


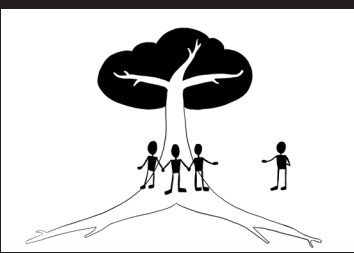
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WCC board discontinues pre-meeting dinner

Meals were longtime tradition at monthly meetings

LILY COLE  
*Editor*

The long-standing, but little-known practice of a pre-meeting meal before the monthly WCC board of trustee meetings has been discontinued. The change follows the Voice’s inquiry into this practice.

Before she was elected, Trustee Eileen Peck raised concerns to the Voice about the dinners. The Voice then inquired and confirmed independently with Trustee Dave Devarti. Devarti said these dinners are small, legitimate and inexpensive social gatherings.

Vanessa Brooks, WCC’s chief of staff, who started working with the board of trustees in 2015, confirmed the tradition would be discontinued because it’s more convenient for working executives and staff to grab something quickly.

“From my understanding it’s been different ways depending on the staff and what their preference is for the meals because they’re informal conversations, just a time for people to get a bite to eat,” Brooks said.

As of now, dinners before



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WCC board of trustees meetings are held in the ML building. The public can make comments by contacting the board of trustees on the WCC website through a form.

board meetings are not taking place.

Under Michigan and most open meeting laws, any time there is a majority or forum of members of an elected body in place, it is required to be an open meeting; these dinners have not been.

The Voice asked the Student Press Law Center (SPLC), and Jonathan Falk, a representative for SPLC, said it depends on the content being discussed.

“If they were using that time during the dinners to discuss board business, without that oversight, without that

accessibility or accountability that’s written into the law, then that could be a problem,” Falk said.

Trustees and representatives of the board confirmed that these meals were social gatherings and board business is not discussed.

Richard Landau, a former WCC trustee from 2001-2023, said the dinners have been going on for as long as he was on the board. The official start date of these dinners is unclear. Brooks said the dinners have happened for as long as she’s been in her position.

Landau, who is also an attorney, has represented public boards such as school boards, community college boards, university boards and city councils, and said he is not familiar with a public board that didn’t have a pre-meeting meal. However, Falk said he isn’t “privy to a situation where there’s a dinner before every meeting ... But it doesn’t mean that it’s beyond the pale.”

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Student guide to executive orders



ABIGAIL GIBB | WASHTENAW VOICE  
Dr. Lauren Foley teaches one of her Intro to American Government classes about the judicial branch of the government. Dr. Foley is a full-time humanities, social & behavioral sciences faculty member at WCC.

ABIGAIL GIBB  
*Contributor*

take anywhere from immediately after signing to months to years to take effect.

Why can executive orders be confusing?

Lauren Foley, a full-time humanities, social and behavioral sciences faculty member at WCC teaching “Intro to American Government” this winter semester, said this when asked about why executive orders can be so confusing: “The reason why they’re confusing is that there is no exact, ‘You can’t do this, You can do this.’ That’s really up for the courts and Congress to decide.”

Executive orders are an implied and inherent power given to the president in the Constitution. While not explicitly stated, they have developed to help the president carry out the law. This means that he or she should be able to direct the executive branch’s departments and agencies to carry out or refrain from different actions and procedures.

That means the president can push the boundaries of what they can do because executive orders are an inherent implied power. We have the division of powers for this reason. The president cannot go around those checks and balances built in by issuing an executive order, nor can he assume authority from other branches, such as the authority granted to Congress to enact new laws or to the courts to declare certain laws unconstitutional.

What can you do about an executive order you don’t like?

There is no direct number to call or website to submit to where an average citizen can express their dislike of an executive order. So, what can one do?

Foley said this advice: “For an average citizen like you and me, it can be frustrating because there isn’t really a direct avenue for you or me to say, ‘I don’t like that.’”

Foley recommends going to your Michigan senators and representatives and pressure them to pass a law. Remember, executive orders cannot override federal laws.

President Donald Trump has signed over 100 executive orders since the beginning of his presidency. With new information about them coming almost daily, what do students need to know about executive orders?

What is an executive order and what can it do (or not do)?

An executive order is a signed and issued instruction that allows the president to carry out the law—a responsibility of the executive branch. These orders may range from creating a new department or implementing a new procedure.

Executive orders cannot override federal laws. Any law, treaty, or court decision takes precedence over an executive order. For example, Congress could pass a law requiring the federal government to recognize same-sex marriages, according to congress.gov.

The president could issue an executive order to clarify the procedures or guidelines on how the government will recognize and process them.

How are they put into action?

Because of an executive order’s implication and inherent nature, nothing is written about how an executive order should be written or implemented. Technically, a president could write and sign anything and call it an executive order.

Traditionally, depending on the department involved, the head of the department or representative would review the draft language, most times not involving the president. Once the draft is written, it may be sent to the Attorney General or even the Federal Register, where they may have input on it. This is often done so the court system doesn’t stop the order. Then, the order is sent to the president who would sign it.

There is no specific timeline for when an executive order takes effect. Depending on the executive order and whether or not it includes a timeline, executive orders can

AI event highlights fine line between generating, creating

BECK ELANDT  
*Staff Writer*

While artificial intelligence can produce a version of imagination, the Digital Media Arts department at WCC ensures lasting prominence. The Creativity and AI event showcased one department, and four of its five disciplines. On the evening of Feb. 27, leaders in photography, graphic design, film production, and animation all contributed to casting a bright inquiry over the cloudy landscape of artificial intelligence.

Graphic design

Representing graphic design faculty, Kelly Gottschang had her students experiment with AI when it first became a tool and continues to teach its limitations.

Later, Gottschang and her students found that ChatGPT, for example, can only pull from what it knows (information fed into a model) and can come up with things that aren’t true or don’t exist if search criteria are too numerous or difficult.

This was discovered when they prompted AI to create a list of songs about different bodies of water, and the information given was found to be made up after double-checking with a search engine.

“We pour ourselves into our work,” said Gottschang, contrasting what AI lacks when it comes to a “self.”

Creating logos for the coursework in her class proved to be difficult for earlier and present-day versions of AI, with it having trouble meeting basic logo criteria, much less



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Don Werthmann is a photography professor that presented during the event. He presented photos of student works against AI generated work. During his class, he encouraged students not to fear AI and to explore the idea of what AI can do.

3D animation

A common misconception is that AI has its own judgement, when the reality is it gives answers based on statistics of information sourced from its database.

Randy Vanwagnen, representing the 3D animation department at WCC, showcased how the idea of AI “will give you an authority voice answer for everything.” It’s first job is to provide a response, and its second is to be accurate.

Vanwagnen said his classes are filled with passionate learners, some who feel strongly about AI and its potential for controversy.

While some might use AI exclusively to answer questions, he noted that students

found it very useful for brainstorming, or to get the ball rolling before doing their own work, if they double checked information to be true.

He and several of his colleagues aim to push “AI literacy” as a mere tool, not to be substituted for oneself.

Photography

Don Werthmann, professional faculty of photography, reported his students feeling “feared” and felt “intimidated” with AI’s ability to create compelling photographs, with the superstition that it could accomplish tasks they might be paid to do themselves.

Using Firefly AI (an extension of Adobe), Werthmann had his students develop images based on criteria they came

up with. They either were unrealistic or didn’t appeal to basic composition. Upon trying to bring more specific abnormalities or simply change the perspective, his students found there was no way to do so without changing the entire image.

When asked about the amount of potential AI has, Werthmann said, “We’re compelled to see where it’s going.” He is not worried about it changing his career in any way, or the role of students in the Digital Media arts program.

Like several other professors promoting creativity, Randy Vanwagnen articulated that his enjoyment has to do with the “human” part, understanding that he won’t be replaced.



