

THE PUSH TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN MICHIGAN GROWS HIGHER

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The race to legalize both medical and non-medical, also known as “personal use,” marijuana in Michigan has been set at full speed recently. Several groups, including MILEgalize and the Michigan Cannabis Coalition, have set a new standard for petitions when it comes to legalization.

“There has been a general lack of respect for medical marijuana laws across the state,” said Jamie Lowell, a board member for MILEgalize and the co-founder of the Third Coast Compassion Center in Ypsilanti. “There is a need to have more clarity and a more substantial policy that really would help to protect people and offer another clear message that people are okay with cannabis being legal and regulated in the state.”

These petitions state a clear approach to the legalization of marijuana and its multiple uses.

The two groups have slightly differing approaches, but each are representing the fight to legalize marijuana in Michigan in a way that hasn’t necessarily been seen before. The MILEgalize petition brings up the issue of hemp, and advocates for the possession, cultivation, and processing of hemp and

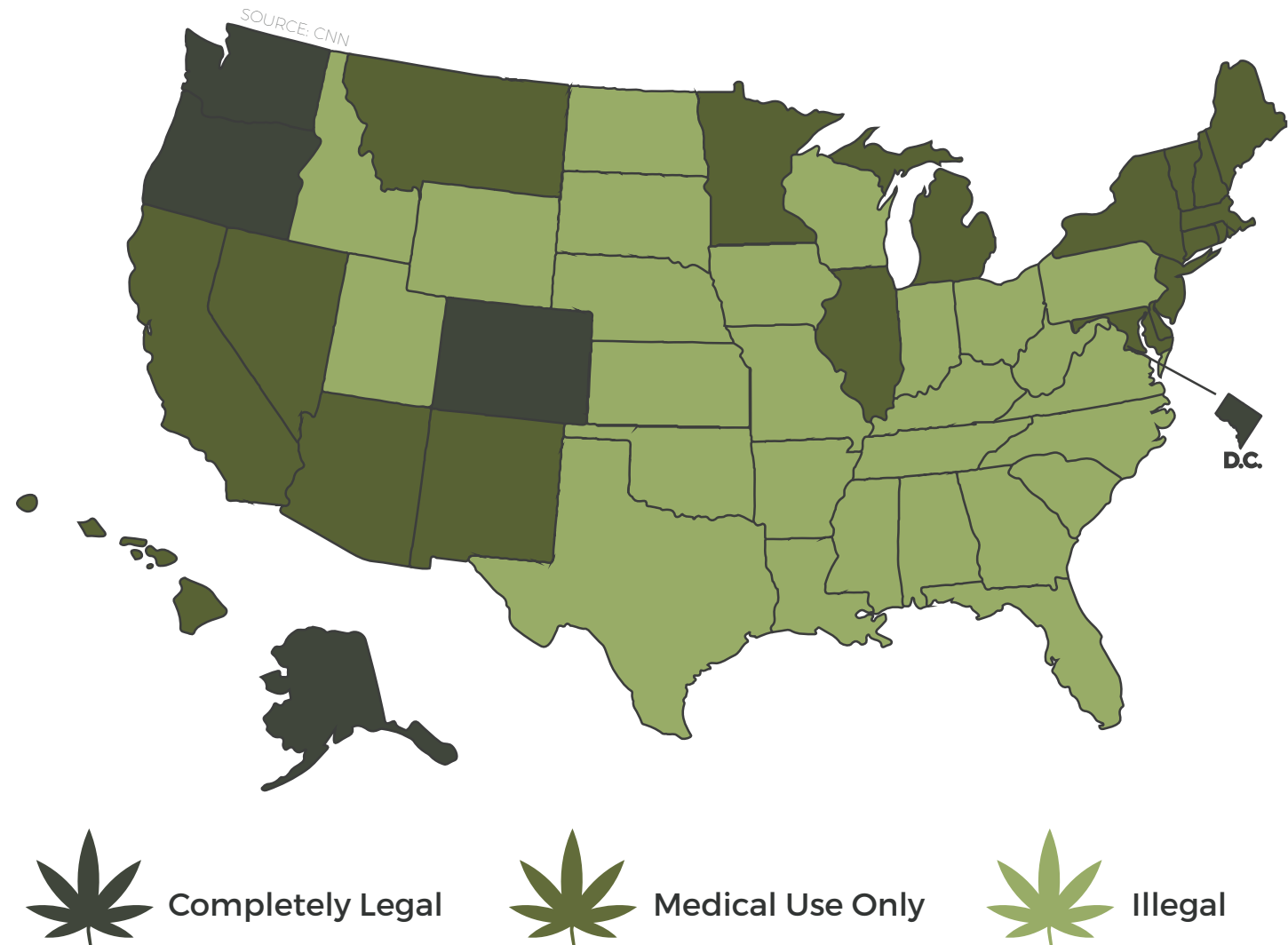
products made from hemp.

The Michigan Cannabis Coalition discusses, in its language, the creation of an independent board that is staffed by experts in the field of agriculture and the public in general. Both MILEgalize and the Michigan Cannabis Coalition have had a clear stance on the taxation of marijuana, which will contribute to things like education, public safety, roads, and transportation.

“This would be the best, most comprehensive, and free-market oriented approach yet,” Lowell said. “So our petition is an evolution of what has happened before and where the consciousness of the people is now, and would be a trailblazer for states for legalization.”

MILEgalize believes in putting an end to this investor driven model that is so common in petitions to legalize marijuana. This trend, referred to as “Big Money,” uses only a limited number of distributorships around the state, and essentially form oligopolies that control the entire market. This was one of the main reasons voters in Ohio rejected legalization, according to Lowell.

Support for legalization has grown over the past several years, and approximately 53 percent of Americans believe that it should be



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legalized, according to the Pew Research Center.

“Americans have rights, and these rights are inherent and unalienable,” said Chuck Ream, member of MILEgalize’s board of directors. “Your relationship with

nature is an unalienable right.”

There are still groups in each state that advocate against the legalization of personal use marijuana. Michigan’s attorney general Bill Schuette has made comments about his stance on

legalization in multiple interviews, and stands by his ideals.

“We should not go down this road of legalizing drugs,” Schuette said to Lansing Television station WILX a few years ago. “It exposes young kids, children, to even more

potent drug use, and I think that’s not good for them in the future.” Many opposers of the legalization of cannabis become potentially worried, because legalization may make

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From Iraq to WCC: One student refugee’s journey

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The conflicts in Syria and Iraq have drawn international attention to the plight of refugees fleeing from the area. However, security concerns and politics have hindered the response from Western countries to the humanitarian crisis.

For Muayad Shakir, the issue is personal. He’s 27 years old, a Washtenaw Community College student and a refugee.

In 2007, he had just graduated from high school in Baghdad, where he was born and raised. 20,000 American troops were deployed to Iraq that year, peaking United States military strength for the entire war. Shakir’s contribution included becoming a barber for the G.I.s.

“I’d never cut hair before,” Shakir recalled. “I went to school to become a barber, but it wasn’t helpful.” It took a lot of practice, he said, and patience from the G.I.s.

Then he said with a laugh, “I remember I cut somebody with the clippers because they were too sharp. That was my first customer.”

Shakir singled himself out by working for the Americans, but his family already stood out. Shakir’s mother is Shia and his father Sunni. His older brother was and still is an officer in the Iraqi army, and their sister had worked with the British.

Lieutenant Andrew C. Gainey, an officer at Joint Security Station Loyalty, wrote of Shakir, “He has demonstrated courage in placing himself at great personal risk by cooperating with the United States Forces and Iraqi Security Forces.”

Shakir was still working as a barber for the Army in 2011 – the year the U.S. officially withdrew from Iraq. Anticipating



Muayad Shakir working with a client at Mirage Unisex Hair Salon on Packard Road. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

the end of the war, Shakir had contacted the International Organization for Immigration in 2010 with hopes of getting a visa to the U.S. Shakir had been followed on a couple of occasions, and feared reprisal from terrorists for his involvement with the Army.

The IOMasked him to prove that his life was in danger. According to the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service’s website, a refugee must “demonstrate that they were persecuted or fear persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.”

“There’s a war going on,” Shakir said, implying the redundancy of the IOM’s request.

Four years later, the U.S. embassy gave him a visa directly linked to his employment with the Army, and the IOM provided a travel loan. But his family is still in Iraq and he fears for their safety.

Shakir’s involvement with the U.S. military makes his case different from that of other refugees. However, the challenges remain similar.

The United States has infrastructure to help refugees once they’ve been admitted into the country. There’s a two-story brick building on the Dearborn stretch of Michigan Avenue that houses one of six field offices run by the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. USCRI is a non-profit organization, active since 1911, dedicated to helping immigrants and refugees resettle in the States. Since the Dearborn branch opened in 2007, more than 4,200 refugees have been relocated in southeastern Michigan by USCRI.

Zeina Hamade, 23, is the community outreach coordinator for the Dearborn office. According to her, 99 percent of the refugees they help are Iraqi. Of those, 60-65 percent are Chaldean Christians. Before the Paris attacks, the office was preparing for “an influx of Syrian cases.”

The Dearborn branch is the largest in the country. It is staffed by 12 people: nine case managers, two job developers,

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Conversations continue regarding enhancement of campus safety

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
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At the Nov. 17 Washtenaw Community College board of trustees retreat, the main topic of discussion was the possibility of integrating armed police officers on campus to increase campus security and safety – particularly as a result of the staggering number of mass shootings across the United States.

