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Initiative targets student food insecurity

Food pantry and emergency fund provides resources for students in need



The snack station located in the writing center are intentionally stocked with snacks that have nutritional value and resources to help students who are struggling.

ZABRINA YANELLA
Contributor

On any given day you can see swarms of students flocking to the Student Center to grab a bite to eat, but what happens when you are the odd one out and do not even know where your next meal is coming from?

Food security is a rising dilemma amongst community college students, especially when most go to school full time while paying for classes on a minimum wage budget.

Statistics from the USDA show an estimated 12.9% of households in Michigan experience food insecurity, similar to the national average.

According to the Association of Community College Trustees, 42% of students attending two-year institutions may qualify as food insecure. This means almost half of students attending community colleges are “without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food,” as defined by the Oxford Dictionary.

Domonic Trobaugh, second year music major at WCC, sees food insecurity as a critical situation on campus, especially when it comes to financial status and time management.

“I sort of experience this myself in terms of time. I usually find myself skipping breakfast most frequently,” Trobaugh said. “I’m either trying to save my pennies, or I just can’t afford to wait in the lines because I’d end up being late to class.”

WCC has made an effort to ensure students do not go hungry during their journey in higher education. The WCC Foundation has a student emergency fund, which was designed to assist WCC students with emergencies, such as shut off notices, unexpected car repairs, medical expenses and food.

Each year, students may apply for a maximum annual award of \$500 per student upon availability of funds.

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Club propels entrepreneur ambitions

BY NICHOLAS KETCHUM
Deputy Editor

Entrepreneurship is a buzzword at Washtenaw Community College, at least in the eyes of some students on campus.

Among WCC’s campus groups is the “A2 Entrepreneurs” club, led by student Olivia Habart, 19. She rejuvenated the club last autumn after falling dormant from low membership.

“I started A2E after taking a few entrepreneurship classes at WCC, meeting entrepreneurs in the Ann Arbor community, and visiting the Entrepreneurship Center here on campus. I wanted to help facilitate a connection between these communities and students,” she said. “I believe WCC should be a testing ground for new ideas, personal growth and risk-taking before students transfer and/or receive a degree.”

Inspiring stories and practical advice

Wednesday’s club meeting was a busy one. Habart planned an agenda which included a presentation by a local business owner, bank representatives, and a business pitch by three students.

Habart opened the night by introducing April Christian-Davis, founder of Break-out Marketing Group and a previous club member, to share her story of entrepreneurship.

In her presentation, Christian-Davis emphasized

marketing methods where businesses must target precise demographics. As mass media market fragments, mass audiences have scattered.

She also asked each person to identify a “superpower” and position themselves in the market using it.

After Christian-Davis spoke, representatives from Key Bank talked about the importance of maintaining good personal credit for business owners. Amy Brown, a relationship manager at the bank, said personal credit of owners also can affect the business’s credit, too.

Brown also said new entrepreneurs should meet with a tax consultant to avoid common traps, such as hiding income in an effort to lower taxes, which may lower a business’s creditworthiness and prohibit expansion lending, later on.

Pitching under pressure

The meeting concluded with a practice presentation by three students in preparation for a live pitch event in downtown Ann Arbor the following evening.

The event, called “Pitch Pit,” is similar to the TV show “Shark Tank,” where prospective entrepreneurs pitch ideas to a panel of investors to win funding. Each pitch was time-limited to four minutes.

The event was co-sponsored by Ann Arbor Spark and the New Enterprise Foundation.

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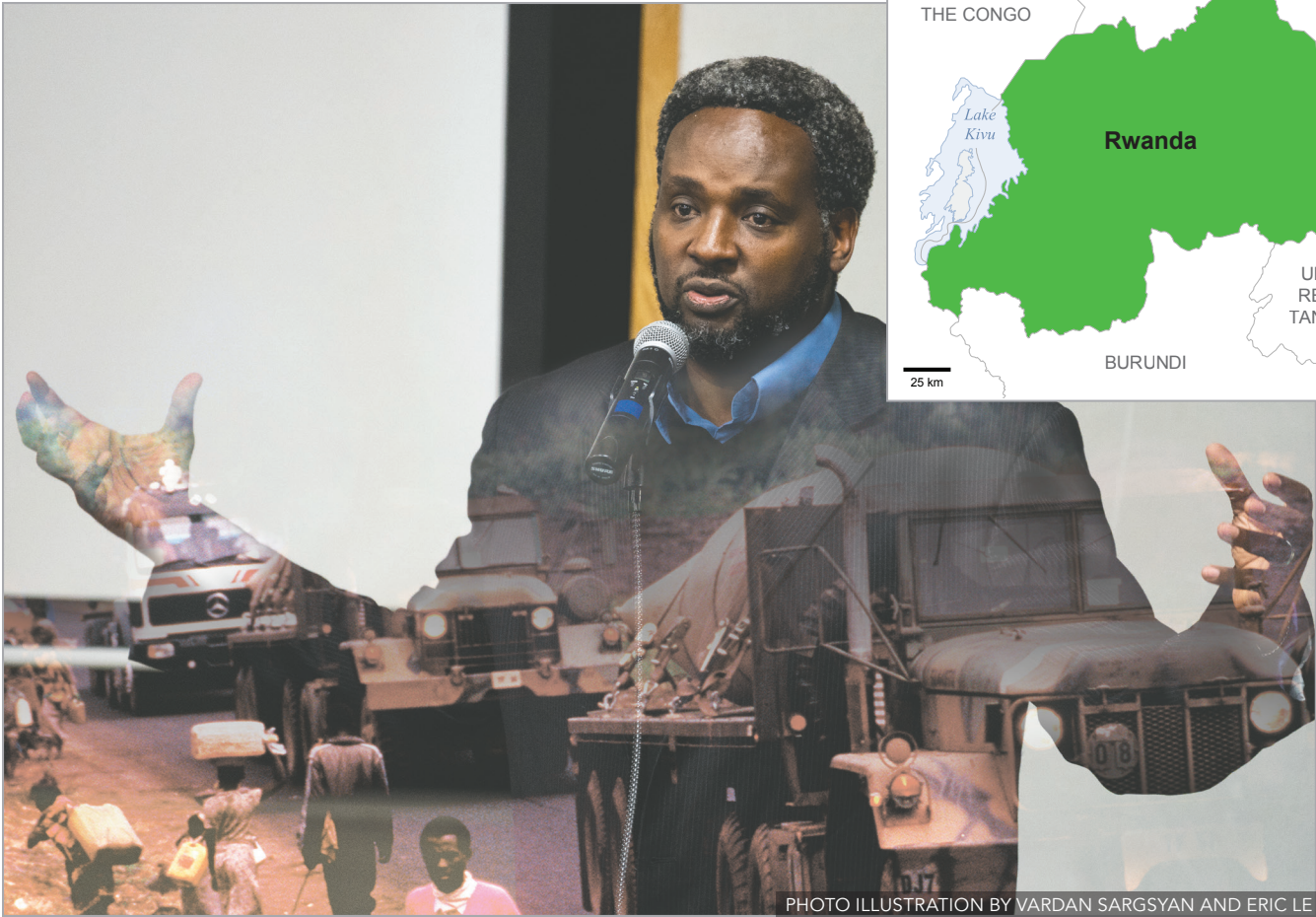
April Christian-Davis



Olivia Habart

Photos Courtesy of A2 Entrepreneurship

SURVIVOR STORY



Kizito Kalima, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, shares vulnerably about his experiences at WCC’s Global Discussion Series.

Rwandan guest speaker prescribes forgiveness

BY LILLY KUJAWSKI
Editor

At 14, Kizito Kalima experienced more than most do in a lifetime. Born into a Tutsi family in Rwanda, Kalima is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

Kalima visited WCC campus last week to share his story, as part of the college’s Global Discussion Series.

After Rwandan president Juvénal Habyarimana was killed, Kalima recalled his mother telling him, “be prepared... anytime a leader of this country dies, we, the Tutsi people, pay the price.”

A few days later, Kalima’s home was invaded and destroyed by police officers and soldiers.

Kalima was able to escape, and he

walked 20 miles to a family friend’s house and stayed there. Eventually, he was spotted and targeted by the genocidaires, whom he referred to as “the killers.”

When the killers caught Kalima, he realized it was him against “50 grown-ups,” all of whom were armed. Kalima was surrounded by dead bodies. He tried to escape, but one of the killers cut his head with a machete. Later, he was brought to a “butcher house,” or a killing site that Tutsi people were taken to.

Separated from his family, not knowing if they were dead or alive, Kalima was positive that he was going to die. People around him were being killed in tortuous ways, with chainsaws and axes. Kalima decided the best,

least painful way to die was by gunshot, and figured if he fled, the genocidaires would shoot him.

So, Kalima ran, but he wasn’t shot. He briefly reconnected with his family, before being captured again. This time, his mother was taken away and killed.

When talking about the death of his mother, Kalima became emotional.

