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Kenzy and Amal work the Outspace table on Welcome Day. Outspace is the student run

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## **WELCOME DAY 2022**

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Last Wednesday, Welcome Day signaled the unoffical start to the fall semester. Students and staff gathered in Community Park to check out what's going on this semester at WCC.



Student Development and Activites staff enjoy a slice. Afnan Mansour (left), Tabitha Collins, Peter Leshkevich, Rachel Barsch,



Genna Rice, the president of the Japanese Language and Culture Club serves up shaved ice on Welcome Day.



Afnan Mansour (left), Veronica Capraru, Rachel Barsch, and Kaye Rich representing Phi Theta Kappa, Student



Tyler Heyen shows off a barn owl from the Leslie Science and Nature Center.



Students showed their WCC pride by taking selfies with friends and hanging them.



students try their hand at fowling, a game where players attempt to topple pins with pigskin

## Ypsilanti Township cries for halt on surveillance

By Jordan Scenna Debuty Editor

Ralph Johnson waits in line for his turn to speak. He exudes patience, but behind the protective mask that shields his face, Ralph is flush with unease. His brewing anxiety is rooted in the Sheriff's Department's plan to ensnare Ypsilanti Township in a web of more than 60 cameras, aimed at every license plate that passes by.

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office has been embroiled in debate for the last five months with residents of Ypsilanti Township about installing license plate readers at every entrance and exit point around town. They plan to utilize LPRs to solve "serious" crimes and have said strict guidelines would be in place to prevent misuse.

Stationary license plate readers are fixed to traffic lights, telephone poles, or any



Ralph Johnson seizes the podium and addresses board members on oversight. Johnson wants to know who watches the watchers.

high traffic area, and scan all cars that drive past, recording the plate, make, and model. Police can then cross-reference hits with a "hot list" of cars suspected of involvement

in a crime.

The Sheriff's Office has explicitly stated that LPRs

would not be used to enforce civil infractions such as unpaid traffic tickets, which cit-

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ies across the U.S. have done in the past to increase revenue with dramatic success.

The procedural guidelines, posted on the Washtenaw County Sheriff's website, says LPRs are a "tool for the WCSO to capture evidence to assist with solving violent and non-violent crimes."

The Voice was unable to speak with a WCSO rep to clarify whether civil infractions fall under the "non-violent" crime umbrella.

#### Citizens united

In an Aug. 24 report, Mlive reported that, "In community [neighborhood watch] meetings when proposed safeguards around the surveillance technology were explained and questions answered officials said they saw no 'push back'."

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Members of Trinity Lutheran Church handed out cards with a simple, but powerful message.

## Pride returns with fun and love

By: Jacob Kuiper Staff Writer

After a two year hiatus, Ann Arbor Pride's Pride in the Park event returned back in person with vendors, entertainment, food, and love.

First held in 1995, this event "is a weekend festival... celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer identities, community, and allyship," according to their website. The event is hosted by the Jim Toy Community

Center, although unfortunately 2022 marks the first event held since the death of Jim Toy in January of this year. Toy is known to many as Michigan's first openly gay man and was a prominant LGBT activist.

This year's event included a group yoga session, Drag Story Time for kids, and music by award-winning R&B/soul artist Alise King. Following her was the Out Loud Chorus, Washtenaw County's original mixed LGBTQ+ chorus.

Other performers included Joanna Sterling and Unveiled Belly Dance. The event was capped off with a drag show by rapper and drag queen Aja Labeija, best known for her appearances in Rupaul's Drag Race.

Dozens of vendors, from churches to corporate groups to local businesses, descended on the event to help share their messages of allyship as well as personal connections. One organization, Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), is dedicated to supporting and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families. President of PFLAG Ann Arbor, Kathy Kosobud, explains that often the biggest obstacle for queer people and allies seeking assitance is simply not knowing where to go, "There aren't many of us and many don't know where to go."

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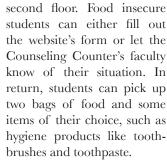
## Food cupboard for students: Times change, purpose stays

By Willow Symonds Staff Writer

Community colleges all over the state are developing their own food cupboards. While each place may or may not use a literal cupboard, they all serve the same purpose: supply food and other items to students in emergency situations.

Opening their cupboard then called a food pantry - 18 years ago, WCC was one of the first Michigan community colleges to have this resource.

The Student Resource Center operates a food cupboard on the Student Center's



COVID-19 changed many one or two students a week.

would be food income be-



Students can fill a FREE bag of food for the holidays.

aspects of the cupboard. Donation amounts are less than they were a few years ago. Before the pandemic, dozens of students would take food and other items per week, but now the numbers have dropped to

While a nice theory

coming more secure among the Washtenaw population, Debra Guerrero, director of Learning Support Services, attributes this decrease to more off-campus classes and less knowledge of the cupboard's existence.

For this reason, Carol Tinkle, project and data technician at the Student Resource Center and Career Technical Education, combined the cupboard's service with advertising.

On the same floor as the Counseling Counter, more often around Thanksgiving and the winter holidays, she sits a cart for students to walk by and notice the canned and boxed food. If they're drawn in and go closer, they can read the sign that tells them to take a paper bag and pack it with free food - emphasis on the "FREE" part.

Tinkle believed that the cart would both inform people of the cupboard and give shy or embarrassed students food without them having to

Unlike the cart, when students take food from the Counseling Counter, they have to show their student ID. A caseworker may later ap-



proach them to learn of their other needs, such as child care assistance and bus tokens. But with the cart, they can bag their own items anonymously, and they can continue their lives like before, only with a fuller belly.

Since November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, Tinkle will have the cart on the Student Center's second floor every weekday.

However, the cart and the bulletins around campus aren't just for students in need to see, but are also for lucky students who don't need it. These students can help keep the cupboard running. How? By donating essential items, which is how the cupboard gets its supply, from both faculty and students.

Guerrero said that the best food items to donate are, "non-perishable and canned items. Same with things already prepared, like rice and soup. This year Carol [Tinkle] looked up and developed meal kits. One of them is just

a breakfast thing, [with] cereal and milk. [Another is] pancake mix." These meal kits come in cylinder containers, so watch out for those.

