

OPINION:
RAMADAN
DURING
WARTIME
SEE A5



MINDFULNESS
EASES STRESS

SEE B2

SHARK ATTACK
ON APRIL FOOL'S
DAY

SEE B1



THE WASHTENAW VOICE

VOL. 34, No. 6

A NATIONAL PACEMAKER AWARD NEWSPAPER

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

The student publication of Washtenaw Community College

Ann Arbor, Michigan

www.washtenawvoice.com

New student gateway makes way for upcoming Canvas transition

ALICE MCGUIRE
Staff Writer

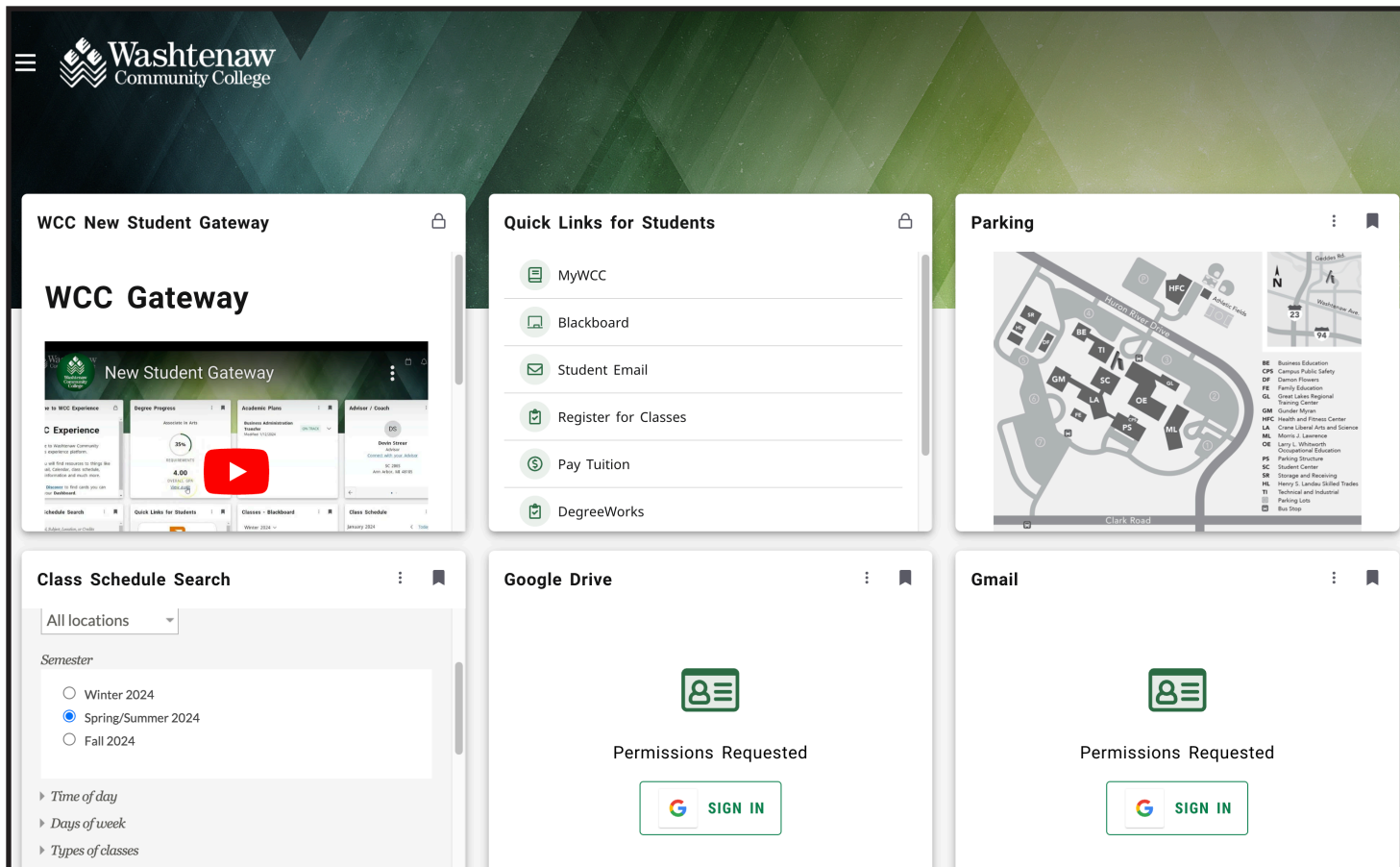
Washtenaw Community College's new student gateway is here, and it's bringing new and familiar features together in one place.

The new gateway utilizes Ellucian Experience and is connected to Ellucian's Banner system, which WCC already uses for registering for classes, keeping track of grades and transcripts, assessing tuition, and keeping track of staff and classes, among other tasks.

According to Provost and Chief Operating Officer Linda Blakey, one key benefit of Ellucian Experience is that it reduces the number of times a student will have to sign in to access information such as classes and email. This feature will prove invaluable as WCC transitions from hosting online classes on Blackboard to Canvas.

"We're expecting that in fall, there's some faculty that will be teaching in Canvas and then the majority of classes will still be in Blackboard. In winter of 2025, all the classes will be in Canvas," Blakey said.

Blakey went on to describe exactly how this works, saying, "If a student is taking three classes and one of them is in Canvas and two of them are in Blackboard, using the new Gateway tool, a student will actually have two different tiles—courses in Blackboard



"It's nice to see your schedule and track for graduation in a clear-cut way," said Alex Whitus, a general studies student.

and courses in Canvas" as opposed to having to log into Blackboard and Canvas separately to see one's classes.

For the time being, accessing the new student gateway does still take several clicks to reach the correct page.

Students report positive reviews

To access the new student gateway from a desktop interface, click on "WCC Gateway" in the upper right corner

of the WCC home page, then click "Student Gateway" from the drop-down menu, and finally, click on the gear icon above the words "New Student Gateway."

"When I'm on the old student gateway, it says 'New Student Gateway'—I didn't realize I was supposed to click on that. I thought everything there was the new student gateway," said Ryan Hoffman, a student who describes himself as "studying radio."

Kendra Conely, a WTMC student majoring in Broadcast Media Arts, alongside a certificate in Fine and Performing Arts, also had positive things to say.

"I like that you can easily find your class schedule. Before you'd have to click one thing and then click another, and then you'd think it was another thing, but it wasn't actually that thing, so you'd click another thing and it was that thing, and then you had to do

it for winter and spring, and delve into chaos," she said.

As a WTMC student, Conely has numerous advisors, and was excited to have easy access to their contact information as well as her degree progress.

Alex Whitus is a student majoring in General Studies in Math and Natural Sciences. After checking out the new gateway on a desktop computer, he noticed less timeouts and was pleasantly surprised with

the inclusion of a "To do" list, which he has already started using.

"Sometimes when I'm tired, I'll forget when my class is. It's nice to see your schedule and track for graduation in a clear-cut way," Whitus said.

William Latham is a Liberal Arts Transfer student who is planning to transfer to Eastern Michigan University.

"Everything is right there at your convenience one click away. This is awesome!" Latham said, adding, with equal parts excitement and regret, "I'm gonna miss out on this because I'm graduating. This is gonna be great. I love it!"

"I think after five to ten minutes of messing around with it, you'll know how to use it. It's pretty simple after that," Hoffman said.

According to Blakey, the cost to implement the new student gateway is \$12,000 for the first year of use and is part of the IT budget. There is presently no expected date at which the old gateway will be discontinued.

Students who have questions about how to navigate the new gateway are encouraged to contact the Student Welcome Center at 734-973-3543.

JADA HAUSER | WASHTENAW VOICE



ALISA CHMERENKO | WASHTENAW VOICE
45 minute cycling classes offer training on all terrains for improved mental health.

A fun way to get fit on wheels at WCC

TIFFANY SIMS
Contributor

For people showing a growing interest in creating healthier routines for themselves in 2024 - cycling classes are an amazing way to add fitness to your weekly activities.

The Health and Fitness Center at Washtenaw Community College offers morning, afternoon, and evening cycling classes. According to the Better Health Channel, increased cardiovascular fitness, improved joint mobility, decreased body fat levels and improved moods are among these benefits.

One of the cycling instructors here at WCC, Danielle Steinbacher, would agree.

Steinbacher has been a fitness instructor for six years and has been in the fitness world since 2008. She believes that it is important for people to realize fitness is more than just exercise.

According to Steinbacher, fitness can help you lead an overall fuller life. Steinbacher also motivates her clients by helping them realize the importance of pushing past their comfort zones, believing that this is where true growth begins.

Cycling sessions at Washtenaw Community College are 45 minutes in duration. During these classes, instructors use a mix of different stimuli on the cycles.

CYCLING, A6

Students weave mats for the homeless

Resource center hosts monthly event in Bailey Library

KRISTY KAZZI
Staff Writer

With a shared commitment to making a difference, the WCC student resource center has embarked on an initiative to provide comfort and support to those experiencing homelessness.

Reflecting on his involvement, Milo Davis, an 18-year-old student at WCC, shares, "It just made me feel good to know that I'm giving back in some sort of way, even if it's not direct."

"These mats aren't the solution to homelessness or poverty by any means, but they do create some comfort and protection for people dealing with hard times," said Sustainable.org, acknowledging the limited scope of its initiative.

As of December 2023, there were 539 people experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County according to the Office of Community and Economic Development.

Despite initial challenges in garnering interest from WCC students, the initiative found purpose in donating these mats to local shelters.

Kendall Delong, a work study student offering insight from the student resource center, emphasizes the efficiency of student involvement, noting, "When students come in, it really speeds up the process and makes everything a whole lot faster."

SLEEPING MATS, A6



Students weave plastic bag into sleeping mats.

PAULA FARMER | WASHTENAW VOICE



WASHTENAWVOICE.COM

WASHTENAWVOICE

WASHTENAWVOICE

Taxes can be taxing: answering the perplexing questions

Providing some peace of mind for first time tax filers

CHARLIE TRUMBULL
Contributor

It's tax time. While many students may find the filing process confusing, it doesn't have to be. Here are some answers to all your tax questions.

Why do we pay?

