### **ELECTION 2016**

# Presidential candidates visit Michigan



Candidate Bernie Sanders visits Eastern Michigan's campus. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE



Candidate John Kasich visited Warren Michigan recently. EVANS KOUKIOS | WASHTENAW VOICE

# Ann Arbor feels the Bern:

New campaign office opens on Packard and thousands attend his EMU rally

BY SOFIA LYNCH Managing Editor

The lines snaked around Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center parking lot, as approximately 9,000 people awaited Democratic presidential candidate arrival on Presidents' Day. With this being his first vis- Hampshire. it to Michigan this election season, students were excited to hear his messages about income inequality, aggressive action to address the environment, and the need to restructure and reform

"You are the future of the country. You're not going to

stand aside while a handful of campaign contributors determine the future," Sanders stated when discussing campaign

The mention of college tuition being eliminated and removing marijuana from the schedule 1 list of illegal controlled substances was responded to with an outpour of enthusiasm from many attendees. The idea of \$15 hourly minimum wage also didn't disappoint.

Sanders encouraged everyone in the audience to vote for him in the primaries on March Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' 8, and mentioned his previous landslide victory in New

> "Our campaign has come a very long way in the last nine months. When we began, we were 30 points down in New Hampshire," Sanders said. "Well, it didn't quite turn out that way. When we began, we were way down in Michigan, and it ain't going to turn out that way, either."

More about Tuesday's vote

An explanation of what you'll find on your ballot and information about a tax renewal question Washtenaw County voters

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Sanders' campaign has recently reached Ann Arborites directly through the opening of a campaign office on Packard Street earlier this year. Despite being a newer location, Sanders' state campaign director, Ryan Hughes, says campaign efforts have been alive in Ann Arbor since January 2015.

There have been hunderds of volunteers coming through the office - knocking on thousands of doors and making phone calls every night, Hughes said.

"Our efforts are focused on volunteer to voter contact," Hughes said.

Sanders campaign office, as well as his recent visits to Michigan, have elicited excitement from the Ann Arbor community, and has drummed up many dedicated volunteers like 27-year-old Drew Hunter Clark. Clark trains phone callers and manages data, and also attended Sanders' EMU rally, doing crowd control on the main floor.

"I think that a lot of people really do support Bernie Sanders, but sometimes

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# Kasich campaign holds town hall meeting in Warren

BY IVAN FLORES Staff Writer

Ohio Governor John Kasich is traveling to various Michigan cities as part of his presidential campaign. He held a town hall meeting at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren on Wednesday, ahead of the Fox Republican presidential debate in Detroit.

The stop seemed to be an appeal to the Eastern When Kasich asked how European community for many people were "ethnic" support. Walter Kozar, president of the Ukrainian Cultural Center, said, "Governor Kasich wanted to hold his rally here at the Ukrainian Cultural Center because he had a position on Ukraine he wanted the (community) to be aware of."

That position is one of military support for Ukraine in the current conflict with Russianbacked rebels in the east.

"I will arm the Ukrainians with lethal defensive weapons," Kasich said. "There would be no hesitation to get that done."

However, the governor began the evening with a much softer approach, talking about

his own Eastern European heritage and taking the time to listen and answer questions from the audience. At one point, he even hugged a woman after she shared about her deceased son.

The room was full; there were no empty chairs. However, it is unclear how many of the people present actually had Eastern European or Ukrainian roots. in the room, only a handful of hands went up. The crowd was predominately white and a large portion of it consisted of older folks.

Kasich spoke about various issues, including a foreign policy – directly confronting Islamic State militarily, the importance of vocational education and allowing the states to manage welfare systems. He cited his record of bipartisan collaboration as governor in Ohio and experience as a congressman in Washington as examples of his competence to assume the presidency.

The governor has lagged in national polls, and has yet to win a primary. Despite these setbacks, Kasich has accumulated enough delegates to challenge Marco Rubio, who is currently in third place.

Keith Faber, president of the Ohio Senate and close friend of Kasich, remained optimistic. He said that Kasich has a better chance to win the presidency than Rubio. Kasich is poised to win Ohio on March 15, while it is unlikely that Rubio will win his home state of Florida.

A win in Ohio could mean that Kasich's delegate count would overtake Rubio's.

Throughout the night, Kasich refrained from lashing out at his rivals - Democratic or Republican. He distanced himself from bashful comments from the audience and repeatedly established the importance of reaching across the aisle.

"We're Americans before we're Republicans or Democrats," Kasich said.

# WCCEA elects new union president

BY TAYLOR ROBINSON Editor

After being the president of Washtenaw Community College's Education Association Union for two years, Maryam Barrie decided to not run for reelection. When she originally took the position, she ran unopposed, after her predecessor Jennifer Baker stepped down because of the "strained" relationship with the administration, as cited in a previous Voice article.

"A very small part of what I have learned is that when I don't handle stress well, my health gets challenging...Partly because of that, and because I know we have a more active and engaged membership and board now than we did two years ago, I am not running for reelection," said Barrie in a letter addressed to the WCCEAU members.

In the letter, Barrie commended the faculty's committment to the students:

"Whatever the outcome of our upcoming elec-

tion, I plan on continuing with my responsibilities through the end of the winter term, as long as that is what the next group of leaders wants."

Running for the position were two members involved with the union: David Fitzpatrick, history instructor and chief negotiator for the board, and Michael Duff, an automotive instructor and 1st vice president of the board.

Fitzpatrick has been the chief negotiator for the board for more than 10 years. Speaking about Barrie's, he referred to the two of them as "yin and yang."

"I'm very hardlined...she's softer around the edges. We've come at issues frequently, although not all the time, from different points of view and that's a good thing so that you aren't getting tunnel vision," Fitzpatrick said. "I've very much enjoyed working with Maryam."

In a discussion prior to the election, Fitzpatrick commented that one of the aspects of having a faculty union is to continue a path of improved communication.

"We have an administration right now that for the last five years, have been disregarding the faculty, and only because of our resistance has it started to pay at least a little attention to us. And I think that path needs to be continued so that eventually, we begin to play the role we are supposed to," Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick assumed the position as president of the union, as of the March 3 election March 3.

"I look forward to working with President Bellanca to solve the problems that continue to roil the college, chief among them the development of a program by which all current full-time, adjunct and part-time faculty can be brought into compliance with the HLC qualification requirements," said Fitzpatrick after becoming the new

Michael Duff has worked under Barrie for the last two years as vice president, and served



David Fitzpatrick is the newly elected president of the WCCEA. COURTESY | DAVID FITZPATRICK

as an area representative for the board for two years previously. He will continue to be a union member. Duff's main concerns are focused on student success and retention, improving the communication with the administration, and the upcoming millage restoration, among others.

"I thought we were at a spot where we weren't really moving forward so I wanted to step forward and make a change, either that would be me, or somebody else."

In response to Fitzpatrick receiving the position, Duff commented that Fitzpatrick knows the history of the college and has been around for a long time. Duff added that he will face some tough issues and that as a group, he hopes they can be solved.

"Hope is not a strategy," Duff said. "If you are hoping for things to change, it's not going to change, so you need to do something to change it. Even if you find out that it failed, at least you know that it didn't work and you can try something else."

# 4 THINGS YOU MISSED

AT THE FEB. 25 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

BY JANELLE FRANKLIN AND TAYLOR ROBINSON

#### 1. DAVID FITZPATRICK VOICES CON-CERNS ABOUT NEW HLC FACULTY REQUIREMENTS

David Fitzpatrick, WCC's Education Association Union liaison, addressed reimbursement of continuing education for fulfilling Higher Learning Commission accreditation, and the effect it will have on the part-time

"We have department chairs, especially with our larger departments, that have dozens if not hundreds of part-timers, who are greatly concerned by what will happen if we lose them due to HLC guidelines," Fitzpatrick said.

He does understand that WCC holds the

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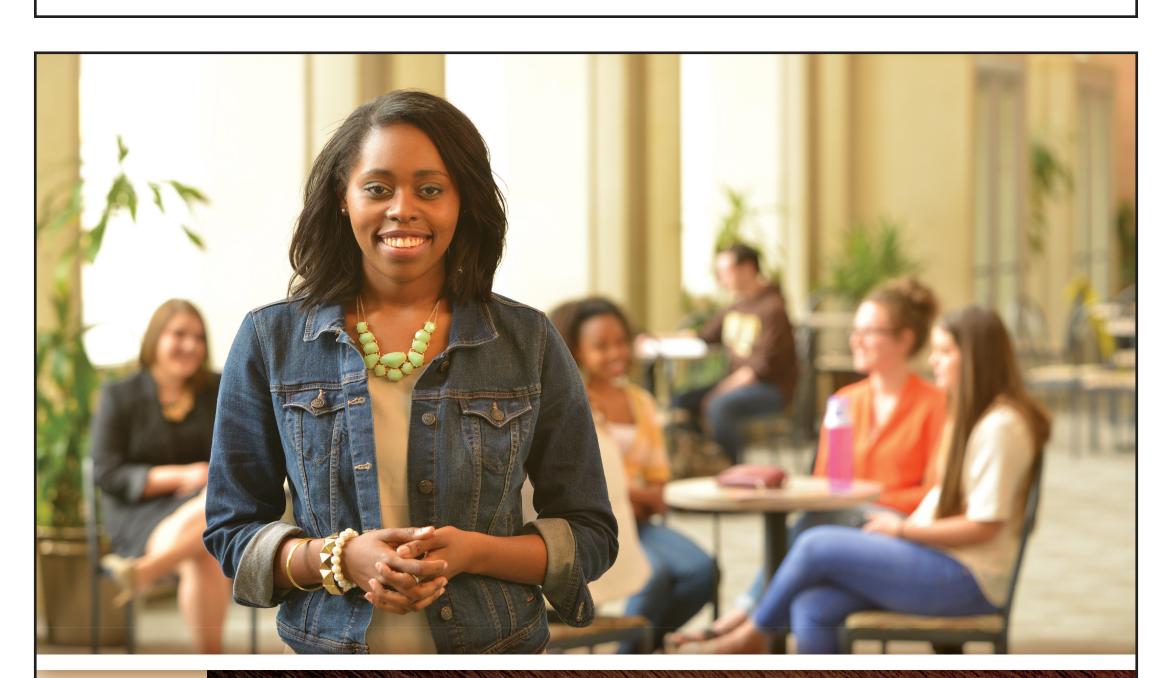
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accreditation in high regard, and does not seek

"I am hopeful of a great outcome here," Fitzpatrick said, "but I want to put a word in for the adjuncts and part-timers."