Pre-made foods are most valued because they don't require cooking appliances, which are luxuries not all students have, especially ones receiving food from the cupboard. Despite the food cupboard's name, students also request non-edible items, like toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, feminine hygiene products (like pads and tampons), and more that can be found on the cupboard's web-

Donations go to SE206, where Tinkle works. Tinkle writes the names of who donated on a board, which helps remind people to keep coming back. Some of them are regular donors, and sometimes people just overbought on food one time, according to Guerrero.

"Please bring in non-expired items," Guerrero advised. "Sometimes people are cleaning out their cupboard and they might think that they're doing a good thing, but they might bring in something expired."

ILLUSTRATION BY GRACE FAVER

She also said that the best containers are unbreakable, such as hard plastic instead of glass. When reviewing what to donate, students and faculty should go through this checklist: long-lasting, quick preparation, and packaged well.

Over the semesters, the cupboard may shift its advertising styles or its availability or even its name; the Student Resource Center only changed it from the pantry to the cupboard earlier this year after discovering that most other community colleges called theirs by the latter. Either way, its original purpose will always remain: helping the students get what they need to learn and live like evervone else.

## **Meet Victor Vega: Interim** Vice President of WCC

By Danny Oh Staff Writer

Victor Vega is the current interim Vice President of Instruction at Washtenaw Community College. Dean of Math, Science, and Engineering at WCC since 2019, he previously served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Glenville State College, Dean of Arts and Sciences at College of Coastal Georgia, and Professor of Mathematics at St. Ambrose University. We asked him questions about his life and his future plans for WCC. You can read more about him

Disclaimer: this interview has been edited for length and as little math as possible, and in college, I intended to study medicine. It was actually in the middle of college that I decided that math was what I wanted to do. Calculus III was what made the difference for me. I saw it, I understood it—it all just clicked. I came out of that class determined to switch my major to mathematics.

### How long have you been

Around 30 years now.

#### Do you have educators who inspired you?

I do. Everybody was scared of my Abstract Algebra professor because he was such a hard teacher. But, it was an amazing class. It was tough love. He explained everything



JORDAN SCENNA I WASHTENAW VOICE Interim VP Victor Vega maintains an open door policy for all students, faculty, and staff.

#### What originally brought you to move from Puerto Rico to the Midwest?

I moved to Puerto Rico to the Midwest to pursue my doctorate in mathematics, because we didn't have a doctorate program in the University of Puerto Rico. I moved to Iowa as it had a particularly strong program in the field of mathematics that I was interested in called "operator algebras."

#### How did your interests evolve? Were you always interested in math?

Not at all! Before college, I wouldn't say that I hated math, but I didn't care for it. When I was in high school, I entered the business program with the goal of taking well, but he didn't give you everything for free-you had to work for it. That class was my primer for graduate school.

#### Speaking of your teaching experience, during your time at Glenville State you taught a class for inmates at a federal prison. What was that experience like?

It was rewarding working in the prisons; it was interesting. I never felt afraid, or threatened. Of course, the first time there was an experience like in the movies, when they slammed that metal door and you hear it closing behind you-boom-and you think, "Oh God." But other than that, it was just like a regular classroom, where they come and they sit down and they

take the class and ask questions. And some of them were very smart, and after working hard, successfully graduated and reintegrated into the workforce.

#### Do you feel like it's easier to be a student nowadays, or harder?

In ways, I think it's harder. You've got these different pressures society is pulling people in, all kinds of directions. The media, technology, TikTok. In the old days it was simpler, we didn't have much of that. It was less complicated. You go to college-you study. If not. they're going to kick you out.

#### How would you describe your roles and responsibilities as interim VP?

For the most part it's all just part of the academic enterprise: courses, scheduling, hiring faculty and staff, supervising faculty and staff, accreditation, advising, budget management. And really, my role is more so a kind of facilitator, I'm trying to facilitate for the faculty and the staff so that they have what they need to do their job.

#### What are your goals as VP? My main goal is to con-

tinue opening the channels of communication between the faculty, the staff, and the students so that they understand that this office is here for them, to support them in anything that they need. I want to emphasize that this is not administration versus the students-none of that. We are all on the same team. We work together, and the closer we are together, the better we work.

#### Any advice for the students

here?

Work hard. Keep at it. Take your time, and don't lose hope. It might seem difficult at times, you'll fail, but get up and keep going.

Interim VP Victor Vega maintains an open door policy for all students

Also, I've always had an open door policy. Don't be afraid of coming to the dean's office or the vice president's office. They're there to serve you. You can come and talk about whatever you want to talk about, whether it's about the transferring process, how your day is going, whatever. There may also be donuts.

## Where are they now?

## WCC helped Jayla Mosley turn fear into a career

RJ Hunt

Jayla Mosley's journey at WCC started when she was in high school as a student of Washtenaw Technical Middle College. Mosley had an older brother and older sister who went to WTMC. Mosley thought it was cool of them to be high school age and in college. WTMC was the best choice over other college prep programs because the credits earned had a better chance of transfering to a university. Therefore, the studying at WCC began.

With Mosley taking WCC courses while being a WTMC student, this encouraged her to stay at WCC to continue her education because she enjoyed the professors and everyone else around her at the school. A professor that stood out to Mosley was her algebra professor, Matthew King. "He was one of the best professors that I remember because he was a really nice guy," said Mosley. "It was people like him that made me want to stay because it was intimidating. I was a high school age student and going to a college environment. (WCC) really prepared me mentally for a university."

Coming out of high school, Mosley was unsure about what exactly she wanted to do in life. She had an idea about doing something business related. She started off with an Administrative Assistant One certificate. Mosley then took some math classes and one of her professors suggested going into accounting. This led to her earning an Accounting One Certificate.

Mosley loved the environment that WCC provided. "It felt like a family," said Mosley. "I know a lot of companies use that term loosely, but because it was a small to midsize campus, it really felt like that. I saw a lot of people I knew from the community. It helped me grow up."

Some of Mosley's favorite memories at WCC included helping her sister run a book club, and using the bridges to go from building to building. "I know that sounds really dumb," said Mosley. "When it's cold and terrible out, it's



PAULA FARMER I WASHTENAW VOICE Jayla Mosley returns to campus after years away as she poses by the flower pots

outside of the Student Center.

one of the best things ever."

