair Diana McKnight-Morton was less impressed, not by the numbers, but by the distribution of the numbers.

“I’m at a loss, of how it is that there is only one person of color in the humanities, one in financial aid, zero in the library, zero in life sciences, three in mathematics, I can go on, this whole list bothers me,” McKnight-Morton

said.

“We’re talking about people who look like me on campus, and they aren’t here. You see some here and some there, but I am totally still disappointed in our recruiting efforts. This report really shows that we’re doing a lot, but we still have a lot more to do,” McKnight-Morton said.

Hatcher also gave her ideas for where to look for new hires that could help lift the numbers.

“I’ve always suggested looking at high school teachers who are being abused by the public school system these days, a lot of our better teachers have come from high schools,” Hatcher said.

Dominique Daughtry, a political science major at WCC, feels he is mostly represented as a person of color, but also reflected McKnight-Morton’s sentiment.

“I think it matches the ratio of students. I see a lot of black staff as janitors and counselors, not too many as teachers though,” Daughtry said.

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Grace Outreach volunteers purchased and delivered pillows, sheets and comforter sets for the three beds donated by All About Furniture.



All hands on deck unloading furniture, volunteer Rob Gould brought his family to help, mentioning the importance of his son seeing the good work Grace Outreach is doing in the community.

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Employee Category	Total: Employees	Total Minority	Percent Minority	Total Female	Percent Female
Custodial / Maintenance	70	24	34%	18	26%
Faculty	196	36	20%	99	51%
Independent Staff	208	57	27%	122	59%
Office Professional / Technical	102	27	26%	91	89%

“Instead of allowing people to just throw things away when they move out, we are able to utilize our jobs, in the industry we are in, to help recycle goods and put them to good use,” said Kristin Lewis, board member of Grace Outreach of Michigan and Executive Property Manager at Village Green.

Alice Ehn, founding board member of Grace Outreach of Michigan, mentioned donating a houseful of furniture to a family in need was a goal the organization had when talk first started around forming the organization earlier this year.

“Right off the bat it was a goal to provide furniture for a family, and we did that within the year,” Ehn said.

That goal to provide furniture was accomplished on Saturday when they donated furniture to a family that--when it came to furniture, “had nothing at all,” Ehn said.

When Grace Outreach arrived, the home was empty and when they left the cupboards had dishes pots and pans; the living room had couches, tables and a christmas tree. The mother and her three children all received beds and linens.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, board members of Grace Outreach of Michigan, Chris Heaton, Amy Khan, Alice Ehn, Kristin Lewis and other community members carried in furniture, linens, pots, pans and other household items into a family’s new apartment for the organization’s first drop-off event, which depending on which board member you talk to--some full of enthusiasm to give back and some more cautious--could happen up to once a month, or as they are able to.

Lewis discussed with Khan how often they will be able to do furniture deliveries.

“My goal would be that we would be able to do one a month,” said Khan. Then, Lewis told a story about another, more careful, board member, Alice Ehn, saying the organization would take it one at a time.

Grace Outreach of Michigan teamed up with SOS community services of Ypsilanti, another nonprofit agency to get help identifying a family to receive assistance. They plan to continue collaborating with other nonprofit organizations in the area to identify families in need.

Also in Grace Outreach’s future is Grace’s House Party which will take place on May 20, 2017. The organization is working on a website to be up soon with more information; currently available through its hosting Nonprofit agency, Washtenaw Area Apartment Association’s website, under the tab “Outreach.”

Inside the family’s home on Saturday, boys bounced off the newly donated couches, playing catch with each other. Next up, a board member volunteered to take the family’s picture so they could hang it on their wall.

Growth may come as potential donations arise with each tenant change, the 21,000 housing units in the association are now seen as potential goldmines, board members agreed.

“As this grows we can do it more and more. It’s a good way to rethink people moving in and out. Every month people are moving out of apartments,” Lewis said.

“For our first time, I think we did good,” Khan said. “I hope we make her life a little bit smoother and I know the kids are happy.”