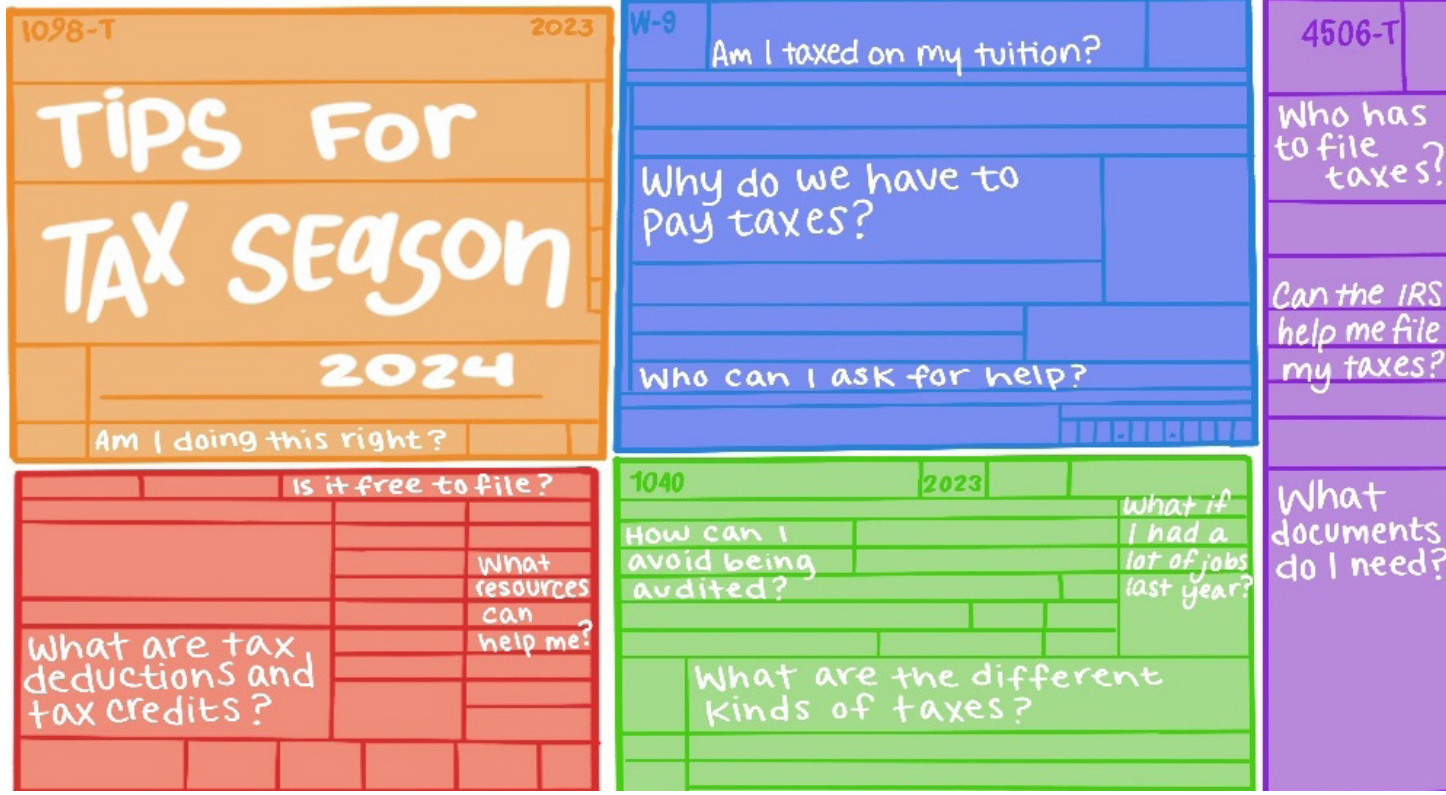
Taxes fund everyday things we may all take for granted. Without taxes there would be no public transportation, hospitals, schools, or emergency services.

What are the types of taxes?

There are many different kinds of taxes, but the four main ones we deal with are income, sales, and property taxes. Income tax is placed on money earned through employment and investments and is calculated based on how much money you earn. Different tax rates apply based on your income level, as well as many deductions and credits. Sales tax is already calculated and added onto the price of goods and services when purchased. Property tax is calculated based on the assessed value of your home, vehicles, or anything else you own. Typically, this value is set by your local government and the tax represents a percentage of what your property is worth.

Who has to file?

Almost everyone has to file their taxes, but there are a few exemptions based on an income threshold set by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).



There can be a lot of questions when it comes to filing taxes, but figuring it all out doesn't have to be difficult.

CHARLIE TRUMBULL | WASHTENAW VOICE

If you are unmarried and under the age of 65 and made under \$12,950 in 2023, you do not have to file. The same goes for those who are under 65, married and filing jointly if they made under \$25,900. The amount depends on age, marriage status, and parental status. It is important to know if you need to report your income or not. However, the IRS suggests that some taxpayers should consider filing even if they aren't required to if they qualify to claim tax deductions or credits.

What are deductions and credits?

Tax deductions are factors which can reduce the amount of taxable income, whereas

credits can reduce the amount of tax due. Both can either lower your tax bill or increase your refund. There is a plethora of these waiting to be used to your benefit. According to Nerdwallet, a financial advising company, the most popular tax breaks for students this year are the Lifetime Learning Credit which can save you money if you paid your tuition and school fees and the Student Loan Interest Deduction for those who have paid interest on their student loans. There is an insane amount of deductions and credits available for all kinds of things, so be sure to find the ones you qualify for by searching "credits and deductions for individuals" at irs.gov.

What documents do I need?

W-2: Each person's taxes are unique to them, but there are basic documents that everyone needs for filing. Your employer will give you a W-2 which lists all your income from the time you worked for them. It also itemizes the important information about the amount of taxes your employer withheld and benefits they provided.

1099: Additionally, ride-share, food delivery, and freelance work is growing more common each day. If you worked for any kind of gig like Uber, DoorDash, GrubHub, etc. you will be provided with a 1099 form which lists the wages you made. With this information, you will be able

to report your gig income. Be sure while you're working to keep track of how many miles you've driven, supplies you purchased, and all gas receipts as these can be useful when calculating deductible income.

1098-T: This document is provided by WCC and shows your payments and other reportable transactions with the school. You can reach out to someone at the WCC Financial Aid Department to see Student Tax Information on their website which covers credits and deductions, FAFSA filing help and resources for international students. Their office is located on the second floor of the student center and they can be reached at 734-973-7703 or billing@wccnet.edu.

Who can I ask for help?

Asking a tax professional for help understanding this process is beneficial but can sometimes become costly. IRS.gov is a great resource for guidance. In the last few years the IRS has modernized their website to become easier to navigate and understand. They offer a ton of free resources and assistance like their Interactive Tax Assistant and a list of 8 trusted partners who offer free filing services. The Find Your Trusted Partner(s) Tool is a reliable way to find free services supported by the government. More free or affordable services can be found at Intuit TurboTax which offers a free edition for anyone who qualifies, and H&R Block Online and TaxAct are commonly used.

For a comprehensive list of everything needed before you file your taxes, scan the code below.



Apply to graduate

Commencement Ceremony is
MAY 18, 2024

SCAN CODE OR VISIT
WASHTENAW.CC/GRAD
FOR MORE INFORMATION



Application deadline: Friday, April 26



Lyric Lane

WHAT SONG LYRIC DO YOU MOST RELATE TO, AND WHY?
Charlie Trumbull | Contributor



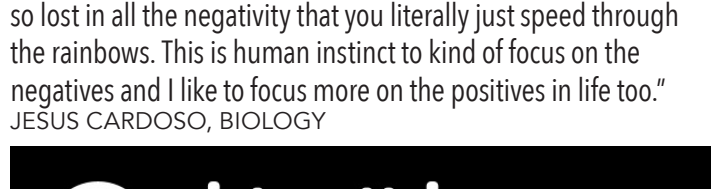
"The Nights" by Avicii - "One day you'll leave this world behind. So live a life you will remember."
 "Just try to live a good, fulfilling life. [It means] even if it feels slow, sometimes just know that patience is what makes it worth it in the end."
 ANTHONY GONZALEZ, PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM



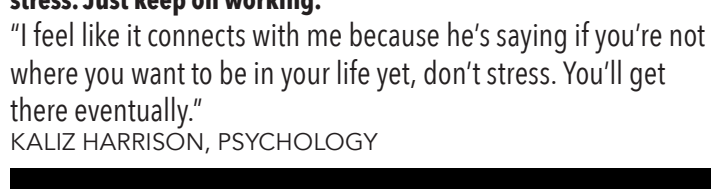
"Drive" by Incubus - "It's driven me before, and it seems to be the way that everyone else gets around. But lately, I'm beginning to find that when I drive myself, my light is found."
 "I'm a veteran and I've dealt with PTSD over the past 10 years. This is something that I grew up with and it means a lot."
 DUSTIN SIMUS, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR



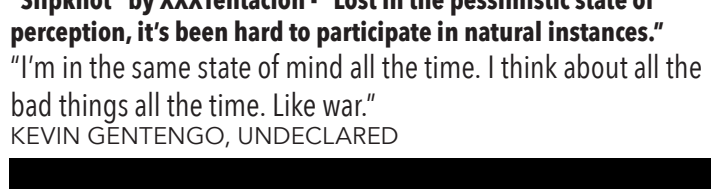
"Happy Now" by Kali Uchis - "Just wanna remember all the good things, don't speed through the rainbow."
 "Kali Uchis has been a very big influence in my life, so I think most of her songs are pretty important to me. I think one can get so lost in all the negativity that you literally just speed through the rainbows. This is human instinct to kind of focus on the negatives and I like to focus more on the positives in life too."
 JESUS CARDOSO, BIOLOGY



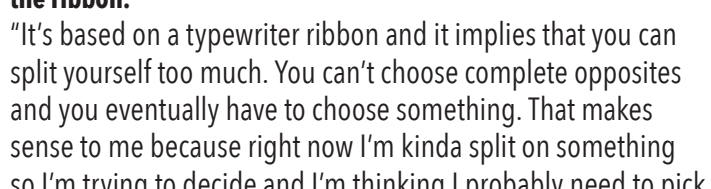
"ABLOH!" by Autumn! - "Ain't where you want to be yet, don't stress. Just keep on working."
 "I feel like it connects with me because he's saying if you're not where you want to be in your life yet, don't stress. You'll get there eventually."
 KALIZ HARRISON, PSYCHOLOGY



"Slipknot" by XXXTentacion - "Lost in the pessimistic state of perception, it's been hard to participate in natural instances."
 "I'm in the same state of mind all the time. I think about all the bad things all the time. Like war."
 KEVIN GENTENGO, UNDECLARED



"Ribbon" by The Stupendium - "You can't live life on both sides of the ribbon."
 "It's based on a typewriter ribbon and it implies that you can split yourself too much. You can't choose complete opposites and you eventually have to choose something. That makes sense to me because right now I'm kinda split on something so I'm trying to decide and I'm thinking I probably need to pick something soon."
 CADEN MOE, MECHATRONICS



CADEN MOE, MECHATRONICS


VOICE BOX

What is the best April Fools Prank?

