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How WCC students choose candidates

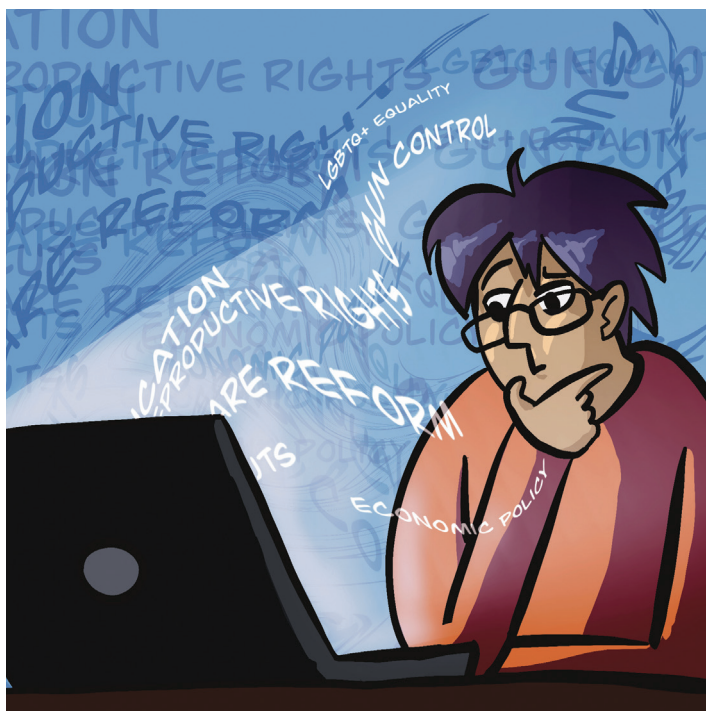
YANA MCGUIRE
Staff Writer

What issues are students most concerned about?

Maverick Bristol, president of Student Veterans of America, says that the state of the economy seems to concern everyone, regardless of their personal beliefs.

"I understand there are other big issues. People feel that their rights are at liberty. We shouldn't live in a world or a society where we feel like our rights could be taken away from us," he said. "But, for the people that I talk to, and what affects them on the day to day, it has to be the economy."

WTMC student and president of the WCC Young Democrats, Eli Woltmann-Lewis, explains that human rights such as equality for LGBTQ+, people of color and the disabled are the concerns of a lot of today's youth.



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Everything that's on that ballot will affect students, Christy Main, supervisor of student activities said.

"I personally really care about voter rights, making sure people have equal access to voting. I would say those are some really pressing issues today for young people," Woltmann-Lewis said.

Hana Thorson, Campus Vote Project club member, states that women should not

lose access to a form of medical treatment. Reproductive rights advocates for more than just abortions, and is a main concern for students who use contraception to regulate their menstrual cycles.

"I don't think that many people understand the magnitude of having access to those

-pills. Even though it [the pills] is used to prevent people from conceiving, it also helps with period pain and regulating the cycle," Thorson said.

Pushing past the propaganda

Over the past few years, politicians from both sides have displayed less than favorable behavior toward one another, dividing the American people. Students have taken notice and now investigate candidates' campaign strategies and characteristics.

"We've seen repeatedly hate and violence. I think, retrospectively, that's something we don't want to see. We don't want to have that pattern happen again and again," Thorson said.

Candidates should have "pretty good critical thinking skills and care about people as a whole," according to Fynn Boldenow, WCC Young Democrats Secretary.

Bristol believes that avoid-

SEE CANDIDATES, A5

2 incumbents, 1 newcomer battle for seats on WCC Board of Trustees

LILY COLE
Editor

On the horizon of the Nov. 5 election, two WCC Board of Trustee seats are up for grabs.

While the ballot includes races for president, senator, congress, and more, the Board of Trustees seats directly impact students, faculty and WCC.

Board members vote on various topics, including tuition costs, staff contracts, presidential appointments, new academic programs and campus projects.

Here's a look at the candidates:

Alex Milshetyn



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEX MILSHETYN

Milshetyn has been ingrained in WCC culture from a very young age. When his parents immigrated from Kyiv, Ukraine, and landed at WCC to attend English as a second language classes, he was ultimately "dragged" to campus.

"Snow days in regular public schools didn't mean snow days at WCC," he said. "So I got the opportunity to visit campus on numerous occasions. Whether I was in the back of their classroom or for various events, I just remember being in awe of the campus."

When he was in 10th grade, he had the opportunity to transfer to WTMC and stayed for three years. Milshetyn graduated with an associate's degree and a high school diploma. He then moved to Eastern Michigan University for a business degree.

Milshetyn's three primary values in his campaign are affordable education, student success and community engagement.

He has been involved in various stakeholder groups, such as the board of WTMC and the WCC Foundation. He attributes these as a unique aspect of his campaign.

As a real estate agent for over twenty years, Milshetyn has been involved in the community and has seen people come out of school with debts that are sometimes larger than their mortgage payments. Being out in the community allows him to return what he hears to the board table.

"We have a really great tool here in WCC, and my goal is to keep it affordable so that people aren't strapped with debt for the rest of their lives," he said.

While sitting on the Foundation board, Milshetyn learned the importance of stu-

dent success and the resources they need.

"It's not about getting students in the classrooms but making sure that they are successful in the classroom," he said. "Whether its counseling or Foundation student emergency funds... I want to make sure that students at WCC are successful right now and for the future."

Milshetyn explains the Board of Trustees' role as "not an operations body, but more strategic." He describes them as "keepers of the community" and ensures that WCC is here for that greater group.

"I want WCC to be driven by the community we are already in, and I want to make sure that we have really good strength with the community to move WCC forward and our greater area forward."

Diana McKnight Morton



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A large chunk of McKnight Morton's career has been at WCC. She had been working as a part-time counselor when a seat on the Board of Trustees opened after a member left.

At the time, she had been on a committee with a department head through Washtenaw County. During a conversation one day, the department head asked what she planned to do after she finished her master's degree. As the conversation went on, McKnight Morton concluded she wanted to serve as a trustee.

"I was born and raised in Ann Arbor," she said. "This was something to help me out so that I could further my skill and educational level."

SEE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, A5

WCC professor reflects on past term ahead of Nov. 5 AAPS board election



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Ernesto Querijero, WCC reading and writing professor, teaches mainly developmental reading and writing.

LILY COLE
Editor

Ernesto Querijero's office has photos of his youth and family, class schedules and campaign posters for Bernie Sanders from 2020. The room is small and homey, with just enough room for two chairs—

one swivel and one not.

Querijero has been a member of the Ann Arbor Public School Board (AAPS) since 2020. This marks his fourth year on the board, with an election just around the corner.

He explains that being on the board is "all about teach-

ing and student learning." One of the main reasons he ran for the AAPS in 2020 was his developmental reading and writing teaching background.

"Normally, when people enter the board, if they're not in the education space, there's a pretty considerable learning curve," he said.

Rima Mohammad, an AAPS trustee and a professor at the University of Michigan, quickly became friends with Querijero.

"I can relate," she said. "I'm a professor, too, teaching very different subjects. I think that having the academic side and being very data-driven was something we could relate to."

Sometimes, Querijero likes to play the piano. He attributes the love to his mom, who also played and taught, and sees it as a de-stressor.

"I pretty much commit to learning Philippine music. So that's what I've been playing for probably about two and a half, three years now," he said. "There's songs from my youth.

There's songs that my mother used to play."

"I think I was the worst piano player in my family for a long time. I know I'm not the best one," he said. "I want to avoid criticism because I'm open to so much criticism in all the other spaces I am."

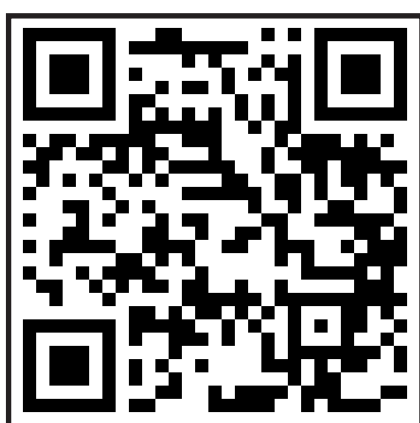
He began teaching in 2005 in Tecumseh. He taught high school from 2005 to 2013 and took a second job at WCC in 2010, where he became a full-time employee in 2013. When he left high school teaching, he focused mainly on developmental reading and writing.

"I'm always a little disappointed when we have students who come here in a community college and can barely put together sentences and paragraphs," he said. "I very much see that as a failure of education in public schools, particularly K-12."

SEE AAPS ELECTION, A8

ELECTION 2024

THE GENERAL
ELECTION IS NOV. 5.
FOR MORE ELECTION
INFORMATION SEE A6



Scan the QR code or visit wcc.turbovote.org for information about how to register, what's on your ballot and pre-registration for students under 18.



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Marge Swan, League of Women Voters representative, Joao Dias, student life officer, and Christy Main, student activities supervisor, helping students get registered to vote.



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VOICE BOX

What was/or is your favorite Halloween costume?

Abigail Gibb | Contributor

"When I dressed as Roger Rabbit. This was as an adult, my mom made the costume for me [with] the red overalls, the yellow gloves, a white turtleneck and a white hood that she sewed rabbit ears on."

Nick Battle
social work



"When I was in eighth grade, I dressed up as Billie Joe Armstrong—the lead singer of Green Day. My hair was spiked up, and I wore eyeliner. It was one of the only times where I was actually able to dress how I wanted to dress. I wanted to dress like that all the time."

Keaka Cagle
theatre



"The one I'm planning to do this year. I always go wild for Halloween, and this year I'm going to be Art the Clown. I got a corset and a dress and the horn and his hat, and I just need the face paint. Last year, Patrick Starr was from the one scene where he had the fishnets, and it was pretty cute. But I feel like this year we'll outdo that by far."

