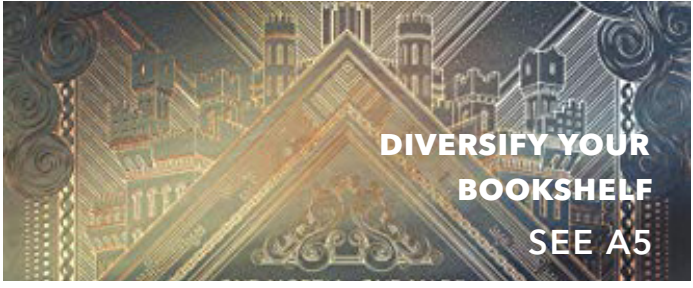


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## Sexual assault awareness: ‘No means no’ Community decorates rocks, leaves messages around campus in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month

BY WILLOW SYMONDS  
Staff Writer

Every April, anyone on the Student Center’s second floor may notice pairs of jeans and T-shirts pinned to a decorated board. Painted over the fabric are statistics taken from RAINN (Rape, Abuse, & Incest, & National Network): “1 in 10 rape victims are male,” “20% of Black women are raped in their lifetime,” and “every 98 seconds, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.”

But the display isn’t designed to scare those passing by.

WCC’s Student Resource Center annually partners with SafeHouse Center, a shelter for abuse and assault survivors, to put together the board along with a booth in front. The table offers fliers in multiple languages for SafeHouse Center resources and handbooks for sexual assault survivors. They also tie turquoise ribbons — Sexual Assault Awareness Month’s symbol — to trees and poles, adding splashes of color around campus.

This school year, though, WCC’s Student Resource Center coordinators and the SafeHouse Center made raising awareness for sexual assault more interactive among those on campus.

Events like the community decorating rocks “get people talking,” said Whitney Carlson, a SafeHouse Cen-



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Members of the community gathered in the Student Center to decorate rocks, raising awareness about sexual assault.

The first painted rock of the event sits on a pile of craft feathers. Rocks like these can be found around campus by anyone walking by.

ter intern who started doing outreach events at WCC this school year. “They also spread awareness for the SafeHouse Center, because not everyone knows about us.”

On Wednesday, April 5, over 50 students, staff, and faculty decorated pre-painted rocks in the Student Center,

in view of the SafeHouse Center display. The Student Resource Center supplied craft materials like mini pom-poms and felt iconography, but many participants chose paint markers. They wrote slogans to support survivors and denounce rape culture, such as “Consent matters,”

“No means NO,” and “Your Voice has Power.”

The activity doesn’t just include those who decorated rocks. It includes anyone who finds these rocks hidden around campus buildings, including a note card encouraging finders to take a picture of the rock and share on social media.

Decorators could either

hand their rocks to the event organizers, such as project & data technician Carol Tinkle, or could keep their art, whether for themselves or to find their own place to hide it on campus. Engineering student Meghan Robinson and nursing student Olivia Obya kept their rocks, at least for now.

Last school year, Robinson hid rocks around campus

to brighten people’s spirits. She had painted phrases such as “Be Happy” and doodled symbols similar to those on her rock for the Sexual Assault Awareness Month event.

“I just really like peace signs. ... I also added ribbons for sexual assault awareness,” Robinson said about her rock. “I hope [people on campus] get to pick it up and smile.”

Obya took inspiration from Robinson when colorfully decorating her own rock with the words “Peace and Love.”

“I imagine what you want when you’re going through something traumatic ... is love and support from other people,” Obya said.

Robinson noted an incident last school year serious enough for WCCAlert to email all students, faculty, and staff the day the survivor reported to the Public Safety Department. The email described the suspect’s appearance and clothes and provided safety tips for those on campus.

“One thing [the administration and faculty are] already doing, to some extent, is making sure campus is a safe place,” Robinson elaborated. “But I do think they should handle these situations better and offer more support.”

In the afternoon of October 19, 2021, an unidentified person inappropriately grabbed a student in Com-

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## WCC tuition to increase

BY SAVAN SAIYA-CORK  
Staff Writer

For the first time in six years, WCC is planning on raising its tuition for in-district students. How much more will students have to pay this fall? Four dollars.

During the WCC Board of Trustees retreat at the end of March, WCC’s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Terry Barnes, presented financial data from fiscal years 2022 to 2023 and a preview of the FY24 budget plan. The official budget proposal will be submitted for review at the next Board meeting in late April. The biggest change in next year’s budget is the proposed 4% increase for in-district tuition, which has not been raised since 2017.

“Last year, every school increased its tuition except for four colleges,” said Barnes. “WCC of course, Wayne, Mott, and Lansing.”

Among those four schools, WCC is the least expensive option for students. Since 2012, the average increase of community college tuition and fees in the state of Michigan was 50%. However, WCC’s tuition and fees have only increased by 13%.

As of the 2023 fiscal year, WCC has the most inexpensive cost-per-credit tuition of



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The Board of Trustees held their retreat in the Morris Lawrence building.

any Michigan community college. This fact won’t change unless other community colleges begin suddenly dropping their prices for fees and tuition.

“If you add in everything, tuition plus fees, Washtenaw is the least expensive community college in the state,” said Barnes, “We are seven dollars cheaper than Oakland [Community College].”

After readdressing the board, he continued, “and Oakland has already announced its tuition increase for the upcoming year.”

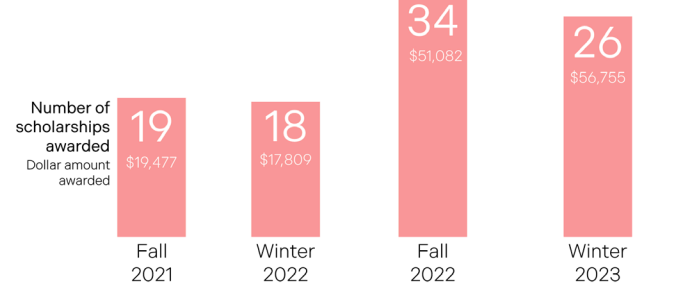
Community college enrollment is declining both in-state and nationwide. WCC president Dr. Rose Bellanca believes that a major factor in decreased enrollment is the trend of four-year universities providing free college to

students whose families have a lower income. The most recent example is Wayne State University, which announced that it would provide free tuition to all students whose families make less than \$70,000 a year.