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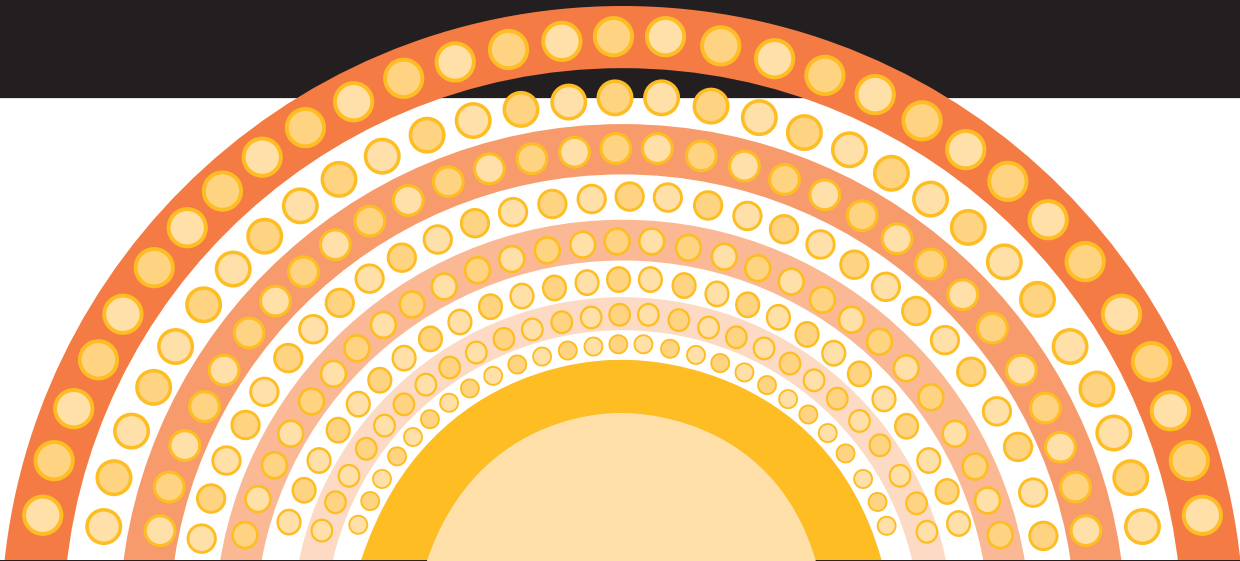
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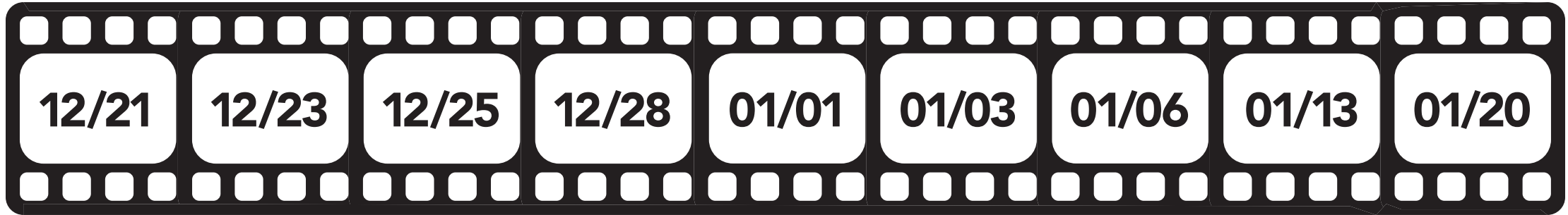



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## It's cinema season

BY MINETTE PERIGARD  
*Contributor*

As Christmas comes we all gather together and celebrate as a family, open gifts, make a delicious dinner and for some, head out to see a film. As there are so many good films coming out this Christmas, there are so many entertainment options to choose from and odds are you will be able to find one that the whole family can agree on.

This might sound like a familiar Christmas routine, or maybe a good tradition to start with your family. Why not? While all the stores are closed the theater is open all day for your entertainment cravings.