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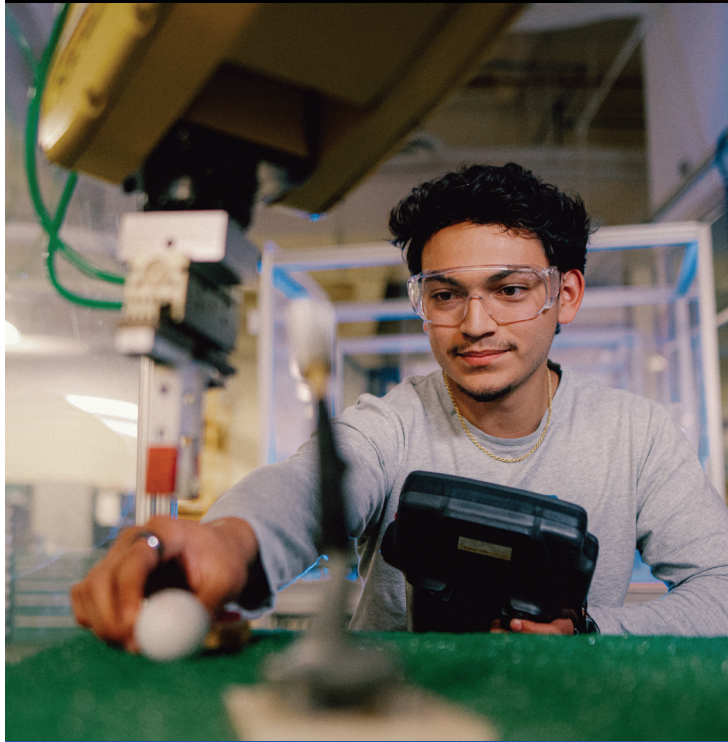
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**Moira Ferguson**  
WTMC student, 18

"I picked my second favorite pair of jeans and grabbed the hoodie for warmth and comfort. I was going for Sailor Moon vibes. I wanted today to be a more comfortable day, rather than wearing a skirt and tights. My favorite part of my outfit is the charms and decals."



**Joslyn Quintana-Aguirre**  
General math and science, 18

"I picked my outfit at random. I usually do. My favorite piece would be hoodies, not specific to this one! I think hoodies are perfect for casual outfits, and are also comfortable depending on the material, which is perfect for a long school day."

Lyric Lane

Henry Sincic | Contributor

What song makes you feel like spring is here?

"Some Other Spring" by Billie Holiday



"It makes me excited for spring and for what's to come. It gets me in the mood for spring."

**Madeeha Khan**  
Pre-engineering, 24

"Driving South" by Goth Babe & Blood Cultures



"It's just a very upbeat kind of song. I listened to it all last summer, and it just sort of resonated with me."

**Zain Ross**  
Automechanics, 15

"Watermelon Sugar" by Harry Styles



"The vibes are good. It's warmer weather music."

**Tara Schryver**  
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"Wondering Why" by The Red Clay Strays



"I've been listening to it a lot, and it's just so jolly."

**Calista Young**  
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"Jackie Chan" by Tiësto & Dzeko, Preme, Post Malone



"It's just so upbeat. It makes you want to roll the windows down."

**Noelle McGee**  
Paralegal, 25

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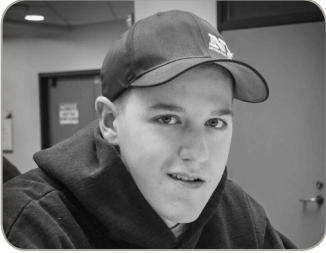
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March is Womens History Month, who is a woman that inspired you?



"My mom, because she was the first person in my life to get a college education"

**Easton Muntian**  
Automotive test tech, 19



"My Aunt Diana. She raised me and taught me the values of being a man—my morals."

**Degod Jenkins**  
Audio management, 23



"My mother supports me a lot. Also, one doctor who walked me through living my life."

**Daniel Zeimet**  
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"My mother. If I had questions or need help with social dynamics she would always have an answer."

**Leina Meschievitz**  
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"My mom was a labor and delivery nurse. She went through it in a strong way. It's a beautiful thing."

**Jake Wilkins**  
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# Radical truth: Stand up for history so it doesn’t repeat itself



## Knowledge is power

Sasha Hatinger - Staff Writer

As a child, I remember having to say positive affirmations aloud before heading to the bus stop for school. I would proudly recite, “knowledge is power; and we are all powerful.” I knew that was something I did believe in—the power of knowledge, the one thing that I was taught that could never be taken away from me. I have always, and always will, value education. Now as an adult with children of my own, I have come to terms with the fact that my children will only learn the truth about our history, Black history in the United States, through myself and their ancestors, generationally—not through the educational system.

### The issue

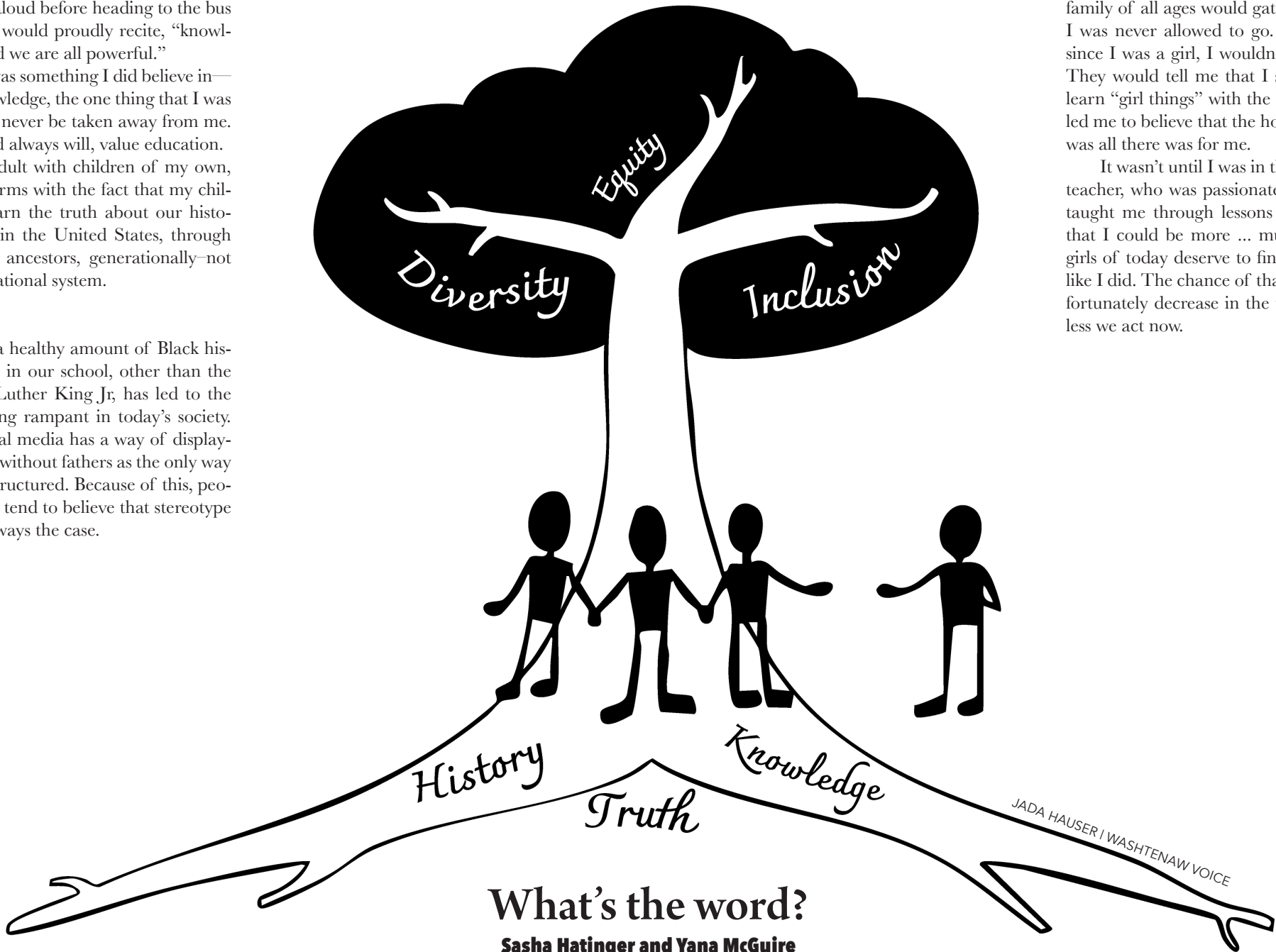
The lack of a healthy amount of Black history being taught in our school, other than the story of Martin Luther King Jr, has led to the stereotypes running rampant in today’s society. For example, social media has a way of displaying black families without fathers as the only way our families are structured. Because of this, people of other races tend to believe that stereotype when that isn’t always the case.



## Fishing for strength

Yana McGuire - Staff Writer

All through my childhood, the males in my family of all ages would gather for a fishing trip. I was never allowed to go. They believed that, since I was a girl, I wouldn’t be good at fishing. They would tell me that I should stay home to learn “girl things” with the “women folks.” This led me to believe that the homemaker’s adult life was all there was for me. It wasn’t until I was in the 6th grade that my teacher, who was passionate about observances, taught me through lessons during the holidays that I could be more ... much more! The little girls of today deserve to find their strength, just like I did. The chance of that happening will unfortunately decrease in the upcoming years, unless we act now.