“Do we have a safe campus here? Yes. Is there a problem here yet? No. Am I concerned that it could happen since it’s happened at other campuses? Yes,” stated WCC President Rose Bellanca at the beginning of the dialogue. “As a president, I need to bring that to your attention. That is the rationale behind this presentation. We’re really happy people here, everything is great, but are we ready for anything that could occur? I’m not sure that we are.”

After researching multiple options including hiring

on-campus Student Resource Officers, instating an on-campus police department, working with a private company, or keeping security as it is currently, the board invited Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton and Commander Marlene Radzik to speak with the board at the Dec. 8 meeting for further guidance.

In addition, the conversation continues because of the upcoming expiration of the current contract in place with the Sheriff’s Department. The expiration is set for the end of December and the board faces the decision of whether or not to renew the multi-year contract.

Some of the questions addressed issues ranging from how the implementation of multiple SRO’s would affect the staffing and budget of the current security team, to how police officers would interact and engage with a community college environment.

“When I hear people say they

shouldn’t have police officers on campus, I push back really really strong,” Clayton said. “There is tremendous value having law enforcement officers on campus if we establish the appropriate protocols, lines of responsibilities, roles, and there’s clear communication through all of that.”

In addition to the concerns about how police officers would be integrated on campus, some raised questions about the “uptick” which could result in having a police presence on campus. Trustee Dilip Das’ explained that if the campus were to suddenly have police officers on campus enforcing things not previously enforced, some students may end up in the criminal justice system whereas they may not have before.

“I will say personally, I have a concern about that uptick because we then join that pipeline of wrapping more of our students into the criminal justice system where currently we have a low level and suddenly a cop comes on full time on campus and suddenly there’s an uptick in arrests,” Das said. “And...more of our students are engaged in the criminal justice system.”

Clayton responded by saying although incidents may go up, arrests wouldn’t necessarily do the same and incidents and arrests are two different things.

“There are certain things we would have to enforce, but I would say that the things we have to enforce are things you’d want us to enforce anyway,” Clayton said.

Further discussion revealed Clayton saying that these are details that would need to be talked about and decided while working in conjunction with



Sheriff Jerry Clayton speaks to the board of trustees as they talk about the possibility of having officers on campus. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

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4 THINGS YOU MISSED AT THE DEC. 8 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Editor

I. WCCEA PRESIDENT MARYAM BARRIE ADDRESSES BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT MONTHLY MEETING

The December board meeting began as any other with a speech by Maryam Barrie, Washtenaw Community College’s Education Association president. She included that she has obtained the information regarding the full-time faculty who were contacted by the Higher Learning Commission about compliance with qualifications to go into effect September 2017. However, she did say she has “yet to hear anything about the ‘qualified’ status of the 107 adjunct faculty currently teaching for WCC, or about what measures the college will be willing to provide these important long-term faculty in terms of financial resources or release time should they need to go back to school to continue teaching what they have been teaching.”

She shared her concerns regarding November’s security survey and the “inherent bias and slant of the survey.” She said she’s not the only one who thought the intention of the survey was to justify a move to an armed presence on campus. Barrie expressed that at last month’s board of trustee meeting, people raised concerns over there not being enough faculty input on this issue and that “one brief survey is not the same as having honest and thoughtful campus-wide discourse.”

Lastly, Barrie discussed her concern of the steady decline of shared governance between the WCC faculty and administration throughout the last four years. “One of the few remnants of that still in place was the courtesy of asking the WCCEA leadership to appoint faculty to committees,” Barrie said during her speech. She reminded the board that the college is to submit a report from the college to the HLC to show how the administration has improved communication with its faculty. “I think it would serve this college as a whole for this administration to include more faculty in committees and in campus-wide conversations,” Barrie said. “If it affects students, it affects faculty. If we are part of the conversation from the beginning, there will be more buy-in campus wide and we will be able to work together in better ways.” Barrie concluded her speech with wishing everyone an enjoyable holiday season.

2. PRESENTATION OF WCC’S INVOLVEMENT THROUGHOUT YPSILANTI

Linda Blakey, WCC’s vice president of student and academic services, along with her team, presented WCC’s impact on the Ypsilanti community. They focused on college awareness, college preparedness and college attendance and “making every effort to help learners in our community achieve success.” WCC’s Community Development Manager Anthony Williamson also spoke to the board about the partnerships with WCC at Parkridge Community Center and Harriet Street Extension Center. Through these partnerships, children, adults and seniors benefit from the various opportunities – ranging from after school programs, to helping adults obtain a GED to providing exercise classes to seniors. The YouthBuild Grant, which is a three-year Department of Labor Grant awarded earlier this year, is a program for non-high school graduates aged 16-24 who meet one of the following criteria: low income, foster youth, incarcerated youth/child of incarcerated parent, or academic deficiencies. The expected outcome, according to the presentation, is that students can earn a GED or placed in college enrollment, apprenticeship, job, or military. WCC offers multiple options for community outreach including program orientation sessions at local high schools, COMPASS preparation sessions, college application workshops, College Decision Day, and regular visits.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE NEW POLICY 8080 SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Throughout the last few board meetings, a continued topic of discussion has been the replacement of Board of Trustee Policy 5080 - Sexual Harassment with an expanded version, Policy 8080 - Sexual Misconduct. According to the board’s agenda the policy includes that, “Previously, the focus for institutions was on the prohibition of sexual harassment; however, it is now expected that institutions expand their prohibition to all forms of sexual misconduct. Sexual misconduct is an umbrella term that covers sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment same-sex sexual misconduct, and gender-expression-based sexual misconduct.”

Trustee Dilip Das asked how the college’s policy compares with those at peer colleges. The response included reaching out to not only other colleges, but also the Association of Title IX Administrators, Violence Against Women’s Act, and others.



Anthony Williamson, WCC’s community development manager, who works with Parkridge Community Center and the Harriet Street Extension Center spoke to the board at the recent meeting. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

4. 2015 EMERITUS STAFF STATUS RECIPIENTS

Each year, retired instructors are selected for emeritus status, which entitles them to certain privileges offered by the college. This year, the board granted 10 instructors emeritus status to the following: Raymond Everett with 18 years of service, Leslie Gibson with 17 years of service, Richard Westcott with 30 years of service, Gayle Waldrup with 26 years of service, Linda King with 17 years of service, Ronald Miller with 27 years of service, Joseph Stacy with 34 years of service, Janet Hawkins with 41 years of service, Mark Batell with 31 years of service and Randy LaHote with 23 years of service. These 10 instructors have dedicated a collective 264 years of service to the educating of individuals who have walked through the doors of Washtenaw Community College.

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

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BEIJING'S FIRST RED ALERT

A red alert over the smog levels in Beijing was called for the first time last week, closing schools, roads, and factories. The municipal air quality index rated “hazardous” by United States standards – a level at which people should not set foot outdoors. In the past, the government hesitated to call red alerts despite even more hazardous conditions, so many international organizations stated that this was a sign of changing attitudes amongst the Beijing authorities, according to the New York Times.

TRUMP CALLS FOR BAN ON MUSLIM TRAVEL INTO THE UNITED STATES

In a recent campaign press release, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump called for a ban on all Muslim travel into the U.S. The ban was suggested to be in place “until our country’s representatives can figure out what is going on,” according to the press release. Many of Trump’s prospective voters have taken to social media to stand behind this recent proposal.

FIRST TEST TUBE PUPPIES ARE BORN

The first successful attempt to create puppies through in vitro fertilization came to fruition in July with the birth of seven “test tube” puppies – five of which were pure beagles and two of which were beagle-cocker spaniel mixes. The struggle to successfully perform a canine in vitro fertilization had been happening since the mid-1970s. Now, the pups are five months old and healthy, researchers say.

HIDDEN PORTRAIT DISCOVERED UNDERNEATH MONA LISA

French scientist Pascal Cotte discovers a hidden portrait underneath the infamous DaVinci piece, the Mona Lisa. His digital reconstruction of this hidden portrait shows a woman who looks quite similar to the “Mona Lisa,” however, she doesn’t have her well known characteristics. According to BBC, some art historians are calling for the renaming of the “Mona Lisa,” considering it would nullify the common belief that it is a portrait of Lisa Gherardini, a merchant’s wife.

CLIMATE CONFERENCE HELD IN PARIS

Increased urgency and optimism has been marked at this year’s Climate Conference in Paris. More than 180 nations submitted plans explaining how they would address climate change in their own countries in the lead up to Paris, according to TIME. However, disagreements over key issues still remain, including questions about gathering the funds for the \$100 billion aid promised to developing nations for climate change initiatives.

TALIBAN ATTACKS IN KANDAHAR

On Dec. 8, Kandahar Airfield, a major American military and intelligence operations base in Afghanistan, was attacked by Taliban suicide bombers. This was the third insurgent attack of the day in Kabul. Another 50 were killed in a Taliban attack at a market bazaar and a school near Kandahar airport, according to CNN.

-Sofia Lynch

SECURITY NOTES

Nov. 19-Dec. 10

Information from incident reports provided to The Voice by Campus Safety and Security Director Jacques Desrosiers

VANDALISM

On Dec. 2, a case of vandalism was reported in the LA building. The vandalism occurred on a bathroom stall door and included an exchange of messages. The custodial department was notified.

LARCENY

On Dec. 3, between 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. it was noted that a mouse and keyboard were missing from a Macintosh computer that belonged to the school, in the computer commons of the GM building.

