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## Ongoing contract dispute



Supporters of the Office Professional Technical Association came to the last Board of Trustees meeting held September 19 dressed in orange to show their support for the ongoing contract negotiations.

### Union makes its concerns visible at board of trustees meeting

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE  
Editor

Over the summer, Washtenaw Community College and the Office of Professional Technical Association discussed new contracts, but were unable to come to an agreement.

OPTA union members fill a variety of support roles at the college: student services, financial

services, child care and clerical roles. Crystal Sims, who is the head of the union group, stated there are over 100 members in the union, and members range in length of service to less than a year to over 30 years of experience.

According to WCC's Education Association's official blog, OPTA union members were only offered a 1.1 percent per

hour raise, which is lower than the cost of living inflation from 2016. According to information given by OPTA leaders, wages rank in the lower end compared to most Michigan community colleges. In an emailed statement from the college's marketing and communications department, though, the college claims that the total compensation package for OPTAs "is in the top tier for employee

compensation when compared to employees in similar positions at other area colleges."

Around 40 people came to the board of trustees meeting, on Sept. 19, to support the OPTA. To show their support, attendees wore orange shirts and ribbons. The color orange was chosen because "It's bright,

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## BOARD APPROVES CAMPUS POLICE

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE  
Editor

After months of discussion and public comment, Washtenaw Community College's Board of Trustees brought the issue of campus safety to a vote. At the Sept. 19 meeting, the board voted 5-2 to go forward with creating a campus police force.

WCC is now served by a security department that is not armed or empowered to make arrests. The new police force will do both of these things, and would patrol campus from 7 or 8 in the morning to 11 at night.

Trustees David DeVarti and Ruth Hatcher were the dissenting voices to the vote. DeVarti was especially vocal, taking time during the board's comments to read a statement he had prepared. That statement noted police violence

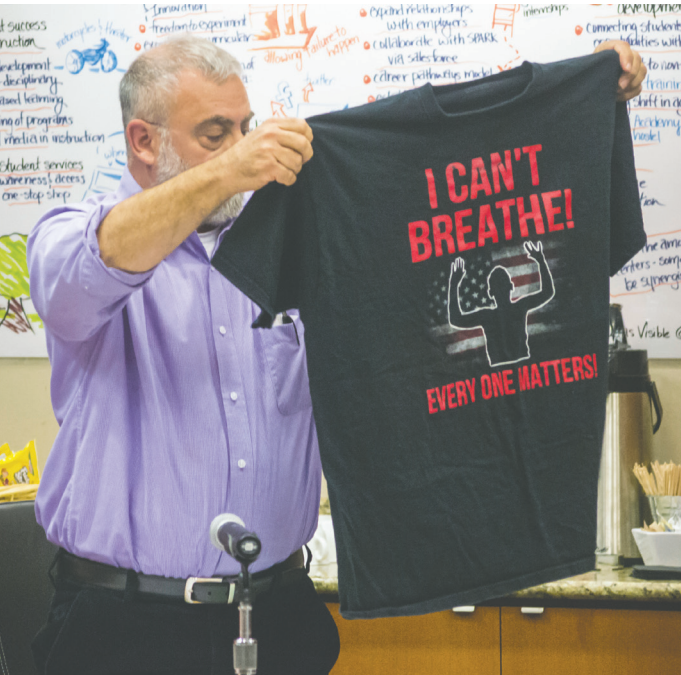
around the nation and a recent suicide-by-cop incident at Georgia Tech.

"WCC does not have on-campus residents, we are not a 24/7 institution, we are not located geographically urban environment infested by crime," DeVarti said. "It remains to be demonstrated to me that there exists any need for police on our campus."

DeVarti ended his statement by pulling out a black tee shirt which read "I Can't Breathe," a reference to Eric Garner and his death at the hands of police officers in New York City in 2014.

The five board members who supported the measure, along with the head of campus safety Scott Hilden, feel the move is necessary. The college right now,

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Board member David DeVarti holds up a T-shirt that says "I can't Breathe" and "Every one matters" after speaking out against putting police on campus. DeVarti wore the shirt for the rest of the meeting.

## Meet the new librarian

BY RODOLFO MIRELES  
Contributor

"Hi! Actually, let's not do this in here. The conference room has more space," said Joyce Hommel, Executive Director of the Learning Resources Division. It's a Thursday morning at the facility which opens its doors at 7:30 a.m. every weekday in the fall and the new standard bearer for the Bailey Library and Computer Commons is pointing to the sizable assortment of papers, folders, and other office fodder that somehow looks completely organized and tame. Hommel took the reins for the division this August after a career that has taken her from the University of Minnesota Library System in the heart of the Midwest all the way to the Empire State where she was an instructor at Syracuse University's I-School where she taught library management, technology management and grant writing.

As technology moves forward, many questions have begun to arise on the sustainability of brick and mortar library technology. However, according to Hommel, these worries are unfounded. When asked about the challenges of facing new technology, her face lit up—a response that as a millennial who embraces technology—albeit a little too much sometimes—was shocking.

"Today, there are increased avenues of discovering information,

but what we find in the publishing world is that people are still buying books. And they're not only buying a few—they're buying more books than they ever have!" said Hommel with a look that can only rival that of a proud parent watching their child score their first goal on the soccer field.

She's right about those numbers. New data released by the Association of American Publishers show that e-book sales declined 18.7 percent over the first nine months of 2016. Paperback sales rose 7.5 percent over the same period with hardback sales growing 4.1 percent. Younger generations are also on the paper train. A 2013 survey by the youth research agency Voxburner found that 62 percent of 16 to 24-year-olds preferred print to e-books.

Hommel is prepared to take on the task to ensure the perfect synergy for the younger students as well as the non-traditional students typical of a community college. "I really look at trying to find the perfect balance between that brick-and-mortar and virtual library presence. The students need 24-hour access. They not only need resources but they need access to librarians that can help them understand the information as well."

Publishing technology won't be regressing anytime soon. As old media shacks turn into multimedia powerhouses and publishers turn to new smart apps to drive

sales, Hommel knows that her job is not pushing one platform or another, but figuring out the right mix to ensure a quality result for the probing mind. "In my mind, and what you are seeing in the broader world of information, is not that one is obsolete and the other is the only way to go; it's that there is now a much wider variety for those outputs. It's our job to seat each one of those connection points so that the curiosity can be fed whenever it needs to be fed."

While the job can seem daunting, Hommel is in tune with the most important part of the job—the students. Reminiscent of the army general who is on one knee next to the private, taking directions from a sergeant, the student is where the rubber meets the road for Hommel.

"By far my favorite part is walking out and seeing students, talking to students, and just kind of observing how they're going about the learning process," said Hommel. "Like a faculty member, I'm always excited to see that light bulb moment. Learning takes time and sometimes you struggle with something for a while and then all of a sudden it gels in your brain. I get to see that here a lot. To me, that's rewarding."

For more information on the Bailey Library and Computer Commons visit <http://www.wccnet.edu/resources/library/welcome/>.



Joyce Hommel, a new librarian for WCC, stands for a picture in the Richard Bailey library.





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# GET2WCC

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The first annual Get2WCC encouraged students, faculty and staff to commute to campus by bus, bike, walking or carpooling. The WCC Sustainability Committee hosted the event on Sept. 18-21 with the help of the Student Activities Office. Each day, a particular commute method was focused on.

On Monday, Sept. 18, the Ann Arbor Transit Authority was on campus to help students, faculty and staff with planning bus routes. On Tuesday, Common Cycles offered free bike tune-ups, a fix-a-flat-tire workshop in front of the Student Center building and a group ride exploring Ann Arbor’s Border-to-Border trail. Wednesday’s focus was on carpool rides and on Thursday there was information for walkers. Snacks and prizes were provided each day for those who participated in the events. Some

students also signed a “Dump the Pump” pledge to use alternative commuting methods at least once a week.

Manager of New Student Programming, Julie Catanzarite, and Professor, Ingrid Ankerson, both members of the Sustainability Committee, organized this event.