What’s the word?  
Sasha Hatinger and Yana McGuire

It’s not time to panic—it’s time to take action. The current executive orders placed against DEI initiatives are something to pay attention to, not worry or stress over. Let’s look at the full picture here. The DEI was essentially created in 1961 to support and embrace marginalized individuals by providing the foundation for equal and fair rights in all capacities in the workplace. We would be remiss not to mention that women were not originally included in the first affirmative-action measure—they were not added until 1967. It is oversights of this nature that make these observances so important.

These initiatives brought upon necessary change for the better in areas such as: incorporating diversified hiring formalities, community collaborations and employee resource groups. The positive results of the DEI initiatives have proven to grant companies with better customer satisfaction and retention rates while also, as well as fostering a strong sense of belonging. If you are thinking that the DEI executive order will not affect you or your family, you are sadly mistaken. DEI initiatives not only protect people from racial discrimination, but also discrimination based on religious practices, disabilities, class, age, gender and sexual orientation. This means the cuts being made will most likely affect someone you know.

In addition, the order will affect women no matter the race. Despite any current or past DEI initiative, women still face barriers and underrepresentation in the workforce, according to a McKinsey study.

### The truth hurts

The truth has always been hard to accept. Now is not the time to cast shadows on uncomfortable truths. In shedding light on the harsh realities of the history of Black people and women in the United States, we can then begin to provide the situation with what it needs to outgrow its current limitations and boundaries.

An article published on The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights website explores

the truth of the matter further, covering the executive orders against DEI initiatives. In discussing what the executive orders don’t do, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights states, “The president’s role is to implement laws; he cannot rewrite them,” according to civilrights.org. The sense of urgency is merely an illusion in terms of what the president is trying to accomplish.

### Keep fighting the good fight

Now that we understand the issue, what should we do about it? Participating in marches and public protest can be a way to take a stand. To do so, Google to find organizations that align with your views the most on the matter. However, getting involved with social issues publicly can be intimidating. Cancel culture is still a thing, and who wants to deal with that? The good thing is marching in the streets or debating the opposing view is not the only way to take a stand. Simply choosing to spend your hard-earned money with companies that embrace inclusion and boycotting ones that do not is a way to personally protest without the hassle of public opinion. The more people who commit to this for a long period of time, the more companies will be forced to make a change. For example, the Montgomery bus boycott, led by King, lasted for 381 days and was the beginning of real change in the Civil Rights Movement. Taking action by advocating and by participating in long-term consumer blackouts are avenues to become involved in supporting DEI initiatives. Taking back control over our own reactions emotionally, mentally, and physically to the executive orders is powerful. Convenience is no longer a service we can afford. We are willing to invest into what is convenient for ourselves, however, further examination is required to properly respond to the current executive orders against the DEI initiatives.

We need to act now. If not Black history, along with the history of other marginalized groups in America will forever remain tainted and untold— or worse— be completely erased from history forever, as we know it or care to comprehend.



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LETTER

Community college support and concerns about federal funding

Dear Editor,

In my recent D.C. meetings with congressional members, I felt strong bipartisan support. Community College is recognized as a value in affordability and job training. However, federal funding is uncertain. The Pell Grant and other government services are at risk.

Specifically, the 2024-2025 fiscal year's funding for grants and awards is unclear, and past administrative actions of halting payments and reclaiming funds raise serious concerns. Moreover, the enforcement of court orders lacks clarity, impacting institutional stability.

To advocate for communi-

ty colleges, I urge action:

Share your story: Write to your representative about your community college experience. During recess, visit their district office!

Report benefit disruptions: If federal benefit changes (Social Security, SNAP, Medicaid, VA, etc.) have affected you, report to the Michigan Attorney General and your representative. Your story is vital for ongoing lawsuits.

These actions will demonstrate the importance of community colleges and the impact of funding changes.

Sincerely,  
**Christina Fleming, Trustee, Washtenaw Community College**

COLUMN

This Ramadan, honor memories, navigate grief through community



JAMILA KHAN  
Contributor

Marked by the moon, Muslims all over the world welcome the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is during this time that Muslims fast, abstaining from food and drink from sunrise to sunset for 30 days. This comes as a shock to most who aren't familiar with Ramadan, but, truly, this isn't the hardest thing about this special month. It is a time of giving, remembrance and community.

Muslims enter this month with fond memories of all



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Muslim WCC students bow (sajdah) together as they pray together in their fourth prayer of the day, the Maghrib Prayer.

sorts, waking up as early as 3 a.m. to grab something to eat before the sun wakes (Suhoor), challenging themselves to learn, read and memorize more Quran and other prayers, breaking fast together with family and friends, praying the long nightly prayer together (Taraweeh) and seeing who can do the most.

As a Muslim myself, I'll admit it's not always easy. In fact, it never is. But it has a

sweetness I can only attempt to describe. It is as if, for a whole month, you are exactly who you need to be with all the people you love.

For 30 days, you feel a sense of peace that makes every hardship worth all the trouble and pain. It is a spiritual reset. These memories make us want to do more, not only for ourselves, but for our community.

Community is important

in Islam, but what happens when it's not there? What happens when the people who made this holy month special are no longer with us? What do we do when all we have are memories? These are the questions that many of this generation's Muslims are asking. With the ongoing terror in Palestine, Sudan, Congo, Yemen, Lebanon and so on, many Muslims are entering this month without their loved ones or their homes. Many have lost brothers and sisters to fire and smoke in the blink of an eye. And, when it clears, we are all left with grief beyond description. Navigating through can seem pointless. "How can I be happy when so much bad has happened?" It's a valid question. We are allowed to feel loss and confusion. But we can't let it consume us. When you can't seem to look forward, you are allowed to look back, back to the memories you have. Those moments are lights that will never burn out, they transcend time and live forever.

COLUMN

'Undertale' video game acts as a litmus test for faith in humanity



ALICE MCGUIRE  
Deputy Editor

The following contains spoilers for 'Undertale' video game

I'm still processing my first playthrough of "Undertale" by Toby Fox, which has since come to be known for its multiple routes.

When I check the Steam page, describing it as "the RPG game where you don't have to destroy anyone," I have to wonder what led me to assume that this was reverse psychology.

Fighting is just what one does in a video game, right?!

I wanted to win, and I had no interest in being tricked. So, I proceeded with the assumption that, if killing everyone was inevitable, I might as well make things easier for myself by getting it out of the way while maxing out my LV.

I can't remember much of that playthrough other than the nauseating weight of watching the results of my actions impact the characters' storylines. I began to wonder how such a bleak game could seem so warm in its tumblr tags.

That was roughly a decade ago, and I have since spoken to enough souls about my Undertale experience to understand that I was the problem. My original takeaway of, "What is wrong with this fandom?" morphed into "What is wrong with me? How could I have committed these atrocities?!"

Maximus Goldenburg,

a cybersecurity major, told me that what stuck with him about the game was the "consequences" and "permanence" of the player's actions.

Determined to be a pacifist, I finally restarted the game over spring break. My niece, a self appointed Undertale expert, helpfully mocked me for having trusted Flowey, a flower who warmly welcomes the player at the start of the game, shortly before calling them an idiot and letting them know, "In this world, it's kill or BE killed."

In my defence, Undertale isn't exactly a realistic portrayal of communication. It reads like a fairytale, with a healthy dose of silliness and anime references. But something rings true about the gentle ways in which the game showcases love, joy and friendship as well as the pain of their absence.

Rather than a morose cloud hanging over my head, I

found myself feeling a strange stirring of emotions as I petted dogs, flirted with ghosts and watched character dynamics unfold, many of which I had previously been unaware of due to my own misdeeds.

Serina Qaqish, a radiography major, said the game's theme of "family" remained with her long after watching playthroughs.

Much like real life, choosing options other than fighting proved to be most rewarding. In addition to not feeling like a monster, I found myself actually beginning to care.

By the end, Flowey probably provided the best insight into what to share with my therapist about my Undertale experience, with the line, "Don't you realize that being nice ... just makes you get hurt?" I realize that, Flowey. But I no longer want fear to sever me from love.