By Abigail Gibb | Contributor

"Something harmlessly funny, like switching a date around or something."

Haley Brown, 19
business administration

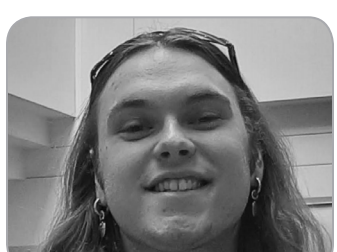



"Anything with a script that involves the classroom is funny. I saw a video of a teacher where he had a projector up and that he was helping himself fix it. So anything like that is quite funny!"

Evelyn Murphy, 18
liberal arts transfer

"I did one where it was a TikTok where you use google translate to type in this is a call from the correctional facility. I still have the recording of it. There's also one where you smash someone's gaming system and surprise them with a new one."

Desiree Thompson, 25
psychology





"I don't like pranks unless they're all light hearted and sweet and nobody ends up getting hurt, injured, or offended. I think a prank should be casual and goofy and fun."

Eli Kevari, 19
english and screenwriting

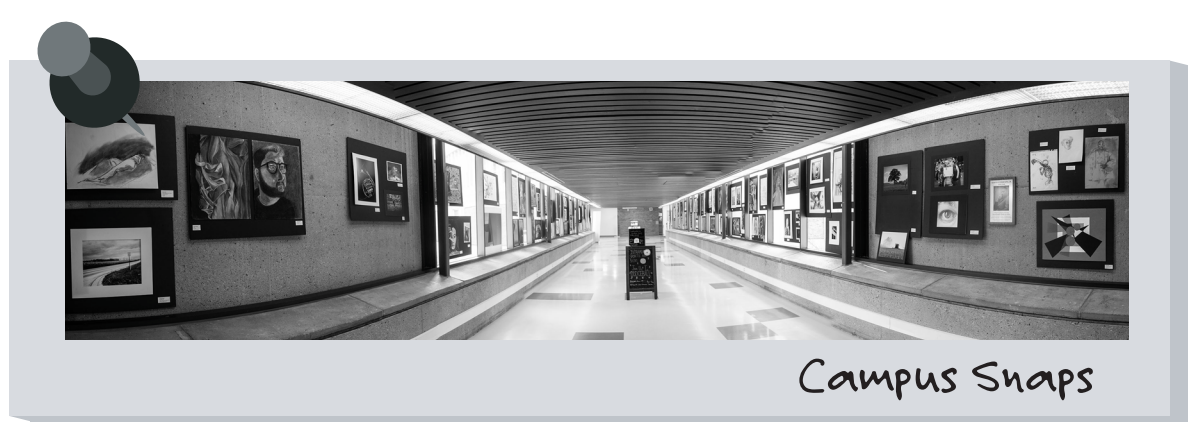
"I did this one to my mom where you can look up a broken TV screen to get a 10 hour video and then just leave that and be like, 'I don't know what happened. The TV just totally broke. I have no idea.' And then I was like, no, no, just kidding. It's not broken. I didn't break the TV."

Gavin Moon, 22
maintenance technicians

"Probably taking a picture of someone's phone laying on the kitchen counter and texting them later that they left their phone and then they come back in there to pick up their phone and it's just a picture!"

Dominik Zasadny, 23
welding



Campus Snaps

PAULA FARMER | WASHTENAW VOICE

The 2024 student art show continues from March 15 - April 15 on the second floor of the Student Center.



WASHTENAWVOICE.COM

WASHTENAWVOICE

WASHTENAWVOICE

OUR TEAM AND ITS ROLE

The Washtenaw Voice is produced every other week by students of Washtenaw Community College. Editorial responsibility lies with the students. The views here are not endorsed or approved by the faculty, administration or Board of Trustees of WCC.

YOUR VOICE

The Voice welcomes letters from readers. Letters should be a maximum of 400 words and include the author's name. A phone number and email address are required so letters can be verified before publication. The Voice welcomes news tips and story ideas.

CORRECTIONS

The Voice is committed to correcting any errors that appear in the newspaper or on its website. To report an error of fact, phone 734-677-5405 or email thewashtenawvoice@gmail.com.

FIRST COPY'S FREE

A copy of each edition of the Voice is free to everyone. Additional copies are available at The Voice newsroom, SC 109, for 25 cents each.

EDITOR.....	Caleb Henderson	caahenderson@wccnet.edu
DEPUTY EDITOR.....	Lily Cole	lvcole@wccnet.edu
DIGITAL EDITOR.....	Igor Monakhov	imonakhov@wccnet.edu
GRAPHIC DESIGNERS...	Grace Faver	gfaver@wccnet.edu
	Jada Hauser	jmhauser@wccnet.edu
PHOTO EDITOR.....	Paula Farmer	pgfarmer@wccnet.edu
WRITERS.....	Kristy Kazzi	kkazzi@wccnet.edu
	Alejandra Smith	asmith173@wccnet.edu
	Alice McGuire	chmcguire@wccnet.edu
CONTRIBUTORS.....	Alisa Chmerenko	achmerenko@wccnet.edu
	Tiffany Sims	tjsims@wccnet.edu
	Courtney Prielipp	cprielipp@wccnet.edu
	Yana McGuire	ymcguire@wccnet.edu
	Patrick Sullivan	pasullivan@wccnet.edu
	Abigail Gibb	agibb@wccnet.edu
	Charlie Trumbull	ktrumbull@wccnet.edu
	Tahura Badar	tbadrulislam@wccnet.edu
ADVISER.....	Lilly Kujawski	lgkujawski@wccnet.edu

4800 E. Huron River Drive
 Room SC 109
 Ann Arbor, Mich. 48105
 thewashtenawvoice@gmail.com
 734-677-5125

LOOK FOR THE VOICE BACK ON THE STANDS!

Read more on our website:



<https://www.washtenawvoice.com>

VISIT SC 109

Meetings every
Monday 5 p.m.

SEE YOURSELF PUBLISHED

We are looking for staff writers, editors, journalists, photographers and graphic designers.

CONTACT OR APPLY

thewashtenawvoice@gmail.com



COLUMN

Photo editing apps underscore pressure to keep up

LILY COLE
Deputy Editor

Traversing the world of the internet can be a beautiful experience. With the tap of an icon, you can communicate with people from across the globe and buy things from medicine to dog toys without even leaving your house.

However the internet highway that is social media can be a bumpy road. From online dating disasters to cancel culture, the world of social media creates a lot of damage. One of the ways it can be through Photoshopping.

In the past month, Catherine “Kate” Middleton, Princess of Wales, was exposed for photoshopping a Mother’s Day picture of her and her children. After this, she announced her diagnosis of cancer, which came as a shock and very saddening reveal to the whole world.

While it hasn’t been stated directly if she photoshopped the picture because of this, the main reason was Middleton said she was an “amateur pho-



Original



Edited

In this photo illustration writer Lily Cole demonstrates how FaceTune can be used to change her appearance. Photo editing apps create body image issues for women on the internet.

tographer” who “occasionally experiments with editing.”

Before the diagnosis and apology for the picture, I had a question about photoshopping in general: why is it something people think to do?

With social media at everyone’s fingertips, “More than half of the world population

uses social media, of which 99% access them via mobile at some point,” a study from the National Library of Medicine says.

Concerns about the impact of social media on our mental health have become increasingly prevalent, a previous Voice report, “Social

media and its influence on Generation Z” said. With the widespread use of photo editing negatively affecting body satisfaction and self-esteem.

While I’ve never posted a photo of myself photoshopped, I will admit I’ve messed around with apps. One being FaceTune, which allows

people to edit their appearance in a myriad of ways. The main one is editing, where you can remove blemishes, acne, tired lines and even weight.

I was amused to see all its features when I used the app. I could add makeup to a selfie and change my hair color.

Out of sheer boredom, I

edited enough of the selfie to the point that I felt bad. And I was upset with myself for editing the parts of myself that took me so long to love.

For an app that’s mission statement is “to help you highlight what makes you, well, you!” It seems pretty misleading.

I thought about it for a little bit and deleted the app. I did jump on the hamster wheel once or twice and got it back because I was bored, but it always stayed deleted after my boredom was up. I think it’s because I didn’t want to undo the work I had done to appreciate myself, but mostly because I didn’t and still don’t want to be something I’m not.

A report based on research with 175 young women and nonbinary people in the UK called “Changing the Perfect Picture: Smartphones, Social Media and Appearance Pressures” by Professor Rosalind Gill from City University of London’s Gender and Sexualities Research Centre says “that 90% of women reported using filters or editing their photos before posting them on social media.”

Social media’s impact on how we socialize and perceive each other has changed how we see ourselves, and being on these photoshopping apps puts everyone at risk of gaining an unhealthy image of themselves.

COLUMN

Ramadan sees tragedy in Gaza

TAHURA BADAR
Contributor

Upon the appearance of the waxing crescent moon, billions of Muslims across the world commemorate the arrival of Ramadan. This blessed month brings a sense of spiritual renewal and community bonding.

But instead, Muslims in Gaza are witnessing a stark contrast.

Where they could experience the laughter of kids echoing in mosques as thousands bowed in congregation, the streets of Gaza are now painted red with the constant echoes of airstrikes and sirens, stripping away the tranquility Ramadan once brought.

History of Ramadan

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. During this month, observant Muslims work on their self-restraint through various means, one of which is fasting.

All Muslims must fast once they hit puberty, as it is one of the five pillars of Islam (fundamental acts of worship). The day usually starts at dawn, as Muslims wake up before the break of dawn for suhoor (a pre-dawn meal consumed before fasting).

It is an essential part of fasting, as it provides hydration and nourishment for the entire day with timings also being very crucial in Ramadan. The period of eating and drinking ends at the onset of Fajr (pre-dawn prayer) and resumes after sunset as Muslims indulge in Iftar (the evening meal with which Muslims end their daily fast).

