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# Facebook goes global and gets intrusive

**'Internet access is a human right, says Zuckerberg**

By NATALIE WRIGHT  
*Managing Editor*

In the next 10 years, everyone in the world will be connected to the Internet – if everything goes Mark Zuckerberg's way.

In August the founder and CEO of Facebook announced the launch of his latest project, Internet.org, with the goal of connecting everyone in the world to the "knowledge economy" through internet-capable mobile networks.

To achieve this goal, Facebook teamed up with six telecommunications companies – Ericsson, MediaTek, Nokia, Opera, Qualcomm and Samsung – to form a global partnership to share knowledge and invest in research and development.

In time, the partners hope to include NGOs, and academics in their efforts, they said in a recent report.

Over the past few years, Facebook has invested more than \$1 billion in bringing Internet to the developing world, Zuckerberg said in a press release.

And today, more than six billion people in the world have access to mobile communications, but only 2.7 billion have Internet access, Hans Vestberg, president and CEO of Ericsson, said in the report.

Smartphones are seen as luxury items, and many cannot afford them, but in some ways they are becoming more like necessities, said Gregg Heidebrink, an economics instructor at Washtenaw Community College.

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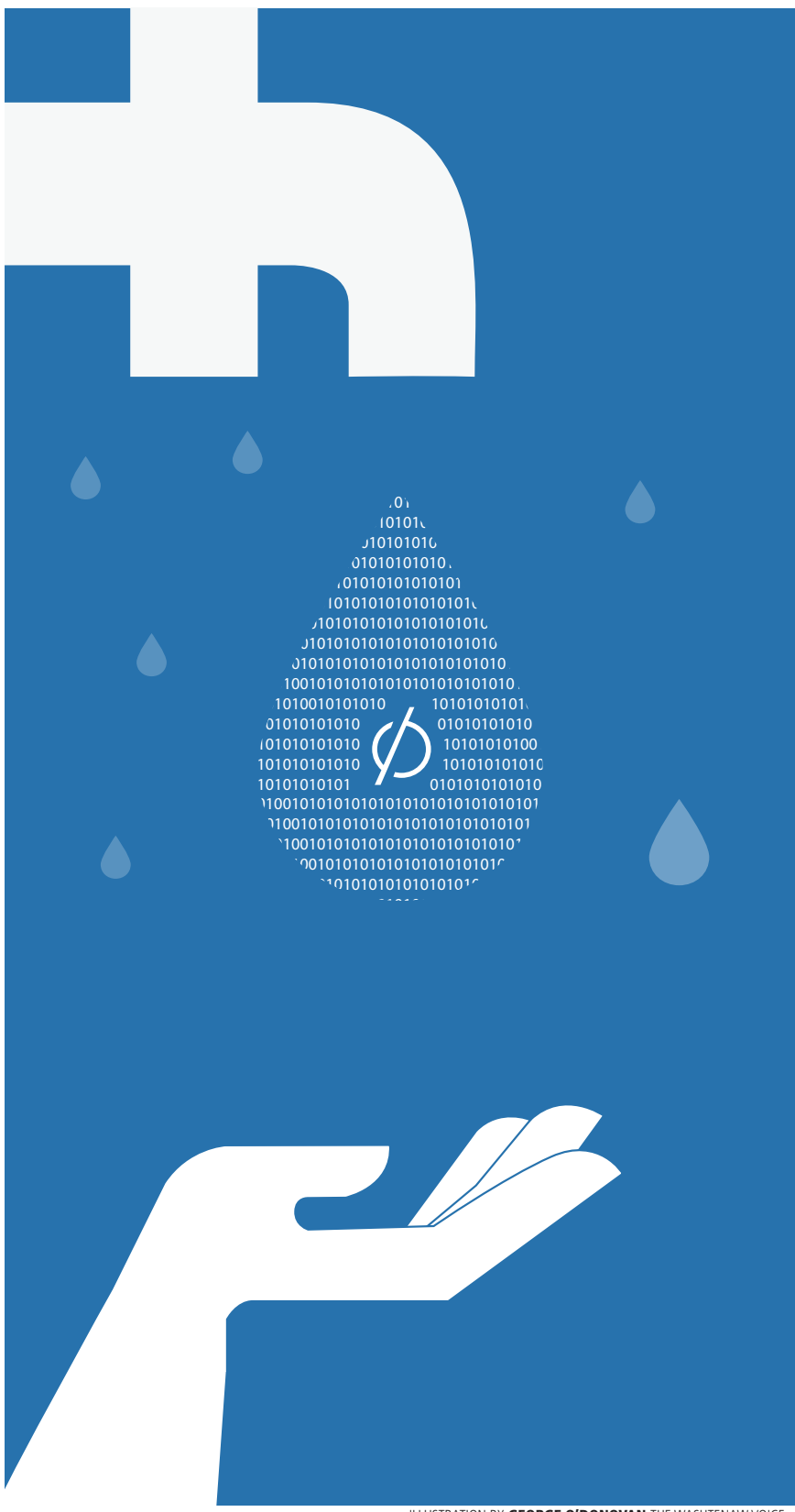


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**Facebook's new user terms cut privacy options, scare users**

By NATALIE WRIGHT  
*Managing Editor*

Upon hearing about Facebook's new terms of service, Joshua Belcher decided it was time to deactivate his account.

He was a Facebook user for about eight years.

"I jumped on board pretty much at ground zero," said the 32-year-old computer information technology student from Belleville.

And yet he was ready, on the spot, to delete it.

That's because Facebook has more power to share its users' information and content with other users, advertising partners and customers after a change to its Statement of Rights and Responsibilities early last month.

The social networking company's unique ability to target relevant advertisements to a desired audience of users is the prime source of revenue for the company's free service.

The changes to Facebook's SRR allow it to share more information that users, friends and others provide, as well as information it infers about a user.

Any information shared at registration, in a profile, on a timeline, in a status update, or in a conversation with a friend can be used and sold, and used as a tool to infer more information about a user.

This also includes any information that others share about the user, such as photos, status updates, locations or group invitations.

One passage that previously

protected users from sharing their information read: "You can use your privacy settings to limit how your name and profile picture may be associated with commercial, sponsored or related content."

That passage was deleted with the changes.

The phrase "subject to the limits you place" was also removed from the end of the list of information that Facebook has permission to use.

"They're just really going too far," said Belcher while searching for the link to deactivate. "Facebook is an incredible tool, I think, but at the same time, they're just becoming too powerful. Social networking was cool, but it's gotten out of hand."

"And of course, actually trying to deactivate your account is one of the hardest things to figure out. It's so frustrating."

He searched on Google "how to delete Facebook."

"And it takes like a month to delete it. So you can go back at any time until then," he said. And according to the SRR, backup copies of users' information may be kept for up to 90 days after an account is deleted.

He found the link.

Though it is often said that information is never really deleted from the internet

Belcher said this is misleading. It is still effective to delete an account. The information is always out there, but it would take a lot of money and energy to find something as miniscule as one deleted Facebook account.

"I would have to be on America's most-wanted list for someone to find this," he said.

Click.  
Yes.  
Deactivate.

## Campus garden takes root      Legislators talk money in pot reform

By M. M. DONALDSON  
*Voice Correspondent*

In the cold month of March of this year, an idea germinated from a pile of refuse, growing so big that by summer no one was sure where to plant it.

"Doing the garden is going to be hard work," said Kim Groce, with a sincere smile on her face.

Groce is a professional counselor at Washtenaw Community College and is spearheading a community garden on the campus grounds. The garden site will be located on less than an acre behind the Henry S. Landau Skilled Trades Building.

Last spring, Groce attended a presentation for staff and faculty on sustainability projects. She was unaware the college had a composter on the premise.

"We began composting the food

scrap collected on campus in January 2012 as a pilot program," said Barry Wilkins, Recycling Operations manager at WCC. Enough convincing data was collected from the pilot to justify purchasing the Green Mountain Technologies Earth Tub. The in-vessel composter was put into operation in November 2012.

"I am certain that compost can be used as soil for the garden," Wilkins said.

Bolstered with that information, Groce met with WCC President Rose Bellanca, who approved of the venture.

"Does the thought of growing healthy, sustainable food for our campus community appeal to you?" Groce asked in an email to faculty, staff and students last spring. At least five

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Co-owner David Starves displays some of the strains available at 3rd Coast Compassionate Club in Ypsilanti.

By JON PRICE  
*Voice Correspondent*

If lawmakers on both sides of the aisle in Lansing are starting to talk publicly about how to spend an expected windfall of tax revenue, can the legalization of marijuana be that far away?

Michigan's largest city is bankrupt, and it doesn't have money to fix the roads and highways on which its life-sustaining economy is so dependent: the auto industry.

Gov. Rick Snyder recently challenged state legislators to find revenue to pay for crumbling roads – which he estimates will cost more than \$1

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## After a year of campus strife, English chair feels optimism

Carrie Krantz, the English Department chair, is starting her 22nd year at Washtenaw Community College and her 13th leading the department. In a wide-ranging interview with Voice Editor Maria Rigou, Krantz talked about how proud she was that the faculty is driven by student success, which is what makes WCC, in her view, a truly unique place.

**Washtenaw Voice: How long have you been a department chair? How did you become department**

**chair?**

**Carrie Krantz:** I want to say 13 years, I'm not 100 percent (laughs). When Bill Abernethy became the Dean (of Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences) is when I stepped up to become the department chair. For however long he was Dean, I've been department chair... It's an election. I get elected from my full-time colleagues. We have an election every April and we elect the Writing Center director and the department chair at that time.

**WV: What gives you satisfaction? What makes you frustrated?**

**CK:** I get a lot of satisfaction when students come to me and tell me that they are really happy with their English class and that they are learning a lot. I get that kind of interaction when I'm working one-on-one in the Writing Center. I always take the time to ask "how is your class going?" and so that gives me satisfaction, knowing that I am hiring the right people to come in and teach the classes.

And that is also a frustrating thing,



Carrie Krantz

hiring people. I really don't like to let people go, but sometimes it's just not the right fit, where somebody might be perfectly effective in a four-year institution, it's not necessarily that they are going to be effective in a community college and so, you don't know until you try, and you certainly

want to give people ample time to get acclimated and accustomed to teaching here, but at the same time I don't have any interest in keeping bad instructors in the classroom. I want good instructors for our students. I have over 80 part-timers, so it's a lot of people to manage, and so at times it can be frustrating. But they are also a great group of people, and so we enjoy each other's company.

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## Dress For Success

**Tuesday October 8, 3:00-4:30pm**

Fashion Show: **3:00pm**

Interview Preparation: **4:00 - 4:30pm**

*Separate workshops for men and women*

Location: **Community Room, SC first floor.**

This event includes door prizes, goodie bags, entertaining videos, punch and cookies.

Session fills quickly - please register your attendance now on your Career Connection account, or call WCC Career Services at 734.677.5155.

WCC Career Services, Dress For Success of Southeast Michigan, and the ever popular ladies from Thrifty Breads are collaborating again! This time it's an interactive workshop on dressing for job interviews.

Prior to this workshop, volunteer students are teaming up with career professionals to prepare for a fashion show competition. Keep up to date with the students' progress and vote for your favorite on Facebook at "WCC Career Services"



## Internship Fair

**Tuesday, October 15, 1:00-4:00pm**

Morris Lawrence Building

**Free to Attend!**

Approximately 30 employers will be on hand to discuss internship opportunities within their organizations including:

**Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan; Norgren Automation Solutions; Plastipak Packaging, Inc.; Thetford Corporation; University of Michigan Health System—Medical Center IT.**

To Register, log on to WCC's Career Connection website [www.wccnet.edu/careerconnection](http://www.wccnet.edu/careerconnection) and register through your student account. Or you may also contact Career Services at **734-677-5155** for assistance in registering.

CONNECTING

*talent*

# Annual auction raises money for literacy, ‘Mad Men’-style

By NATALIE WRIGHT  
Managing Editor

Washtenaw Literacy is holding its annual gala benefit auction, “Driving Literacy,” at Washtenaw Community College’s Morris Lawrence Building on Oct. 19, and this year it has a “Mad Men” theme.

The popular TV series is set in the 1960s on the glamorous Madison Avenue.

“We’re going to create an ambiance reminiscent of that place and era,” said Amy Goodman, executive director of Washtenaw Literacy.

The event begins at 6 p.m. and includes a gourmet strolling dinner and desserts, fine wine, craft beer and retro cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, Goodman said.

There will also be two auctions to raise money for the organization.

The annual gala is responsible for 20 percent of the organization’s budget, Goodman said. Their anticipated budget for this year is \$475,000. This pays for free literacy programs for more than 2,000 adults every year, she said. These adults receive tutoring and help in working toward individual goals, which, for most, include getting a GED and/or a place in the workforce.

The evening will be hosted by U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, the Michigan Democrat.