“I’ve shared my story many times, but the story of my mom still gets me,” Kalima said.

Eventually, Kalima and some other people held with him in captivity were able to escape at night when the killers were sleeping.

They hid in a swamp, staying from April to July in 1994. Toward the end of June, Kalima said everything got extremely quiet and he wondered what was happening. He could no longer hear the sound of guns and bombs. A few weeks later, Kalima was rescued from the swamp.

“I was being held hostage by the people who killed my family... I forgave, so I could live.

— Kizito Kalima

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New and revamped student clubs attract like minds

BY CLAIRE CONVIS
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The Student Club fair held at WCC on Oct. 15-16 featured a variety of clubs and groups that WCC students can participate in.

Animators Anonymous

The group Animators Anonymous was revamped only last month. Club leader Samadhi Tedraw and club officer Jamey Madsen are both majoring in 3D Animation.

Tedraw and Madsen encouraged students who are creatively or technically inclined to join the group. Tedraw described the club as a place to learn and work together to create stories and characters. The group meets on Mondays from 4-6 p.m. in GM 020.

Mathematics Club

The WCC Mathematics Club began meeting in January of this year, and members Sara Timoficiuc and Andrew Lyandar have both been involved in the group since the start.

Timoficiuc and Lyandar are both majoring in engineering, and they encourage students to check out the group whether they're a math wizard or struggling to grasp certain concepts.

Lyandar said that the club is useful for those who are interested in going beyond and solving complex problems, but also for those who need help when it comes to learning math.

"When it comes to harder problems, they get stuck because they don't know how to approach it," said Lyandar.

Movement Club

The Movement Club just started this past January, and meets on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in ML 158. The group meeting begins with a 30-minute bible study and then transitions into learning dances for those who are interested in dance ministry.

Pre-Law Club

Alysha Rossetto, a political science major, is the leader of the Pre-Law Club, which has been a part of WCC for about four years.

Originally, the club was founded with a focus on students working towards a pre-law degree, but now the group has become open to anyone who wants to learn more about the law.

"We want to make sure that people are educated about the law and their rights," Rossetto said. Rossetto's goal is to someday work for a non-profit civil rights center.

There will be an opportunity for WCC students to learn more about due process and their rights in a special meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 5-6 p.m. in LA 371. Usual club meetings are held on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. in LA 340.

UNICEF at WCC

Rossetto also leads the UNICEF initiative on campus, which stands for United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. UNICEF is present in over 190 countries and territories around the world and works to protect, feed and provide educational opportunities for children.

This initiative seeks to raise



From left to right: Julio Roque, Martin Davalier, and Lama Dahglas share with students what the Pre-Med Club has to offer.

awareness on campus and funds for the organization. The group meets on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. in LA 340, although the Oct. 22 meeting will be held in LA 371.

Student Economic Club

Members of the Student Economic Club Benjamin Claar and Chris Luong encouraged all kinds of students to come and check out the club.

"Some people might be intimidated and think that they have to be an economics or business major, but you don't have to have a lot of knowledge before you come," said Claar.

Anyone who is interested

in talking about aspects of economics or business ideas is welcome to join, said Luong, who is majoring in finance. The group meets on Wednesdays in LA 170 from 5-6 p.m.

Anime Cosplay Club

Member Ayla Tighe, a computer science major, was fittingly dressed in a costume as she sat at the club's table.

"During meetings, we watch anime and then talk about it, but lately we've been focusing more on cosplay," said Tighe.

Youmacon is an anime convention in Detroit coming up from Oct. 31-Nov. 3, and members of the club have been working on getting their

costumes ready for the convention.

The Anime Cosplay Club meets on Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. in LA 371.

Pre-Med Club

Lama Dahglas, Martin Davalier and Julio Roque are all pre-med majors and members of the Pre-Med Club on campus. The group meets on Fridays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in LA 163, and all pre-med students are welcome to join.

"It allows students to talk and exchange information," Davalier said. The group's goals are to help pre-med students to study better and to be a part of a community.

Alter WCC

The Alter WCC Club has been led by Jarret Clemons for the past two years. The group usually meets to hang out, eat food, have a bible study and close in prayer.

"We've been diving into questions like 'What's mercy? What's grace? Who is God?'" said Clemons.

The group is open to anyone, regardless of age or background, Clemons said.

There is a group potluck coming up Nov. 7, and the group leader hopes to collaborate with other campus ministries in the future. Alter WCC meets in TI 128 from 12-1 p.m. on Thursdays.



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Upcoming Climate Summit stresses urgent need to act

BY LILLY KUJAWSKI
Editor

As climate concerns come to head, the annual WCC Climate Summit is set to return. Hosted by the college's Sustainability Literacy Task Force, the summit is an educational event intended to teach about climate change, and inspire action, according to Emily Thompson, an environmental science teacher and Sustainability Literacy Task Force leader. "We can and must mitigate climate change as rapidly as possible," Thompson said.

"There are only 11 years left to mitigate this, so we have to make some drastic changes; not just personal, but there must be political solutions." Speakers at the event will include Smita Malpani, an environmental science teacher, Bradley Metz, a life sciences teacher, and Bill Ghrist, manager of energy and system integrations at WCC. Ghrist's talk will mostly focus on campus conservation efforts and the college's energy consumption, including electricity, natural gas and water usage, he said. WCC holds a bronze level

certification for its climate action plan from the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System, Ghrist said. This ranking is reported by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Thompson hopes the event will serve as a way to educate students, staff and faculty about the realities of climate change, while also instilling a sense of hope and motivation. The climate summit will take place on Oct. 31 at 10:30 a.m. in LA 275.



Emily Thompson, environmental science teacher and Sustainability Literacy Task Force leader, presenting at a previous campus event.

Entrepreneur

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According to the Foundation, pitch participants "receive constructive feedback for moving your business idea forward and will meet like-minded people who will give you tips on how to succeed." The winning pitch also receives a cash prize raised from the audience. Lawrence Smith, 18, a secondary education major, Ariana Palacio, 18, a business administration major, and Kaia Wright, 19, a criminal justice major, pitched a mobile/social app concept called "Twist" which would connect people with mental health professionals based on specific conditions such as anxiety, depression among other criteria. Smith said the trio met at their local high school where they became friends. He also said he only met Christian-Davis via the WCC Entrepreneurship Center a week or two ago, where he shared the app idea. Chris-

tian-Davis recommended the three students to "Pitch Pit" organizers. "I really believe in what you're doing," she told the students, before offering some practical pitch advice. "How are you going to get it to market? What are you going to do? And you only have four minutes so you've got to have those facts down solid," she said to the group. She also told the students to increase their ask for investment, as they'd be pitching among "heavy hitters."

In the pit

The next evening, the three students pitched in downtown Ann Arbor to a room packed with panelists, investors and area business owners. They described the motivation for the app, its core features, and upped the investment ask to \$100,000. In addition to the students' pitch were three others: one to improve "value-added" revenues for health care providers, a pitch for an artificially intelligent knowledge base content

creation system, and an "interactively engaging" music platform. Smith, Palacio, and Davis gave the last presentation before the three judges secluded themselves to decide a winner. The WCC students didn't win—the music platform pitch did. The audience was able to raise more than \$300 as an award. Charlie Penner, regional director at the Michigan Small Business Development Center, located in the Morris Lawrence Building on the WCC campus, was one of the three judges at "Pitch Pit." Penner said the WCC pitch for was "a great concept" and identified the "right need." He said although the group drafted an innovative solution, judges were concerned about the group's ability to build an adequate team, roll out new technology, and scaling nationwide. However, one large investor, Chris Theisen of Adapt Technologies in Auburn Hills, at the event took interest in the concept and invited the

student trio to meet the next day to discuss their pitch, according to Christian-Davis, who invited Theisen to the event. Smith said the group also plans to pitch at the Entrepreneurship Center's annual Pitch@WCC event this May.

Other ambitions

Meanwhile, other club members have other business ideas. Natalie Meyers, who's studying business administration at WCC, is a club member who's currently completing an introductory entrepreneurship course at the college. She said the course "helped with presenting my business idea... I think this class has given me a lot of structure on how to write a business plan and how to get started with the actual business," she said. The A2 Entrepreneurship Club meets every Wednesday at 5-7 p.m. in BE 174. The group is open to all current WCC students.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hiring event for veterans

Hire MI Vet, a community initiative that helps veterans find employment, will host a hiring event with about 30 veteran-friendly employers on Nov. 5 at the Morris Lawrence Building. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and will include a special presentation at 9:15 a.m. The main event will last from 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m.

To register online and find out more visit: hiremivet.org/hmvce.

Help arriving for health insurance enrollment

Healthcare navigators from the local non-profit Center for Health and Research Transformation will be on campus Nov. 7 from 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. to provide assistance to students, staff and faculty looking for personalized help enrolling in the health insurance marketplace.