“We are trying to promote green ways of getting to campus for students, faculty and staff,” Ankerson said. She also mentioned that in addition to green transportation, “it’s about a happy and healthy commute.” They plan to host Get2WCC annually.

Vardan Sargsyan, a sophomore at WCC, lives in Pittsfield Township and rides his bike to campus. He said he likes to bike to campus because it’s a workout with a specific goal.

“Riding my bike is only five to ten minutes slower than driving to campus,” Sargsyan said. “There are bike paths everywhere.”

He also noted that the main

reason he doesn’t ride his bike to campus every day is that he has to carry heavy textbooks. Sargsyan appreciated the fact that the Sustainability Committee is hosting the Get2WCC event. When asked about how WCC can encourage students to ride their bike more often, Sargsyan suggested having lockers on campus, so students don’t have to carry their books back and forth every day. Devon Burwell, also a sophomore at WCC, bikes to campus about three times a week.

“Riding my bike to campus is more enjoyable but less convenient than driving,” Burwell said. “From my house, it takes 50 minutes by bus, but 25 minutes by bike.” Asked what he would like to see added to campus, Burwell mentioned more covered parking.

Students interested in getting involved with the sustainability initiatives on campus can join the Students for Sustainability Club, which meets Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in LA159.



Bike racks are located at almost every entrance to the buildings on campus. There are also bus stops located at convenient places around campus.

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## Police

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without the force, is feared to be considered a soft target for crime. WCC is also the only college in the county without it’s own campus police force, including other nearby community colleges like Macomb and

Schoolcraft.

Before the discussion of gaining its own police force, the school set aside \$330,000 in its budget to contract officers from the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department. They now hope to use this money to hire their own officers.

Of the people who came to make public remarks before the vote, not all were in favor of the

college gaining a police force. One dissenter asked to suspend the vote until after the Nov. 7 elections.

Rose Bellanca’s office sent out an email addressing the vote and the upcoming changes on Sept. 22. In the email, it was stated that the board has also directed the college to establish a public safety advisory committee and a campus-wide public safety

committee. The email went on to state that “these committees will provide student, faculty and staff input on public safety and security policies and procedures so that the public safety department may best serve the needs of the college community.”

Before any campus police can be hired, WCC will have to work with the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

## OPTA

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noticeable,” said Sims. Faculty members have also been wearing orange ribbons outside of the meeting.

Many in the room were upset at the beginning of the meeting, when board chair Diana McKnight-Morton immediately called for the closed door bargaining section of the meeting to be moved before the public comment.

Trustee David DeVarti called for public comment to be held first, “out of respect for those in attendance,” and was the only vocal opposition when it was put to a vote.

In a statement from the college, associate vice president of marketing and communications Brendan Prebo told the Voice in an emailed

statement that the college and the OPTA have been working on a new contract while honoring the terms and conditions of their previous contract. In June, the two sides reached a tentative agreement on a new contract, however this agreement was rejected by the OPTA membership, according to Prebo.

David Fitzpatrick, the faculty president at WCC, spoke at the meeting after the closed door session. He said he had come to speak on behalf of the OPTA, since he is not involved in the negotiations and can talk publically about them.

“When I spoke at the last meeting I was given both private and public assurance that we would try to settle this quickly, and that you wanted to give the OPTs an admittedly unspecified payoff. At the next day’s bargaining, they encountered a changed negotiation team

without notice, and with it a very different negotiating environment. They felt ambushed.”

Anne Garcia, who teaches behavioral science at the college, also spoke up in defense of the OPTA in the public comment.

“When I was first hired into my first or second full time job, in 1977, I was given \$10 an hour. In 1977, my rent was about \$50 a month if I shared an apartment, and it was \$200 if I had my own apartment. I can promise you in 1977, \$10 was enough to live on. But I’m here to tell you, it’s not 1977 anymore, I’m almost certain it’s not. And I’m here to tell you you’re not paying the OTPs enough money. And if you’ve forgotten what it’s like, I urge you to spend six months on the salary being offered to them and to see what your quality of life is like.”

Prebo’s statement said that the

school is eager to come to an agreement with the Office Professional Technical Association on a new contract. “We support the OPTA and the critical work they do to help ensure the smooth operation of the college to the benefit of our students,” he stated in an email.

For now, these workers are still at the college, under a contract extension that does not guarantee any improvement in pay or benefits. Negotiations are as of now continuing, and the OPTA has filed a fact finding motion. Those involved with the negotiations cannot comment on them, due to guidelines in the bargaining process.

“It’s time to put this to an end. It’s time to pay them a living wage. We have OPTs with college degrees who are making \$33,000 a year. This is unconscionable,” said Fitzpatrick.

## SECURITY NOTES

The following incidents were reported to campus security between Sept. 11 - 22, 2017.

Sept. 11

An incident of cyber bullying was reported, which happened on Sept. 10 between 7:58pm-11:17pm.

Sept. 12, Larceny/theft

A student left his backpack in the culinary arts area. Later on when he went back, his backpack wasn’t there. His backpack contained school supplies and books.

Sept 12, vandalism

Graffiti in the men’s restroom on the third floor of the GM building. The graffiti appeared old.

## SAFETY TIPS

In a recent safety email, Scott Hilden stressed this simple idea: If you see something, say something! Suspicious activity is any observed behavior that could indicate terrorism or terrorism-related crime. This includes unusual items and situations, and out of the ordinary surveillance and information soliciting.

HOW TO INTERVENE WHEN YOU WITNESS A HATE CRIME

If it’s safe to do so a bystander, which is someone who is close by and witnesses a crime, may desire to intervene in a hate crime in order to distract the perpetrator and minimize the damage. The anti-harassment group Hollaback lays out the four Ds of bystander intervention: direct, distract, delegate and delay.

Direct is approaching the perpetrator and directly telling them to stop.

Distract involves approaching the victim, not the perpetrator, and asking the victim a question unrelated to the attack. You could ask them for directions, or mention you recognize them from a class. Most likely they will understand your intent and the perpetrator will stop.

Delegate involves asking an authority figure for help like a bus driver, teacher or police officer.

Delay involves following up with the victim afterward to ask if they are OK and if they need anything.

## IN BRIEF

### HIRE ATTIRE FASHION SHOW

Come learn how to dress for job interviews in a fun format. Career Services is putting on a fashion show. Students will model clothing supplied by the event’s sponsors, Dress for Success and JCPenny. The fashion show will take place in the Community Room on the first floor of the Student Center, from 12-1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

### TRANSFER DAY

More than 40 representatives from different universities and university programs from around the state will be in attendance at the transfer fair to answer students’ questions on transferring and to give more information about their institutions. The transfer fair will take place on Oct. 4 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the second floor of the student center. For a full list of institutions that will be in attendance go to [www.wccnet.edu/calendar](http://www.wccnet.edu/calendar) and click on the event on Oct. 4.

### BAKESALE FUNDRAISER

Need a snack break from studying? Stop by the Bake Sale to aid Hurricane Harvey Victims hosted by the pre-law club on Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 1-4 p.m. on the first floor of the Student Center next to the B&N student bookstore. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

### FIRST FRIDAYS YPSILANTI, WCC FACULTY MEMBER FEATURED

The work of Don Werthmann, digital media arts professional faculty member at WCC, will be on display during First Friday Ypsilanti on Oct. 6 from 6-10 p.m. at Pearl Street Studios at 108 Pearl St. in Ypsilanti. The work, titled “The Quatrain Project” takes a literary concept and applies it to photography to show a series of four photos in the way a quatrain is a series of four line stanzas. First Friday Ypsilanti is a monthly free art and culture walk that showcases local talent and invites the community to discover downtown and have fun.

### THERAPAWS IN BAILEY LIBRARY, COMPUTER COMMONS

The dogs of Therapaws Michigan will be at the Bailey Library on the second Monday of each month from 12-2 p.m. to greet members of the campus community and afford them some stress relief from their busy schedules. Stop by to pet the dogs and forget about life for a while. The dogs next visit will be Monday, Oct. 9.