Despite the mounting pressure in the highly competitive market of higher education, Bellanca expressed confidence in WCC’s ability to thrive despite enrollment declines. She emphasized the key reason that WCC chose the school motto, “What do you call someone who went to WCC? Employed.”

“We did that to show how we were so different from EMU and U of M. We are not the first choice, second choice, third choice—we are the only choice when it comes to this market,” Bellanca said.

## Funds available to students with kids



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campus care ended as well.

The scholarship is also now available to students enrolled in online and virtual classes, an offer not applicable before 2020.

“We pivoted and tried to find a way we could help students in other ways,” said Cheryl Finley, student advisor and case manager for the Student Resource Center.

The childcare scholarship does not vary based on household income; instead, recipients are awarded 80% of their out-of-pocket daycare cost, based on the amount of time the student is in class. The more credits a student takes, the more aid likely to receive.

There is no maximum on scholarships available, and every student who is eligible can receive a scholarship, said Finley.

In the Winter 2023 semester, 26 out of 30 students received the Childcare Scholarship, an approval rate of 87%. A total of \$56,754.60 was awarded to the semester’s recipients. Those who were not eligible withdrew from classes, did not place their child in daycare, or expected to receive payment from a third party, according to Student Resource Center records.

Students can renew their application every semester, and are encouraged to do so.

“It’s exciting when we can help as many students overcome certain barriers such as childcare,” said Finley. “If we help a student in the fall, you can just about guarantee they’ll be back in the winter, because then they know how easy it is to get it (the scholarship).”

Students who want to know if they are eligible can contact the Student Resource Center at 734-677-5105, and can schedule an appointment with Finley or Leslie Neal. From there, students and their childcare provider must fill out an application.

“The Childcare Scholarship is an excellent scholarship for those who are struggling with paying childcare to go to school,” said Finley. “Paying 80% of that cost is a huge help.”



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# Disruptive pipeline still awaiting construction

Little visible progress has been made since bypass was installed

By SAVAN SAIYA-CORK  
Staff Writer

Driving around WCC’s campus used to be simple. But for the past few months, a 1,000 ft pipe has stretched across the college’s northwestern yard and blocked the road between parking lots four and five. Unfortunately, for commuters, no progress has been made ever since the installation of the above-ground pipeline, and the pipe won’t be gone anytime soon.

Despite facilities management’s estimation that construction will be completed by the end of the summer,

removal of the bypass pipeline and the implementation of a permanent below-ground sanitation pipe have not begun. The above-ground pipeline will continue to block the road while the college continues waiting for contractors to bid on the project’s construction rights.

“The design for a new sanitary main line is out to bid. Construction will begin once a contract is awarded to the lowest responsive bidder qualified to perform the scope of work,” said James Becsey, Vice President of Facilities Development & Operations. “The anticipated completion

date is this summer.” The college initially installed the bypass pipeline after two sections of WCC’s sewer systems broke, within 12 days of one another, and leaked more than 7,000 gallons of raw sewage into two of WCC’s water retention ponds. After the specific breakage points were patched up, the college used a temporary pipeline to avoid further sewage spills.

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The pipe extends into the parking lot near Huron River Drive.

Installing the temporary pipe cost \$284,291, which depleted the Campus Repair and Maintenance (CRM) budget. Because the project would have completely drained the college’s CRM fund, the WCC Board of Trustees reappropriated money from 2023’s capital project funding to transfer to the CRM fund. Since WCC’s

budget for 2024 has not been finalized, it is hard to speculate how much money the college is willing to spend on the installation of a new pipe and how long the college will wait for companies to bid on the project’s execution.

While it is still impossible to drive between parking lots four and five, Becsey has two tips for avoiding the pipe.

“Drivers can get from lot four to lot five by exiting onto North Huron River Drive and re-entering campus via the west service drive, which loops around the far west end of campus. Drivers may also get from lot four to lot five by taking the service drive that loops around the east end and back side of campus,” Becsey said.



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The pipe lays across Community Park.

## Awareness

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Community Park, according to WCC’s Public Safety Department’s monthly police log. This fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct case was closed with no leads.

Deputy Chief Jamie Zecman joined WCC’s Public Safety Department a month after that incident. She now teaches Rape Aggression Defense, a training program she also taught in the City of Clio’s Police Department. The R.A.D. program is currently for female faculty and staff – 24 women signed up for four days of 10 hour sessions – though Zecman hopes

to start sessions for students as well.

She also recommends the WCC Safe app, which can come in handy for those often on campus. The Campus Resources tab shows a variety of services WCC offers, including Sexual Assault Help. App users can also “Friend Walk” by sharing their map location with one of their contacts, report a tip to the Public Safety Department, and contact emergency numbers.

“If [the assault] happened on campus, they can always call 911 and we’ll get the message, as the police will dispatch us,” Zecman said. “They can also call the Public Safety Department’s non-emergency number (734-973-3411). Sometimes people report them days, months,



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Engineering student Meghan Robinson (left) and nursing student Olivia Obya decorate painted rocks for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

years later. It can vary how old these calls are.”

She advises students who know someone who’s been sexually assaulted to “just be supportive. Try and encourage them to come to the police, but that’s up to the survivor.”

Zecman recommends the Counseling Center for those wanting someone to listen or to reach for more resources. Usually faculty request care packages for students, but fellow students can also contact WCC’s CARE Team to help their peers.

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# Catching up from COVID-19



BY GRACE CRANDALL  
Staff Writer

When the pandemic hit, the first thing on every student’s mind was, “What’s going to happen with school?” At the start of quarantine, I was personally thrilled at the idea of kicking back and enjoying a few days off. Pretty quickly that took a turn, and the long weekend became the rest of the semester. When my school announced that class would go online for the rest of the year, I realized that I could no longer blow off assignments; I actually had to treat what I worked on with a laptop like what I worked on at a classroom desk.