“Sen. Levin’s top priority has always been the economic well-being of Michigan families and he understands the foundational role adult literacy plays in a strong Michigan workforce and economy,” Goodman said.

They are also honoring Levin

because he is retiring after a long career in the Senate, she said.

A silent auction will run throughout the night. Some silent auction items will also be available for online bidding before the event, beginning on Oct. 4, said Goodman.

A live auction will close the night.

Though attire from the “Mad Men” era is optional, organizers encourage it. Washtenaw Literacy teamed up with The Get Up Vintage to hold a pop-up Mad Men Store at Vellum restaurant on Sept. 25.

Tickets for the gala are \$100, or \$680 for a reserved table for eight people. They can be purchased at bidpal.net/washtenawliteracy.

Volunteers are still needed to set up for the event and help during the event. Those interested in helping can contact Goodman at 734-879-1320.

## WHERE THE JOBS ARE IT program to offer new accelerated certificate

By ALAINA O’CONNOR  
Staff Writer

Starting Oct. 7, WCC will offer the first class in the new accelerated certificate program in Java programming and Linux/UNIX, preparing students for a future where the jobs are.

The most significant job growth in southeast Michigan is in Information Technology, according to a Workforce Intelligence Network report.

“We learned that IT has the highest number of job postings growth. It’s growing faster here than any other sector in Michigan,” said Michelle Mueller, assistant vice president of Economic and Community Development.

The new program uses a blended learning format with shorter class sessions to prepare students for careers in computer programming, network administration and system software development.

The program was funded by a \$2.5 million grant awarded to WCC by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training

Administration and was developed by the Workforce Intelligence Network using data gathered from innovative new software called Burning Glass.

“Burning Glass is like nothing we’ve ever used before,” said Mueller. “The software goes out onto the Web and looks at job postings from places like monster.com and employer websites. It uses a complex algorithm to generate a list of skill sets down to specific occupations.”

The data is then used to identify what jobs are emerging in a specific region.

“We learned that in Michigan the health care industry is the largest sector and advanced manufacturing has largest number of job postings,” said Mueller. “But IT is the fastest growing sector, and that’s where we needed to shift our focus.”

Once region-specific jobs are identified, it’s used to develop curriculum.

“We take that data and use it to see what certain career paths look like, as well as, potential growth,” said Ross Gordon, director of Career Services.

“Based on that information we can make more educated decisions when developing classes.”

In addition to the new accelerated certificate program, WCC is offering a career readiness class composed of a three-session series designed to help students decide if IT is right for them.

“The classes cover everything from online learning skills needed for the blended classes to examining in-demand jobs and the skills necessary to be successful in the industry,” said Charlie Lafayette, program manager for Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College & Career Training and a key player in developing the career readiness certificate.

“We dedicate resources to help students find opportunities,” said Gordon. We’re telling companies that these programs exist and to be ready for future programmers.”

The first class in the certificate program, MTH 170: Math for Beginning Programmers, starts on Oct. 7.

For information call 734-677-5137 or email IT-Talent@wccnet.edu

## Several WCC students honored at Ypsi film event

By DAVID FITCH  
Staff Writer

Washtenaw Community College film student Jeremy Liesen made it through the crucible.

“It exhausted me mentally and physically,” he said.

But it was worth it.

He and several WCC film students took part in this year’s “Ypsi 24 Hour Film Shootout.” The contest tests the skills of local filmmakers as they are tasked with writing, shooting and editing a short film in 24 hours.

Groups were given three elements to include in their film: a map, a shot of an Ypsilanti street intersection and the line, “If you was smart, which you ain’t...”

The task proved a difficult one, but for those who finished the marathon event, victory was sweet.

“In the middle of the night at some point, when our (idea) didn’t work out... We were really stressed out,” said Justin Erion, 24, a digital video production major from Ann Arbor. “And then we got done early...

And then we were like, ‘Really? We’re done? Alright! Let’s go!’”

Erion served on a team with three other WCC students.

One of those teammates, Liesen, 28, of Ypsilanti, reflected on the time scramble that most teams experienced.

“Not everything worked out as planned. Our original plan failed,” he said.

The group reported finally settling on a plan for their film at 2 a.m.

For another member of their group, Kevin Jackson, the 24-hour period went swimmingly, despite the occasional “hiccups.”

“I remember how efficient we all were. We had a plan. We went in and attacked it. We actually got done in 21½ hours,” he said.

The group’s short film, “Until I Find,” won honorable mention.

Will Blattman, 27, of Ypsilanti, a digital video production major, was a part of another group of several WCC students. Their piece, “Heartless,” also won honorable mention.

“There was a little point that we were all worried that it wouldn’t turn

out quite as well as it did,” he said. “It’s one of those things that where you’re in such a small time limit, and you have all these ideas that you want to do, but you realize that you just don’t have time to do them.”

The event took its toll on the contestants.

“I feel like the past 24 hours probably took a year off my life, but it was totally worth it,” said Liesen.

Mark Ducker, the event’s organizer was encouraged by this year’s results.

“The projects keep getting better,” he said.

Ducker, a local filmmaker, started “Ypsi 24” last year, when 14 projects were submitted for judging. This year, there were 20 projects submitted from the 24 registered groups.

“From a technical aspect, the difference between this year and last year is immense,” he said, adding that he hopes to organize another one next year, if circumstances permit.

Meantime, Ducker said he is planning an “Ypsi 24 Hour Film Festival” that will show all of the 20 submitted projects.

## Fair shake: Transfer options abound at college fair

By ALAINA O’CONNOR  
Staff Writer

Fatimah Kazemi, 19, admitted she didn’t know where she might fit in, but after attending the transfer fair last week, she has a lot better idea about her future.

“I don’t know where I want to go when I’m done here,” said Kazemi, of Ann Arbor, while she browsed the more than 50 colleges and universities on hand to answer questions and provide information at the annual college transfer fair. “But, I want a bachelor’s (degree).”

The Transfer Fair provided an opportunity for students planning to continue on for a four-year degree to explore their options. According to WCC’s Counseling, Career Planning and Employment Services, about 25 to 30 percent of WCC students transfer

each year.

“The majority of our transfer students are from WCC,” said Wendolyn Davis, assistant director of transfer student services at Central Michigan University. “There was some pretty steady traffic at our table today.”

Another university table that saw heavy traffic was Eastern Michigan University. Douglas Potter, manager of specialized recruiting at EMU, spoke with many students.

“We generally see a lot of interest from WCC students,” said Potter. “We have an articulation agreement with the college that allows students to make near seamless transfers to our university.”

Potter pointed out that students who spend two to three years at WCC, could transfer to Eastern Michigan University and finish their last year at half the cost of other four-year colleges.

Also present at the fair was Columbia University.

“We like to call ourselves an ‘umbrella university’, because we have more than 25 schools within the system,” said Alfred Ayoub, Columbia University School of General Studies admissions representative.

“We have something to offer everyone. Our student population consists of people from all different backgrounds and stages in life,” said Ayoub. “It’s important that community college transfers are represented at a school like Columbia.”

This was good news for Sam Godfrey, a 22 year-old English transfer from Ypsilanti.

“I definitely want to transfer next year. You can’t really get a good job without a bachelor’s degree,” Godfrey said. “Knowing that I can transfer to an Ivy League school like Columbia will keep me motivated.”

# SNIPS

### Former VPI Blacklaw hired by Arizona college

Former Washtenaw Community College Vice President of Instruction Stuart Blacklaw has been named VP of Instruction and Student Services at Yavapai College, a community college with its main campus in Prescott, Ariz.

“It’s a really good opportunity and I’m looking forward to it,” Blacklaw told *The Voice*. “It’s a position that is larger than the job that I did at WCC. It’s both Instruction and Student Services.”

Blacklaw was chosen from among 85 applicants from across the nation. He will be responsible for the Yavapai College’s 76 programs of study, 32 degree programs and 57 certificate programs.

“To have 85 colleagues from across the nation apply for this position speaks volumes of the positive reputation of Yavapai College,” Dr. Penny Wills, Yavapai College president, said in a press release. “It was a thorough selection process, and we’re thrilled that Stuart agreed to join Yavapai College.”

Blacklaw was terminated from his position as VPI at WCC in March, a move that generated some tension between the faculty and the administration. He was succeeded by Interim Vice President of Instruction Bill Abernethy.

### Trustees approve HFC system

The Board of Trustees approved a proposal to have a new \$150,000 temperature control system installed in the Health and Fitness Center at their meeting on Sept. 24.

The new Siemens system will allow the facilities staff more control over necessary changes throughout the year, said Damon Flowers, vice president of Facilities Development and Operations.

The existing Honeywells system’s programming restricts the staff from making changes, and requires a billable visit from one of the company’s technicians. There are only two capable technicians in the state, so getting them to respond in a timely manner can be a problem, said Flowers.



# CAMPUS EVENTS

**MONDAY OCT. 7**  
**Resume Development Workshop** will help students develop a resume that will project a positive image to an employer. From 2-3:30 p.m. in ML 120.

**TUESDAY OCT. 8**  
**Celebrate Hispanic-Heritage Month** with a viewing of the movie “The Harvest.” Chips, salsa and drinks will be served. Pick up a worry doll or paint a sun catcher. All activities are free. Noon- 2 p.m. in the SC Community Room.

**Dress4Success Fashion Show & Workshop** an interactive workshop on dressing for job interviews, sponsored by Thrifty Boards. RSVP is required via www.wccnet.edu/careerconnection. From 3 – 4:30 p.m. in ML 101.

**WEDNESDAY OCT. 9**  
**Public Benefits Advocacy Project** volunteers will be on the first floor of the SC from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to help individuals and families complete their food assistance applications and other benefits. They will also be able to answer other questions regarding benefits.

**Friend of Bill Meeting** takes place every Wednesday in LA 268 from noon – 1 p.m. and is open to anyone. Students are encouraged to share their stories of strength and hope with others on the path to recovery.

**Talent Show Auditions** will take place from 5-9 p.m. in the Towsley Auditorium in the ML building. Can you sing? Strum the guitar? Dance like a gazelle? Or have another talent? Sign-up for auditions at tinyurl.com/Nov13WCCTalent. Talent show will take place on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m.

**THURSDAY OCT. 10**  
**Spring Arbor University, Metro-Detroit Visitation.** A representative will be on campus to provide information and answer questions for students interested in transferring to this university. From 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the first floor of the SC building.

**Interview Skills Workshop** prepares students on how to successful interview using appropriate skills and

behaviors. From noon – 1:30 p.m. in ML 120.

**FRIDAY OCT. 11**  
**Job Search Workshop** provides information on the job search process and how to approach it. Participants will be provided with information about WCC’s online job search. From 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. in ML 120.

**TUESDAY OCT. 15**  
**Make it, Take it: Caramel Apples.** It’s apple season! Grab a caramel apple, one of the season’s tastiest treats. From noon – 1 p.m. on the SC Community Room. Free, while supplies last.

**Internship Fair.** Career Services will be hosting the first annual Internship Fair. Approximately 30 employers will be in attendance to discuss internship opportunities. From 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. in ML 101. RSVP is required www.wccnet.edu/careerconnection. For more information, contact Career Services at 734-677-5155.

**PTK: Social Event.** Interested in joining Phi Theta Kappa? Already a member? Join the club officers and general members in a social night. From 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. in the SC Community Room.

**Community Garden.** Learn more about this project, led by Kim Groce, WCC counselor. From 3:30 – 4 p.m. in LA 252. Alternative meetings: Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 10:30 – 11 a.m. in LA 252 and Friday, Oct. 18 from noon – 12:30 p.m. in LA 254.

**WEDNESDAY OCT. 16**  
**Depression Screening Day.** The Counseling and Career Planning Department will be conducting depression screening for students. From 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the second floor by the Student Resource Center.

**THURSDAY OCT. 17**  
**Madonna University Visitation.** A representative will be on campus to provide information and answer questions for students interested in transferring to this university. From 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Center.

## SECURITY NOTES

*From redacted incident reports provided by Campus Safety and Security, and interviews with Director Jacques Desrosiers.*

**Pornography/Obscene Material**  
A 53-year-old male student was viewing porn in the computer commons on Sept. 24 at 5:11 p.m. The man was approached by CSS and asked to leave campus.

**Larceny**  
A student walked out of the Testing Center with a test on Sept. 26 at 1:07 p.m. The student forgot to return the test to the proctor after completion.

**Larceny**  
A student reported the theft of her backpack from the women’s restroom on the second floor of the LA building. The student left her backpack on the racks near the door. There is a sign above the racks saying not to leave personal items. The incident was reported on Sept. 26 at 7:12 p.m.

## EDITORIAL

## It's scary out there, enjoy it

Government shutdown. Obamacare. Phone conversations with the president of Iran. Apples.

A lot is happening around us, and sometimes we might be too immersed in school, work, or even life to notice that these changes can affect us all.