Appointments are required and must be requested before midnight on Nov. 4. The request form is available at: doodle.com/poll/rz7abqf33k7wfknm.

Former Michigan Gov. William Milliken dies

According to the Associate Press, the former governor died at his home in Traverse City on Friday at age 97 after years of declining health. His son, William Milliken Jr., is a current WCC board trustee. Milliken was Michigan's longest-serving governor at 14 years from 1969 to 1983.

Free 2020 tax preparation offered

The United Way of Washtenaw County will be offering free income tax assistance to county residents, including students. The program will be staffed by trained volunteers to allow individuals and families to help them "receive the maximum refund possible, to meet their own pressing basic needs or save for the future."

The service will be available in 2020 on some Tuesdays, as well as every Thursday and Saturday. Find out more at: uwwashtenaw.org/volunteerforvita.

Presidential debate coming to Ann Arbor

The Commission on Presidential Debates announced the second presidential debate between the Republican and Democratic presidential nominees will take place on Oct. 15, 2020 at the Crisler Center on the U-M campus.

MLive reported U-M President Mark Schlissel submitted an application to the Commission on Presidential Debates on April 1.

Nicholas Ketchum | Deputy Editor

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

The following incidents were reported by WCC campus safety officials between Oct. 5 and Oct. 18.

Larceny

A strap holding an old truck together was reported stolen. On Oct. 6 the truck's owner parked the vehicle on Lot 2. The next day, he realized the strap was missing. He later reported an incident to campus safety, upon which officers checked the cameras and saw nothing indicating a larceny.

Attempted break in

An unidentified person attempted to break and enter the Morris Lawrence Building sometime between Oct. 4-11. According to campus safety, marks were found on a door, indicating someone tried forcing it open. No video footage or other identifying evidence is available. The case is now closed.

Danny Villalobos | Contributor



Pitchers stand before "Pitch Pit" judges in anticipation of learning which pitch won.

Survivor

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Kalima survived, but suddenly he was completely alone, still just a teenager, and he became homeless. For a while, he attended a boarding school. "Those were the worst days of my life," Kalima said of his time at the boarding school. "I used to sit outside in a basketball court... hoping and praying that at least my mom or my dad is going to show up. Anytime I saw a car coming by the main gate, anytime I saw someone coming, I would imagine it was my family coming." Kalima began to feel suicidal. He decided to leave

Rwanda. "The country to me smelled like dead bodies; everything smelled like dead bodies or swamp," he said. After traveling around Africa playing basketball for some time, Kalima moved to the United States. He finished high school in Chicago and then attended Indiana University. While "everything looked good on the outside" for him, Kalima was suffering on the inside. He experienced nightmares, migraines, anxiety and depression. When he started experiencing panic attacks, he visited a clinic on his college campus. The healthcare provider asked Kalima if he'd ever experienced any kind of trauma. Kalima replied, "I was in a genocide." He began to share his story

with people, which helped him to heal some of his trauma. However, the anger Kalima felt toward the people who committed the genocide and killed his family was eating him alive. "I was being held hostage by the people who killed my family," he said. "I forgave, so I could live... I was sick and tired of surviving." Kalima said there will never be enough justice served for any victim, so the only thing left to do is forgive. Kalima later adopted two teenage Rwandan genocide survivors with his wife, Stacy. Kalima encouraged students to take advantage of social media platforms when it comes to spreading messages of social justice. "Be careful what you post... you can get up in the morning and say something

and change the world," Kalima said. "College students: You have a platform, you have a chance to change the whole world," he added. Kalima said it's everyone's responsibility to help those in need. "We are all human beings, first. If you see somebody dying, I don't care where they come from; black, white, whatever, it's a human being," Kalima added. "At the end of the day, we all bleed the same blood, right?" Kalima said some red flags he noticed before the Rwandan genocide were negative propaganda and hate speech. He added that he's observed similar parallels in some of the anti-immigrant rhetoric he has heard in the United States. "Everything I see, I see in

the eyes of a genocide survivor," he added. Kalima is the founder of the Peace Center for Forgiveness and Reconciliation in Indiana. There, he assists victims of injustice get resources, educational opportunities and emotional support. Devin Streur, an inter-

national student adviser at WCC, has worked to bring various speakers to campus as part of the Global Discussion Series. He said to look out for the "Women's Place in the World" discussion on campus in late March or early April.



Kizito Kalima, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, shares vulnerably about his experiences at WCC's Global Discussion Series.



A gap year doesn’t mean a gap in learning



By CLAIRE CONVIS
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When my best friend Louisa graduated from high school, she and I bought plane tickets to Hidalgo, Mexico and left to help teach English at an elementary school.

We spent a year putting on school programs and events, reading story books, making crafts with sticky-handed four-year-olds, and meeting Louisa’s extended family.

I learned, felt, saw, touched, tasted, heard and experienced so much during that year. My Spanish-speaking skills increased, I gained a whole new family, and I knew for sure that I wanted to major in elementary education.

One of the reasons that many students are hesitant to take a year off of school is that they feel that the rest of the world will move on without them, but that is just not the case.

Just one semester, summer or year spent taking a break from midterm exams and portfolios can really have a positive impact on a per-

son’s life, and it doesn’t have to be a setback.

Taking a gap year doesn’t mean that a student stops learning, studying or growing; rather, it has the potential to encourage a healthy, unconventional approach to living one’s life before a college degree is tucked under their belt.

Professional counselor Arnett Chisholm has worked at WCC for more than 30 years. Chisholm said that community college can be a good bridge between high school and choosing a lifelong career.

Students can save money and also get to know their professors better due to smaller class sizes, whereas at a four-year university lecture halls may contain several hundred people, Chisholm said.

Chisholm said that taking time off to travel can benefit students by allowing them to explore other cultures or learn skills that will assist them in college.

“That’s something that I would support,” Chisholm said. “Sometimes students aren’t ready to start [college] right away... they want to do some of those things that are on their bucket list.”

There are countless reasons why taking a gap year could be a smart choice for young adults; students struggling to pay for college could significantly benefit from a gap year as it provides a chance to work more, save up and be more prepared for college expenses.

My close friend took a year off of school so that she could save up money, and she was promoted to a manager

position at her job.

“Sometimes you get burned out because you’re working and trying to go to school and trying to pay the bills,” Chisholm said. A break can allow you to save up and rejuvenate before you come back to school, but Chisholm advises students to have a plan to return to school when they are able to.

Many people have used a gap year as a way to learn another language, write a book, pick up a hobby, or create art.

Lin-Manuel Miranda was vacationing at the beach when he read the biography of Alexander Hamilton, which inspired him to write the phenomenal Broadway musical “Hamilton.”

The author of “Harry Potter,” J. K. Rowling, spent a few years living abroad in Portugal and teaching English as a second language. Rowling wrote portions of “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” during her time spent in Portugal.

Malia Obama spent her first year out of high school immersing herself in the Spanish language in Peru and Bolivia.

More students should consider some time off between high school and college—or even after starting college. It’s common for students to take a year off between their bachelor’s and master’s degrees, but students may not consider taking a year off after high school to get their life goals in order; instead, students are swept along in the strong current that carries them to college mere months from stepping



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Writer Claire Convis and her friend Louisa took a gap year after high school to teach elementary students in Mexico.

out of the school where they dissected frogs and had to use a bathroom pass.

According to the US Department of Education, 35% of students enrolled in STEM programs (Science, Technical, Engineering, Mathematics) changed their majors, and 29% of students in non-STEM programs did the same. Perhaps students entering college would have a much better idea of what they wanted to pursue in life if

they were encouraged to take a semester or two off to first consider it, and gain experience—through an internship or entry-level job—in the field in which they’re interested.

“Taking a break is good for some students,” Chisholm said.

Students who take some time off of school to do entry-level work may be even more inspired to go back to school to get a higher education, he said.

The possibilities of a gap year are numerous: students have more free time to have a healthy social life, pick up a hobby, save money and cross items off of their bucket list.

Students can go somewhere they’ve always wanted to go, explore different types of careers, read, rock climb or make music. I had the experience of a lifetime in Mexico, and I wouldn’t trade my gap year for all the college credits in the world.

VOICE BOX

Q: “What’s one of your Halloween memories?”

By Claire Convis | Staff Writer

“My neighbors would always have a party with food to eat before we went trick-or-treating. I was a flower pot in third grade.”

Shea Wilson, 19
Education



“I always went to the pumpkin patch with my mom, and we’d carve pumpkins and watch Hocus Pocus. One year I dressed up as a fairy. I was also a tissue box once; I don’t know why. I don’t think that I chose that.”

Kaia Houston, 23
Education



“My friends and I went to Cedar Point for Halloween weekends. And this year I’m going to be wearing a morph suit with an alien mask.”

Dylan Mercury, 22
Applied Science



“Getting the house ready for the trick-or-treaters and putting up decorations. I’ve been a skeleton a lot. I like skeletons.”