According to the section, "Limitations on the Application of HLC Requirements Related to Qualified Faculty" from the HLC qualified faculty guidelines PDF, "HLC fully expects that institutions will work with current faculty who are otherwise performing well to ensure that they meet HLC's requirements, including its recently revised Assumed Practices."

#### 2. Two public comments, one **PROBLEM**

Along with the approval to negotiate a campus safety and security contract with the local county sheriff's office last meeting, came concern from two students to this one. Judy Bonnell-Wenzel, an emeritus student, shared with the board how much she loves the college, but is concerned to hear that college may be paying half a million dollars to have armed officers on campus.

"I absolutely don't think that I would feel safe at all with a gun where I was going to school," Bonnell-Wenzel said. As a trained social worker in mental health, Bonnell-Wenzel adds that she thinks there are other ways to go about this and urged the board to, "go very slow and look into

In agreement was Susan Edwards, a fellow WCC student. While she thinks this may generally be a response to the increase in violence in schools across the country, she doesn't think more guns would have prevented those situations, or prevent a situation on WCC's campus.

Expressing that it personally frightens her, she reiterated Bonnell-Wenzel's plea to take on the issue slowly. She recommended taking a look into increased mental screening or referrals because, "that is where the problem lies." The agenda did not include further addressing the topic, but the contract will be discussed at a later date.

#### 3. Negotiators for unions

The board of trustees approved the resolution to add four negotiators to its team to negotiate

and bargain with the Washtenaw Community College A.F.S.C.M.E. Local 1921. This is the union chapter representing the custodial staff at WCC. The motion was granted to appoint Barbara Fillinger, director of Bud Pur Aux services; Michelle Benin, labor relations coordinator; and Todd Robinson, manager of building maintenance as negotiators and Marla E. Stuck, director of employee and labor relations as chief negotiator. It was unanimously passed, with quick "Yes" votes around the table.

The board of trustees approved the resolution to assign five negotiators to its team to negotiate with the Washtenaw Community College Education Association affiliated with the MEA/ NEA. The Michigan and national education associations were assigned negotiators for the wage reopener, and Trustee Dave DeVarti confirmed that this is to renegotiate the wages for faculty.

Michael Nealon, vice president for instruction; Valerie Greaves, dean of health sciences; Marla E. Stuck, director of employee and labor relations; and Michelle Benin, labor relations coordinator as negotiators; and Doug Kruzel, vice president of human resources as chief negotiator. It was another unanimous approval by the trustees.

#### 4. New Chief of Staff for PRESIDENT ROSE BELLANCA

According to Bellanca, Monique James has been at WCC since 2008 and has been serving as "director of lifelong learning, director of community enrichment, director of community development," and is now her new chief of staff.

This appointment is part of "the president's initiative of diversity and inclusion," one of the six initiatives at WCC, Bellanca said. The role James, who has a bachelor's degree in journalism and communication and a master's in social work, will be taking on has a larger responsibility list attached to the same title.

Her office will now be collaborating tasks with the Public Relations Department, working with people both inside and outside the college, and according to Bellanca, James can expect to work closely with Arnett Chisholm, dean of student diversity and inclusion.

This new appointment by Bellanca was well received around the table. Vice Chair Diana McKnight-Morton said of her first meeting with James, "She came around the table and shook all of our hands. That really impressed me."



"A future to believe in" signs are held in support of Bernie. ANDREI POP | WASHTENAW VOICE

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they'll forget, 'Oh, Tuesday is the primary, and my vote counts'," Clark said. "So our job is to make sure that those people who really do support Bernie, and that want to let their voice be heard, actually make it out."

Clark pointed out how voter turnout has been low for Democrats at the primaries thus far this election season.

"We're trying to make sure that all Americans are really involved in the political process because that's really what democracy is about – it's everyone's voice, not just a passionate few, but all of us."

From the numbers that poured into EMU's Convocation Center, those passionate about Sanders were far from few. One WCC biology major, 20-year-old Tom Devine, was one of the many high-energy rally attendees.

"It's a pretty big event," Devine said. "It seemed like something I would look back on in 20 years and say, I went there... His ideas are big, some people may say they're unrealistic, but if he could follow through with what he wants to do in this country that would be incredible."

-Additional reporting by Madi Tortora



Attendees of the food summit on WCC's campus stop a booth for the University of Michigan's food systems initiative. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

# Food Summit success

BY JENEE GREGOR

Contributor

The Food Summit brought people from all over the Washtenaw County region to connect about Local Food Movement. The Morris Lawrence building was a buzz with conversations on President's Day, Feb. 15, when the Food Summit took place. Nearly 300 people came to support the local food system and learn about how to better engage with the community.

Several sponsors presented their solutions and their assistance to the participants. Whole Foods, Zingermans, The People's Food Co-op, Grubbable and others had booths to educate and showcase their abilities to further the food movement.

Brenda Reau, the senior associate director for the Michigan State Product Center, came to share the advice being offered to the slow food community. "Slow food" is defined as, "food that is produced or prepared in accordance with local culinary traditions, typically using high-quality locally sourced ingredients."

MSPD offers free business counseling, help with feasibility studies and doing market research, as well as helping with food product nutrition labeling.

"We help between 40 and 80 businesses a year," Reau said.

One of their success stories was about local Saline Easy Artisan Bread Company that has grown into a commercial success and carried in 500-600 stores, Reau added.

The Youth Track, the children's educational program within the Food Summit, had 25 kids come to their section of the event.

"So far, so good," said Erica Shaver, one of the leaders and planners of this year's event.

Shaver shared that they did a food mapping activity with oatmeal and blueberries. They demonstrated where the food came from, where the blueberries and oats were grown to where they were distributed, and how far it had traveled to get to them at the table.

Two of the girls in the room were doing a food poetry activity with the other Youth Track leader, Nathan Wells, smelling and tasting different herbs or seasonings and describing them with a blindfold on.

"It feels like salt, but smells like pepper. It's earthy," said a girl participating in the activity.

Deb Lentz, one of the owners of Tantre Farm and the Washtenaw County Food Hub



The keynote speakers, from left, Stefanie Stauffer, Megan Deleeuw, and Shane Bernado at the 8th annual Homegrown Local Food Summit. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

has seen the growth of the slow food movement in her own farm.

"In 2001, we started the CSA, and in 2015 we were at 350 members," Lentz said.

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture and allows people to buy into farms for produce, or in some cases, provide labor for

produce from the farm. Slow Food Huron Valley is putting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CSA Fair allowing people to come and meet the farmers to find their "perfect food match" on March 20 at Cultivate Tap House in downtown Ypsilanti.

Cultivate Tap House was awarded a Local Food Victory for operating a volunteer-run establishment that contributes to making local food more available to the community. Other organizations were honored with their victories including: University of Michigan Sustainable Food organization, the Social Farmer Listserv, the Grange, the farm at St. Joe's, and the Mother Loaf of Breads a CSB, Community Sustained Bakery.

Stephanie Stauffer, an instructor at WCC and the moderator for the Key-note panel from Tillian Farm was very happy with the success of this event, and the new participants. "Culturally appropriate food access is the key phrase for me right now," Stauffer said.

She added that this event brought to light a lot of the issues of food sourcing.

She spoke about the urban agricultural movement in Detroit and was informing Detroit Chef, George Azar of all the local food resources available to him.

The Detroit local food event, Food For Change, nears taking place on March 10-11 at the College for Creative Studies.

# IN BRIEF

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

On March 5, shifts are available from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. for those interested in volunteering for Free College Day. For this event, WCC opens its doors to the community, offering an array of free classes. Volunteers will handle way-finding and registration. There is a critical training session on March 4 at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers will receive dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday and a T-shirt.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the WCC-UM hosted Science Fair on March 11 and 12. Volunteers will help with set-up, a special project, act as liaison between students and judges, as well as help pass out awards. Sign up on campus connect.

#### VICTOR GHANNAM, OUD **PLAYER:**

Victor Ghannam is a self-taught musician who has performed all over the world. He has been a featured artist on Xena: Warrior Princess, Hercules, and more. On Wednesday, March 16, Ghannam will play the Oud, an Arabic instrument, while two WCC students from Syria sing in their native language, from 12 -1:00 p.m. at the Java Spot.

#### **TALENT SHOW:**

On March 17, at 6 p.m., WCC hosts its talent show at the Towsley Auditorium in the ML Building. The show is free, open to the public and all ages are welcome to attend. A student is collecting canned and dry goods for Gleaners Food Pantry. Volunteers are also needed for ushering, crowd control and talent management.