Mosley appreciated WCC because of the life skills she learned including communication and team building. She also appreciated how WCC was a bonus financially due to classes being cheaper than traditional universities. Mosley mentioned that it's easier to change your major at WCC compared to a university. "If you want to change your major, WCC is the place to do it... you don't want to have money go down the tube, and student loans are crazy," said

When Mosley transitioned from WCC to Eastern Michigan University, it was smooth for her because of how WCC prepared her. "If I didn't have my experience at WCC, I probably would have been more afraid," said Mosley. Mosley graduated from EMU with a Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management in 2016. She then went on to Central Michigan University for her Masters in Human Resources Administration in 2019.

Mosley was originally going for Accounting at EMU. After taking some classes, she started pondering if this was the right field for her. "Do (accountants) really just sit at the desk all day and do numbers because I don't know if I really want to do that," said Mosley. She took her first Human Resource class and everything clicked for her. Mosley really enjoyed the things she could

do with a human resource position. Her mom was a superintendent for a school, so seeing her mom in a leadership position encouraged Mosley to want to follow suit.

After spending years moving up the ranks at FedEx, Mosley found a job with Neapco. Neapco is a tier 1 auto motor supplier that makes different parts for cars. They are known for working with the Big Three of the auto industry (Ford, GM, and Chrysler). Mosley's role with Neapco is a HR generalist.

Some of the main roles of Mosley's job is to handle communication within the company, including helping with a monthly newsletter, leading the diversity and belonging initiative, and recruitment. Mosley enjoys her job because she's doing what she wants to do, especially because she describes her coworkers as genuine. She loves how she's looked at as the helper instead of the enemy from HR. She feels like she's helpful and people know she is there for help instead of thinking of her as the enemy since she is in HR..

Mosley's goal for her future is to continue to work at her career. She hopes to be a Vice President for a company one day. Mosley recently earned her SHRM certificate (Society of Human Resource Management), so she's hoping that earning that certificate and taking the other necessary steps leads her to that VP role that she is striving for.

**COLUMN** 

## The WNBA deserves their dignity and their dollars



By RJ HUNT

The Women's National Basketball Association, commonly referred to as the WNBA, is a sports league that has changed the game for women's sports. No pun intended. Since 1997, the league has allowed us to see some of the best hoopers in the world. With that being said, they still don't receive the love they deserve.

If sports is not your thing, then it's just not your thing. On the other hand, you have sports fans that just love to complain about the WNBA. You have dummies on social media saying lower the rims because they can't dunk. They can dunk. In the 2022 WNBA All-Star, 34 year old Sylvia Fowles, threw down a thunderous one-handed jam that sent the crowd into a frenzy. I find it more impressive the few times a player dunks on a 10 foot rim compared to the many times it would happen if the league switched to an 8 foot rim. You also have fans who say they always miss wide open layups. Just go to YouTube and type in "Shaqtin' a Fool." It's a show hosted by NBA legend, Shaquille O'Neal, showing bloopers from NBA games. The NBA players mess up too, not just the ones in the WNBA.



WNBA legend, Sue Bird, the league's leader in career assist holds the WNBA Finals trophy in her hand after winning her fourth WNBA championship.

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You even have those who are not into sports who complain about the WNBA. They complain about the salaries. According to an article in USA Today, the average WNBA salary is \$231.5 thousand per year. The highest salary in the league goes to Jewell Loyd, who is making \$463 thousand per year. In comparison to the NBA, according to an article on The Hoops Geek, the average NBA salary is \$8.5 million (median is \$4.3 million). The highest paid player in the NBA is Steph Curry who makes a whopping \$48 million a year. Big difference between the WNBA and NBA salaries.

Why are the salary gaps so huge? Many blame it on the

WNBA as a business, the others blame it on people being sexist. I think it's both. On the business end, they do deserve more games on national TV. Their season is during a time where there's not any football, basketball, or hockey being played, but viewership is a common complaint levied at the WNBA. The league reported how the 2022 season was the most watched in 14 years, and viewership increased 16% compared to the 2021 season. Also, they need more teams. There's only 12 teams; the more teams in different regions, the more regions you have watching.

A lot of Detroit sports fans have told me they stopped watching the WNBA when

the Detroit Shock were relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma. I still watch the WNBA faithfully, but I understand why people turned away. It's different when you have a team in your city to root for. The next closest teams to Michigan is Indiana and Chicago. Driving four hours to catch a game is not ideal when I used to only have to drive an hour when the Shock played at The

Sexism is another reason why the league is getting held back. People complain about the playstyle, but those who watch will tell you that the fundamentals are used in the WNBA more than the NBA. If you're a fan of basketball then you should have no problem supporting the WNBA. The NBA players support the league. All-star, Chris Paul, spent hours practicing a signature move that he learned from WNBA player, Maya Moore. It's a common sight to see a NBA player courtside at a WNBA game. Kobe Bryant was known for attending games and even helped popularize the orange WNBA hoodie with the league's logo in the center.

The games are not even expensive, especially compared to the NBA. For the WNBA finals, a deciding game according to ticketmaster ranges from \$35-\$300 (a regular season game commonly goes for \$10). Staying on ticketmaster, a Detroit Pistons preseason ranges from

\$11-\$3,000. Yes, a championship game and a preseason game (for a team that finished in the bottom of the league) has that huge of a difference.

It's no secret the WNBA has a problem. The two sides can blame each other all they want regarding it being sexist or it being business. Like I mentioned earlier, it's both. Regardless, the problem is not on the court. The women in the league know how to play some ball. A lot of guys think they can beat these players in a game because they're "girls." I promise you those same guys would get embarrassed. All the WNBA needs is a chance, and if you haven't done so yet, now is the time. They're only getting better.

#### What's your favorite class at WCC?

By Danny Oh | Staff Writer

GDT 106 (Illustrator Graphics). I've been taking classes for more than 10 years, but I've got to say that GDT 106 was an especially helpful class. It helped me get more acquainted with the Adobe software and nail down my pen tool skills, and that ended up feeding into a lot of the video graphics I do today.

PSY 100 (Introduction to Psychology). I've taken a psychology class in high school, but taking one again at WCC I've been able to review everything to a greater level of

Ben Baker



Digital video production

depth, so that everything has been even more intriguing. **Hayley Ray** General studies





I do not like any of my classes. No offense to all my professors, they're lovely.

> **Frith Madison** Environmental science

ESL. The program was phenomenal-great teachers. I would recommend all international students to follow their instructions and recommendations. This is a great

> Naurilan Vassili Ntouala Mali liberal arts transfer program

ENG 111(Composition I). I like reading the books that are

**Axell Diaz** Dentistry

ENG 111(Composition I). It allowed me to express my ideas in a different way than speaking. When you learn to write your thoughts down, it helps to clarify them.