Fasting for over ten hours every day might sound like a daunting task, but its benefits outweigh the temporary discomfort, providing a great opportunity for introspection to individuals. This way, they can set boundaries, regain spiritual consciousness, and most importantly, strengthen their



ILLUSTRATION BY GRACE FAVER

With more than 32,000 lives lost and over 70% of Gaza’s population facing catastrophic hunger, this year’s Ramadan feels different for Muslims in Palestine.

bond with Allah (God).

Omniah Alakwaa, a sophomore at WTMC, said how Ramadan helps her incorporate punctuality into her routine.

“Instead of looking at Ramadan and fasting as a burden, I see it as an opportunity to work on my time management skills. Where I would spend hours mindlessly scrolling through social media, I now prioritize dedicating time to worship and completing my assignments,” she said.

Moreover, the significance of fasting during Ramadan is magnified by the fact that it was during this holy month that the Holy Quran was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Thus, fasting not only becomes a means of physical and spiritual purification but also a commemoration of this divine revelation.

A Somber Ramadan on the Gaza Strip

The temporary thirst and hunger we face during Ramadan is nothing compared to the struggles endured by Palestinians.

Instead of focusing solely

on their spiritual duties, the civilians of the Gaza Strip must also navigate the harsh realities of being constantly bombed and besieged while also having limited access to food, water, and basic necessities.

More than 70% of Gaza’s 2.3 million population are facing catastrophic hunger, according to reporting from Al Jazeera. This has been so severe to the point where people are breaking their fasts with grass, soup and lemons.

After reaching the point where the death toll and destruction engulfed the region, the United Nations passed a resolution for a temporary ceasefire during Ramadan.

However, this long-awaited call for peace came after more than 32,000 lives had already been lost, each one representing a family torn apart. These people aren’t merely statistics, they are individuals with lives, goals, and accomplishments.

Despite the resolution, Israel continues to flatten cities, erase bloodlines, and displace populations, further intensifying the humanitarian crisis and deepening the suffering of

millions. According to reports from Al Jazeera, the airstrikes and constant bombing by Israel hasn’t stopped even after the UN passed the resolution.

A different Eid ul Fitr celebration

Eid ul Fitr, one of the two Islamic festivals, marks the end of Ramadan. It is celebrated on the first day of Shawwal (the 10th Islamic month). Mosques overflow with flowy abayas and thobes as the scent of oud and various traditional foods mingle to greet the visitors.

As the excitement for Eid awaits, our hearts are heavy with sorrow and concern due to the ongoing injustice faced by the people of Palestine.

Where the streets of Gaza were once filled with a vibrant array of street vendors selling sizzling falafel, fragrant shawarma, and colorful arrays of fresh fruits and sweets, they now echo with the haunting silence of destruction and despair.

Amidst the war, the once bustling crowd has now vanished, leaving behind rubble and the heart-wrenching cries of mothers.

ANALYSIS

Trump nominated in Republican party Will he have the pull for November election?

MOHAMED AHMED
Contributor

The Michigan Republican primary happened just over a month ago, and the Republican landscape has changed dramatically since then.

One notable exception was the suspension of Nikki Haley’s campaign for winning only one state on Super Tuesday, a day where fifteen states and one territory vote in their primaries. This left Donald Trump as the only remaining candidate running for the Republican nomination. Trump then secured enough delegates to become the Republican nominee.

Additionally, Trump ousted current Republican National Committee Chair Rona McDaniel and replaced her with North Carolina Republican State Party Chair Michael Whatley and his daughter Laura Trump as co-chairs. These moves continue to show the influence Trump has in the Republican Party.

But while Trump’s grip on the Republican party is clear, the question is: does he have a chance to win in 2024?

According to recent CBS poll data, Trump holds strong positions on issues like immigration, the economy and crime. He also leads in many polls in swing states that are critical to winning elections, where he is seen in a better light than his less popular opponent. Trump has also seen increased support among African-American and Latino voters.

But the former president has his problems and issues. Trump’s ongoing legal battles, particularly in two federal cases where his legal team are arguing for presidential immunity, have been a major source of concern.

A Politico Magazine poll found that 70% of respondents disagreed that the president was safe from prosecution. Even if the Supreme Court rules in favor of the former president, he could have electoral problems.

Trump’s recent controversial comments further illustrate his vulnerability. From proposing opening Medicare to cuts to divisive comments about Jewish Americans who vote for Democrats, Trump’s rhetoric could erode his support base, especially in swing states where his lead is 5% or so less.

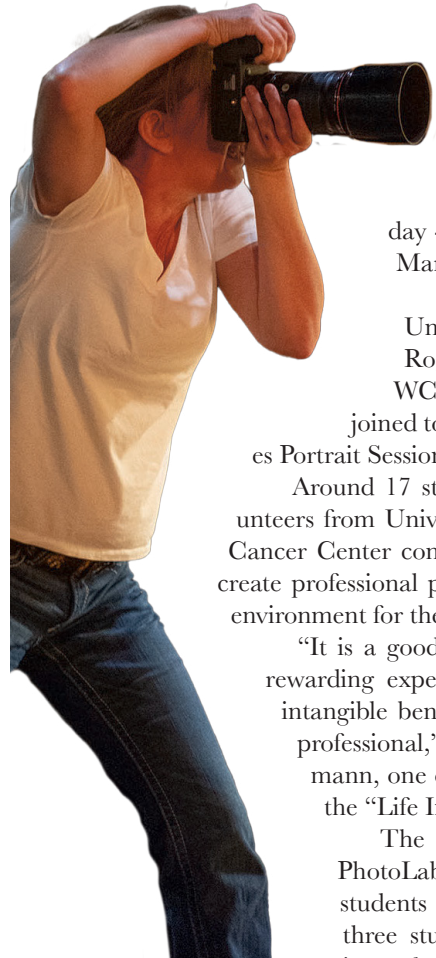
Although these strategies could strengthen its base, they risk alienating moderate independent voters and wavering voters critical to electoral success. Thus, Trump’s dominance in the polls should not obscure his fluctuating support, which could influence his controversial rhetorical and policy positions.

With the election only seven months away, President Trump remains a unique candidate—a former president who has been indicted on both federal and state levels.

Now leading in polls, he still faces major legal challenges which could have electoral problems. As we look ahead to the coming months, it will be important to see how he navigates these obstacles. Whether he emerges victorious can only be seen on election night.

This is part one of an ongoing political analysis series. Check back in to the Voice’s April 16 issue to see part two covering the Michigan Democratic primary.

Photo students give back to cancer patients



ALISA CHMERENKO
Contributor

It's not often to see WCC's campus bustling on a Saturday - but that was the case on March 16.

On this occasion, the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center and WCC Photography program joined to organize the "Life Images Portrait Session" event.

Around 17 students, teachers and volunteers from University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center committed the whole day to create professional portraits and a supportive environment for the special guests.

"It is a good thing to do - it's a very rewarding experience that has so many intangible benefits for me as a working professional," said Donald Werthmann, one of the main organizers of the "Life Images" event.

The event took place in the PhotoLab, where photography students and professors arranged three studios with different lighting techniques to produce pictures.

Kate Westfall, volunteer photography student, giving compliments to the clients.



Group shot of all the students and volunteers, courtesy of Don Werthmann.

Scholars were able to gain real-life experience by properly communicating with people of different ages, creating the engaging poses, and editing lighting and exposure to improve photo quality.

"I did the life images because I thought it would be a good experience to do like a big production photoshoot and see behind the scenes how everything gets edited and pictures being taken," said Alecia Watson, one of the volunteers shares why she decided to join the event and recommend students to take part in the occasion as it would be an enriching and studying experience for someone who is interested in big production.

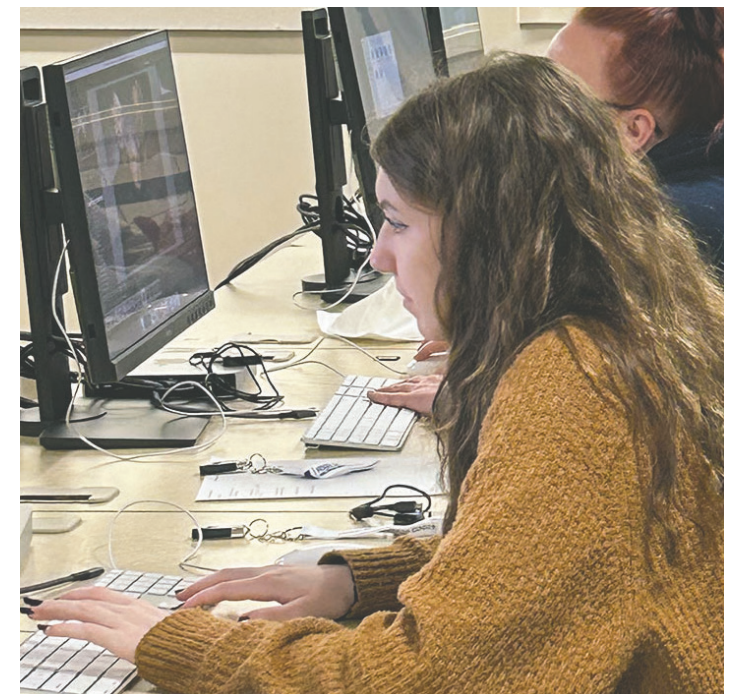
The whole day was organized - people grouped by their abilities and desires. Most photography students worked in the studio with cameras under the guidance of professors, the other group ran the post with all editing and printing processes with assistance of Stephanie Pletcher.

"One thing that I loved the most as I feel like we are all working together as a team," she said. Pletcher was one of the first volunteers who has been participating since 2019.

For more information about the Life Images Portrait Session, email Donald Werthmann at donw@wccnet.edu.



Don Werthmann, photography professor at WCC, showing students how to bounce light and how it changes the portrait (provided by the Digital Media Arts department).



Students editing portraits that were taken a few minutes ago.

PHOTOS BY
COURTNEY PRIELIPP

Cycling

CONTINUED FROM A1
Hills, sprints, riders' choice, music while cycling, are a few of the different variations' cyclists endure in these classes.

The cycling instructors generally tend to start classes off with a purpose. According to Steinbacher - just like many things in life, when you begin with a purpose, you are more than likely to finish strong.