Fall is definitely here and some of us might agree that this is the best time of year. Colors change, the weather is just perfect. But at the same time, we get busier and busier as the end of the year approaches.

Classes are in full bloom. Students can be seen everywhere amidst piles of books and laptops. Coats and cold-weather attire will soon start piling up on chairs and tables.

One of the biggest things that is happening outside WCC is the fact that the government shut down last week. In what seems like an endless battle between the Republican and the Democratic parties, they couldn't reach an agreement on the spending budget for the upcoming year, and decided that the short-term solution was to, literally, shut down the government.

The shutdown fight is definitely a prelude to a bigger battle and sets the stage for a larger confrontation over the nation's credit limit, expected to hit its \$16.7 trillion cap in mid-October. If there is no resolution to this, thousands, or even millions of Americans could be affected.

Among those affected are veterans, who will have to wait for approval of their disability benefits, and campers in national parks, who will probably have to fold their tents now that the parks are closed.

But still, hope remains for all because Obamacare went live on Oct. 1. One of the biggest changes to the American healthcare system since the introduction of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965, the Affordable Care Act could potentially affect millions of people. In Washtenaw County alone there are more than 25,000 uninsured individuals – of which only 1 percent is not eligible for ACA assistance.

And all of this is happening around us, while we think of apple cider and pumpkin doughnuts.

Things change so much on a daily basis that sometimes we can't keep up with everything that happens. Our lives revolve, and sometimes we don't stop to think of what others are going through.

With everything going on around us, sometimes it is worth it to stop and look before we carry on.

A wise man once said, "Life is what happens to you when you are busy making other plans."

So we say, "stop and smell the roses," because sometimes life just goes by.



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## Does efficiency equal a 20-minute wait?



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So, apparently, the Subway in the Student Center is one of the most efficient franchises in the state of Michigan.

Well, if you tell that to people who have been waiting 30 minutes in line just to get a sandwich, they might not believe you.

I have been a student at WCC for a year now. This is my third semester here, and never have I had to wait in line at Subway for more than 10 minutes. Tops.

But this year, the line has been terrible.

I don't know if the new company that is running the catering services at the Student Center has anything to do with it, but it is almost impossible to get a sandwich during peak lunch hours without having to wait in line, sometimes without it even moving.

My first thought after my "slow-sandwich experience" was to think

that Subway was understaffed. Obviously, fewer hands means more time for customers to wait, because the demand is pretty high.

But no, it's not understaffed. On this particular day, Subway had six employees working its assembly line – five of them making sandwiches and one in the cashier.

After this short analysis, I thought "well, maybe one of them is actually a floater and is helping around to refill stuff as it finishes due to the high volume of customers."

But no, the five people in the sandwich area were actually taking all the sandwiches into their hands. So these five people were assigned to this particular assembly area.

There is a term in economics for what is actually happening here.

It's called the "law of diminishing returns."

This economic law states, roughly and in my own limited economic knowledge, that if one input used in the manufacture of a product is increased while all others remain fixed, a point will eventually be reached at which the final input yielded will have progressively smaller increases in output.

Well actually this wasn't in my own words. But I'll give you an example to simplify: Let's say a farmer has a

specific area of land to farm and a certain number of workers to work that farm. If everything else remains equal, and the farmer progressively increases the number of workers, there will be a point where the amount of products that each worker farms will start decreasing.

So essentially, the more hands the less effective something is.

And this is what is happening at WCC's Subway.

However, this is still the most efficient franchise in the state of Michigan.

Why is this? Well, for starters, we don't have many options at the Student Center to get food. So naturally, there is a fixed number of students that will get food there, and also those students are willing to wait, because there aren't any other options.

And therefore, there is always a fixed number of students that will meet the needs of this specific franchise, so that will never decrease.

Subway will always have people eating there because that is how it works for them, but they could do us a good service and at least hurry things up. We also have things to do, besides waiting in line.

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## Right place, right start, at WCC



ROSE BELLANCA

The beginning of the school year can be overwhelming. You may have experienced changes in schedule, new financial obligations, adjusting to instructors' expectations, all while wondering what the future holds.

Hopefully by now you are feeling a little more settled in at WCC and

are gaining confidence that you have made the right choice.

Historically, for those who are not already well-established in their careers, the community college has been known as a great place to start. In fact, a study recently conducted by the American Institutes for Research (AIR) suggests that a bachelor's or advanced degree may not be necessary to secure a job in a great field and earn a good salary/wage.

In a study of five states, the AIR found that while bachelor's degrees have their place, graduates may find that their first-year earnings would be more with a technical associate degree.

According to the research, in four out of the five states, first-year earnings were higher for graduates with an

associate degree compared with those with a bachelor's degree. The difference was most striking in Texas, where those with a technical associate degree earned \$11,000 more in their first year working compared with those leaving school with a four-year degree.

Higher education is one of the most important investments people make in their lifetime. With the student-loan debt at an all-time high, the value of the education you are receiving at WCC is clear. Though a bachelor's degree may offer more income-earning potential in the long run, community colleges are the right place for a great start on a satisfying and good-paying career.

Thank you for choosing WCC.

## Dingell: Washington lawmakers worse than 'Monkey Island in the local zoo'

Editor's Note: Last week, U.S. Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Deerborn, took to the House floor to denounce House Republican efforts to block full funding of the federal government. His remarks are below:

"One of my colleagues came to me yesterday and said 'You've seen it worse, haven't you?' Well, I've only been here 57 years and I never have. I've never seen such small-minded, miserable behavior in this House of Representatives, and such a disregard of our responsibilities to the people.

"We're supposed to solve the problems of the people. We're supposed to deal with the concerns they have. We're supposed to see to it that the nation prospers. None of that is being done. The American people could get better government out of Monkey Island in the local zoo than we're giving them today.

"I'm embarrassed and humiliated, and I certainly hope that my colleagues on both sides—especially on the Republican side—are embarrassed. This is going to cost us huge amounts of money.

"It's going to waste money in amounts that will exceed that with which we saw wasted during the last time the Republican's shut the House down. They shut it down in '95 and '96 and it cost 2 billion dollars in today's monies, according to the Office of Management and Budget.

"This shutdown is no different, and it's going to end up not only costing money but hurting the economy, hurting jobs and hurting the American recovery. During the last shutdown, we lost huge amounts of revenue, through IRS, through EPA and through other agencies. Passport applications were not processed. More revenue was lost. National parks, battlefields and monuments were closed.

"Now, we're going to pass a bunch of hit-and-miss legislation in the assumption that people are going to think that in some quaint way we're solving the nation's problems.

"We are called the 'Congress.' That means coming together. I see no coming together here. I see a waste of time, a waste of money and the behavior of a bunch of people who look small, petulant and small-minded.

"I'm embarrassed. I hope my colleagues are embarrassed. And the American people are not only embarrassed, but they are being hurt by the shameful, miserable behavior that we're demonstrating today in this chamber and on the televisions of the nation.

"Let's get down to business. Let's pass a Continuing Resolution. Let's do our responsibilities. Let's behave as a Congress of the United States, not an aggregation of petulant children. I yield back the balance of my time."

## By ERIC GARANT

Staff Writer

Here at *The Voice*, we are always looking for answers. Who is out there? What is on their minds?

With the hectic pace of many college students lives, they can be a difficult group to pin down. Wandering through a cacophonous Student Center late Wednesday morning, we were happy to find one person with a few minutes to spare amid the chaos.

A 26-year-old college graduate from Ann Arbor, Anneke Robinson is not the usual community college student. We sat down with her and asked some hard-hitting questions.

**Washtenaw Voice: What's your biggest gripe about WCC?**

**Anneke Robinson:** Well, I really like it so far. I've only been going for...

this is my second semester. I guess the only thing that I've had a problem with is that all of my classes use the Testing Center. And I think it's nice for some

things, but for people like me, who have a job that you work at a lot, or a family, it's hard to schedule time outside of class to come back to school to take tests.

**WV: What's your favorite book? Why?**

**AR:** I guess I would say "The Dogs of Babel." It's kind of like a romance book. I guess I like it because I think it does a good job talking about grief and how couples deal with grief. It's a nice story.

**WV: If you could visit one place, where would it be? Why?**

**AR:** I would go to New Zealand because I've never been there before and I think it would be a cool place to go. It seems amazing.

**WV: Who is a person that has inspired you? How?**

**AR:** My old boss when I worked at Maxey Boy's Training School. It was a juvenile detention center. My boss there was kind of a role model to me because she had a really tough job, dealt with really challenging things and always had a smile on her face and did it with a lot of professionalism and was very caring.

**WV: Spartans or Wolverines? Go**

**AR:** Wolverines, definitely. I got my degree from U-M, so 100 percent.

## 'Health coverage for all' means students, too

By MARIA RIGOU

Editor

The new health-care law that went into effect last week means even starving, cash-strapped students have access to medical care under "Obamacare," the only change to the country's healthcare system since the introduction of Medicare and Medicaid in nearly a half-century.

The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, aims to increase the quality and affordability of health insurance, lower the rate of uninsured individuals by expanding public and private insurance coverage and reduce the costs of healthcare for both individuals and the government.

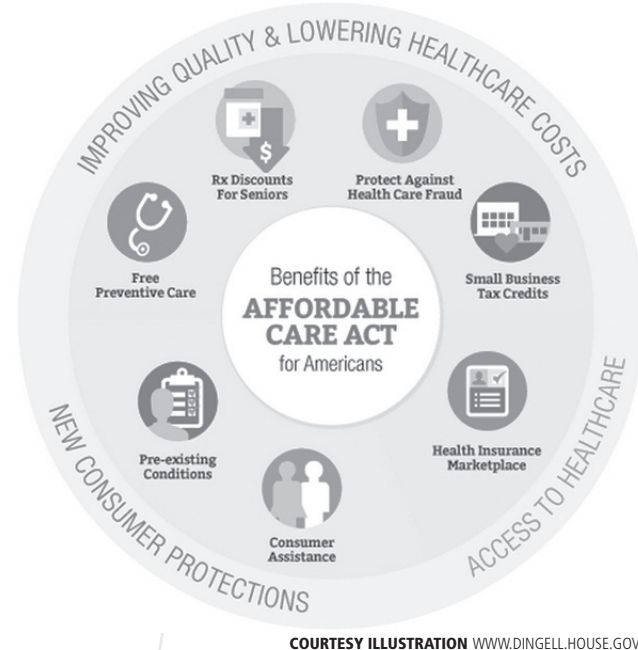
The healthcare reform, which went into effect Oct. 1, provides a number of mechanisms to increase coverage and affordability for millions.

Significant changes in this change to the healthcare system include guarantees for policies even for those with pre-existing conditions, rating practices, loss ratios and coverage for children up to age 26. The healthcare reform also expands benefits to include certain preventive care services and eliminates lifetime and annual limits.

As many as 21,679 individuals 64 years old and younger could benefit from the ACA expansion in Washtenaw County, according to the Washtenaw Health Initiative.

"I have a disability, so I feel like that's going to be something I could use in the future," said Karly Stanislovaitis, a 22-year-old journalism major from Ann Arbor. "It's going to be important for me to always have health coverage... I'm all for it."

Another significant change was the fact that young adults, the most uninsured group among all Americans, will be eligible for certain benefits – for less than the cost of their cell-phone service, according to government promotional material. And the reform bans insurance companies from dropping this group when those insured get sick or have an accident. Young adults



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in new private plans can get free coverage for key preventive services, too. But for some, not everything is as pretty as it looks.

Next year, individuals must have health insurance, either by their employers, Medicare and Medicaid, the military, or privately. If this does not happen, individuals will have to pay a penalty. There are exceptions to this rule, but they won't apply to most people.

"When you have really low-income families, they're worried about putting food on the table, clothing on their children... and to succeed in life," said Dashlan Sohn, 27, of Ypsilanti. The radiography major explains that this is a great idea in an ideal world, but it might not work when people have other priorities, like school.

"If you've got all these student loans and you're in school and you're not working, I still feel like it's going to be really difficult for students if they have to pay a couple grand for semester of classes, and then have to shell out a couple more grand for health insurance," Sohn continued. "Who has that kind of money when they're a student?"

On Oct. 1, the "healthcare marketplace" or "exchange" opened up. These marketplaces are designed for

Americans who buy their own coverage or currently have no coverage at all.

"My limited understanding is that... I'll be able to shop for health insurance as an individual," said Gavin Taylor, a 26-year-old pre-med student from Ann Arbor. "Right now, I am an individual on the market for insurance, and I'm hoping through the marketplace

I can find a better deal than what I currently have."

The marketplace will provide individuals and families a choice among numerous quality private insurance plans. In Michigan, the marketplace or exchange will be run by the federal government.