> **Larry Olsen** Digital video production

VID 105 (Foundations in Digital Video I). I like the editing part; I like to sit down, put on some music, and get down to editing for a good amount of hours.

> Jason Potesta Digital video production













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## **Suicide Prevention Month**

By RJ Hunt

WCC has protocols in place when it comes to those contemplating suicide, but during the month of September, the school partipcates in different activities to spread awareness. The goal is to help people who are thinking about suicide and how to help someone you know who is thinking about such. WCC will be involved with different events throughout the month such as awareness walks, training sessions, and spreading the word through different media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and WCC's website.

Erin Goldman, a WCC counselor, wants those contemplating suicide to know there is help. Goldman has been with WCC since April of this year. She has helped with students and their needs along with spreading awareness about suicide this month. In her profession, she said how people have thought about suicide for many different reasons. Everyone is different so there are a variety of reasons, there is no such thing as one reason. "In general, it's an overwhelming sense of emotional pain that surpasses

the individual's ability to cope with what's going on," Goldman said. Though there is not one specific reason, dealing with loss is a common theme. "It's generally loss, but not always. It's usually because they don't know how to cope with it or don't know how to deal with it," Goldman said. Types of loss include breakups, job loss, or the death of a loved

If you know someone who is thinking about suicide there are ways you can help prevent it from happening. "You want people to feel connectedness", Goldman said. Try to engage them in activities where they are engaging with others and able to form bonds. If you know someone who is thinking about suicide then you should at least try to talk to them, but most importantly, tell somebody. It's OK to seek help. "You don't want to hurt a relationship and break anyone's trust. However, if it's somebody's life at risk, most of us would do anything we can to make sure that person stays alive," Goldman said. Sometimes you have to accept losing that trust if it means keeping that person alive.

Goldman also understands that one who is thinking about suicide might not come out and say they are thinking it. Many feel shame, stigma, and fear about their mental health, especially suicide. Goldman says if you think someone might be thinking about suicide, then the best approach is to show them you're concerned and that you care. You can even ask directly if they're having suicidal thoughts. This is where QPR training comes into play.

Another way to help with suicide prevention is partaking in QPR (question, persuade, refer) training sessions. WCC counselors hosted training sessions from September 13-22 in the LA building. During these training sessions, participants learned how to recognize warning signs, what to say to someone and offer hope, and how to get them in contact with professional help and keep them safe.

WCC is also taking part in the "Out of Darkness" community walk hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The walk honors the lives of those lost to suicide and aims to spread awareness about suicide prevention. The walk is taking place on Sunday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metro Park, in Dexter.



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WCC counselor, Erin Goldman, standing outside of the Counseling office on the 2nd floor of the Student Center.

### Who to contact if you are contemplating suicide:

WCC contact

Personal counseling office, to make an appointment call 734-677-5223.

Call 833-WCC4YOU (833-922-4968), a toll free and 24/7 line for WCC students that provides support and referrals

#### **Suicide Prevention Lifeline numbers**

Phone: 988(The lifeline was shortened from 1-800-273-8255 to 988 in July 2022. 1-800-273-8255 is still active today.

Veterans 998, press 1 SMS text: 988

Veterans, text 83255

Chat: https://988lifeline.org/chat/

Veterans: https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/



Carlos Alarcon (left) and Areej Imran enjoying a fun game on the PS5 in the lobby inside the Student Center.

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PAULA FARMER I WASHTENAW VOICE. The covers of the games that are the most popular among the Esports players hanging

## Let the games begin, WCC Esports is leveling up

By RJ Hunt

Editor

Esports started at WCC right before the pandemic. Now with more students on campus, Esports is starting to make its impact known. If you're ever in the Student Center on campus, chances are you have seen students playing games in the lobby. "(Esports) is a great way to interact with each other and get to know people on campus that they would not have known before," said Matt Lucas, manager for WCC sports. When the pandemic

was at its peak, there weren't as many students on campus compared to today. With the WCC community adapting to the effects of the pandemic, Lucas is happy to see others socialize with each other again.

To join the Esports club team, students have to have a 2.0 grade-point average or higher and taking at least 3 credit hours for the semester. For any new students, your GPA isn't counted until you have completed one semester at WCC, but regardless you still need to be taking at least 3 credit hours. Participants are asked to complete a waiver

in order to join. The waiver allows participants to recommend games for the Esports team. If you don't have any experience with games, you can still try out for the team. "It can be from 'I really want to try out' to 'I'm ranked.' It can be a wide range," Lucas

In the past, Esports has played games such as Rocket League, Smash Bros, Fortnite, Apex, and Valorant. The games will continue to be played, but Esports will have some new features this year. There will be PS5 and Xbox Series X consoles, along with gaming PCs that will be

brought in. Eventually there will be an Esports arena for gamers to play in. "We have a space picked, the goal is to have it open in the winter semester," Lucas said.

Bringing in new gaming systems, having a space for the Esports arena, and hiring coaches goes into the budget for the club team. During the pandemic, there weren't many students on campus, so more of the budget could be used. This year many more students are on campus and many more want to participate in Esports, so the budget proposal is currently being looked over.

The number of Esports players is growing by the semester. During the fall 2021 semester, 50 students were a part of Esports. The winter 2022 semester saw 65 students. According to Lucas, as of Sept. 15, 35 students have filled out waivers to be a part of Esports this semester. With the number expected to grow, Esports is expecting this semester's numbers to be bigger than last. This is compared to the 187 students signed up for all of the club and intramural sports that WCC offer com-

on the wall in the sports office.

"We have had more students ask about Esports, especially with more students back on campus," Lucas said. "I can't wait to see where the program goes from here."

# Surveillance

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But on Aug. 16 the people of Ypsilanti leaned on Township board members with their collective weight.

Roughly 40 people attended the meeting, and of the 11 people that spoke, only one articulated the possible value of an LPR system. The majority voiced concerns of malfeasance or outright said they didn't want the readers in their town.

An online survey conducted by the Sheriff's Office revealed that 87% of the 1,148 respondents opposed the license plate readers, while only 10% were in favor. 3% were neutral.

Ralph Johnson, a Washtenaw County resident, had concerns over deputy misuse.