Mia Lockett
exercise science



"I've never dressed up for Halloween. I'm not sure if I'm doing something, but I would like to go as Claudine from Monster High."

Mariann Kayode
pre-med, neuroscience



"I did an inflatable chicken once in middle school. It was really interesting. It does get warm in there, but I had a lot of fun, and people around me seemed to have fun too."

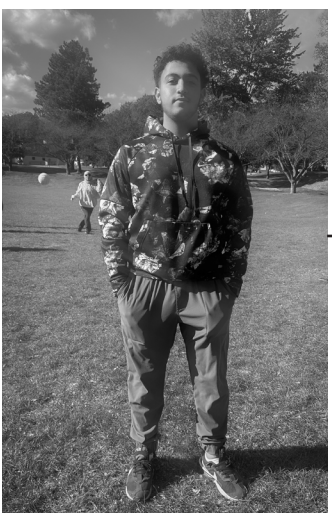
Georgia Waldroop
radiography



Fashion

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LEXI STEPHENS | CONTRIBUTOR



Ibrahim Hassan,
undecided

"My hoodie and pants are from foot locker, my pants are from Walmart."



Brendan O'connor,
welding

"I went on pinterest and looked for stuff I liked and I copied it. My whole outfit is thrifted."



Naomi Martin,
undecided

"I looked in my closet and threw on what I thought was comfiest to wear. My shoes and leggings are from Nike, my sweater is from Shein and my shirt is from Plato's Closet"



Michael Wayo
Tetteh, undecided

"I asked my sister for recommendations and she chose my pangs and the dunks and I found whatever clean shirt and of course I had to put on the Originals hoodie. My shoes are from Nike, my hoodies from Tj Maxx and my pants are from walmart."

Lyric Lane

What's your favorite spooky song and why?

Sasha Hatinger | Washtenaw Voice

"Halloween" by JP Ashkar

ASHLEY KAHANEC, GRAPHIC DESIGN

"There's a lot of originals from a while ago. It's more modern. It's been my favorite for a couple of years. The music video is pretty cool too."



"Spooky Scary Skeleton" by Andrew Gold

ASIA LEE, MATH AND SCIENCE

"It's the first thing I thought of. They used to play it at school a lot."



"This is Halloween" by The Nightmare Before Christmas

ARIF AHMED, WTMC

"You know the song with the skeleton, with the pumpkin coming out of his head, that song. We always watch movies on Halloween."



"Spooky Scary Skeleton" by Andrew Gold

LAWRENCE PORTER, CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PSYCHOLOGY

"It's really nostalgic. I heard it a lot in middle school. Kids bring it up a lot around Halloween and start dancing."



"Thriller" by Michael Jackson

JAYDEN MANNING, GENERAL STUDIES

"Such a well-known song, because of Michael Jackson. Good music video."



"Five Nights at Freddy's" by The Living Tombstone

ALISSA BUSSELL, WTMC

"I don't listen to spooky songs, and I've listened to them since I was seven. My sister started playing Five Nights at Freddy's and I started listening to the songs in the videogame."



"Season of the Witch" by Lana Del Rey

AMELIA ULRICH, WTMC

"I really like the tone of it and in general, that's the type of music I listen to."



EDITORIAL

The Voice endorses 2024 candidate

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The Voice endorses 2024 democratic candidate Kamala Harris.

At the Voice, we recognize the need for freedom of speech, protecting the rights of

and giving a voice to those who might not otherwise be heard. Former President Don-

ald Trump restricted many of these rights with his blatant disrespect for citizens, justice, the environment and more.

We saw hope through the 2020 election with President Joe Biden's policies of defending reproductive freedom, offering a public health insurance option, passing the Equality Act, providing free community college, and supporting a \$1.7 trillion climate plan based on the Green New Deal.

During his term, though the 81-year-old had made strides, it became clear he was nearing the end of his political career.

Less than 20 days before the election, the Voice recommends Vice President Kamala Harris as a candidate who keeps these ideals and upholds our country's standards.

As a prosecutor, attorney

general, senator, and vice president, she knows what it takes to confront an extreme political candidate. One of her principal values is holding those who attack our rights responsible.

We are refreshed by her work for a better future that protects our freedoms, strengthens democracy and gives everyone a chance to thrive. She promises to be a president for all Americans, uniting us around our goals and always fighting for us.

Harris' beliefs reflect what America can and should be. She has proven she has what it takes to be a woman within the political stratosphere.

We hope all will go out and vote in the Nov. 5 election—whatever political ideology you uphold.

COLUMN

Remedial classes made my dreams come true



ALICE MCGUIRE Deputy Editor

Not counting the time I sat in Angell Hall as a 13 year old and told my parents that I wanted to study at the University of Michigan, the first time I stepped foot in a classroom was at Washtenaw Community College.

Before committing to the task of an associates degree, I had asked my adviser if there was any possible way to graduate without writing an essay before ultimately declaring a major in computer science as the lack of clear cut, correct answers made all other subjects daunting. I had a math level of two, while my reading and writing levels nearly tied, placing me at a college ready "six," according to the Compass exam.

I was fortunate to have been born into a loving family, with a mom who cared about my education and an aunt who threw books my way at every possible opportunity. At the same time, homeschool was never a perfect fit for me, and I struggled as I hit my teen years and discovered life's endless complications.

After looking at the math class that I had placed into, MTH 097, I felt dread at the idea of jumping into algebra, a subject that I had tearfully tried to teach myself for about a decade, and opted to enroll in MTH 067.

I have often credited that decision as being a large part of why I finished my bachelor's degree at my dream school. That extra bit of foundation made everything which followed make sense, and I was surprised to find that math came easily to me once I had the structure and pacing of a classroom. It was fun, I barely needed to study and my confi-

dence skyrocketed.

Though I only needed MTH 160 to transfer, I opted to also take MTH 169 for the satisfaction of knowing that I could. This is not an experience that I expect to be reflected in a particularly high percentage of students, but it was mine nonetheless.

In contrast, writing was a torturous ordeal. While I had always had a high reading level, producing a single paragraph required me to block out a day on my calendar, and I would not have excelled without both the structure of my composition classes and the support of the Writing Center.

It is strange to see the steps that I took demolished as the side effect of a trend. While I am excited for the development of the corequisite model and look forward to writing about students who benefit from it, I am heartbroken by the elimination of standalone developmental courses as they were crucial for my success.

Had I been forced to jump into MTH 125X and depend upon tutoring, would I have skirted by, keeping my head barely above water, while holding onto the lie that I was innately bad at math? Would I have risen to the Sisyphean challenge of structuring my own remedial education with the help of tutors or would my dreams have stayed small? And how would any of these outcomes be reflected by numbers and data?

The structure of a classroom is an essential resource, and this trend is rendering it impossible for those who are most in need to access this basic necessity unless they concede to studying college level material, whether they want to or not.

Washtenaw Community College transformed my life, and I am proud to be part of a campus community that is dedicated to helping students succeed.

But I must admit that I would like to see the college buck current trends by taking steps to address this blindspot—those students who relate to how I once was, who, even if unlike me in countless ways, will experience this change as a door slammed shut. I doubt most will reach out, and so I ask, "How will they count?"



CALCULUS ALGEBRA REMEDIAL

MACAELA ADAMS | WASHTENAW VOICE

Fall 2024 is the final semester for standalone developmental courses at WCC

COLUMN

Post-Roe v. Wade world means uncertainty for reproductive rights



COURTNEY PRIELIPP Photo Editor

I remember the day when Roe v. Wade was overturned. I was sitting in my room, scrolling on social media, and saw that one of my rights, the most important right to me as a woman, was taken away. I felt like trash.

The 1973 lawsuit filed by Jane Roe, on behalf of her and others to challenge the Texas abortion law, has always been an issue for both sides of the political pole.

The Supreme Court at the time saw that abortion falls under privacy rights that are under the 14th Amendment. They acknowledged the danger of forced pregnancy, such as physical and mental health, as well as financial issues. Roe v. Wade made it legal to have an abortion and changed the way states regulate it.

On June 24, 2022, the current Supreme Court reversed Roe v. Wade by a 6-3 decision. The overturning was due to a Mississippi case that reached the court in 2022.

Mississippi's Gestational Age Act was to ban abortions after 15 weeks, which is not the standard set by Roe v. Wade. But this case stands out because the state asked to overturn Roe v. Wade and Planned



ZEINAB AGBARIA | WASHTENAW VOICE

Roe v. Wade puts the women who are carrying first since they're the ones who are currently in a dangerous position for their body.

Parenthood v. Casey, a 1992 case, which found restrictions on abortions to be unconstitutional.

Brianna Murphy, an undecided student, said, "It was quite shocking," whereas Abby Winfrey, a radiography major, said she "felt scared and cornered for every woman in the world."

There are 13 states which have total abortion bans. The most known of the 13 states is Texas, one of the first states to implant laws against access to abortion.

Roe v. Wade was a law that made me, a woman, choose what was right for me. It made me put my mental, physical

and financial health first.

I will always have a shadow in my doctor's office. I feel that the Supreme Court didn't understand or consider the multiple reasons why a woman would get an abortion.

"It feels dehumanizing," Winfrey said. "I feel that I should have control over my body and what I want to do with it. I was born with it, and it doesn't belong to the government, especially the older politicians who follow these rules."

Questioning birth control, IUDs and IVS

About three years ago, I was diagnosed with Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder

(PMDD), a disorder in which symptoms of anxiety or depression appear two weeks before a woman's period starts. Normally, Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS) starts about a week before a woman's period and has less severe symptoms. PMDD affects me every day of my life.