Holiday movie releases are on the minds of avid moviegoers, most have one in their mind that they are particularly looking forward to seeing. Going to the theater is like opening another gift after all of Santa's are all ripped open. It is one gift you have been anticipating all year and now it has arrived. But while you rush to see your favored film, others have to wake up early to prepare to open the theater for anticipated guests.

While you and your family head off to the theater this Christmas, I ask you to remember

all those taken away from their families this Christmas to open the theater, pop the popcorn, sell tickets and sweep the leftover mess from theater 12 after the last showing. As you wake up late and open gifts, workers have to wake up early to prepare for the rush. Rave Cinemas in Ypsilanti opens at 8 a.m. and closes 1 a.m. the next morning.

"It is our busiest time of year," said Scott Brown, manager at Rave Theater in Ypsilanti. "It can get pretty crazy, on Christmas every one is closed and we are open." As there are those who like to be out and about on Christmas, there are not very many places to go since most places are closed for the holiday season. That is why the theater is the best place to go during the holidays as people are already with family and it gives them all the opportunity to go out and find entertainment together.

How busy is the theater on Christmas? "It is busy from open to close" said Dillian Schroder, a cashier at Rave Theater. "We are constantly busy with a wall of people waiting to get to the box office." The customers wait at the door for their opening hour Christmas morning to their closing at 1 a.m. the next morning.

This year there are quite a few

anticipated movies of the holiday season, including "Rogue One," story that branches off of 1977's series of Star Wars, directed by Gareth Edwards and starring Felicity Jones. "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," based on the J.K. Rowling book, directed by David Yates and starring Eddie Redmayne. Among others such as "Hidden Figures," directed by Theodore Melfi, starring Taraji P. Henson, Kirsten Dunst, Octavia Spencer, and Janelle Monae. "Fences," directed by and starring Denzel Washington, and "Passengers," directed by Morten Tyldum and starring Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt and Michael Sheen.

Is the theater rush to see the new Dec. 25 release worth taking others away from their family Christmas? Or is it rigged by the film industry? Whether or not you find a person to blame, find a way to thank those who are forced to work this holiday season. From Black Friday to Christmas Day, they help you with your last minute shopping, need to gas up your car or even to help you indulge in your entertainment needs. The best gift you can give this year is recognition and a thankful heart.

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## Why are movies so expensive?

BY OLIVIA JOHNSON  
*Contributor*

The first complaint that comes to my mind is the economics of the movie theater. Where is our money going? There's no way the tickets and concessions need to cost that much, right?

Actually, wrong.

The theater does not keep even close to half of the profits from the box office sales; most of the money goes back to the studio. In some cases, theaters don't get to keep any of the profits from ticket sales. We can thank the cost of making the films for that.

On average, the theater itself keeps approximately 25 percent of the money from ticket sales. That means that the theater makes \$2-\$3 off of your \$12 ticket. However, the longer the movie stays in theaters, the percentage that the theater gets to keep increases over that time.

Cinemas are then forced to make their profits off of the concession stands. That's why the popcorn, drinks and candy cost a fortune! So, you could say that the theaters are in the candy business rather than show business.

The next time you go to the movies and think that they are criminals for costing

you an arm and a leg for tickets and snacks, it's not entirely their fault. It's all about the experience of escaping into a movie – losing yourself in the action, adventure, emotion and thrill of a motion picture.



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# Unstoppable—Kimberly Jones

BY MINETTE PERIGARD  
*Contributor*

When life gives you lemons, you do not have to make lemonade. There are many different recipes out there that might suite you better. In other words, your life is not what has happened to you, but what you make of it.

Kimberly Jones, a law graduate and instructor at Washtenaw Community College, is an example of where perseverance and determination can get you in this lemon filled world.

Jones Started working at Washtenaw Community College in 2002, with her PHD in Higher Education in hand, she took on the world of teaching, but her love for law lingered.

“She is brilliant,” co worker Jamie Fulcher said. Fulcher works with Jones at the WCC writing center. “It is always interesting working with her, she is so full of life,” Fulcher said.

Jones remember having an LSAT (Law School Admission Test) book lingering in her closet for at least three years were she would pick it up and look through it every so often while she finished her PHD.