"There's no question that this sort of thing happens all the time. What we need to know is exactly how someone will be held accountable [in case of abuse]. Will they no longer be able to use the system? Will they lose pay? Will they be fired?"

For Johnson, accountability was a major concern, and he expressed the need for community oversight, not just a check-and-balance system within the police department. Additionally, he thought the neighborhood watch meetings were given too much weight by the board and weren't representative of the community.

Another Ypsilanti Township resident, Jonathan Hall, an assistant biology professor at Eastern Michigan University, demanded empirical evi-

"The board should research whether this is needed, separate from the police and the vendors. Show us the data that proves this works."

His skepticism was valid.

In a November 2021 study, the Independent Institute conducted an analysis of 16 years of data from Piedmont, Cali. about the effectiveness of LPRs and stolen vehicle recoveries. They found that less than 0.3% of "hits" translate to leads.

This means LPRs are gathering data on a lot of innocent people.

During the meeting, Derrick Jackson, director for community engagement for the Sherriff's office, cited four local cases where the application of LPRs led to arrests of murder and car-jacking suspects.

In one instance a suspect was apprehended with the help of an LPR dragnet that Van Buren Township installed earlier this year.

The system holds data for 30 days, Jackson said, but it can be kept indefinitely for ongoing investigations.

Under the Uses and Accountability section of the guidelines, "All data captured by LPR technology will automatically be deleted after 30 days unless the data is pertinent to criminal or civil investigation."

It is unclear why "pertinent" data would be kept to explore "civil investigations" if the LPRs are not going to be used for civil infractions.

A WCSO rep could not



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Sheriff's Department official Derrick Jackson pleads his case to the township board. Jackson, director for community engagement, promised to only use LPRs for major crimes.

be reached for comment.

Other concerns voiced to township board members ranged from intimate partner stalking within the police department, to the use of license plate readers to track women seeking abortions, either from out of state, or if Michigan law changes.

One woman said that the board didn't do enough to promote awareness of the meeting and emphasized the lack of a Zoom option.

In response to the "strict guidelines" laid out to prevent exploitation, many residents wanted safeguards to combat eventual changes in department leadership; there was a

visceral fear that the use of license plate readers would evolve from catching violent criminals, into a tool to recover unpaid court fees and traffic fines; or to target specific neighborhoods.

Last Thursday, an Ypsilanti Township official told the Voice the township is currently undecided on whether or not to move forward with the plan.

In a preemptive strike, Ypsilanti City leadership has signed an ordinance banning the installation or use of license plate scanning devices in city limits.



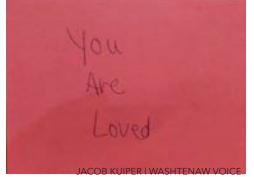
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Jonathan Hall up in arms over proposed cameras.

Out Loud Chorus performs at Ann Arbor Pride.



Vote promoting and pride pins at the PFLAG booth.



Members of Trinity Lutheran Church handed out cards with a simple, but powerful message.



Clare Paul and Tim Retzloff that tells the story of Detroit's first pride celebration

## **Ann Arbor Pride**

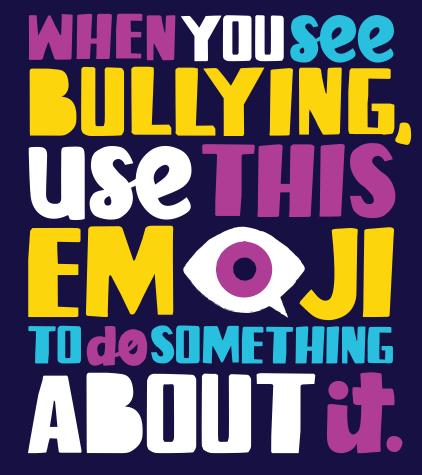
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Another vendor had a similarly upbeat, but more serious message. UNIFIED - HIV Health and Beyond offers free HIV and STI testing, as well as syringe services, harm reduction services, and counseling. At the event, member of the UNIFIED outreach team Laurence Wilson helped educate patrons on overdose rescue and prevention with naloxone nasal spray. The seriousness of his topic, however, didn't bring down his excitement of attending the event, "It's amazing [that] you get this community together [for] the same cause of promoting community and love."

Many artists also attended. Isabel Clare Paul of Sable Cat Studio worked with Tim Retzloff to create a beautifully illustrated comic book "Come Out! In Detroit" commemo-

rating Michigan's first Pride celebration, the Christopher Street Detroit '72 Pride

Others were there to simply spread love. Fawn Armstrong, a candidate for judge of Washtenaw County's 14A District Court this November, attended the event with Free Mom Hugs to do just that: hug. "Kids need someone to be there to show that they're loved," she explains. Sarah Altenburg, attending with Trinity Lutheran Church, wanted to spread a similar message, "We want to rewrite the message that churches don't love [queer] people." To go along with this she handed out cards with a simple but powerful message in a community often feeling targeted and left out: "You Are Loved."









- 1. "Probably these jeans, which I got at Forever21. I also thrifted this jacket for \$3."
- 4."Cheap and cohesive."



- 1. What's your favorite item that you're wearing?
- 3. Where do you normally shop for clothes?
- 2. Why did you choose this specific outfit today?
- 4. How would you describe your style in a few words?
- 1. "I've gotta say my shorts. I cut them off - they're actually grandma shorts and they're
- 4."Eclectic, definitely. I don't think I have one thing that's particular

to myself."

nice and stretchy. It gives me a

lot of mobility and [are] easy to



Emma Powell - Undecided

- "I bought the flannel along so if it's cold, I could cover up. I love this flannel and this shirt. Just the red and the blue, they make me think of school."
- "I go to New2U, which is in Saline, or anywhere that has cheap clothes that look cool. Other than that, I shop online a lot."



Sarah Burgess - Video Production

- 1. "I would probably say my shoes - they're Shadow Air Forces. I got them a while ago, and they're cute and they go with a lot of things."
- 2."I just felt kind of orange today, so why not wear orange?"



Nina Klein - Film Studies

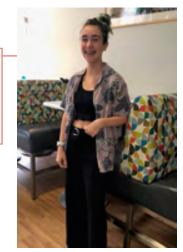
Javlen Darlow - Liberal Arts

- 2."I really like My Chemical Romance, so I decided to put on that T-shirt today, and I love my Doc Martens. A lot of the stuff is new, so it's kinda like a chance to show it off."
- 3."I got these arm gloves from Hot Topic, which is where I get a decent amount of my clothes."