#### **BUILDING FOR SUCCESS:**

The office of Student Organizations at Student Development and Activities presents the Expanding Potentials: Building for Success project. They invite all students, staff, and faculty interested in building their network to share their teamwork or leadership experience and find out about resources for success outside of the classroom to attend the three-session-long workshop. The sessions are on March 17 and 31, as well as, April 14, from 12:30 – 2 p.m. in LA 138. The event includes a free lunch.

-Sofia Lynch

# **Security Notes**

Feb. 15 - March 3

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

#### Larceny

On Feb. 13, an individual had their locker at the HFC broken into. The individual returned to his locker to find his wallet stolen. The larceny took place between 10:50 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The Washtenaw County Sheriff Department was contacted.

#### Larceny

On Feb. 15, an individual walked away from a backpack near the stairs in the Student Center, and discovered it missing upon their return. The incident was reported at 8:06 a.m. on Feb. 16

#### Larceny

On Feb. 17, between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., an individual left their wallet in their locker in the HFC and discovered it missing upon their return. The incident was reported on Feb. 18 at 5:21 p.m.

#### Larceny

On Feb. 17, between 12 and 5 p.m., an individual left their wallet in their locker in the HFC and discovered it missing upon their return. The incident was reported on Feb. 21 at 12:44 p.m.

#### Malicious destruction of property

On Feb. 18, an individual who parked in lot 6 discovered upon their return that the driver's side of their car had been keyed. The incident occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and was reported at 6:20 p.m.

#### **EDITORIAL**

# Will new WCCEA leadership team bring more progress?

'n light of the recent election of the president of Washtenaw Community College's Education Association Union, it's important to look at one of the many reasons this union is important. When a college has happy faculty members, chances are that happiness affects the classrooms.

It's no secret that the last few years have been a little rocky when it comes to the relationship between the WCCEA and the college's administration. The union has felt left out of important discussions when it comes to shared governance and decision-making, although it's been reported that communication is moving in a better direction.

As a result of complaints submitted by the WCCEA, the Higher Learning Commission requested that WCC President Rose Bellanca submit a report, by January 2016, outlining exactly how that communication has improved. The downside? There wasn't much collaboration. During the board of trustees' remarks at the Feb. 25 meeting, trustee Ruth Hatcher did verbalize her regret.

"I wish I had suggested a long time ago that the HLC report be done collaboratively with the faculty administration, and I think we missed an opportunity to do that," Hatcher

Although it was primarily the responsibility of the president to submit the report, working with the faculty would have further solidified movement in the right direction.

In Fitzpatrick's public comments during the Feb. 25 meeting, it was mentioned that in the last liaison meeting with Bellanca, she requested to meet with the group to discuss any concerns about the report. As of now, The Voice is unaware if the meeting has happened as of yet.

One could speculate with the past two presidents stepping down primarily because of stress, among other reasons, the position itself is not the most favorable one. However, as Duff pointed out, continual unopposed elections aren't healthy. This past election was rare according to him, by having more than one person in the running.

Now that Fitzpatrick is the new president, he along with his team and the administration, will be taking on the "HLC fiasco," as he calls it. Thus far, it's undetermined how faculty members will be compensated for going back to school to obtain the degrees needed to comply with HLC's

Compensating full-time instructors has been discussed, but he's also concerned about what is to be done with the part-time and adjunct faculty. As mentioned in the front page story, Fitzpatrick looks forward to working with the president to tackle issues affecting the well-being of the college. When these two parties can't find a middle ground, not only do neither of them benefit, but the backlash also trickles its way down the chain.

Despite rough patches in communication, the two groups are on the same page when it comes to at least one thing: students. We know that at the end of the day, the faculty and administration only have what's in our best interests at heart. But, that doesn't mean we can't worry about them as much as they worry about us.

#### **COLUMN**

# Sales tax on tampons takes its toll



MADI TORTORA

islation has been introduced pertaining to exempting feminine hygiene products, such as tampons and pads, from America's sales tax. The bill be-

gan in California, but has slowly made its way to other states, including Utah, New York and Virginia. Comparing tampons to groceries, both necessities one in the same, advocates believe that tampons should be tax free as well.

According to a press release by California Assembly member Cristina Garcia, on average, women in California pay about \$7 per month for 40 years of tampons and sanitary napkins. Statewide, it adds up "over \$20 million annually in taxes."

For starters, this is being conservative. An average box of tampons is yes, \$7 at your local Walgreens. But this is not including women who have heavier menstrual flow, who may actually need to use both tampons and pads together. A box of pads or panty liners at the local Walgreens also averages to cost about \$7.

So now, the bill is around \$14, and without even incorporating any pain medication, like Midol for example. 40 capsules of Midol costs approximately \$8.99 at this same, aforementioned Walgreens. The customer is now walking out of the store, having spent about \$22.99 to last maybe a month. As broken down by a Huffington Post article, being a woman costs approximately \$18,171 from age 13-51, because of extra items such as heating pads, chocolate, birth control, and extra underwear (which all women know is inevitable).

Essentially, we as women are being taxed for being...well, women. It's difficult to believe

Recently, leg- that tampons and pads are a luxury item to anyone, especially women. But this tax does not just end here. This 'gender tax' or 'pink tax' makes female specific things higher in price. For example, a Schick Hydro Silk razor that is specified for women is \$9.97, whereas one specified for a man is \$8.56. At Target, a Radio Flyer My First Scooter in red is \$24.99, whereas a pink, girl-specified scooter of the same brand is \$49.99. Although this is not true for every single male specific item, it's important to face the facts.

> According to a study of gendered pricing released by New York City Department of Consumer Affairs last year, shampoo and conditioner marketed to women cost an average of 48 percent more than those marketed to men, while women's jeans cost 10 percent more than men's, and girls' bikes and scooters cost 6 percent more than boys'. Overall, the study found products marketed to women cost more 42 percent of the time.

> Women have, in response to this, began buying male-specific products to prove that, although one product may be pink, they work the same. Many women have even found that the male specific products even perform better.

> The issue here lies in the fact that women already statistically make less money than men, and are being charged more for the same product. The cost of being a female consumer is getting higher and higher over time.

> All around us, women are standing together against inequality. By tweeting #gendertax and #pinktax, they are bringing awareness to the situation and calling for an end to luxury taxing on necessary items and gendered pricing. By doing this, it shows the world that we see what's going on, and there will be no more standing by as it happens.

#### -COLUMN-

### Why high school education isn't perfect



**SOFIA LYNCH** 

High school: just the mention of it can send a shiver of bad memories down a person's spine. Although some people may look back on their teen years and consid-

er them their best years, their high school education probably wasn't to thank for that. Due to the mental limits it pushes, the poorly-placed focus, and the lack of true college preparation, a high school education as we know it today isn't picture perfect and may be working against the way students and their bodies work.

Though many stressful high school flashbacks involve flinch-worthy rejections or party invites not received, school itself is one of the leading causes of students' stress.

A survey by the American Psychological Association found that nearly half of all teens -45 percent - said they were stressed by school pressures. A new NPR poll, conducted with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health, found that in most cases with high schoolers experiencing stress, that stress is from academics, not social issues or bullying.

On average, ninth through 12th grade teachers report assigning 3.5 hours worth of homework a week, according to the University of Phoenix. Not so bad, right? Well, those hours were reported for individual teachers, so for a high schooler with six classes, that adds up to an average of 21 hours of homework per week.

According to an aforementioned NPR poll, 38 percent of first through 12th grade students spend 7 – 7.5 hours in school. So, once again, let's look at the numbers. There are 21.5 hours left in a high schooler's week if you subtract the hours spent at school and on school work, the hours of the weekend, and the recommended eighthour minimum a teen should sleep. Considering these numbers, that leaves approximately 4.3 hours for a student to take to themselves on a school day.

Those 4.3 hours, however, are not decidedly "free" time. With the prospect of

college weighing on a lot of high school students, many try to bulk up their future college applications with extracurricular activities or part-time jobs. Factoring the possibility of those after school endeavours, a student's free time is down to about nothing.

On top of having minimal free time, teenagers have such an issue with getting enough sleep that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calls it an "epidemic," according to the Society of Science. SOS also cited the American Academy of Pediatrics, who reported that classes starting earlier than 8:30 a.m. can throw off a student's circadian clock.

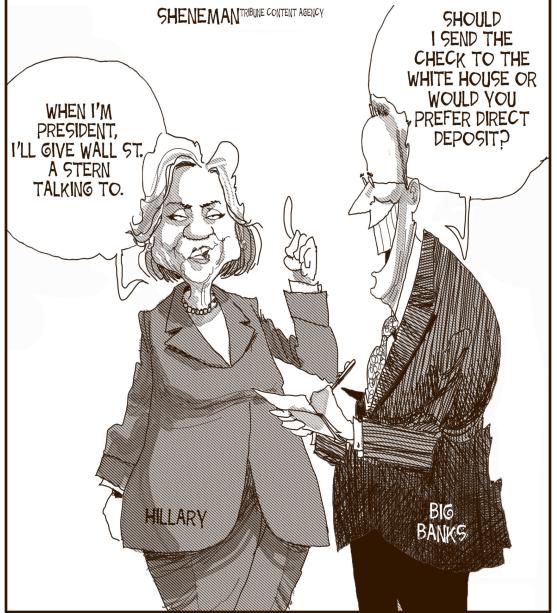
Sleep is precious, especially when one is already under a lot of stress. If a student stays up late doing homework or has to wake up especially early to catch the bus, by the time they've dragged themselves to a 7 a.m. class, their learning capability is shot – especially with a challenging course, like chemistry. In its formal statement, the AAP "urges high schools and middle schools to aim for start times that allow students the opportunity to achieve optimal levels of sleep."