After graduating, Jones still found she had a lingering passion for law, so she decided to take a law class at WCC and that is when she fell in love with law.

Jones had a passion to learn more. Her professor and current chair of the criminal justice department, Ruth Walsh, thought Jones would be a good lawyer and suggested that she think about furthering her education in that field.

Jones studied for the LSAT, applied for law school and started at Coolie Law school in Ann arbor that fall. Continuing to work at WCC, going to school and being a single mom of three was not an easy task.

Law school is not for the faint at heart.

“You’ve seen ‘Legally Blonde,’ law school is just like that,” Jones said.

“They put you on the spot, you don’t know the answer they kick you out, sometimes they send you to the dean because you are not prepared, you miss two classes they kick you out of class, it’s like no joke” Jones recalled. “It was one of the hardest thing I ever did, but the most rewarding besides being a mom”

Jones compared going to law school to being a mom, saying that it was challenging but rewarding, that the benefits outweighed the drawbacks. “I challenged myself, had different experiences and as a result I really value my mind” Jones said.

Jones started studying law in 2011 and within four years Jones had her law degree.

Sacrificing financially, moving to a more affordable place and eating on the go, Jones did what she could to follow her dreams. Her kids were very supportive and

found that sometimes it’s okay if you were not a “girl scout cookie mom.”

Her example as a hard working woman devoted to her family, work and following her dreams is something many children will never witness in their own home and in her family it has helped her children to take charge of their desires and dreams.

Many saw this election as one of the most unpredictable, to many the results were very shocking but exciting and to others it was very disappointing.

“I knew my guy wasn’t going to win” she chuckled referring to Gary Johnson. Jones continued to say that she felt Obama won both elections because people like passion and Obama had it, but this election the people were not that inspired.

As a lawyer, Jones says she is not worried due to the split in political power, there is always a battle with congress and supper-time court, so she does not expect

Immediate change because the new president-elect can only do so much.

“I trust in our constitution, I believe in it,” Jones said, “I think some wacky things will probably happen, but the system says that we can correct those wacky things.” People are looking to have change, and would choose that above anything else. Jones continued to say that for those in the field of law, it is going to be an exciting time.

“Immigration needs a complete overhaul,” Jones said, referring to policies being nonsensical. There is much that might happen in the next four years, America will have to wait and see.

Jones also plans to open a non profit law firm focusing on community legal education. Going out and educating regular people on what the law is all about. From traffic stops to child custody, she plans on covering it all and helping them understand their rights and responsibility. Jones

is applying for judicial clerkship with the Michigan Supreme Court.

Jones plans to keep teaching at Washtenaw Community College.

“Although she was a tough grader, she was strong in what she said and was confident in what she did,” Kirstin Cunningham, who had Jones as her teacher for English 226 last winter, said.

Jones may be a tough grader but she is passionate and is also willing to do what it takes to help you succeed in her class, if you only ask.

Looking at where Jones is now it is easy to see that when life gave her lemons, she did a whole lot of cooking and spiced up her life with them along the way to success.

There seems to be nothing able to keep her down. She is a beautiful example of what you can do with your life if you decide to: take a chance, steer your own path, make your own recipe and follow your dreams.

# It’s the thought that counts

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN  
*Editor*

Putting pen to paper, crochet hook to yarn and thought behind purchases, Washtenaw Community College students focus on how their gifts reflect the true meaning of gifting.

Drew Ford, 19,

sketched out a picture for his brother this year and feels the time he spent and the work he did will be appreciated.

“It took me about an hour,” Ford, said. Drawing is what Ford chooses to do in his down time, which, as finals approach is less and less, he mentioned.

Ford has an undecided major at WCC and spends his time on campus gathering general knowledge and life skills.

Jacob Fitz, WCC math and science student, believes that a large price tag could be a diversion from applying effort and

thought.

“Homemade gifts are more important than just expensive gifts,” Fitz said.

Fitz realized that the personal touch of a gift made from the

heart takes skills that purchasing from a list does not.