FIDGET SPINNERS

BY REBECCA GORDON  
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POINT



Interacting with someone who is diagnosed with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder may include lots of movement on their part. Their eyes may roam around the room while speaking. Their hands could pick up a pencil, and immediately set it down again. They could adjust themselves in their seat, shift this way or that way. Quite simply, they fidget. By this point, fidget spinners are prolific. They are especially popular with the preteen crowd. Amazon's current best selling fidget spinner asks "Want to put stress, anxiety, ADD or ADHD at bay so you have a better day ahead? Get this long spinning and stylish spinner."

Studies of whether fidget spinners are beneficial to those with ADD or ADHD have not been conducted, but there are those in favor of the device.

"Kids with PTSD, kids with anxiety, there are kids with a lot of different disorders that could benefit from the spinner," said Washtenaw Community College psychology and behavior

modification instructor Julie Pomerville-Steiner.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that around 6.4 million children in America between the ages of 4 and 17 have been diagnosed with ADHD. The number keeps increasing, a result some experts say is due to increased awareness and acceptance of the disorder. Fidget spinners could be a valuable tool for those who struggle to cope with ADHD, according to Pomerville-Steiner.

"I've been surprised I haven't had more students using them. I like them," said Pomerville-Steiner. "I think it is a very unobtrusive way to fidget. And there are a lot of people who need to fidget to focus."

While scientific evidence supporting the benefits of fidget spinners specifically has not been conclusive, studies on the benefits of fidgeting for those with ADHD have been. The New York Times reported that a study published in Child Neuropsychology determined that kids with ADHD who

fidget are able to concentrate better than those who don't. Results of that study suggested to the researchers that hyperactivity is a method for "cognitive self-regulation" by the body to assist in focusing.

"I'm huge on if something works for you, why not?" said Pomerville-Steiner. "If there's any extra thing, because if one tenth of people with ADD could get rid of meds and just use the spinner, wouldn't it be great?"

Some schools have expressed concerns over fidget spinners. The devices are considered a distraction to students and disruption to classes, and some administrators have even banned the device from their schools. But do the correctable negatives outweigh the potential positives?

"Kids who don't need them but would do it just to irritate somebody, or who would do it out of comedy, they would tire of it. I mean they're not that interesting. They're boring. But if you have ADD, they're not boring, they're calming," said Pomerville-Steiner.

BY CAROL ABBEY-MENSAH  
Contributor

COUNTERPOINT



2017 has definitely seen many fascinating toys like the Pokemon Interactive set game, the Anki Cosmo Robot and many others. While most of these toys are more popular with kids, there's one toy which is on the lips of both adults and kids: fidget spinners.

They are just objects with three sides and a middle button. All they do is spin, but somehow, kids and even adults are obsessed with them. Almost every online site markets the toy as a tool which helps kids with ADHD and ADD. Other sites also market the toy as a tool which helps with difficulties associated with autism, but many experts have come out to say that there's no study to support the claims.

"Using a spinner-like gadget is more likely to serve as a distraction than a benefit for individuals with ADHD," Mark Rapport, a clinical Psychologist at the University of Central Florida told

Livescience.

Kristy Norris, a Child Psychologist, who teaches Behavior Modification at the Washtenaw Community College, also had this to say about the claims.

"I don't think there's any science to support this claim, at least none that I've heard of. I'll urge parents not to rely on these toys because they aren't going to solve the problem. Rather, kids suffering from ADHD should try to learn internal coping strategies."

Apart from the fact that these toys are not what they are advertised to be, they can be very distracting. Many schools across the country and the U.K. have banned fidget spinners because they distract their owners and other kids in the class, as well.

Due to the distracting nature of the toy, Norris allows her son, who has more than one fidget spinner, to use it only at home.

"I don't allow my kid to

take it to school because I know how distracting it can get," said Norris.

Being distractive is one thing, but things get more serious when the toy also becomes destructive.

A 10-year-old girl in Texas swallowed one of the ball bearings which got stuck in her throat.

Another dangerous incident occurred when a 3-year-old boy in Detroit who was taken to the Emergency Department after swallowing one of the ball bearing units.

In fact, the toy is causing so much harm that the World Against Toys Causing Harm, a consumer watchdog group, has named fidget spinners one of the ten most harmful and potentially lethal toys due to choking hazards.

Of course the toys provide entertainment which makes people happy, but when an object does the opposite of what it is advertised to do, that is cause for alarm.

VOICE BOX

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"I personally don't think there's a need. There'll be an upgrade on just a few things. How much do you really need? I still have an iPhone SE and really the only thing I'd want is a bigger screen."

**Christopher Smith**  
22, photographic technology



"I think it's kind of pointless. Like I guess waiting until the price goes down is best, but I know the iPhone 8 came out. But personally I would just wait it out until my phone actually breaks, just upgrade it."

**Violet Webster**  
19, secondary education



"Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Because it's pretty much the company trying to make you spend more money. I was happy with iPhone 4, if you're gonna go like iPhone version, and I kind of wish I still had my iPhone 4. They just make it more complicated. I don't know, I think it's pretty ridiculous."

**Brooke Baughman**  
19, photographic technology



"Pointless. I have a four year old phone."

**Andrea Lattimore**  
38, accounting



"I don't care to. If the one I have right now works, why replace it?"

**Gavin Simon**  
17, welding



"With iPhones I think it's stupid, not much really changes. Androids, you should really wait a year to see if it's safe, after what happened with the Note 7."

**Makenzie Smith**  
18, criminal justice



"Well I just looked at the iPhone X. My funds are low but I'd personally really like to get it really soon."

**K'len Preyer**  
20, computer science



"It's pretty stupid, it's just a waste of money. You don't really get anything new out of it if you upgrade right away."

**Micky Fifelski**  
17, culinary arts



"It's a waste, to be honest. The differences between generations aren't major. You should wait until the next-next generation, to get a real upgrade."

**Daniel Stone**  
18, business

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# Washtenaw Whispers



"I wanna do a naked-run in the History of Photography class 'coz sth is screaming out :)"

"One time I borrowed a girl's dress, accidentally peed while wearing it from laughing really hard, and gave it back to her. I will never forgive myself for it."

"I've barely done any homework and I'm ashamed of myself :("

"As a kid I used to hide my parent's cigarette packs because I hated that they smoked. We have back woods I used to try and bury them back there."

"Working for Environmental Michigan/PIRGIM sucks - you just beg for money all day. :P"

"I have PTSD, and it terrifies me when my teachers stand behind me. I feel bad, because I know they don't mean any harm, and I don't know how to bring it up without hurting their feelings."

