

WCC opens dental clinic Cold day



U of M dental student, Sarah Waqhar (left), and WCC dental assisting student, Megan Martell (right), work on a patient.

# **Clinic offers** low-cost treatments for community

BY MATTHEW BARTOW Contributor

Washtenaw Community College opened a dental clinic on Feb 5., which offers lowcost dental treatment to community members during the winter semester.

Services are provided by third-year University of Michigan dental students practicing alongside WCC dental assisting students, according to WCC dental instructor Jodi Neuman, who oversees the clinic.

The clinic had 15 patients on its opening day, said Neuman.

Treatments performed at the clinic are supervised by dentists licensed by the Michi-

gan Board of Dentistry. The role rotates between six local dentists, said Dr. Robert Stevenson, a dentist with a private practice in Ann Arbor, who also serves as one of supervising dentists in the clinic.

Sarah Waqhar, a university dental student, said that the setup of the clinic is beneficial for both patients, dental students, and dental assisting students.

"It's a win-win situation," Waghar said. "It is affordable

for members of the community who may not have insurance, and the students get great practice being under a dentist."

The WCC clinic has existed nearly 30 years and the services are available for students, staff, faculty and community members, Neuman said.

Neuman said the clinic is an excellent opportunity for patients to save money. X-ray costs average about \$150 at most private practices, while at the clinic it's \$15. WCC dental assisting students work in the clinic as part of the college's dental assisting program. The program is a year long. Afterwards, students receive a certificate of completion, and have the option to take the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) examination, said Ayana Burton, a student in the program. Along with Burton, Brittany Cobb, also a WCC dental assisting student, agreed that besides preparing students for the CDA exam, the clinic gives valuable experience.

# aftermath



The cold weather closings posed issues for some students and instructors, but not for everyone.

BY LILLY KUJAWSKI AND DANNY VILLALOBOS Washtenaw Voice

The multiple school closings that occurred between Jan. 23 and Feb. 6 due to inclement weather conditions have put many students and faculty members behind in their course schedules.

"All the skills that you pick up in the first week have a chance to kind of atrophy when you miss a week," said Amy Small, who teaches an artisan bread class for the culinary arts program at the college.

Small said she had to cancel a field trip that was planned for her students because of the school closings, but that the rest of her course curriculum will remain the same.

dent, said his French teacher extended her office hours so students can get help if they need it.

Student Dock Riley, 68, said he was disappointed to miss his acting I class, which he described as "such a fun class," but appreciated the support from his teacher.

"She made a statement on Monday that was very encouraging, that 'we're a little bit behind but we're going to hang in this together," Riley said.

For some students and campus employees, the school closings did not pose an issue.

"Only one class got pushed back a week," said Matthew Jones, a 20-year-old construction managment major. "It's not too far behind."

Teria Moore-Berry works Subway and The Java Spot on campus. She said that because Aramark, the company that provides food service at WCC, is so big, she was able to pick shifts at its other locations in order to make up for the work she missed because of the school closings.



The dental clinic provides real-life experience for the training students.

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Classes that meet only once a week fell particularly behind, according to radiography instructor William Nelson.

Nelson said many faculty members have worked to make themselves available for students throughout the week, in order to help them with course materials, and have adapted curriculums to make up for missed classes.

"We've made adjustments using Blackboard, and by making changes to the course schedule, by extending test dates for students," said Nelson.

Michael Zissler, a 35-yearold liberal arts transfer stu-

Many staff and students felt the college's decision to cancel classes was the right one, due to potentially hazardous weather conditions.

"I also live a good distance away, so traveling in those conditions could've been potentially dangerous," said Zissler. "So I could see the risk-reward assessment was probably heavily considered."

# SEE COLD, A3

# Locally grown organic food is a good bet

# BY NICHOLAS KETCHUM Deputy Editor

In 1950, the world's population stood at a 2.6 billion people, according to the United Nations. In 2015, there were 7.3 billion—nearly a 36 percent increase.

What made the startling population rise possible? One factor is spiking agricultural productivity, according to WCC environmental science and biology professor Emily Thompson.

On Feb. 12, Thompson, who holds a Ph.D. in immunology, presented a lecture on sustainable food entitled "Local Food: Genetics and Sustainability." She explained the history of agriculture, selective breeding, and recent advances in farming productivity-including genetic modification, mechanization and chemical treatment.

However, Thompson said new threats to the food supply have emerged.

A big threat is food "monoculture," where singular crop and livestock species dominate farms and entire regions.

According to Thompson, this monoculture reduces overall biodiversity by excluding crops that native insects (and the birds, which feed on insects) and plants need. It may also mean increased vulnerability to disease and climate change.

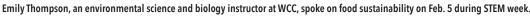
"When you create a monoculture it affects the whole ecosystem in the area; it leads to a loss of diversity," she said.

Over-dependence on specific farming regions is also a concern. For example, limited water poses a threat in specific locales, such as in California's Central Valley, where 70 percent of the nation's food and vegetables grow.