It takes time and a listening ear to understand what homemade gift may brighten up someone’s holiday. It also takes commitment, Fitz remarked.

“The person has been listening,” Fitz said, “and thinking about you while they were making it.”

While those loved ones who take the time to craft or build a special gift do exist, the homemade gift is sometimes seen as a copout to spending money on someone.

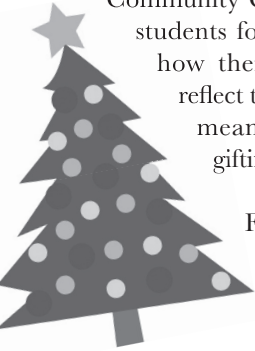
“Some homemade gifts are less meaningful,” Evan Reyna, WCC math major said.

Having less skill than others is a consideration when deciding to make something as a giftable option. Some families see the holidays as a time to get the items that are needed most.

“It can be good to get a well thought out, bought gift,” Reyna

said.

WCC students agreed it is important to keep an objective mind and open heart to what others really want and need the holiday while making or buying gifts.



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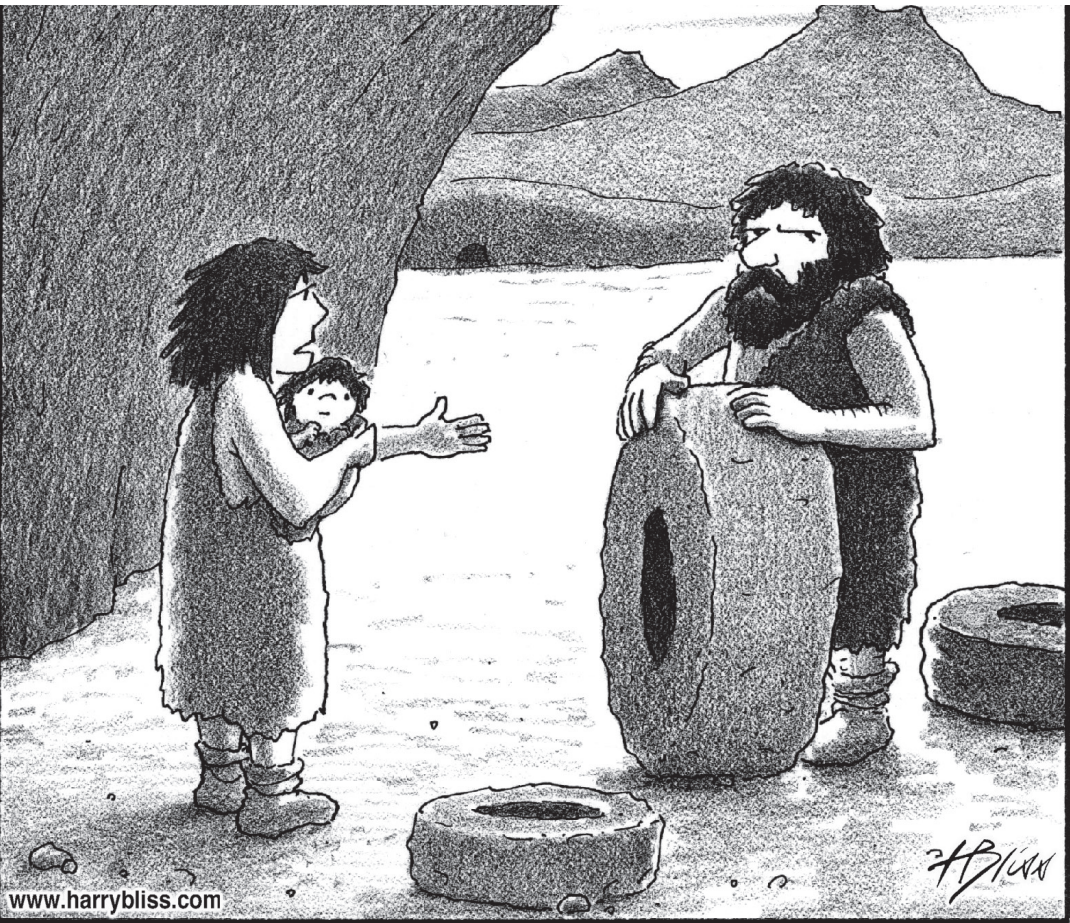
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reation Services in the Recreation Supervisor's absence. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, customer service, office administrative tasks such as management of special events, programs and rentals, POS, treasurer reports membership development, cash handling, purchasing, marketing and internal and external communications and support services for temp employees and volunteers assigned to site. Responsibilities also including managing multiple program service set ups. Responsible for proper maintenance of prospective tenant's applications and documents.