But then something happened. I didn’t feel the same way I felt at a classroom desk. Between the Zoom meetings and the saving of dozens of Word documents, I lost the rhythm of the daily school grind. More importantly, my work became weak and sloppy. I was not trying as hard, because I found that I could succeed without putting in as much effort.

To be fair, most people were new at figuring out how

to work a virtual world. But my attitude towards putting off work and putting in minimum effort did not enhance my virtual experience.

When in-person class resumed, I maintained this attitude of minimum input for maximum output. But what I didn’t realize at the time was that I wasn’t actually getting the most out of my school life. I took less notes, I got used to open-book tests. Three years later, these have become habits, and I notice that my ability to remember main points of class and even assignments has dwindled.

Earlier in the semester, I wrote a story about how online learning has become more prominent in the wake of Covid. In Fall 2019, WCC offered 19.8% of its classes in an online mode. Fall 2022 offered 30.2% of its classes online, along with the new addition of 16.7% of classes having a virtual (Zoom) offering.

Every year, online learning becomes a bigger piece of the educational world. And in many ways, this is a good thing. Students who cannot access campus can learn at home. Online school provides more flexibility for busy lives. And sometimes, it’s just

nice to stay at home with the world at your fingertips.

But I have also noticed a tendency to dodge my work when it comes to online classes. It’s tempting to turn my camera off during a Zoom class, write the minimum word requirement in a discussion board, and ignore the emails announcing new assignments.

Of course, we can “check out” in similar ways when we are in-person. And it’s possible that this attitude online could impact our in-person performance.

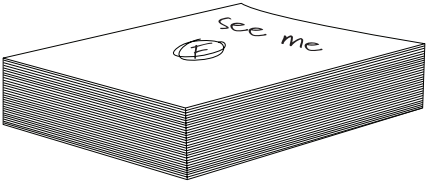
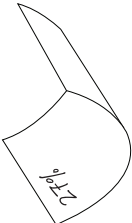
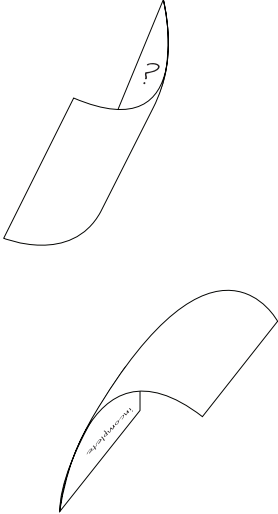
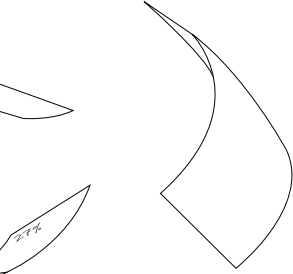
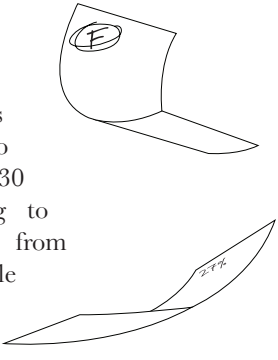
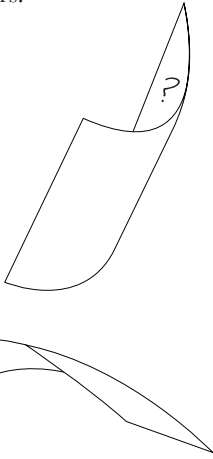
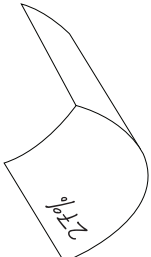
ACT college admission scores have dropped to a record low in 30 years, according to a Forbes article from Oct. 2022. While test scores can be concerning, they are only one layer of the change that the education system has witnessed over the past three years.

In the wake of the new, we cannot lose the old. I’m not suggesting that we ditch online learning. What I am suggesting is that we need to make sure we do not lose the teamwork and camaraderie that comes from face-to-face interaction.

Different pressures and struggles await with the process of learning online. Just like we count on interaction and help from peers and mentors in a physical school setting, we need support in the

online world as well.

Test scores are of temporary importance. Work ethic and formed relationships are important for life. A quiet confidence and a helping hand can sometimes be the difference between a diploma and a failing grade. There is no “catching up from Covid.” There is only the attitude and support for others that we bring to everyday. If we bring these qualities to the world of online classes, we’ll be more than the way we were before the pandemic. We’ll be better.



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## Voice Box: What’s a trend you don’t understand?

BY GRACE CRANDALL AND WILLOW SYMONDS  
Staff Writers

### VOICE BOX

“Mumble rap. Rap is garbage these days. I miss 50 Cent and Lil Wayne.”

Ashley Mills, Global Studies



“WaterTok. People mix their water in a Stanley cup but it’s like 500 calorie water. It’s just full of sugar. I don’t understand.”

Jacqueline Bertram, Nursing



“I think I’m pretty open-minded. Try everything at least once.”

Rayna Smith, Undecided



“How people are obsessed with online celebrities, like on TikTok. Online cultivates a culture of picking people apart.”

Ava Deskovitz, General Studies



“Wearing socks over jeans. I did that trend, and now I don’t see why I did that.”

Journea Franklin, Nursing



“Vaping. Why would you waste your money on lung cancer?”

David Sabou, Marketing



“Social media in general. I’m doing a research paper about how Twitter users average 5.5 hours a day. It’s easy to connect, but I don’t understand why people spend so much time on it.”

Fedrick Johnson, General Studies



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Charity Dillard is a current WCC student here because of the Michigan Reconnect program.

# Reconnect helps fund education

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WCC marks a new milestone in supporting affordable education, as the number of students in and money spent on the Michigan Reconnect program more than doubled this past year.

The total number of students utilizing the program in Fall 2022 and Winter 2023 was 1,529, well over double the total number of students from the year before. All together, 2,151 students have taken advantage of the program at WCC. The total amount of money spent on the program also doubled from \$1,011,379 to \$2,311,960 since it began in February 2021.

The human impact, however, is difficult to sum up in numbers. Before the creation of the Reconnect program, Charity Dillard was working for U-M Medicine and was largely unsure about her future career path. She wanted to move into a higher position but was frustrated by education roadblocks.