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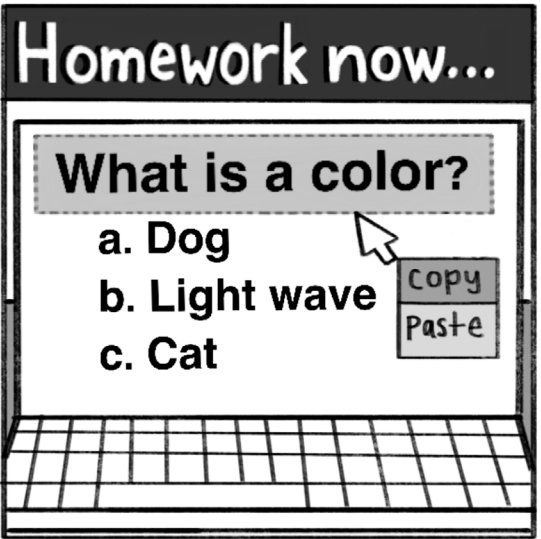
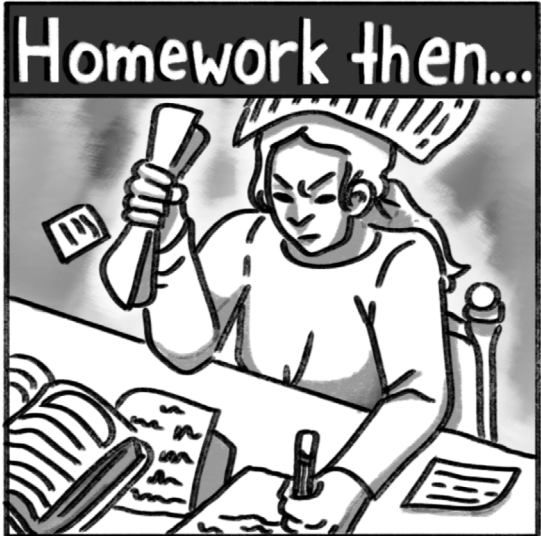
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The video game 'Undertale' is known as the game you don't have to destroy anyone in.

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# Healthy tips for working students

TERESA QUINONES  
Contributor

Twice a year, for ten weeks, WCC faculty and staff from different departments participate in a walking program, offering a fun and simple way to stay active while promoting wellness. As shared by Kathryn Wagner, the coordinator of instructional support for the Health and Science division, participants set step goals and track their progress weekly. Participants often report benefits like increased mental clarity and wellness. So, how can student workers find inspiration from this initiative and incorporate wellness into their busy schedules?

### Physical activity: small movements, big impact

For many, the thought of a two-hour gym session or a grueling workout can be intimidating. But, according to Dawn Lyons, director of the WCC Health and Fitness Center, staying active doesn't have to be so overwhelming. She said that it's all about finding something enjoyable and realistic.

"Personally, I have a 30 minute workout in the morning because I know that it is something attainable for me," Lyons said. For students unsure where to start, she recommends strength training, like weightlifting or bodyweight workouts.

Lyons encourages students to take advantage of little opportunities throughout the day to move. "If you're sitting at your desk, just opening up your chest or standing up and touching your toes can be a great break," she says. Even taking a brief walk or stretching between classes and work is a simple, attainable way to incorporate physical activity.

### Mindfulness: staying calm amidst the chaos

Carlos Jacob Orroscos is a 21-year-old student studying Transportation Technologies. He works as a part-time lab tech assistant at the Auto Center, a physically demanding job where he has to push and lift heavy things all the time.



As a health and fitness member, Joan De Souza, tries to come to the gym five to six days a week. De Souza said that being active helps with her mental and physical well being.

"You have to be pretty zen in this field," he shares. Whenever things start to feel overwhelming or chaotic, he finds it helpful to take a deep breath or step away for a minute.

Personal counselor at WCC, James Bauer emphasizes that breathing techniques are simple yet effective tools for students like Orroscos to incorporate mindfulness.

"They regulate our breathing, which regulates our heart rate, which regulates our moods," Bauer said. He recommends a simple breathing method: inhale for four seconds, hold and exhale for four seconds.

If students find themselves in a quiet environment, Bauer also suggests focusing on sounds, like the hum of air

conditioning.

### Nutrition: fueling your body for productivity

"Nutrition, I always say, is the fuel for our bodies," said WCC's health science and nutrition instructor Susan Okonkowskei. When it comes to fueling up, she believes a healthy breakfast like peanut butter toast or oatmeal can be a game changer for students rushing out the door.

"Bring healthy snacks—apples, cheese sticks, nuts," she recommends. These provide a balanced mix of protein, fiber, and healthy fats as a snack, keeping you satiated for longer and preventing the temptation of fast food.

When you buy fresh produce, "go home, cut it, and

store it," Okonkowskei said. Having ready-to-eat fruits and vegetables on hand makes healthy eating much more convenient.

Joshua Singer, a 22-year-old Target employee handling drive up orders, finds meal prepping essential as a busy student worker.

"Meal planning is big for me. It helps me track what I'm eating and makes sure I eat enough nutrients," he said. By packing meals with enough proteins and carbs, students like Singer can stay energized and focused throughout their busy schedules.

For students looking to save on meal prep, Okonkowskei suggests buying seasonal or on sale items.

# Nursing career path requires dedication, practice



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The WCC nursing simulation lab provides students with high-quality mannequins with different levels of difficulties for different courses to help students learn technical skills.

ALISA CHMERENKO  
Contributor

Nursing is one of the promising and ambitious professions that has six percent employment of registered nurses projected to grow from 2023 to 2033, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor. Students at WCC enroll in the nursing program to begin their careers.

The process of getting into a nursing program can be difficult and demanding for students.

After applying for college classes, people who want to join a nursing program need to take certain classes, maintain high grades and then apply again for the nursing program to be considered for second-tier admission.

WCC nursing instructor and registered nurse, DeAnna Gapp, explained that approximately 140 students register for the WCC nursing program on average, and that only around 70 top students succeed and earn a spot every semester.

Individuals who are applying for the nursing program need to undergo a test called ATI-TEAS, which includes math, reading, English and science proficiency. WCC has well-arranged labs "that look like a hospital room" and have "high-tech mannequins." Gapp shared that given rooms help students experience a hospital before their clinical "to simulate what it's like over in the hospital, before you go to the clinical, you will feel very comfortable and confident to go to the clinical because we have lab and simulation."

In the first semester, scholars get the opportunity to have clinical experience in a real-life setting, usually in an acute care hospital. A group of students is assigned to the clinical floor with an instructor to practice all the knowledge that they acquired from labs and lectures and apply it to the patients on the floor.

After finishing WCC nursing

ing training, students must take the NCLEX exam to become licensed registered nurses. Gapp said, "Once you graduate from our program, 96% of our graduates pass the exam on the first attempt."

Gapp said that, after graduating, new nurses could expect a lot of job opportunities, since the U.S. is experiencing a nursing shortage.

People who earn a nursing degree could work in an emergency room providing instant care to more creative jobs that require art skills and knowledge.

Marsha Harrison, a registered nurse who has worked in the field for over 50 years, graduated from the University of Michigan, has experience working at the hospital and public health, and has mostly worked as a general community health nurse, said that becoming a nurse is "a lot more challenging because of the amount of technology that is involved in nursing now."

On the question about the cons of getting a nursing degree, she said that to have more opportunities, it is encouraged to get higher education. Additionally, because of the nursing shortage, new nurses can be overworked and exploited. But Harrison shared that one of the reasons to get a nursing degree is having flexibility in the different choices as a career path, hours and caring for people.

For a smoother start to a student's nursing path, she recommends working as a nurse aide for at least a year to familiarize herself with hospital settings, learn practical skills, and take care of people. This helps not only with getting technical skills but also with building community.

"If you go into nursing in 2025 and beyond, it would be different from my last 50 years doing nursing, but it can be equally rewarding," Harrison said.

# Quick snacks for busy weeks

ANNALENA EISEL  
Contributor

Ever find yourself wondering if the food you're about to buy is going to be the food for you?

Munching on snacks is good when you have food that will keep you filled for classes and are also affordable and tasty. Here are some options that can help you get through your busy day.

Great Lake Chips: Parmesan Ranch style & Sea Salt Pepper and onions

A family owned chip business run in Traverse City that was founded by two guys who love snacking. Some personal favorites; would be the Parmesan Ranch Style, especially if you like more of a garlicky flavor. If you like a more classic chip the Sea Salt Pepper & Onion flavor would be my recommendation.

Sienna Bakery Cookies:

Peanut Butter cup

If you want a bit of sweetness along with your lunch, the Peanut Butter Cup Cookie is an excellent choice. With a peanut butter cookie base, the richness of the chocolate peanut butter cups, it is not too sweet and doesn't cause a sugar crash in the middle of your exam.

### Recipe of the week: Caprese Salad

This week's recipe consists of healthy ingredients to make an Italian classic recipe you can pack with you anywhere or make as a midnight snack!