Ginny Ordonez, 15
WTMC



“We would go camping and they’d have decorations set up and we would go trick-or-treating around the campsite. I was a zebra one year.”

Sydney Wood, 17
WTMC



“A few years ago my best friend and I dressed up as The Chaneles from the show “Scream Queens.”

Kaelyn Collins, 14
WTMC



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Area employers share job advice

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Looking for a job, but not sure how to stand out as a potential employee? At WCC’s recent career fair, employers shared top tips to getting the job.

People skills, a strong work ethic and clear communication are key

Companies want their employees to get along. Cheryl Harvey, director of career transitions, said there is a strong need for people with these qualities.

“The soft skills are really what [companies] are struggling with, and what students need to have. That would be problem solving skills, communication skills, people who come with a good work ethic, and people skills,” Harvey said.

Jeremy Ortiz is the head recruiter at Busch’s Fresh Food Market, a grocery store chain. He offered similar advice for those looking to get into higher-ups management in the retail market.

“The number one quality is going to be communication personability. You’ve gotta have someone that can speak with people and can build rapport with people easily,” Ortiz said.

“Personality plays a huge factor into people getting jobs in general, so being able to come



Kevin Ronquillo, a professional recruiter at Aerotek in Detroit, shares the advantage of using LinkedIn.

across and relate to people is a huge thing,” Ortiz added.

Have a polished resume and personal portfolio

Another common piece of advice given was to have a competitive resume, a personal portfolio and even a cover letter. Harvey, who helps students with this regularly, offered some input.

“The number one thing students could do [to set themselves apart] would be to do an internship or co-op,” Harvey said. “They have to be able to get something practical in their field which they can have on their resume.”

“Number two would be to have a professional resume,” Harvey added. “We are encouraging students to come over and have us look over their resumes

for grammatical errors, misspellings and formatting.”

Harvey also encourages students to include a quality cover letter with their resume to give them an edge over competing applicants.

Keep a clean online presence

This might be the most difficult step for people to accomplish because of how much is

available on the internet for employers to find. The truth is that employers do look at this when hiring.

When using social media, ask yourself: Would I want a future employer to see this?

You can always make your social media accounts private, but what’s to stop your friends from re-posting your images or videos and tagging you in them? One step to help eliminate

these concerns is to search your name, city and age on Google. Go through Google Images, go through your social media accounts and clean up everything as best you can. This could save you big time down the road.

Have a strong LinkedIn profile

One last tip comes from Kevin Ronquillo, a professional recruiter at Aerotek in Detroit. Aerotek is a company which specializes in hiring candidates for large engineering and production companies.

Ronquillo encouraged students to create a LinkedIn account and start professionally growing it.

Not only does this allow you to make business connections with recruiters and human resource professionals, many of whom are on the platform, but it also helps you organize your professional relationships.

Ronquillo also mentioned how LinkedIn is a good way to display your talents and past work experience.

“Having that [LinkedIn profile] up to date gives you credit for what you know and what you do . . . but be prepared to back it up if you get to a phone-screener interview,” Ronquillo said.

LinkedIn accounts are free and offer a paid “premium” account upgrade offering additional features.



From left to right: E.J. Haralson, Curtis L. McKinnon, Stephanie Belcher, Jeff Ponders II and Shawn Smith share their experiences and answer questions to help students be successful as entrepreneurs.

Local entrepreneurs offer professional wisdom

Experienced panel discusses marketing and business opportunities with students about the sports, entertainment

BY BRIAN BABCOCK
Staff Writer

A panel of five local entrepreneurs visited campus recently to help students understand what it takes to be successful in the sports and entertainment industry.

Panelists included Shawn Smith, an NFL referee; Curtis L. McKinnon, CEO of Crowd-Freak Inc.; Stephanie Belcher, practice leader at Cole Newton & Duran; E.J. Haralson, founder of EJ Signature Collection; and Jeff Ponders II, founder of The Better Company.

The event, organized by professor Anthony Terry in partnership with the Entrepreneurship Center took place on Oct. 9. The panel opened the floor to questions from students about the sports and music markets. After each panelist introduced themselves and their occupation, the mic was turned back to the near-60 students who attended.

“When we’re talking about young entrepreneurs, I wanted to give them a lot of different options to hear different types

of entrepreneurs offering different things in multiple industries,” Terry said. “I wanted to give them the opportunity to see how sports and entertainment entrepreneurs work and to use their advice as a platform for our entrepreneurs.”

This type of event is the second of a series Terry is planning.

“I was amazed at how many people are so interested about the entertainment field, so that was fascinating and new to me,” Terry said. “We also wanted to put this on because we’re trying to make a joint effort with the Entrepreneurship Center to bring recognition to all the resources we provide [to students] here on campus . . . so the Entrepreneurship Center has been a helpful avenue for the entrepreneurship program.”

Many topics revolved around marketing. Attendees and panelists discussed marketing tactics such as building a website and using social media.

Other topics centered on how to start signature brands of clothing and how to gain popularity as a comedian or musician.

Haralson, who also works as an assistant basketball coach at Wayne State University, gave some advice to those looking to start their own signature clothing line: “With me personally, I just wanted to come out with something that I personally liked . . . at this time I think your generation is the best with regards to owning startup companies [so] gravitate toward your own niche.”

Belcher provided another insight into the beginning stages of marketing. She advised new entrepreneurs to focus on core values at the beginning, and then let the marketing evolve from there.

“I encourage all of my entrepreneurs to start the same way—by establishing a list of their core values. I find that if you identify anywhere between three and seven values that drive your decisions—and these are all different for each person—your marketing will tend to fall in place because then you have a whole list of values people will flock to like a magnet,” Belcher said.

Transfer Tips: Nailing the essay portion

BY CATHERINE ENGSTROM-HADLEY
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The essay portion of an application can be tricky for students: it’s a chance to paint a picture of who you are, but you have to pull it off in a small number of words.

Each university will ask different essay questions, from “Describe a group you belong in” for the University of Michigan, to University of Chicago’s “How do you feel about a Wednesday?” The topics range a wide spectrum.

Heather Zettelmaier, ESL teacher and language faculty at Washtenaw Community College offered advice for students

starting on application essays.

“The best college essays reveal you as a person and don’t seem canned or vague; they richly expose your own life and clearly show who you are,” said Zettelmaier. “Be who you are, get specific and don’t be afraid to be personal. It helps makes a better connection with your reader.”

“The university is interested in what you give, not just what you can take,” said Zettelmaier. “What’s the student’s past journey? What sacrifices, grit and resilience can you write about? Tell them more about what you did while you were here; in a lab, volunteer work, even your day job.”

For students who struggle to get down to the smaller word counts? “Edit, revise, edit,” said Zettelmaier.

“Think of what you are writing is essential, get to the point and be direct,” said Zettelmaier. “And most importantly, make sure you are answering the question.”

Students who would like a second set of eyes and some help can bring college essays to the writing center, LA 355, on the third floor of the LA building.

“We love to help with college essays,” said Zettelmaier.

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Garrett’s masters the details

BY JOHN KOPELMAN
Contributor

From the entry of the Student Center, it is easy to miss Garrett’s. As a student myself, I often find myself sitting in the comfortable chairs while waiting for a bus or quietly studying, barely aware of its presence. There are heavy wooden doors and a wall of frosted glass separating the restaurant from the considerable bustle of the building. The Sweet Spot is more noticeable, being enclosed in clear glass.

Once seated at one of the tables or comfy-looking banquettes, the wisdom of this design becomes apparent. The agreeable soundtrack, the frosted glass, the separation

from the building entrance all combine to give the space a sense of calm and make it feel like a kind of refuge.

After I was seated, I was brought a basket of rolls and a plate of butter. There were actually two kinds of butter; a dense little cloud of the whipped kind, and a triangle of with a sprig of thyme and a sprinkle of salt on top. The rolls were delicious and warm, and the butter soft and spreadable. To start, I ordered the crispy calamari with creamy remoulade sauce and sweet bell pepper confit, the summer tomato soup, and Garrett’s green salad.

The calamari was perfect. The light batter was crisp and not at all greasy. The squid inside the batter was cooked

well, which is an achievement in itself—calamari becomes overcooked and rubbery very easily, and getting it right is a demonstration of skill. The remoulade sauce was creamy and punchy with red onion and capers. The bell pepper confit was also perfectly cooked; the peppers were softened just to the point of tenderness but not crossing over into mushiness.

The soup was also delicious, with the cream and the herb oil beautifully balancing the acidity of the tomatoes and tying in the classic pairing of basil and tomatoes. The salad was cool and crisp; the mixed lettuces, carrots, cucumbers and tomatoes tasted fresh, and the marinated shallot vinaigrette was pleasingly tart.

Next came the entrées: the pasta primavera and the French-style ham and cheese. The primavera dish was excellent: fresh-made farfalle pasta, perfectly-cooked summer squash, peppers, carrots and light sauce which seemed to be just butter and fresh herbs.