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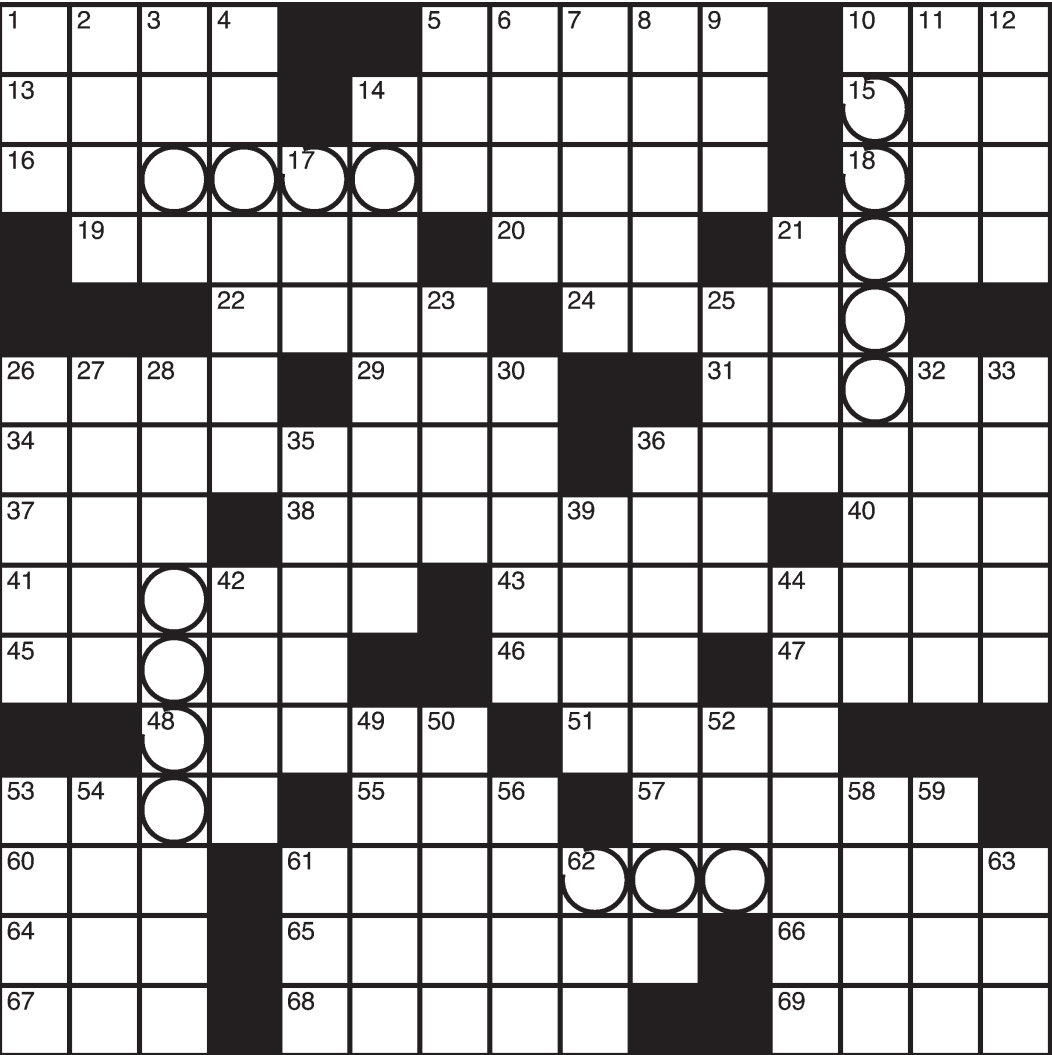
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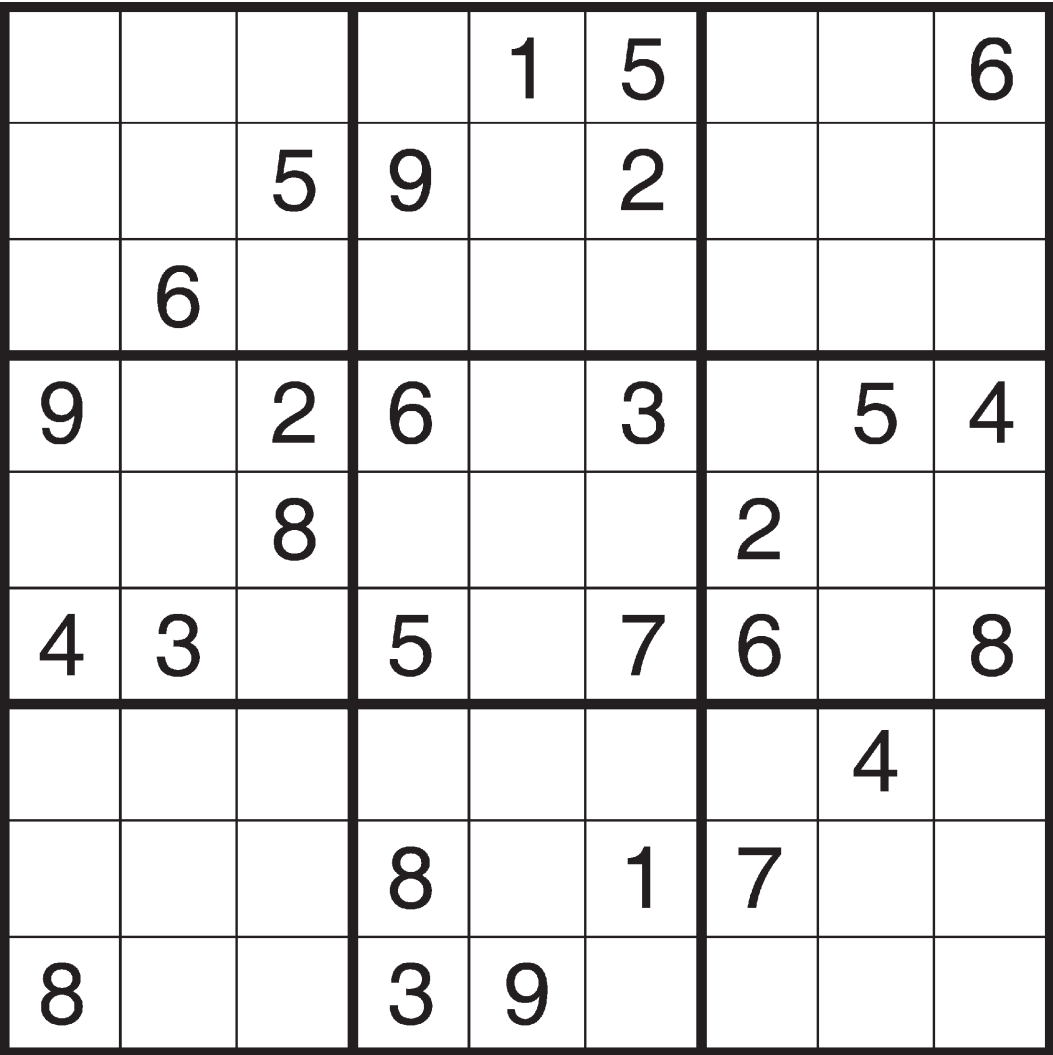
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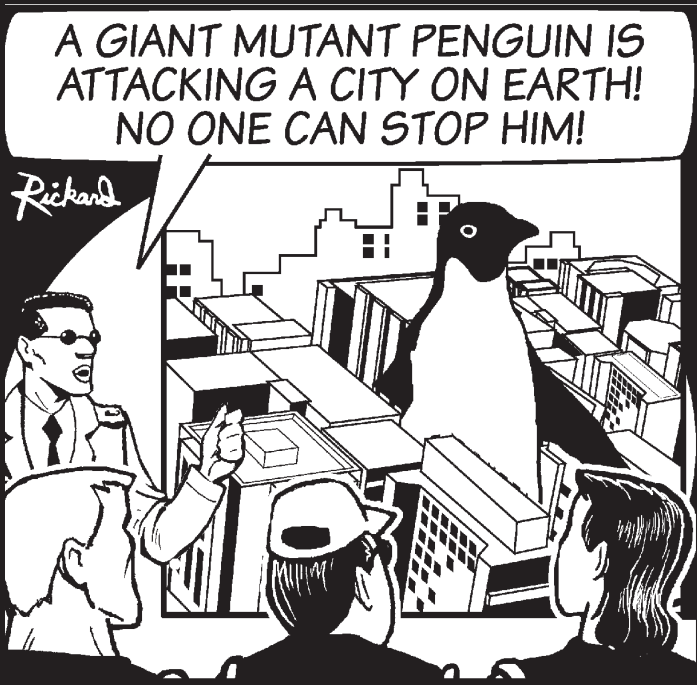
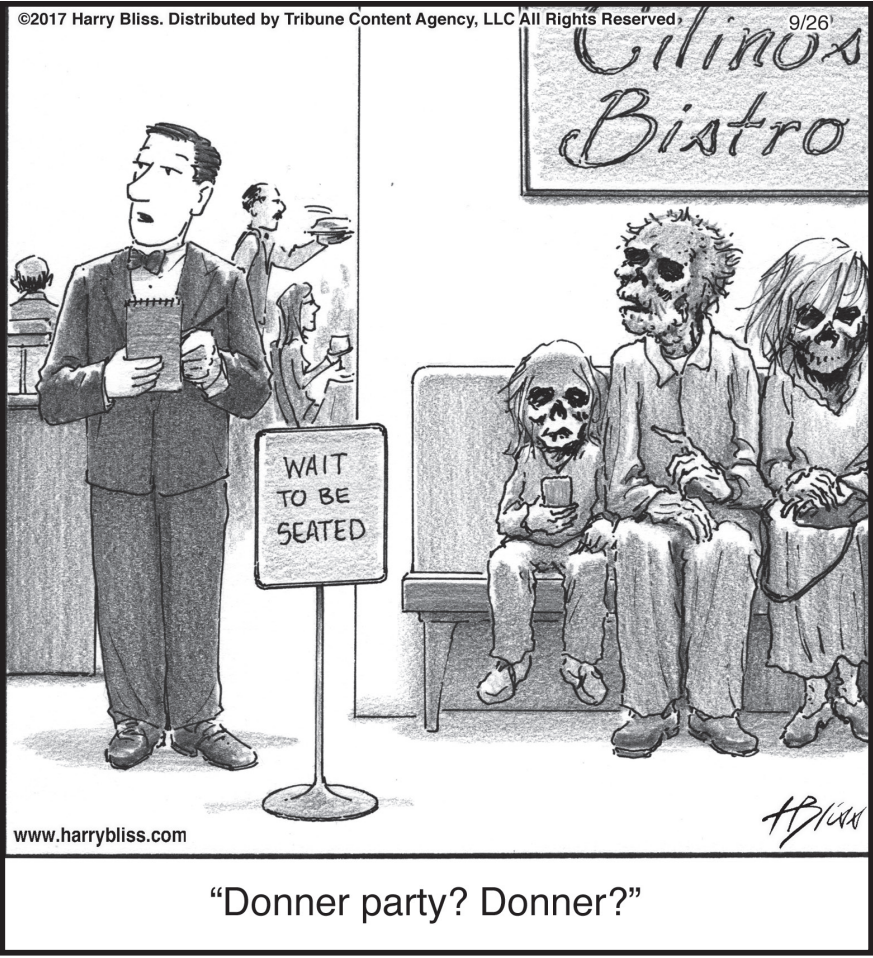
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- 67 "Viva \_\_\_ Vegas"
- 68 All wound up
- 69 Thick cut of meat