“I wanted to go back to school because I applied for a job and I didn’t get it and I’m 100% sure it’s because I didn’t have a degree,” she said. The establishment of Reconnect changed that.

A current 3-1 Communications transfer to EMU, Dillard had no immediate plans of continuing school before this program, citing expense as her biggest obstacle.

“I probably still would have been dragging my feet because I didn’t want to pay for it,” she said.

The ease of applying and staying in the program also motivates her to complete her degree. “I’ve gone through a lot of colleges... and this was the easiest thing that’s ever happened to me,” said Dillard.

Officially known as the “Michigan Reconnect Grant Recipient Act,” the program seeks to help “those seeking recognized certifications or credentials,” by providing free in-district tuition and help with other fees. It also seeks to “provide those individuals with greater access to the education and skills needed to succeed in, and meet the demands of, an evolving economy in which there is continuing demand for a talented local workforce,” per the bill’s language. This is all in pursuit of increasing the number of Michigan residents with a college degree or skill certificate or credential to 60% by 2030.

## In order to qualify you must meet certain requirements:

- Be over age 25
- Be a U.S.citizen and a Michigan resident of **at least one year**
- Have a highschool diploma or GED.

Other important requirements include applying for the Reconnect scholarship and completing the FAFSA. You also must apply to your specific institution.

Once in the program, you must complete at least six credits per semester for two semesters within a 12 month period, and you must hold at least a 2.0 GPA. If you meet three requirements you can continue in the scholarship until you complete your degree or for up to four years from the date you began your program.

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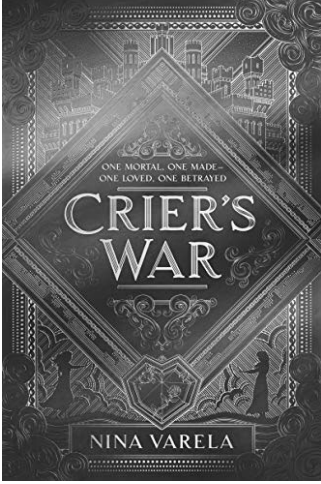
By WILLOW SYMONDS  
Staff Writer

Diversify Your Bookshelf introduces readers to books written from marginalized perspectives, including racial minorities, LGBTQ+ people, disabled individuals, and more. These books come in all genres and targeted age groups, so there’s something for everyone.

## Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley (2021)

Genre: Young Adult Mystery; Romance

Eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine was born into secrets and scandal. She was excited to leave the Upper Peninsula for UofM’s medical school, but family tragedy kept her at home. Only by staying in Sault Saint Marie does she meet Jamie, the high school’s newest hockey star. Although Daunis has a feeling Jamie is hiding something, she doesn’t expect him to be the other witness in a shocking murder. Both Daunis’ and Jamie’s backgrounds come to light when she begins helping the F.B.I. find whoever created a super drug affecting reservations across the Midwest. Her medical knowledge and understanding of her Ojibwe culture may help her track down the Meth-X source, but her desperation to save



Crier's War by Nina Varela (2019)

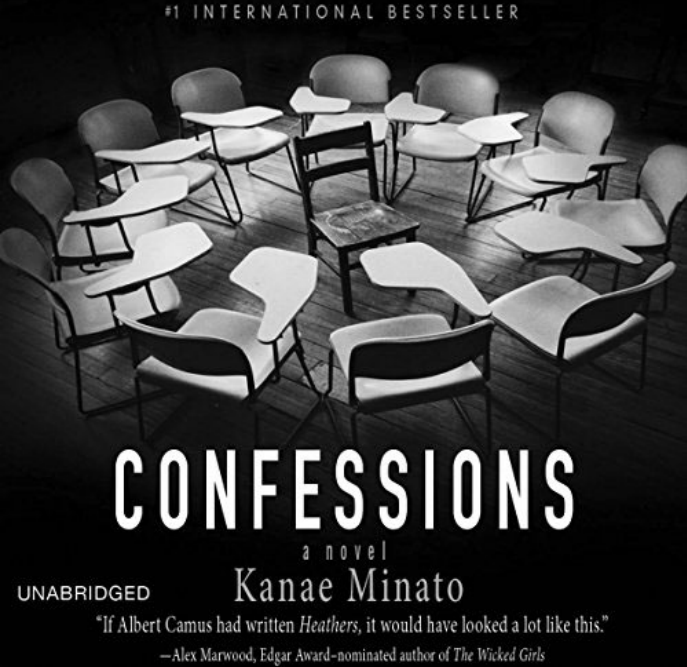
the community from more trauma keeps unearthing old scars.

“Firekeeper’s Daughter” is a young adult debut novel that appeals to all ages, being informative of Ojibwe culture and entertaining. Angeline Boulley, an enrolled member of Sault Saint Marie’s Chipewewa Tribe, expertly layers several storylines and characters into one cohesive narrative.

## Confessions by Kanae Minato (2008)

Genre: Literary Thriller

Yūko Moriguchi, a middle school teacher in suburban Japan, resigns after her four-year-old daughter, Manami, dies on campus. On her last day, though, she tells her story to her homeroom class: her mundane life leading to this



Confessions by Kanae Minato (2008)

job, her struggles with being a recent single mother, and the fact she knows which students killed her daughter. Though she doesn’t name these two students, she lets the chaos begin. The murderers and their classmates must face the consequences for their actions, even if said actions weren’t obvious until redemption is too late.

Translated from Japanese, “Confessions” follows multiple characters in their phone calls, written letters, blog posts, diaries, or other ways they recorded their perspectives. Kanae Minato knows how to keep every reader engaged in only 228 pages, as the unconventional twists and turns don’t stop until the very end.

## Crier’s War by Nina Varela (2019)

Genre: Young Adult Fantasy; LGBTQ+ Romance

The War of Kinds ended almost 50 years ago, with humans losing control of the

magical machines they created in their own self-image. Like all Automae in the Automa Era, Lady Crier doesn’t suffer from human needs and wants – but then her husband-to-be reveals something disturbing about how she was Made. Automae can’t feel love, so what could she be feeling for her new human handmaiden, Ayla? What she doesn’t know is that Ayla’s climbed the ranks through the sovereignty to close in on Crier – all to get the revenge Ayla’s plotted for years.

