

# Farewell to CORE Garden

BY BRITTANY DEKORTE  
*Editor*

Five years ago, Washtenaw Community College counselor Kim Grose had an idea.

“I wanted to bring people together, and the best way to do that is food,” said Grose. “I had been growing food for thirty years, and I wanted to share that.”

It was from that idea that the WCC CORE Garden was born. CORE, or campus orchard rejuvenating energy, was given financial support by the college, and space to build its hoop house behind the entrepreneurship center. The hoop house, a half round structure of piping and white, heat trapping cloth works as a greenhouse and season extender for the crops grown.

Since 2014, the garden has grown vegetables and herbs as part of their focus to provide fresh produce to underprivileged WCC students. Aimed at teaching people where their food comes from, farm-to-table cooking was also an objective. Grose designed and taught classes on farm harvesting and management to culinary students.

Anastasia Baumgardner was one such student who took the class and continued on to volunteer at the garden.

“Right now we have tomatoes, radishes, other root vegetables. The kale will last all winter,” Baumgardner said. According to Baumgardner, the garden produced 700 pounds of food this season alone, and all was given away for free at farm stands to WCC students and their families.

“We’ve been lucky enough to have four good seasons,” Baumgardner reflected.

Four good seasons, because the CORE Garden is officially done. The original funding put



Anastasia Baumgardner, (Left) culinary arts major, and counselor Kim Grose (Right) stand in front of the CORE Garden sign. The sign was proudly made by Kim Grose.

forward by the school’s general fund is being discontinued, and placed under new management: the Washtenaw Technical Middle College.

“It’s a different plan, right now,” said Grose. “There will be a biology teacher running it, teaching hands on, and there will be entrepreneurship classes.”

The garden will still be growing from February to November, as it has been, but many changes are planned under WTMC management. Instead of culinary,

food-to-table based classes, biology classes will emphasize teaching processes of plant growth and botany.

The biggest change though is what is going to be done with the food grown. Rather than giving away the food for free to underserved community members, WTMC students will take the fruits of their labor to local farmers markets to sell while learning how to run a business.

CORE’s last day was Thursday, Oct 19. Grose and

Baumgardner held a goodbye event, offering snacks and painting pumpkins with those who had volunteered and utilized the garden over the years. One drop-in was Dale Petty, a professor at WCC who is also on the school’s sustainability council.

“I helped put up this hoop house,” said Petty. “And we were really hoping for more of a program. Many community colleges around the state have sustainable farming programs, and we were hoping for one at the school but it

never came. I would love to see it expand under WTMC, though.”

For Grose, saying goodbye to the garden is bittersweet, to say the least. This was her big project, and now it’s coming to a close. She will still be counseling at WCC, but doesn’t have another project on this scale planned.

“It’s a great idea for the students, learning about business, but I’m sad to see the community support going.”

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## Paying tribute to Mary Schroer

BY SUNI JO ROBERTS  
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Flags within the state Capitol in Lansing were flown at half-staff on Monday, Oct. 16 to honor former WCC chairperson and state Rep. Mary Schroer. She died of cancer, at the age of 70, on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Mary Schroer was a longtime resident of Washtenaw County attending WCC and Eastern Michigan University where she earned a degree in political science, summa cum laude, according to her obituary.

While Schroer served on the WCC board of trustees from 1999-2005 her colleagues remembered her as someone passionate about serving faculty and staff who along with the rest of the board set aside political differences to focus on the needs of the WCC community. She brought her knowledge of local politics to benefit the college as a former state Rep. for the 52nd district in Michigan which she served from 1992-1998.

“She had a lot of knowledge of what was going on politically, which most of us didn’t have,” said former trustee R. Griffith McDonald, who served with Schroer from 1999-2000 at WCC.

McDonald remembers her as a passionate trustee, concerned with workers’ and human rights.

“When she had something that she felt strongly about she wouldn’t hesitate to express it and it wasn’t a mean spirited thing at all,” said McDonald.

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## SEE THE SIGNS, SEEK THE HELP

BY BECKY GORDON  
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One in five adults in America experience the symptoms of mental illness every year, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Over 44,000 adults in the U.S. die by committing suicide. While there is no single cause to attribute to suicide, mental illness is prevalent among those who either attempt or commit suicide.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reports that suicide is the second leading cause of death for those aged 15 to 34 in Michigan.

Washtenaw County experienced a marked increase in suicides among those aged 15 to 24 in the last decade.

The beginning of October saw both the World Mental Health Day and Mental Illness Awareness Week. Increased awareness and acceptance of mental illnesses can help further efforts for suicide prevention.

Washtenaw Community College offers counseling for assistance not only with career advisement and academic concerns, but also with personal issues and crisis intervention. WCC currently has six full-time counselors on staff.

The American Psychiatric Association believes that recognizing warning signs and knowing

about risk factors can reduce the number of suicides.

Many suicide prevention organizations, like the JED Foundation, or the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, have compiled lists of potential risk factors that those who are considering suicide might exhibit.

Risk factors, especially for young adults, include talking about suicide, a feeling of hopelessness for the future, serious or chronic mental illness, sleep increases or decreases, and substance or alcohol abuse.

The list of risk factors for those suffering from suicidal thoughts is not exclusive, or wholly indicative that suicidal behavior will follow. These factors can increase a person’s likelihood of experiencing suicidal thoughts, and if recognized can lead to treatment and prevention.

Protective factors, those things in a person’s life that protect them from committing suicide, have yet to be as well researched as risk factors.

The first preventative step when faced with a person in danger of self harm is a protective factor called “means restriction”, removing any possible lethal avenues a person may use to commit suicide.

Other protective factors are

addressed following the passing of imminent danger to someone considering suicide. These factors address a person’s feeling of connectedness, seeking and offering community and familial support.

Access to effective clinical health care is critical to preventing suicide. WCC recently began offering a new service to reach out to students seeking help with mental health issues.

“Our CAP program offers additional mental health services that will complement the College’s face-to-face personal counseling services,” Liz Orbits, Dean of Support Services, said.

The College Campus Assistance Program which partners with Health Management Systems of America, and it provides 24/7 year round clinical services to students in need.

**IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS THINKING ABOUT SUICIDE, PLEASE CONTACT:**

*The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; (see below) Washtenaw County Community Mental Health 24-hour hotline at: 734-544-3050; UM Health System Psychiatric Emergency Services hotline at: 734-936-5900; texts can also be sent the Crisis Text Line at 741741.*

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### WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE

- Talking about wanting to die
- Looking for a way to kill oneself
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Acting anxious, agitated or recklessly
- Sleeping to little or too much
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated
- Showing rage and talking about revenge
- Displaying extreme mood swings

*\*The more of these signs a person shows, the greater the risk. Warning signs are associated with suicide but may not be what causes a suicide.*

### WHAT TO DO

- Do not leave the person alone
- Remove any firearms, alcohol, drugs or sharp objects that could be used in a suicide attempt
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at: 800-273-TALK (8255)
- Take the person to an emergency room or seek professional help.



# ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM PLAN DRIVES FORWARD



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WCC President Bellanca signs agreement for college to collaborate with the American Center For Mobility

Washtenaw Community College President Rose Bellanca (right) signs the Academic Consortium agreement at the American Center For Mobility on Monday, Oct. 16 as (from left) Governor Rick Snyder, Oakland University VP David Stone and Wayne County Community College District Provost James Robinson look on. WCC is one of 14 community colleges that have signed onto this agreement. According to a press release from the college, The Academic Consortium agreement “establishes a structure and a process for Michigan colleges and universities to work with the ACM on education, workforce training, outreach programs, collaborative research, and joint funding opportunities among other cooperative activities.”



The Quatrain Project was a one night only photography exhibit by WCC faculty member, Don Worthmann held Pearl Street Studios on Oct. 6, during First Fridays in Ypsilanti.

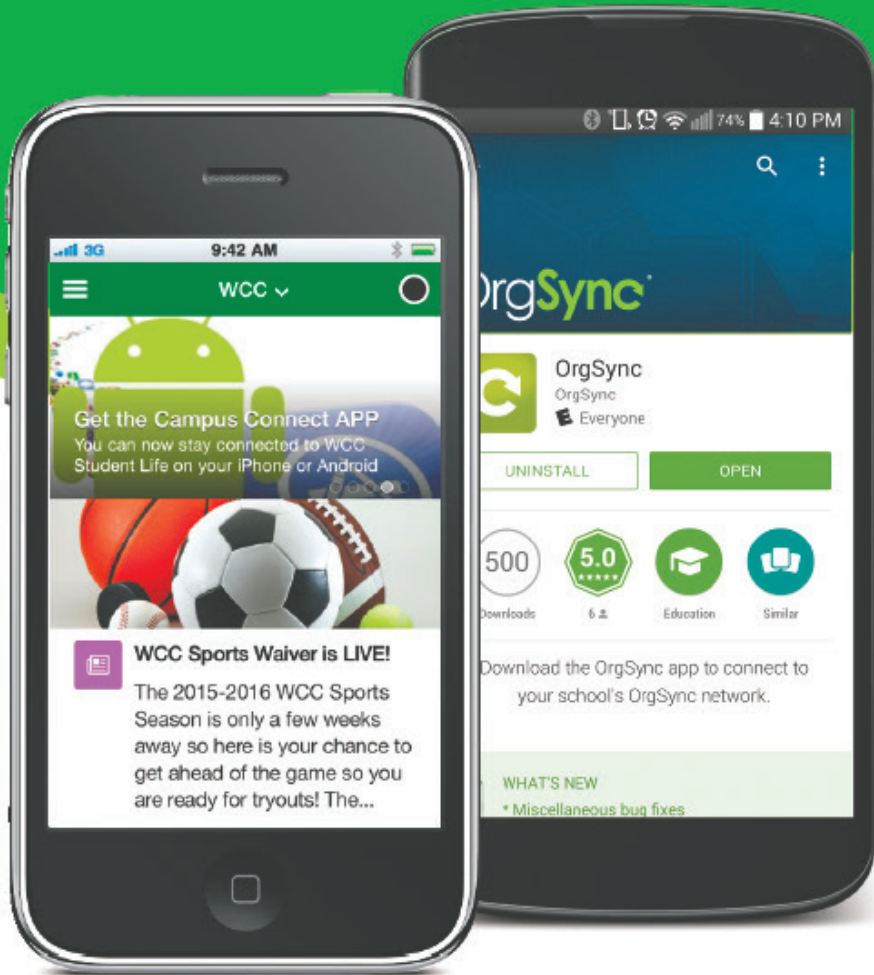


Business cards with quatrains printed on one side were displayed on one side of a table in the studio at The Quatrain Project exhibit.

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# FEATURED TEACHER



ANDREI POP | WASHTENAW VOICE

Amy Decormier, a professor at WCC since 2002, teaches introductory chemistry (CHEM 101) and general chemistry (CHEM11).

BY ALA KAYMARAM  
Staff Writer

**Q:** How did you get interested in chemistry?

**A:** When I was in high school, I loved chemistry. When I was in college, I loved chemistry and engineering, so I studied Chemical Engineering. It

worked out very well. I have always enjoyed it ever since.

**Q:** Did you always want to be a teacher?

went to Michigan State University. I lived in Texas for four years. My masters degree is from Texas A&M in Chemical Engineering.

**Q:** When you were growing up and later in college, did you have any teachers or professors who inspired you, guided you or made an impact on you?

**A:** My high school math and science teacher in the last two years of high school was my biggest mentor. He taught my chemistry, physics, trigonometry, and calculus. He did a very good job showing me how to do things. We had small classes. We had about twenty people in each class.

**Q:** Have you taught at other colleges or universities besides WCC?

**A:** Yes, I taught at Owens Community College in Toledo and I taught at the satellite site of Jackson Community College in Adrian. I've taught chemistry and a lot of Math, Algebra I and II. My favorite math

subjects are trigonometry and precalculus courses.

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

**A:** The favorite part of my job is to discover that students love chemistry as I do. I always get a couple of those. The best thing I could hear from students is, "Oh, I get it now." It's fantastic to hear that! Because I know how rewarding it is to put a lot of effort in understanding things and finally to understand them.

**A:** What is the most important lesson you've learned as a teacher?

**Q:** Allowing myself to watch students struggle learning. I am a helpful person, so at the beginning, I was helping them too much and I was doing their job for them. Later, I learned that I couldn't do it for them. It's hard to watch them struggle, but they would not learn unless they put in the effort. I give them a baseline to understand, then they have to make effort and struggle to get to the other side.

## CORE

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Pictured left, Sarah Khan, Social Work Major is happily painting a pumpkin.

Pictured right, Rosemary is one of the many herbs that has been grown on the CORE Garden.

Below, a group of students and staff are enjoying drinks and food at the Farewell to CORE Garden event.