I would lose over 20 pounds within one month, but the darkest side of my PMDD is that it would cause me to feel suicidal. I was never suicidal before. I was fortunate enough to have an amazing therapist and doctors who were there to help me.

Once I was diagnosed with PMDD, though, I was able to get on birth control so that I could have my period every three months. Birth control helps keep my emotions in check. Now that there are discussions about access to birth control, I am scared.

Some young women like Murphy didn't know that the government was discussing access to birth control.

"That's horrible. You don't have a choice at all. You would have to have a baby. How could they even think of doing that," she said.

I don't want another right of mine being taken away due to someone's beliefs. I want to choose what's best for me and my body. I want other women to choose what's best for them and their bodies.

Ranar Tyler, a photography major, had a similar sentiment, saying, "I personally feel that it is selfish because obviously a lot of women in the world right now need that specific birth control and medication."

Women should choose what's best for them, not a stranger.



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WCC introduces phase 3 of EV installation



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Currently, there are four EV charging stations at the Health and Fitness Center. More will be added in the upcoming future.

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Staff Writer

Washtenaw Community College is currently in phase three of installing electric vehicle (EV) chargers on its campus. The previous two phases included installing EV chargers at WCC's on-campus parking garage and the Health and Fitness Center, which are now open to students and the public.

New EV chargers

Associate Vice President of Operations Craig Whipstock explained that the locations for the EV chargers were chosen based on where the fleet vehicles are kept. Fleet vehicles are college-owned vehicles, such as those operated by the facilities department.

For instance, the EV chargers for the grounds and maintenance fleet vehicles are located near the shipping and receiving building. Some EV chargers for fleet vehicles are in the parking garage. EV chargers for the public and students are in the WCC parking garage and the Health and Fitness Center.

"We were given direction by the board to be carbon neutral, or as carbon neutral as we can by 2030," Whipstock said. He explained that EVs are replacing the older campus fleet vehicles.

"Right now, we have had a hi-low, or a forklift truck, which was 1988," Whipstock said. "We're getting rid of that, and it's propane—but we're going electric. We currently have two electric vans, two electric carts, two electric riding lawn mowers, numerous weed whips and electric blowers."

For phase three, WCC will

be working with contractors to add EV charging stations to parking lots one, six and seven.

Six new 40-amp chargers will be installed in front of the Morris J. Lawrence building (lot one) and eight-level two chargers behind the Crane Liberal Arts and Science building (lots six and seven) within a budget of \$306,280.

That budget is part of the Established Green Fund, created to subsidize anything supporting the green initiative.

The cost of purchasing fleet EVs or electric riding lawn mowers would be part of the Established Green Fund. According to Whipstock, the goal is to complete phase three by spring of next year.

As far as contractors are concerned, Huron Valley completed the Health and Fitness Center, Harper Electric completed the Shipping and Receiving building, and AF Smith completed the Morris J. Lawrence building.

Whipstock added that the installed infrastructure will support more EV chargers in the future.

Get involved

WCC is also introducing new EV courses to students, including Alternative Vehicle Fundamentals and Safety (ATT180), Intro to EV (ATT280), and three others, this coming winter semester.

Shawn Deron, a full-time faculty member at WCC, will be the instructor for ATT280. "We're glad WCC is offering these courses," Deron said. "For the students' benefit."

For more details on the EV courses offered at WCC, visit <https://catalog.wccnet.edu/current/courses/asv.php>.

OER saves students \$2.3M

Open Educational Resources provide freely accessible materials anytime

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According to data collected from the Bailey Library, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year, WCC's Open Educational Resources (OER) program saved students a total of \$2,345,693.67.

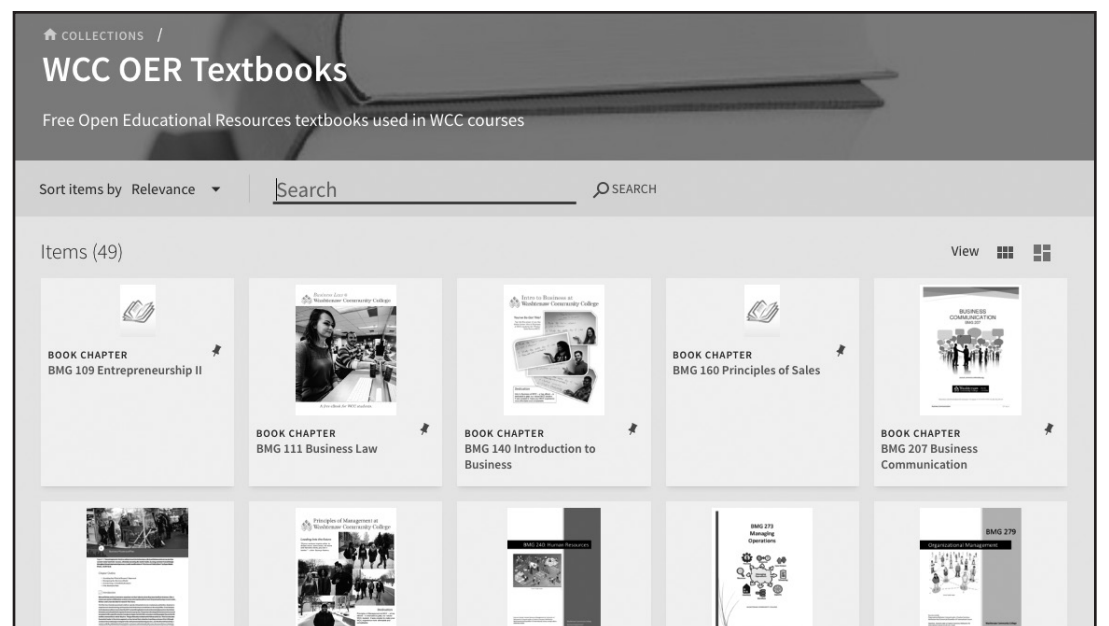
OERs are course materials that are freely accessible in the public domain at any time. Students can freely access the materials, and faculty can re-purpose them to meet their students' needs.

The savings reached 8,800 students from 18 educational departments. There are 388 course sections that offer a more affordable approach to higher learning.

Molly Ledermann, WCC faculty librarian and the go-to source for faculty to create OER for their courses, states that there will be faculty members working on four to five more OER courses to be added to the 2025-2026 school year schedule.

Surpassing the one Z-Degree by 2023 goal, Ledermann has worked closely with WCC instructors and advisors to develop three Z-Degrees that allow students to obtain an associate degree with little to no book cost. In addition, six business certificates offer a total of OER courses.

WCC communication instructor Claire Sparklin has created two OER course materials and states that it takes



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The Bailey Library catalog contains many OER sources. The "open access" filter under "availability" allows you to limit the results to open-access works

a lot of hard work. However, she feels like it is well worth the time since it brings value to her students' lives.

"Saving students' money without sacrificing the quality of the textbook, knowing that my students are able to afford groceries, sign up for another class or just be able to live a fuller life by me choosing a textbook that's free to them is definitely the major motivator," she said.

Sparklin became interested in creating her own OER after her colleague, Bonnie Tew, a communication instructor, took a sabbatical to create the first OER at WCC in 2015. The OER was for the interpersonal communication course.

"I started using Bonnie's OER in my classes. They were

so overwhelmed with gratitude for not having to spend the \$225 that it would have [originally] cost them," Sparklin said.

According to Douglas Waters, a business instructor, the use of OER gives him and other faculty the advantage of having more time to focus on teaching students than classic textbook course preparation would allow.

"I serve as lead instructor for some high enrollment courses and have the opportunity to train other instructors," Waters explains. "In those courses, when you have a commercial textbook that usually comes with software, every semester, you have to connect with the other instructors to train how to use that

software. And how to integrate it with Blackboard or Canvas. It's a lot of extra administrative work, but when you have an OER that's all eliminated. I'll just send a new instructor a copy of the OER and PowerPoint slides. They have everything they need from day one."

Ledermann believes that the ability to customize the course material is another benefit students receive while using OER.

"One thing that's really great about OER is it gives faculty the opportunity to localize content," Ledermann said. "We all know that students learn best when content feels relevant. So, they [instructors] can change the examples to reflect our students on our campus."

Candidates

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Bristol believes that avoiding group thinking and popularity contests is essential to picking a candidate properly. He states that doing your own research and learning as much as you can about the issue is key.

Boldenow explained that he looks for someone who isn't going to blame minorities for problems rather than helping them.

Bristol notes that minorities' ability to hold high public office positions is important for our country's progress, however, he believes one should look at policies and how they will affect American citizens as a whole over everything else.

Bristol said, "I don't like putting faces to the policies. I

just don't want my viewpoint necessarily to be skewed on the fact that I look like somebody else."

Christy Main, Supervisor of Student Activities, suggests that students become more aware of their local ballot.

"Students just need to really look so they can know what exactly is going to be on their [local] ballots—besides just the presidential candidates. Everything that's on that ballot—it's going to, in one way or another, impact them," Main said.

"There is a great website—I encourage every student to go look at it," she suggests. "It's called vote411.org. When you type in your address, it will tell you everything that's going to be on your ballot."

Board of Trustees

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McKnight Morton's campaign revolves around seeing students succeed. She has served on the Board of Trustees since 1996 and says she still has a purpose there.

"Every time the election comes around, for me, I feel that my purpose is not completed," she said. "And that comes after my third president."

Although she has served on boards, been involved in organizations, and won many awards, her main goal is to see students succeed. The board is, in her eyes, the foundation of the college.

On graduation day, when she shakes hands with recent graduates, she asks them, "What will you do now?" The answers she gets surprise her, as they range from going to law school to being a hairdresser. But nothing changes, as seeing them succeed in pursuing their dreams motivates her.