Cut an heirloom tomato into slices

Slice a mozzarella ball into even sizes

Place the Basil leaves on top of the tomato slice and layer the mozzarella slices and repeat

Lightly drizzle a mix of olive oil and balsamic dressing on top with a pinch of oregano



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Laly Galvan, a nursing student, is enjoying her chicken caesar salad for lunch. Galvan said she got her salad at The Spot Grill salad bar that is offered.



# Students shine during STEAM week

BECK ELANDT  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 26, STEAM week’s main event gathered elementary to college students together at WCC’s Morris Lawrence building for a showcase of unique ideas, where conversation and passion came together.

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, while STEAM factors “arts” into the acronym.

The WCC STEM scholars program is currently accepting applications. This program bridges STEM education pathways by partnering with four other schools (MSU, UofM, WMU, and WSU) and providing financial, academic and social opportunities.

Each year during STEAM week, the college offers two scholarships of \$1000 to be spent on books or tuition, regardless of involvement in a STEAM career.

Susan Dentel, department chair of life sciences, coordinates the STEAM event. Along with creating a space for questioners and presenters, it “highlights careers for high school students,” she said. The week features virtual career panels, leading to the main in-person event Wednesday, and concluding Thursday with more over-the-computer career panels.

At the free and open to the public event, students used presentations with visual and hands-on demos to share their ideas, with the complementary presence of higher education and industry partners. Students have the opportunity to explore their next potential



Elementary students presenting the effects climate change has on the planet, alongside addressing global warming.



Students from Wylie Elementary showcasing indigenous Ojibwe food assortment: wild rice and maple syrup.



Elementary school students displaying their own rendition of art and design to guests, inspired by works of architect Zaha Hadid.

steps.

Davondre Terry and Elovic Mazama-8th graders from Ypsilanti, who created a recycling club for the district.

“It’s only the two of us,” said Terry, who wants to grow the initiative into something bigger. Their main goal is to engage and inform students when it comes to throwing things away and to aid custodial staff.

Logan Tanner, representing WCC STEM Scholars, showcased his experience with the NASA program.

Some of his work involved

“looking at what was already there and trying to find ways to improve it,” referring to components of NASA’s SOMD program, which aims to sustain human presence in space.

Representing Mill Creek Middle School and Dexter Community Schools, Collin Werkner and Jonathon Keeler showcased their engineering skills to make changes in the home and in the community.

Werkner worked with the EMU invent program, emailing back and forth with an engineer to develop and bulletproof his upgrading of the

household “grabber,” (a mechanical tool used to extend one’s reach) showcased during the event.

His table partner, Keeler, was also involved in the EMU program, and aims to find a cheap and compact solution to homeless sleeping arrangements after natural disasters. His current prototype demonstrates the integrity of corrugated plastic cardboard to make something that can be “transported easily” while staying sturdy.

# Board of Trustees

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Dave DeVarti, the treasurer and William G. Milliken Jr., a board of trustee member, sat next to each during the meeting on Jan. 28, 2025.

According to Brooks, conversations at these dinners can range from personal topics like family to achievements. It’s worth noting that the dinners are for staff, with board members being invited, but not necessarily eating. The public is not invited to meals before the meetings.

Falk said that Michigan law requires public notice for board business discussion, but social gatherings are acceptable. Dinners aren’t usually advertised to the public because they are sometimes social opportunities for board members to get to know each other.

The budget for these dinners comes from the Board Management Budget. While budgets vary from board to board, Falk said a Board Management Budget could be used for a retreat or a training session for board members.

The cost per head is about \$15 to \$20, according to Brooks. The Voice requested a copy of the Board Management Budget from Brooks, but has not yet received a copy.

## Past gatherings

Gatherings outside the official WCC board table have previously been questioned. According to reporting by the Ann Arbor Chronicle, in 2010, WCC president Larry Whitworth and board members at the time attended a two-day retreat at the Westin Book Cadillac hotel in Detroit, at a total cost of \$9,910.70, including dinner at the hotel’s 24grille restaurant and \$5,887.43 in hotel charges.

The Ann Arbor Chronicle reports, Whitworth took full responsibility for \$4,000 spent by the college on a dinner. He personally reimbursed the college for the dinner with a \$4,024 check. Whitworth missed a detail on the menu that 24grille faxed him before the retreat, because the cost of the bill was much higher than anticipated. Specifically, he didn’t read the fine print stating that the restaurant would charge \$100 per person for the meal, not including tax and gratuity. Whitworth said to the Chronicle he expected to pay about \$2,000 and was shocked when he saw the bill.

# CRIME LOG

The following events were reported by WCC Public Safety between Feb. 27 and March 12.

## HARASSMENT

On Feb. 27, Public Safety responded to a report from a 34-year-old male WCC employee regarding a 38-year-old female who repeatedly kept calling him. The two had previously known each other through a prior job. When the man relocated to WCC for work, the woman continued to call. The WCC employee’s supervisor told the woman to stop. After that, she started contacting the victim through other means. The employee’s supervisor advised him to report the harassment to the campus police. Public Safety cautioned the woman and told her he does not want to talk. If the harassment continues, the case could be considered criminal.

## LARCENY

On Feb. 27, Public Safety received a report from a 44-year-old female whose credit cards were missing from her vehicle. The car was parked in lot 3G. The woman last recalls the car being at WCC before the cards went missing. Public Safety checked camera footage but because of angles, nothing was concluded. The case is closed and is pending recontact from the victim.

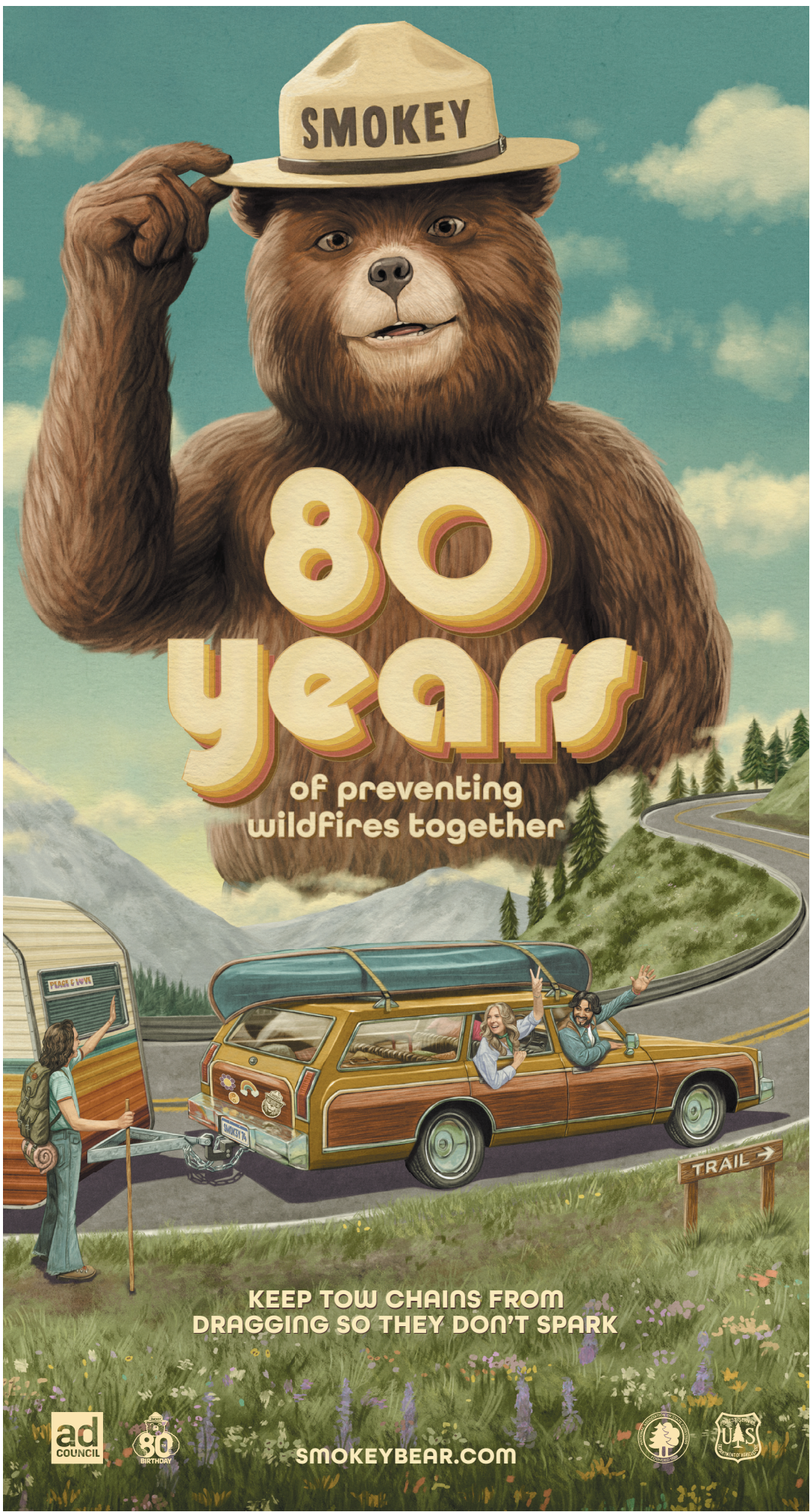
## LARCENY

On March 12, Public Safety received a report from a 42-year-old male whose cash was stolen from his wallet in the Health and Fitness Center. The man accidentally left his backpack out in the open. This case has been closed.