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## Obituary

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### Mary Schroer

As a female politician in the '90s, Schroer is one of many to help pave the way for women today. Michigan state Sen., Rebekah Warren, serving the 18th district, was a legislative assistant to Schroer during her time as a representative.

McDonald added that Schroer was "A strong woman. At that time it was tough to be a woman in politics."

Schroer is survived by her husband, Michael Schroer, along with three children: Amy L. Hyde, Jennifer A. Schroer and Rebecca A. Cohen. Schroer also has eight grandchildren.

The Schroer family asks gifts of remembrance to be made to Arbor Hospice or Faith in Action.

McDonald offers a final thought on Schroer.

"She was a positive force at WCC so, it's suitable she is recognized for that."

## SECURITY NOTES

The following incidents were reported to Campus Security between Oct. 6–Oct. 20.

### THREAT

Oct. 6

A former student, who wanted to register and was not able to, was angry at the college. He had issues under the student code of conduct where he had to be disciplined and prevented him from registering. The individual didn't pose a direct threat. He was uncooperative with the ombudsman. Due to his behaviors, a mental health issue is suspected. The family of the individual was contacted. The case was also reported to Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

### LARCENY/THEFT

Oct. 18

A student left her cellphone in the bathroom area of the culinary arts. When she went back it wasn't there. She tried to find her cellphone with the Find My iPhone app, but the device was turned off.

### LARCENY/THEFT

Oct. 18

\$260 was stolen from a wallet in an unlocked locker in the culinary arts area. Since the theft happened in the same location and time frame as the previous incident, presumably both of them had the same suspect. Security cameras were reviewed, but they hadn't captured anything helpful.

These are the most recent security tips provided by the department of public safety.

## IN BRIEF

### BOOK CLUB: POLLINATOR'S CORRIDOR

All are invited to come envision a world of harmony between humans and native habitats at the Sustainability Literacy Task Force's Book Club discussion of the graphic novel "Pollinator's Corridor" on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 3:30 –4:30 p.m. This discussion will be brought to you Dr. Emily Thompson, Ph.D., and WCC Faculty Member. The novel is set in the 1970's and follows three friends that attempt to restore biodiversity and ecological health in an age of crisis and decline by convincing wild bees and butterflies to plant 'corridors' of native flora. The book club will take place at WCC's writing center in LA 355 and light refreshments will be served.

### FOOD GATHERERS DAY OF SERVICE

Give back to the community on Food Gatherers day of service on Friday, Oct. 27 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at their warehouse on 1 Carrot Way in Ann Arbor, Mi. Food Gatherers is a food rescue and food bank organization in Ann Arbor that seeks to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in the community, according to their website. Students can sign up at [www.tinyurl.com/WCCdayofservice](http://www.tinyurl.com/WCCdayofservice). Lunch and transportation are included and spots are limited to 15 students.

### PITALUX HALLOWEEN PARTY AND COSTUME CONTEST

Showcase your best halloween costume at the PitaLux Hookah Lounge Cafe Halloween Party for a chance to win the \$150 grand prize on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 p.m.–2 a.m. The party will feature BOOSHI and DJ Brandon and will have \$15 hookahs. The party is for ages 18 and up and charges a \$10 cover at the door. PitaLux Cafe is located at 2720 Washtenaw Ave. in Ypsilanti.

### BAKE SALE HOSTED BY WTMC FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM

Stop by the WTMC Bake Sale on the first floor of the Student Center on Monday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. to purchase a baked good and help raise money for the WTMC Robotics Team. All proceeds from the bake sale will go toward the WTMC Robotics Team and will help them build a robot. Cash or check only.



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# BATTLE OF THE SEXES

BOY SCOUTS ARE REACHING OVER THE GENDER DIVIDE, SPARKING DEBATE

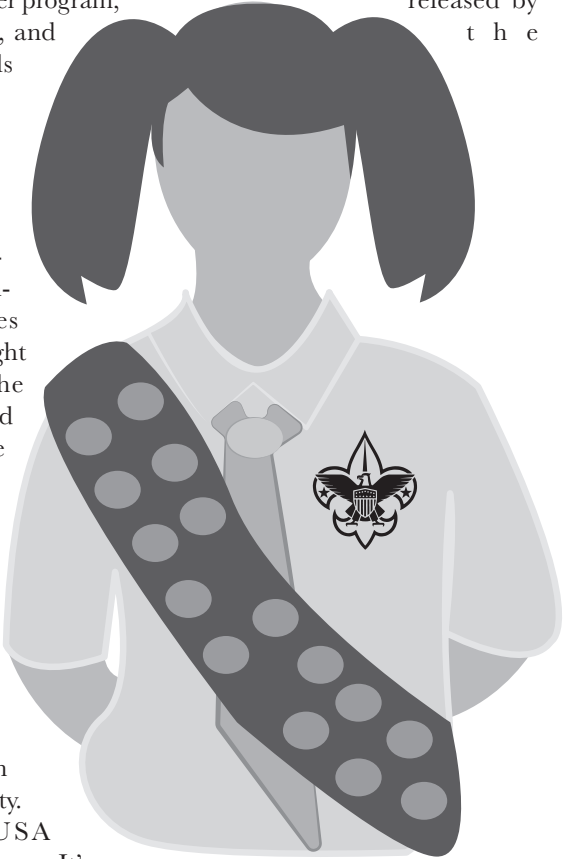


BY REBECCA GORDON  
Staff Writer

As a consummate tomboy, fantasies of being a Boy Scout consumed my childhood. However, Boy Scouts were for boys, and Girl Scouts were for girls. Period. Eventually, I convinced myself that perhaps I could find what I was looking for in the arms of the Girl Scouts. Several hours of making crafts and dealing with catty girls who made it their mission to exclude me due to my tomboyishness soured me on the whole concept. I've never held particularly hard or fond feelings toward either organization, but in the back of my mind the fairness of it all irked.