WEAPONS LAW VIOLATION

On Dec. 3, students saw what they thought to be a hand gun in a students possession between 6 p.m.-7:25 p.m. in the GM building. The student admitted it was a hand gun and college sanctions were taken against him.

HIT AND RUN

On Dec. 4, between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. a 2006 Chrysler Pacifica was discovered by the owner to be damaged on the passenger side tail light lens. Whoever damaged the car left a note for the owner. The incident occurred in the lot in front of the OE building.

Campus Safety Tips

General Safety Guidelines

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings
- Avoid isolated areas
- Try to avoid walking alone at night. Walk with friends when possible
- Call Campus Safety (734) 973-3411 or 3411 from one of college house phones for an escort if needed
- Notify Campus Safety immediately of suspicious or criminal activity
- If an emergency arises – a serious health issue, a crime, or any situation in which you feel endangered, contact Campus Safety. There are phones located in all buildings across campus, as well as in several key areas outside
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, leave

If you have a question or concern for Campus Safety & Security, please call 734-973-3411 (or extension 3411, if on campus) or email us at campussafety@wccnet.edu.

IN BRIEF

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHORAL CONCERT

On Dec. 17, Ypsilanti Community Choir holds its Holiday Choral Concert, “Beautiful December,” at the Towsley Auditorium. Hosted by WEMU’s Linda Yohn, the show will include special guests Four Old Men and a Babe, a brass quintet, as well as the BDQ Brass Jazz Quintet before the show and during intermission. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free.

WCCB CONCERT

On Dec. 15, the Washtenaw Community Concert Band holds its concert, “Holiday Portraits.” Starting at 7:30 p.m., the show will include the sounds of Tchaikovsky, Sousa, James Curnow, Leroy Anderson, and many traditions paint a musical portrait of the season, including a holiday sing-along. Tickets and parking are free.

HURON RIVER REVIEW

Issue 15 of the Huron River Review will be published in the spring of 2016 and the deadline for submissions is Jan. 31, 2016. WCC students, faculty and staff are encouraged to submit poetry, fiction, nonfiction, artwork and photography for the publication. Those interested can send their work to hrr@wccnet.edu

WCC’S MARDI GRAS

Volunteers are needed for the annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser hosted by the WCC foundation. The Mardi Gras event raises funds for student scholarships. On Saturday, Feb. 6, those who volunteer are needed for the 4 or more hours for the event. All volunteers will be invited to an exclusive appreciation event on Friday, Feb. 12.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Monday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m. a blood drive is hosted in ML 101. Those who participate will be entered into a drawing for a bookstore credit and will receive a free t-shirt. Sign-up at redcrossblood.org, and use sponsor code WCC 13.

WINTER SPORTS TRY-OUTS

Sign up today in SC 116 or call: 734-973-3720 for all the sports coming up in the winter semester.

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Mens’ basketball – Jan. 11 and 13
Women’s Volleyball – Open gym, Jan. 13 and 14
Men’s Volleyball – Open gym, Jan. 13 and 14

-Sofia Lynch

EDITORIAL

America, let’s discard the Trump card



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“You know, it doesn’t really matter what (the media) write as long as you’ve got a young and beautiful piece of ass,”
-Donald Trump, 2016 presidential candidate

WARNING: If you have not already been made aware, every day Donald Trump becomes more popular in the public polls and gets one step closer to obtaining the presidency he so desperately wants. As a news outlet, we did not

want to give his name even that extra bit of publicity, but the stakes are getting higher and the primaries are getting closer – we feel responsible to alert our readers that this man may actually have a shot at becoming our nation’s

president. In the beginning, his campaign seemed as though it was just a sick joke – something that the stable-minded citizens of America would let die out in a matter of weeks like any other fad. Now as he climbs to the top of the GOP polls, he’s getting a little too close to the oval office, for comfort. Watching Trump make a fool of himself at rallies with his ludicrous initiatives and racist ideals was a source of entertainment for many for some time. However, now that he has been given the platform to spew such psychobabble, others are coming out from the woodwork to say they support his bold statements and (essentially) his bigotry. With his most recent proposal, to ban all Muslim travel to the U.S., he outraged half the country, possibly even half of the world. His supporters, however, were set free by Trump’s

proposal to fully indulge in their own racism and hopes for segregation. And let us not forget that this is not his first call to action that alienated entire populations of Americans and non-Americans alike. Trump kicked off his campaign with the idea of blocking people from crossing the Mexican border and having a wall constructed between our country and theirs, while also saying they were the ones who were expected to pay for it. So if Trump’s answer to any of his perceived problem – which thus far have been human beings having equal rights – is to just completely block out every “problem starter,” how will he ever achieve anything beyond alienating some people and outraging others? If we just ban every type of person that Trump dislikes or disagrees with, who will be left in this country? And what of issues like climate change or gun laws?

These are things we cannot just ban, or lock away behind a wall to pretend they don’t exist. There are thousands of reasons why you should not want Donald Trump to be this country’s president, but take his efforts of “problem solving” as a prime example. Despite the fears of his campaign gaining momentum, his adversaries still are very present and very vocal – even within his own party. Many Republicans have spoken out against him and feel he misrepresents their party. Also, for as much segregation as Trump calls for, there is irony in the ways that he brings people together. People have been coming together to unite in the name of escaping Trump’s reign; petitions have been popping up left and right to give Trump a taste of his own medicine and ban him. In the

UK, a petition has already collected around half a million signatures to ban Trump from the country. What is sad is that this attempt to send a message to Trump has only acquired more support following these bans. So no matter how much you try to convince yourself that Trump’s campaign will fizzle out, it doesn’t look like it is happening anytime soon. The more his opposition grows, the stronger his support becomes. We’re begging you, don’t sit back and think his popularity will run its course; we edge uncomfortably close to the primaries with every day – starting as early as Feb. 1. So if you don’t want a maniacal billionaire to hold the fate of your country in his hands, speak out, before it’s too late. We want to make America great again, and electing Donald Trump is not the way to do it.

Changing the classroom dynamic via trigger warnings



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Remember, in elementary or maybe even middle school, when teachers had to warn parents before their children were shown what they considered “graphic” media in the classroom? A “trigger warning” is a similar way that many college professors get across to their students that a potentially harmful, negative, or triggering topic may be discussed and/or shown in their classrooms. According to the Rape,

Abuse, and Incest National Network, otherwise known as RAINN, women 18-24 who are enrolled in college are three times more likely than women in general to suffer from sexual violence, and only 20 percent of female student survivors in the same age range report to law enforcement. Although it is less acknowledged, college-aged men are also at a high risk for sexual violence. Also according to RAINN, male college aged students are 78 percent more likely than non-students to be a victim of rape or sexual assault. So with these statistics about college-aged students, where does this idea of “trigger warnings” have an affect? A student who has experienced sexual violence is more likely to experience

post-traumatic stress disorder and depression, and is also more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol. Pairing this with the fact that many victims have not reported to law enforcement and have not had any sense of relief or justice, it becomes easier and easier for them to grow into volatile people. Trigger warnings provide students with the comfort that their teacher can and will warn them when something potentially triggering can arise in their curriculum. In a classroom environment, it is helpful to use trigger warnings not only for students, but for teachers as well. Because of many of the mental issues that come with being a victim of sexual violence, PTSD being one of them, triggering images and

topics of conversation can be harmful to a student’s ability to learn and focus. Continuing to use PTSD as an example, a common symptom of it is panic attacks. Panic attacks cause labored breathing, dizziness, nausea, and a feeling of being disoriented. For many people who experience PTSD, vivid images and reminders bring back memories of major trauma and can send people into these panic attacks, not allowing them to focus. It is potentially counterproductive for teachers to not use these trigger warnings, because a student who is also a victim can easily lose focus and become panic-stricken, causing them to not complete their work on time, or even at all. Critics of trigger warnings in a school environment

believe professors are coddling students, and the students who request trigger warnings are essentially infantile and incapable of handling “the real world.” In contrast, professors who believe in trigger warnings and their positive effects on the student body continue to put them in their syllabuses and vocally announce them not only to warn the students, but allow them to better prepare themselves and potentially better manage their reaction. As a teacher, adding a simple sentence at the beginning of a potentially triggering movie, or adding the warning at the beginning of a syllabus is truly not going to be a massive change in the good old classroom routine. However, this small warning may make

a massive change in the way a victim, who may even be scared to even attend school, may see the classroom environment, and could even potentially save a life. Teachers are told not to talk about religion in school because of the ability to spark issues in the classroom. Why should this be looked at any differently? As Kate Manne, an assistant professor of philosophy at Cornell University, states in her essay for the New York Times, “There is no formula for this, just as there is no formula for designing classes, for successful teaching and meaningful communication with students. As teachers, we use our judgment and experience to guide our words and actions in the entire act of teaching.”