"It is so inspiring for me. I know there's still a lot of dreams out there that want to be fulfilled," she said. "As long as I'm on that board, I feel that with my presence, my vote and understanding what's being offered is beneficial for our students and this community."

Eileen Peck



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Peck has spent most of her time in Ypsilanti Township. She has been a resident of Washtenaw County for 35 years and holds degrees from WCC and the University of Michigan.

She worked in digital technology at both colleges and Merit Network for over 10 years. In 2007, she left to create her own business as a freelance business and technology writer. She's been writing for 17 years.

Peck, whose personal blog focuses on WCC, has been a public critic of the college for years. She views the board as an overseer and assesses it on her website. "What I see is the board moving away from its oversight role instead of leaning into it," she said.

She highlights concerns about students' cost of attendance, the board's use of funds, a lack of focus on associates degree and addressing economic disparities.

"I would like to see some restraint on administrative hiring. I think the size of the administration has gotten to the point where it's extremely large in comparison to the size of the full time faculty, and so I would like to see the administration be right sized," she said.

One of her main goals is to bring a new perspective to the board. As a longtime resident of Ypsilanti Township, Peck has expertise in that specific area and says she will bring a new view to a board which is more than half dominated by Ann Arbor residents.

"I think that there are huge opportunities to improve the circumstances for people that live in these areas that aren't Ann Arbor," she said.

If elected, Peck hopes to recognize that there are parts of the county that aren't prosperous, and she believes that WCC has a responsibility to help students in those areas.

"I would always be asking, 'How is this benefiting the taxpayer?' 'How is this benefiting the student?' 'How is this benefiting Washtenaw County?'" She said, "I would be the voice that says, 'let's take a step back and take a look at what we're doing. Is it really in the best interest of the people paying for it?'"

CRIME LOG

The following events were reported by WCC Public Safety on Oct. 13

ASSAULT

On Oct. 13, public safety responded to an incident at a function being held in the Morris Lawrence building. A woman was said to be having a mental health episode and caused a disruption. When public safety arrived at the scene, the woman struck the officer in the shoulder. No one was injured. She grabbed her things and left. The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department was called.

At times when the campus is not populated, public safety calls the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department to help with cases. This is most prevalent on Saturdays and Sundays.

The cases that have taken place between Sept. 18 and Sept. 25 have all been closed.



ERIK SMITH | CONTRIBUTOR

Marge Swan, League of Women Voters representative, informs and registers new voters to vote early.

CORRECTIONS

A story in the Oct. 8 print edition of the Voice titled "Students share impact of war in Gaza" failed to include information about the October 2023 Hamas attack that led to Israel's assault on Gaza.

On October 7, 2023, Hamas, the Palestinian faction that governs the Gaza Strip, launched coordinated armed attacks from the Gaza Strip

into southern Israel.

1,200 men, women and children, including 46 Americans and others from more than 30 countries, were killed

by Hamas. 254 people were taken hostage, the U.S. Department of State reports.

For an updated version of this story, please visit washtenawvoice.com

Students' future success shaped by studies

ALICE MCGUIRE
Deputy Editor

Having spent most of his life in Afghanistan, where he faced the everyday realities of war, Abdullah Niazy, a 22-year-old student at Washtenaw Community College, is the first person in his family to learn to read and write. Niazy said that there was something within him that said, "I want to be educated," and expressed a desire to work in the medical field.

Niazy started learning English at the beginning of 2023 and has since published a book titled, "Let me Grow," which he described as a self-help book.

Laurie Englehart, the adult transitions director, expressed admiration for Niazy's work ethic, saying, "I see him really putting in the time and effort."

Without the help of others, writing a book would have been "impossible," said Niazy, who went on to add, "I am so satisfied with WCC, with all the tutors, with all the teachers. This is a very good place. I'm so happy. If I continue here, I will be successful."

Niazy is nearing the end of his time in ESL courses at Washtenaw Community College, bringing him one step closer to his dreams and career goals.

"Even if I don't have a class, I come to WCC," said Niazy, who went on to say that he tries to learn through a variety of methods, such

as immersion at his place of work and listening to podcasts. He recommends all students make use of the library, saying, "Reading a book is exploring another life."

Niazy went on to express his gratitude for the resources available to him and the fact that whenever he asked for help, there was always someone who reached back. "Be a person who can ask others [for help] and give others help," he said.

Olivia Hardin, an ESL instructor who has had Niazy in several of her courses, believes that Niazy's attitude will carry him far in life, no matter which career he chooses. "He's lovely to have in class. He always sits right in front, smiles at me the entire time, is not shy to ask questions, and is really active in class too, which is really great. He is supportive of other students in class," said Hardin.

"The United States is a land of opportunity. If you try, you will achieve," said Niazy, who explained that, before immigrating to the United States, he couldn't even access a library without payment.

To students who feel dismayed by the barriers they face, Niazy advises them to "Dream big and be serious. If you are serious about something, it will take time," and adds that it's important to "Keep a positive attitude towards your life."

A PDF of "Let Me Grow" can be found at abdullahniazy.wordpress.com



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Abdullah Niazy, WCC student, hopes to be someone who can help others.

WCC falls short against MSU

Washtenaw Community College women's soccer team played Michigan State University at the WCC athletic field at 12 p.m. on Oct. 13.

The previous night, the WCC team played against Saginaw Valley State University. It was a hard-fought game where two players got injured. The team had six injured players who helped

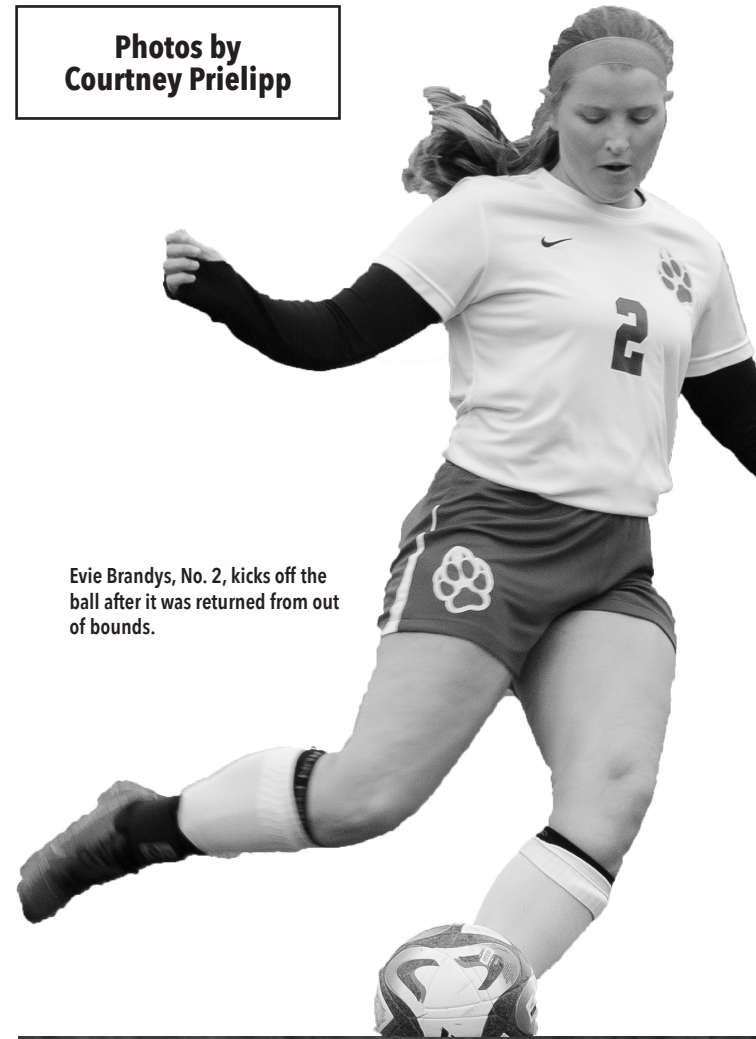


At the end of the game, both teams say good game to each other while passing by. The next WCC women's soccer game is on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at noon. They will be playing Vicots FC Blue at the WCC Athletic Fields.



Kendall Hansma, No. 4, faces off with an MSU player Ally Lewis, No. 20, for control of the ball.

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Courtney Prielipp



Evie Brandys, No. 2, kicks off the ball after it was returned from out of bounds.



Kendall Hansma dribbles the ball and prepares to pass the ball when needed.



Brylee Taylor keeps her eyes on the ball, preparing to defend for control of the ball.



Lia England-Lonsway, No. 3, races with Alaina Webb, No. 22, to steal the ball and gain control of the game.



Rana Alsane turns her direction towards the ball and the direction of where it is going.

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- Taylor Swift



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2024 candidates on the issues

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Democrat



Kamala Harris

Economy & Inflation: supports policies that promote job growth, increase the minimum wage and provide tax relief for middle-class families to address inflation.

Healthcare: advocates for expanding access to affordable healthcare, supporting the Affordable Care Act, and working towards universal healthcare coverage.

Climate Change: emphasizes a strong commitment to combating climate change, investing in renewable energy, and rejoining international agreements like the Paris Accord.

Immigration Reform: supports comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants and prioritizes the humane treatment of migrants.

Gun Control: advocates for stronger gun control measures, including universal background checks and policies to address gun violence.

Education: supports increasing funding for public schools, making community college free and reducing student loan debt.

Social Justice & Equality: focuses on racial justice, gender equality and LGBTQ+ rights, promoting policies to address systemic inequalities.

Foreign Policy: emphasizes diplomacy, rebuilding alliances and addressing global challenges such as climate change and pandemics through international cooperation.

Technology & Privacy: advocates for stronger regulations on big tech companies to protect consumer privacy and promote competition.

Reproductive Rights: is a strong proponent of reproductive rights, supporting access to abortion and health-care services.