"Irrigation is drawing down crucial water supplies, and this is not sustainable," she said.

Another concern are hazards from pesticides, insecticides and fertilizers that wash into waterways and disrupt the ecosystem. Meanwhile, pests are developing resistance to chemicals.

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# Dentist

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"They teach us straight up," Cobb said. "It's handson, instant practice."

"The lab experience provides a substantial amount of knowledge into the dental field," Burton said. "It has been an eye-opener into the career I'm choosing."

Taylor McGovern, a university dental student, said that her favorite part of working in the dental field is interacting with patients on a daily basis.

"Working with people and seeing patients would be my favorite part of working in the dental field," McGovern said. "I like establishing great relationships with patients that I don't just see once."

Appointments are now available. Patients must be at least 18 years old. Insurance is not accepted and cash-only payments are due at the time of service. Call 734-973-3332 to set up an appointment or to find out more information about the clinic.



Dr. Robert Stevenson is one of the rotating dentist that works at the WCC dental clinic. He also has his own private

practice in Ann Arbor.



Jodi Neuman overseas the the clinic.

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Jodi Neuman is a dental assisting instructor at WCC. She is in her 10th year of teaching here.

The clinic is open Tue and Thu from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Thu, Apr. 18, and is located in Room 106 of the Occupational Education building on campus.

# The dental clinic provides the following services:

Radiographs (X-rays)	\$15	
Complete series (20)	\$15	
Bitewings (4)	\$8	
Prophylaxis (cleaning) and oral exam	\$15	
Amalgam restoration (silver filling)	\$15	
Composite restoration (tooth colored filling)	\$20	
Fluoride treatment	\$8	
Pit and fissure sealants (per tooth)	\$4	

# **NEWS BRIEFS**

# Club registration deadline extended

Due to the the recent closures, administrators have extended the registration deadline for new student clubs to Sunday, Feb. 17.

Registration forms can be submitted on the Campus Connect website: orgsync.com/108998/forms/140693

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# Winter Welcome Day rescheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 20

The event will now occur on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the first floor in the Student Center. Students are encouraged to pick up swag and snacks with representatives from various student clubs and college departments, as well as from area businesses.

# Meet the Voice team

Get to know the writers, designers and editors of the Washtenaw Voice in TI-106 on Monday, Feb. 18 from 3-5 p.m.

Visitors will find snacks, giveaways and a team interested in learning about the interests and activities of members of the campus community.

Nicholas Ketchum | Deputy Editor

# SECURITY & NOTES

The following incidents were reported to campus security between Jan. 26 and Feb. 8.

# Update: Larceny/Theft

The case of stolen cash from a student's wallet is now closed. The campus authorities could not determine the perpetrator.

The wallet contained around \$200, but was given to the lost-and-found without the cash.

# Larceny/Theft

A theft on the first floor of the Student Center occured on Friday, Jan. 25. The investigation is ongoing but no further details are available at this time.

# Vandalism

A bathroom stall was defaced at the first floor of the Business Education Building. The content of the defacement was profane. No one was caught. The case has been closed.

# Fraud

Fraud was committed at the second floor of the Student Center on Friday, Jan. 25. No further details could be given due to the ongoing investigation.

Danny Villalobos | Staff Writer



# **NEWS**

# **Campus sustainability brings big savings**

# BY DANNY VILLALOBOS Staff Writer

Washtenaw Community College's push for a zero carbon emission campus is saving more than just energy—sustainability efforts have helped the college lower its energy, gas and water costs by thousands.

WCC now spends about \$1.92 million in energy, natural gas, and water each year, compared to the \$2.4 million that the college spent in 2008, according to Bill Ghrist, the manager of energy and system integration here on at the college.

"On average, the school has saved around \$250,000 since 2008," Ghrist said.

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Bill Ghrist is a member of the WCC Sustainability Council and advises the council on practical energy use. As part of his role in facilities management, he keeps energy, gas and water consumption as low as possible.

As a part of WCC's 2014 Climate Action and Sustainability Plan, the college intends decrease carbon emissions by 2 percent each year. Since 2008, the college's net emissions fell by more than 15 percent, according to a report from Second Nature, which collects data on the college's progress towards zero carbon emissions.

The drop in spending is attributed to many factors, according to Ghrist, including new equipment recently installed on campus.

Recently, about 650 units of LED lights were installed in the automotive area of the Occupational Education building, saving the college around \$6,000 per year, while also improving lighting, Ghrist said.

New boilers were installed in the Business Education building, replacing ones dating back to 1996. The new boilers deliver better temperature output and reduce gas consumption by 35-45 percent, Ghrist said.