# CORRECTIONS

**Clarification:** The headline from an article about WCC’s immigration enforcement policy from the last print edition of the Voice was changed online. The headline now reads “WCC police chief says immigration enforcement not campus safety’s function, Public safety will follow federal law, verify warrants.”

The headline was changed to clarify that WCC will follow federal laws regarding immigration enforcement. WCC’s police chief said campus officers will follow federal laws, but noted that the enforcement of immigration status is a federal law enforcement function, not a campus safety concern.



# Earth Day concert to highlight ‘ways in which we can better the Earth’

SASHA HATINGER  
Staff Writer

Perk up and boost your energy by checking out the “Earth Day” performance presented by WCC music classes, which happens on Earth Day, April 22, 2025, in the Towsley auditorium from 7-8:30 p.m.

Upcoming and budding artists have invested their time, effort and hard work into this performance.

During a recent weekly class, artists practice by warming up with body stretches and vocal exercises. Faculty member of performing arts, Michael Naylor, sings out as he reminds performers to “breathe and smile.”

“Our goal is to empower students

to become activists and to create a life of sustainable action and responsibility to the planet,” Naylor said.

“The students are doing all the arranging of the music; they’re doing all the planning of the concert,” Naylor said. “The graphic design—they’re doing everything themselves. That’s the kind of commitment we’re going to need to change our world.”

Zoe Bailey, majoring in secondary education and an artist in the “Earth Day” performance, shared that the “overarching” theme of the performance is not necessarily “sustainability.” Instead, the goal is to highlight “ways in which we can better the Earth using perspectives of the globe.”

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ZAKERIA ALMAJRABI



The soloists are singing the “Circle of life,” from “The Lion King.” The students selected songs based on the relationship between the community and the Earth.



Micheal Naylor, WCC Music professor, gives Earth Day preformers advice about yawning and dropping their jaws when they sing at the bottom of their range.



The singers stand in different sections based on the range of their voice. The sections are bass, tenor, alto and soprano. The bass would have the lowest note being sung whereas tenors would sing the second lowest notes. Altos are the second highest notes in the parts of a song. The high notes in the song would be sung by sopranos.

**Think that's scary?**

Sharks can be terrifying. But what's really scary, and even deadly, is distracted driving.

**Eyes forward. Don't drive distracted.**

# Students bond over shared love at Japanese Language and Culture Club

ALICE MCGUIRE  
Deputy Editor

The Japanese Language and Culture Club is a space in which students at WCC can practice their Japanese language skills while bonding over a shared love of the culture.

A recent meeting saw members in a cheerful atmosphere, savoring tea and a variety of mochi and KitKat flavors as they crafted plans for the future—namely, a cosplay cafe, which they hope to bring to fruition before the end of the semester. The group also enjoys taking field trips together, and recently travelled to watch a Taiko drum performance at the University of Michigan’s Keene

Serena Qaqish, a radiography major and club member, said that her favorite memory of the club was when they attended Con Ja Nai, a free student run convention put on by the Japanese Animation Film Society at the University of Michigan. Qaqish said joining the club is what enabled her to make friends at WCC.

Austin Haynor, a club officer and general studies major with plans to study landscape architecture and horticulture, described a typical meeting as “fun chaotic.”

“The thing about being the Japanese Language and Culture Club is there is a lot of variety with interests. Like, we encompass all parts of the culture. So, music, culinary, arts, film, pop culture and fashion—all that stuff,” Haynor said.

Haynor went on to emphasize that Japanese culture has had a profound impact on much of the modern world, whether through media or technology, and encouraged people who are interested to not be intimi-



Austin Gaynier, the club's vice president (left) helps Ogi Vassilev to translate “I study Japanese for two hours,” from English to Japanese. The club encourages each other out and shares resources to help each other.

dated to stop by.

“You’ll really know whether it’s right for you after like one or two meetings. We are friendly and very welcoming,” Haynor said.

For students of JPN 111 and JPN 122—as well as those who studied Japanese elsewhere, no matter their levels of proficiency—the club provides a relaxed space to practice.

Maximus Goldenburg, a club officer and cybersecurity major, said that his interest in Japanese came about as a way to access lost media, such as untranslated games.

“It’s not legal to get the English translation outside of piracy, and I want to be a law abiding citizen, so I

just learned the language,” Goldenburg said.

The club’s president, Avril Moore, a transfer student who will be at Eastern Michigan University next fall, said that members sometimes lecture or showcase aspects of the culture which they are passionate about. Moore has been interested in Japanese culture since his mother introduced him to the Studio Ghibli film, “Ponyo” as a young child.

“It’s kind of, for lack of a better word, a media swap,” Moore said.

The Japanese Language and Culture club meets Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in LA 225.

 **BREAKING NEWS**  
*YOU'RE DOOMSCROLLING AGAIN*

 **BREAKING NEWS**  
*YOU'RE OVERCONSUMING AGAIN*

 **BREAKING NEWS**  
*NOTIFICATION OVERLOAD*

 **BREAKING NEWS**  
*THERE'S CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT*

 **BREAKING NEWS**  
*NEWS CYCLE FATIGUE*

 **BREAKING NEWS**  
*TIME TO LOG OFF AND DRINK WATER*

# Beat the news cycle burnout

SASHA HATINGER  
*Staff Writer*

News is available to be consumed in a diverse selection of ways today and the information reported on can vary greatly—it's understandable to feel overwhelmed. There are approaches to manage that and to have healthy habits around news consumption.

News is everywhere. On television, radio, social media, online and apps on our phones—there is no escaping being immediately updated with some form of news between the many mediums it is produced on.

## Is staying on top of current events important?

Instructor of drama and film at Washtenaw Community college, Hope Bernard answered just that.

“It’s important, it’s not critical,” Bernard said.

Overconsumption is real. That applies to news consumption as well. Submerging oneself into watching, reading and listening only to the news can be an excessive burden.

Allison Fournier, professional faculty of communication, confirmed that too much news intake can be unhealthy.

Fournier said the current news cycle can be stressful for several reasons, including overconsumption and “doom scrolling.”

## How to protect your mental health while consuming the current news cycle

Just like any activity, news consumption is something that should be limited to what is comfortable for an individual, without overconsumption. Checking sources for credibility as far as where news is coming from is also a crucial aspect, according to Fournier.

Understanding the truth behind the current news cycle and the media’s “agenda” will help comprehend how it impacts viewers’ mental health.

The urgency behind the current news cycle plays on viewers’ “fight or flight” instincts and exploits viewers to feel a sense of imperativeness to act immediately, according to Benard.

## Mental health protection with news consumption

Karolyn Lehn, personal counselor at WCC and member of the “CARE team,” a group on campus who help students by providing care ranging from mental health issues to home instability, suggests becoming involved at the local level.

“If there is an issue that is important, get involved. Activism is a huge way to be tied to a political issue that is important to somebody, without always watching the news and being immersed that way,” Lehn said.

Turn off notifications—decide on a certain time of the day to dedicate to watching, listening or reading the news and avoid streaming all day, Bernard said.

Bernard also suggests having in-person discussions with trusted support about the news to gain new perspectives and to process what is going on in the world today.

If streaming the news causes the heart rate to increase, Lehn suggests remaining mindful of one’s breathing and to try to refocus energy elsewhere by practicing grounding techniques.

Myron Covington II, instructor of communication, believes it is very important for viewers to stay current with the news, focusing on what is agreed and disagreed with to help gain a holistic approach.

Chanel Stitt, part-time journalism instructor at WCC, suggests having three trusted news sources and to track them.

Stitt also suggests turning off, pausing or muting the news streaming source once a topic matter comes up that is not cared for.

“Engage critically, not emotionally,” Covington II said.

In not having a strong emotional response, viewers have more control and power over how news will impact their mental health.