Jay Wheaton - WTMC Pre-med

- 3."Normally my brother's closet."
- 4 "Right now it's not as fitting, but I normally dress like I'm about to golf as a father of three."



Fae Gillespie - WTMC

- 1. "My favorite item might be this blue bracelet, because me and all my childhood friends got them and it's kind of a symbol of our friendship."
- 4."Casual but modern."



Lallami Boulama - Cybersecurity

- 3."There's a place called The ShareHouse by my house that I go to all the time. They have good prices."
- 4."I went for a punk, emo look. It sounds weird, but I try to look LGBT so people in the community know."



Liam Whitney - Social Work

- 3."I like to shop from Nordstrom or Ragstock in Ann Arbor."
- \_"Dressy-casual. I don't like to be in sweatpants or a sweatshirt if I'm going to school."



Dylan Abraham - Graphic Design

By WILLOW SYMONDS Staff Writer

#### Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo

**GENRE: YOUNG ADULT** HISTORICAL FICTION; LGBT

In 1954 San Francisco, high school senior Lily Hu worries of the Red Scare targeting her father, and she dreams of leaving Chinatown, where she could hopefully become an astronomer or astronaut like she's always wanted. The only other girl in her advanced math class, Kath, introduces her to an underground bar called the Telegraph Club. Lily soon realizes she has more in common with the regulars than her family and friends would think. This multi-award-winning novel follows characters no reader can resist falling in love with.

#### Dele Weds Destiny by Tomi Obaro

GENRE: LITERARY

Three college friends haven't seen each other in decades, since Funmi married rich, Etinan moved to the United States, and Zainab began caring for her sick husband. Now, with Funmi's daughter getting married, they reunite in Nigeria for a wedding that has the money for spectacle but not the heart to back it up. The three friends discover wounds, old and new, in the lives they left behind. Beautifully written, this debut novel showcases female friendship, mother-daughter relationships, and the best and worst parts of African culture.

#### Our Wives Under the Sea by Julia Armfield

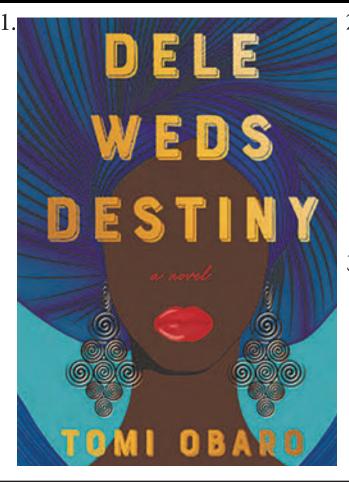
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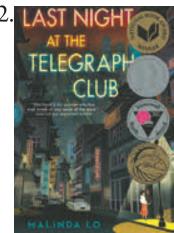
Not quite literary fiction, not quite horror, this novel breaks genre boundaries by telling the story of two wives and the underwater expedition that changed their relationship - and their lives. Now Miri has to keep he ss and less herself everyday. This debut novel is a short slow-burn but is packed full of observations on human behavior, lyrical writing, and eerie mystery to keep readers turning the pages and remember it long after.

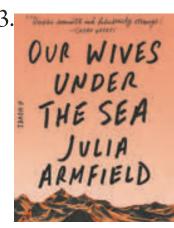
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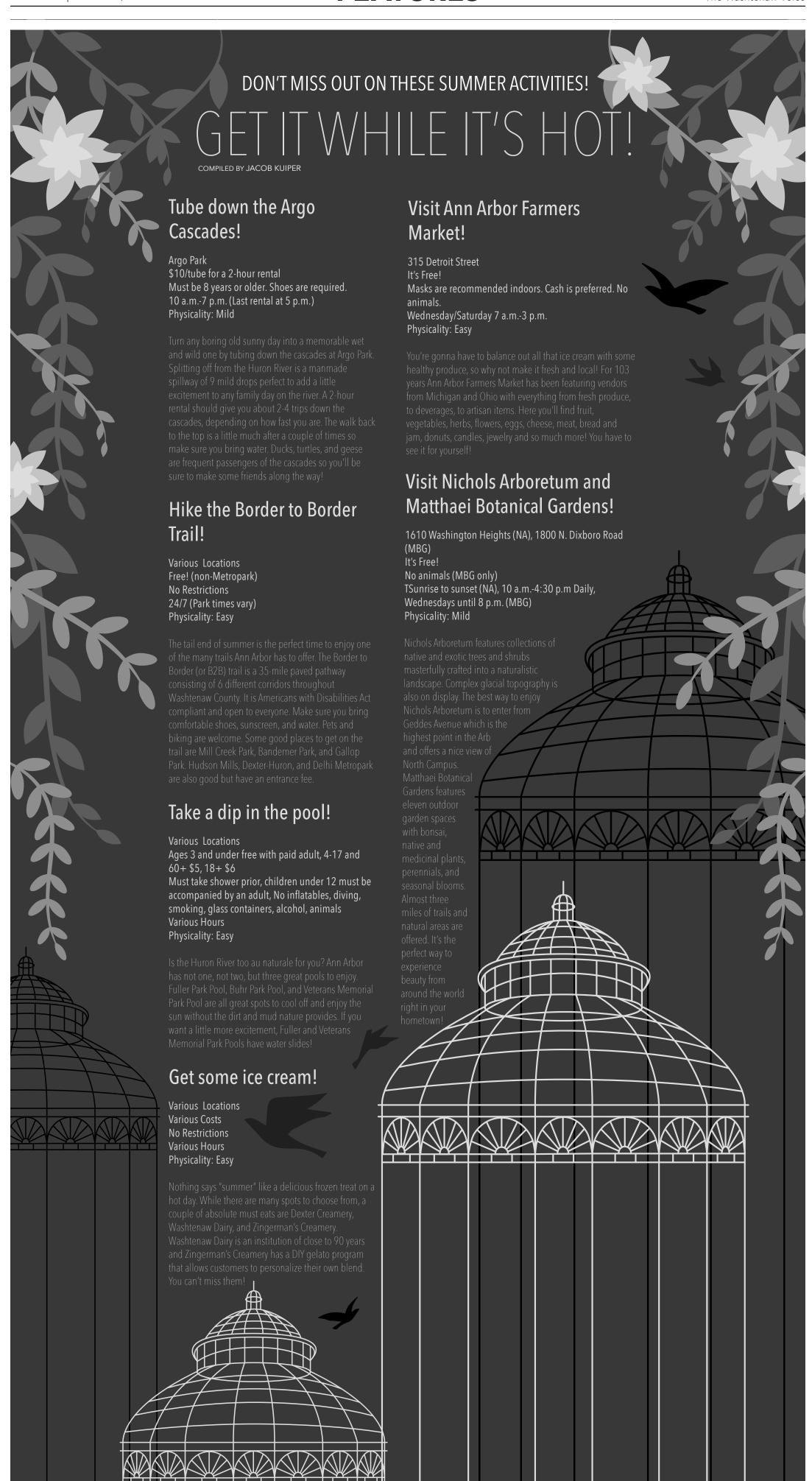