Labor Rights: supports workers' rights to unionize, increasing the minimum wage, and policies that protect job security and benefits.

Republican



Donald Trump

Economy & Inflation: advocates for tax cuts, deregulation and energy independence to boost economic growth and combat inflation

Healthcare: supports repealing the Affordable Care Act and promoting a more market-driven approach to healthcare that focuses on lowering costs and increasing competition.

Climate Change: emphasizes energy independence, supports fossil fuels and reduces regulations on energy production. He is skeptical of extensive climate change policies, which he views as detrimental to the economy.

Immigration Reform: policies include strengthening border security, completing the border wall and implementing stricter immigration laws while focusing on merit-based immigration.

Gun Control: supports Second Amendment rights and opposes additional gun control measures, advocating for law enforcement support.

Education: promotes school choice, including charter schools and voucher programs, and emphasizes the importance of parental rights in education.

Social Justice & Equality: often focuses on law and order, advocating for policies that he believes will enhance public safety and support for police.

Foreign Policy: approach includes "America First" policies, emphasizing national sovereignty, reduced military involvement overseas and strong trade agreements.

Technology & Privacy: has expressed concerns over big tech's influence and advocates for policies that promote competition while protecting free speech.

Reproductive Rights: is generally anti-abortion, believes the decision should be up to individual states and the will of their votes.

Labor Rights: emphasizes job creation and supports policies that protect American jobs. He often focuses on reducing regulations that he views as burdensome to businesses.

Special education tax on county ballot

Millage generates \$56.9M over 12 years, used by all 9 school districts

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This year, voters who reside in any of the school districts dealt with by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) will have a chance to contribute to the experience of all high school students within.

The Special Education Millage Renewal resumes a tax on all property served by WISD. If passed, it will continue to fund special education programs. What this means is students with special needs will continue to be supported adequately and in the unique ways that attribute to their success.

"There will be no rate increase to taxes; this is a renewal strictly," said Naomi Norman, superintendent of WISD.

Over the past 12 years, all property within WISD has been taxed 2.3826 dollars for every thousand dollars (or close to 0.23826%) of taxable valuation.

By voting to renew, this tax will remain in place and generate 56.9 million dollars over 12 years, which will be utilized by all nine school districts and 13 public school academies of WISD.

If the Millage or tax is



Naomi Norman, superintendent of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD), explains the special education millage renewal. The renewal is about providing special education services in Washtenaw County, where one in seven students receives them.

not renewed however, this will shorten school districts of WISD 57 million dollars that is federally required to be spent on special education services. As a result, school districts will be forced to dip into their general funds, money that would otherwise be used for things like elective courses, sports equipment, salaries, or even safety measures, all of which contribute to the livelihood of the district as a whole.

"We are always trying to adjust our system to meet the needs of the kids," Norman said on the topic of development.

A good example of WISD's initiative is the "Grow Your Own Movement," where paraprofessionals who spend lots of time around students can earn their teachers certificate through WISD, and then graduate into special education.

While property tax extends to homes, apartments, industrial and corporate buildings and—therefore—to the people who own them, all people who meet the voting requirements within WISD have a say in the Millage Renewal, independent of whether they own property or not.

"If you don't own a home, you still will be voting on what you feel is the right thing to do," Norman said.

Washtenaw county voters to weigh in on key proposals, millages

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As Washtenaw County prepares for the Nov. 5, 2024 general election, voters will face an array of proposals on the ballot, including critical measures to fund emergency services, support veterans and enhance community mental health resources. Understanding what will be on the ballot is crucial in knowing the extent of your vote.

"Millage" is a term used in property tax that refers to the amount of tax payable per \$1,000 of assessed property value. It is often expressed in mills [breakout box] and are commonly used to fund local services and projects.

A proposal is broader than a millage. These can include a variety of requests for voter approval, such as renewals of existing taxes, changes in local laws, or amendments to charters. Proposals outline what the funding of a millage will be used for, such as education, infrastructure, or public safety.

Washtenaw county proposals

Prop 1 seeks to renew

and restore a millage for the Enhanced Emergency Communications System. It would increase the tax by 0.200 mill for ten years (2026-2035). It's aimed at funding upgrades and maintenance of the communication system.

Prop 2 focuses on the renewal of the Veteran's Relief Millage, increasing taxes by 0.100 mill for eight years (2024-2031). It aims to provide financial relief and services to veterans in Washtenaw County.

Prop 3 is a new millage for Older Persons Services, proposing to levy up to 0.5000 mills for eight years (2024-2031) to fund activities and services for residents aged 60 and older.

Prop 4 seeks to renew and restore the Community Mental Health and Public Safety Preservations Millage, increasing taxes by 1.000 mill for eight years (2023-2033). It aims to support mental health services and law enforcement.

Ann Arbor proposals

Prop A: Establishment of a Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU) to provide renewable energy services. This will allow

the city to supply energy-related services without imposing new taxes.

Prop B: Authorization of a tax up to 1.10 mills for park maintenance and capital improvements for 2025-2044, replacing a previously authorized tax.

Prop C: Amendments to allow non-partisan elections for city offices, removing party designations from ballots.

Prop D: Creation of a Fair Elections Fund, allocating three-tenths of one percent of the city's general fund for public financing of candidates who adhere to specific contribution limits.

What else?

Lincoln Consolidated School District, Milan Area Schools and Whitmore Lake Public Schools put forth proposals to create sinking funds for their districts' various school needs. A sinking fund is a financial strategy used by governments and schools to set aside money over time for a specific purpose and allows for gradual accumulation of funds.

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District has a

proposal to renew their special education millage which has a 2.3826 mill rate for special education funding for twelve years (2026-2037).

Manchester, Lodi, and Freedom Townships have proposals focusing on raising taxes to fund road maintenance. As well, Lodi Township is letting voters decide if specific marijuana establishments should be allowed within the township.

As voters gear up to make their voices heard this November, understanding the implications of each ballot measure is just as important as voting for presidential candidates. Decisions made at the polls will not only influence funding but also the quality of life in Washtenaw County for years to come.

For more detailed information on the official list of proposals on the general election ballot, voters can visit www.washtenaw.org.



AAPS election

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2020-2024 term

Querijero ran for the board to see change, and during his four years on the school board, he prioritized environmental sustainability. He helped create a volunteer committee on sustainability, which created a framework and appointed a sustainability officer.

"We want sustainability to be on the same levels as all the other issues—special education, equity, and all those big issues in the school district, you might imagine," he said.

When he introduced a ceasefire resolution regarding the Israel-Gaza war to the board in January after a student brought forward a motion for one, it was met with public outcry. "The way I presented it to the board was, 'I believe in the sanctity of human

life, don't all of you?' It's easy to conclude that bombing is wrong no matter where it is," he said.

Querijero also called for an Equity Committee with AAPS and adopted a land acknowledgment for the district. This acknowledgment is now read at every board meeting and highlights the district's commitment to equity and local history.

He advocated for staffing reports. "It's been two years," Querijero said. "Not a single Asian or Asian American person is represented among the 64 school leaders and 15 district leaders."

"I identify as an Asian American, and if I don't say anything about those things, then most people won't," he said.

Mohammad expresses

gratitude: "We had so much more in common than probably other trustees, especially focusing on evidence, making evidence-based decisions, and looking at data, but also really fighting for and always advocating for the marginalized students, families, teachers, and staff in the district."

Querijero is a core organizer of the Asian Pacific Islander, South Asian, and Asian Parent Advisory Group recognized by the district in 2021. He helped facilitate virtual author talks during Asian American Heritage Month and organized a book drive to add Asian literature to school libraries.

2024 campaign

Querijero's 2024 campaign focuses on financial transparency. This past spring's AAPS budget crisis showed a \$25 million shortfall, of which \$14 was attributed to a clerical mistake. Yet, the investigation offered details without finan-

cial specifics, revealing the need for more explicit budget reporting. Querijero hopes to see specific codes to help the public understand where funds are and foster trust.

He discusses the need for more student engagement in meetings and wants their input. "The only spot where they can really come in right now is in the public commentary," he said.

The goal is to build a more sustainable, built-in policy to ensure student engagement. The board tried to create a Student Advisory Committee, but it had low participation because students were juniors, then seniors, and therefore, "aged out."

Querijero emphasizes the importance of equity and wants to see an equity team created. He describes equity among schools as inconsistent, leading to unequal student experiences and feelings of belonging.

"When all those



Ernesto Querijero has been on the Ann Arbor Public School board since 2020 and is running for re-election on Nov. 5.

eighth-graders come together and start talking about what their school was like, you imagine some feeling lost and left out as if they don't belong. That's one of the significant issues young people face. What's your sense of belonging?" He said.

Querijero said he often asks why there isn't a racial equity officer in Ann Arbor Public Schools.

"Equity is the work of everybody. What happens when

equity goes wrong, though? Do we now hold everyone accountable? Or is now no one responsible?"

Mohammad describes Querijero as a strong, courageous leader. She explains that he always thinks of principles as his own and that's the type of leader who makes a positive change for everyone.

"I believe that his lived experiences drive how he is as a leader," Mohammad said. "But also his decisions."

Spectors of the past: Washtenaw county's murderous & haunted history

Charlie Trumbull - Staff Writer

CONTENT WARNING: graphic violence & mentions of sexual assault

Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor were founded 200 years ago. Back then, daily life was shaped by agriculture and community ties until the construction of the University of Michigan in 1837, when both towns grew exponentially. Now bustling twin cities, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti have gone through their fair share of ups and downs.

With economic growth and population density comes some misfortune, like a poisoned widow, train derailments and the birth of America's first serial killer.

Local historian James Mann offered expertise on all things spooky in Washtenaw County. While there are more than enough legitimate hauntings, Mann believes all places are haunted "if not by spirits then by what could have or should have been."