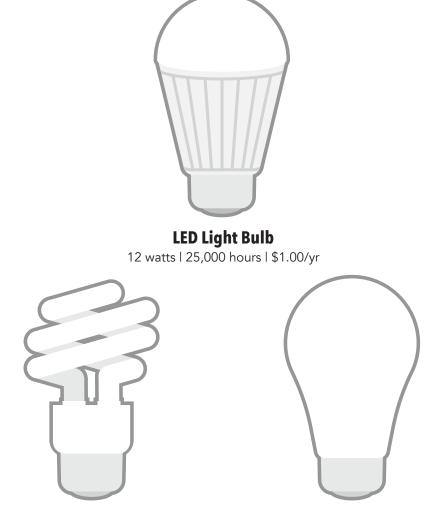
Other efforts include replacing old light bulbs with new bulbs and replacing all external campus lights with LEDs.

One factor to note are weather conditions during the year. On warm days, the college's daily energy consumption is relatively low. The opposite is true for days with low temperatures.

"During the winter vortex there was a large amount of energy used: natural gas and electricity skyrocketed due to the air vents being used to get the warm air moving," said Ghrist.

In 2014, the college's net emissions increased from 2008. Reasons include a "winter vortex" that year, which lasted about 10 days. This year's vortex lasted about 3 days.

The current Climate Action and Sustainability Plan is scheduled to be updated, and proposals will be presented to the board of trustees in May, said Dale Petty, a college faculty member on the Sustainability Council, in a previous interview.



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get the message right away if you call, Joye said. Always remember to use your WCC email when emailing professors, Swan said.

**Introduce yourself to your instructor in the beginning of the semester**. Joye said she loves when students do that, and it's really important to establish a relationship at the beginning of the semester. "If the teacher knows who you are, it really goes a long way," she said.

Send a follow-up email if you have already emailed your teacher and haven't received a response, said Joye.

Utilize professor's office hours, Swan advised. He said some semesters he had students coming in three or four times a week and he was always happy to help.

If you know something is coming up, let the teacher know as soon as possible, Joye said.

**Open communication is key**, according to Joye. She recommended letting teachers know as soon as possible if something out of your control happens that could interfere with attendance or assignments.

"Reach out to your teacher first if you are having any academic issues in their class," Joye said.

"I think a lot of students are sometimes afraid, for whatever reason, to reach out to the teacher but I don't want students to feel afraid to do that, because your teacher is there for you," Joye said.

She said sometimes students will let the problem go for too long, and then it's too late to fix it.

"Always let your teacher know before it gets into a bigger issue," she said.

Thanks.



# There have been multiple school closings that occurred between Jan. 23 and Feb. 6.

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WCC custodial employee Jason Lopez said he agreed with Covernor Cretchen

with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's decision to declare a state of emergency on Jan. 28.

"Keeping Michiganders safe during this stretch of dangerously cold temperatures is our priority," said Whitmer in a Jan. 28 press release posted on Twitter. "Such widespread, extreme conditions have not occurred in Michigan for many years and it is imperative that we are proactive with record-low temperatures being predicted by the National Weather Service."

According to Lopez, it was so cold that some pipes in the Technical and Industrial building on campus burst.

WCC's policy regarding school closures considers safety concerns for students and staff, water shortages and inclement weather conditions, according to Linda Blakey, vice president of student and academic services.

In the past, WCC has closed due to resources not being available, particularly in the case of a water shortage, said Blakey.

Terrie Peterman, a WCC custodian, said some of the facilities managment team

still had to come into work on the days students had off. She said employees of the college still get paid even if campus closes.

Since the start of the winter semester, WCC closed down for a total of three full days, on Jan. 23, Jan. 28 and Jan. 31. Additional closings also came the evening of Jan. 30 and the morning of Feb. 6.

Eastern Michigan University, Concordia University, the University of Michigan and the Ann Arbor Public School district, among others, also experienced school closings during the past few weeks.

A forecast report from The Weather Channel predicts

that what has been dubbed "Winter Storm Maya", will travel to the midwest early this week, which could bring heavy winds, snow and/or rain to Michigan on Tuesday.

Meetings every Monday

5 p.m. | TI-106

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Elizabeth Orbits, dean of support services, advised students worried about falling behind in classes due to closings to contact their instructors. She recommended students keep communication with professors open and ongoing and to ask if there are any additional resources or lessons available online.

# **OPINION**

# The digital dark side

MEAGHAN BLANKENSHIP Contributor

Would you consider social media a drug? Do you switch between three or four apps all day? Do you feel good while you're using it, then feel unsatisfied when you're done? Do you still think it's not a drug?

As consumers of social media, we are seldom presented with an unaltered picture. Seldom do we see an uncurated perception of people. We see these photographs, we like them and save them, and we don't think twice as our subconscious sucks these photos up to save them for later.

Later, we look through our own photos and think, "Do I really look like that? Is my life really that boring?"

Your brain is firing off neurons left and right, exhaustingly comparing you to someone you saw on Instagram earlier.

This problem begins and ends with self perception, but how do we confront ourselves about it?