Playground tactics over Planned Parenthood



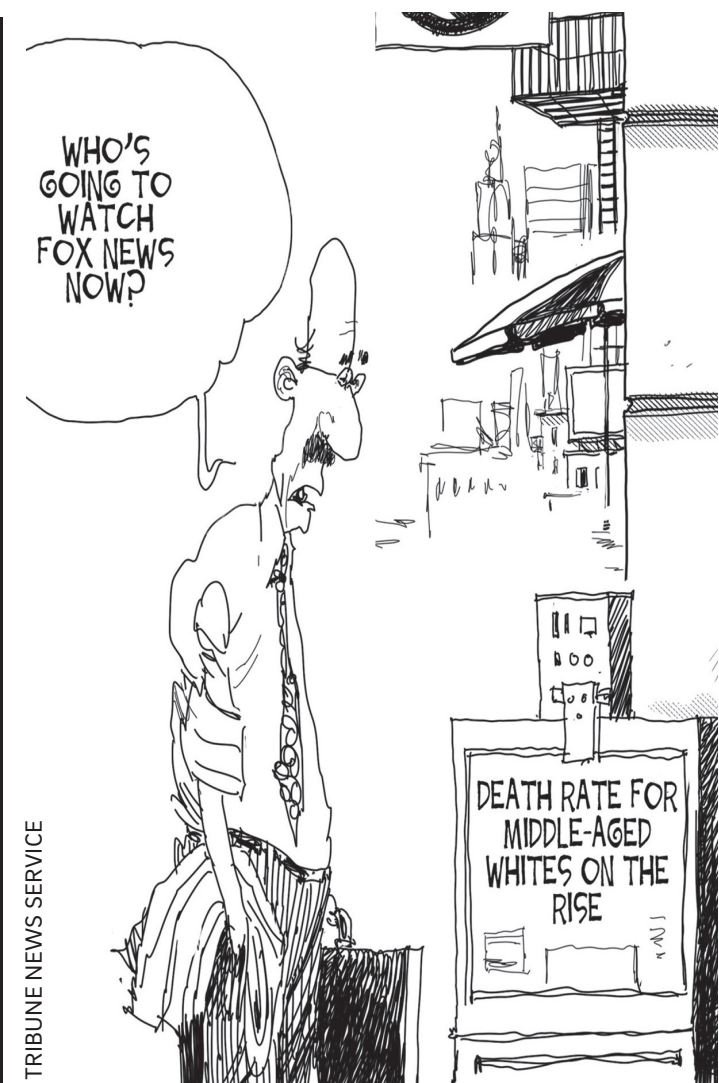
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With President Barack Obama’s second term nearing its end, he is in a race against the clock to enact all the changes he foresaw in his presidency. With many issues already vying for the president’s attention all at once, the recent bill that was passed to defund Planned Parenthood and repeal the Affordable Care Act doesn’t quite make much sense. After many pushes from the Republican party to make this happen in the past, the bill squeaked its way through the Senate with the help of a special tool, a “budget reconciliation.” This tool allows the

measure to clear the Senate with just 51 votes instead of the 60 votes typically required, according to CNN. These two issues confronted through this bill are very crucial to the Republican party. So, with a passing of such a controversial bill, Republicans catapulted the issues they want to see changed into the public eye right before a major election. The method they used to get it there, however, was less than couth. Essentially, the Republicans of the Senate just said, “Na-na, na-na, boo-boo,” to President Obama and his presidency thus far. With every issue that lies at our country’s doorstep, you would think there are better things our legislation could be doing. These playground tactics are one of the least upsetting pieces about this bill passing, however. What is upsetting is that a ludicrous piece of legislation on defunding Planned Parenthood should be even a

blip on the radar of our nation’s leader at this time. Not only are there bigger fish to fry, but the idea of even defunding Planned Parenthood stems solely from a common misconception that it is an abortion clinic. Abortion services represent 3 percent of what is offered at Planned Parenthood. Last year, they provided nearly 500,000 breast exams and nearly 400,000 Pap tests, according to Karen Shea, the director of medical standards at Planned Parenthood Federation of America, quoted by Forbes. They administered tests and treatments for sexually transmitted infections and offered educational programs to prevent things like STI’s and unintended pregnancies. Even if Planned Parenthood didn’t offer much more than abortions and contraception, a room full of men should not get to make the call on what a woman can do with her body.

That, however, is entirely its own battle. Planned Parenthood first and foremost serves as an educator and health provider. The name itself represents exactly the importance of this organization: it offers help with planning parenthood. Why should there be anything wrong with an organization that wants to help make sure children are conceived to parents that want them and are prepared to care for them? Maybe instead of being so caught up on the idea of making sure every conceived life comes to fruition, more efforts should be focused on those lives that did come to be, but in poor circumstances, like all the children in foster care or all the families below the poverty line. Or maybe, just maybe, we should focus on the issues that actually need fixing, rather than taking an axe to issues that have already been addressed.



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LETTERS FROM READERS

The young and the restlessly healthy:
Why health insurance open enrollment
matters for Michiganders

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Nov. 1, 2015 marked the beginning of Open Enrollment into health insurance on the new online Health Insurance Marketplace under President Obama’s Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare.

As young adults, it is easy to be lulled into a false sense of security in terms of health. Young and healthy, you feel invincible and immune to all the health problems that older people complain about. However, the truth of the matter is that adults ages 18 to 34 are susceptible to catastrophic accidents from activities such as sports and car accidents. Without adequate health insurance, this can lead to significant financial burden and possible medical bankruptcy from significantly high medical costs.

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help reduce the cost of your chosen health insurance plan. The lower your income, the more assistance you receive. For those under 26, you can still be covered under their parents’ health plans. Lots of free local help is available you enroll and understand the differences between plans. Visit <http://www.healthcarecounts.org> to see a list of local organizations that can help, including some right near campus.

It also pays to have health insurance. Since everyone is required to have health insurance, those who do not will be fined. The fine is calculated to be either 2.5 percent of your income, or \$695, whichever is higher.

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Washtenaw Health Initiative

The Washtenaw Health Initiative is a voluntary, county-wide collaboration focused on how to improve access to coordinated care for the low-income, uninsured and Medicaid populations. The effort includes representatives from the U-M Health System, Saint Joseph’s Mercy Health System, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, county government and community services. More than 70 organizations and 170 individuals participate.

WEB: washtenawhealthinitiative.org/
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FEATURE *TEACHER*



Ghathanfar Al-Kindi, 73, a soft-spoken part-time Arabic instructor at WCC, sits in a small cubicle in the part-time faculty commons. When asked these questions, Al-Kindi shares his thoughtful responses.

Q: *What is your motivation to get through the day? What gets you out of bed in the morning?*

A: To feel that I’m still alive, still living. After leaving my bed, I’d like to do something other than still sitting.

Q: *What is the most rewarding experience of your life?*

A: Respect with the people I know. I respect the people I know, and people I know respect me.

Q: *What is the highest item on your bucket list?*

A: To make any contribution I am able to that makes this world better and better. To achieve, as far as possible, that people will live with love.

Q: *What was the best meal you ever had and where?*

A: In my country, Iraq, I love to eat Tashreeb. I used to eat it when my mother cooked it, before she passed. I love her so much, she was a great woman.

Q: *What would you say to people who seem to worship celebrities?*

A: They are free to do so.

Q: *What is your favorite type of music and why?*

A: Arabic music and classical music. I don’t like noise.

Q: *What, in your opinion, is your most interesting hobby?*

A: Reading, writing, and sports, especially soccer (like Real Madrid and Barcelona).

Q: *What advice would you give your younger self?*

A: Look to the future optimistically, because you are going to build the future.

Q: *What questions would you ask your older self?*

A: Are you satisfied? And my answer would be yes.

Q: *If you had a chance to, what famous figure, living or dead, would you want to sit down and have lunch with?*

A: Nelson Mandela, because he’s a man of peace and reconciliation.

Voice Box

How did you find out the truth about Santa Claus?

INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOS BY COLIN MACDOUGALL, CONTRIBUTOR



“I was probably like seven and I wandered into my grandparents room and saw that they had presents addressed From: Santa, To: Liz and I was like ‘Huh, that’s a little disappointing,’ but in the long run, I think it was better. I don’t plan on telling my kids about Santa Claus because I don’t think it’s necessary now, it’s a way to make your kids behave.”

Liz Thon, 23, Bay City, biology/zoology



“I was about 10 when I found out. It didn’t bug me, but it didn’t make me happy. It was kind of like an ‘Oh, I kind of figured’ thing.”

Logan Astrup, 17, Ann Arbor, photography



“First found out about Santa when I was about five, through Dr. Seuss’s the ‘Grinch Stole Christmas...’ ‘I think it’s good for children, but as you get older you start to realize Santa really is a behavioral model... It gets children to behave good all year, so at the end of the year they get a bountiful harvest.’”

Tony Woodford, 32, Ann Arbor, graphic design



“I was about 10 years old. I remember my cousin and mI watching a Santa Claus movie or some other holiday movie and what ended up happening was he said ‘OK, Santa Claus is not real’ like he got fed up with the movie so he kept saying, ‘Santa Claus doesn’t exist.’ I’m like ‘I don’t know what you’re talking about. Santa comes down my chimney.’ I was kinda’ shocked. It was bittersweet, because I knew someone had a hand in the whole situation.”

John Harrison, 20, Ypsilanti, accounting



“I pretty much found out in third grade. There was like a group of kids who said that Santa Claus is not real and a group that said he was real. I was a part of the group that said he was real. The kids who were saying he was not real were all the bad and edgy kids. Then we found out the truth and all the good kids were wrong...Which kind of hurt, but for my parents’ sake I still said Santa Claus was real because I knew I would get more presents.”

Roderick Comer, 22, Ypsilanti, business management



“No one flat out told me. After a certain age, I was kind of talking to my mom and she said something like, ‘Yeah I bought you that or whatever.’ She didn’t flat out say it, but we both knew it, I’d say I was about 11. The whole concept of Santa is not the best because we are lying to our children to celebrate a religion.”