Imagine my surprise, and pleasure, at hearing the BSA decree that girls would be welcome to join their starter program, the Cub Scouts, and that older girls would soon be able to go for their Eagle rank. My first thought; another barrier in gender stereotypes had been brought down. That the BSA, who had already made strides toward inclusion with the acceptance of those who identified as boys or as transgender earlier this year, were making just another step in the name of unity. The GSUSA didn't see it that way. It's

almost as if the organization was insulted by the change. A statement was released by the



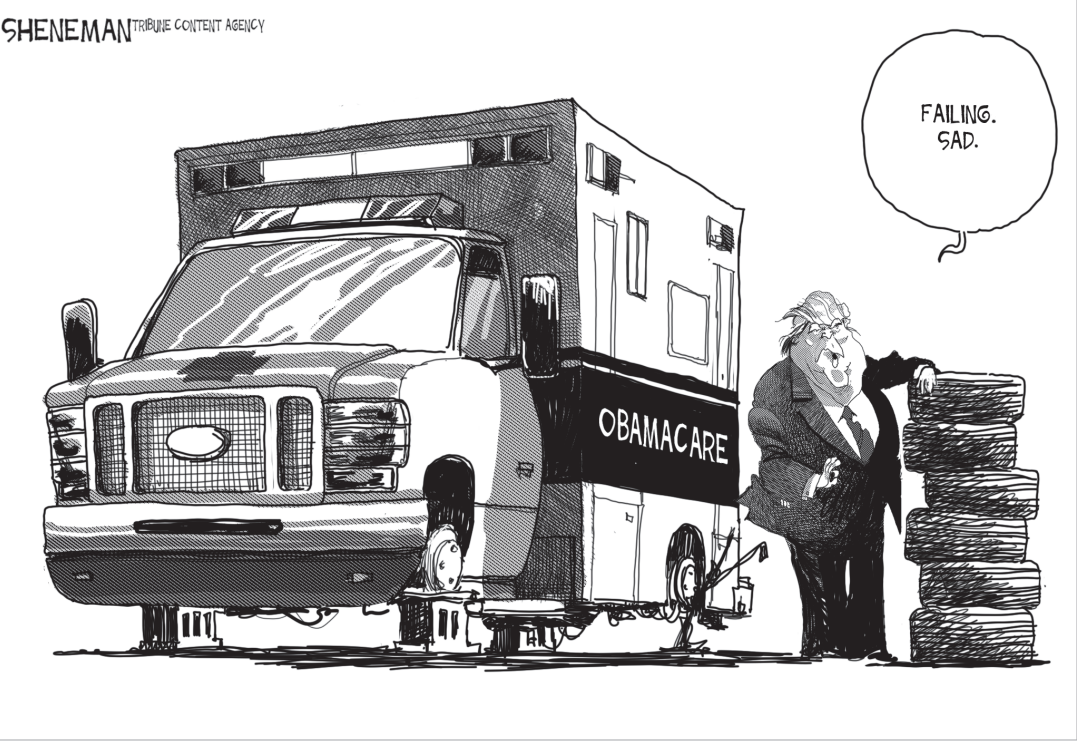
GSUSA on ABC, which essentially attacked the BSA for not cleaning up its own house before inviting guests, with fingers especially pointed over money management by BSA leadership. Then the GSUSA really got their dander up in a blog post, that while not specifically directed at the BSA, was released soon after the announcement by them. "Girl Scouts is the best girl leadership organization in the world, created with and for girls," the blog post begins. "We believe strongly in the importance of the all-girl, girl-led, and girl-friendly environment that Girl Scouts provides, which creates a free space for girls to learn and thrive." The idea that female empowerment and encouragement cannot come from the BSA because it's not an all girl organization is impractical. Plenty of situations that promote girls, and interactions between boys and girls are co-ed; classrooms for instance.



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Another concern with the GSUSA response was the flagrant attack on BSA financials. It's true that the BSA is losing money; five camps throughout Michigan were closed following the 2016 season due to a lack of use and maintenance costs, the Detroit Free Press reports.

But isn't pointing that out a little on the nose for an organization whose cookie sales topped \$776 million in 2015? And that figure was lower than the previous year. Is the concern girls won't get the leadership they need, or that cookie sales might drop again?



## VOICE BOX

Do you feel that social media hashtags, like the recent #MeToo campaign, successfully raise awareness for an issue?



**McKenzie Francisco, 20**  
*Law Enforcement*  
Yeah, it helps people see it. People can look up the hashtag and it'll spread out from there.



**Eileen Meier, 30**  
*Digital Video Production*  
Somewhat. I don't really think that it's helping. That would just give people more options to hold things against people.



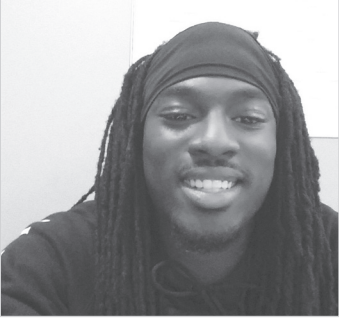
**Andrew Pyle, 19**  
*Engineering*  
For someone who uses them probably, for me it does not. It'll bring similar posts together if someone is looking for them, which will raise awareness. I don't know how much it actually does for whatever purpose it is trying to serve though.



**Zdravko Kitanov, 20**  
*Digital Video Production*  
I don't have twitter. I heard about it through social media news, Philip DeFranco I think. I mean, I heard about it, it works. It's raising the awareness it's trying to achieve.



**Madison Halstead, 17**  
*Dual Enrolled with Whitmore Lake*  
I think so. I just think that they bring awareness. People have never heard of it before, or things people don't realize are a problem, they bring awareness to the problems.



**Shundarius Hollie, 21**  
*Athletic Training and Sports Medicine*  
Honestly no, because I don't even know what that is.