“Crier’s War” combines alchemy with political intrigue in this unique fantasy setting where LGBTQ+ characters are more common than not. The story switches between the title character and Ayla’s perspectives, showing readers the two girls’ growing relationship and how it impacts the world around them. Readers can continue this journey with the sequel “Iron Heart.”



Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley (2021)

# WISDOM OF THE WEEK

“Funny how sometimes you worry a lot about something and it turns out to be nothing.”

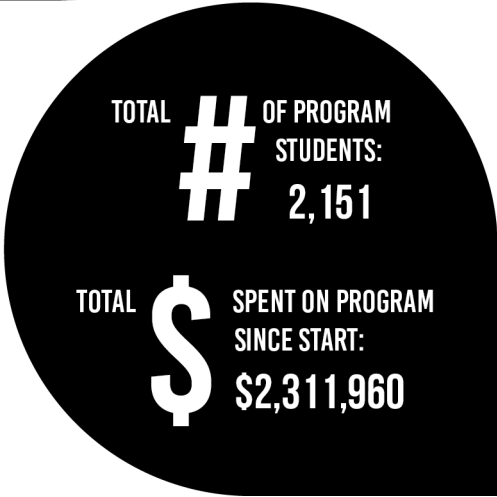
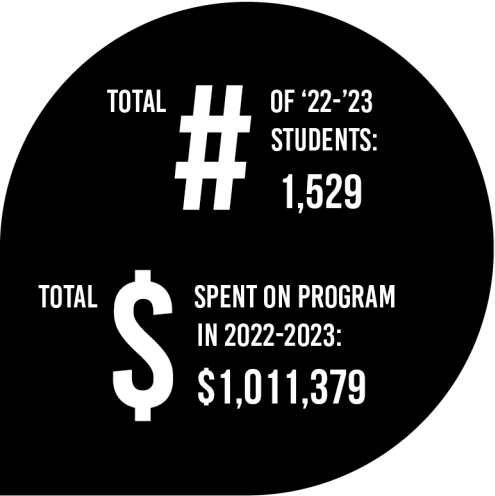
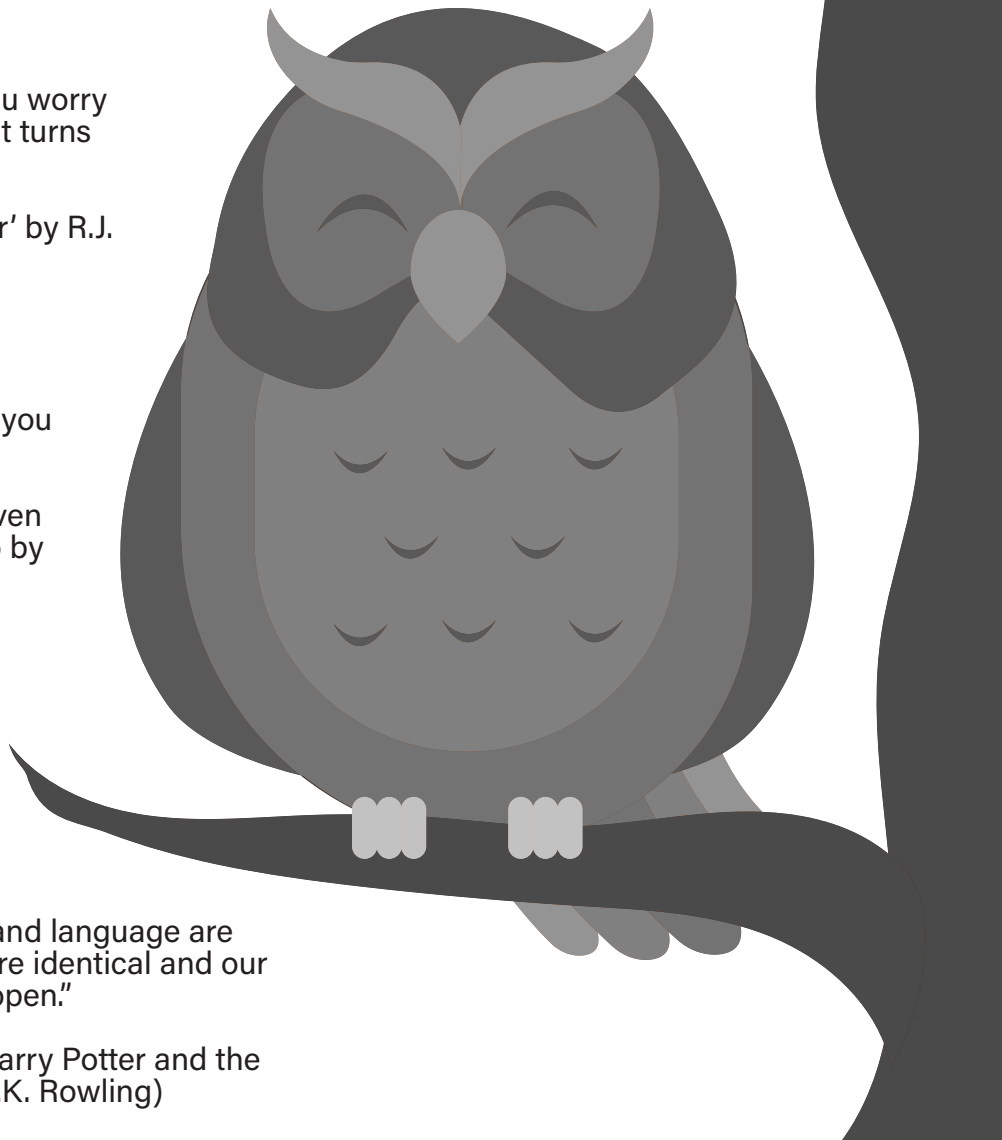
- Auggie Pullman (‘Wonder’ by R.J. Palacio)

“Never let anyone make you feel ordinary.”