‘Mickey 17’ blends sci-fi, comedy in fun adventure



HENRY SINCIC  
Contributor

RATING

★★★★★

“Mickey 17” had high expectations to live up to. Originally scheduled to come out in March of last year but delayed by writers’ strikes, the sci-fi/comedy seemed to have just about everything else going for it. Based on a modern and popular novel? Check. Starring Robert Pattinson, the most versatile dreamboat in the business? Check. Directed by Bong Joon-ho, the visionary mastermind behind best picture winner “Parasite”? Double, triple and quadruple check. It’s hard to imagine a more pedigreed collection of people to bring out a sci-fi romp for the ages. Luckily, even though it’s not the flawless masterpiece we all were hoping it would be, “Mickey 17” is still a lot of fun.

The film follows Mickey Barnes, who works on a spaceship that is searching the distant reaches of space for another home for humanity. Mickey might otherwise be “just another face in a gray jumpsuit” if not for his status as an “expendable.” Basically, the top scientists in the world have come up with a method of recycling all manner of organic material into human beings, thereby allowing people



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“Mickey 17” was originally scheduled to be released on March 29., 2024, but was taken off the schedule due to the 2023 SAG-AFTRA strike.

to be cloned after their deaths. Since Mickey has volunteered to be one such person, he is forced to do the most dangerous tasks because, if he dies, he can simply be cloned again, memories intact. Hence, the “expendable” status.

The film has the proper amount of fun with this concept. Every time Mickey is brought back, his personality changes a little, so when Mickey is accidentally cloned before he dies, the interactions between the two “multiples” are pure comedy gold. Pattinson really gets to show off his range as an actor here, and it is glorious.

The film’s success largely hinges on its ability to blend

comedy and sci-fi. Like much of the best sci-fi, it knows not to take itself too seriously. This is good because the concept of the film might’ve provided a more sensationalizing director the keys to turn their film into a preachy, dreary bore.

This is not to say that there isn’t the proper conflict, or even commentary, provided in the movie. The main villain, an eccentric politician played by Mark Ruffalo, who is aboard the ship in a leadership capacity, plays the traditional capitalistic and colonizing mustache-twirler that we’ve seen in so many movies. In a way, it’s disappointing to see such a standard villain take the reins in a movie that is filled

with so many fresh ideas, but Ruffalo adds enough of a comedic edge to his character’s antics that the movie manages to skate by.

Maybe “Mickey 17” isn’t the “next Star Wars” that we built it up to be in our heads, pre-release. Maybe it isn’t an airtight masterpiece of social storytelling like “Parasite.” But “Mickey 17” does fall right in line with another of Bong Joon-ho’s most enjoyable films, “Snowpiercer.” Like that film, “Mickey 17” provides an enjoyable and atmospheric slice of working class life in a speculative sci-fi world that feels at once distant, and yet, eminently relatable.

‘Counterstrike’ (AKA ‘Contraataque’) delivers thrills through stunning visuals, fast-paced storytelling



YANA MCGUIRE  
Staff Writer

RATING

★★★★★

Netflix has notoriously gotten flack for their poorly made films, with viewers claiming the company values quantity over quality. In my opinion, they are not wrong. Even so, it is possible to find hidden gems.

On Feb. 28, 2025, the Mexican Netflix Original action-thriller movie “Counterstrike” (AKA “Contraataque”) was released. Within two days, the film was ranked number two on the top 10 movies in the U.S. and currently sits at number five—with good reason.

Like any good action movie, we are quickly immersed in the drama. After stumbling upon a gruesome discovery that could expose the extremely dangerous El Enjambre cartel, a mother and

her daughter were in the process of being kidnapped when Captain Armando Guerrero (Luis Alberti) stepped in. As any true action hero would. This, of course, upsets the leader, Josefo Urias (Noé Hernández), and begins an action-packed pursuit of Captain Guerrero and his four comrades through the woods.

**The Good**

The film’s director, Chava Cartas, began his career as a photographer, and it shows. This movie was shot beautifully. Period. Even during the most intense moments of the film, I couldn’t help but admire the pure craftsmanship of the scene.

Honestly, I have not seen anything shot that well in years. It is obvious the film crew strategically used every creative avenue, from visuals to sound production, to capture the audience.

Most action film lovers do not expect much character development, especially these days, and I am no exception. However, writer Jose Ruben Escalante Mendez did a wonderful job keeping it simple, yet displaying real human emotions that come with all the shootings and explosions - and there were plenty of those.

**The Bad**

As with many non-English-speaking movies, “Counterstrike” came with voice dubbing. It does not hinder the film, and it is actually one of

the better voice dubbing jobs I have come across. It just would have been nice to use a mixture of English voice dubbing and Spanish with subtitles to help draw viewers deeper into each character’s personality.

**The Ugly**

Happy to report that there was nothing ugly about this

film. It is not perfect. However, great movies are such a rarity in today’s market that minor imperfections can be overlooked.

Action film lovers will truly enjoy the fast-paced, emotional rollercoaster. The film could easily be the action movie Hope Diamond of Netflix’s hidden gems.



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When a hostage rescue mission creates a new enemy, Capt. Guerrero and his elite soldiers must face an ambush by a ruthless drug cartel.

Airiel paints soundscape of dreams with ethereal tone



LILY COLE  
Editor

It’s 2022. I’m lying in my bed. It’s pitch black in my room, and the only thing giving me any form of light are the glow-in-the-dark stars on my ceiling. I have my headphones in with Spotify’s Discover Weekly feature on shuffle. I’m not asleep yet, but I’m getting there when a new song shuffles.

The beginning is soft, almost dreamy, and crescendos into an ethereal mix of reverb-drenched guitar, smooth percussion and hazy vocals. The shimmering melodies and subtle textures give the song a floating, otherworldly quality; even though it’s ambient, it drags me out of my tiredness. I have to know what this song is.

The title reads “In Your Room” by the shoegaze band Airiel. I immediately added it to my Liked Songs and had it on repeat for the rest of the night. Ever since then, I’ve probably listened to “In Your Room” once a day for the past three years.

Airiel was formed in 1997 by guitarist/vocalist Jeremy Wrenn and his former bandmate Shawn Delaney. Airiel’s debut single, “Shirley Temple Tidal Wave”, was released in 1999 by Roisin Recordings. The most recent line-up for the band is Jeremy Wrenn and Andrew Marrah, who self-re-

leased the single “Bloom” on Sept. 4, 2020. The duo released an EP called “Hide & Seek” in 2024. Some of their standout hits are “In Your Room” (obviously), “Molten Young Lovers” and “Firefly.”

In a 2011 interview with When The Sun Hits (WTSH), a blog about the shoegaze genre (and play on the Slow-dive song title), Wrenn said Airiel’s inspiration comes from “Cocteau Twins, Kitchens of Distinction and maybe Pale Saints.” With this in mind, Airiel’s music combines the nostalgia of early shoegaze with fresh, textured melodies and subtle synths that, while yes, you can dance to, also makes you just want to sit back and relax.

A review of the EP, “Molten Young Lovers,” describes it as “a record too loud, too big, and too beautiful to be ignored.”

The band’s lyrics are otherworldly. They evoke feeling lost in a physical and emotional private space, with a mix of longing, reflection and personal connection. The overall vibe is ambient and immersive, drawing the listener into a calm yet emotionally charged mood. They blend dreamy shoegaze and atmospheric indie rock into something you can feel in your bones.

In the same interview with WTSH, Wrenn said his personal philosophy is, “You’re either doing the work, or you’re not.”

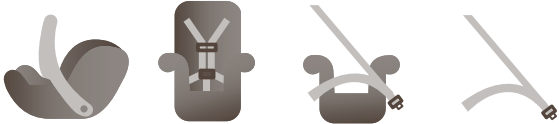
Let me add a little “Lily elaboration” to that to say, you, yes, you, the reader, put in the work. Listen to Airiel.



PHOTO FROM BANDCAMP

Airiel has been making music since the late 90s. According to Last.fm data, their album “Molten Young Lovers” has 81,761 listeners.

MAKE SURE THEY’RE IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT



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(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)

"A VAMPIRE'S FOLLY" BY JADA HAUSER



"Not what Drac was expecting when he heard about the 'blood moon.'"

SOLUTIONS FOR PUZZLES FOUND AT  
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PUZZLES

CLASSIFIEDS

WCC students and employees can place classified ads in The Washtenaw Voice for free.