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# NOV. 7 BALLOT PROPOSALS

<p>BY BRITTANY DEKORTE <i>Editor</i></p>	<p><b>LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT</b></p> <p><i>Operating Millage Renewal</i></p> <p>This renewal will continue a tax of \$18.21 per thousand dollars of taxable property value for residents, with the purpose of covering operating costs for Lincoln Consolidated School District. The renewal will extend the tax through 2024.</p> <p><i>Public Recreation and Playground Millage Renewal</i></p> <p>This is also a extension on an already existing millage, a tax of \$0.098 per thousand dollars of taxable property value for residents, for the purpose of public recreation and playground maintenance. This will extend the millage through 2024.</p>	<p><b>WEBSTER TOWNSHIP</b></p> <p><i>Public Safety Millage Proposal</i></p> <p>If passed, this millage will see a \$3.40 increase per thousand dollars of taxable property value for residents through 2021, and will support public safety within Webster Township.</p>
<p><b>ALL OF WASHTENAW COUNTY</b></p> <p><i>Washtenaw County Community Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage</i></p> <p>This millage seeks to "improve the treatment of people with mental health needs, provide increased financial support for mental health crisis, stabilization and prevention, and for continued law enforcement services provided by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office." If passed, there will be a tax increase of up to \$1 per thousand dollars of taxable property value for residents until the year 2025. 38 percent of the funds will go to the county's Community Mental Health Department, the rest will be allocated to police forces within the county.</p>	<p><b>CHELSEA AREA</b></p> <p><i>Fire Authority Millage</i></p> <p>This millage seeks funding to help with operating costs and to equip the Chelsea Area Fire Authority. This will bring about a \$2.40 increase per thousand dollars of taxable property value for residents, from 2019 through 2023.</p>	<p><b>NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b></p> <p><i>Bond Proposal</i></p> <p>Northville Public Schools is seeking permission to borrow nearly \$105 million to remodel, furnish, and equip its facilities, install instructional technology, and purchase new buses. If passed, there will be a millage proposed in 2018 to help repay the loan.</p>
<p><b>SHARON TOWNSHIP</b></p> <p><i>Renewal Millage for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services</i></p> <p>This millage will reauthorize funding for firefighters and emergency medical services in Sharon Township, with a \$0.499 increase per thousand dollars of taxable property value for residents. This millage, if authorized, will last through 2022.</p>	<p><b>WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS</b></p> <p><i>Special Education Renewal Millage</i></p> <p>This millage will reauthorize funding for the special education programs at Washtenaw Intermediate Schools through 2025. If renewed it will continue the tax of \$0.97 per thousand dollars of taxable property value for residents.</p>	<p><b>SALINE AREA SCHOOLS</b></p> <p><i>Sinking Fund Millage</i></p> <p>Saline Area Schools wishes to increase the cap set on their taxes. If the increase goes through, there will be a \$0.35 increase per thousand dollars of taxable property value for residents, through 2027. Money raised with this tax will go to real estate purchases, construction and repair of school buildings, and technology upgrades within the school district.</p> <p><i>Public Relations and Playgrounds</i></p> <p>This second millage will also increase the tax cap, and will bring about a \$0.50 increase per thousand dollars of taxable property value for residents, through 2027. The money raised here will go to public recreation and playgrounds for Saline Area Schools.</p>

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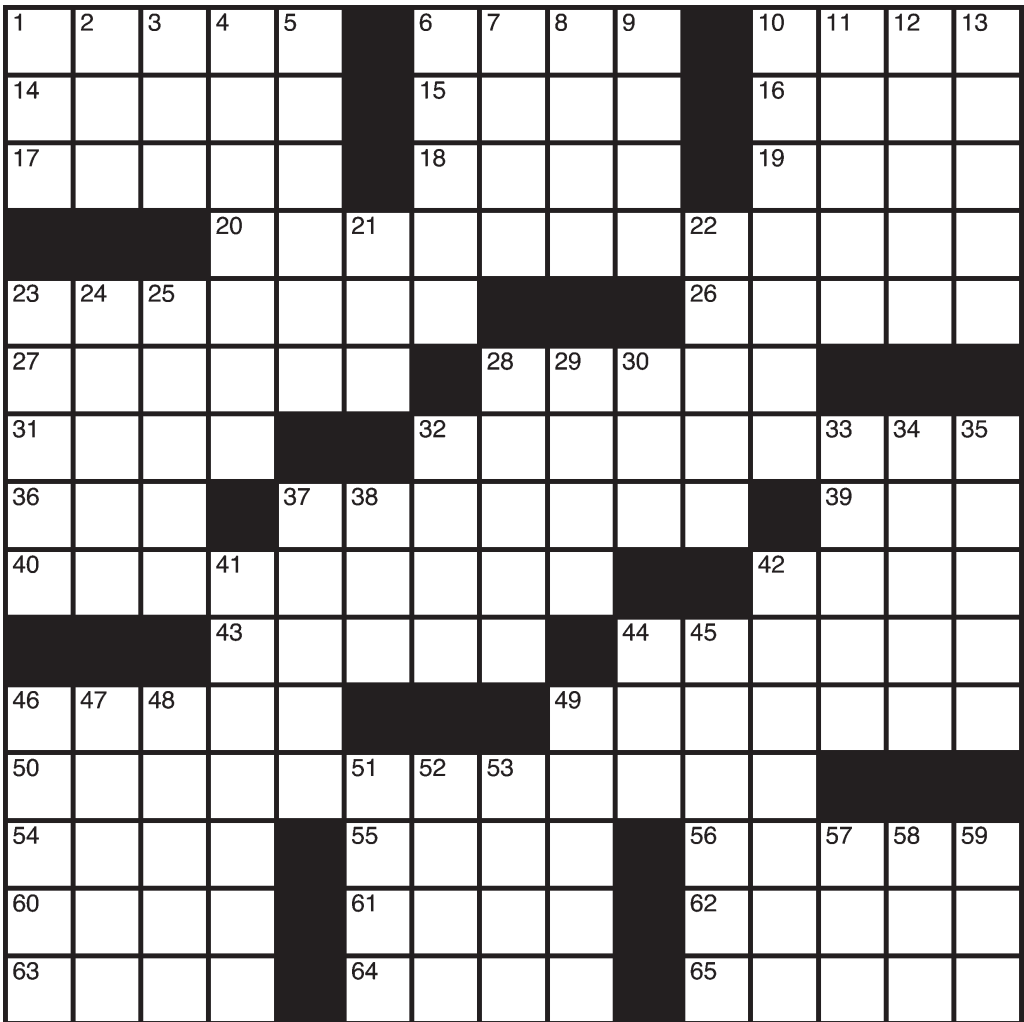