For more information, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

Sources: Washtenaw Health Initiative, WCC's Political Science Club

## How the Marketplace works:

1. Visit the government website and create an account, providing some basic information about you and your family, including income, household size, and more.
2. Pick a plan. You'll see all the plans and programs you're eligible for and compare them side-by-side. You'll also find out if you can get lower costs on monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs.
3. Enroll. Choose a plan that meets your needs and enroll. Coverage starts as soon as Jan. 1, 2014.

Source: [www.dingell.house.gov](http://www.dingell.house.gov)

problem... You kind of have to dig and get to the bottom of it.

**WV: We come from a very stressful time on campus, and you were among the more vocal critics of some of the issues that surfaced last year. How do you see things this year between the administration and the faculty? It's been quiet; is that a bad thing?**

**CK:** I don't think quiet is a bad thing. I think I have turned my attention completely to my department and on my people in my department. I want to make the English department the best department it can possibly be. I want to focus on my student success in the class that I teach.

Hope was on the horizon because there were two bills passed to the state Senate that would address insurance coverage. The end of the session came and went. Our Senate failed to pass the bills.

A brief moment of hope flickered on again when a special session had to be called to take care

To read the rest of the interview with Carrie Krantz, visit *The Voice's* website at [www.washtenawvoice.com](http://www.washtenawvoice.com)

## Voice Box

INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY NATALIE WRIGHT MANAGING EDITOR

How has the government shut down affected you? Has it interrupted your daily life, or has it changed your mindset about the government?

## C.J. SNOW

47, Ypsilanti, Elementary Education



"Has it personally affected me? No. Has it affected a lot of other people I know? Yes. Has it changed my opinion of the government? No. I think that, with the government, I think we should start all over again. If I did that it's my job, I'd be unemployed."

## MATT DAVID

16, Ypsilanti, WTMC



"It hasn't really affected me. I don't understand why they're doing it. I know I'm supposed to be mad, but more than that I just don't really get it. My parents can't do that, just stop making decisions and budgeting, because then we wouldn't get fed. I don't think that shutting down is a solution, or should be an option."

## TRAVIS SMITH

25, Ypsilanti, Welding



"Well I'm a veteran, and I just wonder if I'm going to get my benefits next month or if any of the programs are going to get cut. And with the wedding program, I wonder if any of the funding for that is going to get cut."

## LOREN TOWNES

22, Romulus, Business



"It hasn't really affected my everyday life... yet. It just makes me concerned, you know? You think about how it's going to affect me eventually, because you know it will some way, somehow. I think it's going to affect everyone in a big way down the line. It's scary."

## TONI LONGTON

36, Ypsilanti, Accounting



"Honestly I haven't even been watching the news about it. I'm sure that it's something that needed to be done. From what I've heard, it sounds like no one is making any agreements. But, I'm sure eventually I'll see the effects."

## PAIGE BARDEN

19, Dexter, Psychology



"I'm in a military program – the civil air patrol, the Air Force auxiliary – and it has cut all of our funding. So we have no studying materials, no uniforms, no flying, and no materials in general. So it has definitely affected me and it is pretty frustrating."

## JUAN TORRES

50, Ypsilanti, ESL



"I don't know if it's affected me, but it is just very sad. When the politicians can't agree and do their job for the people, that is sad for everyone."

## AMANDA HAYES

22, Westland, Business



"It's definitely made me conscious and aware that I need to be more of an entrepreneur. I can't rely on the government for anything. It should be illegal, what they're doing. They're still getting paid and they're not doing their job. Let's just say there is a good chance that I won't still be living in the United States in 10-15 years."

## BRITTANY RALL

18, Belleville, Psychology



"I didn't even hear about it until last night – my mom told me about it. It really doesn't mess with my everyday life, but hearing about it was disappointing."

## JOSELYN CARTER

14, Ypsilanti, WTMC



"Honestly it hasn't really affected me at all. I will say, it seems inefficient in a way. They knew about this before. They knew it was coming and they should have made a decision and figured out a solution by now."

## Hope and change, for an anxious mom

Will Obamacare finally provide coverage and help for autistic daughter?

# Have deadbeat Facebook friends? They may affect your credit

By NATALIE WRIGHT  
Managing Editor

Lending companies are using social networks as a tool to help people who could not otherwise get a loan to obtain credit based on character and reputation.

Lenddo is a lending company that uses social networks to assess its loan recipients and hold them accountable. Lenddo was founded by Jeff Stewart, an advocate for “crowdsourced capitalism.” He says that despite the recent hype, these lending tactics aren’t really all that novel.

“We have discovered, or perhaps rediscovered how to use social networks to connect financial services with character,” Stewart said in a talk at TEDxWall Street.

Lending was based on reputation for thousands of years, until the 1950s, he said.

“It used to be, if you wanted a loan, the loan officer would talk to your neighbors. They’d come into your community and figure out your character and who you were,” said Stewart.

But when the car and TV became widely popular, people started spending less time interacting with their communities. Reputation became much weaker evidence and lenders started using formulas to determine a person’s ability to repay a loan.

“Financial services responded with increased use of ratios, increased centralization, increased use of FICO score,” Stewart said.

But now, people have a new forum for community interactions: social networking sites.

And Stewart contends that online relationships are often “better documented and stronger” than those people have in the real world.

Some factors that contribute to a person’s Lenddo score are: how many social media accounts you link and how long they’ve been active, how many friends or followers you have, how often you interact with them, how

long their accounts have been active, and the number and diversity of your “trusted connections.”

Trusted connections are a small group that you have an agreement with. Their Lenddo score affects yours and your score affects theirs. This is where reputation is used as collateral. If you don’t repay your loan, your score will drag down your friends’ scores, and your reputation will be hurt.

This practice is used by Lenddo and several similar small lending companies, but according to CNN, major national creditors in Russia and the Czech Republic have started using one company’s scoring system as a factor in their equations.

This is the future of credit, according to Stewart, and some people are hesitant about that, including Washtenaw students.

This system counts on the fact that people trust the people on their friends list, which is not always the case.

“I’m open to accepting anyone as friends regardless of their financial situation. So, I definitely wouldn’t think it would be fair to judge me and my situation by my friends list,” said Amaria Bledsoe, 19, an undecided student from Milan.

Derrick Hunt, a 21-year-old business student agrees.

“I think that’s kind of insane. That isn’t a fair way to decide if someone can repay you, just because their friends can or can’t,” said Hunt, of Romulus.

But some believe that this is a very fair way to assess risk, especially for people who don’t have a credit score.

Joshua Belcher, a computer information technology student, said he doesn’t believe in credit cards.

“They are a scam,” he said.

If one day he wants to get a loan for a car, it would be much more difficult without a credit score. He thinks the idea of credit based on character is a good solution.

“You’re going to make similar

decisions to those you’re around,” said Belcher, a 32-year-old resident of Belleville. “Not that you’re predestined to make the wrong decision if your friends are, but there’s some influence there, I think.”

And social networks are a good way to hold people accountable, he said.

“Reputation is pretty dang important. I mean, humans are social creatures, and if their reputation has been distorted or twisted, then you’re cutting that person off from one of the most basic things that humans need – social interaction,” Belcher said.

Whether this is the future of lending, only time will tell. But Stewart is certain that the power of social networks and crowdsourcing will change the financial, and political world as we know it.

“What happens when crowds start to trust each other more than, say, a centralized insurance authority? Or even a central government, creating a currency? The answer: We don’t know,” he said. “But what we do know is that the future of financial services is crowdsourced.

“But then again, it’s also the past.”

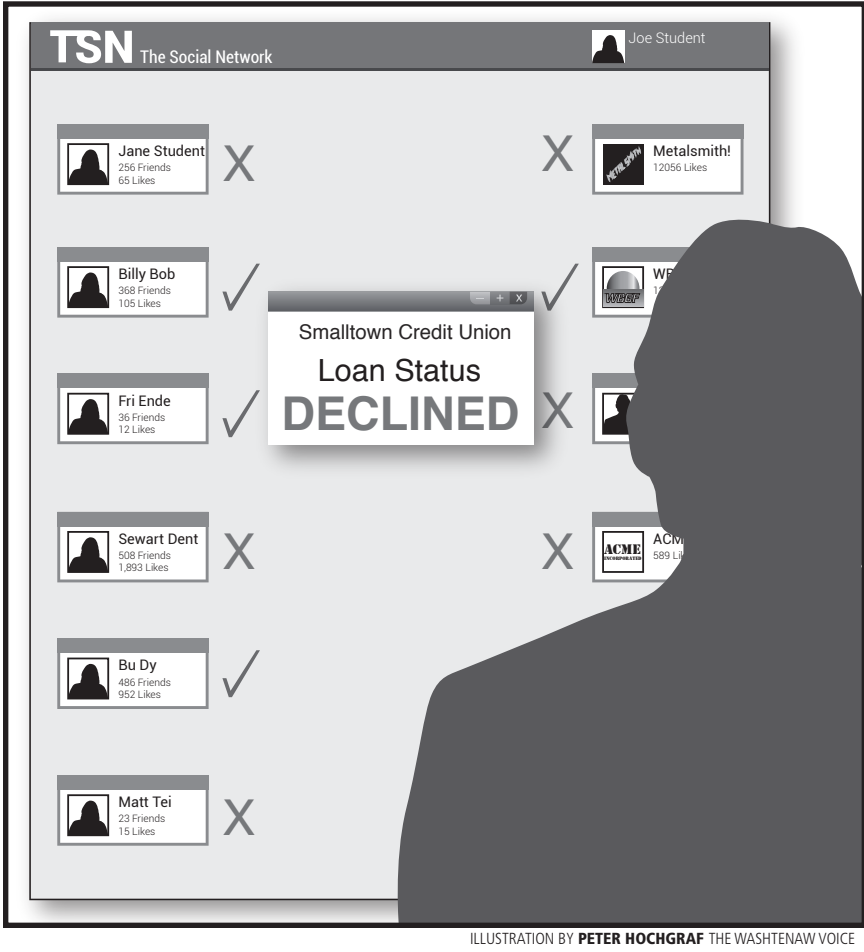


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## INTERNET.ORG FROM A1

According to Zuckerberg, they are necessities, and Internet access is a human right.

In the developing world people are going to use the Internet and tools like Facebook to decide what kind of government they want, get access to healthcare information, and re-connect with family they haven’t seen in decades, Zuckerberg said in an interview with CNN.

In the leading developing countries like China and India, Internet connectivity is not an issue, said Nitya Singh, who teaches international and Asian politics at Eastern Michigan University.

They generally have 3G everywhere other than the most remote areas, he said, and it has had a huge role in the recent explosion of development in those economies.

“In a developing country like India, the role of the Internet has gone beyond just giving people access to general information,” Singh said.

For example, farmers in India can use their mobile connections to access real-time market data to find fair prices of the crops they’re selling, he said. This helps protect them from being taken advantage of in global markets.

If Internet.org can provide more people with resources like these, it could transform the way of life in developing countries.

The focus of the venture is to increase the efficiency of mobile networks and apps to make access more affordable.

By increasing efficiency the industry can decrease the costs of delivering data. This will not only make access affordable to a much wider base, but it will also improve the performance across existing networks.

No company can achieve this alone, Zuckerberg said in the report. It requires a new level of collaboration in the telecommunications industry, focused on building and sharing new information and tools, he said.

And people have high hopes that if this project is a success, it could change the world forever. After the Twitter-fueled revolution in Egypt, the world saw how connectivity can give birth to significant political change.

“The ability to connect to knowledge, and the ability to know what’s going on in the rest of the world is huge not just for economic reasons, but for political reasons,” said

Heidebrink, “To be able to see how things work differently or may work better somewhere else can help people see how to change their own situation.”

This is the hope of Internet.org’s partners.

“We are committed to shaping the Networked Society – where everyone and everything will be connected in real time; creating the freedom, empowerment and opportunity to transform society,” Vestberg said in the press release. “We believe affordable connectivity and Internet access improves people’s lives and helps build a more sustainable planet.”

While some are concerned that this effort is more self-interested than the partners are letting on, Zuckerberg has defended the project against suggestions that it is not a wholly humanitarian effort.

“If we were just focused on making money, the first billion people that we’ve connected have way more money than the rest of the next six billion combined,” he told CNN.

But if the telecommunications industry can achieve superior network performance, it would produce enormous benefits for them, Qualcomm said in the report. Opening untapped markets of potential Internet users will drive growth and create new opportunities for these companies.

The improved technology also means that current networks will run more efficiently, which will build customer satisfaction and loyalty, it said.

Right now, Internet adoption is growing by less than 9 percent each year, which is slow considering that it is still in its early stages, according to the press release.

For a company like Facebook (which went from 200 million to 1.15 billion users in the last four years) to continue to grow, it needs to find a way to access new markets.

There are still hurdles for the partners to overcome, and the plan is still rough, Zuckerberg said in the press release.