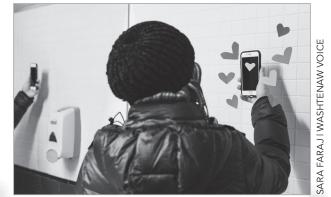
Like most people my age, I used face-altering filters on Snapchat. I abused the infamous dog filter. I scrolled and scrolled through my 'selfies' until I reached the perfect one. I snapped, saved and sent. I



am not ashamed of this behavior, but I am ashamed of how I have allowed it to alter the perception of my face.

I will open up FaceTime and move the phone around until I am satisfied with the lighting and with what I see before I place the call. Then, rigidly, I stay put, constantly worried that they will see a bad side of me and think I'm ugly. This deeply affects me because I cannot clearly remember a time when I did not feel self-conscious in front of a camera.

In researching, I had a recurring thought: How much time do we actually spend on our phones? How much time out of our week is spent scrolling and consuming? If I were to guess mine, I would probably lowball it to make myself feel better-and I wouldn't be alone in this behavior.



Student poses with cell phone. Social media creates habits that are controversy to mental health well-being.

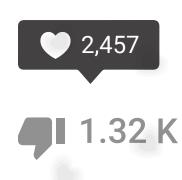
Your brain is firing off neurons left and right, exhaustingly comparing you to someone you saw on Instagram earlier.

New research from two British psychologists shows that our guesses-these lowball offers-were only about half of what we really are spending on our phones.

This leads to an important question: Are we addicted to our phones? What is an addiction, if not a repeated behavior? The idea of texting while driving in itself is idiotic, but the underlying point is that we are hardwired to check out phones; it is habitual.

A lot of us can't go thirty minutes without checking our phones, even if that thirty minutes happens to be when we're driving, or during dinner with friends, or in the middle of a lecture.

As harmless as the act of periodically checking social media may seem, there is a lot going on under the surface. Psychology Today says that, "Dopamine contributes to feelings of pleasures and satisfaction as part of the reward



system, the neurotransmitter also plays a part in addiction."

So, when the little red heart appears in the corner of our screen, we get a little rush of happiness. According to research published by Harvard Medical School, this same chemical is released when a gambler pulls the slot machine handle, or someone takes a drag of a cigarette. Engaging in these behaviors modifies our brain chemistry. Literally speaking, our moods and our reactions are neurological. That takes some of the mysticism and illusion out of social media.

Could thinking about our reactions help us in the mental battle between disconnecting social media life from real life?

Where and when did I learn this behavior? Am I alone in it?

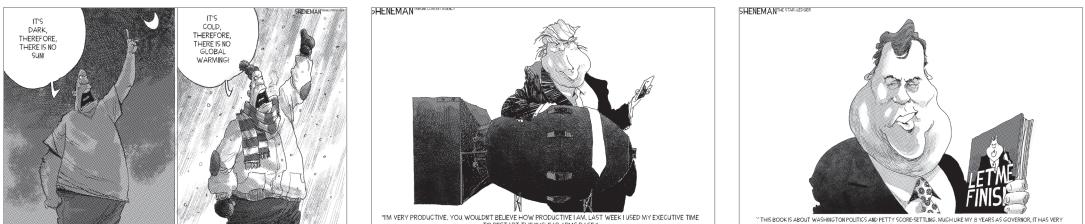
I find myself retracing my

formative years. Did it begin with watching beautiful Miley Cyrus change into Hannah Montana? Or did it begin before that? With again, these already beautiful women being altered to become princesses? Like most millennials (for reference, I am 23), I grew up in front of a television, camera, and a computer.

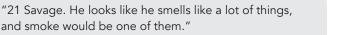
We were raised in the generation of selfies, of posts, of likes, of measuring "likes" to worth. "Likes" being the invisible thumbs up and hearts we send to each other to show we care and we saw it, so, here take this. We were shown that a "good" post garnished a lot of likes and a "bad" post received none.

We were never given the rules and layouts for good posts, so we tried blindly to appease our masses, failed and repressed these failures. We saw people around us figuring it out and becoming successful, which only led us further down the hole. "Likes" turned into real compliments, easily dolled out and easily embedded into our heads.

Comparison is never a conscious behavior; our subconscious is rooted deeply into us and rules how we behave. Comparison is not conscious until we make it so.



"I'M VERY PRODUCTIVE, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW PRODUCTIVE I AM, LAST WEEK I USED MY EXECUTIVE TIME TO RESTART THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE."





and smoke would be one of them."

# CE B

# Q: What Celebrity Looks Like They Smell Like Smoke? **Matthew Bartow | Contributor**

"Wiz Khalifa. The movie that he made with Snoop Dogg (Mac and Devin Go to High School) shows him smoking. He posts pictures where he's smoking on Instagram too."

> **Desiree Thompson, 20** Nursing

"Sean Penn. He's a badass. He definitely smokes. I would not mess with that guy."

> Spencer Moran, 25 Business



**Roland Gainer, 26** Psychology/entrepreneurship

"Snoop Dogg. I know that he smokes weed all the time, so he'd probably smell like it too."