Madison Squires, 17, Ann Arbor, general studies

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WCC student aspires to leave legacy

BY TAYLOR MABELITINI
Contributor

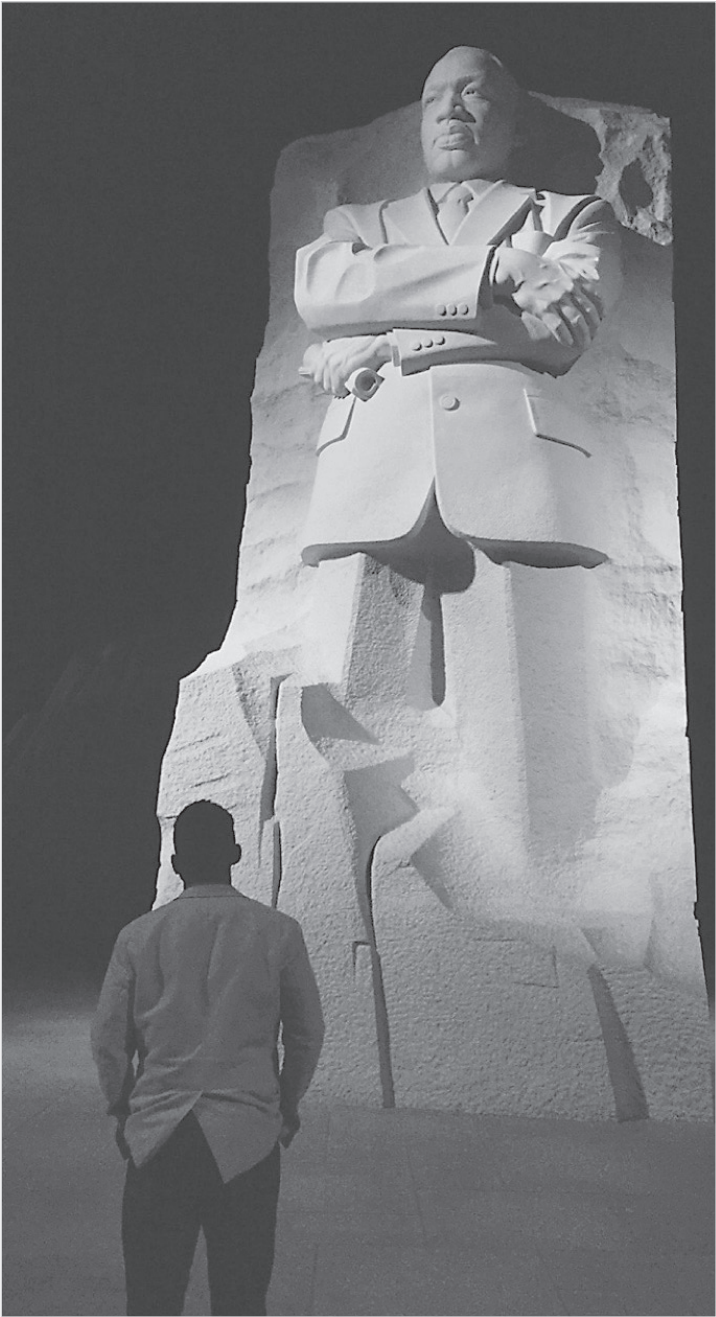
Davon Shackelford, it's safe to say, is a jack of all trades, but it appears that he also may be a master of them. The 21-year-old is the Vice President of Leadership and Scholarship in Washtenaw Community College's Phi Theta Kappa honor society, a congressional intern for U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell, and the Treasurer of the Political Science Club, as well as its Faculty and Staff Liaison.

A native of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Shackelford cites his family's patriotism as a reason for his community involvement and drive.

"My father and his brother, all the different individuals in my family who have served in the military, they have been very inspirational to me. They have been courageous, and they served this country with honor, and due diligence. I think that's helped inspire me to be a civil servant, seeing how patriotic my family is," he said.

Moving to the Ann Arbor area on his own in August 2013, Shackelford faced navigating adulthood alone – an experience he described as simply "challenging." He was drawn by the allure of the University of Michigan's maize and blue – where he hopes to complete his undergraduate degree – and found WCC to be a perfect stepping stone.

"WCC is a bridge to the University of Michigan. The university, when I first graduated high school, was very intimidating and, of course, I was several states away. I had never visited before, and so I just



On a recent trip to Washington D.C., Davon Shackelford, a 21-year-old general studies of math and science student of Ann Arbor, stopped at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. COURTESY | DAVON SHACKLEFORD

wanted to familiarize myself with the area, with the institution itself, and to know whether or not this would be a good fit for me," said Shackelford.

After U-M, Shackelford aspires to move on to the Pritzker School of Medicine at the

University of Chicago, to get an MD/JD, making himself both a law and a medical student. Marvin Boluyt, a WCC biology instructor, certainly thinks that Shackelford – a former student of his – is capable of this, and whatever he puts his mind to.

"He's showed incredible determination and persistence to pursue his goals regardless of what gets in the way. He's trying to soak up as much as he can, which is a good way to be," Boluyt said.

Shackelford was eager to learn in class and asked countless questions, even attending Boluyt's office hours – occasionally – in which a few queries about an exam or essay question would digress into discussions of philosophy.

"He was completely unfazed by what anybody else thought. If he wanted to know something he asked...I think he wants to learn, and he's so focused on that. He's not worried about what that looks like – he's not worried about what anyone else thinks about that," said Boluyt.

Apart from learning in the classroom, Shackelford adds to his education with his vast involvement at WCC. Working as the treasurer for the Political Science Club, he generates budgets for events and for the club's semester goals as well as organizing fundraisers. This year, through Student Activities, he also created the Arab-American Cultural Experience Trip – where WCC students visited a mosque, the Arab-American National Museum in Dearborn, and an Arab-American restaurant and pastry shop. As the club's faculty and staff liaison, Shackelford works with Student Activities to get in event proposals, and does a lot of what he calls "logistics work": reserving space for events, reserving tables and marketing.

Also the vice president



Davon Shackelford with the Political Science Club on a recent trip to Washington D.C. COURTESY | DAVON SHACKLEFORD

of leadership and scholarship in the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Shackelford is involved in student orientations and events such as the Transfer Fair, and overall, representing Phi Theta Kappa. He also helps honor students with their scholarships, and is self-described as the "person people go to if they have a problem submitting their scholarships, or any questions."

In Shackelford's eyes, committing his time to extracurricular activities at WCC can only be to his benefit:

"I wanted to enrich my education and surround myself with good people, develop communicational skills, gain cultural competence, and gain an overall enrichment that would compliment what I learn in the classroom. You're taught communication skills, you're taught interpersonal communications skills, you're taught how to

work with others, but by being involved with extracurricular activities, I'm given an opportunity to put that in practice," he said.

Lexi Judkins, adviser to Phi Theta Kappa and coordinator of student organizations under the Student Activities Department, has worked with Shackelford since he began at WCC.

"Hardworking, dedicated, he's a hustler...that's the best that I can describe him as, he's a hustler, and he seems to really enjoy it," Judkins said.

All together, Shackelford says what truly helped him become who he is was finding his voice.

"I'd say the experiences really make a person who they are. Learning from my mistakes – everyone makes mistakes, but the goal is not to make the same mistake twice. You go on a path and you experiment, you discover who you are," Shackelford said.

A TASTE FOR CHANGE

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN
Contributor

Ypsilanti is definitely a food desert, according to Tanya Andrews, development and marketing associate at Growing Hope – simply stating that there is a lack of fresh foods such as fruits and vegetables, amidst a community of 20,081 and growing.

Two local businesses came together Saturday, Dec. 5, for the betterment of their community, and it was a brilliant match – brewed from community involvement, kind hearts, strong minds, and a subtle note of hops and barley.

Cultivate Coffee and Tap House hosted a beer tasting from 5 – 8 p.m. benefiting Growing Hope, an Ypsilanti non-profit organization. Growing Hope organized the event at the newly opened coffee and tap house to

create community awareness of their fight to end hunger, particularly in Ypsilanti. Presenting to the audience was Andrews who was accompanied by Erica Bloom, Growing Hope's program director.

Andrews says Growing Hope has been striving to improve lives through, "creating a great sense of community and gardening." The community gathered, sat at reserved seating, and learned what it takes to make a great beer, and a great sense of togetherness.

There is a diverse set of ways Growing Hope is helping the community understand and grow healthy food: community empowerment activities such as the beer tasting, donating gardens to schools and community members, donating proceeds from garden kit sales, advocating for and managing farmer's markets, and educating youth.



Small samples of what goes into the creation of beer. JENELLE FRANKLIN | WASHTENAW VOICE

Parkridge Community Center is partnered with both Growing Hope and Washtenaw Community College. PCC is a recreational programming center for Ypsilanti youth under age 18, and has additional amenities such as The Rutherford Municipal Pool, open seasonally to the public.

"I oversee policies for farmer's markets throughout the city of Ypsilanti, and we are reaching out into the rest of Washtenaw County," Andrews said.

Ypsilanti is considered in need of food and nutritional

education, according to both hosting companies, whose non-profit business models are striving to educate and stimulate the gardening community in Ypsilanti to fight hunger.

The benefit's hosting location, Cultivate, is no stranger to charitable business practices. They are paying selected taxes, including beverage sales tax, and remaining non-profit, according to Director of Community & Connections Bekah Wallace.

"Owning a for-profit business wasn't satisfying," Wallace said of her and her husband Ryan's last

venture five years ago. Cultivate has been a developing dream for the Wallaces and their business partner Billy Kangas, who is the director of coffee and cause.