An infamous child psychologist, David Elkind, was quoted in Psychology Today saying, "Parents and schools are no longer geared toward child development, they're geared to academic achievement."

Less than half of high school students feel positively about their college and career readiness, according to a YouthTruth study. So students are graduating feeling unprepared for the world that high school graduation spits them out into, and thus our future workforce takes their first steps into the adult world blindly.

Considering 30 percent of college and university students drop out after just one year, as reported by College Atlas, it's clear that the way high school is run isn't effective for the way that students are physiologically composed, or for properly equipping them with all of the skills necessary to make it through college.

Everyone has something wince worthy they remember about high school. Don't make your children or future children wince at crippling stress or missed college opportunities; let them wince at awkward dances and poorly timed zits, like a kid should.



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Life for a college student can be stressful. There are always classes to attend, homework to finish and studying to do. In order to relieve the stress, students need places to hang out and collaborate on school projects. I believe a new location for students to gather and enjoy themselves would be beneficial.

There is a library at Washtenaw Community College for studying, but silence is required there. The forbidden verbal communication in the library makes it difficult for students to communicate or socialize there. There are not many places on campus designated for a group of people to gather and enjoy themselves.

This idea of a location for a student hangout reminded me of how much I enjoyed playing on a McDonald's PlayPlace when I was younger. One of my favorite parts of the McDonald's PlayPlace was the canvas cylindrical net. Something about being suspended in the air and held up by ropes with your friends was fantastic.

My idea for a fun hangout location would be a big net in which students could relax and socialize. In the LA building there is a wide open space that would be ideal for a net. A sturdy, safe net could be strung from one end of the open space to the other to provide a perfect place for students to sit.

This net would be a perfect place for students to gather and spend quality time together. Similar to how I was reminded of the fun I had at McDonald's when I was younger, it may also remind other students of their fond childhood memories. It would be a safe and fun "PlayPlace" for college

> -John Manwiller 17, Finance, Westland



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# What you need to know before heading to the ballot box

# Election officials expect 25–30 percent voter turnout

**BY IVAN FLORES**Staff Writer

This Tuesday, Michigan voters have the chance to tell the nation who they want to see as the Republican and Democratic presidential nominees. 25 to 30 percent of registered Washtenaw County voters are expected to participate in the primary.

There's more on the ballot than the presidential candidates. Edward Golembiewski, director of elections for Washtenaw County, provided information about the ballot details.

#### The Ballots

Michigan is having a closed primary. This means that there are three types of ballots: Republican, Democratic, and one that contains only local proposals. Because there is no pre-registration in Michigan, voters must

declare what type of ballot they want, and this decision will be a matter of public record. The state will keep track of who votes with a Democratic or a Republican ballot, and this information can be accessible to anyone. However, the information is not posted anywhere, and the candidate that an individual votes for remains confidential.

Open primaries are different. The ballots in an open primary contain both Democratic and Republican candidates on a single ballot, along with any other local issues up for a vote.

#### The Candidates

The ballot was finalized in December, and Michigan law prohibits changes after the deadline. As a result, the names of candidates who have dropped out will appear on the ballots.

#### The Proposals

There are three millage renewals proposed: one for the entire county, one for Pittsfield Charter Township, and one for Clinton Community Schools. A millage is another term for tax. These taxes are levied on homes and other real estate.

The county-wide millage renewal would fund emergency communication infrastructure. It's a .2 mill tax. That's 20 cents per every \$1,000 of taxable value. The millage would be in place for those years. It's expected to raise about \$30 million over 10 years. The money would be used to maintain and upgrade 911 dispatch centers, and radio equipment for police, fire, and ambulance agencies, among others.

Pittsfield Charter Township residents vote on a proposal to renew a tax for maintaining, developing and acquiring parks and recreational facilities. The millage represents \$0.4855 (a tax of about 48 cents) per \$1,000 of taxable value. If approved, the tax would be in effect for 10 years. The expected revenue for 2016, the first year, is \$849,464.

The millage renewal for Clinton Community Schools would provide additional operating funding for the school district that takes in parts of Washtenaw and Lenawee counties. The millage-represents a tax of \$18 for every \$1,000 of taxable valuation and would last through 2016. The estimated revenue is \$947,703.

#### Nominees in the running:

Republicans:

Democrats:

Ted Cruz John Kasich Marco Rubio Donald Trump Hillary Clinton Bernie Sanders

#### **Dropped Nominees:**

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Democrats:

Jeb Bush Ben Carson Chris Christie Carly Fiorina Lindsey Graham Mike Huckabee Bobby Jindal George Pataki

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# County voters to decide on tax renewal for 911 communication

BY IVAN FLORES
Staff Writer

10 years ago, a county-wide tax was passed that funded the consolidation of emergency response communication systems. The millage originally paid for seven radio towers, 2,325 mobile radios for use in the field by emergency responders and ongoing maintenance of the system. The levy is set to expire at the end of the year. The county is seeking to renew it to upgrade and maintain its infrastructure for the next 10 years.

Jack Ceo is a technical service assistant for Pittsfield Charter Township, and is employed by Washtenaw County to manage the county's 800 MHZ radio system. Speaking about the network, he had this to say:

"It's a radio system that allows interoperability...everybody has the same kind of radio, so police can talk to fire, fire can talk to police, they can talk to the ambulance service, they can talk to the helicopters, and the air ambulances. It's a real step up from what we used to have."

Before the Enhanced Emergency

Communication System came into existence, individual police departments had their own radio systems. They could not readily communicate with each other, or with other emergency response services.

Chuck Bartenslager is a dispatcher for the Pittsfield Police. He remembers the days before the EECS was implemented.

If there was an emergency, he recalled, he would have to pick up the phone and individually call whatever agencies needed to be notified; the sheriff, fire departments, local police, and ambulance services.

"Now, I can say something on the radio and every emergency response personnel in the county can hear me," Bartenslager said.

The new radios also improved the quality of the communication.

Bartenslager said, We often couldn't hear police officers in buildings. They would have to step out in order to communicate. The new 800MHz radios are so clear, that I can hear and understand firefighters inside of buildings, even with their voices muffled by their equipment.

According to Jack Ceo, the EECS is a subset of the Michigan Public Safety Communication

System. The state has radio infrastructure in every county that allows agencies like the State Police and the Michigan Department of Transportation to talk to each other. Individual cities and counties can pay the state to be part of this network. The law enforcement and EMS agencies in those places can in turn communicate with each other. This allows for closer collaboration in emergencies.

During the 2012 Dexter tornado, the fire chief in charge of managing the disaster was able to do so effectively because of the EECS infrastructure. He coordinated with various agencies, including State Police, the Washtenaw County Road Commission, ambulance services, and local police and fire departments. No lives were lost during that incident.

However, to maintain the infrastructure, the hardware has to be upgraded.

All the 911 systems and the dispatch centers of Washtenaw County are out of date," Ceo said. "Milan went ahead and upgraded theirs, but all the others need to be upgraded. They've all been notified that this year they're going unsupported because they're old."

The radios being currently in use have been

discontinued and need to be replaced too.

If the millage renewal doesn't happen, Ceo says, "It would probably be a cascading series of failures... The whole concept of interoperability would begin to degrade."

The renewal of the millage would pay for more than replacing the current radios and maintaining the towers. The 911 network would be upgraded to an Internet Protocol system that would allow dispatch centers to receive texts, photographs, and videos. Fire departments that rely on volunteers would be able to replace currently unreliable pagers. The new pagers would work on the 800MHz system and allow volunteers hear real-time information. In addition, the money would pay for radios to be placed in all the school buildings around the county. This would give schools the capability to communicate directly with law enforcement and other agencies in case of an emergency.

Exactly how much does all of this cost? "It's relatively inexpensive," Ceo said.

It's a .2 annual mill. That's \$0.2 per every \$1,000 of taxable value. For a home with a market value of \$200,000, that's \$20 a year, or about \$1.67 per month.

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# Knowledge propels student to succeed across the globe

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN Contributor

Jessica Bibbee, a fulltime graphic design student at Washtenaw Community College, is using her worldwide life experiences to help shape her future. According to Bibbee, she is here to advance her creative and technical skill set.

A high school graduate from Howell, Bibbee attended Michigan Tech University and graduated with a mechanical engineering technology degree that she took to China in 1999.

Her maiden voyage was originally a three-month internship, but that trip to China became an inspiration for her five years living intermittently throughout Asia.

"After I graduated, I quit my job, I took my savings and instead of buying a house, I moved to China. That sevenmonth trip (in 2008) turned into four years."

Both a photographer and a writer, Bibbee's work can



Jessica Bibbee, 38, a graphic design technology student of Ypsilanti Township who works for On the record and the WCC Foundation. GRAY BANCROFT WASHTENAW VOICE

be found in the WCC publication, On the Record, as of this February.

Her first interview was with WCC Student Aldin Fafulovic for a profile piece.

"It was easy to connect with her, and the interview felt more like a good hang out than anything else. She's easygoing and a good listener as well," Fafulovic said.

Her writings can be found in different online platforms as well - one being a blog titled after her Chinese name, "Cloud Clear," where she writes aphorisms and universal truths.