The kitchen’s attention to detail really came through. Perfectly-cooked everything, the flavor of the different vegetables and pasta tasting exactly like themselves, all tied together with delicious, herby butter. Textbook, classic and hit the mark.

The ham and cheese sandwich was also delicious, however the chips were cold and soggy.

For dessert, I had a wonderful slice of Bunny Cake from Garrett’s Sweet Shop and an espresso. The cake



Kevin Yi, a culinary student, directs customers at the host stand as part of his dining room services class where students receive real experiences working in a restaurant while having the safety of instructors supervising their work.

was seriously delicious. The menu described it as a cake containing carrot, banana and coconut and iced with cream cheese frosting; but this doesn’t begin to do it justice. It was like the best carrot cake and the best banana bread you’ve ever had got together and had a cake-baby.

All of this without being overly sweet or heavy-feeling. There was also just a little touch of lemon cream on the plate, which was a great counterpoint to the cake and frosting. The espresso was artfully made, and a perfect example of how an espresso should be.

I would recommend Garrett’s to anyone. There were a couple of things that could be improved upon, as I mentioned, but those things were outshone by the things that needed no improvement.

Overall, this place serves simple food and absolutely nails the details. There is no better way to teach the next generation of talented cooks and managers than learning from an operation that has its priorities in order, and I believe this describes Garrett’s well.

If you’d like to check it out yourself, Garrett’s is open every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. until November 26. You can also make an reservation on Garrett’s website at culinary.wccnet.edu. A menu is also included on the website.



Laura Gimenez passes food that is ready to be served.



Laura Gimenez passes food that is ready to be served.

Students team up to save a kitten

ADELINE GRIFFITH
Contributor

Alexis Copeland, mother of two and a photography student at Washtenaw Community College, found an unexpected purpose in her life last month.

She was driving down Michigan Avenue when she spotted something unusual.

“I saw this little fluff ball. It was running back and forth across the road and then I realized it was a kitten,” said Copeland.

Copeland pulled over on the busy road, determined to help. She spoke to another woman who had likewise noticed the kitten, and was fretting that she hit it. The kitten was underneath the woman’s car, and at first they couldn’t tell if it was alive or not.

“Thankfully It wasn’t dead, it was just trying to hide or something. I pulled it out from under this lady’s tire and took it home,” said Copeland.

The black and white kitten weighed about a pound, and barely had any teeth grown in yet, according to Copeland. She would cry when she ate and had to be picked up and carried to the litter box.

“It was obviously too young to be away from its mom. It was so terrified, I could feel it shaking for hours after I took it home,” said Copeland. She guessed the kitten was merely a couple weeks old.

The next day, Copeland, desperate to get the kitten off her hands, announced her situation to the students in her black and white photography class, and asked if anyone



Monochrome was found by Alexis Copeland and adopted by Kathy Devlin.

would be willing to adopt her. Kathy Devlin, a fellow photography student, offered and made arrangements to come and get her later that day.

“I knew she was in a jam. It wasn’t that she didn’t want it, she just couldn’t afford it with two kids and one on the way,” said Devlin. “I had a mama cat at home with kittens about the same age. I figured one more couldn’t hurt.”

The kitten was dubbed Monochrome.

Monochrome rode home on Devlin’s lap, happy and unafraid. However, once they got home, things took a turn for the worse.

“She was afraid of everything at my house. She hid under the porch, watching. I had to coax her out to make sure she ate, said Devlin. “My kittens were very curious about her but she would hiss at them and go back under the porch.”

Although it wasn’t immediate, Monochrome acclimat-

ed to her new home.

“Her personality is hilarious. She’s so inquisitive about everything,” said Devlin.

Monochrome began to play with some of the other kittens on a Saturday evening, and was nursing alongside the rest of the litter on Sunday.

Copeland commented that her unexpected kitten discovery came just around a time when she had been reflecting on her purpose in life.

Food Insecurity

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For the 2018-19 school year, 190 WCC students used resources such as the emergency food pantry. Each year, this number increases at WCC by approximately 25%, according to data from the WCC Student Resource Center.

Students are eligible to apply for the emergency fund if they: are currently registered and attending class, have completed a semester, and have not received emergency funds during the current academic year. However, prior academic standing will be examined.

For more information on how to apply, go to the financial aid office or visit: wccnet.edu/services/financial-aid/scholarships/student-emergency-fund/.

In addition to the emergency fund, the student resource center also provides an on-campus emergency food pantry.

“The SRC tries to promote the pantry through various mediums on campus,” said Carol Tinkle, counseling and career planning project and data administrative assistant. “We want to make sure those students who are struggling with food insecurity are aware we have a pantry on campus and that they are welcome. We do have some special events during the year where we offer fresh items. One of those is our Fresh Produce Days, where any student can grab a piece of fresh produce,” Tinkle said.

The student resource center recently partnered with

Aramark and New Student Programming for its first annual PB&J day. On Wednesday, October 9, students passing through the first floor of the Student Center could receive a free peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

The Emergency Food Pantry can be found on the second floor of the Student Center room 206 and is open to any students who have met with a SCR case manager beforehand.

Most recently, the WCC Writing Center has begun piloting a snack station in the hopes that it will help combat food insecurity amongst students.

The snack station is located in the front of the writing center and the initial stock of snacks have been donated by full-time, part-time and adjunct faculty of the English department at WCC. Donations are accepted and can be dropped off in the writing center. For more information, contact Tom Zimmerman, director of the writing center or call the writing center at 734-973-3647.

In addition to the many resources housed at WCC there are also many outside resources for students facing food insecurity.

Co-founded by the Michigan State Student Food Bank and the Oregon State University Food Bank in 2012, The College & University Food Bank Alliance (CUFBA) is an organization that focuses on creating campus-based programs that help alleviating food insecurity, hunger and poverty among college and university students in the United States.

To find a pantry near you, go to culba.org.





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Top hiking trails for fall scenery

BY BRIAN BABCOCK
Staff Writer

The weather is brisk, and the leaves have become crimson red and bright gold. With an abundance of nature trails in the area, it's time to lace up the hiking shoes and get outside. Whether your expedition is done alone, with friends, or family, here are some top locales for fall hiking fun.

Parker Mill County Park
4650 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor

This trail makes it on the top five list for two reasons: beauty and ease of access. Located less than one mile north of the college, this historic park provides rich beauty in a convenient location. Hikers who choose this location will have the opportunity to follow Fleming Creek to the Huron river. Maples, patches of pine and mature oaks surround the 2.5 miles of paved paths and wooden boardwalk trails.

Aaron Cruz, an Ann Arbor native, enjoys taking in the area's natural beauty as much as possible. He claims this area in particular has the best beauty earlier on in the season.

"This area usually reaches its peak before others. . . since the season is so short and it's going to get cold quickly, it's definitely time to get out," Cruz said.

Nichol's Arboretum Loop Trail
1610 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor

Also known as The Arb, this local Ann Arbor hiking trail offers a wide variety of scenic features from rolling deciduous hills to maple groves along the Huron River. At almost 3 miles in length, it is the perfect length for an evening walk away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

One thing that makes this spot especially popular are the well-maintained foot paths

along the hills. Hikers who enjoy being on higher ground and looking down on the wildlife before them should consider this spot.

Bird Hills Trail
1850 Newport Road, Ann Arbor

For those with a more ambitious side, Bird Hills Trail is for you. This 4.8 mile hiking trail, located in Ann Arbor's northside makes it on the list due to its opportunity for people to satisfy the desire to be alone in nature.

This location's popularity is balanced out due to its length at almost 5 miles. The nature area boasts a dense combination of deciduous and coniferous forest types on the west side with very mature oaks and maples. It is during this time that the upper tree canopy bursts into color and this is one of the main reasons why it made it onto the list. Furthermore, the nature area is split down the midline by the Huron River, offering another scenic highlight.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens
1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor

For people who don't mind a more heavily-traversed hiking location, the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens is a good option.

It isn't surprising why this spot is so popular—it's a great spot the view wildlife. Located 10 minutes by car north of WCC, this popular 1.4 mile trail offers some of the most scenic glimpses into nature. Flowing rock-bed streams, vernal ponds and a seemingly endless assortment of tree species cover the landscape.

Andy Traugh is a visitor engagement manager at the gardens. He cites the locations preserved beauty as its main attraction.

"Everyday we see between 50 and 100 visitors use the trail . . . we do maintain as



Aaron Cruz, a local Ann Arborite, stops at Parker Mill County Park often on lunch breaks to take photos of the leaves at the peak of their fall colors.

much of the natural setting as possible," Traugh said.

He also said the area offers a different glimpse of fall due to the tall golden prairie grass which is abundant here.

Border to Border Trail
8140 Main St., Dexter

For those looking to make an escape to the country, look no further than the Border to Border Trail. Almost 5 miles of pathed paths and elevated boardwalks weave through rolling prairies, an assortment of forest types, and along the Huron River. One key feature of this trail lies in it's high-quality pathed and boardwalk trails. This provides a very smooth and easy walk for those looking for a peaceful hike; biking is also allowed on the trail.