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*117 W. Liberty St., Ann Arbor*  
**Now -Jan. 7**

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*1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor 48105*  
**Now -Jan. 8**

**THIS, TOO, IS IRAN**  
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*Downtown Library: Multi-Purpose Room Exhibit | 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor*  
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**JAZZ NIGHT**  
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Starting at 5:01 p.m. musicians will be performing hosted by 89.1 WEMU.  
*Rush Street | 314 S. Main Street*  
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**GUITAR CLUB FOR ADULTS**  
Learn, teach, listen, and collaborate while playing the guitar.  
*Ypsilanti District Library | 5577 Whittaker Rd, Ypsilanti*  
**Jan. 6, 10-11:30 a.m. | Free.**  
<http://lems.ypsilibrary.org/mastercalendar/>

**COMPARATIVE POLITICS**  
Student discussion on politics and moniker after election.  
*U-M Haven Hall - Room 5664*  
**Jan. 6, 1-2:30 p.m. | Free.**  
<https://events.umich.edu/event/34908>

**SOUL SPEAK WOMEN OF COLOR SUPPORT GROUP**  
Sharing similar struggles and creating a supportive environment.  
*EMU Student Center - Kiva Room*  
**Jan. 5, 2- 3:30 p.m. | Free.**  
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**"OUR VOICES" WRITING WORKSHOP**  
Women-identified students have the opportunity to attend this workshop and turn their piece into a performance at a later date.  
*EMU Halle Library - G07B*  
**Jan. 10, 7- 8 p.m. | Free.**  
<http://www.emich.edu/calendar/>



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Marching for change

Peace March planned for MLK Day

BY ASIA ALLEN-KING  
Contributor

“Students came in upset about the results of the election so we did a project with magazines and construction paper to help them voice their opinions,” said Lynn Settles, art teacher at Ypsilanti High School. Students at Ypsilanti High School have been preparing for a silent march since Nov. 9, the day after the presidential election. These students want to use the power of art to speak to everyone they can reach out to and teach about the history that they have learned and reactions to the election. Students want to express their voices about how they feel without actually using a voice full of shouts and anger. “With the weather being cold; the students have decided that they aren’t going to complain they are just going to dress warm and show up because thinking about what our ancestors had to do, it’s much more than this,” Lynn Settles said. There will be a series of events offered after the march where the students will show off

their art that they have done leading up to the day. On Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 4 p.m. there will be a meet and greet with the elders at Ypsilanti Community High School in the art room 206. On Thursday, Jan. 12, there will be after school sign making from 3:30–6 p.m. to get everyone who’s interested to come to the high school and join the students with making powerful signs. The students will march on Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The march will start at the water tower at 9 a.m. in Ypsilanti and the crowd will travel all the way to the YES gallery, (Ypsilanti Experimental Space) on 8 N. Washington St. behind MIX. MIX is a store located downtown Ypsilanti on Michigan Ave. Frederick Douglass spoke three times there on the third floor. The floor is no longer there, but this year the 150th anniversary one of the speeches falls on MLK Day. Leading the Peace March will be special guest, Rhea McCauley, Rosa Parks’ niece, and following the march there will be the students art show.



Christy Witkowski, Maximilian Harper, Sam Read and Art Director Mark Tucker are trying to put the parts of Fredrick Douglass sculpture on Thomas Soras (middle) to make a demo. A projection of Fredrick Douglass will be projected on the sculpture during the peace march.

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