But if the partners and the rest of the industry can work together to improve network and app efficiency, develop lower-cost, higher-quality smartphones and work with governments to localize services, the goal of connecting everyone in the next decade is possible, said the report.

And if this happens, it means a different world. Internet.org partners are calling it the next industrial revolution, and they intend to make it all-inclusive.

## POT FROM A1

billion. State Rep. Mike Callton, R-Nashville, proposes legalization and taxation of marijuana, a plan he calls “Pot for Potholes.”

And he wasn’t kidding.

Since Michigan voters overwhelmingly ratified a proposal to legalize pot for medicinal purposes five years ago next month, at least two states, Colorado and Washington, have gone a step further and completely decriminalized marijuana usage. The way lawmakers are talking, Michigan may not be far behind.

If it happens, it could be less about America’s failed war on drugs and more about the money. Though it’s difficult to extract exact figures from a black-market pot economy, a 2010 study released by the Cato Institute – a Libertarian think tank – suggested that drug legalization would reduce government spending by more than \$40 billion annually.

While we have yet to see a state successfully tax marijuana, that is exactly what Colorado residents will be casting votes for in November. Amendment 64, as it has been dubbed, would tax marijuana sales statewide, with plans to regulate the industry and provide funds for the construction of new schools.

You can bet that Michigan lawmakers are watching.

But while a new tax on marijuana could mean big money for state government, some argue that overtaxing the drug might not give the state complete control over it. In other words, making marijuana legal and taxing it to the benefit of the state won’t work if the state gets greedy. It wouldn’t put criminals selling weed out of business if they undercut prices that include heavy taxes.

Back-door deals would keep the crop more affordable and leave the black market as the most appealing option to most cannabis users.

“You cannot tax it to the point where the black market is still more attractive,” said Jamie Lowell, owner of 3rd Coast Compassion Center in Ypsilanti.

According to NORML, an activist organization for reform of marijuana laws, weed is the third most popular drug in America, behind only tobacco and alcohol. Little wonder politicians are seeing dollar signs as talk increases of legalizing the drug – even among the most conservative Republicans who have forever opposed it.

So it is in Lansing. As the pot debate evolves, it seems to be less focused on whether we should legalize or not. The question now is one of logistics: How to monetize the legalization and what sectors the revenue should be spent in?



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A marijuana user grinds up his buds.

The proposed law discussed by Callton, a conservative Republican, underscores a recent shift in the GOP’s traditional views on pot. When *The Voice* contacted the representative’s office for further comment, however, a spokesman was quick to distance the politician from the proposal, saying “it was just a comment he made.”

State Rep. Tom Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, on the other hand, eagerly spoke at length on the issue. “Pot for Potholes” is a good start, he said.

“I think he (Callton) is definitely onto something,” Irwin said, adding that the state’s insistence on prosecuting low-level users is “stupid, foolish and costly.”

But before decriminalizing the drug, the state has to do its homework, he warned

“The challenge in saying ‘let’s legalize marijuana and just throw a big tax on it’ is that we are a state that’s been in prohibition for so long. It would be really hard to bring that underground economy into the light,” he said

Acknowledging the roads were a problem, but doubting that a big pot tax is the answer, Irwin suggested Snyder would be wise “to go into this with a lighter hand.”

While he agrees that Michigan must do something to fix its crumbling roads, Irwin worries that taxing pot isn’t the answer. Road repair costs can be generated from people who use the highways, he said, namely by increasing taxes at the pump and levying taxes on large trucks.

He suggests earmarking whatever revenue the state can generate from sales of marijuana to education.

“‘Pot for potholes’ obviously has a certain catch to it,” Irwin, a second-term Democrat, admitted, “but if we’re going to do what other states are doing with legalization and taxation, the money should be spent on education – K through 12, higher education. The schools are hurting.”

Asked about a campaign slogan for his proposal, Irwin said, “I don’t know... Maybe ‘Dope against Dopes’ – Dollars for Education.”

So the debate evolves, not over whether pot finally should be legalized, but what to do with the tax revenue when the state takes it out of the hands of the criminals.

Some see that as tremendous progress.

“The good news is that everyone’s talking about it at this point,” said Charmie Gholson, founder of Michigan Moms United to End the War on Drugs, a national drug policy reform advocate. “It’s in the mainstream consciousness.

“What’s happening is that politicians are recognizing that drug policy reform is no longer a political death sentence.”

## COMMUNITY GARDEN FROM A1

master gardeners who are staff or faculty have volunteered to work with the garden. Other volunteers are bringing their knowledge of worms, hydroponics, organic gardening and building hoop houses.

“Gardening is hard work, but there is a payoff. It’s physical work and bounty at the end,” Groce said.

She brings at least 30 years of gardening with her. Her father started taking her to the garden when she was eight years old. They lived in Westland at the time and the city was giving away land to farm.

Groce spent this past summer visiting organic gardens throughout Michigan and Canada to see what they are doing to build sustainable gardens.

“It’s about building your garden for the future,” Groce said. “It’s about understanding the environment, climate and the water and growing plants that will thrive where you live so what’s sustainable in Michigan may not be sustainable in another area. It’s growing what grows best where you are using the renewable resources you have available.”

The WCC community garden may be a model in the future with so much of the campus wanting to be involved. For example, Groce said members of different departments have agreed to build raised beds, do sales and marketing, do a video of the garden, work on it for a service program and work in the greenhouse and monitor seedlings in the winter, among other things.

She described how she is working on plans to provide food to Garrett’s, WCC’s student-run restaurant and has spoken with Eastern Michigan University to participate in a seed swap in January.

The community garden will help WCC’s bottom line, according to Wilkins.

“We pay to get rid of trash. I can’t recall exactly what we pay per ton for trash removal, but I believe it is around \$29 a ton,” said Wilkins. “For the 2013 calendar year, we have kept very accurate records, and so far we have collected and composted 10,582 pounds or 5.3 tons of food scrap and managed to keep the material out of the waste stream.

“Overall it does not seem like much of a savings, but if we look at the benefits of composting and the valuable nutrients and organic matter compost supplies to the soil... I believe it is well worth the efforts we are taking to be sustainable.”

Groce wants people to learn how to do it on their own, save money, have a healthier lifestyle by educating the community. She hopes to have fresh produce to sell at local farmers markets and have a stand on campus offering.

Healthy food has to be expensive, according to Groce, unless “you buy all your fresh produce from chain grocery stores. The farmers markets are cheaper, but growing it is the cheapest. Starting out by growing your own herbs could save you at least \$40. Add a tomato plant and some green beans, you are saving hundreds of dollars.”

Groce’s vision is to change the community by getting people involved in growing their own food at home.

“If you change the way they eat,” she said, “they change the way they live.”

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<http://tinyurl.com/WCCMakingStrides2013>

#### Celebrate

**Hispanic-Heritage Month**  
Watch "The Harvest"  
Tuesday, October 8  
Noon-2 p.m.  
SC Community Room  
Chips and salsa will be served.  
Drop by to make a sun-catcher, a Mexican tradition or to pick-up a Worry Doll, a Guatemalan custom

#### Ticket: Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum Trip

Friday, October 18  
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Go back in time and learn about important milestones in our history! Ticket includes van transportation, both museum admissions, and lunch at Mongolian BBQ!

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#### Lunch with the President

Win lunch with WCC's President, Dr. Bellanca.  
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#### Talent Show Auditions

Wednesday, October 9  
6 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Towsley Auditorium  
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Sign up at:  
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**Men's Club Basketball:** Tryout Dates: Monday October 14th, Wednesday October 16th, Monday October 21st, and Wednesday October 23rd  
Time: 9:30pm-11:00pm Where: WCC Health and Fitness Center.  
Please bring your WCC Student ID with you to tryouts!  
You must pre-register for tryouts, anyone that doesn't pre-register in the sports office will not be allowed to try out for the team.  
The team practices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30pm-11:00pm. Games are held on the weekend

**Women's Club Basketball:** Tryout Dates: Monday October 28th and Wednesday October 30th  
Time: 9:30pm-11:00pm  
Where: WCC Health and Fitness Center.  
Please bring your WCC Student ID with you to tryouts!  
The team practices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30pm-11:00pm. Games are held on Thursday evenings (7pm and later).

Club sports are open to all current WCC students taking at least 3 credits and holding at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

For all information and registrations stop by SC116, call us at 734-973-3720 or email [elemm@wccnet.edu](mailto:elemm@wccnet.edu)

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The volunteers and representatives from each non-profit joined together in community park for a short break and photo opportunity.

# CODE OF HONOR

## Tech experts unite at WCC for charity in a weekend of giving—and changing lives

By KELLY BRACHA  
Staff Writer

When Sarah Hockett learned that her non-profit group, The Brian Project, would be one of six to get a complete redesign of its website by volunteer experts, she lost it.

“I sat stunned and then I cried. I was so excited...what an opportunity,” she said.

For three days and two nights, those volunteers gathered at Washtenaw Community College and occupied the first floor of the Business Education

building. They worked feverishly on redesigning and reinventing the outdated websites belonging to six non-profits from across Michigan in a ‘Coding for Charity’ event run by Ann Arbor Give Camp.

“A technical tsunami of goodwill,” is how Jay Harris, lead organizer for Give Camp, described the weekend. “It is the most exhausting and rewarding experience you will ever have.”

The non-profits were selected after each sent in a proposal through the Give Camp website.

“It’s tough to justify spending a

third of a budget as a non-profit on Web Development,” Harris said. “This is a great opportunity to give back and build these websites.”

Hockett founded The Brian Project after Brian Jones, her boyfriend, was murdered one day shy of his 23rd birthday in 2005. Hockett was six months pregnant at the time with Jones’ son.

“The tragedy is not a unique one. Everyday this happens to young people,” Hockett said.

According to the Center of Disease Control, violence is the No. 1 killer of

all African American males ages 10-24. It is also the second-leading cause of death for all youth ages 10-24.

“The Brian Project’s mission is to help youth reach their 25th birthday safely and successfully,” Hockett said. “We’re raising awareness about the issue of youth violence in our community, and we’re creating and implementing programs around the issue of violence-prevention.”

Hockett created The Brian Project’s website herself, despite having no Web Design experience. The weekend code-a-thon made a profound difference,

she said.

The volunteers were split into teams and assigned their non-profit.

Lauren Colton, 27, an information architect from Lansing, was among the volunteers. She drove roundtrip from Lansing to Ann Arbor each day of the event.

“It’s really exciting to see the full process of developing and delivering a website condensed into a weekend, and being here doing it to help these

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ERIC WADE THE WASHTENAW VOICE

‘Out of the Darkness’ participants walked through Kensington Metro Park to raise awareness and funds.

## Suicide takes a walk

Out of the Darkness events raise awareness, provide community

By ERIC WADE  
Voice Correspondent

Chase Edwards was an active, charismatic and enthusiastic teenager. He served on the student council. He played on a traveling soccer team. He was intensely interested in art, sketching his heroes and idols. He

freehanded what was on his mind, but he does none of that now.

Chase loved the Detroit Red Wings. He drew pictures of players. He had collectibles and figurines. Chase and his dad, Jeff, traveled from their home in Brighton to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto in 2002 to see the Stanley Cup – which Detroit won that year.

What Chase didn’t know was that when they were in Toronto his father

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KELLY BRACHA THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Director of the Community Dental Center, Bonita Neighbors, helps a patient receiving an X-ray to relax.

## ‘Angels and saints’ create better smiles, save lives at WCC clinic

By DAVID FITCH  
Staff Writer

Seldom is a dental clinic so joyous as was the dental clinic at Washtenaw Community College last Wednesday.

WCC hosted “screening day,” when patients from the community would be seen and then potentially directed to receive care at the

University of Michigan Taft Clinic or at the U-M Community Dental Center (CDC).

At Taft Clinic, dentistry students perform more basic, less time-intensive procedures for free. Community Dental Clinic provides extensive procedures for little cost to patients.

U-M dentistry students teamed up with WCC dental assisting students in this endeavor under the watchful

eyes of three WCC dental assisting instructors and two dentists from the community. This not only simulated workplace scenarios, but also provided students the chance to use their new skills to help real people.

“Just assessments today,” said Dev Baty, a Registered Dental Assistant

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had gotten tickets for that night’s game. Chase wore his Red Wings’ jersey to the game, and before the game he managed to get some of the players to sign it.

The next morning, they went to the hotel where the Red Wings stayed. They were in luck. As they arrived, the players were getting ready to board the bus to the airport back to Detroit. Chase and his dad managed to get autographs from every member of the team.

Jeff Edwards loves to tell those stories about his son. He has to because Chase cannot. He has to because it helps Jeff to heal. He has to because Chase attempted suicide on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, and died on March 3, after his parents made the unthinkable decision to remove him from life support. He was 12.

Jeff tells his story to help others better understand what the signs are, and he tells his story in hopes that he can prevent other parents from having to look back and wonder what it was they didn’t notice, and why.