It is no secret that formu-

lating healthier routines is one of the best things that can be done for oneself. Northwestern Medicine confirms this fact by showing that a healthy, effective routine can help reduce stress, which can lead to "better mental health, more time to relax and less anxiety."

The Health and Fitness Center is at 4833 E Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

Sleeping mats

CONTINUED FROM A1
This empathetic response to homelessness extends beyond the mat-making initiative, as students and staff donated bags, time and support. The effort resulted in the creation of four mats, benefiting both WCC students and those in need within the local community.

For students seeking assistance, the student resource

center remains a valuable resource, with case managers available to provide support not only for homelessness but also for food, finance, childcare and more.

Those interested in supporting this cause can participate in the upcoming event on April 11 at the Bailey Library on the first floor.



PAULA FARMER | WASHTENAW VOICE

Helpful hands weave mats for the homeless.

CRIME LOG

The following events were reported by WCC Public Safety between March 14 and March 28.

INTIMIDATION

On March 14 at 3:02 p.m., public safety responded to an incident that has since been resolved in the Business Education building. The incident involved a student alleging that a fellow student had intimidated them, but no further evidence was provided or found by campus safety to substantiate this claim.

RETAIL FRAUD

On March 15 at 11:35 a.m., public safety responded to an incident in the Student Center bookstore. The incident involved a student attempting to steal multiple items from the premises and being stopped before they were able to exit the store. No charges will be filed, and the case has since been resolved.

WEAPON LAW VIOLATION

On March 18 at 11:09 a.m., campus police responded to an incident in the Student Center. A student alleged that another student tried to stab them with a knife, but no proof or evidence was found of this via security cameras or witness reports. As a result, the case was deemed unsubstantiated.

LARCENY

On March 19 at 2:42 p.m., campus police responded to an incident that occurred earlier in the day between 9:34 and 9:50 a.m. in the Health and Fitness Center. An adult male, not believed to be a student at WCC, reported that his credit card was stolen in the locker room but no additional leads or suspects have been found yet. Campus safety have sent their security camera footage to neighboring police departments in an attempt to enhance the quality and locate the perpetrator. This case has been temporarily closed until further leads have been found.

In light of this incident, Chief of Public Safety John Leacher also offered a couple tips to keep safe on campus for students and the general public:

Lock any important things up or keep them stored away in a safe place when not in use

Double and triple check that nobody is looking over your shoulder when creating a combination to use in a locker room setting

Corrections

A March 19 story titled "Addressing Food Insecurity Among College Students" misrepresented a statistic. The article should have said that Food Gatherers provided 56,000 unique individuals with food, totaling over one million instances of food distribution services in Washtenaw County.

SATIRE

POND SHARK! POSES PROBLEMS TO STUDENTS

LILY COLE
Deputy Editor | April Fools enthusiast

WCC has witnessed the arrival and integration of a new creature in the pond outside the Gundar Myran and Liberal Arts buildings. Two unnamed students saw a dorsal fin breaking out of the water in the early evening of April 1. After taking the information to Public Safety and biology professors, upon further examination, they con-

cluded that a shark was the culprit, and an announcement was issued.

In the coming days, students and faculty gathered around the pond to see the WCC Pond Shark.

saw it first," he said. "When I did hear, I got to school an hour early the next day to see if it was there- thank God it

mal was also grey in color and roughly 11 feet long.

The shark has been seen swimming by the shore and watching students walk by; it recently began begging for food. As this happened, students began to feed the shark.

Public Safety released a

er, problems caused by the sharks' new interest in food birthed an anti-pond-shark organization created by students.

Jackie Joe, a general studies major and the head of WCC's anti-pond-shark organization says their mission statement is to evict the shark from the campus pond as soon as possible.

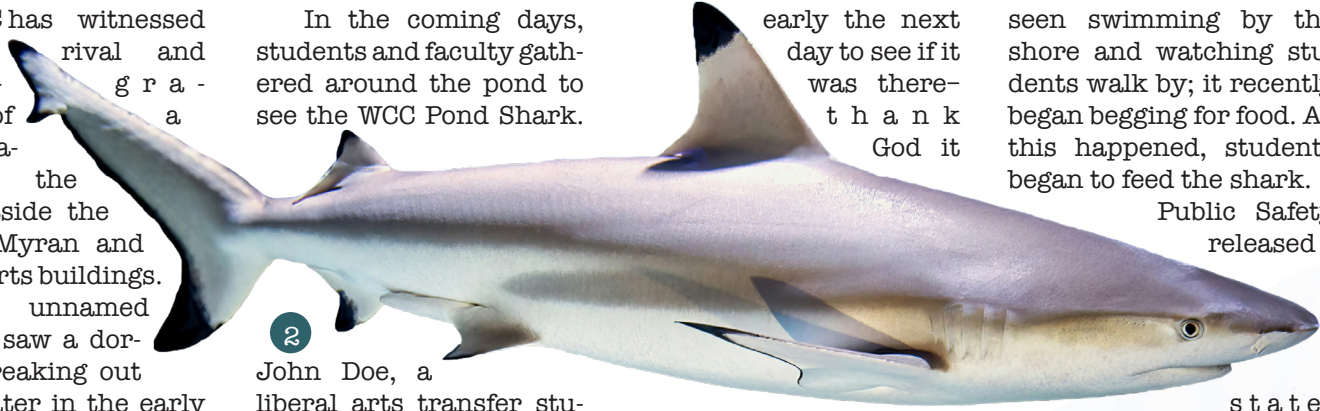
"I was on my way to class one day, and the shark took a bite out of my backpack!" Joe said,

showing a piece of homework with bite marks on it. "I walked into class after that, vowing to take that shark down."

The anti-pond-shark organization has grown from four members to nine after the homework incident.

PHOTO CREDITS

- 1. GEROLD SCHÖMBS
- 2. DAVID CLODE
- 3. DAVID CLODE
- 4. CHASER BAKER



John Doe, a liberal arts transfer student, said he wanted to be one of the first to see it.

"I heard about the shark through my friend, who knew the guy who

was." He described the shark as "bulky" and "shaped like a torpedo." According to Doe, the ani-

mal was also grey in color and roughly 11 feet long. The shark has been seen swimming by the shore and watching students walk by; it recently began begging for food. As this happened, students began to feed the shark.

Public Safety released a statement urging students against feeding it due to safety concerns. Howev-

er, problems caused by the sharks' new interest in food birthed an anti-pond-shark organization created by students.

Jackie Joe, a general studies major and the head of WCC's anti-pond-shark organization says their mission statement is to evict the shark from the campus pond as soon as possible.

"I was on my way to class one day, and the shark took a bite out of my backpack!" Joe said,

EASING SHARK TENSION

The Voice has added a new member to the team to combat the tension prevalent throughout campus.

Introducing the Voice's new food specialist, Just Bruce III. As the team's newest member, his job is to teach everyone that sharks are friends, not foes.

Recently, Bruce made the trek from the

Atlantic Ocean through the Great Lakes and up the Huron River following the scent of journalistic excellence until he found the Voice.

Just Bruce III was instantly greeted by one Sergeant Feathers, the veteran turned emotional support squish toy of the Voice staff.

Bruce will work close-

ly with the Voice and administrators on a lucrative salary to help spread positivity and change the narrative about sharks.

When asked about his new position, Bruce said: "GRRRR, I'm super excited to start!"

Highlighting his previous job experience as a group leader, he said he finds leading groups and teaching very therapeutic.

He wants to do it for as long as possible.

"I used to teach a group of sharks that 'fish are friends, not food.' I want to flip the script and show humans that we're friends and not foes."

Bruce is following

the footsteps of his father who started in "Finding Nemo." Bruce III's mission was to reinvent the image of modern sharks after his father's role in "Jaws" inspired the fear of all sharkkind.

Friday, in a beautiful and tear jerking ceremony, the Voice team and

Sergeant Feathers welcomed Just Bruce III into the team. In his acceptance speech, Bruce announced his excitement to begin a new fish-free culinary department for the newspaper.

We at the Voice are proud to announce that Bruce's tenure on staff has officially begun. Godspeed.

INTRODUCING...

BRUCE

STATS:

Age: 58, gen x

Strength: can bench press a mega yacht

Agility: mid

Length: 5.5 inches

Criminal record: unknown

Intelligence: 5

Jaw pressure: 4000 lbs of force

Swim speed: 100 miles per hour

Favorite food: kelp salad

Hates: pescatarians

Biggest fear: dolphins (they bully sharks)



PAULA FARMER | WASHTENAW VOICE

Sergeant Feathers, the Voice's current poultry representative staff member, passes the torch to Just Bruce III.

Jawdroppingly good, bad and ugly shark movies for viewing

“Fish are friends, not food”

COMPILED BY GRACE FAVER

GOOD

“Jaws” - 1975

A well thought out plot, semi-realistic mechanics and for its time, state of the art machines, which makes a brilliant and iconic movie. We’ll all be quoting this film for generations to come.

“The Shallows” - 2016

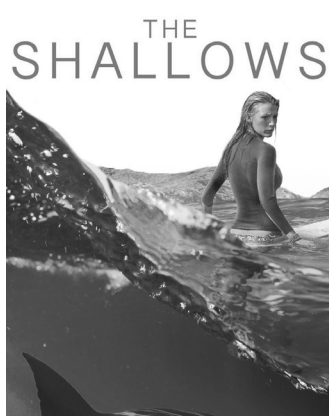
Even with a minimal cast, this movie is an excellent example of what a shark movie should be: suspense, building predicaments and a killer shark. The lead character is smart, tactical and works with the environment to get to safety.

“Shark Tale” - 2004

A staple movie from many of Gen Z’s childhoods only got better with time. With quotable lines that float around the internet like the shrimp monologue, heartfelt moments of love and a song about car washes; we will remember this movie for a long time.

“The Meg” - 2018

Set in an alternate scientific reality, this film takes place in a high tech time period very like our own. But where 60 foot-long sharks dwell deep under the ocean and they are angry at humans invading their territory.



BAD

“47 Meters Down” - 2017

A woman afraid of water. A giant, rickety shark cage. What could go wrong? Everything.

“47 Meters Down Uncaged” - 2019

Four stupid teenagers with the thrill of disobeying the rules - the girls grab their scuba gear and drive down to explore the underwater caves of a sunken civilization. Of course they run into the deep dwelling sharks that call the ruins their home.