- Evelyn Hugo (‘The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor’ Jenkins Reid)

“Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open.”

- Albus Dumbledore (‘Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire’ by J.K. Rowling)



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Solutions to puzzles on washtenawvoice.com

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1 Paddington, for one

5 Amenity in some cafes

9 51-Across, e.g.

14 Angler's gadget

15 Desktop image

16 Mealtime prayer

17 Lacking rainfall

18 Tear apart

19 Like a pair of socks

20 Some virtual get-togethers

23 Cosmetician Lauder

24 Sudden

27 Astronomer's setup for outer space transmissions

32 Pride parade abbreviation

35 Before now

36 Writer Zora \_\_ Hurston

37 Informal promise of payment

38 Wore

41 Broke the tape, perhaps

42 Transform (into)

44 End of a soldier's email address

45 Quaint hotels

46 Never

50 Emphasize

51 Alloy of copper and zinc

55 Signature gymnastics move of Simone Biles, and the kind of repetition found in 20-, 27-, and 46-Across

59 Alpaca relative

62 Norway's capital

63 "See above," in footnotes

64 Fragrant shrub

65 Like skyscrapers

66 "Good one!"

67 Toast-making sound

68 Game recap datum, for short

69 Prophetic one

1 Bright flame

2 Continental bills

3 "You're \_\_!": "You crack me up!"

4 Beef, e.g.

5 Electrician's supply

6 Slush Puppie company

7 Helvetica, for one

8 Mumbai resident

9 Vegas casino targeted in "Ocean's Eleven"

10 Sign of a changed answer

11 Tit for \_\_

12 "Helpful hardware folks" retail chain

13 Was in first place

21 Fellows

22 Org. for Jazz quintets?

25 Large shrimp

26 Raptor's claw

28 Activate, as a touchscreen

29 Bigheadedness

30 Marilyn Monroe's birth name

31 Desires

32 Wedding day car

33 Hired hooligans

34 \_\_ ends: barbecue delicacy

38 Footwear organizer

39 "My country, \_\_ of thee ..."

40 Actor Wallach

43 "Black Swan" Oscar winner Natalie

45 Completely demolished

47 CBS forensic drama franchise

48 \$100 bills, informally

49 "Flexible on price," in ads

52 Actress Cornish

53 Pizza piece

54 Passover meal

56 Future JD's exam

57 Scat queen Fitzgerald

58 Fool

59 Inc. kin

60 Short, for short

61 "Thrilla in Manila" victor

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

THE DEADLINE in 5 p.m. the Tuesday before publication. SEND ADS to wcc.voice.advertising@gmail.com

Center for Career Success

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734-677-5155  
careers@wccnet.edu

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

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

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

commissioning for commercial buildings including Air/Water Balance, Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) testing, Equipment start-up, and Quality Assurance (QA) testing. Write technical reports at project completion for submission to customer. Provide technical support to Customers and Contractors to rapidly and thoroughly resolve issues. Make recommendations for potential service enhancements or modifications to meet the ever-changing needs of the customer base. Provide technical support to customers and contractors. 100%+ travel required (regional or national).

Summer Internship Program at UWM (United Wholesale Mortgage).

UWM's Summer Internship program offers 12 paid weeks of valuable experience and the opportunity to build a stronger, more competitive resume. With the experience you'll get working at a multi-billion dollar financial company, you'll stand out in the crowd after you graduate. Here, you'll play an important role on a team that complements your major, while also giving you the opportunity to explore other careers that interest you by job shadowing team members and leaders in different positions across the company. We will provide you with numerous opportunities to create lasting relationships with mentors — people who provide valuable advice, friendship and support along the way. All while earning a paycheck and learning

Part Time Relationship Banker at Comerica Bank.

The Relationship Banker is responsible for contributing to the overall success of a Retail Banking Center(s) by committing to banker-readiness to be viewed as a trusted resource for our customers. The responsibilities will include conducting marketing activities to uncover customer needs, provide solutions leading to revenue growth in loans, deposits, and noninterest income, delivering a customer centric experience, maintaining disciplined operational objectives; all while striving for excellence in execution of the mentioned areas.

Accounting Associate at Truck Hero.

Perform day-to-day processing of all payment cycle activities and provide efficient client service, including high volume payment runs. Process vendor invoices including sorting/ matching of incoming invoices to PO and receivers within ERP and workflow systems. Complete/problem solve vendor account reconciliations from vendor statements. Complete data entry of invoices. Bank transfer, ACH, and wire payment set up. Maintain the Sage fixed asset system, reconcile and roll forward fixed assets, and generate depreciation reports. Support brand financial inquiries; participate in CER process. Support cardholders by responding to their inquiries and troubleshooting issues; review expenses against the company expense

policy; setup and train new users on the process. Manage the relationship between the bank and Concur. Create and issue daily cash sheets; deposit checks and manage bank access. Other duties as assigned.

LPN/RN urgently needed - Competitive Wages - Flexible Schedule at Kennedy Care.

Kennedy Care hires "the right people" - exceptional people who are interested in building a career that helps others lead happier, more fulfilled lives. We have a passion for the work we do and are willing to invest in their personal and professional growth to better meet the needs of those we serve. The In Home RN will ensure quality and safe delivery of home care services in 1:1 setting. Able to consult and coordinate with health care team members to assess, plan, implement and evaluate patient care plan. To assist in the provision and coordination of all home care services in accordance with Agency philosophy and established standards of home health and nursing practice

Administrative Assistant at Motor City Electric Co.

In general, the IT Assistant provides fundamental administrative support in a fast-paced office environment. The candidate should have an understanding of typical office procedures, have the ability to communicate effectively, problem solve, and provide general administrative support.

Process new hire requests by creating necessary Help Desk tickets. Physically set up new hire equipment and configure desk phones. Support and Maintain consumables inventory for all printers. Monitor Help Desk tickets and assign them as directed. Process IT accessories supply orders.

Campground Worker (Parks Helper) at Oakland County Government.

Employees of this classification perform routine, manual and/ or clerical customer service duties, assisting higher level employees involved in the general maintenance and operations of the County Park facilities including campgrounds dog parks, golf courses, waterparks, pavilions and rental facilities.