To his parents, Chase’s drawings showed potential for a future in art. Chase drew sketches of his idols. He would draw anywhere he went.

“He would always have a sketchpad with him,” Jeff recalls. “Even when he would go Up North to the family cabin, he would draw.”

Like Jeff, those left behind, devastated parents, siblings and friends, tell stories like these at support groups, at charities and memorials and at awareness-raising events like “Out of the Darkness,” a community walk held at Kensington Metro Park in Milford on Sept. 22. They tell the stories to heal – and to make others aware.

A normal boy by all accounts, Noah Miller, 13, a seventh-grader from Westland, loved to play baseball and hoped to try out for track. He also loved to hunt.

The year before his death, Noah’s Little League team won the league championship, and he managed to get in some hunting with his family. Noah and his stepbrother, Austin Clark, loved playing pranks on people at the



mall – which sometimes resulted in security inviting them to leave.

Noah also loved the Marines.

“From the minute he could say the word Marine, he wanted to be one,” Kelly Miller, Noah’s mother, said.

Noah drew sketches of tanks, and warplanes, and he could name every piece of military equipment he saw. He went to recruiters for posters to hang in his bedroom, and thought about whether he wanted to go to college and earn a degree first so he could join the military service as an officer.

Kelly Hale, 43, of Taylor, loved everything outdoors. She would visit Kensington Metro Park to bike or roller blade often, and she took her nieces there whenever she could. She was the type of person who would stop her car in the road get out to help an elderly couple cross.

“She was unforgettable. She would meet people, and they would remember her for life,” Kari Hale, Kelly’s sister said.

Kelly was willing to help anyone.

“When a neighbor of Kelly’s was

sick, she took care of him for a long time, without a thought,” Kimberley Pellegrino, Kelly’s sister said.

That’s why it shocked so many when Kelly took her own life, too.

What Chase, Noah, Kelly and thousands of others have in common is that they were sick and needed help. And those who loved them tragically missed the signs – but they hope to stop others from missing it, too, by spreading awareness.

Out of the Darkness events are community walks held throughout the United States and hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The events are meant to raise funds for prevention, and to provide community for the survivors.

Most victims of suicide show signs of depression before they die, the AFSP said.

Noah started eating less, and sleeping more. He started dating someone and started giving personal belongings to her.

“That’s one of the signs, they start giving away their personal belongings,”

Kelly Miller said.

Noah also showed an increase in happiness, which is another sign that someone is about to die of suicide, Miller said.

Kelly Hale was sad, but what compounded the symptoms was that she was injured. Because of the injuries and the pain medication, Kelly couldn’t be as active as she wished.

“She was sad because she couldn’t do the things she loved to do anymore,” Sandry Hale, Kelly’s mother, said.

At the time leading up to their son’s death, Jeff and Laura Edwards had no idea that something was wrong. In hindsight, they now see the warning signs. Chase, too, was showing signs of depression. He cleaned his room immaculately before he died. He was happy, almost as if he was at peace with his decision.

The Edwards now know the signs, and say they wish they had another chance to get Chase the help he desperately needed.

“My son was sick and undiagnosed,” Jeff said, “and he died.”

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from CDC. “They may take an X-ray or two, get a diagnostic reading and then get them to Taft or CDC.”

Baty, 35, of Saginaw, is a graduate of the Dental Assisting program at WCC.

Grateful patients seen by enthusiastic and eager students interacted in an almost surreal show of a win-win scenario. Students got time with real patients. Patients started the process of receiving free dental care.

And last Wednesday, some students saw real patients for the first time.

Dr. Bonita Neighbors, the director of the CDC, served as one of the dentists in charge of overseeing the screening clinic.

“It’s going great! We already found a patient who needs to have her third molars out at my clinic and cleaning done at another clinic. We’re finding people who need care, which is always the case,” said Neighbors.

Located in the Occupational Education building, the hub of the dental assisting program at WCC, is the dental clinic. Tidy little rooms complete with X-ray equipment, and high tech reclining chairs provide students a real-world environment to give real-world care.

The first time on the job for many students was going well.

“They have been doing amazing. They are very flexible. They probably exceed our expectations at this point,” said WCC Clinical Instructor Jodi Neuman.

Neuman, also a graduate of the dental assisting program, said that the primary goal of the clinic day was to do patient screening before they even got to the Taft Clinic or CDC, so that more time could be spent helping patients through specific procedures.

Dental Assisting student Monica Bailey, 20, helped with the screening.

“It’s been fun today,” said Bailey. “I really enjoyed it because we have a lot of finals coming up, so it’s nice to have the practice.”

For Robert Vaclavek, 44, who was a patient at the clinic, the screening was a just what he needed.

“It was an excellent experience... I live in Wayne County, which has zero social services pretty much. So I thought I had no options,” he said. “I

was feeling a lot of despair over the fact that I have an ongoing infection in my tooth and no solutions. And then this just shows up like a miracle.”

Jacklyn Netchey, 23, a Dental Assisting student at WCC, benefitted from the service. She said that the students did a good job with the exam.

Dr. Daniela Garcia, a clinical assistant professor at U-M, oversees the Taft Clinic and also served to oversee students. She called the event a “team effort” and said that there was a large need for such services.

Neighbors would agree.

“Any time we have a donated day, we have a waiting list,” said Neighbors.

“Donated days” are times which dentists choose to offer in order to treat such patients. Neighbors recruits such dentists to donate time.

Their work makes a difference.

“They may save my life there (at CDC),” said Vaclavek. “If you let one of those tooth infections go for over a decade like I have it can actually get into your brain or your heart.”

Neighbors said that the work that she does has a several purposes: to give students the experience they need for their field, to reach out to the community, and also to teach the students about volunteering, and to give care to financially struggling patients.

About 13 patients were seen at the clinic on Wednesday.

And Kristina Sprague, a full-time faculty member in the Dental Assisting program, said there was room for more.

“I’ve got a lot of openings. I could have accommodated (around) 20. In fact, I might just walk down the hall and grab somebody!” she joked.

And the program is not only making a difference in the lives of patients, but also in the lives of its students.

Baty graduated nearly two years ago from WCC, and is enjoying his new career.

“It’s been great. I graduated in August and I was working in September, so the demand for the job is very high,” he said.

The vibes were good in the clinic, and so, according to patients, was the care they received.

“I may be a bit biased because I think all those people are angels and saints,” Vaclavek said, “and I really appreciate all the work that they do.”

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charities is really exciting,” Colton said.

Mike Behnke, 37, a software developer from Chelsea, worked with Colton and six others to help rebuild The Brian Project’s website.

“It’s the idea of giving back that is a huge draw for me,” Behnke said.

“We’re doing something we love and helping people out at the same and working together. It’s really great.”

A representative from each non-profit was present each day to work with their teams.

“It’s not only so that the project teams can understand their message and their voice and their drive... they learn by doing,” Harris said.

“We have the non-profits creating most of the content – adding the new pages and uploading the photos themselves. So they can figure out where all the pain points are, and there’s a technical person sitting right next to them.”

At the end of the event, each team presented its finished and polished websites.

“What a great gift were given, one that’s hard to put into words,” Hockett said in thanks to her team.

“With so much evil in the world, evil our family has seen firsthand, Give Camp was a firsthand reminder of the kindness and generosity that still exists in so many.”

For more information on the non-profits participating in Ann Arbor Give Camp 2013, visit their new and improved websites:

- THE BRIAN PROJECT

<http://thebrianproject.org>

Equips youth with the tools they need to face hardships, to transform communities, and to end the epidemic of violence.
- HERITAGE OF HEALING

<http://heritageofhealing.org>

Native American wellness education and cancer support services.
- CHILDREN’S LITERACY NETWORK

<http://childrensliteracynetwork.org>

Giving all children in Washtenaw County an equal opportunity to develop a love of reading and books.
- HANDY HEARTS

<http://handhearts.org>

Dedicated to providing resources for cancer patients to treat the body as a whole; nutrition counseling, personal training, massage therapy, chiropractic care and physical therapy.

- MICHIGAN CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION

<http://michiganccf.org>

Dedicated to enhancing the lives of children with cancer and their families.
- COMMUNITY VOICE INTERNATIONAL

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<http://annarborgivecamp.org>

A weekend-long event in which local technology experts, business professionals, and charity personnel come together to ease the burden of area non-profits through technology.



Representatives from Michigan-based non-profits selected to participate in Ann Arbor Give Camp stand together for a group photo.



KELLY BRACHA THE WASHTENAW VOICE

# How do we like them apples?

By NATALIE WRIGHT,  
ALAINA O'CONNOR  
AND DAVID FITCH  
*Staff Writers*

Apples are galore this fall. Last year, owners of cider mills and apple orchards and their customers suffered through an apple drought.

A lot of places that rely on the sale of apples and apple products had to close for the season, said Hans Neuroth, owner of Obstbaum Orchards in Salem. Neuroth said he was forced

to order apples from out of state in order to keep his business afloat and his customers happy.

But this year, things are looking up. "Sales are already up 50 percent from last year," he said last week.

So *The Voice* staff decided this was the year to go on an apple-crawl. We visited every cider mill and orchard in

Washtenaw County to bring you the scoop on these fall destinations. And what we found were some extremely friendly people, some great cider and doughnuts and, of course, apples. A lot of apples.

Did you know there are hundreds of breeds of apples? We didn't. One of these fall destinations carries 104.



JAMES SAUDU THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Ruth Broesamle, who grew up at Lutz Orchard, prepares apples for their busiest season.

## Lutz Orchard

This small family-run operation has been owned by the Lutzes since 1882.

They produce around 15 different kinds of apples, which customers can purchase pre-picked at the farm, or they can drive about a mile down the road to the orchard and pick their own.

The U-pick apples are sold by the half-bushel, for \$10, or by the tree, which are individually priced. A pink ribbon is tied around purchased trees so that other customers don't take the apples, said Ruth Broesamle, whose great-grandfather founded the farm, and whose son owns it now.

"We have people who come back year after endless year for a tree. There is one family that's been coming here since the '50s and obviously that's been a few generations now," said Broesamle.

The farm also sells honey harvested by a neighbor.

**Who:** The orchard is owned by John Broesamle, who is the fifth generation in his family to own it.

**Where:** The farm and orchard fit perfectly in the countryside south of Saline, a 10-minute, winding drive from downtown.

**When:** Opened in early September, closes when the apples run out, Monday-Wednesday and Friday: 9 a.m.-noon; Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**How much:** U-pick costs \$10 per half-bushel.

**Info:** For more information call 734-429-5145.



DAVID FITCH THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Lesser Farms partner, Dale Lesser, 59, explains how the cider mill works.

## Lesser Farms

Lesser Farms, a quaint, down-to-earth family farm does things simply.

But customers will have to drive a bit to find this humble homestead. Located several miles outside the main population center of Dexter, the farm is worth the drive.

The Lesser family first began growing apples on this farm in 1899. And the tradition continues. Today, apples hand-picked by the Lesser family are sold whole or pressed into cider.

Dale Lesser, 59, a partner on the farm, said that last year was a rough

one for the farm.

"There was nothing. It froze out completely," he said, adding that the last freeze-out was in 1945.

Things have changed, though. The crops have rebounded.

"It's big! Lots of apples," adding that this year's crop seems to be larger than average.

Today, only one of the original trees purchased by Lesser's great grandfather still grows in the orchard. The farm remains a no-frills good piece of essential Michigan. For delicious cider off the beaten path, Lesser Farms fills the bill.

**Who:** Dale Lesser owns the farm which was founded by his great-grandfather in 1899. The farm has been passed down through the years, and still sells the crop that was originally cultivated there: apples. Today, one of the original trees remains.

**Where:** The farm is located in the rural Dexter countryside, surrounded by golden crop land.

**When:** Labor Day to Halloween, Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-6 p.m.

**How Much:** Cider is \$6 a gallon, apples are \$20 for a bushel or \$12 for a half bushel, and honey is \$20 for a half gallon, \$10 for a quart and \$6 for a pint.

**Info:** For more information, call 734-426-8009.

## Obstbaum Orchards

Obstbaum Orchards is famous for its cider, said Hans Neuroth, who opened the orchard in 1974 and still owns it today.

"What sets us apart is that we have 30 different kinds of apples and we blend them in all different combinations to get our cider," he said.

But one kind of apple is the clear favorite.

"Except for the first batch of the season, most of our batches are 50 percent Honey Crisp. And we just can't keep it on the shelves fast enough," said 70-year-old Neuroth.

The cider has no preservatives and is unpasteurized, he said, so it can't be sold in stores.

This year, Neuroth is venturing into producing other types of refreshments

— apple and cherry wine and hard apple cider, he said.

The permits and licensing took almost two years, he said. But this fall, the drinks are on the shelves.