Herman Webster Mudgett, a.k.a H.H. Holmes

Known as the only University of Michigan alum to be hanged for murder, Mudgett has been declared America's first serial killer with an estimated 200 victims. Known today by his alias, H.H. Holmes attended U of M's medical school in 1882. It is popularly claimed that Holmes' first crimes occurred in Ann Arbor, but there are no records of these.

Dr. George Heath, the killer's professor, stated, "I remember him as a mild, inoffensive student... seemingly the last person in his class to

follow [a] murderous career."

A few years after graduating, Holmes moved to Chicago, where he manufactured his own three-story "murder castle" just outside the grounds of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

Because the fair drew massive crowds of tourists, Holmes schemed to offer people lodging in his home. When they mysteriously went missing, police would assume it was due to the large crowds of the fair, leaving Holmes to collect the life insurance policies of his victims.

The house featured trap

doors, hidden stairways, soundproofed rooms and hidden gas lines to suffocate visitors in their sleep.

Afterward, he would bring victims to the basement to dismember their corpses and feed them into a kiln to cremate the bodies.

"It is not a matter of pride to have graduated such a villain," noted the Ann Arbor Argus, "but it is a matter of pride that this is the first arch-villain to be found among the many thousand graduates of the university."



The Dixboro Ghost

In the summer of 1835, young widow Martha Crawford and her son Joseph traveled to Dixboro to visit her sister Ann. Falling in love quickly, Martha became engaged to Ann's brother-in-law, John.

However, Ann shared a deep secret with Martha about John, and just as quickly, Martha broke off the engagement. Ann's husband, James, threatened Martha, saying she would never leave Dixboro alive if she didn't marry John.

Ann and John died in 1840, five years after the forced wedding. Martha's health declined rapidly, and James manipulated the situation to declare her incompetent to

control John's estate, leaving James in control of the family money.

In 1845, Martha asked a local physician to humanely end her suffering if she shared the secret Ann had told her all those years ago. The doctor suspected James of foul play and, after Martha's death, kept her secret safe for life.

179 years later, Martha's ghost still haunts what is now the Dixboro General Store. She reportedly enjoys moving things around and making her presence known. Perhaps she is still searching for the spirit of her devious brother-in-law, James.

The Gandy Dancer Ghost

When the train station opened in 1866, it was popularly known as the best depot in Michigan. The arched entrances, stained glass windows, and ornate decorations made for a luxurious stop during long train rides, but today, it serves as an atmospheric setting for ghostly encounters.

Part of the train line's duties was to sort and return the corpses of fallen World War I soldiers to their loved ones in the Ann Arbor area.

Those who went unclaimed were stored in the

basement, and their spirits were left there. Visitors have reported eerie phenomena, including lights on and off, glasses flying off shelves, and sightings of a sorrowful apparition.

Later, in 1940, children placed a railroad spike on the tracks, leading to a major train derailment, adding more spirits to the location's roster.

Adding to the mystique of the location's lore, the developer who transformed the old depot into the Gandy Dancer was later lost at sea. His body was never recovered.

The Torch Murders

In 1931, the burned bodies of four teenagers were found on Rawsonville Rd. in Ypsilanti. A local farmer came across a car set aflame with gasoline accelerant with the teen couples dead inside. After an investigation, it was found that the two teen boys, 16 and 17, were shot and fatally beaten, whereas the girls, 15 and 16, were raped before being bludgeoned to death with rocks. Three men were arrest-

ed, tried and sentenced for the murders in less than 12 hours.

When word spread of the heinous crime committed against the children, a lynch mob of 15,000 locals congregated outside the local jailhouse.

People demanded the killers be publicly executed without a trial. Ultimately, each of the three killers was given four consecutive life sentences, which were the longest prison

sentences ever handed down in Michigan at the time.

The prosecutor who saved the men from violent lynchings, Albert Rapp, later visited one of the men in Jackson Prison. The prisoner grabbed a pair of shears and lunged at Rapp in an attempted murder. Luckily, Rapp protected himself long enough for the man to be apprehended.

Thank you to James Mann of the Ypsilanti Historical Society for sharing his "ghost files." Additional information on these hauntings can be found in the Spring 2024 edition of the museum's publication, "Ypsilanti Gleanings," and in Mann's most recent book, Murder and Mayhem in Washtenaw County.



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From Samhain to spooky season, the evolution of Halloween



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From left: Modern pagan fire ceremony for Samhain; traditional Welsh folk story Mari Lwyd (Fari Loyd); center: 1930s American children celebrating modern Halloween

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As twilight falls, a mournful wind whispers through gnarled branches, sending shivers through the air like the cold breath of the grave. Shadows dance beneath the ghostly moonlight, and a solitary figure moves through the graveyard, surrounded by the echoing sounds of lost souls. In this chilling moment is the exquisite terror of Halloween night.

Love for the spooky season and Halloween runs deep in American culture. Most folks love the night when dressing up happens, young ones go door to door and a reason to scare ourselves silly at haunted houses and horror movies finally comes along. The holiday seems so ingrained in our culture that it feels like it has been part of America since the very beginning. In reality, Halloween only came to America at the end of the 19th century when Irish immigrants brought their ancient holiday with them while escaping The Great Potato Famine.

It continued to grow in popularity when other Gaelic descendants came here at the turn of the century. The first official celebration of Halloween in the United States wasn't until 1920, with trick-or-treating following a decade later.

What we call Halloween started over 2,000 years ago in the Celtic regions of Ireland and Scotland. On Nov. 1, Samhain (saw-win) marked the exact midway point in the year, denoting the ending of the light season and the beginning of the dark. Feasts, bonfires, and offerings were held to appease the Celtic deities after the harvest, hoping for protection during the dark season.

Celtic historian John Arnot MacCulloch explains in his book "The Religion of Ancient Celts" that Samhain ceremonies included the opening of neolithic burial mounds.

These were seen as portals to the "otherworld," where gods and the dead resided.

According to MacCulloch, sacrifices were offered at the beginning of winter "when the powers of darkness and blight [were] in the ascendant."

In the 800s, the early medieval Christian church created a conversion tactic for the Gaelic peoples by designating Nov. 1 as All Saints' Day.

Historian of Celtic and Medieval culture, Frederick Suppe, explained to the History Channel that the Christian belief in saints had a similarity with the Gaelic myths due to their supernatural nature, such as saints' "involvement in miraculous occurrences." Modern traditions in American celebrations include jack-o-lanterns, trick-or-treating, and costumes. These all have roots in the traditional Samhain celebrations.

Hollowing out a vegetable (traditionally a turnip) and filling it with a flame mimics the positive magic of the sun. Suppe said it was done "in hopes that the good magic will help preserve the harvested food... until the next growing season could replenish the community's food."

Trick-or-treating and costumes trace back to the ancient practice of "mumming," in which actors would don handmade costumes and travel from house to house to perform. When a resident did not want to give money to the performers, they would pull devious pranks on the homeowner. Today, costumes are typically mass-produced and money is replaced with candy.

From ancient Celtic rituals honoring the dead to the exuberant festivities that now light up American streets, Halloween has evolved into a vibrant tapestry of culture and tradition. As we prepare to celebrate, we connect with a history that bridges the past and present, celebrating the thin veil between life and the afterlife.

Titillating tales that exude horror

Movie and book recommendations for the chilling months ahead

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Editor

MOVIES:

Editor's choice, Alice McGuire:

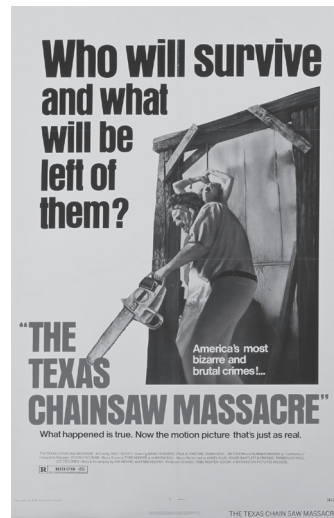
"The Tingler" - Vincent Price



I have a deep affinity for the film because buzzers from old WW2 planes were attached to the seats to make [movie theater] patrons think their spines had escaped their bodies. "The Tingler" is literally about peoples' spines escaping their bodies when they're scared, and the only way to stop it is to scream.

Hope Bernard, professor of film and theater at WCC:

"The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" - Tobe Hooper



The acting performances are incredibly rich, from the character who never talks but conveys absolute horror through his body movements and guttural noises to the seemingly (but mistakenly) nice, helpful old gas station attendant who never stops talking, even through his murderous acts. The film has top-notch, blood-curdling screams. Great performances all around!

Haley Brown, business administration:

"Coraline" - Henry Selick

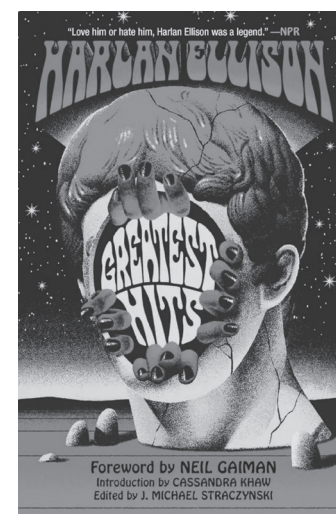


Coraline is actually surprisingly interesting for a kids' movie, and I find it fun to watch. I watched it for the first time with some friends a few years ago and have watched it every year since.