> Gabriella Cotner, 16 WTMC.

"Leonardo DiCaprio. He's smoking in the majority of his movies. It's what he does."

> Gemma Muldoon, 18 WTMC.

"Wiz Khalifa. He is known for both his rap music and growing his own strand of Khalifa kush."

> Cameron Elam, 21 Business management







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# FOOD

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A journal published by the National Academy of Sciences projects that for every one degree celsius rise world maize and rice production will likely decrease 7 percent and 3 percent, respectively, for the first one degree celsius rise.

The lowest estimates by NOAA expects-at a minimum-a 3 to 4 degree celsius rise, which assumes optimistically minimal greenhouse gas emission.

So, what can be done?

Thompson said seed producers can develop drought tolerant varieties, which may include newer genetically modified food, and with newer selectively-bred crops.

Governments can expand local farm networks, encourage region-to-region trading to mitigate regional food shortages, and legislate lower greenhouse gas emissions.

More local farms and urban farms can provide more locally grown food, which would help out in instances of regional shortages. Local growing would help offset region-specific droughts, for example.

Thompson also suggested consumers encourage smaller "corner" stores to stock healthy foods, and local citizens to build community gardens.

Perhaps most importantly, consumers can buy more local food to support growers.

Where can local organic food be purchased?

One nearby option is the Ann Arbor Farmers Market in Kerrytown. The market hosts many small farm vendors from the area.

Stephanie Willette, market manager at the Farmers Market, said that there's been a lot of interest from shoppers in buying organic, and fresh food is available at the market year-round.

"A lot of people are looking and asking for organic, asking "which vendor or vendors offer organic-where can I buy?" she said. "The market is open year round and people can shop for organic greens any time."

Willette also said that the smaller vendors at the market tend to offer a more diverse selection, as opposed to common monocultures found at most large supermarkets.

In addition to the Ann Arbor Farmers Market, the Dixboro Farmers Market provides fresh produce during the warm months.

And what if the farmers market isn't open? Where to buy organic, then?



Food Gatherers, a local food-rescue program, is a sustainable and local source for food in the community.



Emily Thompson talks about what makes food organic, GMO, and food sustainability as we know it.

Surprisingly, some large supermarkets do, in fact, provide options, such as Busch's and Whole Foods. Both businesses offer a selection locallygrown, organic food.

Also, people interested in learning more about farming, policy and advocacy can attend meetings of the Washtenaw County Food Policy Council.

According to Willett, the council's "Action Team" meets next on Tue, from 5-6:15 p.m. at Argus Farm Stop on Liberty St. in Ann Arbor. The council itself will meet Mon, Mar 11 at 3 p.m. in the Food Gatherers Board Room at 1 Carrot Way in Ann Arbor.

Both meetings are open to the public.

A "Local Food Summit" is also planned on Sat, Feb 16 at the WCC campus. The summit will be hosted by Slow Food Huron Valley, which according to its website is a 501(c)3 chapter of Slow Food USA and exists to "inspire a transformation in food policy, production practices and market forces so that they ensure equity, sustainability and pleasure in the food we eat."

Locally grown, organic produce can be found all around the Ann Arbor area. Here are some businesses where it can be found.

375 Maple Rd, Ann Arbor

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# **Learning Support Services at the ready**

# KEVIN GERYCH Staff Writer

Students at Washtenaw Community College suffer no shortage of personalized support-from accommodations for disabled students, to oneon-one tutoring.

Located in Room 104 of the Crane Liberal Arts building, WCC's Learning Support Services department provides many of the essential tools to assist students from all walks of life in achieving educational success.

"We offer services to students with disabilities," said Debra Guerrero, director of Learning Support Services. "We also offer tutoring for everyone."

According to Guerrero, steps to receiving accommodation for disabilities aren't difficult, and in many instances can make a difference.

"To receive accommodation, you have to have documentation of your disability," said Guerrero. "It doesn't have to be a catastrophic situation. We have people



Learning Support Services on campus offers assistance to students with legally documented disabilities as well as tutoring for all students in most subjects.



There is computer tutoring on the second floor of the GM Building, and Math and Science Tutoring in rooms GM 201/203.

with traumatic brain injuries, mental health issues. If it's affecting your learning, we can make accommodations."

In addition to disability accommodations, learning support services offers on-site tutoring and free resources for enrolled students.

"If you're taking a face-toface class, we really encourage students to come in, because it's a much better experience if you meet with a program specialist," said Guerrero. "If you're taking an online class, we can arrange things over the telephone or through email so students don't have to come in."

Other tools and resources are available from Learning Support Services through their website, which is large

and continues to grow with advancements in technology each year.

"We have an assisted technology person who helps students with disabilities," said Guerrero. "It really helps enhance what those students learn."

From screen readers and text to speech applications such as Kurzweil 3000, to dictation software such as Dragon and even note taking assistance from fellow peers, Learning Support Services readily provides the necessary resources to help drive the success of all students, Guerrero said.