"The wine is doing really well for the first year, especially considering I haven't marketed it at all. I'm real positive and encouraged by how it's going," said Neuroth.

But he's still waiting on one license to go through. He's hoping that by this time next year, the orchard can start producing liquor, specifically "apple jack," distilled hard apple cider.

He is also trying to sell the wine and cider at his booth at the Plymouth Farmers Market, but it has raised some concerns, which he admits are "understandable."

**Who:** Hans Neuroth bought the property in 1974, inspired by the memory of picking apples with his father on their family farm. He and his wife, Lynda, run the orchard.

**Where:** The orchards are located in Salem, on Currie Road near the Maybury State Park.

**When:** Open from early Sept. to late Oct. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Info:** For more information, visit [www.obstbaum.com](http://www.obstbaum.com) or call 734-560-2840.



JAMES SAUDU THE WASHTENAW VOICE

This is the first year that Obstbaum Orchards is selling their honey apple and cherry wines and hard apple cider.

## Dexter Cider Mill

Home to the oldest continually operational cider mills in the state, Dexter Cider Mill brings a historic taste of Michigan. Located just outside of downtown Dexter, the mill draws

droves of eager customers who crave the staple cider and doughnuts. And this is not just any cider. The cider press is more than a century old. And things haven't changed much since the beginning.

"It still operates the same way that it did 100 years ago... It's all the same equipment," said Co-owner Marty Steinhauer, 47.

And the crowd speaks for itself. "So far so good. The cider is great. (The apples) look fresh and tasty," said Charlie Wilson, 58, a patron from Toledo.

Old-fashioned pressed cider and donuts are not all that the mill offers. Various events featuring musicians, local restaurants, and artists are hosted there, making it quite the hub for fall revelry.

They're made daily in the fall, and the owners suggest if you're going to be there later in the day, you should order your doughnuts the day before to guarantee their availability.

Customers waiting in line for the freshly-fried, sugary treats debate which doughnut is the best. By the sound of it, the pumpkin flavors win.

Behind the counter, Carrie Furman, a 16-year employee of the farm, was mixing the batter and feeding it into the deep-fryer.

"It's not a very long line yet. Usually it goes around the whole building," she said as a parade of eager customers passed in front of her.

Julie Guthery, an Ypsilanti resident, sat at a picnic table with her daughters enjoying cider and doughnuts. This wasn't their first

**Who:** Marty and Nancy Steinhauer and their family took on ownership of the mill recently from Nancy's father, Richard Koziski, who purchased the mill in 1986 from a previous owner.

**Where:** The mill is located just outside of downtown Dexter, right across the train tracks from the Dexter Mill (not to be confused with the Cider Mill). The Dexter Cider Mill is situated just next to the Huron River and features a back dining area, where guests can enjoy the sounds of the river as they eat donuts or drink cider.

**When:** Mid-August through Thanksgiving, Wed-Sun: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Info:** For more information, visit [www.dextercidemill.com](http://www.dextercidemill.com), or call 734-426-8531.



JAMES SAUDU THE WASHTENAW VOICE

The lawn at Plymouth Orchards bustles with families enjoying the petting zoo and other fall activities.

## Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill

Plymouth Orchards does not have the small, family-feel that many of the other orchards do. The enormous property was bustling with hundreds of people on a recent fall Saturday afternoon — mostly families with small children.

There is a large, central barn with an expansive retail area. All of the typical cider mill fare is available, as well as some more unique products including apple butter barbeque sauce, pickled green beans and asparagus, six different flavors of popcorn and farm-themed children's books.

Adjacent to the retail area is a cafeteria-style room full of picnic tables and happy families enjoying cider and doughnuts and other treats.

Behind the barn is a rolling pasture where kids can run and play.

Surrounding the pasture are animal pens with cows, goats, donkeys and chickens.

A tractor pulls the three-wagon hayride around the perimeter of the property. On the hayride guests are able to get a full view of the orchards, although they are not allowed to walk through them.

For guests who want to buy the orchard's products but do not want to fight the packed crowds, there is a small roadside market off Ann Arbor Road. It offers many of the same products as the main store, but provides easier access and a quieter atmosphere. It is especially nice for elderly customers who are turned off by the crowds of noisy children, said Betty Trowbridge, and employee of the orchard.

**Who:** The orchards and cider mill are owned by the Emmett family who have owned them since they were opened in 1977.

**Where:** The cider mill is located in Plymouth on Warren Road, just south of Ann Arbor Road. It is a bit out of the way of major traffic, so the roadside market is located on Ann Arbor road for easier access.

**When:** The Cider Mill opened in the first week of Sept. and closes in late Oct. It is open daily 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; the roadside market is open daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**How much:** A gallon of their unpasteurized cider is \$8.50. Doughnuts are \$7.50 for a dozen. Apples vary in price throughout the season, but are averaging \$18 for a peck (~6 lbs.) this year. Wagon rides are \$3, everything else is free.

**Info:** For more information, visit [www.plymouthorchards.com](http://www.plymouthorchards.com) or call 734-455-2290.



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Carrie Furman, a 16-year employee of the farm, pours freshly-made doughnut batter into the fryer.

## Wasem Fruit Farm

time to the farm, she said.

The fruit is not what attracts the crowds to this fruit farm.

At 11 a.m. on a Saturday morning, a line, at least 40 people long, extended out the door of the farm's store and almost reached the parking lot.

It is hard to tell exactly what the line is for until crossing the threshold of the small building. And then it washes over you — the warmest, sweetest smell imaginable. Doughnuts.

They're made daily in the fall, and the owners suggest if you're going to be there later in the day, you should order your doughnuts the day before to guarantee their availability.

Customers waiting in line for the freshly-fried, sugary treats debate which doughnut is the best. By the sound of it, the pumpkin flavors win.

Behind the counter, Carrie Furman, a 16-year employee of the farm, was mixing the batter and feeding it into the deep-fryer.

"It's not a very long line yet. Usually it goes around the whole building," she said as a parade of eager customers passed in front of her.

Julie Guthery, an Ypsilanti resident, sat at a picnic table with her daughters enjoying cider and doughnuts. This wasn't their first

**Who:** The farm was founded in 1942 by Edward Wasem and his wife Leola. It is now owned by their daughter and her husband, Jan and Bruce Upston, who added the doughnut kitchen in 1978. **Where:** Wasem Fruit Farm is located in Milan, surrounded by a wall of corn that extends as far as the eye can see.

**When:** Sept. 8-Oct. 31, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily

**How much:** Doughnuts are \$8 for a dozen. U-pick apples are \$13.50 for a half-bushel, or \$25 for a bushel

**Info:** For more information, visit [www.wasemfruitfarm.com](http://www.wasemfruitfarm.com) or call 734-482-2342.



KELLY BRACHA THE WASHTENAW VOICE

This llama is one of many animals at Wiard's petting zoo.

## Wiard's Orchards and Country Fair

old west hayrides, an animal petting farm, a moonwalk, a bungee run and a corn maze.

Located just south of Ypsilanti Township, Wiard's Orchards has been a Washtenaw County favorite for nearly 180 years. Though Wiard's Cider Mill is known for its excellent selection of delicious apples, tasty cider, and crispy doughnuts, it's also home to the fair featuring

When the sun goes down, Wiard's transforms from a family-friendly country fair to a terrifying haunted thrill park called Night Terrors, featuring a terrifying insane asylum, hayride of the lost, the ultimate haunted barn, and an eerie labyrinth maze.

**Who:** George Wiard founded the orchard and cider mill in 1837 and it is still owned by the Wiard family.

Saturday, 7:15-11:30 p.m.

**Where:** Wiard's is located at 5565 Merritt Rd. just outside the hustle and bustle of Ypsilanti and less than a mile away from Rolling Hills County Park.

**When:** Wiard's opened on September 3. The closing date for the season is not yet determined. Orchard and Cider Mill: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Country Store: Wednesday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Night Terrors: Sunday and Thursday, 7:15-10:30 p.m.; Friday and

**How much:** Country Fair (including Orchard and Cider Mill) is \$8.99 per person (Wednesday-Friday) and \$13.99 per person (Saturday and Sunday). A season pass is \$20.99 person. Night Terrors single event ticket is \$16.99 (Sunday and Thursday), \$17.99 (Friday and Saturday). Six-attraction package is \$35.99 (Sunday and Thursday), \$47.99 (Friday and Saturday)

**Info:** For more information, visit [www.wiards.com](http://www.wiards.com) or call 734-390-9211



NATALIE WRIGHT THE WASHTENAW VOICE

An array of vintage brands of candy contribute to the old-fashioned and homey atmosphere at Alber Orchards and Cider Mill.

## Alber Orchard and Cider Mill

The owners of this fall destination pride themselves on taking their guests on a step back in time.

The orchard and its gazebo, the barns and the cider press are all more than 100 years old — the originals from when the orchard was founded in 1881, said Therese Bossory who owns the property with her husband, Mike.

But the property isn't the only thing they're preserving.

"We have several 1800s vintage apples that we grow," said Bossory, "They don't keep well, so no one ever sees them in the stores or usual places."

One such breed is the Spitzenberg, an "antique apple" that was said to be so beloved by Thomas Jefferson that he planted several trees at Monticello, she said.

The century-old cider press is in a room adjacent to the orchard's store and is walled with windows so that guests can watch demonstrations of how the cider is made. After, the operator comes out and explains the process and answers questions.

Hayrides are drawn either by horse or by a 1930s John Deere tractor, which also lends to the old-time atmosphere. This atmosphere is crucial to the business, Bossory explained.

"Our cider is unpasteurized, so it can't be sold in stores, so we rely almost entirely on agro-tourism," she said.

The orchard also hosts special events such as weddings, school tours and group trips.

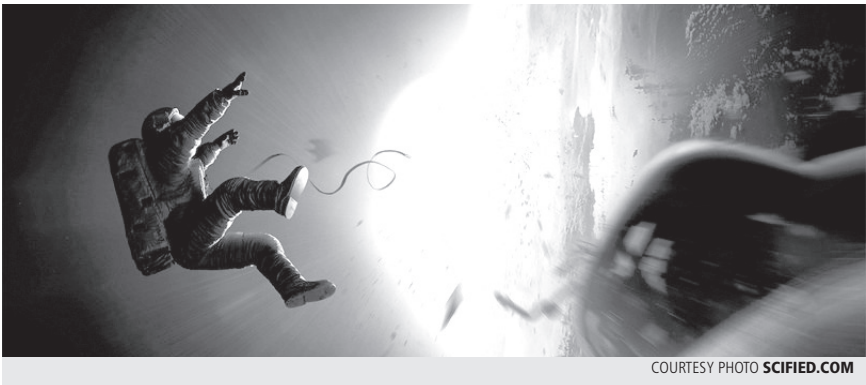
**Who:** The orchard and cider mill were founded by John Alber in 1881. After five generations of owners, Mike and Therese Bossory bought the property from the Alber family in 1991, but chose to keep the original name.

**Where:** The orchard's remote setting on the border of Manchester and Lodi Township is surrounded by rolling cornfields and forests.

**When:** Labor Day-Oct. 31; Tuesday-Friday: noon-6 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**How much:** Cider press demonstrations, kids play area including a straw-bale maze and the animal viewing area are free. Horse- and tractor-drawn hayrides are \$2 per person and the seven-acre corn maze costs \$5 per person.

**Info:** For more information, visit <http://alberorchard.com/> or call 734-428-9310.



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# ‘Gravity’ is a well-grounded triumph

By TYLER GOFF  
Voice Correspondent

The newest picture from acclaimed director Alfonso Cuarón is a visual triumph. Shot almost entirely using the magic of green screen technology, Cuarón expertly crafts an instant classic that is sure to amaze.

The film centers around Ryan Stone (Sandra Bullock), a promising medical engineer on her first mission, accompanied by veteran astronaut Matt Kowalski (George Clooney). What starts as a routine repair mission very quickly becomes a fight for survival as they’re sent drifting through space with only each other to rely on.

The film wastes little time getting the ball rolling with very short expositions of the characters. One of the many things Cuarón had going for him, apart from A-list Academy Award-winning actors delivering top-notch performances, was simplicity in the script.

With no location changes or any other actors, he could focus on the three people who really mattered: Stone, Kowalski and his audience. By not wasting time with sometimes seemingly unnecessary back-story, Cuarón presents the bare essentials and gives them life by gradually presenting information as it becomes relevant.

The beauty of “Gravity” is that it takes a fairly simple idea that has been done before in different styles and

molds it into a stunning feat of visual effects and cinematography. The first shot, nearly 10 minutes long, sums up what the rest of the movie will be: a well-crafted main course to this year’s buffet of movies.

“Gravity” brings together two powerhouse performers, Bullock and Clooney, to play off each other carefully and wonderfully. Clooney’s laid-back, seemingly carefree attitude plays a nice foil to Bullock’s up-tight, by the book character.