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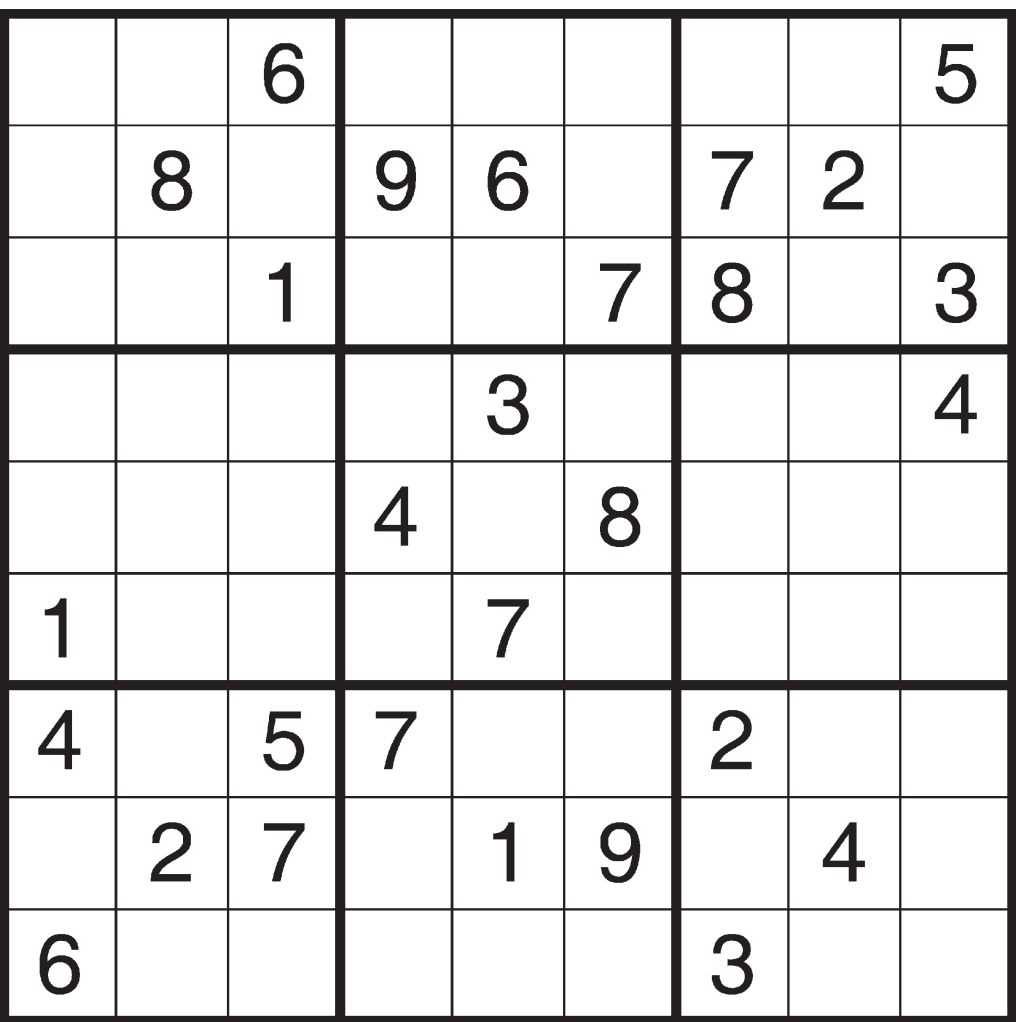
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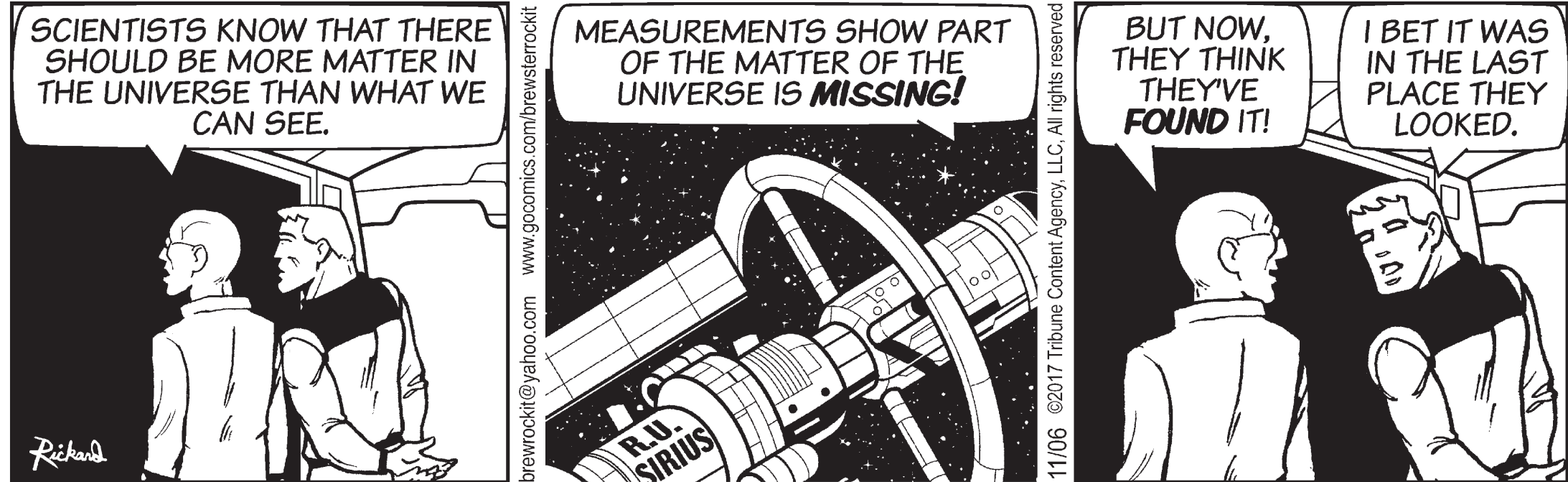
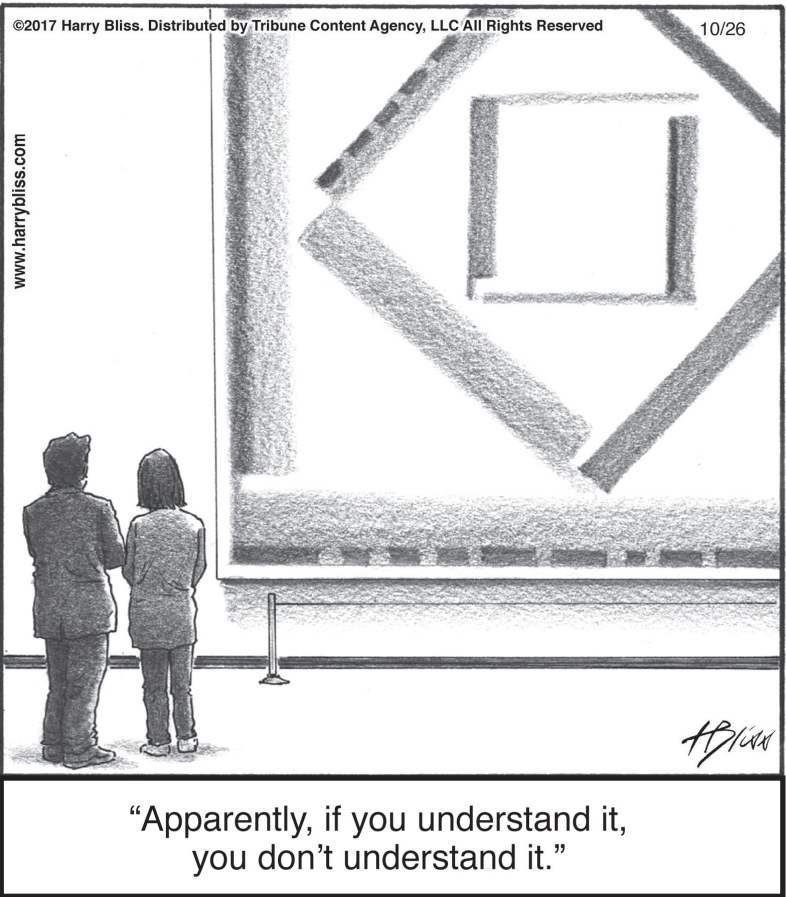
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Looking for help? As a service to our students, you may place "help wanted" ads in The Voice for free.