The entrance of Matthaei Botanical Garden is easy to spot. The garden contains 1.4 miles of trails.



Julio Roque shovels holes for the new apple trees.



Emily Thompson and Theodore Bohdanowycz strategize about the placement of the new plants.

Students dig food forest

By Lilly Kujawski | Editor

The Students for Sustainability club is currently creating a food forest on campus. According to Emily Thompson, the club's adviser, a food forest is a recreated forest that mimics the natural ecosystem.

All the plants in the food forest are edible, either to humans or other animals, Thompson said.

The club has already planted apple trees, lilies, garlic, kale, shiitake mushrooms and hickory nuts, she said.

Ideally, the club would like to be able to harvest the crops and share them with the campus community, Thompson said.

"The idea would be that students could come into the food forest and get an apple for lunch," Thompson said. "I imagine that the club would be able to harvest the crops and make them available."

Thompson added that the club is looking for people to help out with small, personal harvesting.

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Students planted new apple trees, which will hopefully sprout fruit next year.



Andrew Lyandar works on the steel barrier around the newly planted apple trees to prevent animals from eating the fruit.



HALLOWEEN SPOOKY EVENTS

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DATE NIGHT

Celestial Origins

Learn the history of Halloween and how it fits into the seasons as a “cross-quarter day.” Attendees will explore the night sky and learn which planets, constellations and stars will be out on Halloween night. Admission is \$5 a person, making this a fun and affordable date night for two.

Eastern Michigan University Planetarium | 100 College Place, Ypsilanti
Oct. 29, 8-9 p.m.

Frog Island Park Movie Night: Hocus Pocus

Take a date to see the Halloween film-favorite, “Hocus Pocus.” The movie will be projected on a staged amphitheater. Bring a blanket or chairs to cuddle up on. This event is free.

Frog Island Park | Rice St. and Cross St., Ypsilanti
Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

Concert

For over forty years, University of Michigan’s symphony and philharmonic orchestra celebrate the Halloween season through music. Graduate conducting students lead more than 125 costumed musicians for this thrilling and spooky concert. Come in costume or as you are to enjoy the sounds of Halloween with these musicians. Reserved seating is \$8 to \$12.

Hill Auditorium | 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor
Oct. 27, 4:30 p.m.

WITH KIDS

Annual Treat Parade

Take the trick or treating downtown! Local merchants welcome young costumed characters to the neighborhood with treats and greets. Participating merchants will have black and orange balloons hanging in the front to make them easy to spot. Families are also invited to stop by the Ann Arbor District Library downtown branch from 10-11:30 a.m. for a Halloween party to kick off the day with stories, puppets and treats.

Downtown Ann Arbor | 303 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor
Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Caramel Apples & Pumpkin Bowling

Costume contests, delicious caramel apples and pumpkin bowling will all be happening at Wurster Park this Halloween. This family-friendly event is free and a great Manchester Tradition.

Wurster Park | 215 W Main St., Manchester
Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m.

Treat Street Block Park

Come celebrate all things Halloween at the Depot Town block party! Carnival games, candy prizes, pumpkin bowling, cake walks and a family-friendly movie will be available for free. Bring a blanket or chairs for the movie, which will be shown outside.

Ypsilanti Freighthouse | 100 Market Place, Ypsilanti
Oct. 26, 4-8:30 p.m.

FUN WITH FRIENDS

Day of the Dead Party

Get down to three long sets of funky jams for listening and dancing pleasure and compete in costume contests with prizes for first, second and third place. There’s no cover to get in, but donations are accepted at the door.

Ziggy’s | 206 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti
Nov. 1, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Boylesque Drag Party

Boylesque is back! Ring in the Halloween weekend with performances from local performers, and special guest Shae Shae Lareese. This event is for ages 18 and up. The cover charge is \$7 for patrons 21 and up, and \$9 for under 21-year-olds.

The Tap Room | 201 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti
Oct. 26, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Harry Potter Halloween

Wand-making, pumpkin carving, butterbeer, snacks and more await attendees. Come dressed as your favorite wizard for the costume party. This event is all ages with a \$5 admission fee. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

The Circ Bar | 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor
Oct. 27, 12-4 p.m.

SPOOKY PLAYLIST

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Duran Duran

MIDNIGHT CITY
M83

THIS IS HALLOWEEN
Marilyn Manson

THE GHOSTBUSTERS THEME SONG
Ray Parker Jr.

STRANGER THINGS
Kyle Dixon & Michael Stein

THE MONSTER
Eminem

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Donovan

BLACK MAGIC WOMAN
Fleetwood Mac

RUNNIN’ WITH THE DEVIL
Van Halen

MONSTER MASH
Bobby Pickett

BAD MOON RISING
Creedence Clearwater Revival

DEMONS
Imagine Dragons

FRANKENSTEIN
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HEATHENS
Twenty-one Pilots

STRANGE BREW
Cream

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Hozier

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Norman Greenbaum

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Taylor Swift

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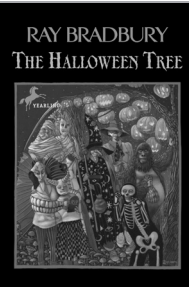
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Nicki Minaj and Bon Iver



CHILLING BOOKS FOR CHILLY NIGHTS

By Claire Convis | Staff Writer



The Halloween Tree
Ray Bradbury (Yearling)
This eerie adventure brought to you by the author of Fahrenheit 451 chronicles the travels of eight young boys who pass through space and time in search of their missing friend. This story set on Halloween night is chock-full of witches, rituals, gargoyles, catacombs, mummies and monsters.



Asylum
Madeline Roux (HarperCollins)
This ghostly tale tracks students Dan, Abby, and Jordan as they attend a summer school in a building that used to be—you guessed it—an insane asylum. As the students explore the winding halls, hidden rooms and dusty basement, they find themselves uncovering dark secrets of what took place in the old psych ward. The blurry photos from real-life insane asylums add even more spookiness to this haunting high school tale.



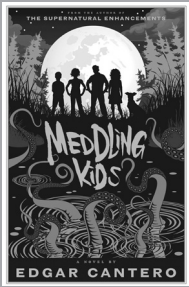
Hush, Hush
Becca Fitzpatrick (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
Fallen Angels, high school romance, and an ominous war brewing on the horizon—what more could you ask for? Protagonist Nora Grey and her black-clad fallen angel boyfriend Patch must uncover who their real enemies are, and stop devilcraft from taking over their small town. If you’re a fan of the Twilight Saga, definitely check it out—but if you’re not, don’t let that deter you. A variety of audiences can enjoy this series filled with mind-tricks, mystery, high school drama and supernatural forces at war.



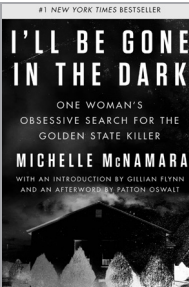
The Women in the Walls
Amy Lukavics (Harlequin Teen)
This frightening novel takes on the big-old-haunted-house-in-the-middle-of-the-woods trope. Lucy and her cousin Margaret are best friends who explore the dark halls and corners of the family’s estate. Lucy’s mother passed away when she was three, and now Margaret’s mother has suddenly disappeared into the woods. However, Margaret claims that she can still hear her mother’s voice, whispering to her from within the house’s walls—and Lucy starts to realize that her cousin may be telling the truth.



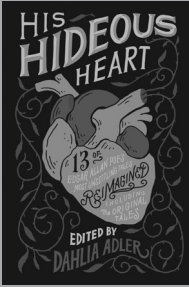
Hex
Thomas Olde Heuvelt (Tor Books)
The town of Black Spring is cursed; for years, it has been haunted by a witch who stands by children’s bedsides at night, with her mouth and eyes sewn shut. Awful, right? Similar to the plot of Footloose, the town has some pretty strict rules which are eventually broken by some frustrated teenagers, and then all hell breaks loose. George R. R. Martin calls this tale “Creepy and gripping,” and Stephen King dubs it “Totally, brilliantly original.”



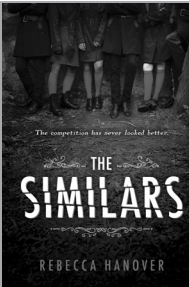
Meddling Kids
Edgar Cantero (Anchor)
Teen detectives—the nerd, the jock, the tomboy, the bookworm, their dog, you know the drill—set out to uncover a monstrous amphibian creature that has been disrupting their small town. This New York Times Bestseller set in the ‘70s and ‘90s is silly and spooky rolled into one. If you’re looking for a fun Halloween read with Scooby-Doo-meets-Lovecraft vibes, this is it.