According to the BBC website, which has published Bibbee's photography as the opening piece to a collection, "The picture of the Reed Flute Caves of Guilin in China by Jessica Bibbee starts our readers' gallery focusing on the theme blue."

Bibbee has had a serious interest in photography since her 2008 trip to China.

"I took about 50,000 pictures between 2008 and 2011," Bibbee said.

Living with a student visa or work visa meant Bibbee had restrictions on how long she could be in the country at one time. According to the Chinese embassy, you can obtain a visa for multiple entries over 30 days and up to 12 months or more.

"I had to leave the country every few months, so I took full advantage of it and traveled," Bibbee said.

Bibbee visited India, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Tibet.

"This experience allows her to understand the cultural



The Reed Flute Caves of Guilin in China. COURTESY | JESSICA BIBBEE

differences in communication and the ability to appreciate the rich diversity on our campus," said Susan Ferraro, WCC's director of media relations, whom Bibbee works under as a work study student.

Bibbee finds her Zen practicing Kirigami, the Japanese paper cutting art form. She discovered this herself during her downtime in China, and later was told about the Japanese culture also embracpreviously discovered in another culture strengthens Bibbee's belief in a connected world.

"Things that come to mind, or things that I produce creatively aren't necessarily owned by me, but they are just these universal truths that exist and come out," she said.

Transferring ideas and inspiration across the globe, Bibbee has been enjoying her return and the opportunities that she has discovered at WCC.

"I would rather take the seven-cent bus, than the three dollar taxi (in China); if you want the five star version, go to New York City. That's five star, but not authentic."

–Jessica Bibbee

ing this delicate art form.

"I found this paper made of rice, and I just started folding and cutting. I thought I had created this really cool thing, and then it turns out the Japanese have been doing it for thousands of years," Bibbee said.

Bibbee taught a three-hour workshop on Kirigami at WCC last month.

Her self-invented art being

She returned to the United States to become a caregiver for her elderly grandparents and gained what Bibbee called, "a great time with family, and a whole new experience."

Although on the opposite end of the linear spectrum from her engineering background skill set, she feels the involvement strengthened her full potential.

"I don't have 10 years linear experience," Bibbee said, but what she does have is recognition from all facets of her life that she can do what she puts her mind to.

"I am doing less of that now and looking for full-time employment," Bibbee said.

Kristine Willimann, a digital media arts instructor, wrote Bibbee a recommendation letter for the WCC Foundation scholarship, and Bibbee became a recipient in October

"We are delighted to have Jessica Bibbee as a work study student in the public relations department," Ferraro said.

Ferraro described Bibbee's skill set as unique, and can see Bibbee has a bright future ahead of her.

"This is a position that has

me taking a lot of my skills, and letting me execute them," Bibbee said

As a new journalist, Bibbee is experiencing the job on a professional level.

"It's turned out to be a great opportunity for me. Last Thursday, I got to interview Joe Nader, head chef of the Detroit Lions, who just sent me an article written about him in Sports Illustrated," said Bibbee.

Because of her diverse background attending universities both here and in China, Bibbee will be paying special attention to the candidate's education platforms in the upcoming election, "Education is extremely important, especially with how fast technology is changing, your skill set has to constantly be growing."



Kirigami is the art of cutting paper and is something Jessica Bibbee, 38, a Graphic Design student of Ypsilanti Township brought back with her after living in Asia. COURTESY | JESSICA BIBBEE

# WCC talent put on display in annual art show

BY JENEE GREGOR ContributorAND EVANS KOUKIOS Contributor

this year's 2016 Washtenaw Community College Student Art Show arrived just before the Feb. 18 deadline for what promises to be an exciting show for students to display art and compete for prizes.

Allison Fournier, chair of the Humanities Department, described a big change this year.

"We moved the traditional time from July, during the summer term, to March in the winter term. We just had a workshop to help students mount their works for display and we'll have another group of students helping with the installation of the pieces starting the end of February," Fournier said.

This will help train WCC students in production of a show like this. Kristin Good, dean of arts and sciences, speaks positively on this year's changes.

"This student art show is a fantastic way to show the college community the depth and breadth of our art program at WCC. I am proud of the work that will be displayed and appreciate the efforts of the faculty for moving this forward," Good said. "It is exciting to have it in such a high profile location this year for maximum exposure."

Belinda McGuire, a 28-year

employee with the college art faculty, said the school has at least 50 easels and 10 podiums that will be used to display student works for this juried show. With Final submissions for the excitement of the show in the winter term, there are more entries than space available, so WCC's faculty will go through a preselection process.

The pieces had to made by a student, in a WCC class, that has been graded by an instructor in order to be submitted for the show. The art ranges from fine art, to 3-D digital painting, photography and more. 80 – 100 submissions were received.

Though there is no set number of pieces that can be posted, they plan to put up as much art as possible.

"What I am going to be looking for is balance in the show, in terms of students represented, classes represented and levels represented. We want representation of the entire curriculum, from Art 101 students all the way to Painting II and Life Drawing II," McGuire said.

Bella Pense, a Washtenaw Technical Middle College student, and her friend and fellow WTMC student, Rosie Van Alsburg, were walking around looking at the art on the first day the show was open, March 3.

"It's nice to have (student) art around," Van Alsburg said, commenting about the lack of art nearby in the Student Center.

"I really like it, it makes me want to take an art class," Pense said. She has been there more than once looking at the different pieces.

McGuire mentioned the prizes have been made possible because of the support from Good, as well as, WCC's President Rose Bellanca's office.

This year, three sets of first, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the categories of "2-D," "3-D" and "Digital Arts." First place winners will get a four-credit class tuition scholarship at WCC, second place winners will receive a \$200 gift certificate from Blick's Art Supplies, and third place winners will get a gift certificate for the Art Center of Ann Arbor.

The show will be juried by a group of unbiased professionals in the art community who are not affiliated with the school itself. Their professional art backgrounds vary, including: drawing, ceramic, sculpture, painting, industrial design, and graphic design.

The art show runs March 3-31 on the second floor of the Student Center Building. The prize winners will be announced on March 16 at 6 p.m. at a free reception that runs from 5 – 7 p.m. at the site of the show. The public is invited for this showcase of WCC student artwork, not only at the reception but throughout the month of March.



Rosie Van Alsburg, 16, WTMC student and Bella Pense, 17, WTMC student, check out the opening of the Art Show on the 2nd floor of the Student Center building. ANDREI POP | WASHTENAW VOICE

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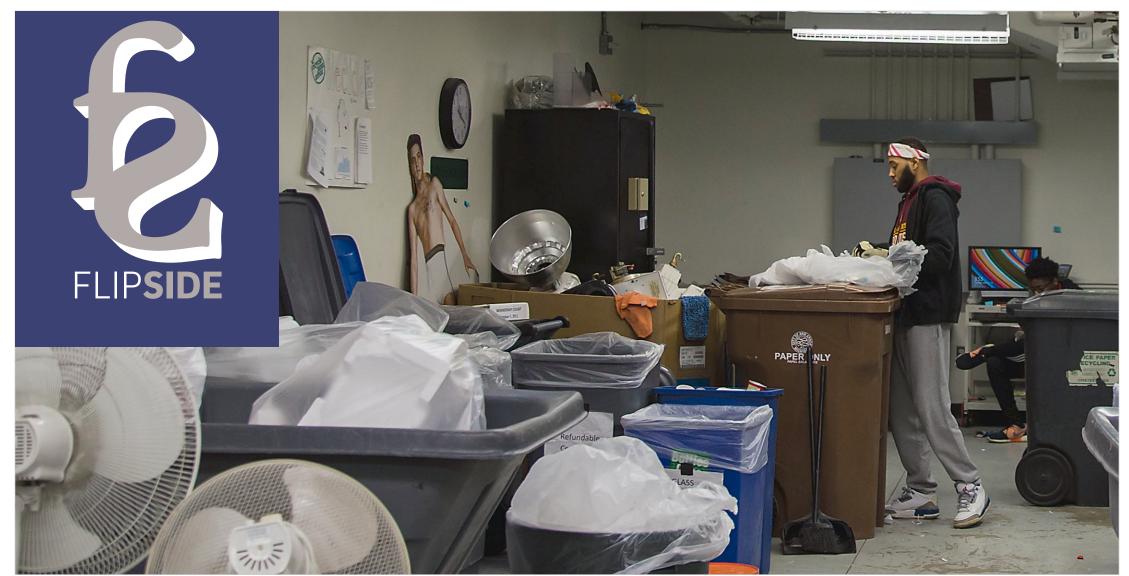


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Dominique Bonner, 24, a mass communication student of Ann Arbor in the Washtenaw Community College recycle center. ANDREI POP | WASHTENAW VOICE

# WCC competes in annual RecycleMania event

BY IVAN FLORES Staff Writer

Ever wonder what happens to those half-full bottles of soda or coffee cups that get thrown away? There's a room in the Technical Industrial building where a handful of students rescue those containers and many other materials, putting them on track to be appropriately recycled. Their efforts are particularly important now. Washtenaw

Community College is in the midst of competing with hundreds of other colleges in the United States and Canada in an annual event, RecycleMania.

RecycleMania originated as a faceoff between Ohio University and Miami University in 2001. Since then, it has grown into a major eight-week tournament with two divisions and several categories in each. During that period of time, schools report

the weight of their waste and recyclables. This year's tournament began on Feb. 8 and will end on April 2. The goals of RecycleMania are to promote awareness for recycling programs and to encourage students to avoid unnecessary waste.

Last year, WCC placed 49th out of 232 colleges in the main category: Grand Champion. 46 percent of all waste generated by the college was recycled or composted.