"Cultivate started as a dream three years ago when my husband and I met Billy," Bekah recalled, but insists the dream stems from passions deeply rooted in each of them.

Ryan, Cultivate's director of beer and business, has a love for beer that spans decades, and he himself has been brewing for 12 years.

"It all started on a cold winter's day, in a garage," Ryan says as he begins his story, wearing a proud grin as he signals to pass out the first glass of beer. He motions toward the eight brew ingredients set upon each table: water, chalk, barley/malt, oats, hops, Irish moss, yeast nutrient and live yeast. Asking each guest brave enough to taste a small

sample of each, he imparts his wisdom.

"Knowing the ingredients will help to better shape your taste for beer, and this is how I was taught," Ryan said.

Ryan ends his story with his work's mission and revealing his obsession with bringing beer and community involvement together.

Five different beers were poured for guests – a carefully chosen variety from their larger selection on tap, covering the scale light to dark, beginning with a Pilsner and ending with a Porter. Currently a vendor for microbrews and fine coffees, Cultivate has goals of expanding even still.

"I would love to see us roasting, and brewing in the future, but mostly I look forward to our outreach into the community and bringing hunger to an end," Bekah said.

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Performing last, the modern dance class portrays ideas through performance. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

WCC stars hit stage for area kids

BY IVAN FLORES
Contributor

The annual Stars on Stage benefit performance was held this past Wednesday in the Morris Lawrence building. The atmosphere was relaxed as the Washtenaw Community College Jazz Orchestra and Combos kicked off the event in the lobby. They performed several well-known tunes, including “Cantaloupe Island” and “My Favorite things.”

Meanwhile, people crowd- ed into Towsley Auditorium,

stopping at a table to drop off donations for C.S. Mott Children’s hospital and the Peace Neighborhood Center – “admission” was one unwrapped toy. The second part of the event included dance performances from WCC’s performing arts students, alumni and members of the Spotlight Dance Studio, a community partner.

“We’ve done it for (about) 20 years...It’s a fun performance; sophisticated enough to be presentable but yet not so lofty that it’s intimidating. We really want the students to have a

fun experience,” said Noonie Anderson, department chair of the performing arts program.

Anderson placed emphasis on the teamwork that goes into putting performances together. The performing arts, she said, are by their pure nature collaborative. Her point was evident throughout the night – in everything from the choreography, to the performance with WCC’s Jazz ensembles, to the benefit aspect of the event. But she also said it was about taking risks.

Trevon Callahan, 22-year-old WCC student from Ypsilanti,

took the stage for nine minutes and appeared to captivate the audience. Callahan choreographed the entire dance, which was set to Melanie Martinez’s song “Soap.” Throughout the performance, he drew cheers from the audience with his gracefulness and energy. Anderson praised his solo for the quality and boldness of the performance.

The artists come from all walks of life. Duane Wells plays trumpet for the Jazz combo. He played in high school and even professionally afterwards, but

gave it up when he started his career as an electrician for GM. He retired about six years ago, and decided to pick up his trumpet again.

Speaking about his decision to pursue music again, Wells said, “I love jazz. Music is like golf; you never master it but you always try to get better... I missed a lot of time and I’m trying to make it up.”

Carley Garcia is a liberal arts major and a member of the WCC competitive dance team and studies liberal arts.

“I love (dance) because it’s

something you can always do... You hear something and it just moves through you. Anyone can dance,” she said.

The competitive dance team offered advice to the student community to get involved. Tryouts for the winter semester are Jan. 11 and 14. No experience is necessary, just commitment to practice. There are different classes and clubs for performers of all disciplines and skill levels. For more information about Washtenaw’s Performing Arts Program, contact Noonie Anderson.

More than \$1 million raised for St. Joseph Mercy Cancer Center



EMU’s Convocation Center was modeled after the Rockefeller Center Rainbow Room for the 40th anniversary of the St. Joseph’s Holiday Ball.



Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and Sue Snyder with Lynn Stella, 2015 St. Joe’s Holiday Ball Chair, and Philip J. Stella, MD, SJMAA Medical Director of Oncology and Holiday Ball Philanthropy Chair.

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON
Editor

An all-year preparation in Washtenaw County leads up to one of the single-most important fundraising events of the year: the Holiday Ball. This year, the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center was transformed into “A Night at the Rainbow Room,” inspired by the 65th floor of the Rockefeller Center in New York City.

The Holiday Ball began in 1976 by Judy Dow Rumelhart when she was encouraged by her father, Dr. Harry Towsley, who was a board member, generous donor and good friend of St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor Hospital. Throughout the

years, the event has changed venues to accommodate its growth of community involvement.

More than 950 guests attended the fundraising event, spearheaded by this year’s committee chair Lynn Stella, who’s been volunteering for the event for more than 25 years. Stella first got involved when she volunteered while working as a nurse for the hospital, and hasn’t stopped volunteering since.

To celebrate the event’s 40th anniversary, Stella and her team brought the glamour and the glitz of The Rainbow Room to life with handmade decorations portraying the vintage and elegant flair of the 1940s. Preparations for

the event was made possible through the collaboration of almost 200 volunteers – members from the hospital, community and outlying community came together to put on an event which raised \$1.1 million dollars.

“As a nurse and nurse anesthetist, who practiced at St. Joe’s for many years, I have seen firsthand the need for this kind of compassionate, patient-centered exceptional care St. Joe’s is known for,” said Stella in a letter prior to the fundraiser.

The proceeds will go toward renovating and expanding the Robert H. and Judy Dow Alexander Cancer Center at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor. Cancer care facilities

and programs – which help to sustain cancer care excellence in areas such as research, robotic surgery, CyberKnife radiotherapy, chemotherapy and multidisciplinary care – will also benefit, according to the event’s press release.

“I think the biggest thing is that there is such a feel of community that this event brings. St. Joe’s is such a gem of a community hospital and why we are all there – we are giving back to the community, truly taking part of what is at the heart of this event and that is to help St. Joe’s, and in turn making a commitment to helping others through patients and family,” Stella said.

Melissa Sheppard, director of St. Joe’s special events,

worked collaboratively with Stella and volunteers to make this year’s fundraiser, once again, a success – this year making it her tenth overall.

Sheppard explained the beneficiaries were particularly meaningful to Stella because her husband, Dr. Philip Stella, served as the Holiday Ball philanthropy chair but is also the medical director for oncology at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor.

“When you stand at the event and everything is kind of coming together and culminating, that evening is so rewarding when you see nearly a thousand people who have come together and a committee who has worked together so closely, and so intently all year long,” Sheppard said.

“Just to know the community support of where we live – it is just so overwhelming.”

The fundraiser included dinner, music, and last but not least, a tree-lighting ceremony honoring those whose lives have been affected by cancer. Guests, including cancer survivors, provided names of loved ones to be engraved on ornaments. The ornaments will be collected and turned into a display at the cancer center in memory of the community event.

“We’ve raised more than \$20 million since 1976 and that supports a variety of top-notch services that we have here at St. Joe’s that our community will ultimately benefit from,” Sheppard said.

Keep warm with local wine and spirits

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN
Contributor

Our weather, like our wine, is both bitter and sweet here in Michigan.

A glimmer of frost can be spotted budding across branches lining the harvested fields along US-23. The interstate, with light traffic on a weekend afternoon, makes for a pleasant 24-mile drive south of Washtenaw Community College’s campus to St. Julian Winery in Dundee. The four locations in Michigan have friendly environments with bright staff and over 65 tasting options awaiting you.

Above the current 56 wine selections on the tasting menu, there are also several other St. Julian beverages to try: hard ciders, sherry, brandies, vodka, cooking wines, and non-alcoholic sparkling juices. The cost is \$5 for five tastings, and includes a complimentary wine glass to take home.

Tasting locations across the state, located in Dundee, Frankenmuth, Paw Paw, and Union Pier, offer families or friends the opportunity to have a great experience in an inviting atmosphere.

“I call myself a Wine Consultant,” said Harry Granito, one of the Dundee St. Julian employees, who greets you as you walk into the tasting room. He will answer any questions with enthusiasm and to the best of his knowledge. “Wine Consultant” captures the spirit and insight that comes from behind the chest-high, octagon-shaped wine bar.

“Reasonable distance, and reasonable price at \$5,”



St. Julian Winery is located at 700 Freedom Court in Dundee, Michigan. TAYLOR ROBINSON | WASHTENAW VOICE

says Jack Carpenter, 34, of Belleville; a WCC IT student and St. Julian’s patron who chose the winery for his and his girlfriend’s one-year anniversary celebration.

If local, delicious wines and drinks, or friendly and knowledgeable staff are not big enough attractions to get the family to the tasting room; the Dundee location is near to local family-friendly businesses to visit as well.

Sharing a connected parking lot with Russell Stover’s candies shop, and located across the street from Cabela’s Sporting Goods, visitors can browse and indulge in delicious sweets or new outdoor gear.

The Paw Paw location is west on I-94 and making a farther trip from WCC’s campus allows for vineyard tours during the warmer months. A visit to tour the grounds gives

a chance to see the land that founder, Mariano Meconi, recognized as grape perfection 95 years ago.