"It's not just the students with disabilities who benefit from using these resources," said Guerrero.

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# February lineup

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# **Black History Month**

**Attend local events.** The Ann Arbor District Library is hosting a series of Black History Month events throughout the month of February. Events include concerts, a step show, a trivia meet-up and panel discussions. The full event listing event listing can be viewed via aadl.org/events-feed/33749

**Visit a museum.** The Detroit Institute of Art, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the Henry Ford Museum are all putting on special exhibits and events for Black History Month. Many of the Black History Month events at the DIA are free and the Charles H. Wright Museum is hosting multiple free admission days during February. General admission tickets for the Black History exhibit at The Henry Ford are \$24 along with the cost of regular museum admission. For dates, locations, tickets and specifics, visit: thehenryford.org, dia.org and thewright.org.





# **Get outside**

**Take a winter walk in the woods.** Grab a walking partner, bundle up in plenty of layers, put on some warm, durable boots and go for a hike! Check out:

- Bird Hills Nature Area at 1850 Newport Rd., Ann Arbor
- Leslie Woods Nature Area at 2000 Upland Dr., Ann Arbor
- Nichols Arboretum at 1610 Washington Hts., Ann Arbor

**Go ice-skating.** Whether you're a novice or an expert, a hockey buff, a figure skater or somewhere in between, you can't go wrong with this classic and inexpensive winter activity. Bring a friend, date or the family and hit the ice. Check out:

- Buhr Park at 2751 Packard St., Ann Arbor
- Veteran Memorial Park Pool and Ice Arena at 2150 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor

Admission at both rinks ranges from \$4-6 depending on residency and other factors, and skate rentals are only \$3. Public skating times vary, so check the "Buhr Park" page or the "Veterans Memorial" page on a2gov.org for details.

**Go sledding.** You can't beat good, old-fashioned sled and tabogan fun. Perfect for the adventurous group of friends or keeping younger family members entertained and active. Check out:

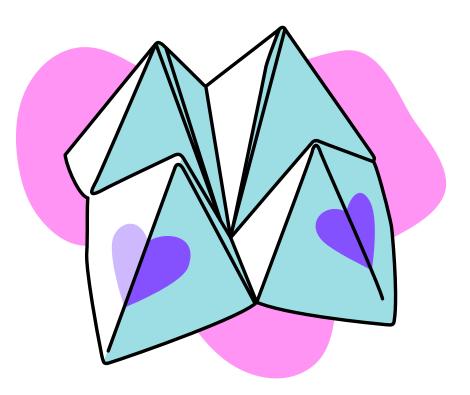
- Huron Hills Golf Course at 3465 E. Huron River Dr., for some monster hills
- Leslie Park off Dhu Varren Rd. near Pontiac Trl. in Ann Arbor for some fun, medium-sized hills
- County Farm Park at 2230 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor for some gentle sled action.

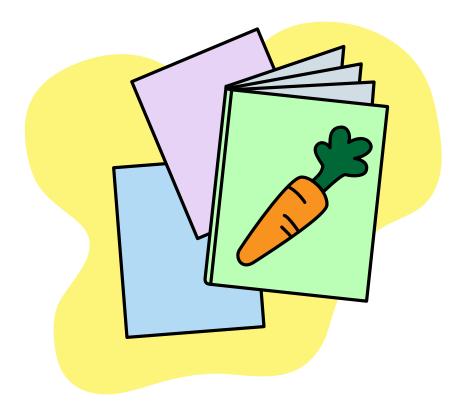
# **Valentine's Day**

**Kick it back old school with your sweetie** this V-Day and cruise over to the Ford-Wyoming Drive-in Movie Theater. Grab some popcorn, blankets and turn up the heat! In-car heaters are available for moviegoers to use free of charge. The box office opens at 7:30 p.m. and adult tickets are \$10.50 each. Every show is a double feature. For showtimes and movie lineup, visit forddrivein.com.

**Stay in and get cozy with your boo** with a DIY-date night. It's too cold to go out anyway. Cook you sweetie's favorite meal (or enlist their culinary skills), set up candles, blankets and create a makeshift indoor picnic. Alternatively, you could go for a pillow fort, but be wary of those candles if you choose to use them. Bonus: bring out your favorite board games, get creative with an arts and crafts project, or co-write a love poem together.

**Celebrate your friends and spread the love!** Throw a Leslie Knopeapproved Galentine's party for all your pals. Party on a budget by having friends bring dishes for a potluck-style meal and by making your own decorations. You can also find inexpensive goodies at stores like Target, CVS and Meijer.





# For the kids

**Visit the Matthaei Botanical Gardens** at 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. Walk through the warm conservatory and make a game out of it like I-spy, or embark on a scavenger hunt for particular plants. Admission to the gardens is free but donations are welcome.