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Below is a sample of recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Career Services. Students are invited to apply on the Career Connection job portal. For optimal application results, schedule an appointment today with a career advisor.

**Administrative Support**  
*Logistic Solutions.* We are looking for a highly motivated and energetic individual to handle the general administrative support including reception area. An ideal candidate should be hands-on, detail-oriented, friendly, enjoy interacting with people, capable of multi-tasking, and work effectively under pressure. Responsible for ordering, receiving and dispatching office supply and equipment. Ensure the front lobby is in compliance with all systems, control policies and procedures.

**All Positions**  
**Mainstreet Ventures.**

All of our Ann Arbor locations are always looking for great people! We are currently searching for all front of house positions (hosts, bussers, servers, and bartenders) and all back of house positions (dishwashers, line cooks, and prep cooks). At Mainstreet Ventures, we have a real commitment to the highest standards while enjoying what we do.

**Certified Mechanic**  
*Marx Collision and Repair.* Busy Collision and Mechanical shop seeks qualified Certified Mechanic to fill full time position. Excellent pay plan and a great work environment with a great team of car guys! This is a salaried position with room for advancement. Duties will range from collision related repairs to engine and trans replacement. Applicants must be a licensed driver, and able to work Monday through Friday 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturdays will be optional, and own their own tools. If you are a dedicated hard working person we want to hear from you!

**Dental Assistant**  
*Ann Arbor Smiles Dental Group.* Chair-side dental assisting for the following procedures: Endodontics, Orthodontics, Restorative, Cerec,

Cosmetic, Sleep medicine, Surgery, Various administrative tasks as assigned by your team lead or practice manager.

**IT Help Desk/ Systems Administrator**  
*The Andrews Group.* Will be part of a shared service IT group who provides IT services and support to nonprofit organizations in Southeast Michigan. The primary responsibility will be to assist external clients with IT questions and resolve their IT issues. This position will primarily work out of our Ann Arbor, Detroit and Southfield Offices and requires travel to client locations within a one hour radius of Ann Arbor, including Detroit, Southfield and Flint.

**Experienced Line Cook**  
*Savco Hospitality.* The ideal candidates for this position possess exceptional knife skills and cooking skills, and demonstrate adaptability and a willingness to learn and develop new techniques. This is a station-based position, so passion and ownership for your workstation and for your product are imperative. We are looking for candidates who thrive in a fast-paced setting, with the capacity to keep

a sanitary, organized workspace. We are seeking cooks who demonstrate mental focus, teamwork, and strong communication skills.

**Lab Analyst**  
*City of Ann Arbor.* To perform routine analytical work for the Public Services Laboratory using standardized laboratory techniques and well established, prescribed, laboratory procedures to collect, prepare, process and analyze public water supply, wastewater, watershed, industrial samples and other materials. Provide laboratory consultative services; conduct and/or manage projects and other laboratory related activities for the public services area, other public agencies and customers. Serve as a resource venue for environmental/water quality issues and regulatory compliance assessment.

**Lead Preschool Teacher & Assistant Teacher**  
*Stony Creek Preschool Too.* Applicant must be reliable, professional, creative, and loving. Join our team and lead your classroom using Creative Curriculum. We are a fun, creative school that believes the whole family. Your duties would include interacting with the children, lesson plans,

parent communication, portfolios, classroom management, leading staff members in your classroom, and more!

**Marketing Intern**  
*DetailXperts.* you will collaborate with our marketing and advertising team in all stages of marketing campaigns. Your insightful contribution will help develop, expand and maintain our marketing channels. This internship will help you acquire marketing skills and provide you with knowledge of various marketing strategies. Ultimately, you will gain broad experience in marketing and should be prepared to enter any fast paced work environment.

**Nursing Assistant/ Personal Caregivers**  
*Innovations.* Our Share the Care program contracts with seniors residing in an apartment community for personal care services on an individualized basis. Caregivers provide assistance with daily living tasks; bathing, grooming and toileting, transportation/errands, medication, meal preparation, light house-keeping and respite care.

**Payroll Clerk (Account Clerk II)**

*City of Wayne – Finance Department.* Process and prepare the computerized payroll, including payroll tax disbursements and related reports; Setup and maintain employee payroll information; Process W2 forms; Assist with other accounting activities as required; Prepare and maintain various computer spreadsheets; Performs all other related work as assigned.

**Service Network Maintenance Technician**  
*Zingerman's.* Work with the Maintenance Manager in equipment purchase and installation. Perform, under the direction of the manager, daily, weekly, and monthly priorities for equipment and facility maintenance with the goal to minimize breakdowns and support smooth, uninterrupted business operations. Maintain an organized and properly stocked maintenance shop to ensure the highest levels of efficiency, productivity, and cost savings.

**Student Intern**  
*Wanigas Credit Union.* Work as a service representative/ office assistant. Assist members both in branch and via telephone. You will learn the functionality of the credit union atmosphere along with many tasks



# TRAVELING TO LEARN, LEARNING TO TEACH

## Washtenaw Community College professor's sabbatical takes her around Asia



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Professor Thoburn at the Palace Museum in Lalipur, "The City of Art", in Nepal



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Two Sadhus, a holy person of the Hindu faith, at the Siva temple in Pashupatinath, Nepal



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Professor Thoburn talks to a roomful of students and community members about the culture, history and travel aspects of Cuba at her public lecture.



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A Red Stupa at a monastery in Samye in Tibet

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Elisabeth Thoburn's travel schedule is grueling. When she is out, she is out for eight or more hours a day: walking, shooting photos, asking questions. When she goes back to her hotel, she doesn't relax; she writes, processes her photos, publishes on her blog, a process that can take four hours.

"I don't like to travel with anyone, I don't even bring my husband with me on these trips," Thoburn said. "Other people slow me down, they can't keep up with my schedule."