BOOKS:

Editor's choice, Lily Cole:

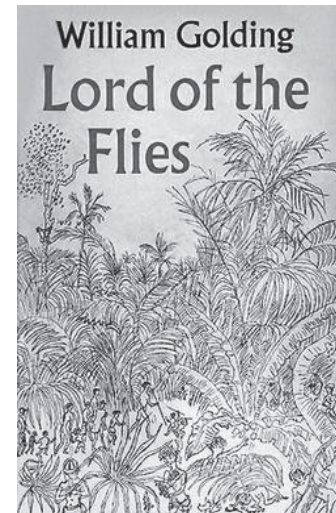
"Greatest Hits" - Harlan Ellison



In this collection of stories by sci-fi author Harlan Ellison, an eight-time Hugo Award winner, five-time Bram Stoker Award winner and four-time Nebula Award winner, you'll find a sickening tone of writing. Reading this anthology, you'll be met with angry gods, lost souls, passages through time and even stories on the "lighter" side. From a boy who stays five forever to a malevolent supercomputer with a taste for revenge, Ellison's work puts the "O!" in horror. If you're a fan of horror/sci-fi, give this anthology a read.

Steven Bannow, professor of English at WCC:

"The Lord of the Flies" - William Golding



This novel is "truly a horror show." Many would not consider this horror, but at the outset of a major, arguably catastrophic war, a group of British boys is put on a plane to be sent to a safe place. The plane does not make its destination. After the crash, the boys, without any adult supervision, are on their own ... to survive. The collision of civilization and savage worlds ends up in a tragic and horrifying war of its own.

Ella Mason, early childhood development:

"Tender Is the Flesh" - Agustina Bazterrica



This book was creepy in an American Psycho kind of way. It's set in a dystopian world in which a virus has taken over. It was quite disturbing in parts, and you couldn't believe what you were reading.

'Hocus Pocus' bewitches in community park

Warm drinks, popcorn and family fun mark the night

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Nicholas Monroe (left) and Amy Yang (right) are enjoying the night. Both brought blankets and snacks.



Families were welcomed to join the movie event watching "Hocus Pocus."



Student Activities hosted a movie night in the WCC community park. They provided snacks such as popcorn and candy along with hot drinks.



This movie event was open to the public, not just WCC students.

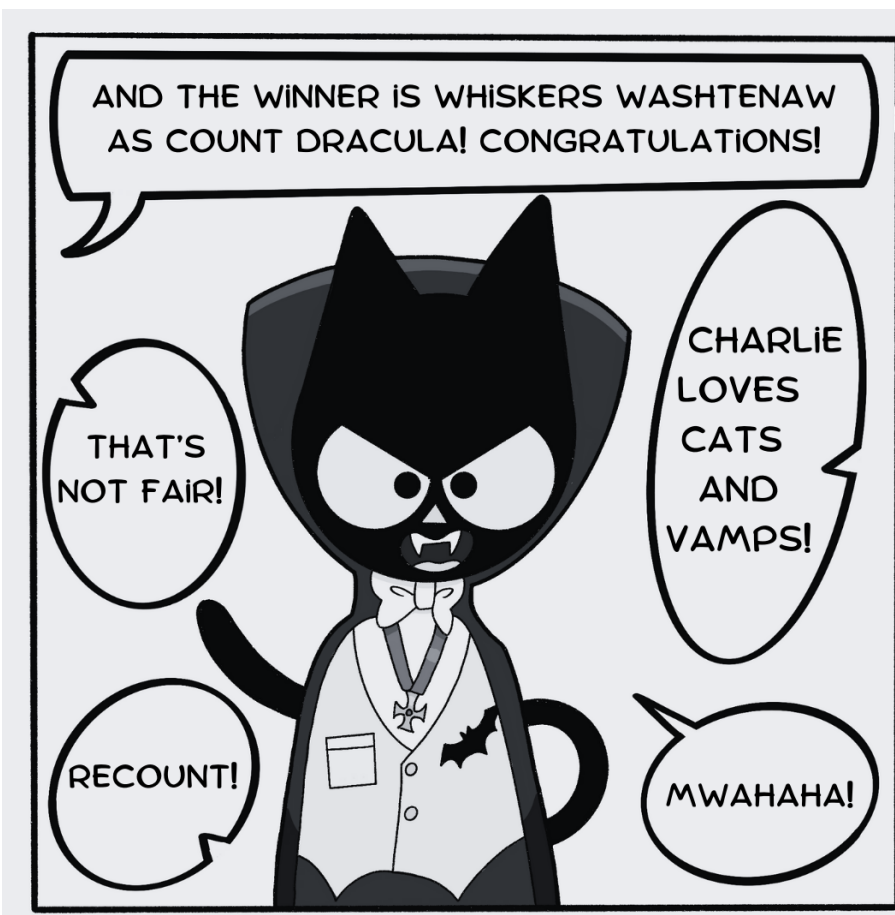
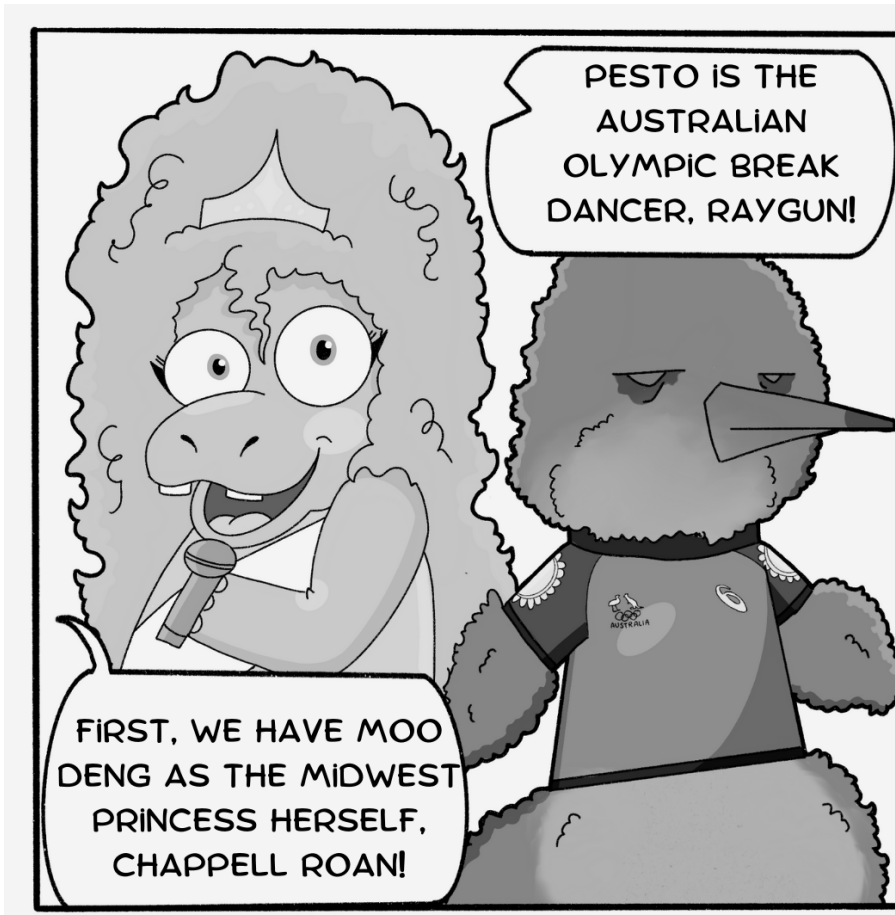


Student Activities plans on showing five movies for this year. They are still looking for movie suggestions for the next three movies.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

CHARLIE TRUMBULL | WASHTENAW VOICE



CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

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

JOB POSTINGS

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

Seasonal Retail Sales Associate, Briarwood at Macy's, Inc.

Are you ready to make this holiday season magical for our shoppers? As a Seasonal Retail Sales Associate, also known as a Generalist colleague, the Macy's customer is your highest priority and greeting and engaging with every customer is a key part of your responsibilities. You will pay close attention to customer preferences and quickly learn about our merchandise and services so you can offer outstanding experiences for every customer who walks through our doors. Ensuring our fitting rooms and products are presented to

company standards is critical to our customer experience. Most importantly, you will be part of a fun, inclusive team that works to achieve holiday sales targets.

We're looking for flexible team players who thrive in our fast-paced environment, can juggle multiple tasks, and can work various shifts including nights, weekends and holidays.

Event Server at Katherine's Catering. Job Type: Part-time, flexible hours, weekends required

Starting wage \$14.50 per hour plus tips; increase to \$15.00 per hour upon successful completion of training program

Why work at Katherine's Catering?

This is a perfect job for energetic individuals looking to earn extra income while allowing a flexible schedule.

It is a great opportunity if you have a weekday job or a weekday school schedule as you are able to choose when you work, and most shifts are on the weekends

The culture at Katherine's Catering is inclusive, supportive, and fun!

We treat our event servers with respect and appreciation. As the face of Katherine's Catering, they are an essential element of our company.

Exhibition Design Intern at The Henry Ford.

The Exhibition Design Intern can expect to work hybrid. Based on specific project needs, there are times when you and the team will work on-site at The Henry Ford's campus in Dearborn, MI. This internship opportunity will be led by Matthew Nielsen at The Henry Ford and supported by our Exhibition Design Team.

As our Exhibition Design intern, you will be fully immersed into the exhibition design process for permanent and temporary interpretive projects. Our work is collaborative across the organization with a wide array of stakeholders and departments. Our multi-disciplinary team works in a studio environment to create meaningful storytelling experiences for permanent exhibitions or temporary pop-up.

Primary responsibilities will focus on the graphic creation and production of visual material for our projects. Work will vary based on active projects at the time.

Information Technology Technician at State of Michigan Department of Technology.

Member of the team responsible for providing IT support to State of Michigan employees and partners. Log and track requests received from clients. Investigate, evaluate and resolve reported support issues and requests. Responsible for providing technical assistance in the implementation

of technology and automation initiatives. Responsibilities including, but not limited to: log, categorize, prioritize incidents, perform initial diagnosis and determine if escalation is necessary, installing and maintaining both hardware and software, serving as a troubleshooter in the implementation and use of workstations and associated software and hardware; and answering technical phone lines.

