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Stop the violence

Hinkle Center hosts presentation on violence prevention

BY KIM SORENSON
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At Schoolcraft College, student safety is a top prior-

ity. There are many successful efforts to keep students safe on campus, but there is little that can be done for students off campus. One

of the main resources that the College offers is to create awareness of dangers to students off campus and to provide information on how to seek help; domestic abuse is one of these dangers. According to the National Coalition of Domestic Violence (NCADV) website, on aver-

age, 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner. First Step, a non-profit agency that aids victims of domestic and sexual abuse, will be hosting a presentation in Schoolcraft's Hinkle Center on Thursday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. to provide awareness and an open conversation about domestic and sexual violence.

"Domestic violence is a topic that has always been important to Schoolcraft College," said Schoolcraft counselor Chris Richards, who coordinated the presentation. "In Particular, the Hinkle Center is dedicated to empowering people to move forward toward the betterment of their lives."

Despite recent awareness and prevention actions, domestic violence is still a major problem affecting millions of people. According to ncadv.org, approximately ten million men and women are physically abused by an intimate partner each year in the United States alone. In 1994, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was passed as a federal law, which helped many women and men in abusive situations and mandates colleges to offer programming to increase awareness of domestic violence. Since 1978,

long before the VAWA was introduced, First Step has been working to eliminate both domestic and sexual violence and to provide comprehensive services to individuals and families impacted by these crimes. First Step is the only non-profit agency in Wayne County who has been assisting the victims of domestic and sexual violence.

The Hinkle Center has a history of hosting informative speakers about issues facing the world around us. In the coming months, more presentations are lined up, covering a variety of different topics. There will also be more presentations about domestic abuse in the future, according to Chris Richards, as the College takes educating students and staff on topics related to the VAWA very seriously.

The presentation is free and open to the public. All who are able to attend are encouraged to attend. The presentation will last about an hour and a half with a half an hour of questions and answers following. More information about First Step can be found at www.firststep-mi.org or contact Schoolcraft counseling and advising at 734-462-4429.



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Students, staff and community members are encouraged to be a part of the event.

Mathematical achievers

21st annual Pythagorean Prize honors finest math students

BY JIMMIE PAXSON
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The 2016 Pythagorean Prize, a coveted Schoolcraft math award, winners were recently announced honoring Schoolcraft's top math students from the 2015-16 academic year. The Pythagorean Prize has been a Schoolcraft tradition for the last 21 years when it was established by former math Schoolcraft professor Larry Williams and was taken over by current chair of the Committee Sandra Kerr ten years ago. The Schoolcraft math department takes great pride in presenting this award to recognize the hard-working students that earn this honor every

year. This year's recipients are first place winner Philip Sisk, second place winner Joseph Peper and third place winner Taulant Karasali.

"We are very proud of being able to reward our top students with the Pythagorean Prize each year," said head of the Committee Sandra Kerr. "It is such a pleasure for us as a department to be able to present this award."

Each year the candidates are chosen based on qualifications that are mathematics related and educational achievements. The qualifications to be a prize winner this year include: be enrolled in classes at Schoolcraft for both the fall and winter semesters, be completing

or have completed at least three mathematics courses at Schoolcraft College, have completed or be completing

one math class that is a 200 level or above, maintain an overall grade point average of 3.25, a grade point average of at least 3.5 in all mathematics courses and an in depth application that had to be completed and submitted by the March 8 deadline.

The Math Department offers \$5,500 in award money

for the three winners of this year's Pythagorean prizes. The first place winner will be awarded \$3,000, second place will be awarded \$1,500 and third place will be awarded \$1,000.

Philip Sisk

The first place Pythagorean Prize winner is second year student Philip Sisk. Sisk received all A's in his math classes throughout his Schoolcraft career and was a huge help to many students by spending his time in the Learning Assistance Center (LAC).

"I was very surprised but excited to win, I'm looking forward to giving a speech, getting a plaque and the department putting my name on the wall," said Sisk.

Sisk will attend the University of Michigan to study electrical engineering next



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Philip Sisk, Joseph Peper and Taulant Karasali are proud representatives for this year's Pythagorean Prize.

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LOCAL

Free tuition in Detroit

On March 22, a program called The Detroit Promise was unveiled. This program's guarantee is to pay for two years of community college for any student who graduates from a high school in the City of Detroit.

This program grew from the 2013 effort from the Michigan Education Excellence Foundation and the Detroit Regional Chamber. They raised money for the Detroit Scholarship Fund, which sent over 1,500 Detroit students to attend community college tuition free.