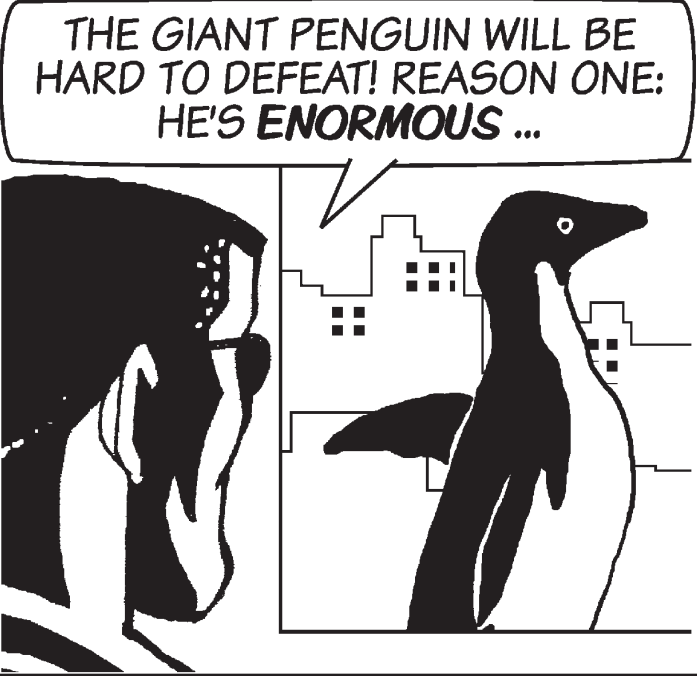
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- 1 Sports inst. in Cooperstown
- 2 Akron's state
- 3 Family boys
- 4 "Don't sweat it"
- 5 Omelet cooker
- 6 The "I" in MIT: Abbr.
- 7 Novelist C.S. \_\_\_
- 8 Concert venue
- 9 In the distance
- 10 Quaint light during a power outage
- 11 Diva's solo

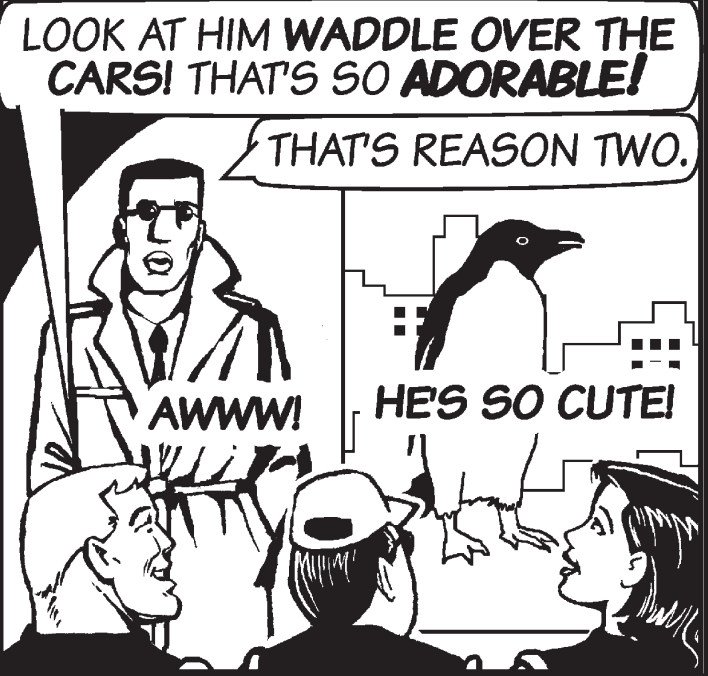
- 12 Courteous fellow
- 14 Repeated mindlessly
- 17 Flower wreath
- 21 Muslim denomination
- 23 "\_\_\_ la Douce"
- 25 Bird on birth announcements
- 26 González in 2000 headlines
- 27 Second longest African river
- 28 Secure places for guests' valuables
- 30 Belgrade natives
- 32 Actress Sevigny
- 33 Weather numbers, briefly
- 35 Psychologist Alfred
- 36 Hostile place ... and where to find  
the circled animals in this puzzle
- 39 Salad go-with
- 42 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 44 Museum guides
- 49 Unavailable at the moment
- 50 Evita's married name
- 52 Fair-hiring abbr.
- 53 Stuff for Frosty's eyes
- 54 Greek "I"
- 56 "Almost Christmas" actor Omar
- 58 Rotary phone part
- 59 Coke or ginger ale
- 61 \_\_\_ up with: tolerate
- 62 Director Spike
- 63 Arrest



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# WASHTENAW VOICE

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

Looking for help? As a service to our students, you may place "help wanted" ads in The Voice for free.

Student and WCC employees  
Classified ads in *The Voice* are free.

- Send ads to [wcc.voice.advertising@gmail.com](mailto:wcc.voice.advertising@gmail.com)
- The deadline is 5 p.m. the tuesday before publication

### Career Services

ML 104 • (734) 677-5155 • [careers@wccnet.edu](mailto:careers@wccnet.edu)

Below is a sample of recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Career Services. Students are invited to read these ads and to contact Career Services to find out how to apply for the openings. More information about these positions can be accessed at WCC's Career Connection website ( [www.wccnet.edu/careerconnection](http://www.wccnet.edu/careerconnection) ) and are for students and alumni of WCC only.

### CNA

Certified Nursing Assistant. Customer Service, Assisting with Daily Living (ADLs) - including cooking, cleaning, bathing, toileting, grooming, transporting, medication reminders, using hooyer lifts, gait belts, working with dementia and Alzheimers patients, TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury), paraplegic, quadriplegic and paralysis.