Electrical Engineer Intern (SAS) at POWER Engineers, Inc.

Do you want to have an opportunity to expand your skills and teamwork? Looking for a company that will provide a great chance for real-world training and skill development? POWER Engineers can help you reach your career goals in an environment that promotes professional growth and encourages innovative ideas. POWER Engineers is an engineering and environmental consulting firm. Our services range from power distribution, design, and generation to facilities, visualization, and much more.

Teachers or Tutors Part time \$20-\$40/Hour at Sylvan Learning Centers of Livonia.

The Sylvan Learning Centers of Southeast Michigan are looking for teachers or college students to provide supplemental tutoring services. We are hiring for part-time and contract teaching/tutoring and management positions. Assignments are available during the school day as well as after school &

weekends. Teaching experience preferred but not required.

Training is quick and easy. Open to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. Current Positions Available In: Canton, Plymouth, Belleville, Livonia, Detroit, Dearborn, West Bloomfield, Warren. Sylvan provides paid training and teachers will not be responsible for any lesson planning. Tutoring will be conducted in small groups varying in size based on the program being delivered. Hourly rates \$20-40/hour.

Bus Driver at Ypsilanti Community Schools.

To transport students to and from school and other sites within designated route(s) and to ensure the safety of the student passengers while in a school vehicle. Employees in this classification receive general supervision within a framework of standard policies and procedures. This job class is responsible for the safe operation of a school bus and for ensuring the safety of student passengers while meeting established bus schedules. Drivers may be assigned to drive wheelchair busses.

Amazon Warehouse Team Member - Romulus, MI at Amazon.

You'll be part of the Amazon warehouse team that gets orders ready for customers relying on Amazon services. Our fast-paced, physical roles take place in a variety of areas including merch, make-on-demand, customer returns, Prime Now, and general fulfillment. You will be selecting, packing, and shipping orders - in some

cases, for our super-fast (2-hour or less) delivery service.

Medical Receptionist at Michigan Spine and Brain Surgeons.

Michigan Spine and Brain Surgeons is one of the leading neurosurgical and orthopedic spine practices in Michigan in terms of surgical volume, outcomes, and clinical research. We employ six board-certified neurosurgeons and orthopedic spine surgeons and over 50 supporting staff across three offices. As such, it is necessary to have competent front desk staff who can support multiple clinics in a busy atmosphere. While medical office experience is preferred, it is not required to apply!

Various job responsibilities of a medical receptionist may include, but are not limited to: Verify insurance, Check paperwork, Create future appointments, Sort electronic documents for physicians and staff, Prepare and escort patients to exam rooms during clinic.

Maintenance Technician at MMI Engineered Solutions.

MMI Engineered Solutions, a leader in plastic injection molding, is currently seeking an experienced Maintenance Technician for our facility Located in Warren, Michigan, MMI Engineered Solutions is an established but growing enterprise providing world-class engineering solutions for advanced composites and engineered resins across multiple industries. We engineer innovative ideas for today's complex design and manufacturing issues.





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events

FALL ACTIVITIES

TRICK OR TREAT DOWNTOWN YPSILANTI DANCE PARTY

Oct. 27 | 4-6 p.m.

Yours Truly Event Venue | 114 W Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti

DJ Nitro will spin the hits from this costume dance party. The best costume wins a prize. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$5.

BLAST CORN MAZE

Oct. 25 | 5-9 p.m.

Nixon Farms | 6175 Daly Rd. Dexter

Loads of fall activities are being offered, including yard games, pedal cars and hayrides. Need pumpkins? There is a U-pick pumpkin patch to supply your needs. The corn maze is 3.5 miles long with multiple exits along the way.

WIARD'S ORCHARD COUNTRY FAIR

Oct. 23-27 | 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wiard's Orchard | 5565 Merritt Rd. Ypsilanti

Enjoy the best fall activities in Michigan, such as U-pick apples, wagon rides and apple cannons. Homemade cider and doughnuts are also available. Weekday tickets are \$18. Weekend tickets are \$25.50



WIARD'S ORCHARD | WIARDS.COM

Wiard's is the oldest continually family-owned business in Michigan.

HAUNTING FUN

HALLOWEEN SPOOKY SKATE

Oct. 27 | 12:30-2:30 p.m.

The Veterans Memorial Park Ice Arena | 2150 Jackson Ave. Ann Arbor

This spooky-themed skating event will surely be a frighteningly good time. Dress up in your favorite Halloween costume to enter a contest for a prize. Skates will be available to rent for \$3, or you can bring your own. Admission for adults is \$6, and for children and seniors, it is \$5.

HAUNT AT THE ROXBURY

Oct. 31 | 7-9:30 pm

Haunt at the Roxbury | 7410 Roxbury Dr. Ypsilanti

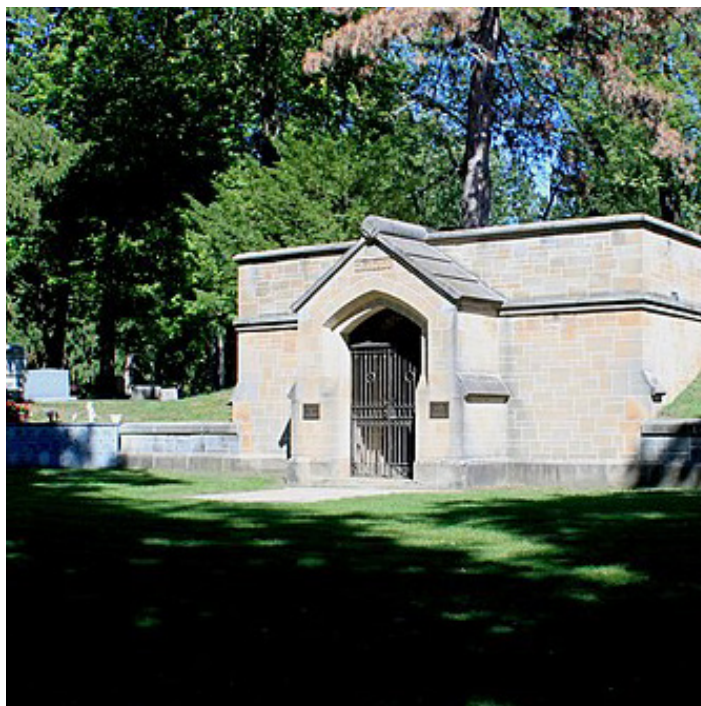
Haunting photo opportunities with an interactive display are this year's theme for the popular Haunt at the Roxbury event. There will be live actors to enhance the fear of the night. Hygiene products and non-perishable food are welcomed as donations to the Hope Clinic Pantry in Ypsilanti.

HIGHLAND CEMETERY EVENING LANTERN TOURS

Oct. 25-27 | 7 p.m.

Highland Cemetery | 943 N River St. Ypsilanti

Take a chilling two-hour tour of the land of the dead with local historian, James Mann. Hear stories about the people who now rest in a cemetery that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Admission is \$10 cash only. Pay at the gate.



DWIGHT BURDETTE | WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

The Quirk Mausoleum has been in Highland Cemetry since 1906.

ON CAMPUS

MASKED & UNMASKED: POETRY OPEN MIC

Oct. 30 | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Bailey Library | Active Learning Zone

Students are welcome to perform or listen to Halloween-themed poems. Want to perform but don't have a poem? Pick a poem from the basket and join in on the fun.

UNA CELEBRACION DEL DIA DE MUERTOS

Reception Oct. 30 | 2-4 p.m.

2nd floor | Student Center

Join the Humanities, Social & Behavioral Science Department and Office of Diversity & Inclusion in creating a community ofrenda to celebrate Day of the Dead. Visit the reception on Oct. 30 for an ofrenda open house with traditional eats, information about Day of the Dead, and celebration. Ofrenda opens Oct. 28 to Nov. 1.

"CREATIVE COLLECTIVE" AN OPEN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDENT CREATIVE COMMUNITY

Oct. 31 | 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Garrett's | Student Center

Artists of all styles will gather to showcase their work with a Halloween theme. If you would like to present, please email juesquivel@wccnet.edu for more information.

CEDAR POINT - HALLOWEENDS TRIP

Oct. 26 | 9-12 a.m.

Cedar Point

Celebrate Halloween with your classmates at Cedar Point. A Charter bus ride leaves WCC at 9 a.m. and returns at 12 a.m. The trip includes general admission to the park and an all-day drink wristband. Grab your tickets at the cashier's office.



GREGORY VARNUM | WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Pumpkins display during HalloWeekends near the Corkscrew at Cedar Point.



Finally, a Bible study group at 3 pm on Sundays @ WCC!

DIVINE ENCOUNTER BIBLE STUDY AND CHURCH

Benjamin Foster, Leader

Location: WCC Morris Lawrence Building, Room # ML 150
4800 E Huron River Drive ~ Ann Arbor, MI 48105

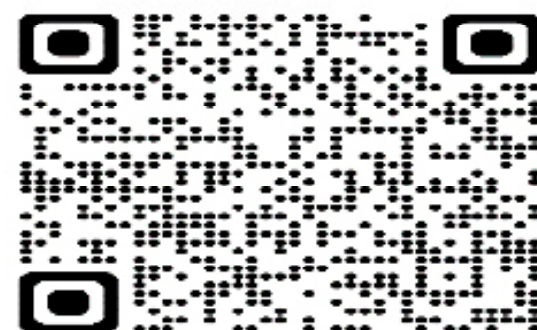
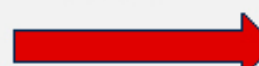
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