**Enjoy a Family Mew-vie Night** with some furry friends at the Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center at 5245 Jackson Rd., Suit A1, Ann Arbor. Family-friendly films are shown on select Fridays. The next show is on Feb. 15 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$10 per person. Find more information on tinylions.org.

**Drop by one of the daily storytime groups** held at the various branches of the Ann Arbor District Library. Target ages range depending on each program, but most are intended for pre-school aged children. There are morning and early evening groups, but times vary. For more information, visit aadl.org

# NEWS

# WCC student making moves and speaking his truth

BY LILLY KUJAWSKI Editor

Poet and spoken-word artist Samuel Martin goes against the grain. At 18, the WCC business and marketing student already has a sound sense of who he is, as well as a pocketful of dreams—dreams he is making real for himself.

# **Making history**

On Feb. 5, Martin was the featured performer at the Black History Month poetry reading entitled "I'm Making History."

The event was part of an ongoing series of Black History Month events at the Ann Arbor District Library during the month of February. For this event, the library partnered with the Neutral Zone, a non-profit teen center located in downtown Ann Arbor, where Martin serves as a literary arts intern. Six teen poets from the Neutral Zone also each shared a poem at the event.

When Martin took to the stage, he owned the room. He moved throughout the space and interacted with the audience. His performance was personable, conversational and charismatic.

He was unapologetic about his experiences as a young black man, a student, a son and someone still learning all the facets of their identities.

"See, it can't be just us in the fight for justice," Martin said in a poem. "I believe my freedom is worth fighting for, do you?"

# **Staying power**

Martin uses his poetry as a platform for social justice, which is amplified by his internship at the Neutral Zone. After going through the

literary arts programs there himself as a high schooler including being a member of the third place-winning team at Louder Than A Bomb, a youth poetry slam and festival—Martin has returned as a mentor in hopes to help teens find their own voices.

His newfound leadership role has given him the opportunity to organize and engage in activist work that reaches all the way to the west coast. His main project at the Neutral Zone is something called "Staying Power", a coalition that began in Richmond, Calif., and has since expanded to Ypsilanti.

The project, which is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, will serve as an exchange between Richmond and Ypsilanti, both historically black, family-oriented communities affected by gentrification.

"This program is all about talking about gentrification and how to help youth talk about their problems with homelessness and give them the voice to really advocate about what's going on," said Martin.

"These problems don't just disappear overnight," Martin added. "And they're not just going to be silenced, either."

Martin spoke with pride and passion about the project.

The idea is for eight teens from Ypsilanti and eight teens from Richmond to unite and use art to celebrate and preserve their cultures and push for affordable housing. The Ypsilanti teens will visit Richmond, where the entire group will participate in a four-day retreat, working under Donte Clark, former Richmond poet laureate. After the retreat, the teens will continue their collaboration with poetry workshops via Skype.

# The revolution isn't over

For Martin, the one thing school, particularly high school, really taught him was his identity.

"Being a black man in America, or in today's time is not a choice, not an option, it's not a trend I can follow," Martin said. "Being a black man in society means that I have to realize who I am, where I come from, how I represent myself. 'Cause I'm not just representing myself."

"Everybody has a story, everybody has a voice," he said.

"It's realizing our differences, but also the genius in our differences," Martin said. "And that's what we don't appreciate in today's time."

"People believe that the revolution stopped when Martin Luther King was shot, but there's issues we're still trying to address right now," he said. "The world we live in, we can't always follow the rules because the rules are not always the right way."

"You can only speak your truth, that's the best you can do."

# Let me paint you this picture

When Martin was in high school, he gave two speeches for TEDxYouth@AnnArbor; one called "Let Me Paint You This Picture" and the other "The Underestimated Power of Words." The talks deal with racism and the impact of the words and language we choose to use, respectively.

Even as a teenager, Martin was an authentic performer who owned the stage and captivated the audience.

Sean Copeland, the curator of the Black History



Samuel Martin, an 18-year-old poet at WCC.

Month program at AADL, noticed those traits in Martin. Copeland first met Martin last summer at a live painting event at the library. Martin happened to come into the library that day, and he was instantly pulled to the painting being created.

"He really connected with the painting, and the program, and so Marlo Broughton, who was the artist, he just whispered me and said 'I think I'm just going to give [the painting] to him," said Copeland.

Copeland spoke with Martin and learned of his poetry background. The two exchanged contact information. That day Martin went home with his newly gifted painting.

Later on, Copeland ended up watching Martin's TEDx talks on Youtube. He was so impressed that he reached out to Martin and asked him to perform at the Black History Month poetry reading.

"I saw something special in him," Copeland said of Martin.

# What's next

Martin is motivated to continue growing through his poetry. He believes the best way to become a better writer is by experiencing more and reading more.

This May, Martin leaves for the United Kingdom for a month and a half where he will study anthropology through the WCC study abroad program.

After he finishes his associate's degree at WCC, Martin said he plans to attend Howard University. For Martin, this is merely a stepping off point.

"I'm still in my beginning stage," he said. "I have a lot more to contribute to society."