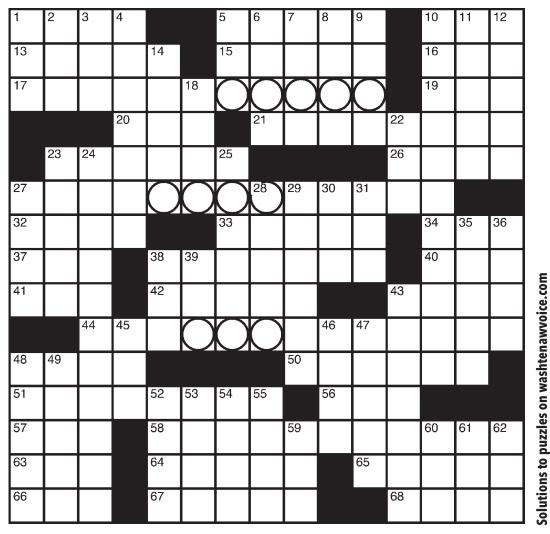
"Never be ashamed of what you feel. You have the right to feel any emotion that you want, and to do what makes you happy. That's my life motto."

- Demi Lovato

"You get one life. I'm going to embrace mine." - Kevin Hart

"Find out what your gift is and nurture it." - Katy Perry





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#### **BREWSTER ROCKIT** By Tim Rickard







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

**THE DEADLINE** in 5 p.m. the Tuesday before publication.

SEND ADS to wcc.voice. advertising@gmail.com

#### **Center for Career Success**

SC 112 734-677-5155 careers@wccnet.edu

These are among recent employment ad posted with WCC Center for Career Success.

Students may contact the Center for Career Success to find out how to apply for the openings.

To view more information, visit Career Connect at wccnet.edu/careerconnect

#### Junior Technician (Automotive/ Dynamometer).

We are seeking a motivated and driven entry level technician. Candidate is willing to learn and develop new skills. Candidate will perform many facilities and technician related duties and function primarily as an assistant to facilities and technician personnel. As new skills and knowledge are demonstrated, this role will expand in scope and may lead to a more senior role, including dynamometer operator. Employment will be in Novi, Michigan. This is a 1 year contract position with option for direct hire.

#### Staff Accountant.

In general, a staff accountant is responsible for assisting the engagement partner in providing a high level of customer

service to our clients through the process of preparing and analyzing financial reports for individuals and companies. This includes but is not limited to: tax planning and preparation, year-end planning, banking and financing assistance, attestation services, write up services, and consulting. **RBT/Behavior Technician.** 

with people with autism under the supervision of a Qualified Behavior Health Professional or Board-Certified Behavior Analyst. They implement programs for skill acquisition relating to communication, socialization, activities of daily living, and

RBT/Behavior Technicians work

other functional skills as they relate to the individual learner.

**Business Office Intern.** We are looking for someone with a professional mindset who is a team player with good communication skills. Must have an ability to prioritize workload and an attention to detail. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: Generate quotes, Enter purchase orders, Generate

#### invoices, and Answer phones. **Dental Assistant.**

Full Time And Part Time Dental Assistant (CDA/RDA preferred) wanted for a general dental office with two dentists. We are looking for a team player with the following attributes: Highly organized, Detail oriented, Capable of maintaining a fast pace, Selfstarter, and Sense of humor. **Robot Technician.** 

## Accountabilities and respon-

sibilities: An understanding of Robot programming and motion planning with a minimum of two different types of robots, Set Up I/O Structure, Robot Start-Up, And Devicenet Networks With Minimal Supervision, All Programming Activities Under Team Lead Supervision, Basic Welding Understanding (Mid, Spot, And Projection), Assist With Project Robotic Actives And Assist Others \*Controls, Electrical, Mechanical And Project Management) Through To Project Complete, Experience – Work/ Software, Proficiency In Microsoft Office (Powerpoint, Excel, Word, Etc.), And Demonstrates Problem Solving Skills

#### Lab Technician Trainee. Electronic / Electrical experi-

ence/Skills, Read schematics, Identify electrical components, Soldering skills, Use of basic hand tools, Mechanical ability, Ability to troubleshoot and PC knowledge (Windows, word, Excel, Basic Data input).

#### **Software Development** Student Intern/Co-Operative.

The development intern will work with our senior development team at our headquarters in Ann Arbor on a variety of projects, including: Debugging and fixing software tools, Documenting new processes and updating existing ones, Running and documenting hardware tests, Updating performance on a hardware test rig and wiring new hardware, and Creating wiring harnesses used to debug hardware and software issues.

#### Intern - Purchasing. AVL is searching for an intern

to support the purchasing department in Plymouth, MI. This

a great opportunity for someone who is working towards a degree in Business, Supply Chain Mgmt., or Logistics that would like to gain real experience on a part-time basis. The Intern for the purchasing team will be a part-time position with an average of 24+ hours per week and will start immediately. This opportunity could potentially end in a direct hire position upon graduation. The purchasing team is looking for a candidate that is seeking a productive, learning experience towards the degree they are earning. In addition, strong communication skills, team work, and self-motivation are required to be considered for this position. This position is mostly remote, with potential for some onsite attendance.

#### **Retail Sales Opportuni**ties-Part Time- Ann Arbor, MI.

As a store sales associate for Scrubs & Beyond understanding our customers' needs and helping them find the best product to fill that need is Job One! Our associates are dedicated to delivering exceptional customer service that positively impacts sales and contributes to an upbeat, friendly environment.