Welder/Metal Fabricator at Decorative Metal Solutions.

We are looking for a new member to join our team. We are searching for a welder/ metal fabricator who is excited about working with metal, creative and strives to push their abilities to the limit. This position is for someone looking to learn, adapt and grow in the field of welding and custom metal fabrication. Each of our projects are generally one of a kind and so with every new project we encounter different skills and processes are required.

Service Technician at Fox Motors.

Functions as a skilled-level technician who is able to perform diagnoses and repairs in all areas, in addition to being specialized in particular areas of repair, and who has previously worked with cars in some capacity. Performs work as outlined on repair order with efficiency and accuracy, in accordance with dealership and factory standards. Diagnoses cause of any malfunction and performs repair. Communicates with parts department to obtain needed parts. Communicates with Service Manage and Service Advisors to complete the job in a timely manner. Performs job to company standards.

Paid Digital Summer Clinic Internship at Digital Summer Clinic.

The Center for Digital Engagement (CDE) is offering a part-time, 10 hour per week paid internship in digital careers. The rate will be \$18/hour. The internship lasts 9 weeks starting in mid-June and finishing in mid-August. As an intern, you will work in teams of two with start-up companies in Ann Arbor SPARK's high-tech business incubator. In addition, you will obtain individual certification on an approved digital platform (for example, Google Analytics). Finally, you will attend a weekly seminar session related to your work. These activities are part of a mentoring program to prepare you for entering the digital workforce. This internship will be hybrid.



# Voice wins awards at state competition

By THE WASHTENAW VOICE

The Washtenaw Voice received seven first-place awards including best overall newspaper design and best in-depth enterprise reporting at the Michigan Community College Press Association's annual conference on Saturday, April 1 at Central Michigan University.

In all, Voice students came home with 15 awards from the journalism contest judged by industry professionals.

In addition to the first-place, the Voice was awarded second in general excellence, a category that considers all aspects of a publication's reporting, visuals and presentation.

The MCCPA contest included work produced March 1, 2022, through February of this year.

The WCC award winners were:

## First place

In-depth/ enterprise reporting, Jordan Scenna for a story explaining the research credited to a WCC student in a scientific journal.

Sports column, RJ Hunt, for a piece on the WNBA.

Column, humor, Jordan Scenna for a April 12, 2022 column about the state of health care

Illustration, Cassie Stewart, for a April 12, 2022 illustration accompanying a column about the state of health care

Original cartoon/entertainment, Ian Loomis for the March 8, 2022 installment of his comic strip "Stankopolis"

Best overall newspaper design, Voice staff

Best news website, Voice staff

## Second place

News photo, Ruby Go, for her photo at a Bernie Sanders get-out-the vote rally

Inside page design, Grace Faver for her Jan. 31 presentation of a story about Chinese new year (See page B1)

General excellence

## Third place

Front-page design, Voice staff

Headline writing, Voice staff

## Honorable mention

News photo, Paula Farmer, for her photo at a community meeting about police surveillance cameras

Feature photo, Paula Farmer, for her photo of a WCC student who co-authored research on the sun

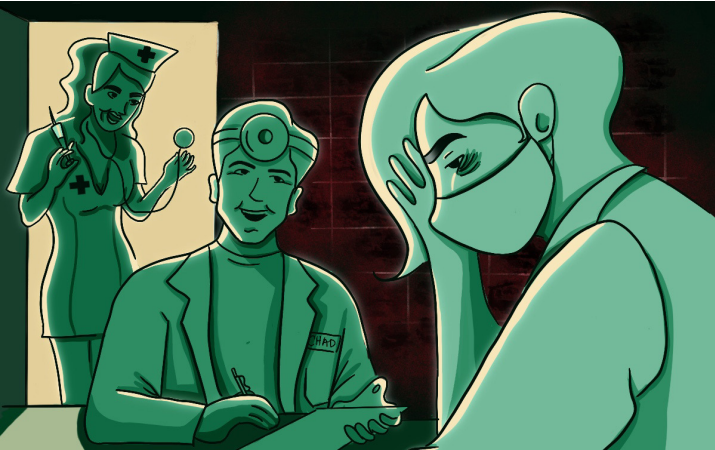
Feature photo, Ruby Go, for her photo of WCC's dental clinic

Saturday, April 1 was the first time the event had been held in-person since the COVID-19 pandemic emptied campuses in 2020.

Students from participating community colleges heard from industry professionals including Julie Stafford, publisher of the Greenville (MI) Daily News, Detroit Free Press sports editor Kirkland Crawford, MLive editor Leanne Smith, and National Press Photographers Association's small-market photographer of the year Jake May.



The Voice team poses for a photo at the conference held at Central Michigan University.