Thoburn's life has never been a sedentary one. She grew up in East Germany, and spent time in the '70s and '80s hitchhiking through the former Soviet Union. Even after she came to Michigan, to teach first at Eastern Michigan and then here at Washtenaw Community College, she made sure to schedule time to travel.

She never visits the easy places, either. North Korea. Pakistan. Egypt, at the beginning of the Arab Spring. Cuba, knowing virtually no Spanish.

It's never daunted her, though. In her travel blog, she says simply, "My life is teaching, my love is traveling. Ever since childhood have I ventured as far as I could to experience other places, other people, other customs. All along people were worried about me. But my history is good: I have come back safe and sound from everywhere."

Her good fortune in travels continued this past winter, when she took her sabbatical from the college. Sabbaticals are periods of paid leave given to professors, during which they are expected to travel, do research, or produce materials that can be brought back to enrich the college.

Thoburn initially desired to use this sabbatical to return to a great love of hers, the Middle East. Her humanities class, HUM 175: Arts and Cultures of Middle East, is based off of her extensive travels and first hand study in places like Pakistan, Afghanistan and Syria. Because of the threat to travelers caused by ISIS and other factors, the school denied that request.

"I was disappointed, because I have traveled there before and I love it, but I am so grateful to the college for allowing me to cross some other destinations off my bucket list," said Thoburn.

Her most recent destinations were Nepal, Tibet, and north-eastern China.

Thoburn visited China in the past, and was able to revisit some of her favorite places, along with some new ones. One thing that really surprised her about returning to China was increased

popularity in some previously more obscure sites.

"The Terracotta soldiers, the museum built around them, years ago it was a small dirt parking lot, only really archaeologists there. It's tripled in size, a sea of cars, a real circus," said Thoburn.

Another class that Thoburn teaches at WCC is ART 150: Monuments and Culture, which 'focuses on the comparison of diverse architectural, religious, cultural and individual ideas.'

"That class has no textbook. I teach it out of my own experiences, my travel photography," said Thoburn. She rotates the curriculum, based on her most recent travels. Updated pictures from this China trip, along with pictures of religious sites in Nepal and Tibet, will be rotated into the curriculum in the coming semesters.

Another thing Thoburn does with the knowledge she gains is offer community lectures. Most recently, she did one entitled "Cuba Libre: From Batista to Bacardi," where she discussed Cuba's communist revolution, and what it's like to travel there. These community classes are open to the public for a fee, and are free to WCC students. Thoburn holds these lectures about once a year.

Thoburn also reflected on some of the more obscure places she visited, places that tourists usually shy away from. One was the Xinjiang Province in China, home to a large population of Chinese-Muslims, the Uighurs.

"No one really knows about Uighurs, or sees what they go through. It looks like a war zone, the way they are policed by the government and Han majority. Big, guarded fences around playgrounds, tanks at the train station," said Thoburn.

Shining a light on dirty secrets, and their effects on local populations, is important to her and her travels. Because they are so difficult to reach, and so few people document them, according to Thoburn, few people understand those struggles. She makes sure to incorporate these first hand accounts with locals into all of her materials, whether it be in photographs of daily life, or anecdotes of shop owners, families and tour guides.

One of her hopes is, after some more personal research and travel in Asia, she can create or teach a similar class to her humanities on the Middle East based on Asian arts and cultures. For now, she is taking a moment to breath, and focus on her students, and the rest of this semester's classes.

To read more about Thoburn's travels, you can visit her blog at [www.elisabeth-thoburn.com](http://www.elisabeth-thoburn.com)



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Chinese military surveillance of the Uighurs, a muslim minority group, observed and written about by Professor Thoburn



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Professor Thoburn with the daughter of one of her guides in Swayamhunath, Nepal



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Professor Thoburn during her Kalish Kora circuit, a three day hike at 5600 feet above sea level at Mount Kailash in Tibet



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Locals dancing in a park in Urumqi, China.



events

ARTMUSIC & FUNCAMPUS

PENNY STAMPS SPEAKER SERIES: JASON YATES

This speaker is an artist trying to bridge the gap between different styles of design and art.

UMMA | 525 S State St., Ann Arbor

Thursday, Oct. 24, 5:30-7 p.m. | Free

STRAIGHT UP: FEATURING JACQUELINE UPSHUR

Pop-up art show & sale featuring work by Jacqueline Upshur. There will also be a DJ and drink specials all night.

Ally Bar | 112 W Liberty St., Ann Arbor

Monday, Oct. 23, 7-10 p.m. | Free

KNITTING NIGHT AT CULTIVATE

All ages are welcome to this event where you... well, knit. Enjoy some coffee and company with fellow knitters.

Cultivate Coffee & TapHouse | 307 N River St., Ypsilanti

Monday, Oct. 30, 6-11 p.m. | Free



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HALLOWEEN DOWNTOWN & YPSI GLOW

Enjoy Halloween Downtown festivities in the Library Plaza and parking lot. Get candy, giveaways and other fun. Also enjoy the music, dancing, the radiance of Ypsi GLOW, and displays will light up your evening.

Ypsilanti District Library | 229 W Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti

Friday, Oct. 27, 5:30-9:30 p.m. | Free

ZINGERMAN'S CANDY MANUFACTORY GRAND OPENING!

It's Zingerman's. It's candy. Need I say more.

Zingerman's Candy Manufactory | 3723 Plaza Dr., Suite 3, Ann Arbor

Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. | Prices vary

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN!

Show off your costume, maybe paint some pumpkins enjoy some coffee. There will also be cider and donuts for all the enjoy.

Cross Street Coffee | 317 W Cross St., Ypsilanti

Monday, Oct. 30, 5-8 p.m. | Free



NATALIE JARVIE | WASHTNEAW VOICE

EVENT PLANNING 101

Explore the fine art of event planning starting with finding resources, fundraising, submitting and event proposal, and promoting the event.

Liberal Arts Building | Room LA 159

Tuesday, Oct. 24 3-4 p.m. | Free

WTMC ROBOTICS BAKE SALE

Help raise funds for WTMC First Robotics team. Stop by the bake sale and enjoy the sweeter things in life. All proceeds will help the team build a robot. Cash or check only.

Main Campus | First floor of the Student Center

Tuesday, Oct. 30 & 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Prices vary

FREE COFFEE WEDNESDAYS

Free coffee every Wednesday, get your coffee fix. They also have some snacks and tea.

Main Campus | Entrepreneurship Center

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