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS 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

JOB POSTINGS

Center for Career Success

Below are recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Center for Career Success. WCC Students and alumni are invited to read these ads and to apply on Handshake™. For more information or assistance with applications, contact the Center for Career Success, SC 112 at careers@wccnet.edu or 734.677.5155. Follow us on Twitter: @WCC\_Careers | Facebook: @WCC.CenterforCareerSuccess | LinkedIn: WCCCenterforCareerSuccess | Instagram: @wcccenterforcareersuccess

Emergency Dispatcher at Michigan State Police.

The dispatcher is an essential and crucial part of the law enforcement team. Dispatchers act in partnership with police officers working the road and supply critical information and crucial services for their day-to-day operation. Preliminary investigations, interpretations of complex computer printouts, coordinating the deployment of emergency personnel and equipment during any crisis sit-

uation and routine assignments. A working knowledge of interrogation techniques, CPR and Basic First Aid is required for this position.

Physical Therapist at ATI Physical Therapy. This position is responsible for the evaluation and treatment of patients, establishing out-comes-centered plans, and delivering effective care management across a patient's episode to ensure timely, progressive, and high-valued care for those we serve. Successful physical therapist operates at the top of their license, appropriately leveraging and delegating care amongst the clinic care team, driving toward consistent and predictably positive outcomes for our patients.

Audit or Tax - Entry Level Staff 2026 at Plan-te Moran. In this position, you'll instill confidence in organizations large and small by assuring their financial health. We'll give you the flexibility to craft business solutions, not just spreadsheets. Your work will include, but not be limited to: Participating in different phases of the audit and/or tax engagement. Planning, testing, researching, and reporting. Working with compilations, reviews, compliance, financial statements, and benefit plans. Engaging in corporate, partnership, individual, international federal, and state & local taxes. Meaningful interactions with staff at all levels as well as with

our impressive repertoire of clients. Experience working with a wealth of business opportunities throughout a professional services firm. The qualifications : Detail-oriented leader with problem solving, communication, and analytical skills. Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in accounting; or Master's degree in accounting or tax. Academic success (a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0). Completion of the requisite degree and supporting credits to sit for the CPA exam, with the goal of successfully obtaining your CPA license.

Dental Assistant at Dental Care of Canton. We are looking for a full-time Dental Assistant for our location to join our team of professionals. Applicants for this job are required to have hands-on experience as dental assistants, or formal training in dental assisting. If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of others and are committed to delivering the highest quality care, we encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity.

Assistant Staff Accountant at Aristeo Construction. We are currently seeking a motivated Assistant Staff Accountant who is passionate about delivering excellent customer service, takes initiative, and strives to produce exceptional work. We encourage you to apply today!

Deli Associate at Kroger Ann Arbor. Essential Job Functions: Promote trust and respect among associates. Create an environment that enables customers to feel welcome, important and appreciated by answering questions regarding products sold within the department and throughout the store. Gain and maintain knowledge of products sold within the department and be able to respond to questions and make suggestions about products. Slice deli meats and cheeses to customer's requests using proper deli equipment. Prepare deli/bakery/bistro items per customer requests using proper bakery equipment. Offer product samples to help customers discover new items or products for which they inquire about. Inform customers of deli/ bakery/bistro specials. Provide customers with fresh products that they have ordered and the correct portion size (or as close as possible to the amount ordered) to prevent shrink. Recommend deli/bakery/bistro items to customers to ensure they get the products they want and need.

In Home Caregiver at Comfort Keepers of Livingston County. Comfort Keepers is looking for a Caregiver to join our team. At Comfort Keepers, we provide uplifting in-home care for seniors and other adults who require a helping hand, a supportive companion, and day-to-day assistance in their

homes. As a caregiver, you will have the opportunity to deliver one-on-one care that enhances quality of life and brings hope and joy to clients and their families. Up to \$17/hour plus weekend premium pay. Flexible schedule to fit your lifestyle. Work near your home. Weekly Pay - Direct Deposit. Ongoing paid training. Dental and Vision Benefits. Paid time off. Supportive and Rewarding Work Environment. Growing Company with opportunity for development

Iron Worker at Ironworkers Local 25. Journeyman Iron Worker (4 year program): The Journeyman Iron Worker can perform all types of Ironwork, but the vast majority of the work that is performed by this classification is structural ironwork. This consists of the fabrication, handling, and erection of structural steel columns, beams and other members by welding or bolting. This work is primarily in the industrial and commercial sector on structures such as: towers, bridges, stadiums, high and low rise buildings, steel mills, hospitals, schools, conveyor systems, and other structures.

Certified Nursing Aide CNA at Nexcare Well-Bridge Senior Living. We are currently hiring Registered Nurses (RN), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), and Certified Nurse Aides (CNA) in many of our 27 locations across the state of Michigan. Please visit our website to apply online or email recruitment@nexcare-

health.com to reach Megan Baljo, the recruiter for Nexcare WellBrdige Senior Living!

Corrections Officer at State of Michigan Department of Corrections. This is an entry-level position. Employees in this job oversee and participate in the custody, security, and treatment of prisoners in correctional facilities. Corrections Officer 8: This is the entry level. At the entry level, employees are required to successfully complete the approved training program designed to provide the knowledge and skills required to function as a corrections officer. Upon successful completion of the training and other departmental requirements, the officer will complete the probationary period at an assigned correctional facility. The employee participates in the custody, security, and treatment of prisoners or detainees while learning and developing the interpersonal skills required to perform a range of corrections officer assignments.

Corrections Officer E9 : This is the experienced level. At the experienced level, the employee oversees and participates in the custody, security, and treatment of prisoners in assignments, which involve substantial face-to-face contact with prisoners or detainees. The employee uses independent judgment in making decisions requiring interpretation and application of departmental guidelines to specific situations.

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# events

ARTS & CRAFTS

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**EXHIBITION OF ARTISTS IN MICHIGAN PRISONS**  
**Mar. 18-Apr. 1 | 5-9 p.m.**

University of Michigan Duderstadt Center | 2281 Bonisteel Blvd Ann Arbor  
This art show features work from 26 prisons all over Michigan. If you'd like to experience these amazing works of art, be sure to check out the exhibition!

**YPSI FINE ARTS CLUB**  
**Mar. 19, occurs every two weeks on Wednesdays | 5-8 p.m**

Riverside Arts Center | 64 N. Huron St, Ypsilanti  
If you're looking for a fun event to go to during the week this is for you! Everyone in the surrounding communities are welcome to attend.

**IN-PERSON ART CLASS: OPEN STUDIO**  
**Mar. 19 | 10 a.m-12 p.m.**

3941 Research Park Dr Ann Arbor  
If you're interested in working on a piece of art but don't have the room, this is a perfect event to attend. At this event, participants will be able to work with others and experiment with different art styles



TIM ARTERBURY | WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Art is all about learning new techniques.

**ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL**  
**Mar. 25-30 | 6:30 p.m.**

Michigan Theater | 603 E Liberty St, Ann Arbor  
The 63rd annual Ann Arbor Film Festival takes place this month! This festival features over 180 films from 20+ countries made by independent filmmakers.

**EARLY MOON MARKET AT BLØM**  
**Mar. 29 | 3-9 p.m.**

Bløm Meadworks|100 S 4th Ave, Suite 110 Ann Arbor  
Looking for some local art to decorate and make your living space beautiful? This market was made by a group of local artists from SE Michigan. Come on down to buy some new decor pieces or just browse around.

**‘WIZARD OF OZ’: THE MUSICAL**  
**Mar. 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 | times vary**

76 N Huron St Ypsilanti  
The professional youth theater of Michigan presents “Wizard of Oz”: the musical! This play has different cast members for different times, so if you're interested in seeing someone specific, be sure to check the cast list.



DBKING | WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Judy Garland wore these sequined shoes as Dorothy in “The Wizard of Oz.”

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LSA VISIT**  
**Mar. 27 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Student Center  
If you are looking to transfer to the University of Michigan LSA after your time at WCC is up, stop by the SC to learn more about the transfer/application process for University of Michigan.

**‘BUILDING AN ARTISTIC LIFE’ ART FORUM**  
**Mar. 21 | 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Morris Lawrence Building | lobby & room 150  
Hosted by the Arts Management Certificate Program & Entrepreneurship Center, this event features a panel discussion with professors, songwriters, DJs and more! See the flyer for more information and different event times.

**LIVING STORIES**  
**Mar. 19 | 11 a.m-3 p.m.**

Gunder Myran Building | The Bailey Library  
Participants are welcome to come and share their stories with people at this event. This would be a great opportunity to connect with others who may be experiencing/experienced similar circumstances to your own.



PAULA FARMER | VOICE FILE PHOTO

Attendees listen to a “living story”.



# The Loop

NEWS FOR AND BY STUDENTS

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