According to a February 2015 Wood TV article, as part of Michigan’s vulnerable agricultural state, the vineyards did not escape the

harsh winters the great lakes region has experienced recently, and they are all hoping for some relief this year. Hoping to skip not only a harsh winter season in late 2015, but also the more devastating late frost seen in the spring. When nature seems



St. Julian Winery offers a multitude of different wines and liquors. TAYLOR ROBINSON | WASHTENAW VOICE



2 Paw Wine at St. Julian Winery has a portion of the proceeds going to the Michigan Humane Society. TAYLOR ROBINSON | WASHTENAW VOICE

to be working against the grapes, the winemakers rely on their Ice Wine harvest, a grape that is left long enough on the vine to freeze before picking it.

Dean Bender, winemaker and owner of a Michigan winery, stated in an Mlive interview, “Vines took anywhere from an 80 percent to 100 percent loss,” depending on the variety of vine grown.

If the trip was a complete success, joining the wine club will make the next visit even better. A membership includes 2-6 bottles of wine quarterly throughout the year. Two bottle average subtotals are between \$30-\$60, four bottles \$60-\$90, and six bottle subtotals average \$90-\$120.

There are three categories of options to choose from: Vineyard Select (dry, reserve wine collection), Sweeter Harvest (blends, dessert wine collection), or Perfectly Paired for one of each from Vineyard Select, and Sweeter

Harvest. This selection allows anyone from a novice to an expert the chance to experience new varieties that match or mystify their pallet.

Members can ship their orders to 36 states, which is an advantage when needing to entertain out of town guests or send gifts. Wine can be shipped for a fee or picked up at their location for no cost. A trip to pick up wine gives the perfect opportunity to enjoy the complimentary wine tasting and discounts members receive. According to one of the wine consultants, St. Julian will soon be carrying gin and whiskey selections along with their vodka.

If able to make a visit before the end of 2015, take time on the drive and just look out onto the snow-covered cornfields along the way to Dundee on a sunny winter afternoon.

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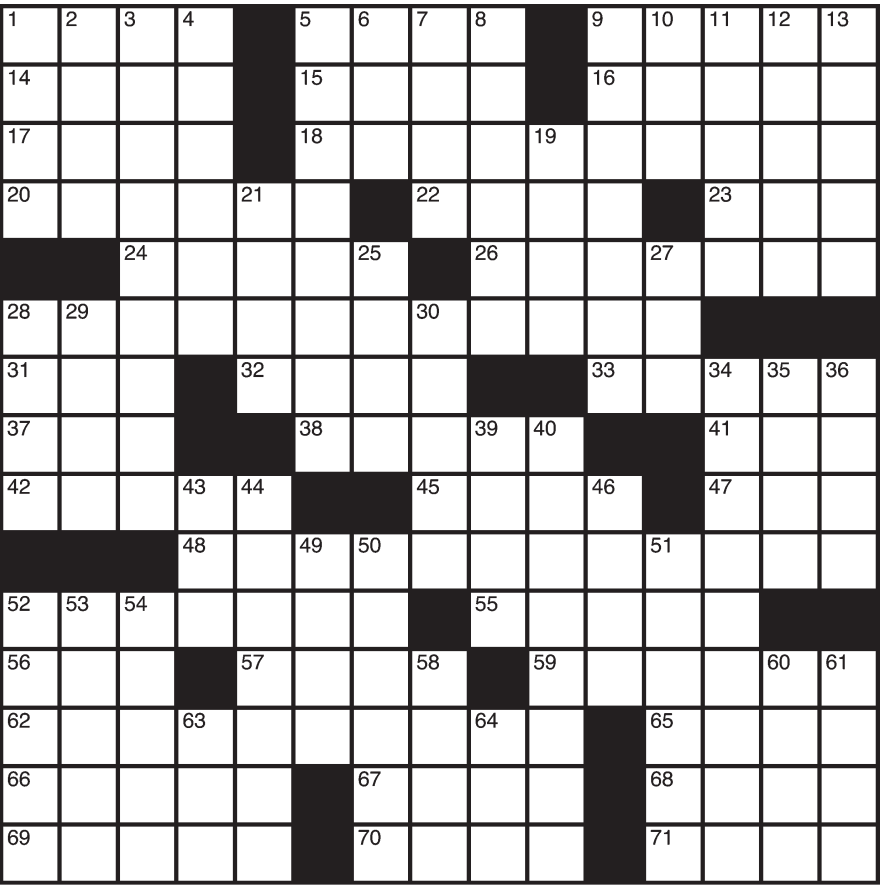
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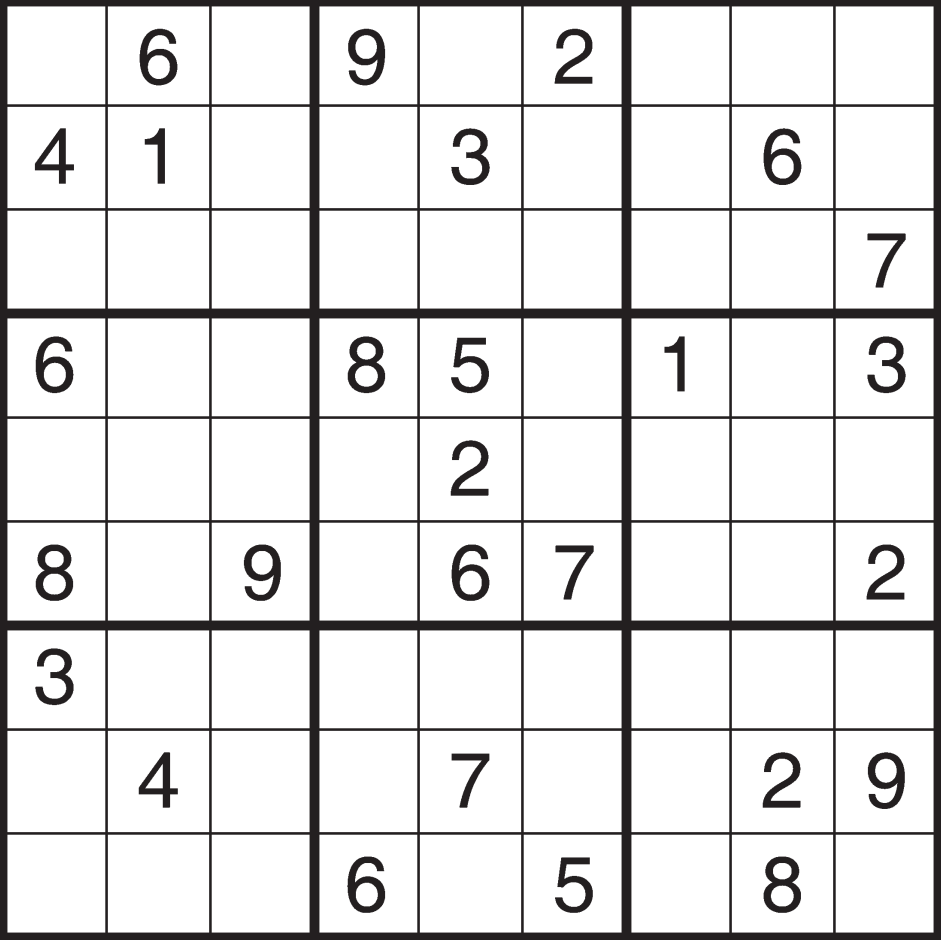
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Below is a sample of recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Career Services. Students are invited to read these ads and to contact Career Services to find out how to apply for the openings. Career Services is located in ML 104. For more information, phone 734-677-5155, email careers@wccnet.edu or visit <http://www.wccnet.edu/careerconnection/>

DRIVER SERVICES

REPRESENTATIVE: As a Driver Services Representative at Coyote Logistics you will focus on the customer service aspect of the business. Whether it be recognizing issues before they occur or fostering relationship growth with our many callers, you will be an integral part of our exponential growth. A Driver Services Representative is responsible for the 15,000+ calls daily from drivers calling into the Coyote Logistics Driver Line.

They're responsible for getting the drivers from the pickup to the delivery and helping with every problem in-between. Drivers want to talk to someone who can provide information, offer solutions to their problems, and most importantly, be a friendly voice on the line.

GYMNASTICS/TUMBLING

INSTRUCTOR: Do you love working with children? If so, Infinity Gymnastics Academy in Brighton, MI has immediate openings for individuals passionate about making an impact on children's lives. Infinity Gymnastics Academy trains gymnasts and other athletes of all skill levels in their state of the art facility. We are looking for someone who is responsible, hard-working and enthusiastic. Prior gymnastics/tumbling experience is not required - we will train the right individual.

BRANCH OFFICE

ADMINISTRATOR: The BOA plays a critical administrative role in the branch and supports our commitment to an ideal client experience. The BOA and the financial advisor work together as a team to create new clients, serve existing clients, and run an efficient branch office. A BOA's responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following: Prepare reports and materials for client appointments, Update prospective client and client data records, Proactively contact clients to set or confirm appointments and offer appropriate services, Contact existing clients to invite them to a face to face meeting with the financial advisor to review their financial goals, Plan and prepare marketing materials and events with the financial advisor, Organize and maintain the financial

advisor's schedule, Learn and implement new tools and systems that manage client contacts and increase branch efficiency.

CAMP COUNSELOR: As a staff member at YMCA Camp Ohiyesa you will impact the lives of hundreds of kids, work with people from around the world, meet life-long friends, and challenge yourself every day. You will be a teacher, mentor and friend to campers in grades K-10 while facilitating camp activities including: zip line, archery, rock wall, canoeing, teams course, giant swing and much more. Free on-site housing and all meals provided.