The program will cover the costs that are not met by grants, financial aid or scholarships. For the first two years, major foundations and corporate donors are ensuring this guarantee. In 2018 though, there will be increases in property tax revenue based on the 6 mills of the State Education Tax, and the program will receive a half of any increase in property tax revenue from the State Education Tax.

There is no minimum GPA, but students must live in Detroit and have spent their junior and senior years of high school in Detroit schools to be eligible. They must also be accepted into one of the five community colleges the program chose: Henry Ford Community College, Wayne County Community College, Macomb Community College, Oakland Community College or Schoolcraft College. To keep the funding, students must maintain satisfactory grades required by the colleges and Pell grants.

STATE

Recall Snyder

Michigan citizens, with the backing of the Michigan Board of State Canvassers have organized a campaign to recall Governor Rick Snyder from office due to how he handles the Flint water crisis. The petition began on March 27 and has 60 days total to collect 790,000 valid voter signatures. If the petition receives the necessary amount of signatures, it will be present on the ballot during the November elections and come to a final vote to decide if Snyder will be removed from his seat as governor.

NATIONAL

Raise the smoking age

California's Senate recently voted to raise the legal age to buy tobacco from 18 to 21. If the governor, Jerry Brown, signs the bill, California will be the second state to make this change, Hawaii being the first. Although it would only be the second state, over 100 cities across the United States have the same law. California also approved regulating electronic cigarettes, allowing counties the option to tax more than 87 cents per a pack and to increase smoking bans.

Affordable education

Scholarship opportunities provide assistance for schooling

BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN
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Schoolcraft College aims to make higher education as accessible to the community as possible. With some of the most affordable rates in Michigan, Schoolcraft's tuition and finances aim to be the least intimidating for students as they can. Despite these efforts, college costs can still be unattainable to some, however; thanks to an abundance of scholarships available on campus and through the community, college can be affordable for all.

"Scholarships are available to help eligible students meet educational expenses which may not be met by other sources of financial aid," said Caroline Logan, Scholarship Program Associate.

The deadline for registering for the 2016 summer and fall semesters is quickly approaching and with that comes the deadline for payment. Before signing up and having to take out student loans, consider

applying for multiple scholarships to increase the chances of having classes funded.

"Winning the scholarships made me see the potential that I had built up for myself. The scholarships made me work harder to make sure that I maintained them," said Andrew Rellinger, Scholars Honor Scholarship and Trustee Scholarship recipient.

Schoolcraft offers a wide variety of scholarships that extend through multiple areas of study. Thanks to the newly introduced online scholarship database, students can now browse and apply for funding in the comfort of their own home. This database, schoolcraft.edu/scholarshipsearch, provides a common application that can be filled out once and be sent to all scholarships that the student qualifies for. Not only does this make the scholarship process easier, but it allows students to see all of the featured scholarships in one place.

There are over 200 scholarships in Schoolcraft's Schol-



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Scholarships are a way for students to more easily fund their schooling.

arship Foundation database for the upcoming year that are available to enrolled students pursuing a degree or certificate. Some of the specific scholarships include the Schoolcraft College Award of Excellence which is available to all students graduating high school in 2016, as well as the Culinary Arts Grand Detroit Education Fund available to culinary students.

Most scholarships take grade point average into account as an important aspect of determining the recipient. Many other scholarships are also specialized to certain fields of study including Culinary Arts, Nursing or Business.

If students would like even further scholarship opportunities, there are countless off campus funds as well. Websites such as scholarships.com or studentscholarshipsearch.com offer a cumulative da-

tabase of scholarships from around the country. The searches can be narrowed down to focus on aspects such as areas of interest, home county and even religious views.

"Scholarships motivate me to become the best version of myself and keeps me on my toes," said Rellinger.

Aside from scholarships, students can utilize the FAFSA to get government funding for schooling. Schoolcraft students also have opportunities available to them such as the honors program that provide default scholarships as well.

As education costs around the country rise, there are plenty of opportunities for Schoolcraft attendees to stay out of college debt. With detailed research and applications, the on campus scholarships can be a benefit to all.

Stay alert

Medical identity theft on the rise

BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN
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When people think of getting their identity stolen, they typically think of the all too common cases; their social security number was stolen and someone gained access to financial information. Identity theft is a serious problem, so naturally many people take precautions against it. But what many don't realize is that typical identity theft is not the only problem - medical identity theft is a crisis on the rise and the outcomes can be just as devastating.