#### **Public Health Nursing** Internship.

The Nurse Intern functions as a collaborative member of the Oakland County Health Division care team in partnership with and under the direction and supervision of the Registered Nurse (RN). Performs basic direct client care to a specific group of patients. Actively supports the activities of the clinic and community teams. Promotes organizational commitment and excellence in the client care experience, and in compliance with the standards of professional behavior within nursing. Janitorial Cleaner – part

### time.

Leadec Industrial Services Inc. is a leading provider of manufacturing support services to the global automotive industry. Our mission is to partner with industrial manufacturers by delivering manufacturing support services that made a measurable improvement in our customers' quality, uptime and total cost.

#### **Ann Arbor Film Festival** Internships.

The Ann Arbor Film Festival (AAFF) is currently seeking interns across several departments and programs to add new energy, vitality and talent to our ever-growing community of experimental film enthusiasts, filmmakers, and participants of all stripes! At AAFF, we invite you to be yourself, learn, grow, contribute your ideas, build relationships and leave with a new network of friends and collaborators!

#### **Collections Coordinator.**

The University of Michigan Credit Union (UMCU) offers a fun and challenging work environment where each team member is valued and can make a difference. We are currently searching for a detail oriented, hard-working teamplayer to join the Solutions Team in the role of Solutions Coordinator. In this role you'll be responsible for mitigation of losses to UMCU by monitor-

ing and collecting delinquent loans and shares through various collection activities.

#### Painter.

The Industrial Powder-Coat Painter is responsible for routine and preventative maintenance painting duties within the manufacturing plant, including a full range of specialized painting projects. These include, but are not limited to; painting large structures, perform inspections, clean ups, proper storage and disposal of paint products and operating various tools and equipment.

#### Software Intern.

An intern with the AI and Modeling Center of excellence will work in one or more of the following areas. Interns will be technically supported and mentored throughout their stay with KLA.

#### Emcee (MC) | Crowd Motivator | DJ Assistant.

The job of an MC / Crowd Motivator / DJ Assistant is to perform the duties of MC (master of ceremonies) for bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, parties and school dances. You will be talking on a microphone in front of a crowd, provide high energy enthusiasm while motivating and encouraging people to dance, take requests, lead group/specialty dances, coordinate details with clients and other event vendors, host games, set up/take down equipment, load/unload equipment, take photos of guests and help the DJ with any other tasks. If you meet all of these requirements, you just may become a member of Stealth DJ's. Get paid to work and have fun at the same time. **Compiled by: Ruby Go | Contributor** 

# events

## AT WCC

## IN THE COMMUNITY

#### STUDENT PAINT PARTY

Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Community Park

A day to release your creativity and have fun with friends.

#### INTRAMURAL KICKBALL

Sept. 21 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

WCC Softball Field

Come play a game of kickball with your fellow students! WCC intramural kickball will be held at the WCC Softball Field, which is across from WCC's campus and next to the Health and Fitness Center building. Make sure to reserve your spot for this event.Reserve a spot at https://wccnet.campuslabs.com/engage/event/8246956

#### **PAINTING GYPSY ROCKS**

**Sept. 27 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** *LA 237* 

Wondering what a Gypsy rock is? Come find out! Feel free to Google it too! It'll be a chance to create and paint Gypsy rocks and just have a low key space while we do so!

#### **FALL BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** *ML 101* 

Did you know that one pint of blood has the potential to save up to three lives? Washtenaw Community College and American Red Cross invite you to participate in our Summer 22 Blood Drive! Sign up using the sponsor code WCC 13 at www.redcrossblood.org.



#### MICHIGAN MEDICINE CAREER FAIR

Oct. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jack Roth Stadium Club

Whether you are interested in learning more about a career in healthcare, or if you would like the chance to interview directly for one of the positions we are hiring for at the event, our October Career Fair is the event for you!

## THE DINNER DETECTIVE MURDER MYSTERY

Sept. 24 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

1275 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti Cost: \$65

Bring your friends to The Eagle Crest Resort to see our hilarious cast perform this thrilling mystery, all while enjoying a full-service four-course meal.

#### **COMEDY NIGHT @ BLOM**

Sept. 24 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

100 S 4th Ave, Suite 110, Ann Arbor Cost: \$10

Comedy night is back at Blom Meadworks! Hosting another stand-up session from Andrew Yang and his crew.

## MICHELLE OKA DONER - CARRYING GOLDEN THREADS

Sept. 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Michigan Theater

Michelle Oka Doner is an internationally renowned artist whose career spans six decades ... This event is part of the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design.



## SYMPHONY BAND - UM MUSIC SCHOOL

Sept. 30 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hill Auditorium

Listen to the University of Michigan Symphony Band conducted by Michael Haithcock in-person or via livestream.

#### **CHIME CONCERT**

Sept. 21 from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Kerrytown Market

All invited to play one of 200 songs, with melodies transcribed in numbers, on the 17-bell chime's numbered keys.

#### **MEAN GIRLS**

Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

State Theater Cost: \$10.50

Hit teen comedy about female high school social cliques. Mask and proof of vaccination required for all patrons over the age of 12.

#### **WEST SIDE NITE RIDE**

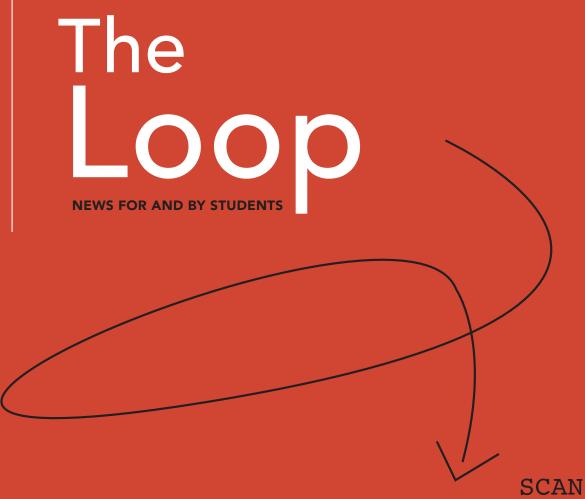
Sept. 28 at 5 p.m.

Forest Lawn Cemetery

Slow/moderate-paced bike ride, 10-30 miles, along the B2B Trail to Hudson Mills Metropark and/or Dexter Huron Metropark.







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