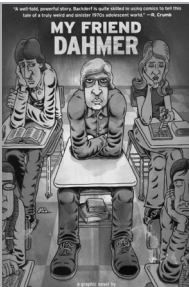
I’ll Be Gone In The Dark
Michelle McNamara (HarperCollins)
The true account of the author’s unwavering search for whom she called The Golden State Killer. During the 1970s and 1980s, a sadistic criminal in California committed fifty sexual assaults and ten horrific murders before disappearing for three decades. McNamara set out to unearth the identity of this nightmarish psychopath who left a trail of utter devastation in his wake. This New York Times Bestseller features a forward by Gillian Flynn, praise from Stephen King, and is soon to become an HBO documentary series.



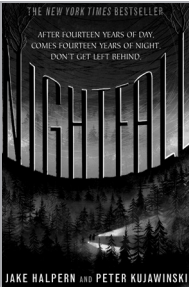
His Hideous Heart: 13 of Edgar Allan Poe’s Most Unsettling Tales Reimagined
Dahlia Adler (Flatiron Books)
Here lies a unique collection of Poe’s original tales alongside retellings of those same tales by authors such as Amanda Lovelace, author of “The Witch Doesn’t Burn in This One,” and Kendare Blake, who wrote “Three Dark Crowns.” If you’ve been waiting to see “The Raven” retold with black-out poetry, the wait is over.



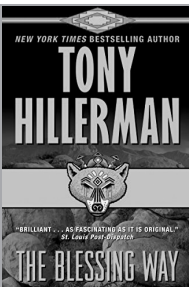
The Similars
Rebecca Hanover (Sourcebooks)
This novel is set at a fancy boarding school called Darkwood Academy, where six new students show up for the fall semester looking exactly like several other students at the academy. And that’s because they are exactly like the other students—these new arrivals are DNA replicas of current students, created by a mad scientist performing illegal experiments. This eerie story contains romance, intrigue, a strange secret society, and other reasons to keep you turning the pages.



My Friend Dahmer
Derf Backderf (Henry N. Abrams)
A graphic novel with a sinister twist. This creative take at true crime comes from Jeffrey Dahmer’s former classmate, who could easily have been one of Dahmer’s victims. When it came to watching Dahmer spiral into one of the most infamous serial killers in American history, Backderf had a front-row seat. Adapted into an R-rated film in 2017, this spine-chilling graphic novel of a disturbing individual is bound to give you shivers.



Nightfall
Jake Halpern and Peter Kujawinski (Puffin Books)
This harrowing story is set on a peculiar island where the sun doesn’t rise every 24 hours, but rather, every 28 years. And you thought Westeros had it bad. As the sun starts to set and the weather grows cold, all of the islanders prepare to sail south and wait-out winter until the sun rises again. As the ships start sailing away, twins Marin and Kana discover that their friend has gone missing, and rather than sail to safety, they set off to rescue him from who-knows-what, if it’s not already too late.



The Blessing Way
Tony Hillerman (HarperCollins)
Murder, mayhem and a mysterious Wolf-Witch, all set in New Mexico? Yes, please. Detective Leaphorn’s prime suspect evades him as struggles to track down the killer of a young boy. It’s worth your while to pause your favorite crime show and crack this creepy book open.

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Introducing to the Voice our new advice column from contributing writer Adeline Griffith: Get it Off Your Chest. Whether you need some advice about a sticky situation, want an objective second opinion or are just looking to vent, we’re here to help.

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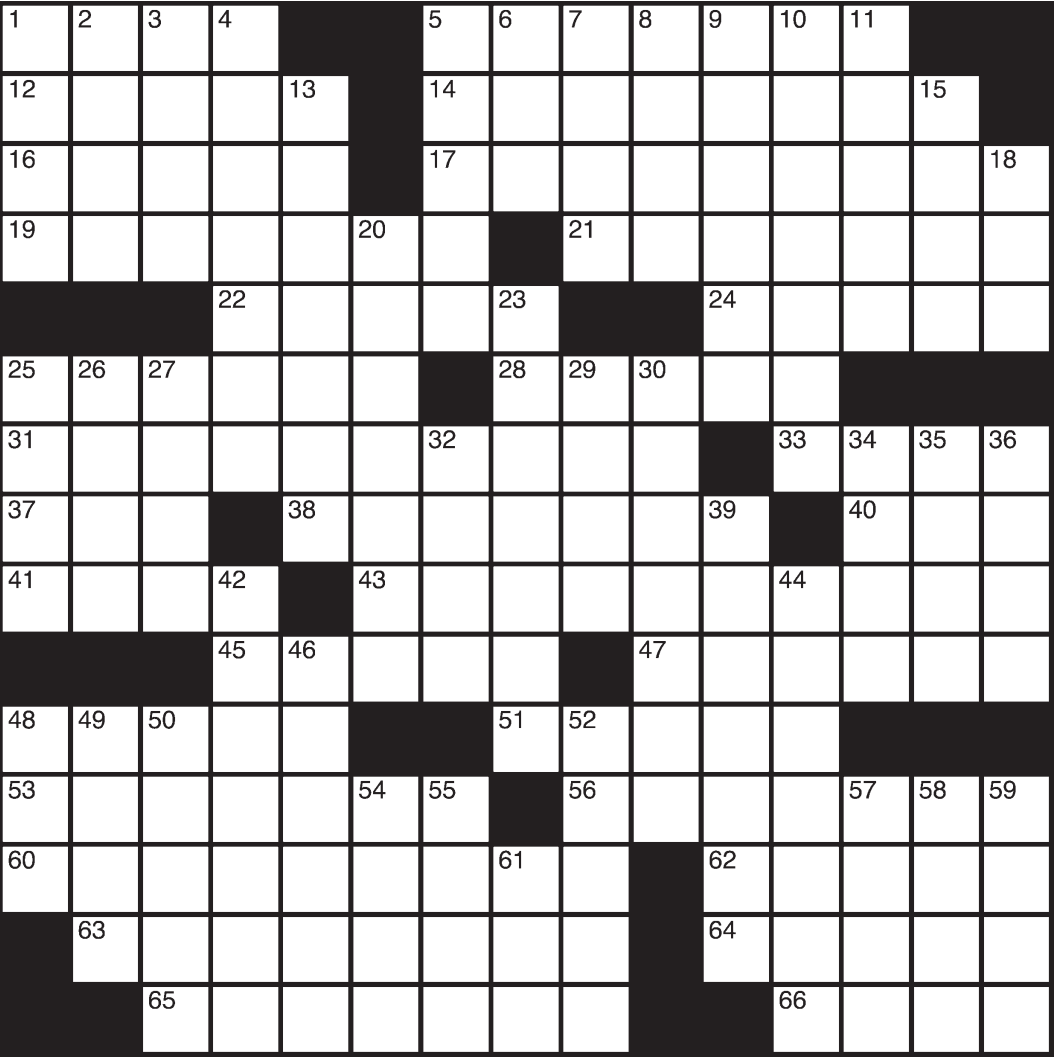
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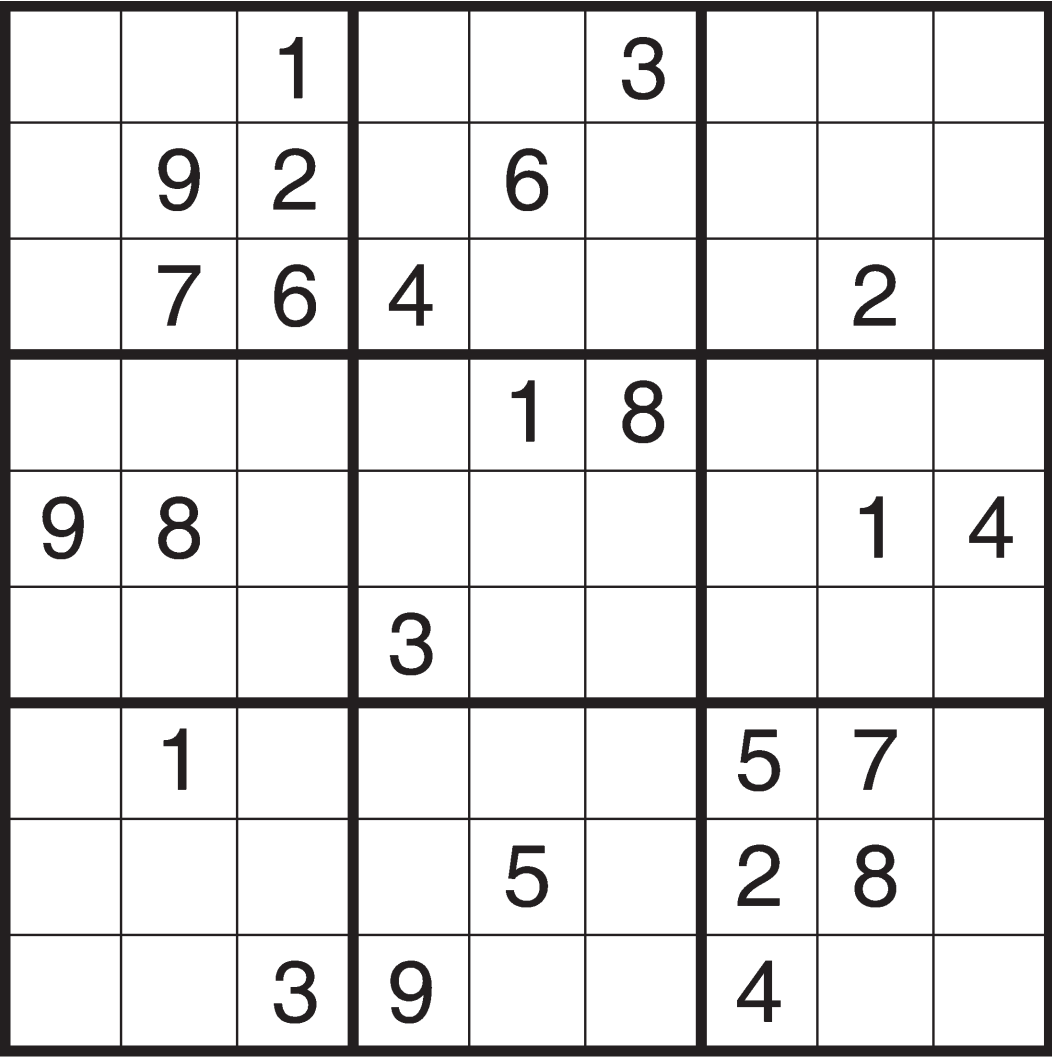
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12 Learned
14 Sacagawea’s people
16 Aquarium growth
17 “Are we done here?”
19 Rio neighborhood of song
21 “Me Talk Pretty One Day” writer David
22 Takes turns?
24 Coarse cloth
25 When an early voyage may start
28 Metal giant
31 “Tsk tsk”
33 Harsh cry
- 37 Light touch
38 Chocolate treat
40 Letter before sigma
41 __ song
43 “Might be able to help”
45 “... let’s play two!” ballplayer Banks
47 Set of chromosomes
48 Avalanche
51 Din
53 Traveling tot’s spot
56 Sounded indignant
60 “Not hungry, but not not hungry either”
62 Of service
63 A-ha hit that won six MTV
- Video Music Awards
64 Assisted through difficulty, with “over”
65 Macy’s logo feature
66 Bottomless buffet acronym spelled out by the ends of 17-, 31-, 43- and 60-Across