### Mail Order Seasonal Warehouse Crew.

Fulfill orders for shipping - tasks include building gift boxes & baskets, packing boxes, and some food preparation. Follow all written and verbal job instructions. Maintain expected pace. Deliver amazing service to our fellow staff. Scan orders and navigate computer screens to check orders and obtain assembly instructions. Be a productive member of our fun, fast-paced energetic team.

### Part Time Teller

Genisys Credit Union. Running a teller window, handling cash, checks, transfer transactions, withdrawals, deposits, etc. servicing member's personal financial needs as they relate to payment systems activities, and opening and closing savings accounts and promoting the sale of credit union products and services.

### Patient Attendant at Michigan Medicine

We have immediate opportunities at Michigan Medicine working as a patient attendant. We're seeking candidates with either full-time or part-time availability. All shifts (days, evenings, and nights) are available during the week, on weekends, and on holidays.

### Guest Services Representative

Briarwood Mall is seeking a part-time Guest Services Representative responsible for product sales, responding to Guest Service inquiries, providing exceptional level of service, and supporting mall promotions and marketing events. Sales experience is recommended. Requirements: Effective communication skills, computer literate, general mathematical skills, ability to multi-task and work a flexible schedule (including weekdays, evenings, weekends, and holiday), must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and must be age 18 or older.

### After School Child Care Positions

Dexter Community Education is looking for people to work in our after school child care programming. Working with students grades K-6. Shifts are 3:00-6:00.

### Assistant Teacher

Go Like the Wind Montessori School is seeking an Assistant Teacher for our Toddler room working with children 18 months through 36 months. The ideal candidate will have experience working with children, be a team player, knowledgeable of the Montessori philosophy, understanding of basic child development, have classroom management skills, strong communication skills, be patient, calm, and flexible. Some responsibilities include: caring for toddlers basic needs, cleaning and sanitizing the classroom and materials, and communication with parents about child's day.

### Manager, and Assistant Manager

### positions

Are you an energetic, enthusiastic superstar, looking to grow with a great company? We are looking for upbeat self-motivated people who are exceptionally comfortable with the public. Multi-tasking is important and a great attitude a must. We need optimistic ambitious people to work with one of the fastest growing franchises around, Biggby Coffee!!

### CNC Programmer/ Machine Operator

Automotive Seat tooling Manufacturer looking to expand CNC operators to include personnel that are able to apply software (Surfcam, Catia and Solidworks) to expand customer supplied files to develop Models, Patterns and Cut tools utilizing hi-density foam and Aluminum Billet. Personnel may be required to manufacturer check fixtures. Facility utilizes 3 and 5 axis mills with either Promac, Fadal or Hass control panels. Operators must be able to also assist with machine operations including the prepping and overseeing of

the CNC cutting and milling.

### Jimmy John's - Delivery Drivers & Sandwich Makers

Jimmy John's is looking for the next rockstars to join our stellar team at the Washtenaw location! All JJ employees must have a killer work ethic and offer fanatical customer service. We offer flexible schedules and an upbeat, fun working environment! Delivery drivers must possess a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and have a clean driving record. Drivers can earn up to \$20/hour by freaking out our customers with fast service!

### IT Intern

Must be available for a full-time weekday schedule. Setup and prepare new computers, laptops and printers. Learn about the different tools and methodologies. Provide support to team diagnosing hardware and software issues and troubleshooting activities. Paid position. \$10/hr - \$12/hr



# IN TRANSIT

The photography exhibition, In Transit, which comprises work by former and current WCC students made one of its four stops at the Ann Arbor Art Center on Friday, Sept. 15. Some photographs featured in the show were originally class assignments produced in courses taught by faculty members who were curators for the exhibition. Four WCC faculty members curated a show within In Transit that related to courses they teach at WCC.



The Ann Arbor Art Center where the "In Transit" gallery opening was held.



Plenty of people showed up for the opening night.



People checking out the composite based photography curated by WCC photography teacher Morgan Barrie.



In front "Flower of Life" by Misty Lyn Bergeron, which won best composite award.



From left to right, WCC photography teachers Terry Abrams, Jennifer Baker and Don Werthmann who curated the exhibit.



Michael Fried and his black and white picture "Need a Lift."



Photography on display taken in the Environmental Portraits class offered at WCC.



Jeraldine Thomas and her piece "I'm Detroit."



Robert Roming-Fox and his piece "'M'Lights."



Hope Pickens and her composite picture "Piece by Piece."



events

ARTMUSIC & FUNCAMPUS

PENNY STAMPS SPEAKER SERIES: KEIJI ASHIZAWA

This speaker has designer furniture, architectural space, lighting, and more.

The Michigan Theater | 603 E Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Thursday, Sept. 28, 5:10-6:30 p.m. | Free

MARK WEBSTER READING SERIES

This series is for new writers in a calm setting, bring your friends.

University of Michigan Museum of Art | 525 S State St., Ann Arbor

Friday, Sept. 29, 7-8 p.m. | Free

FAMILY ART STUDIO: LED / 3D

Registration is required. Create your own project!

University of Michigan Museum of Art | 525 S State St., Ann Arbor

Saturday, Sept. 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Free



PHOTO COURTESY | PENNY STAMPS

PITCH CLUB

This club allows entrepreneurs to learn from experienced entrepreneurs and investors.

SPARK | 330 E Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 5 p.m. | Free

HOCUS POCUS SHOWING

Come and watch the movie Hocus Pocus to start off October with a bang!

The Michigan Theater | 603 E Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Sunday, Oct. 1, 3-4:45 p.m. | \$8 for students

FIRST FRIDAYS YPSILANTI COSTUME PARTY

It's pretty simple put on a costume and have fun!

Tap House | 201 West Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti

Friday, Oct. 6, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. | Free



PEXELS

FREE COFFEE WEDNESDAYS

Free coffee Wednesdays are back! Every Wednesday until the end of the semester.

WCC main campus | Entrepreneurship Center

Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Free

WCC TRANSFER FAIR

WCC Transfer Fair! Check it out if you are thinking about transferring.

Student Center | 2nd floor

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Free

STARTUP BUSINESS RESEARCH HELP

The Entrepreneurship Center is here to help you start up your new business.

Main campus | Entrepreneurship Center

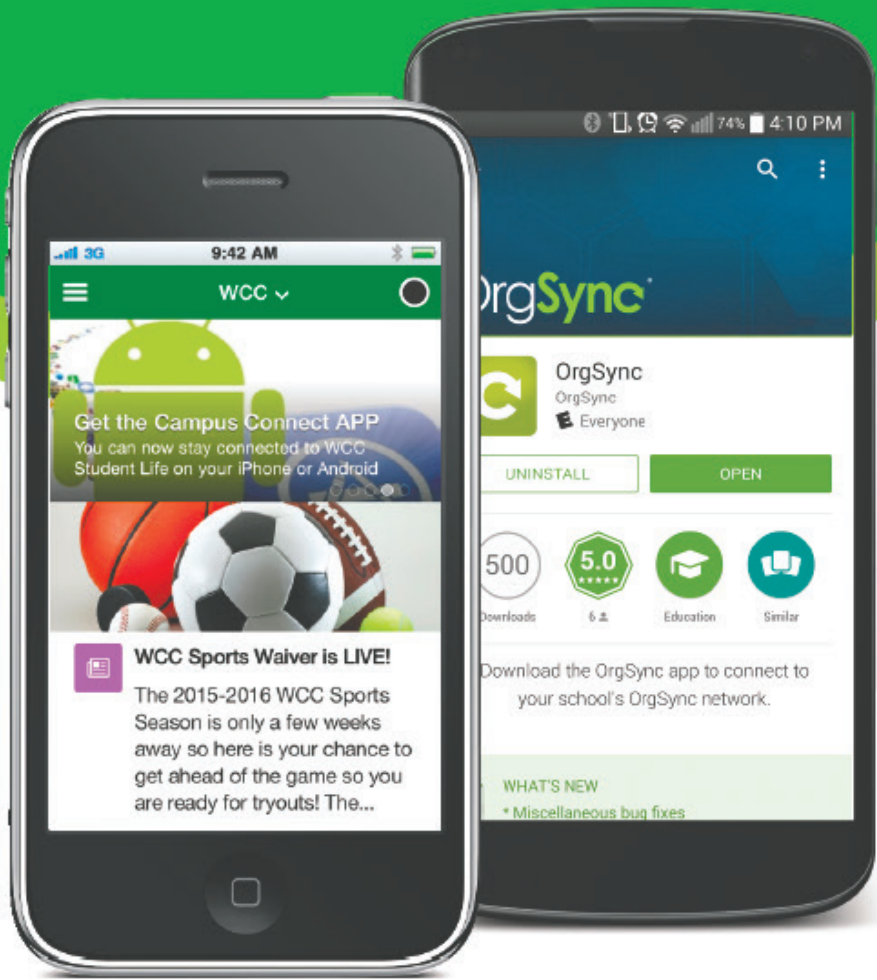
Thursday, Oct. 5, 1-2:30 p.m. | Free



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CAMPUS CONNECT

WCC Student Life Available on iPhone and Android



Campus Connect provides opportunities for students and staff to get involved:

- Join a club or sport
- Keep up with student activities – both on and off campus
- Easily communicate with club members and meet new friends
- Organize and manage student life from your mobile device

To log on, use your WCC NetID and Password.

Download app at: <http://www.orgsync.com/features/mobile>

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PC AND MAC DESKTOPS.

SIGN-IN TODAY: Visit SC 112 or <http://campusconnect.wccnet.edu>



EXTRA

# Fall Preview

Apples, pumpkins and mazes, oh my! The leaves are beginning to change and fall off the trees, blanketing the land with warm and vibrant colors. The deciduous trees are preparing for their dormant phase, and people are preparing for the cold months ahead. But before our winter coats make a resurgence in our wardrobes and the days get dark by dinner time, there is much to enjoy about fall in Washtenaw County. The cider is being brewed and bottled, and everyone is looking for a little autumn fun. Inside, the Voice is sharing information on the best, local and fun fall activities. Cider mills, apple orchards and pumpkin patches are open for all sorts of fall goodies and gatherings. Take advantage of the fall fruits that are in season in Michigan and eat from a local apple orchard, enjoying the season while supporting local agriculture. There's also information on all sorts of spooky halloween frights, like scary movie nights at nearby theaters that will be sure to leave you creeping and crawling with style into the halloween holiday. The Voice will feature haunted houses, forest walks and corn field mazes, all to bring scares and delight this October. As William Cullent Bryant put it, autumn is "The year's last, loveliest smile," and that smile should be enjoyed before these last leaves fall.



# APPLES, PUMPKINS AND MORE

## DEBUCKS CORN MAZE AND PUMPKIN PATCH

50240 Martz Road, Belleville | Open through Oct. 29

**Hours:**

Friday, 3–8 p.m. | Saturday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. | Sunday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

*Admission is \$13, parking is free*

*Debucks features over 15 acres of corn mazes, farm homemade doughnuts and pulled pork, and plenty of family friendly activities like duck races and a barrel train ride.*

<http://www.debuckscornmaze.com/index.php>

## ALBER ORCHARD AND CIDER MILL

13011 Bethel Church Road, Manchester | Open through Nov. 7

**Hours:**

Tuesday–Friday, Noon–6 p.m. | Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m. | Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

*No admission charge, but some activities have fees*

*Family owned and operated, Alber Orchard’s history goes back to the 1800s. This orchard focuses on that history, maintaining many strains of heirloom apples and preserving historical buildings on its property*

[http://www.alberorchaRoadcom/alber\\_orchard\\_about\\_us.htm](http://www.alberorchaRoadcom/alber_orchard_about_us.htm)

## PLYMOUTH ORCHARDS AND CIDER MILL

10260 Warren Road, Plymouth | Open through Nov. 5

**Hours:**

Monday–Sunday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

*No admission charge, but some activities have fees*

*Home to a farm-zoo and cider mill, Plymouth Orchard also hosts family photography and live music. Plymouth Orchards also supplies cider, doughnuts and pie to the nearby Red Shed Market.*

<http://www.plymouthorchards.com/>

## WIARDS CIDER MILL AND APPLE ORCHARD

5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti | Country Fair Sept. 29–Oct. 27

**Hours:**

Country Fair Wednesday–Sunday 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.

*Admission charges: Wednesday–Friday \$13.75, Saturday–Sunday \$17.75*

*Not just a place for u-pick apples and pumpkins, Wiards also hosts a county fair full of ‘agri-tainment’, mini-golf and wagon rides.*

<http://wiards.com/>

## DEXTER CIDER MILL

3685 Central St, Dexter | Open through November

**Hours:**

Wednesday–Sunday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

*No admission or parking fees*

*New this year, the Dexter Cider Mill now has hard cider! The Mill also puts out the award-winning “Dexter Cider Mill Apple Cookbook”.*

<http://www.dextercidermill.com/>

## LESSER FARMS AND ORCHARD

12651 Island Lake Road, Dexter | Open through October

**Hours:**

Wednesday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. | Sunday, 1–6 p.m.

*No admission or parking fees*

*Lesser Farms and Orchards is a family operated farm that has apples, cider and pumpkins, though not as u-picks.*

<https://www.facebook.com/Lesser-Farms-and-Orchard-1408694636014154/>

## OBSTBAUM ORCHARDS

9252 Curie Road, Northville | Open through October

**Hours:**

Saturday – Sunday 10 a.m. –6 p.m.

*No admission or parking fees*

*Having been around for 40 years, Obstbaum Orchards opens its doors every weekend for people to come enjoy their cider and doughnuts, and for hayrides.*

<http://www.obstbaum.com/>

## WASEM FRUIT FARM

6580 Judd Road, Milan | Open through Oct.

**Hours:**

Closed Monday and Wednesday | Tuesday– Sunday 9 a.m.– 6 p.m.

*No admissions or parking fees*

*Wasem Fruit Farm takes pride in their high quality, u-pick apples, pumpkins and tart cherries. Wasem also has homemade cider and doughnuts made daily.*

<http://www.wasemfruitfarm.com/>

## THE PUMPKIN FACTORY OF BELLEVILLE MICHIGAN

48651 Harris Road, Belleville | Open Oct. 1 - Oct. 31

**Hours:**

Sunday, 10 a.m.– 7 p.m. | Monday–Thursday, noon - 7 p.m. | Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.– 10 p.m.

*No admission or parking fees*

*Haunted hayrides, petting farm and pedal carts abound! Come to the Pumpkin Factory for tricks, treats and, of course, pumpkins.*

<http://www.thepumpkinfactory.org/index.html>

## SPICER ORCHARD

10411 Clyde Road, Fenton | U-Picks open through Oct. 31

**Hours:**

9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Daily

*Celebrating 50 years in Hartland, Spicer hosts wine tasting and a farmer’s market, along with their u-pick apples, pumpkins, and other fruit. Spicer is also home to many petable, feedable farm animals, corn mazes and a zip line.*

<http://www.spicerorchards.com>

## ERWIN ORCHARDS

61475 Silver Lake Road, South Lyon | Open daily through Nov. 5

**Hours:**

Cider mill 6 a.m.–7 p.m. | U-Pick, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. | Daily, weather permitting

*A third-generation family farm managing 200 acres of orchards and berry patches. Erwin Orchards is also home to other unique attractions, like a sunflower garden and a goat walk.*

<http://erwinorchards.com/wordpress/>

“The heat of autumn is different from the heat of the summer. One ripens apples, the other turns them to cider.”

~Jane Hirshfield



# HAUNTED ATTRACTIONS

## TERRORFIED FOREST

145 Swarthout Road, Pinckney | Open through Oct. 31

**Hours:**

Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.–midnight | Sunday, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 8–10 p.m. | Oct. 29–31, 8–11 p.m.