## First Place

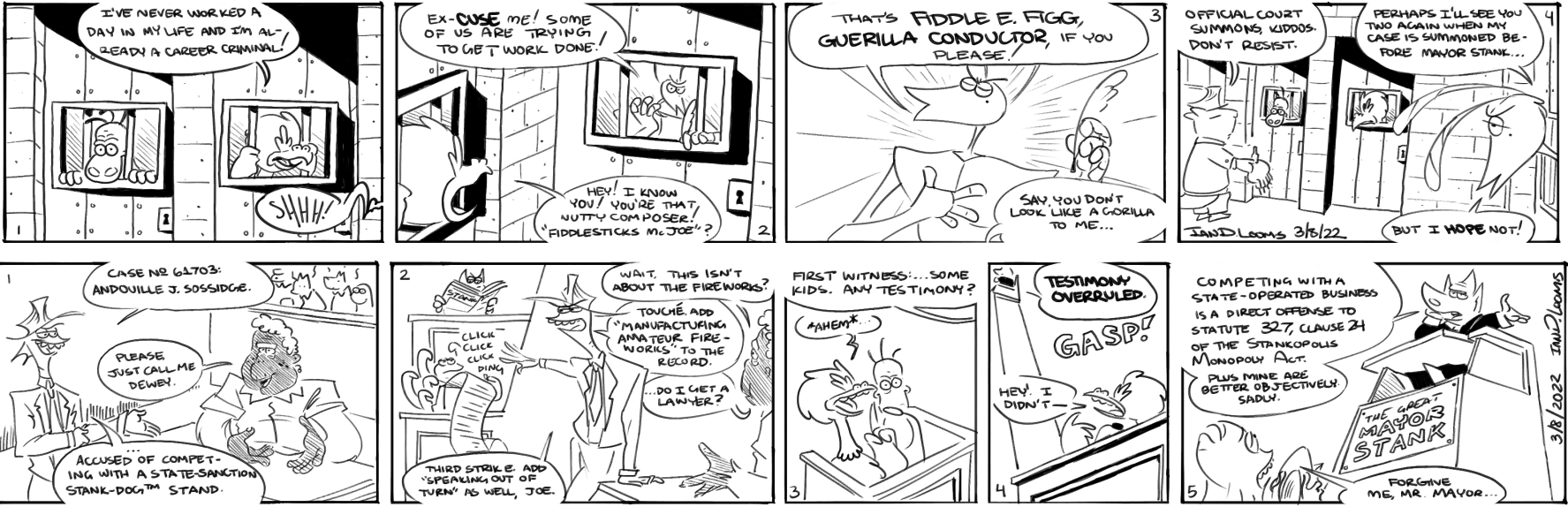
Cassie Stewart wins for best Illustration accompanying a column about the state of health care. April 12, 2022.

## Second Place

Ruby Go wins for best News photo for her photo at a Bernie Sanders get-out-the vote rally.



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## First Place

Ian Loomis wins for best Original cartoon/entertainment of his comic strip "Stankopolis". March 8, 2022.



## Second Place

Grace Faver wins for best Inside page design in her presentation of a story about Chinese new year. Jan. 31.

## Honorable mention

Paula Farmer wins for her Feature photo of a WCC student who co-authored research on the sun.



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Ruby Go wins for her photo of WCC's dental clinic.



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events

AT WCC IN THE COMMUNITY

WCC Disc Golf Club Practice

April 18 from 3-5 p.m.  
2300 Lakeshore Blvd  
The WCC Disc Golf Club meets every Tuesday. Everyone is welcome with all skill levels. Bring a water bottle and discs if you have them.

Earth Day Celebration

April 20 from noon to 1:30 p.m.  
First floor of SC  
Join Student Activities to celebrate Earth Day with fun activities, including painting, games, and tour of the hoop house.

Simulator Stocks Competition

April 25 from 2:30-4 p.m.  
Garrett's on the first floor of SC  
The WCC Marketing and Sale clubs invites all members of WCC to participate in this competition where participants will create a free account and trade simulation stocks to learn about the stock market. Email Anton Ford at aford13@wccnet.edu to sign up to participate.

Walking on Sunshine: WCC Voice Class Recital

April 27 from 3:30-5 p.m.  
LA 140  
Celebrate springtime with students of WCC's voice classes. This program will feature Broadway ballads, popular songs, folk music, and more.



Earth Week: Urban Nature Stroll

April 19 from 5-6:30 p.m.  
2230 Platt Rd.  
All invited to join WCPARC volunteer coordinator Matthew Bertrand in a gentle walk to discuss landscaping informed by natural scenery that uses native plants. Pre-registration required at bit.ly/earthweek2023-wcprc (activity #831009).

Spring Migration Walk

April 20 from 8-10 a.m.  
Cul-de-sac at end of Riverview Ct.  
All invited to walk through Nichols Arboretum to look for resident birds and early migrants. Binoculars will be available for use.

Fix It Friday: Maker Works

April 21 from 4-6 p.m.  
3765 Plaza Dr.  
All invited to bring anything that needs fixing (chairs, sweaters, radios, whatever). Handy people are welcome to assist. Repairs not guaranteed. Masks required.

Statewide Astronomy Night Open House

April 29 from 8-10:30 p.m.  
U-M Detroit Observatory  
A chance to learn about the Observatory's antique telescopes, hear presentations on astronomical phenomena, and (weather permitting) observe the night sky through telescopes. Pre-registration required at detroitobservatory.umich.edu.



Volunteer Stewardship Workday

April 22 from 9 a.m. to noon  
Various locations  
All invited to help maintain natural areas and remove invasive plants from city parks. Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes and bring heavy gloves. Minors must be accompanied by an adult or obtain a release form in advance. Pre-register at bit.ly/a2stewardworkday.

Guided Evening Walks: Matthei Botanical Gardens

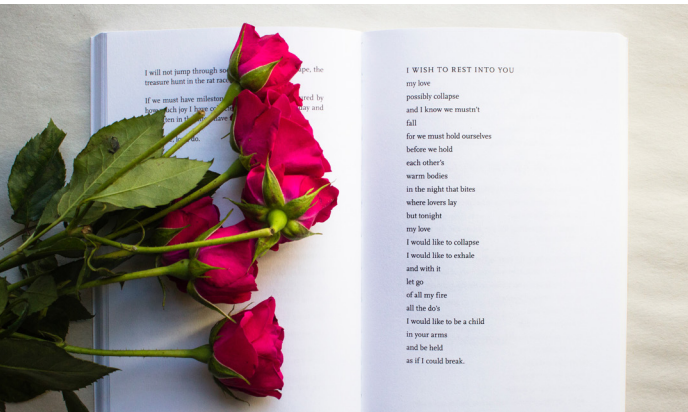
April 26 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
1800 N. Dixboro Rd.  
All invited to join this guided walk, organized around the theme of bird migration, through the conservatory or the grounds.

Fireside Fun: Leslie Science and Nature Center

April 28 from 5:30-7 p.m.  
1831 Traver Rd.  
All invited to sit around a campfire and tell stories. Bring camping chairs, outdoor games, and s'mores fixings if you'd like (marshmallow roasting utensils provided).

Poetry Night: Booksweet Bookshop

April 21 at 7 p.m.  
1729 Plymouth Rd.  
Three Michigan poets (Terry Blackhawk, Gloria Nixon-John, and Ellen Stone) will read their recent work.



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