"Not bad," said Barry Wilkins, head of WCC's recycling operations. "But, we can do better."

He explained that besides doing well in RecycleMania, or simply helping the environment, there's a financial incentive to recycle.

"We pay to get rid of trash on this campus (but) our recyclables are revenue generators. Our goal

is to (eventually) get to an 80, 90 percent recycling rate," he said.

The revenue depends on the market price for commodities, but it can range anywhere from \$25,000 to \$40,000 with the current recycling rate, according to Wilkins.

But for him, it's not about the money. He wants to engage the students, and give them opportunities to work and become more environmentallyconscious people.

Charles Roberson, a fashion design student, works at the school's recycling center. He's one of the people in charge of auditing the contents of recycling bins across campus.

"You can recycle almost anything," Roberson said.

To spread awareness about recycling on campus, the WCC Students for Recycling have set up a table in the Student Center. ANDREI POP | WASHTENAW VOICE "Sometimes it gets messy, but

> it's going really well." His sentiments are echoed by Dominique Bonner, another student worker at the recycling center.

> "It's not as bad as people might think...It's a learning experience, what's recyclable and what's not. It's not one of those things that people don't think about - it affects everybody on every level," Bonner said.

Heather Adkins works for Wilkins as a sort of public relations specialist. Her job is to raise awareness for RecycleMania and to engage the general student population. She's teamed up with WCC's Graphic Design Club to make posters for the event. Part of her efforts have

included getting sponsorships from local business like Planet Rock and the Ark. Students who are caught recycling may be given raffle tickets for chances to win prizes from those businesses.

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"When in doubt, recycle," Adkins said. " Pretty much everything in a Subway bag, including the bag, can be recycled... Aluminum is infinitely recyclable... Someone at the recycling center will make sure it ends up in the right place."

Because WCC takes its material directly to recycling centers, it can accept things that aren't recyclable at home, like styrofoam. However, please be nice to the recycling center workers, and make sure those bottles are empty.



# Separating the different plastic bottles, cans, and containers is an important step to recycling. ANDREI POP | WASHTENAW VOICE

'I am motivated to give back to the community and WCC' says active student volunteer

BY JENELLE FRANKLIN Contributor

Before he started taking classes at Washtenaw Community College, alongside volunteering on campus each semester, Ayowole Oladeji was living in Nigeria, speaking Yoruba as his primary language, English as his second,

and dreaming of a place with opportunities, which he has found at WCC.

"My twin brother once told me, 'Don't ever take what you have for granted,"" said Oladeji, WCC general studies major.

According to the 2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics report, Oladeji is part of the 21.9 percent of the population who are ages 16-24 and who volunteer.

"Ayowole is the kind of student you hope to meet in a higher edu-

cation career. For instance, it comes to college-sponsored he has a sincere appreciation for Washtenaw Community College," Rachel Barsch, WCC's coordinator of student

activities said.

"Giving back and helping people is a passion of mine, for as long as I remember," Oladeji

When Oladeji signs up to help with an event or club, it is well received by the WCC staff.

"He is overly thankful for the experiences he has found here...He is very excitable when

Ayowole Oladeji, 41, a general studies student of Ann Arbor volunteers his time around WCC's campus. GRAY BANCROFT | WASHTENAW VOICE

events, particularly volunteer or service events," Barsch

Aside from being motivated

tual, according to Barsch.

"He signs up for many oncampus volunteer opportunities and always shows up - often early as he is very eager — and that follow-through is very appreciated by volunteer coordinators, like myself," she said.

"Ayowole has a big smile for everyone and makes a wonderful greeter at events. We, in turn, are grateful for his commitment to WCC and to his fellow students," Barsch said.

Oladeji is getting his general studies courses underway at WCC, with plans to transfer soon, and finds 30-40 hours each semester to volunteer around campus.

Planning on transferring to Eastern Michigan University as early as fall 2016, Oladeji has kept his volunteerism eagerness, and continues to see it as an essential component to

"I am motivated to give back to the community and WCC," Oladeji said.

He speaks fondly of fellow volunteers who have worked alongside him at events like the recent 30th annual Mardi Gras; where he helped out with coat check and serving food, while he enjoyed the chance

and friendly, Oladeji is punc- to mingle with different people from different places.

Oladeji's favorite event to volunteer at so far has been Free College Day – a day where the community can sign up to attend college for the day at no

"I like that you get to invite the community in, and let them experience what college free day is all about, it's love," Oladeji said.

Oladeji utilizes the Writing Center, and is thankful to Thomas Zimmerman for his effort and time.

"I go to the Writing Center for help with all my pieces," Oladeji said.

Oladeji provides help to the Poetry Club, and was excited to have some of his works published in The Big Woods Review in fall 2015.

Of the published pieces, "'Darkness Falls Over the Woods' is his favorite," Oladeji

He enjoys the feeling he gets when he can make someone on every level smile.

"I always want to help people, make them feel like they are part of the community, even if just helping an organization," he said.

According to Oladeji, his volunteer work is highly enjoyable.



Volunteers give their time to help WCC. COURTESY | RACHEL BARSCH

It has brought him experiences such as a luncheon with WCC President Rose Bellanca and he received a certificate signed by her after being part of the Diversity Extravaganza in November of 2015.

"Dancing is also one of my passions," Oladeji said. He enjoyed performing a dance in the extravaganza, and plans to participate again this year.

Outside of WCC, Oladeji has spent time helping children from around the world through Excel Academy in Ann Arbor.

"We help young kids from different countries come together and learn to read and

write," Oladeji said.

As a member of the English as a Second Language book club, Oladeji sees the meetings as, "a way to meet different people from around the world, sharing how the experience here is, and

what the world is like." Aside from just reading,

Oladeji hopes the ESL Book Club is interested in hosting other future events.

On a recent trip to Ohio to visit NASA with his fellow Phi Theta Kappa members, Oladeji enjoyed getting a behind-thescenes look at the computers and technology used to send people into space inside the control room.

March 4 and 5, Oladeji plans to help on campus with early enrollment.

"Just trying to make sure I am balancing everything out. That is why any time I join an organization on campus, I am full of energy and excited to be helping out. It's so good to see smiles on people's faces when you volunteer," Oladeji said.

### MOVIE REVIEW

#### **"WHERE TO INVADE NEXT"**

**GENRE: DOCUMENTARY** RATING: R SHOWING AT ANN ABROR'S **STATE THEATER** 

MICHAEL MOORE'S MOST DANGEROUS COMEDY



BY EVANS KOUKIOS Contributor

Ann Arbor is home to two specialty movie theaters, the State Theater and the Michigan Theater. Michael Moore's "Where to Invade Next" recently opened at the State on Feb. 13.

"Where to Invade Next" is Moore's latest film after a sixyear hiatus since "Capitalism: A Love Story" was released Sept. 23, 2009. Moore, born in Flint, Michigan in 1954, has been prolific as a journalist, author, screenwriter, documentary filmmaker, television commentator, actor and political activist. His latest movie is a mature synthesis of his many talents.

Moore takes a scholarly, sociological approach to a multitude of current social problems. He contrasts our approach to fixing these problems to solutions in places he visits on his tour of other countries. He couches the tour as a fanciful exercise of "invading," not

to plunder their riches or protect some misguided notion of our nationalism, but to understand the social ideas they have found to improve the lot of their citizens.

He first interviews a married couple in Italy who get up to eight weeks a year off from work, to vacation, make love and enjoy life. The interview makes us compare our system of employee wages and benefits, where workers are beaten down and driven to take multiple jobs with no benefits.

In Slovenia, he finds that all higher education is free and even American students who transfer to that country get the same free college education. There is no student debt and no drag on productivity and mental health.

He finds that Portugal has decriminalized all drugs and drug addiction is treated as a medical problem with success.

In Norway, he finds a prison system that treats criminals with suburban creature comforts. This, of course, is polar opposite to the "cruel and unusual punishment" that can be dished out in our American jails-for-profit system.

In Tunisia, women's health and fair treatment is a right, and if compromised at all, will spur revolts. Closing Planned Parenthood Clinics would not be tolerated for one minute

over there.

In Iceland, perpetrators of the bank frauds that required US. bank bailouts by our government, led to convictions of the white collar criminals and replacement of all of the executives with ethical women.

"Where to Invade Next" is a masterful piece of sociology wrapped in a fanciful, artistic story container. Michael Moore is a charming narrator and actor, and the people he interviews are real, genuine and thoughtful. The two hours of film viewing go by quickly.

His concluding segment on the taking down of the Berlin Wall in Germany brings home the stark contrast of fixing societal problems here. Donald Trumps' tea-party rhetoric for building a wall on the Mexican border (and making the Mexicans pay for it) shows no lesson learned from history.

Two thumbs up and I even applauded when it ended on my visit to the State Theater's

I'd make it mandatory viewing for Trump, his supporters and all members of our Congress and government.

It's R rating for very brief documentary nudity and violence is also misguided. It should be viewed and discussed in all of our public schools for its thought provoking and artistic qualities.



The State Theater in downtown Ann Arbor is Showing Michael Moore's new movie "Where to Invade Next". EVANS KOUKIOS | WASHTENAW VOICE

# FEATURED TEACHER

BY MICHAEL MISHLER Contributor

**INSTRUCTOR**: Michael Naylor CLASS: Director of music for the Performing Arts Department Employee of WCC for 20 years

Q: What attracted you to teaching at WCC, rather than a larger university?