“Sand Sharks” - 2011

A plot so unbelievably unrealistic that sharks literally swim through the sand. A “Dune” wanna-be film that shows the selfishness of management is too stubborn that they won’t “close the beaches.”



UGLY

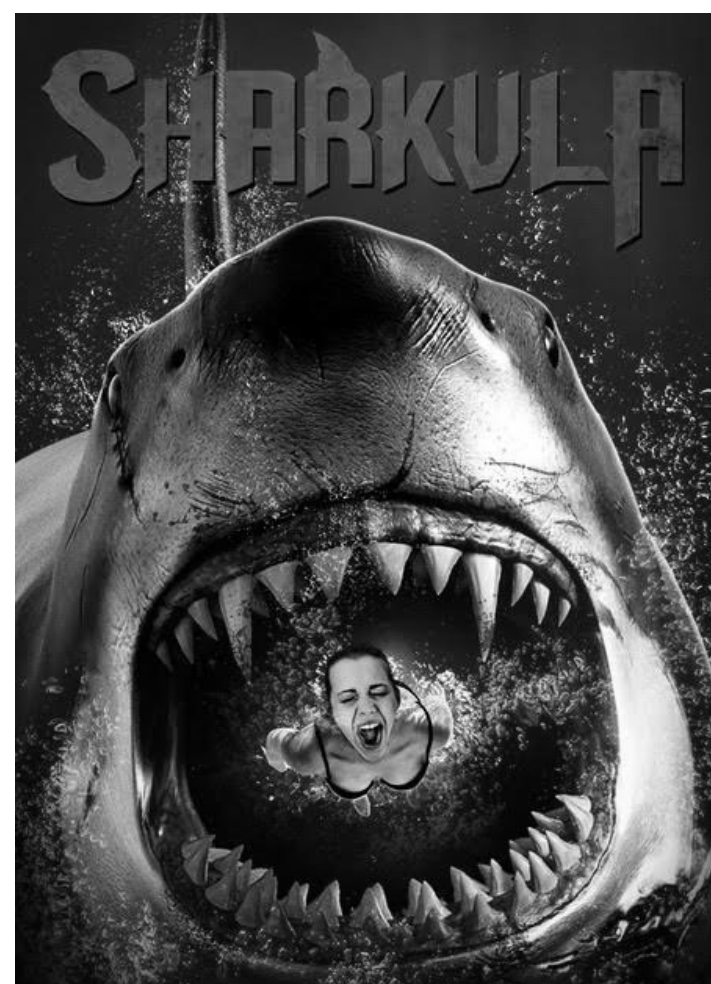
“The Requin” - 2022

This movie is a disaster and unrealistic on all accounts. A floating vacation house drifts across the sea and is besieged by a singular killer shark. Every helpful person immediately dies and the main character somehow stays alive by sheer plot armor.



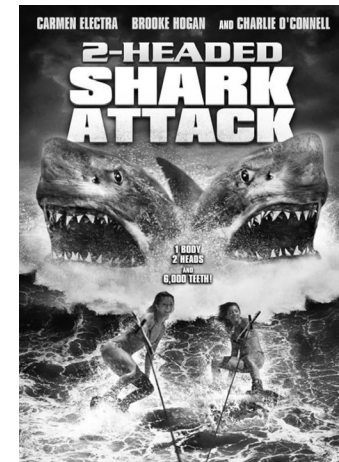
“Deep Blue Sea 2” - 2018

In this film, man is stupid enough to enhance the brain capacity of great white sharks by inserting a chemical into their brain that supposedly makes the sharks obey commands and orders. Shockingly, the sharks become organized and calculated. Tada! Intelligent, man eating monsters.



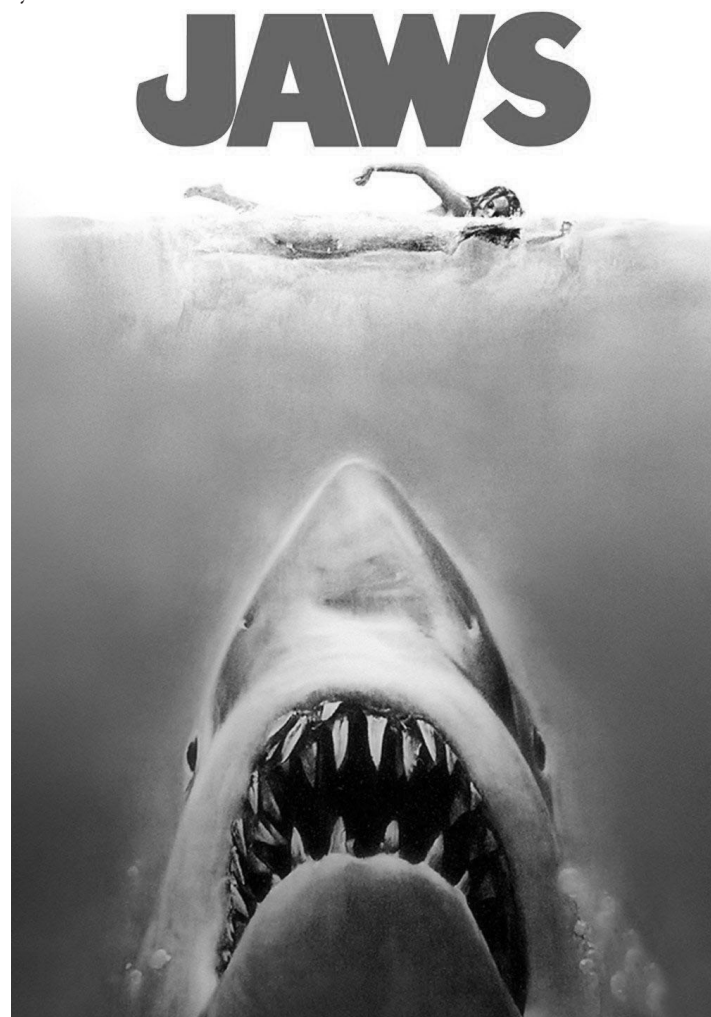
“Sharkula” - 2022

A home movie with as much presence as “Velocopastor,” a movie about a priest that turns into a Velociraptor. The supernatural mixes with the reality of sharks, to bring us humanoids in their thirst for not only blood; but flesh.



“2-Headed Shark Attack” - 2012

With a corny combination of bad acting, overly beautiful models, terrible CGI and plot holes beyond belief; it births a grand adventure of blood and cut-off screams.



The benefits of mindful thoughts

KRISTY KAZZI
Staff Writer

An increased ability to relax, a greater enthusiasm for life and improved self-esteem: these are just a few of the benefits of mindfulness according to News in Health, a monthly newsletter from the US National Institutes of Health.

Jacklyn Rey, a personal trainer, exercise physiologist at WCC Fitness, massage therapist and yoga teacher, advocates for a holistic approach to wellness—considering the body as a dynamic process rather than a fixed entity.

With her mantra, “I like to really think of it as working with the body as a process,” Rey emphasizes the transformative potential of mindfulness, which she initially discovered through yoga.

She believes mindfulness offers valuable tools for navigating stress and fostering healthier relationships, advising individuals to “learn your thoughts as an observer as opposed to just an experienter.”

Barbara Concannon, having recently retired after three decades of event planning at the University of Michigan, found her own journey to mindfulness through her

long-standing yoga practice.

Teaching yoga for many years, Concannon underscores its role in calming the nervous system and improving focus by paying close attention to the present moment.

Echoing Rey’s sentiments, Concannon highlights mindfulness as a pathway to self-acceptance and compassion, noting, “It’s really helpful in getting more accepting and loving of yourself and others.”

Both Rey and Concannon align with recent research findings, which underscore mindfulness’s benefits in reducing stress and enhancing self-control. A recent study conducted by researchers with the Boston Charter Research Collaborative highlighted the effectiveness of mindfulness in achieving these outcomes among sixth-graders.

Led by instructors from Calmer Choice, the eight-week program utilized techniques like focusing on a rock, resulting in decreased sensitivity to negative stimuli as evidenced by brain scans. “The findings suggest that the mindfulness instruction helped boost students’ attention skills, as well as develop coping mechanisms for stress.”



Mindfulness can aid in stress management. JADA HAUSER | WASHTENAW VOICE

Exploring biology with Bradley Metz

ALICE MCGUIRE
Staff Writer

Bradley Metz is a full time biology instructor at Washtenaw Community College, known among his students for making science accessible, fun, and unforgettable.

Upon first meeting for an interview with The Washtenaw Voice, Metz asked, “I’m gonna know the answer to these questions, right? Are they gonna be on the test?”

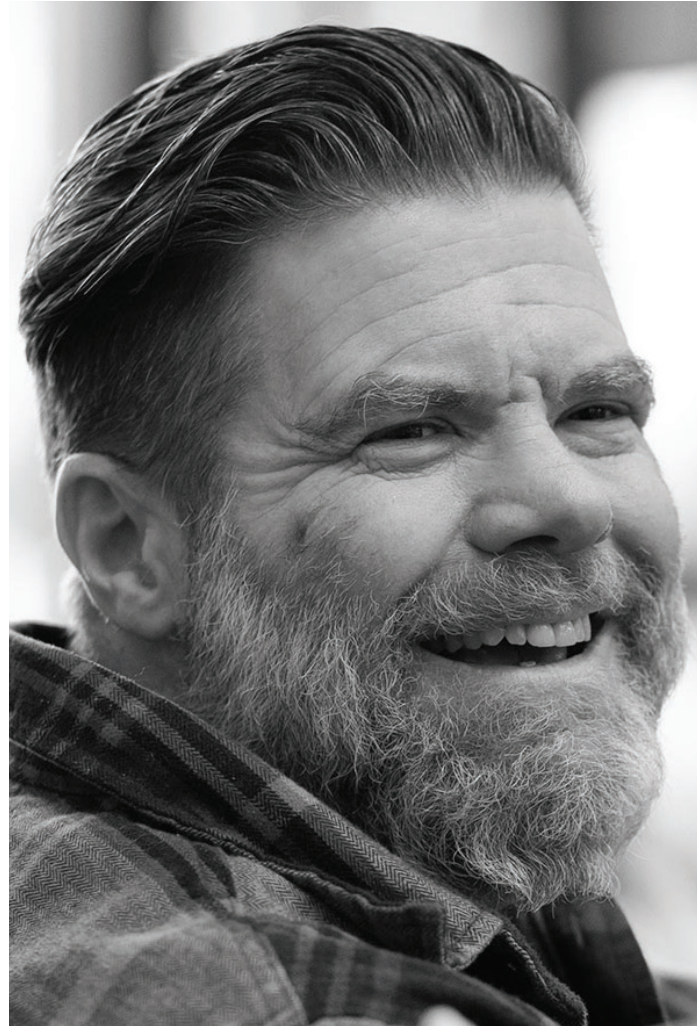
As a child, he was allergic to nature and unable to stay away from it.