While both of them deliver, Bullock brings a heart and soul to her character that Clooney just doesn’t quite match.

After seven years away from feature films, Alfonso Cuarón once again proves he can take the helm of a major motion picture. When he made “Children of Men” in 2006, he had some pretty large shoes to fill with whatever he did next.

And now the shoes are even bigger. Although he has yet to announce his next project, it would be wise to keep your eyes peeled, for it is sure to be a triumph of its own.

“Gravity” is a surprisingly emotional journey that is sure to be a major contender in this year’s award season.

Grade: **A+**  
Genre: **Action/Suspense**  
Runtime: **90 Minutes**  
Rating: **PG-13**



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# iOS7 introduces new flavor and life to iPhone

By MATT KLINE  
Voice Correspondent

With the latest update to the iOS, Apple has reinvigorated the iPhone with several new features and a sleek re-skin of the user interface.

Apple has continued to release new hardware iterations of the iPhone, most recently the iPhone 5S and 5C models, but this is the first major software redesign since the iPhone launched in 2007.

Aesthetically, the team at Apple decided to say goodbye to the 3D glossy look for icons and text bubbles, and replace them with flat, vibrant, pastel colored icons reminiscent of those found on Google Chrome’s home screen. The result is a clean, modern looking interface that, while completely different, still feels undeniably Apple.

The lock screen has also received a facelift, and now incorporates a sleek blur effect that makes appearances elsewhere in the operating system. The elegant icon design isn’t the only element that

iOS7 has borrowed from its Android counterpart.

Included in the update is a new drop-down Control Center that gives users quick access to important settings, from WiFi and Airplane Mode switches to a screen-brightness slider and a flashlight. The menu is available from any screen with a quick swipe of the finger, and successfully removes the hassle of digging through the phone settings to make a change.

One of the most important features of the iPhone, the camera, has had its interface completely overhauled. The new design is sophisticated and stylish, and after a week of use, it was difficult to remember what the previous camera UI looked like.

Along with the upgraded camera app comes a complete re-imagining of the photo gallery. The previous wall of photos has now been organized both chronologically and geographically (for geo-tagged photos), making it easy to find that ridiculous picture you took on New Year’s Eve.

The update also adds some animations and other pizzazz, which makes

even older hardware seem brand new. Despite taking away the 3D bubble look, the home screen now has an actual third dimension. The background moves slightly behind on the icons as you tilt your phone, and the screen quickly zooms in and out of apps, rather than just opening and closing them.

Some of these “unnecessary” additions have led to concerns about battery life, but if the battery life does suffer, it isn’t very noticeable.

Overall, this is exactly what the iPhone needed. The previous design was very modern when it was released, but in just a few years the aesthetic of “high-tech” has changed dramatically, and iOS7 is the perfect answer to the iPhone’s obvious signs of aging.

Apple has done a fantastic job with the iOS redesign, and while the initial shell-shock may be off-putting for iPhone fanatics, the features and beauty will definitely win them over eventually.

Grade: **A-**

# ‘Grand Theft Auto 5’ – the best of all time?



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By MATT KLINE  
Voice Correspondent

“Grand Theft Auto” is unstoppable.

The series began more than 15 years ago when a small game studio from Edinburgh, Scotland released the top-down, shoot-em-up Grand Theft Auto for the PC and Playstation. Thirteen releases and nearly 150 million copies later, the game has become a record-breaking cultural phenomenon that has earned nearly as much social controversy as critical acclaim.

The latest iteration of Rockstar Games’ megahit certainly has much to live up to. Its predecessor, “Grand Theft Auto IV,” raised the bar for excellence, receiving near perfect ratings from fans and critics alike. It has been called a masterpiece, and is regarded by many as one of the best video games of all time.

This is perhaps the greatest accomplishment for “Grand Theft Auto 5.” It’s not just an update of IV, but an entirely new, ineffably satisfying experience that pushes the limits on the

range and depth of a video game.

On the surface, “GTA 5” is about the exhilaration of causing chaos. It offers the player omnipotence, and the detailed and immersive world in which to fully realize it. It’s about driving your highly customized exotic off the edge of a cliff to evade the cops, crawling out the passenger seat mid-air and deploying your parachute.

Mayhem has always been a primary function of the series, but never has it looked or felt this good.

“GTA 5” gives you the opportunity to be the *have* instead of the *have-not*.

Turns out that big heist you planned netted you a cool six million. That’s money you can invest in the stock market, use to buy cars and penthouses or blow at the strip club. So you won’t have to hotwire your chrome Bugatti every morning. (One of my favorite features in the game is real cars and landmarks, though they’ve been renamed).

You can be more than just a criminal. You can be a *successful* criminal, all while avoiding annoying real-life

nuisances, like getting pulled over for traffic violations, or an IRS audit.

But don’t worry; Grand Theft Auto isn’t entirely about acquiring vehicles illegitimately. The missions and overall story are solid, and the situations you will find yourself in are as diverse as the ways in which you can approach them.

The game feels much heavier and more realistic than previous installments, and the satire and social commentary are both poignant and humorous.

Trying to contain the full experience of “GTA 5” in words is an overwhelming task. It is not only the best game of the year; it is possibly the best game of all time, easily towering over its decorated forerunners.

Rockstar has combined technical excellence and artistic brilliance and created a game that is nothing short of genius.

Grade: **A**  
Rating: **MA**

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KELLY BRACHA THE WASHTENAW VOICE

Washtenaw Community College held its inaugural National Plug-in Day Auto Show on a recent Saturday to showcase the electric engine and the six charging stations in the new parking structure. The use of the stations was marginal at first, said Bill Ghrist, manager of energy systems integration, but it has picked up. "On any given day, you walk into that area and you see at least one car charging, if not two or three," he said, "so there has been improvement."

A 1980 Porsche (top photo) converted to run on batteries. The car still reaches speeds of up to 80mph and uses the same plugs modern electric cars have.

The Nissan Leaf (bottom photo, also formatted 'LEAF' as a 'backronym' for Leading, Environmentally friendly, Affordable, Family car) is a fully electric vehicle. It has been in production since 2010.

# Fall events for WCC's 'Year of Energy'

By NATALIE WRIGHT  
Managing Editor

To celebrate the Year of Energy at Washtenaw Community College, the Sustainability Literacy Task Force is increasing awareness of sustainable energy and other related issues – such as the dangers of fracking – at several events this fall.

**MAKE AND FLY A PAPER AIRPLANE**  
Try out *The Voice's* original paper airplane design. Remove page A3 and follow the directions below, folding the page along the gray lines.

Then, go to this event and watch your plane soar past all the others.

The event, hosted by physics instructor Rob Hagood and Director of Student Development and Activities Peter Leshkevich, will be held in the Community Room in the Student Center building on Oct. 10 from 3:30-5 p.m.

**BOOK DISCUSSION**  
English instructor Maryam Barrie will host a discussion about society and "The End of Country," a book by Seamus McGraw, which addresses the destructive effects of fracking. The discussion will be in the Writing Center,

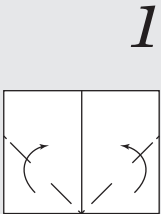
LA 355, on Oct. 17 from 3:30-5 p.m.  
**Sustainable Dinner and a Movie**  
Chefs Derek Anders and Elizabeth Gannon-Boss are hosting a special dinner at Garrett's in the Student Center building on Oct. 18 from 5:30-7 p.m.

A free showing of the film, "Split Estate" will follow dinner, in Towsley Auditorium. The Emmy-Award winning documentary explores the dangers of fracking and the use of natural gas.

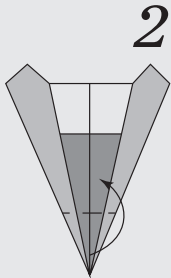
Reservations are required for dinner and can be acquired by email at garrets@wccet.edu or by visiting the restaurant Tuesday-Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

## Fold *The Voice* into a paper airplane

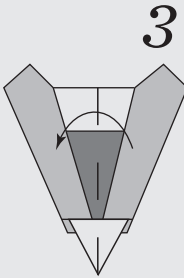
To help celebrate upcoming events in WCC's "Year of Energy," you can follow these instructions to fold this copy of *The Voice* in to a stellar paper airplane. Fold lines are included on pages A4 and A5, and directions are below.



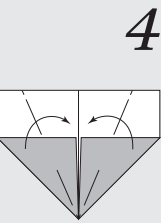
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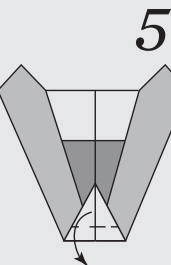
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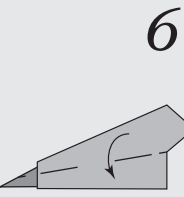
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**4**  
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**5**  
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**Deadline for the Oct. 21 issue is Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 5 p.m.**

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Ann Arbor health and tennis club has openings for workers experiences in pools, plumbing, electrical, repairs and cleaning. These are part-time positions. For more information, phone 734-665-3738, ext. 28, or email or cara.peterson@libertyathletic.net.

**Rock stars wanted!** Jimmy John's in Ann Arbor is now hiring the best sandwich-makers and delivery drivers! Must have a killer work ethic, rock-star personality and be ready to learn! If you've got what it takes to work for the hottest and

fastest-growing restaurant in the America, stop by and apply at 3365 Washtenaw Ave. or email resume to washtenaw@jim-myjohns.com.

**Childcare help wanted:** Care for a 5-year-old for a full-time professional mother who will be moving within a month from the Ypsi/Bellevue area to Ann Arbor near Ellsworth/Stone School. Great opportunity for an Early Childhood or Elementary Ed student to get some experience. Up to 10 hours per week, no nights or weekends. Resume, cover letter and references needed. For more information, contact jeclous@wccnet.edu, or visit: http://annarbor.craig-slist.org/kid/4055877978.html

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candidate for this position is energetic, motivated by money, has a passion for customer service and enjoys working in a fast-paced environment.

**Assistant Teachers.** IXL Learning Center is looking for a caring, creative, and professional assistant teachers to join our team. Responsibilities would include caring for children, maintaining classroom order, cleaning, and following schedules and lesson plans, among other things.

**Medical Scribe.** Provide real-time charting for physicians by shadowing them throughout their shifts and performing a variety of tasks including: Recording patients' history and chief complaints; transcribing the physical exam; ordering x-rays and recording diagnostic test results; preparing plans for follow-up care. Each shift, you will be assigned to a doctor or physician assistant and work side-by-side with them as they see patients.

**Deli Sandwich Line Cook.** Prepares deli menu items to meet quality, portion and time standards, maintains line cleanliness/sanitation and gives great service to internal/external guests. Minimum two years of cooking experience.

**IT Intern.** Washtenaw County Road Commission is seeking a part-time intern position for the Information Technology Department. This position will focus on providing low-level desktop hardware and software support, as well as maintenance

and upgrades to desktops. The student may also perform technical duties including nominal network administration. Additional responsibilities will include website and database maintenance, as well as procedural and clerical duties specific to the IT Department.

**CNC Assistant.** Responsible for assisting in the operation of our panel routers, checking parts, and performing post-processing to get parts ready for assembly. You'll have the opportunity to receive training in advanced CNC programming and operation, maintain production quality and develop/implement operational improvements. Ideal candidates will have experience in an industrial or woodworking environment, experience interpreting blueprints, and preferably CNC operation.

**Entry Level Automotive Technician.** Independent Ann Arbor facility has opportunity for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to train under some of the finest, most experienced automotive technicians.

**Medical Assistant.** Under direction and supervision of professional clinical staff and with provider oversight, this position assists in the examination and treatment of patients. Responsibilities include tracking patient information, documenting to the electronic medical record, assistance with office procedures and testing, administering medications and providing patient and caregiver education.



Sitting in the luxury seats of the Big House, students enjoyed the view of the field while working on their hacks.

KELLY BRACHA THE WASHTENAW VOICE

# Big ideas at the Big House



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**Above:** A hacker takes a small mid-afternoon rest after an all-nighter.  
**Right:** Purdue University student, Evan Widloski, works on his hack.  
**Below:** The third and fourth floor of the Big House was overrun with hackers. For two days and two nights they occupied the building.



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EDITOR KELLY BRACHA

More than 1,000 students from more than 100 different colleges and universities had only 36 hours to show their genius for a chance to win a grand prize of \$6,000. This isn't a weekend of fun and games; this is hardcore coding, hacking and innovation. From smart trashcans and Google Glass modifications to browser mods

and healthcare apps, the creations that emanate out of MHacks are a mere glimpse into the future of technology and the people who are making it happen. Everything about this MHacks was bigger – the attendance, the prizes (more than \$37,000 in total prize money) and especially the venue. Hackers spent their weekend in the luxury suites of the Big House. When not staring at a computer screen or taking a quick nap, the vast 107,501-seat stadium made for an epic view.



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