A: Well, I actually was at a university. I was teaching at Wayne State. What attracted me first was that they had a music professor here by the name of Morris Lawrence and he saw music from the perspective that both European and African music are both equally valid, and I thought that was important. The other aspect is that I really like community college because of all the ages and all the demographics. The focus for us is entirely on education, not just self-promotion.

Q: What do you most enjoy doing in your spare time?

A: Traveling. We created a project where we went to 48 countries, so I really love traveling, seeing new places, meeting new people, eating new food and hearing new music.

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

A: Follow your heart and make sure that you do what you really, really love. I think I did do that and I am glad where I ended up, but I think I would've had a lot less anxiety if I would've known that as long as I'm true to myself, everything would work out. There were times when I was worried it wouldn't, but it all worked

Q: What would you say is the biggest key to a student's success at WCC?

A: I think they have to know themselves really well first and spend some energy doing that. In other words, spend some time looking at what they're good at, what they're not, what they struggle with. The other thing is don't listen to what other people say in terms of what's best



for you based on money and power, but make sure you follow your internal voice. If you really feel that you want to do something creative, do it.

Q: If you could meet any famous figure, living or dead, who and why?

**A:** I guess I would've liked to have met Nelson Mandela, because I just thought he had this personality that was so calm and so centered, yet he still had this sense of advocacy. I would also like to meet some jazz and classical musicians, so if I could throw in Beethoven and Miles Davis, I'd probably like to meet them too.

**Q**: What is your favorite movie and why?

A: I love fantasy movies and things like that. I love the "Lord of the Rings" movies where there's deep stories and imagination and stuff, I love those. You know, "Star Wars" and whatever, that's cool too, but "Lord of the Rings" is the best.

Q: What is the most interesting thing you've seen/heard on the news lately?

A: I think one of the things that really troubles me is that people think in a rectangular fashion of either this or this, so when I look at the Republicans and the Democrats and I look at the way they isolate themselves in conservative and liberal rhetoric, it really troubles me that they're setting a precedent for young people to isolate themselves under the belief that you have to be one or the other (you can't be conservatively liberal, or liberally conservative). You can't be a variety of things, but you have to pick one and narrow your guidelines, and I think that sets a really bad precedent for young people.

# Books are not the only thing to check out in the Bailey Library this spring

BY COLIN MACDOUGALL Contributor

portant not only for your own health, but for the people in the environment around you," says Sandy McCarthy, of the Sustainability Council of Washtenaw Community College Food and Agriculture division. The SCWCC have announced that on March 15 students, faculty, staff and the community will be able to borrow not only books from the Richard Bailey Library, but also seeds.

SandyMcCarthy and Maureen Perault are two librarians who are in charge of the Food and Agriculture division of the Sustainability Council.

"Our goals include the seed library and to promote healthy eating on campus," Perault said. "We are trying to teach people

The SCWCC looks to use open-pollinated, open-sourced heirloom seeds.

"Which are because of the whole genetically modified organism movement like Monsanto, and producers like that are wiping out the biodiversity, they are developing these seeds to be more disease resistant and it's affecting them," McCarthy said. "When you really look into those GMO seeds, they are pumping into them Round-up and stuff like that - that's what's in the seed," Perault said. "Then you're eating the pesticide and herbicides," McCarthy added.

The SCWCC ended up buying from two local seed providers, Ann Arbor Seed Company and Nature and Nurture Seed

foods and teach them how to be "the seeds are proven to be very nustians, and marigolds that said. "The whole idea is, you but we are looking to outreach a little more sustainable them-successful in this area in their are edible, and also keep in-borrow the seeds, return them this program into the commu-"Our food choices are im-selves," McCarthy said. heirloom varieties."

"The seed library will be self-sustaining and self help. Take what you need as needed," Perault said. The seeds will be packaged with what the SCWCC feels is a good amount of seeds in a little envelope. It will have enough to get any small backyard garden started this spring. Instructions are included on how to start growing the seed.

The seeds in the library will be classed from "easy to grow," like spinach and lettuce, to more intermediate, with the most difficult to grow being tomatoes. They aren't directly sown, but actually have to start being grown indoors and then transplanted outdoors. The seed library will not only have vegetables in it, but herbs and

Bella Pense, a 17 year-old liberal arts major from Ann Arbor and an avid gardener says, "I'm going to take advantage of (the seed library)." Last year, Pense grew tomatoes, cilantro, basil, thyme and lavender in her garden.

"I think that the seed library brings an awesome opportunity for students to learn about growing their own food," said Emily Freeland, a 22 year-old nutrition major from Blissfield. "With resources like the seed library, and they (SCWCC) are also going to have workshops to teach those students how to use those resources."

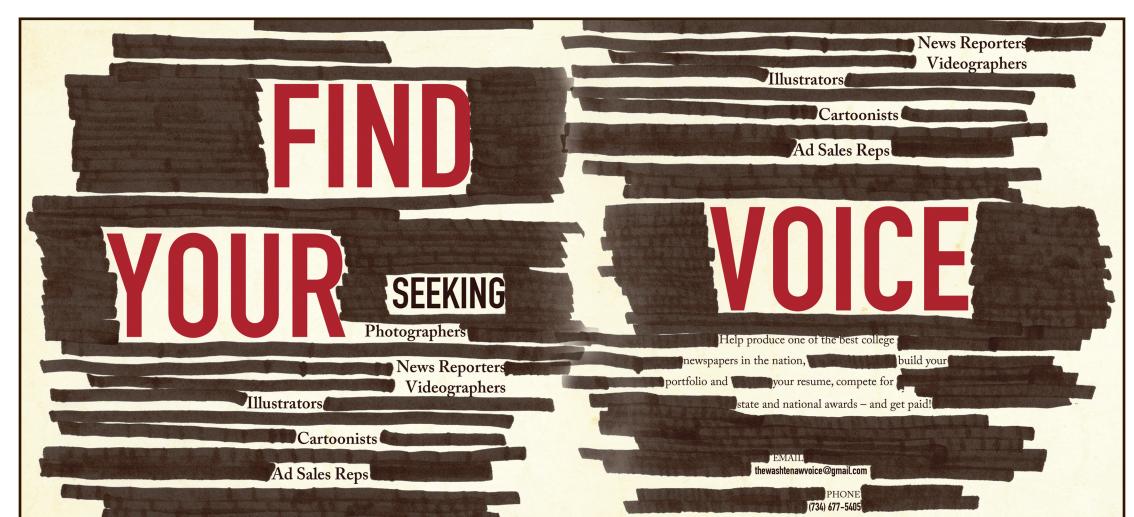
"We are hoping at the end of the season to teach people to save their seeds (from their garden) and return them (to

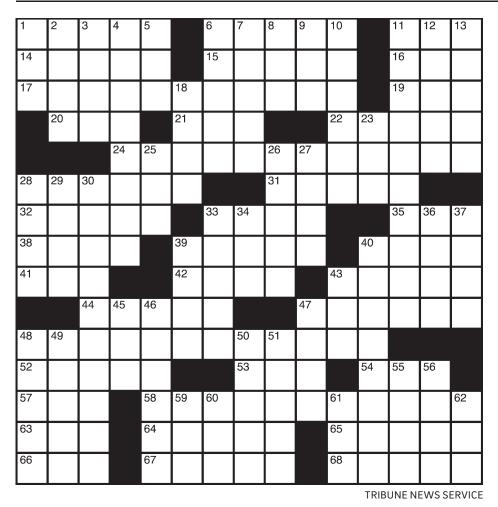
to go back to growing their own Company. McCarthy notes that a few flowers like sunflowers, the seed library)," Perault sects away. and there are no late fees." nity and make it a bigger way McCarthy added that are no due dates and students can borrow any seeds they want.

"We are starting here small, of talking to people about food and healthy eating," Perault said.



The seed library that is located in the Bailey Library. COLIN MACDOUGALL | WASHTENAW VOICE





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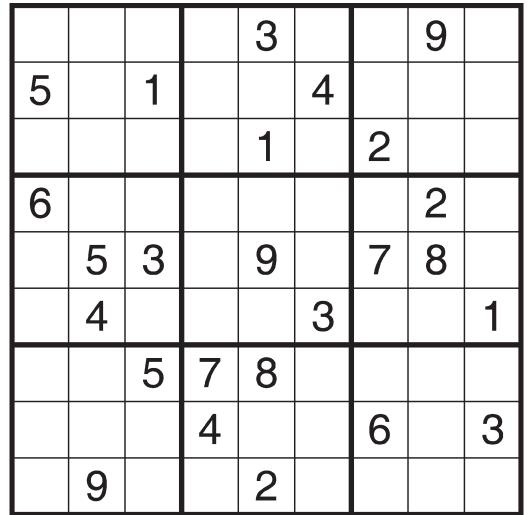
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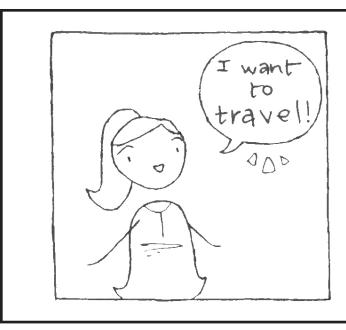
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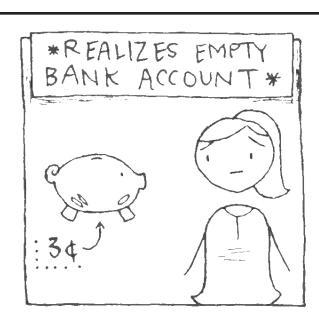


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**VOLUNTEER TUTORS:** Washtenaw Literacy needs volunteers to tutor adults in basic reading, writing, math and English as a Second Language. Help change lives - one word at a time! Contact info@washtenawliteracy.org or call 734-879-1320.