“When we moved to Michigan, my parents got me a fish tank—because ‘How can you be allergic to fish?’” said Metz, describing how this early experience led to a fascination with “everything living.” For nearly fifty years, Metz has consistently maintained a fish tank (or tanks) and/or a pond.

Metz spent his undergrad years studying “biology stuff” at Eastern Michigan University, until a flyer for a graduate program at Northeastern University caught his eye and shifted his focus to marine biology. During a spring semester at Northeastern, a professor approached him and asked him about his plans for the fall, ultimately giving him the opportunity to study “the most amazing things in the world—seaweeds.” It was during this time that he also discovered his love of teaching.

“I wouldn’t do anything else. This is my love. This is it. I tell students in my class—if I won the lottery, I would pay someone to grade my papers...and I would still teach,” said Metz.

Aida Labowitch had originally taken biology as a prerequisite with the intention of ultimately going into human



PATRICK SULLIVAN | WASHTENAW VOICE

Brad Metz laughs as he discusses his methods of using humor to engage students in biology. Metz believes that levity is a critical approach to teaching.

services, but she is currently reconsidering her future path, while keeping biology at the heart of her studies. “It was just something about the way that he spoke and was so invested in everything that he did that I...wanted to do that too!” she said.

When asked how studying biology had changed the way in which she looked at the world, Labowitch emphasized the ways in which studying biology helped reduce self-consciousness around “being human” and cited a recent earthworm dissection lab as a lesson which changed her perspective.

“We are ecosystems and

as well as the ways in which human bodies necessitate individualized medical care.

Both Walsh and Labowitch expressed gratitude for the ways in which Brad pays special attention to the needs of his students, with Walsh recalling a time in which Metz reworked a lesson about the cell cycle due to a handful of his students effectively saying, “Hey, this works better for my brain.”

While Metz does not rehearse for his classes, he approaches them with the same attitude as an actor before a show. “If you know the content—for me at least—you can have fun with it,” said Metz. One aspect of his lectures which students often remember is his ability to craft metaphors that connect biological processes to aspects of everyday life, such as using the imagery of cookbooks to illustrate trickier concepts like protein synthesis.

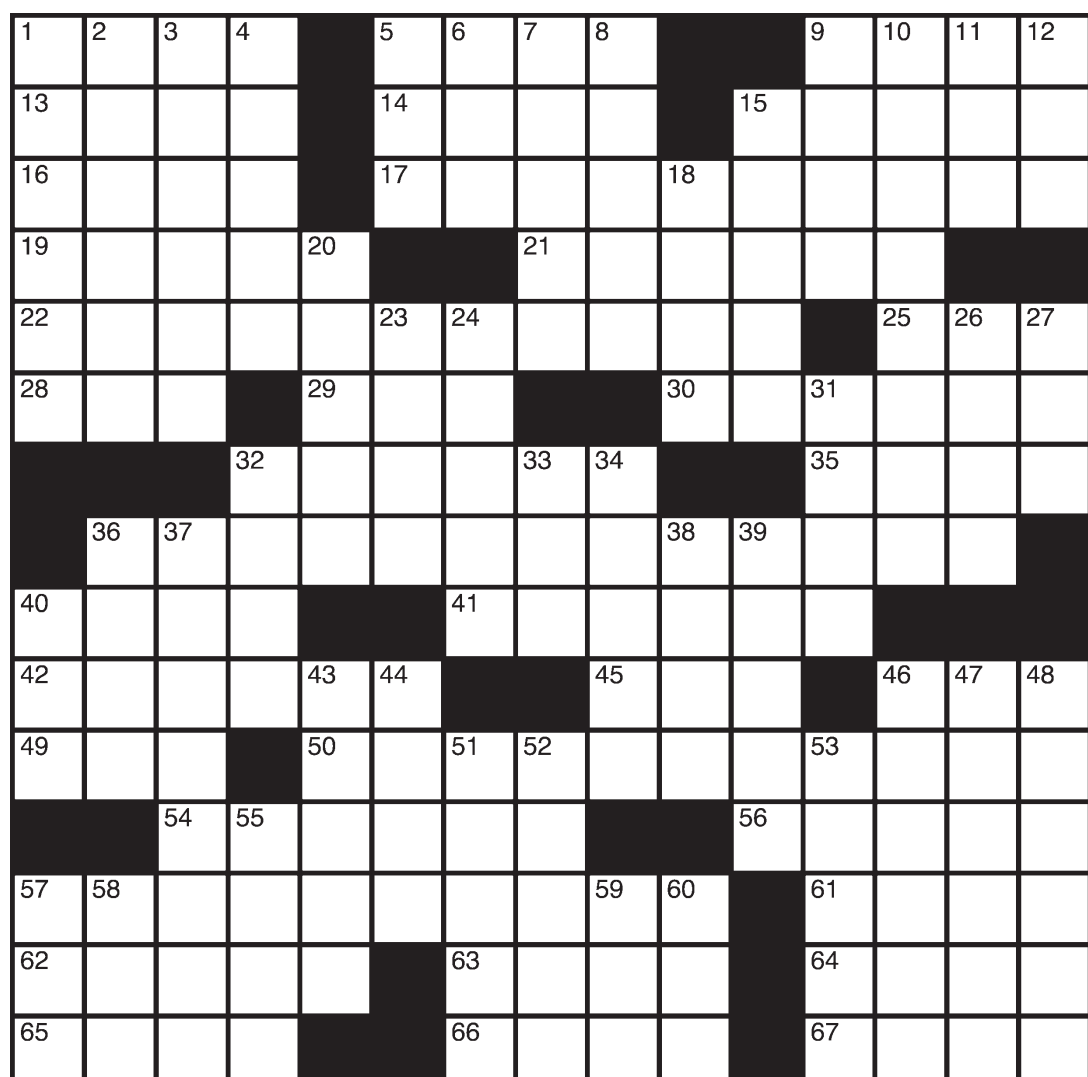
“I don’t think I could forget his class,” said Labowitch.

“I think it can change a student’s trajectory sometimes,” said Walsh, emphasizing how encouraging it is to find a teacher who demonstrates what it looks like to be passionate about a subject and who is able to accommodate different learning styles.

“I think that if seaweed were more accessible and able to be a potted plant, that should be the gift that every student gives him at the end of the semester,” said Labowitch, who expressed concerns over whether or not gifts of dried seaweed would make him sad.

When asked whether or not he would be sad if he was given deceased seaweed, Metz confirmed that he would not mind as long as it also happened to be delicious.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Low on a spiciness scale
- 5 Presidential thumbs down
- 9 Future JD's exam
- 13 Over again
- 14 Villainous
- 15 Commuter boat
- 16 Post-it scribble
- 17 Matching cups, saucers, sugar bowl, etc.
- 19 Starting point
- 21 "Luncheon of the Boating Party" painter Pierre-Auguste
- 22 Colorful hard confection
- 25 "Bowwow!"
- 28 Fr. holy woman
- 29 Pep squad cheer
- 30 Alex Morgan's sport

- 32 Back, at sea
- 35 "Good heavens!"
- 36 Apt time for pranksters to do the starts of 17-, 22-, 50-, and 57-Across?
- 40 Antioxidant berry in fruit bowls
- 41 Tranquil
- 42 Not exactly
- 45 Mariska Hargitay series, familiarly
- 46 Small amount
- 49 Citrus drink suffix
- 50 Legumes in some chili recipes
- 54 Extra charge for a sci. class, e.g.
- 56 Quick bite
- 57 Mojave Desert yucca
- 61 Share a side with
- 62 Anticipate

- 63 Rhyming tributes
- 64 Train segments
- 65 Terrarium pet
- 66 Norway's capital
- 67 Job

DOWN

- 1 Grand homes
- 2 Part of the plot
- 3 Doesn't interfere with
- 4 Uncool sort
- 5 Nov. 11 honoree
- 6 Festive night, often
- 7 Prom queen's crown
- 8 Elizabeth of "WandaVision"
- 9 Jeans maker Strauss
- 10 Hot sauce often mixed with mayonnaise
- 11 Path of a lobbed ball
- 12 Sheridan who plays

COMIC

"THE GREAT SHARK DEBATE OF 2024" BY CHARLIE TRUMBULL



- 15 Soft serve ice cream alternative, casually
- 18 Wraps up
- 20 Upper bodies
- 23 Countrywide: Abbr.
- 24 Gourmet cooks
- 26 "Ratatouille" rat
- 27 Cook in hot oil
- 31 Programmer's output
- 32 Dry as a desert
- 33 Fish eggs

- 34 Like Vikings
- 36 Battery fluid
- 37 Carpentry tool that cuts plywood sheets
- 38 Tax
- 39 Oscar season oversights
- 40 Sometimes called, for short
- 43 "True. However ..."
- 44 World Cup org.
- 46 "___, black sheep ..."
- 47 Acquires, as debts

- 48 "Tut-tut" kin
- 51 Half a "Star Wars" droid name
- 52 Uncool sorts
- 53 Put into effect
- 55 Take ___: lose money
- 57 First mo.
- 58 Have bills to pay
- 59 Long fish
- 60 That, in Spanish

Solutions to puzzles found on washtenawvoice.com

CLASSIFIEDS

WCC students and employees can place classified ads in The Washtenaw Voice for free. LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS Looking for help? As a service to our students, you may place "help wanted" ads in The Washtenaw Voice for free. THE DEADLINE in 5 p.m. the Tuesday before publication. SEND ADS to wcc.voice.advertising@gmail.com

JOB POSTINGS

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

Home Caregiver at Comfort Keepers Ann Arbor

We are currently looking for empathetic, passionate people to add to our team to be the Comfort Keepers for in-home care for seniors. As a caregiver, you would be matched with clients that fit your schedule, driving distance, and skill level. No experience needed.

Tool Technician at Kyocera Unimerco Tooling Inc.