DOWN

- 1 Tazo choice
2 App with many pans
3 “Star Wars,” for one
4 Classic Pontiac
5 Malay or Mongol
6 Stammering syllables
7 Kettles and kitties
8 Second African-American inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame
9 “There was no other choice”
10 Disintegrate, as old wood
11 Drum kit item
13 Area that’s hard to find while surfing?
15 “A Jew Today” writer
- Wiesel
18 Trip letters
20 Study on the side
23 Pouring instruction
25 Well of Souls threats in “Raiders of the Lost Ark”
26 Soften
27 Info
29 Actress Anderson
30 Bringing up to speed
32 Formal “It wasn’t me”
34 With the bow, in music
35 “Pow!” relative
36 Fried Dixie bread
39 Just makes
42 Kimono sash ornament
- 44 Subject of Newton’s first law
46 Nearly fell
48 Poli __
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Accountant – SOS Community Services.

Responsible for payroll operations, grant accounting, preparation of monthly closing, overseeing accounts payable and receivable, and assisting with human resources responsibilities.

Legal Assistant – Plunkett Cooney, PC (Bloomfield).

Plunkett Cooney is seeking a full-time appellate legal secretary to provide support to two attorneys working in the Bloomfield Hills office location. This position works directly with a partner and associate of the firm.

Assistant Manager Merchandise Operations in training - Taylor, MI – JCPenney

Accountable for driving customer service to achieve profitable sales growth by leading and

engaging associates, managing company merchandise standards and execution, training and developing associates and executing sales building programs.

Environmental Advocate (Paid Internship) – Clean Water Action

Identifying voters and volunteers who will work with us to hold politicians accountable for their votes on environmental and health related issues. Ensuring, by grassroots organizing, fundraising, and education, that communities are made aware of these issues. Participating in press conferences, lobby days, and other events.

Computer Sales / Repair Tech – Jafferson Computers.

Strong experience in Windows desktop and laptop systems (Windows 8, Windows 7, and,

unfortunately, still XP for a few clients), Windows Server (2008 through 2012), networking, Microsoft Office, and web and email configuration is desired. Experience in Apple systems and products like iMac, Macbook, iPhone, iPod, and iPads. Skills that are helpful, would include web development in Wordpress, and graphic designing. If you have experience with any line of business applications that is definitely a plus.

Lead Preschool Teacher – Freedom Child Care Center

Lead Teacher must have at least a CDA, pass background screenings, be current in CPR/First Aid. The lead teacher works with the director to bring quality to our program. Is responsible for planning and implementing developmentally appropriate activities for the children. Is familiar with High Scope curriculum.

Food Production Worker – Express Employment-Ann Arbor

Saline-based food production factory seeking full-time workers on 2nd and 3rd shift. Contract-to-hire! You'll be compensated for your experience as a Food Production Worker \$12 hourly

Sales Associate – Campus Den (Twelve Oaks) – TalentEi

Ability to generate sales, add-ons, and develop relationships with customers. Compute sales prices, total purchases, and receive and process cash and credit payments. Maintain knowledge of current sales and promotions, policies, and security practices. Prepare merchandise for purchases.

Dental Assistant – Ann Arbor Family Dentistry. Ann Arbor

Family Dentistry is seeking a full time dental assistant. Experience with taking radiographs, impressions, assisting Doctor, making temporaries.

Baker – Yummy Cupcakes – TalentEi

Must be available for early morning hours, during the week and on weekends. Baking in a from-scratch bakeshop to produce high quality cupcakes, cakes, and cupcake specialty treats to meet store display needs, delivery times, guest special orders, and special events. Must be a team player in a team environment dedicated to maintaining a high level of quality and efficiency. Maintain a clean and organized work area at all times, following all health and safety guidelines.

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events

ENTERTAINMENT LOCAL CAMPUS

YPSIGLOW 2019

See Ypsilanti lit up during the night with hundreds of light displays designed by community members and artists. The event features live DJs, interactive art activities, street performances, black-lit stations and more.

Downtown Ypsilanti | Various Locations

Oct. 25, 7-10 p.m.

MICHIGAN PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL

Come see a wide variety of plays created by Michigan locals. In the fifth annual Michigan Playwrights Festival, audiences will be treated to a new full-length play and five ten-minute plays. Admission is \$10 per evening and the event lasts three days.

Theatre Nova | 410 West Huron St., Ann Arbor

Oct. 23-27, 8 p.m.

SANKAI JUKU, MEGURI: TEEMING SEA, TRANQUIL LAND

The work of Ushio Amagatsu and Sankai Juku is known for its elegance, precision and emotional depth. This performance is a poetic meditation on the passage of time, symbolized by moving water and the seasons. Recommended for ages 16 and up. Student tickets are \$12.

Power Center | 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor

Oct. 25-26, 8 p.m.



RED HAWK GLOW DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join other disc golfers for the annual glow tournament. More than 18 holes will be open for play, lit up by glow sticks. For a \$30-dollar entry fee, disc golfers will receive a beanie hat and a disc. The top 20% players will be awarded special discs.

Independence Lake County Park | 3200 Jennings Road, Whitmore Lake

Oct. 25, 6-11 p.m.

POLKATOBER FEST

Watch traditional Polish dancers or join in on the dance with live music featuring polka, disco polo and more. Traditional and modern Polish food will be available, along with a Polish beer for sale. The festival includes a shopping bazaar, trick or treating for kids and more. Admission is \$11 on the day of the event; children under five attend for free.

Washtenaw County Fairgrounds | 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road, Ann Arbor

Oct. 26-27, 1-6 p.m.

SPOOKY FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

The Vault of Midnight brings Free Comic Book Day with a spooky twist! Stop in and get free comic books and candy while supplies last. All ages welcome.

Vault of Midnight | 219 S Main St., Ann Arbor

Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.



THE ART OF ANIMATED CHARACTERS

Washtenaw Community Concert Band kicks off its new concert season, entitled "The Art of Music," with a costumed concert to get the audience in a Halloween mood. The 80-member band is performing for free. Refreshments will be served.

Towsley Auditorium

Oct. 25, 7:30-9 p.m.

TINY CAFE

Learn more about the Bailey Library and Learning Commons at this pop-up cafe. Enjoy a snack and a drink while you find out more about library services and upcoming events.

Bailey Library

Oct. 24, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

VETERAN HIRING EVENT

This job fair specifically tailored for Michigan veterans and their families will feature a number of veteran-friendly employers. Attendees will also receive an employment packet with resources and a chance to win a mystery item. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Morris Lawrence

Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



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