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#### HOUSING

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#### **HELP WANTED**

WAIT STAFF: Michigan Catering is looking for student wait staff who are able to interact with guests, work

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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/

CASHIER: Under the supervision of a higher classified employee, this position involves selling vehicle and water park admission tickets, acting as Water Park or spray zone host, answering the telephone, assisting guests at the office service window, and completing

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forms. Assists in pre-season start-up and post-season shut-down activities, and other duties as assigned. Operational season is from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Reports to Water Park Assistant Manager, Park Manager or higher authority.

MECHANIC II: . Performs preventative maintenance and completes standard repairs on gasoline and diesel light and medium duty trucks. In addition to maintenance tasks, properly diagnoses and repairs braking systems, air conditioning, basic electrical systems (starting, charging, lighting), engine cooling systems, and steering. This position must be able to complete most repairs with little to no supervision and will perform more complex repairs under the direct supervision of the shop manager or supervisor.

**MEDICAL SCRIBE:** A Medical Scribe is essentially a personal assistant to the physician; performing documentation in the EHR, gathering information for the patient's visit, and partnering with the physician to deliver the pinnacle of efficient patient care. For someone interested in medicine, whether it is a personal interest, or part of a career goal to become a physician or physician assistant, the chance to become a Medical Scribe is unlike any other opportunity available. It offers exciting oneon-one collaboration with a physician, and is unprecedented in its level of exposure to real medicine in practice.

**LIFEGUARD:** Under the supervision of a higher classified employee, this position

involves providing preventative lifeguarding at a public beachfront or outdoor water park. Monitors water related activity and provides preventative lifeguarding services. Enforces water safety rules and park rules, performs janitorial maintenance in the aquatic facility, its equipment, and surrounding grounds. Performs other duties as assigned. Reports to Assistant Water Park Manager or higher authority.

**DELIVERY DRIVERS:** Paid weekly. Must have own reliable transportation. Must have knowledge of the area you are applying for: Ann Arbor - University of Michigan area. Ability to work the night shift. Typical hours include nights until 3am, some day shifts available. We are offering a \$150 bonus after 60 days of employment for the driver position.

**MEMBER SERVICES AT PLANET** FITNESS. The Member Services Representative will be responsible for creating a positive member experience by providing a superior level of customer service to Planet Fitness members, prospective members and guests. Greet members, prospective members and guests, providing exceptional customer service. Handle all front desk related activities including: Answer phones in a friendly manner and assist callers with a variety of questions. Check members into the system. New member sign-up. Take prospective members on tours. BARISTA/SHIFT LEADER: Take or-

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# ARTS/CULTURE/MUSIC/COMMUNITY/WORKSHOPS/SHOWS DANCE/DOWNTOWN/ENLIGHTENMENT/ANN ARBOR/RAVE FILM/FOLK/PHOTOGRAPHY/EXHIBITS/POP/YPSILANTI

# Music

WHAT: Desmond Jones with Everyday Junior and Dave Menzo - Michigan artists come together, bringing a highenergy jazz show.

WHERE: The Blind Pig 208 S 1st St. Ann Arbor WHEN: Saturday, March 12 Doors open 9 p.m. COST: \$8 adv. | \$10 day of

WHAT: Plastic Passion - A night in tribute to 30 years of music and the broad range of tastes.

WHERE: Necto

516 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor WHEN: Saturday, March 12

Doors open 9 p.m.

COST: Free until 10 p.m. Ladies free until 11 p.m. \$5 21+ after \$8 18-20

Cultivate is hosting a special adult coloring book party honoring the 1990s. COURTESY | BEKAH WALLACE

WHAT: I love the '90s: Coloring Party - A coloring night for adults, with supplies provided, in the theme of the 90s. Costumes encouraged.

WHERE: Cultivate Coffee & TapHouse 307 N. River St, Ypsilanti WHEN: Monday, March 14 6 - 11 p.m. **COST:** Free

WHAT: Hanji Art for All Ages – Korean artist Aimee Lee helps others learn the art of Hanji using only paper, water and energy to create art.

WHERE: Downtown Library: Secret Lab 343 South Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor **WHEN**: Saturday March 19, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

COST: Free



Gallery 117 located in the Ann Arbor Art Center's new exhibition. COURTESY | ANNA VAN SCHAAP

WHAT: Never Not Broken – Art exhibit shining a light on the struggle that humans face, and how the circumstance brings worth and change.

WHERE: 117 Gallery 117 West Liberty St., Ann Arbor WHEN: March 11 to March 26

Monday- Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Reception: Friday, March 11, 6 - 9 p.m.

WHAT: Ann Arbor Womens' Artists' 2016 Spring Exhibit – Beginning to professional artists showcase their work from

the non-profit organization. WHERE: Ann Arbor District Library, Malletts Creek

3090 East Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor

WHEN: March 14 - April 29

Mon 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tues-Fri 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun 12 p.m.-6 p.m. **COST**: Free

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# EDUCATION

WHAT: Beginning Crochet Class - An introduction to crochet class that teaches the foundations of the craft, with supplies provided.

WHERE: Ann Arbor District Library, Traverwood Branch 3333 Traverwood Dr., Ann Arbor

WHEN: Sunday, March 13, 2-5 p.m. **COST:** Free

WHAT: Ann Arbor Film Festival: Expanding Frames-

Making Movies: Remixing Narratives. - Documentary filmmaker Justin Schell shares his expertise through a class that will complete their own 30-second documentary in the duration.

WHERE: U-M North Quad Space 2435 105 S State St., Ann Arbor

WHEN: Tuesday March 15, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

COST: Free

WHAT: Peaks of Interest: Hiking Adventures with Hirak Parihk – Hirak brings stories and tips from his global hiking experiences to enrich other interested adventurers with

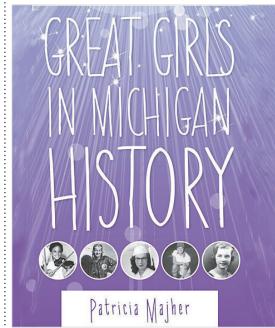
WHERE: Ann Arbor District Library - Downtown Branch 343 South Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor

WHEN: Thursday, March 17, 7 - 8:30 p.m. **COST**: Free

WHAT: Women's History Month Event: Great Girls in Michigan History - Author of Great Girls in Michigan, Patricia Majher comes to speak and talk about 20 fascinating women that inspired her writing.

WHERE: Ann Arbor District Library, Malletts Creek Branch: Program Room

3090 East Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor WHEN: Saturday, March 19, 2 – 3 p.m. **COST**: Free



Women's history month explored with Great Girls in Michigan History. COURTESY | PATRICIA MAJHER

WHAT: Friday Night Swing Dancing- Lessons for the beginners and space to have an open dance session every

WHERE: The Phoenix Center 220 S. Main St., Ann Arbor

WHEN: Every Friday, Free beginner lesson 8 – 9 p.m. Open dancing 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

**COST:** \$5 general admission | \$4 students

The local events section of this paper is compiled by Jenee Gregor. If interested in seeing your events in this paper, please contact her at jgregor2@wccnet.edu.

# WCC students, faculty and staff dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge

BY COLIN MACDOUGALL Contributor

tensity rained down on 10 students at Washtenaw Community College's Health and Fitness Center on Sunday, Feb. 28. With an exhausted and out-of-breath voice, Ryan Lewis, a 21-year-old mechanical engineering major from Canton says "It's blood, sweat and tears out there (on the court)."

Dodgeball is a fast-paced game between two teams consisting of at least five members to a team. Eight multi-colored dodgeballs were placed at the centerline of the gym. Members of both teams line up on the back walls of their zones of the gym. When the referee, Shawn Reid, a 22-year-old sports management student from Ypsilanti yells, "dodgeball" all the members of each team race to be the first to collect the dodgeballs.

Once the balls are retrieved, the players turn

back across the midzone from Ann Arbor. line. Then, the players can Foam dodgeballs and in- throw their dodgeballs at the opposing team.

> The game's main objective is to avoid being hit by the ball. Other rules include hitting the opponent with a ball to eliminate them. Catching a ball that is thrown by your opponent eliminates them; also, a member of your own team gets back into the game. There are a few other ways players can be eliminated such as crossing the centerline; and head shots eliminate the player which threw the ball.

In WCC dodgeball, a basketball hoop is used. If a player is able to "Chauncey Billups that shot," as Lewis puts it, or make a half court shot, a jail break occurs and all players from his or her team are brought back into the game. During a recent Sunday night game, this shot was accomplished one time, by Jay Nirban, a 23-year-old

around and take their ball finance accounting major

Zay Provost, a 23 year-old physical therapy and athletic training major from Belleville says, "(Dodgeball) is good exercise." This sport involves lots of running, along with dodging the ball, throwing the ball, and and attempting to catch the ball; players can be exhausted after a few minutes of this game.

"Dodgeball is open not only to students, but also to staff and faculty," Matt Lucas, coordinator of WCC sports said.

The requirements to play dodgeball are a minimum GPA of 2.0, with a student being enrolled in at least three credit hours. Dodgeball meets on Sunday evenings, March 13 and 20 this semester, at the Health and Fitness Center. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the basketball courts.

"(Dodgeball) is surprisingly intense, but it's so much fun," said Ben Maciag, a 19-year-old undecided major from Ann



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