Kyocera focuses on developing and supporting all our employees, as people are our main tool

for growth. We are looking for a candidate with solid attention to detail, and a desire to seek new solutions and possibilities. Technical skills, independence, and the ability to work in small groups are all important criteria for the Tool Technician position. Responsibilities include: Operate and troubleshoot CNC equipment to produce precision tools (with micron tolerances) using technical skills and extreme attention to quality, Program and set up CNC machines, Ability to work in self-governing groups which control order development, quality, and flow, Inspect personal work and the work of co-workers.

Landscape Crew Member at K C Runciman Landscapes

Hiring landscape crew members for seasonal or year round employment. Previous carpentry, hardscaping and horticultural experience welcome but not essential, as enthusiasm, work ethic and consistency is highly valued. Opportunities for developing trade skills including building, stone work, horticulture knowledge, using industry equipment and more. Permanent positions are available with competitive wages and benefits package.

Strategy & Planning Leadership Program Internship at Ford Motor Company

Looking for a great answer to the question – what did you do this summer? This is it! Through our Summer Internship, you'll

gain the experience, knowledge and skills to take your career to another level. Throughout this 12-week program, you'll enjoy hands-on involvement in some of the ground-breaking initiatives we've got going on. In addition to developing technically and professionally, you'll be able to build a network of friends and contacts while discovering what it's like to live, work and play with other interns in our program.

Library and Information Science Internships at Ypsilanti District Library

Under the direction of a YDL Manager, Interns will perform a wide variety of duties and tasks, gaining exposure to and experience in the full scope of public librarianship typical of a busy youth department. The ideal candidate will be passionate about serving the community and empowering kids and parents. Duties will include but are not limited to the following: Assist in the creation and implementation of youth and family programs at the libraries, on the bookmobile, and at outreach events. Examples include hands-on STEAM activities, storytimes, family literacy workshops, nature and fitness programs, and teen creative workshops.

Help serve lunch and read aloud to kids.

Help kids and parents find books and information in the Youth Department and on the bookmobile.

Medical Billing Assistant at Michigan Spine and Brain Surgeons

Michigan Spine and Brain Surgeons is one of the leading neurosurgical and orthopedic spine practices in Michigan in terms of surgical volume, outcomes, and clinical research. We employ six board-certified neurosurgeons and orthopedic spine surgeons and over 60 supporting staff across four offices. As such, it is necessary to employ competent, long-term billing staff to interact with patients, insurance companies, and doctors. While medical billing experience is preferred, it is not required to apply! Various job responsibilities of a medical biller may include, but are not limited to: Accounts receivable (A/R) follow up; Office/hospital coding; Payment posting; Reconciling explanations of benefits (EOBs); Correcting and submitting claims to insurance companies.

Accounting Assistant at Huron Valley Electric

Huron Valley Electric's administration and accounting team is a foundational support for the reason we are able to accomplish projects like these. As technology in the construction industry continues to grow, an increasing number of projects require detailed reporting and accounting documentation requiring a high-level of detail oriented administration expertise. Our accounting staff works closely with project management on job reporting, budget-

ing, and cost analysis with regular quarterly reporting. Projects also require audits for insurance and public record verifications, payroll processing, and associated taxes. The importance of HVE internal accounting is essential to our customers for us to provide a service of the highest quality.

Beverage Cart Attendant at University of Michigan

This position works under the Golf Course Catering Manager and is responsible for delivering exceptional customer service through food and beverage services on the golf course. Responsibilities : Knowledge of the golf course and basic golf etiquette, Responsible for maintaining a full inventory of product in the beverage cart, Adhere to all regulations and rules of TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures), Prompt, attentive and consistent service to all golfers in your designated area of the course, Deliver exceptional customer service that is expected of all UMGC team members.

Recruiter at Washtenaw Community College

The Recruiter is responsible for full-cycle recruiting, ensuring the sourcing and development of a qualified and diverse candidate pool. The Recruiter is a highly visible role within the college and will be able to make a significant impact on the college's overall success. Essential Job Duties and Responsibilities:

Manage full-cycle recruitment for all college positions; including but not limited to: Collaborate with hiring managers to identify successful candidate knowledge, skills and experience, as well as ensuring diversity in applicant pool and develop search strategies accordingly; Build diverse applicant sourcing through research, outreach, networking, and partnering with multiple sourcing channels; evaluate outreach and sourcing performance; monitor progress on requisitions; Ensure proper applicant pools are generated and communicated to hiring manager and search committee;

Michigan State Police Trooper / Police Officer / Statewide at Michigan State Police

For those looking for a career serving the community, being a role model and making a difference in many lives, Michigan State Police has an opportunity for training and job placement with the state's law enforcement agency. A Michigan State Trooper performs a full range of law enforcement assignments and is a certified police officer by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). A trooper typically works out of a State Police post and patrols the roads of an assigned geographical area to prevent or detect traffic law violations, conduct criminal investigations, and provide a variety of related services to the public.



events

Compiled by Kristy Kazzi

ON CAMPUS ANN ARBOR YPSILANTI

BUILDING THE MOTOR CITY BEE HIGHWAY

April 3, 11:30am - 12:30pm
Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/wccbeehighway>
MeetingID: 841 6529 9128
Passcode: 257173

Want to learn about cool stuff happening in Detroit? Join the zoom meeting down below to hear from Brian Peterson-Roest, founder of Bees in the D, about urban farming, beekeeping, and the Motor City Bee Highway. Find out how you can get involved with local businesses and leaders to make a difference!

GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

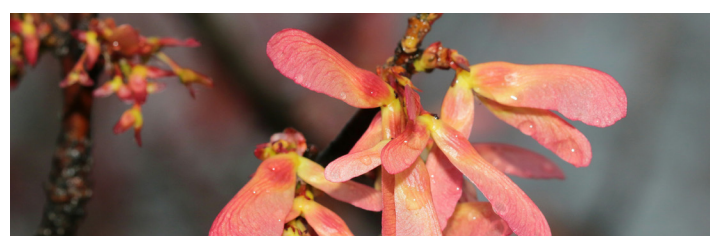
April 3, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
GM 332

New year goals tend to die off around this time. Embark on the path to success! Attend WCC's Goal Setting Workshop to transform your dreams into reality. Discover your potential, establish impactful goals, and create a personalized roadmap to reach your fullest potential. Plus, enjoy snacks while you learn!

CRAFTING CALM: MONTHLY WELLNESS WORKS - SEED PODSHOP

April 16, 11:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WCC Bailey Library
Join WCC's monthly sessions showcasing diverse arts and crafts, promoting well-being, social connections, and creativity among students. This workshop's focus is on Seed Pods. Free and open to all, offers supplies and a supportive community!



RAMONA EDWARDS ON UNSPLASH

46TH ANNUAL TAKE BACK THE NIGHT ANN ARBOR RALLY AND MARCH

April 3, 6:30 p.m.
Michigan Union Ballroom | 530 S State St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

This empowering event, organized by volunteers with STARS and University Students Against Rape, focuses on supporting LGBTQ+ survivors of sexual violence. The rally will be streamed worldwide on YouTube, and COVID-19 protocols will be followed in the Ballroom. Don't miss this chance to make a difference and join in the fight against sexual violence.

Visit www.tbtnannarbor.org/rally for more information.

MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS FOR ADULTS: ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY

April 2, 6:00-7:15 p.m.
2359 Oak Valley

Guided meditation sessions, for adults and kids grade 6 & up, drawing on various mindfulness methods. Free event.

"RELATIVE STRANGERS": LITERATI BOOKSTORE

April 2, 6:30 p.m.
Literati Bookstore | 124 E. Washington.

Join the book community for a discussion featuring local Korean American writer A.H. Kim, along with fellow local author Camille Pagán. A.H. Kim will share her new book, offering a clever and humorous take on Sense and Sensibility, exploring the self-discovery journey of two half-Korean sisters. Get your tickets from the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/relativestrangerstix>



PAULINE LOROY ON UNSPLASH

YPSILANTI RUNNING CO.

April 6, 8:00 a.m.
126 W. Michigan Avenue | Ypsilanti, MI 48197

A great way to get into running is community. Meet at the store at 8 a.m. every Saturday morning for a group run. There will be 3, 6, and 9 mile routes provided with different pace options. Participation is free and no registration is required.

For updates, check their facebook page:

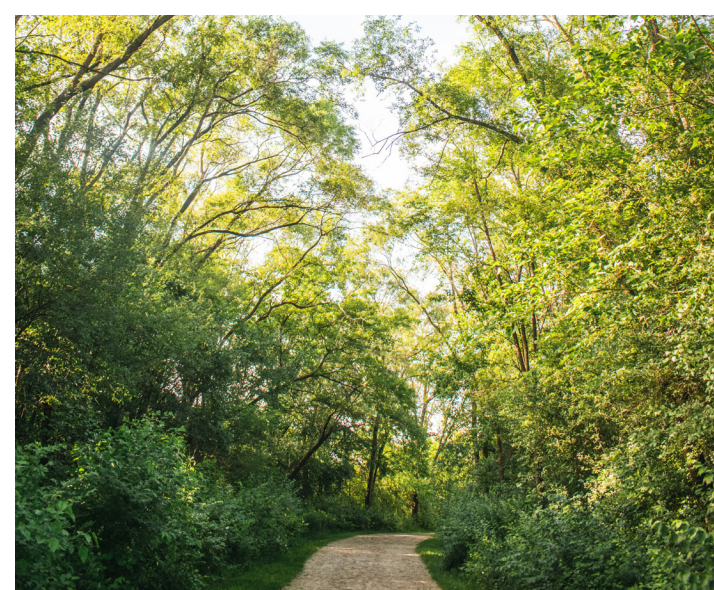
<https://www.facebook.com/ypsilantirunningcompany>

KNITTING PLUS

April 2, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Ypsilanti District Library | 5577 Whittaker Rd, Ypsilanti
Meet with other yarnies and share your projects and ideas every Tuesday. Open to all, any handcraft welcome!

NATURE IDENTIFICATION & PRINTS

April 6, 11:00 - 12:30p.m.
Ypsilanti District Library | 5577 Whittaker Rd, Ypsilanti
Go on a nature walk around the library to gather and identify leaves and plants, then make art with what you've gathered.



JONNELLE YANKOVICH ON UNSPLASH



The Loop

news for and by students

Get Washtenaw Voice headlines in your inbox every week

Sign up for Washtenaw Voice's Newsletter, get a sticker and chance to win a shirt!