*Bubbles Fun House \$20 | Terrorfied Forest \$10 | Combo \$25*

*The Terrorfied Forest takes you into 30 acres of dark forest. Beware, your screams will draw more monsters! The Bubbles Fun House is an indoor attraction, featuring a scary circus clown.*

<http://www.terrorfied.com/>

## TALLADAY FARMS CORN MAZE

6270 Judd Road, Milan | Opens: Oct. 6 - 28

**Hours:**

Friday and Saturday, Dusk–10 p.m.

*Cost: Haunted Maze \$7*

*This year, Talladay Farm’s corn maze features the seven continents. You can also come for their after dark haunted maze, which is separate from their main maze.*

<https://talladayfarms.com/>

## THE PUMPKIN FACTORY OF BELLEVILLE MICHIGAN

48651 Harris Road, Belleville | Opens: Oct. 1–Oct. 31

**Hours:**

Friday and Saturday, 7–10 p.m.

*Haunted Hayride \$10 | Haunted House \$10*

*Haunted Hayrides featuring live scary story telling, and a haunted house full of ghosts and ghouls!*

<http://www.thepumpkinfactory.org/>

## NIGHT TERRORS

5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti | Open through Oct. 31

**Hours:**

Friday and Saturday, 7:15–11:30 p.m. | Sunday and Halloween,

7:15–10:30 p.m.

*Single Attraction \$18 | Haunted Hayride \$20 | Four Attractions \$44, \$34 on Sunday | Six Attractions \$54, \$44 on Sunday*

*Ward’s popular after dark attraction, features the Ultimate Haunted Barn, Alien Caged Clowns, the Asylum, The Mineshaft, Hayrides of the Lost and SplatterTown—haunted paintball!*

<http://www.hauntedhousemichigan.com/>

## ROTTEN MANOR

13245 Dixie Highway, Holly

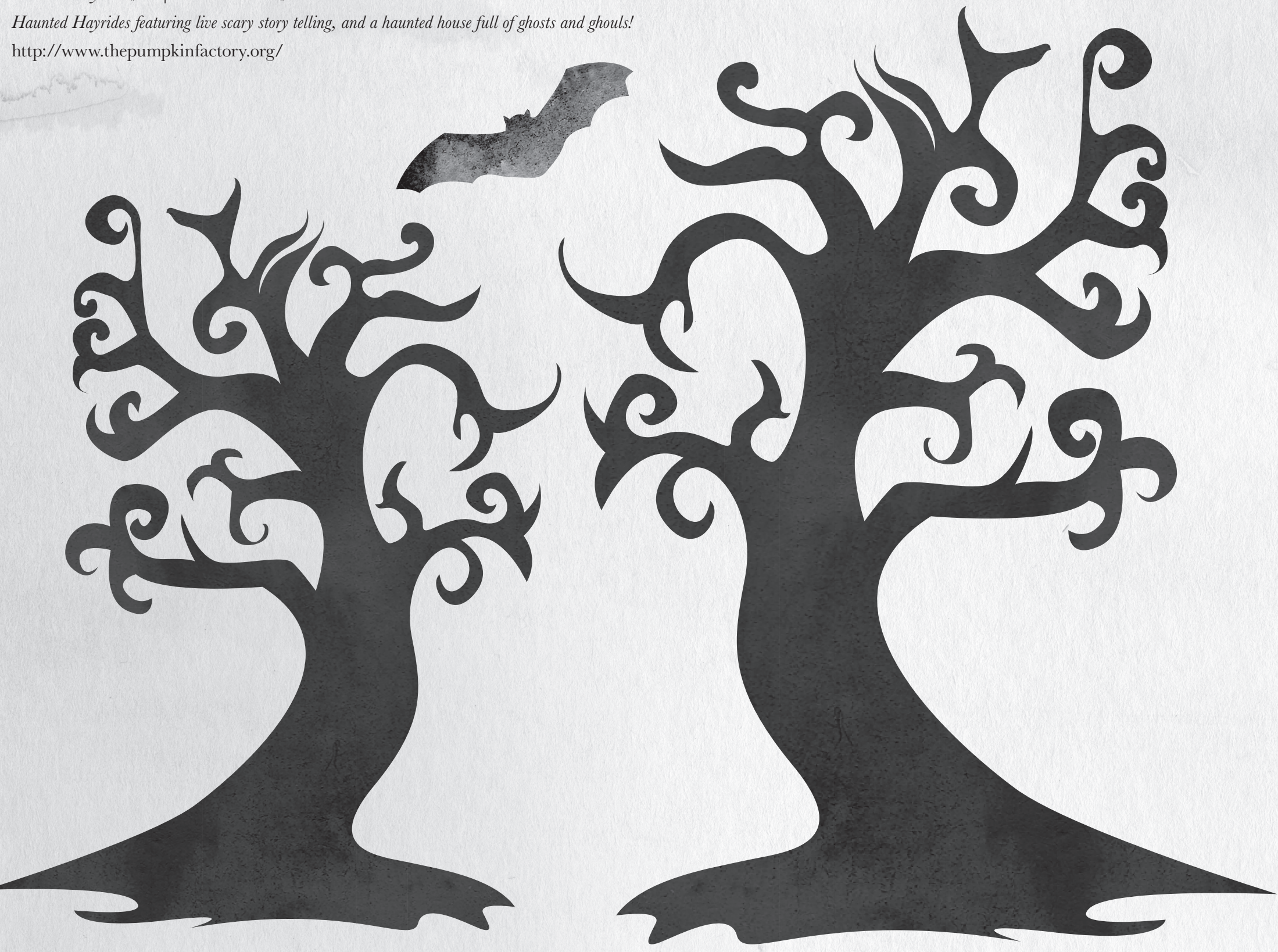
**Hours:**

Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.–midnight | Thursday and Sunday, 7–11 p.m.

*Tickets: \$25 per attraction | \$40 for combo ticket | \$10 for “skip-the-line” VIP pass*

*Rotten Manor boasts the “the largest, most realistic custom structures of any attraction in Michigan,” and also has old school carnival games, photo ops, and casket rides.*

<http://www.rottenmanor.com/>



# Fall Photo Contest!

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A WASHTENAW VOICE TEE SHIRT, AND HAVE YOUR PHOTO FEATURED IN AN UPCOMING ISSUE! SUBMIT YOUR FALL FOLIAGE, FAMILY FUN, OR HALLOWEEN PHOTO AT: [apop@wccnet.edu](mailto:apop@wccnet.edu).

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE ON NOV. 1.



# SCARY MOVIES

COMING TO THEATERS NEAR YOU!



## MICHIGAN THEATER

603 E Liberty St., Ann Arbor

**Hocus Pocus** Oct. 1  
**Dracula** Oct. 2  
**Firestarter** Oct. 5  
**Frankenstein** Oct. 9  
**Bride of Frankenstein** Oct. 9  
**The Thing** Oct. 12  
**Friday the 13th** Oct. 13  
**The Mummy** Oct. 16  
**The Mist** Oct. 19  
**The Wolfman** Oct. 23  
**Phantom of the Opera** Oct. 25  
**Poltergeist** Oct. 26  
**Mad Monster Party** Oct. 28  
**The Rocky Horror Picture Show** Oct. 28  
**Monster Squad** Oct. 30

*Cost: General Admission \$10, Student ID \$8*

<http://www.michtheater.org/>

## REDFORD THEATER

17360 Lahser Road, Detroit

**Psycho** Oct. 27  
**Halloween** Oct. 28

*Cost: Tickets \$5*

<http://redfordtheatre.com/>

## MICHIGAN THEATER OF JACKSON

124 N Mechanic St., Jackson

**Friday the 13th** Oct. 13  
**The Crow** Oct. 20

*Cost: Tickets \$5*

<https://www.michigantheatre.org/>

## STATE WAYNE THEATER

35310 W Michigan Ave., Wayne

**The Rocky Horror Picture Show** Oct. 13, 14, 27, 28

*Cost: Tickets \$10*

*Lead by the Michigan Rocky Horror Preservation Society*

[https://www.phoenixmovies.net/loc\\_statewayne](https://www.phoenixmovies.net/loc_statewayne)