# OPEN HOUSE

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# **Career Services**

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Below is a sample of recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Career Services. Students are invited to apply on the Career Connection job portal. For optimal application results, schedule an appointment today with a career advisor.

### Lab Technician

### Aerotek.

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# **Information Systems Help** Desk Technician

MC3 Cardiopulmonary.

Information technology skills to include networking of computers, system wide back up of data, and storage of data. Communication with IT professionals. Assist staff in performing system backup and maintenance functions. Monitor the IS help desk and resolve or elevate issues as necessary. Diagnose computer errors and provide technical support. Troubleshoot software, hardware and network issues.

# Car Multimedia Infotainment Tester Intern Robert Bosch LLC.

With the highly interactive nature of the products developed in the division, testing is a crucial element to the development of these components. The tasks associated with position include: System testing of infotainment products. Detection of software defects in highly complex in-vehicle infotainment. Exposure to real-world business, as well as in-vehicle infotainment software development. Provide onsite customer support, and road testing related to navigation, telematics, traffic, and other SXM services. Coordination

with global testing team to address and resolve hardware and software complications. Provide missing data and/or information via testing and retesting.

### Paralegal

### City of Jackson.

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dents who perform well in a fast-paced environment. You will work one-on-one with a board certified physician for the entirety of their shift you become intimately familiar with medicine.

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### Hygiene Assistant - Brighton

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to periodontal oral healthcare, perfect your methods in taking x-rays, work with our dentists as well to enhance your assisting skills and so much more.

# **Attraction Attendant**

# Fun Garage.

Greet all guests as they approach attraction with a friendly smile and fun acknowledgment. Assist guest awareness or questions on how to use attraction or game, clarify and enforce all attraction rules. Explain the attraction operation and rules in a fun, safe and encouraging way. Responsible for general cleanliness of all attraction, dining areas and restrooms. Operate and monitor attraction with safety and cleanliness.

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# Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority.

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# **ARTS & CULTURE**

# LOCAL

# VALENTINE'S DAY POETRY READING

Spread the love for spoken word this Valentine's Day! The B-Side at the Neutral Zone is hosting a poetry reading featuring Brittany and Justin Rogers, plus performances from teen poets.

The The Neutral Zone | 310 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor

Feb. 14, 7-9 p.m.

# **VOICES OF THE DIASPORA**

Join the Mega Melanin collective for an artistic celebration of black history and the way unique cultures, stories, struggles and experiences become intertwined. The event will include performances, music, poetry, food and a keynote speech from activist and educator Vicki Shields.

Riverside Arts Center | 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti

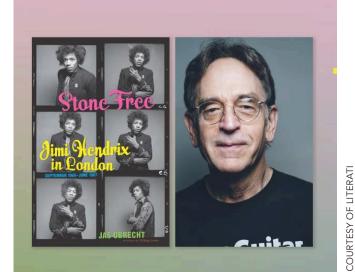
Feb. 15, 8-11 p.m.

# **JAS OBRECHT AT LITERATI**

Literati Bookstore will feature Jas Obrecht, award-winning music journalist, author and WCC English teacher. Obrecht will share his newest book, "Stone Free: Jimi Hendrix in London September 1966-June 1967". This event is free and open to the public and will be held upstairs in the Literati coffee shop.

Literati Bookstore | 124 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor

Feb. 14, 7 p.m.



# **BACK 2 BLACK**

Celebrate the black roots of techno and house music at the second annual Black History Month party presented by the Michigan Electronic Music Collective. Lineup includes DJ Holographic, Khlonez and more. This event is for ages 18 and up. Cost is \$5 and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the Detroit non-profit Homeless Homies.

Club Above | 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor

Feb. 15, 10 p.m.

# **BLACK HISTORY MONTH PANEL** DISCUSSION

Community members will discuss the historical and social impact of Black History Month, as part of the Ann Arbor District Library's Black History Month event series. Panelists include Jamall Bufford, Heather Neff, Rochelle Riley and Jessica Thompson, event moderator. Free event.

Ann Arbor District Library (Main Branch) | 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor

Feb. 17, 3-4:30 p.m.

# **BIRD BOX SCREENING**

The Netflix original film "Bird Box" became an instant internet meme, and now you can catch it on the big screen. Present will be Josh Malerman, author of the book the film originated from, who will conduct a Q and A and a book signing after the show. Admission starts at \$10. Tickets can be purchased via tinyurl.com/birdboxtix.

Senate Theater | 6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Feb. 16, doors at 1 p.m.



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Student Center

Feb. 20, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

# **MASTERING THE ART OF THE** INTERVIEW

Career Services is hosting a workshop to help students develop interviewing skills. Learn about the different types and styles of interviews, how to answer questions and how to prepare for an upcoming interview. You can reserve a spot on Career Connections via the "career fairs & workshops" page under "events", but walk-ins are also welcome! Gunder Myran, room 309

Feb. 20, 12-1 p.m.