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MOVIE REVIEW

KRAMPUS

GENRE: HORROR/COMEDY
RUNTIME: 98 MINUTES
RATING: PG-13



BY MADI TORTORA
Staff Writer

Krampus, directed by Michael Dougherty, is a more modern take on an old, alpine folklore that focuses on a creature known as Krampus, who punishes children who have misbehaved. This is in obvious contrast with Saint Nicholas,

who rewards children for being well behaved. Dougherty is best known for his work on Superman Returns and X-Men 2, but shows his sense of humor in this “horror” comedy. The film stars many seasoned and well known actors, like Toni Collette, Adam Scott, and David Koechner. When Tom (Adam Scott) and Sarah (Toni Collette) begrudgingly decide to celebrate the holidays with their family, all seems to go wrong relatively quickly. Their lack of Christmas spirit comes back to bite them when the only gift they get for Christmas is a visit from none other than Krampus, the demon version of Santa Claus. Watching this, the feeling of being thrown into a fairy tale was a very evident theme throughout the whole movie. It did feel as though some of the acting was a bit forced, but it was almost like the writers created it with that in mind; it was supposed to be comical, and almost like a parody of this old, German-spoken folklore. The Krampus creature himself was silly looking, with his giant black tongue and bag of creepy, giggling gingerbread henchmen. The writers used an interesting, animated twist when

explaining the grandmother, also known as Omi’s, history with Krampus. Using the animation was ambitious, and was actually one of the most interesting, fun parts of the movie. Although it was short, it was also one of the most disturbing parts of the movie, and using an animation to put that across was really different and unexpected. Part of the reason this movie was a little disappointing was the slightly repetitive and highly predictable plotline. One by one, the children began being taken by Krampus and his henchmen, and it just became extremely obvious what was going to happen next. Although this movie was a “horror comedy,” the comedy came through better and more obviously than the horror did, and became almost parody-like. It was a different twist on a Christmas movie, which was interesting and fresh, but could have been portrayed in a better and more horror-focused fashion.



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Local winter wonders to spice up break

BY JENEE GREGOR
Contributor

The semester nears its end, and the break ahead holds many chances for WCC students to get out and make memories. With family time beckoning and work obligations looming, hopefully some spare moments during this time off will offer a chance for adventure. If you are without plans, the Ann Arbor area brings a myriad of events. It is easy to fall into the trap of letting the brain rest and then all the time goes flying by with no warning, to leave one wishing they would have had a little more fun in their time off before classes resume. Don't fall into the trap; seek fun on this nearly month off. Whether grabbing your sweet-heart and hitting an art opening is your thing, or maybe doing some last minute shopping at one of the DIY markets interests you, these local happenings have you covered.

Music
Michigan Artists and local talent performing various venues throughout the month.

WHAT:
Super Happy Funtime Burlesque Show
Burlesque troop from Kalamazoo brings music, theater, and comedy in a production with a live band

WHERE:
Blind Pig 208 S 1st St., Ann Arbor

WHEN:
Dec. 18 9:30 p.m.

COST: \$10 for 18 and older

WHAT:
Kiyoshi & Abigail Stauffer present: "HIP HOP meets FOLK: Michigan Edition"
Locally originated musicians come together for a collaboratively themed genre concert.

WHERE:
Blind Pig 208 S 1st St., Ann Arbor

WHEN:
Dec. 26 9:30 p.m.

COST: \$10 for 18 and older, 18+ \$10 and \$7 for 21+



The Arts
Last minute shopping, and experiencing the local handmade art scene and other events.

• WHAT:
Art for the Holidays
Detroit Artists Market brings their 140 artists and their locally crafted items to the public.

• WHERE:
Detroit Artists Market, 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit

• WHEN:
Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

• COST: Free

• WHAT:
Art off the Wall, 2nd Annual Holiday Edition
12 Artists showcased in the A2 Art center, priced for all budgets.

• WHERE:
2nd floor Ann Arbor Art Center 117 W Liberty, Ann Arbor

• WHEN:
Dec. 4 – Jan. 9
Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 7p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

• WHAT:
Come as You Are: Art of the 1990s
46 artist's work displaying the culture and moniker of the art scene and progressive scenes in the 1990s.

• WHERE:
University of Michigan Museum of Art, A. Taubman Gallery. 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor

• WHEN:
Exhibits ends January 31st.
Tuesday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 – 5 p.m.

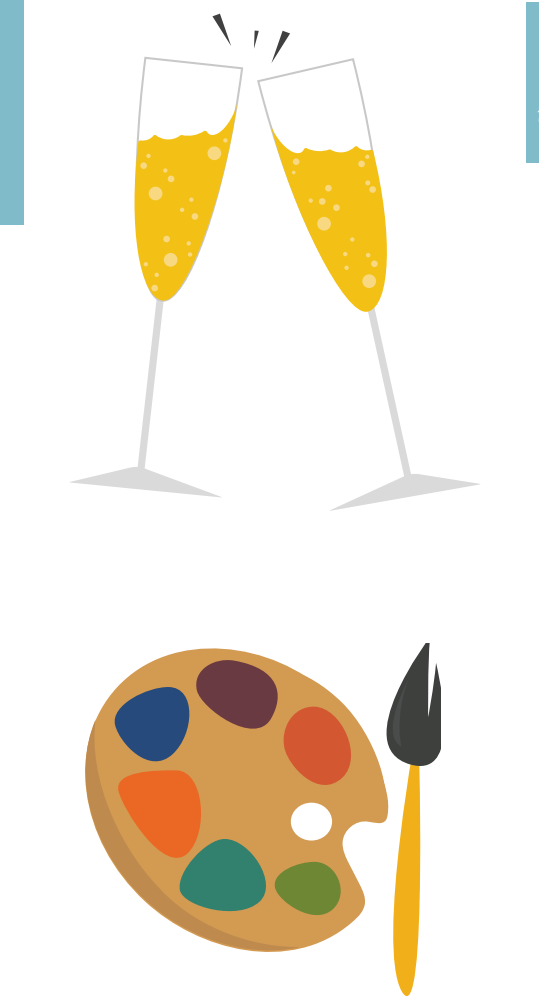
• COST: \$10 suggested donation

• WHAT:
The Moth Storyslam: Michigan Radio Monthly storytelling competition with random participants picked from the sign-up, judged and finalist perform later in the year.

• WHERE:
The Circus 210 S. 1st St., Ann Arbor

• WHEN:
Dec. 15
Sign-up at 6 p.m., 7:30 – 9 p.m.

• COST: \$8 for 18 and older



Travel
For the month, check more than one date if there is some free time to get out of the Ann Arbor Area.

• WHERE:
MegaBus to Chicago from Ann Arbor

• COST:
Outbound \$22 – 46
Returning \$15 – 46

• WHERE:
Amtrak to Chicago from Ann Arbor

• COST:
Outbound \$37 – 64
Returning \$37 – 64

New Year's Eve
with Michigan flavor

• WHAT:
Greensky Bluegrass
Originally from Kalamazoo, Greensky Bluegrass brings progressive bluegrass back for two nights this new year

• WHERE:
The Royal Oak Music Theater 318 W 4th St., Royal Oak

• WHEN:
Dec. 30-31 8 p.m.

• COST: tickets for both nights \$50
Dec. 30 \$25
Dec. 31 \$30-35

• WHAT:
Mittenfest
60 artists perform at this five-day event to benefit 826michigan a non-profit for youth writing skills.

• WHERE:
Bona Sera 200 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti

• WHEN:
Dec. 29 – Jan. 2 7p.m. – 2 a.m.

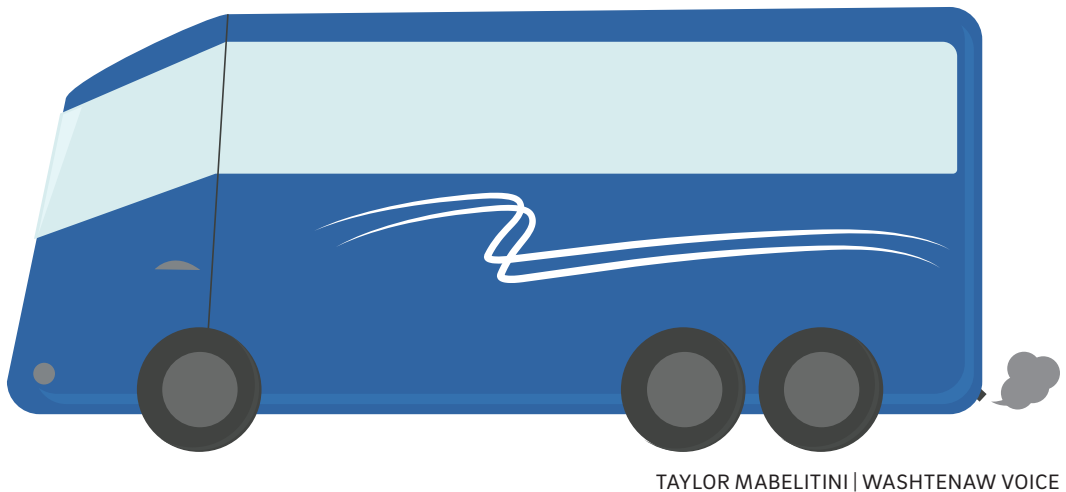
• COST: \$10 per night for 21 and older

• WHAT:
NYE Tree Town presents Ball Down New York and Ann Arbor come together for a hybrid DJ and live drum set ringing in the new year.

• WHERE:
Blind Pig 208 S 1st St., Ann Arbor

• WHEN:
Dec. 31 9:30 p.m.

COST: \$15 for 18 and older



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