Medical identity theft can occur by either having one's social security number, health insurance number or even simply their name stolen or faked by an unknown individual. These thieves then use this information to purchase drugs, have medical operations performed and send bills to the unsuspecting victim. According to a study done by forbes.com in February of 2015, medical identity fraud increased 22 percent between 2014 and 2015 and is continuing to increase.

If this identity theft occurs, the thief will either create new records or add their information to the victim's existing medical records. They will then go on to have medical services provided to them that will alter the victim's previous information. If the thief tests positive for a blood disorder, that will go onto the records under the victim's name. Thieves could even go so far to have drastic surgical operations done under a false name.

"If your name is associated with medical conditions that are not really yours, your health provider might prescribe or not prescribe something that may hurt you," said Peggy Chapo, Director of Health Information Services at Beaumont Hospital.

Not only is this a violation of privacy to the victim, but it affects them greatly in the future and can be expensive to get out of. If a medical identity theft victim has a false prior condition on their record, when they go to apply for insurance in the future they could be wrongly denied. Not only would that hinder the

victim's care, but the legal process to prove the records are incorrect is lengthy and costly.

"Having the thief's information intermingled with your health information creates patient safety and insurance issues as well as other legal and reimbursement problems," said Jody Scheller, Health Information Technology Coordinator. "This trail of fictitious documentation can affect an individual for years."

While there is no sure fire way to avoid medical identity theft, people need to be cautious with their medical information. Ways to possibly prevent becoming a victim include asking the doctor for an updated medical record;

not giving out any insurance information over the phone; reading the privacy policy on any website that requires personal information and keeping all medical papers in a safe place, shredding the rest. If suspicious activity is found, immediately contact a health provider and send copies of records with the disputed information clearly circled.

Medical identity theft is not a well-known problem, but with its increasing issues it needs to be brought to light. Medical records are an important piece of private information, so be sure to be cautious with all records and do not be afraid to take health records into own hands.

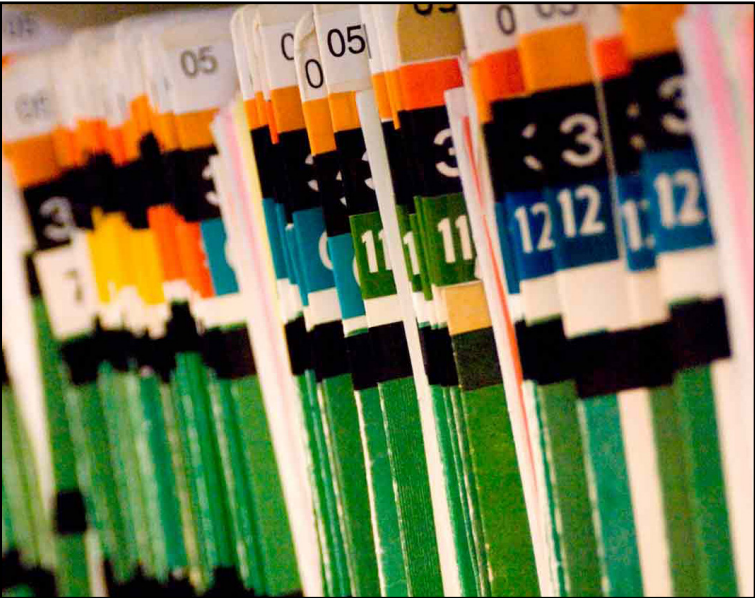


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Medical identity theft is a lesser known threat that can have devastating effects.

Getting down to business

Become informed on the importance of tax season

BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN
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Paying taxes is an essential part of a responsible adult lifestyle. Taxes can either accumulate throughout the year and result in a return of money, or other times additional funds may need to be paid. Regardless of the outcome, the process of completing taxes is confusing and stressful to many. With tax season now in full swing and the final deadline for filing quickly approaching, it is important to be informed on the process. Tax day has been extended three days this year until April 18. While there is extra time, people are encouraged to file as early as possible.

Taxes are imposed on any American citizen who earns income as well as any person who purchases goods from a store in the form of sales tax. These taxes are used for various local, state and federal projects such as improving roads, funding schools and welfare programs. Tax evasion, which occurs when an individual purposely avoids submitting their taxes, can be a felony charge, so the steps to properly submitting tax forms are vital.

“Taxation carries through-

out your entire life,” said Deidre McDaniel, H&R Block Enrolled Tax Agent and Office Manager. “A lot of financial decisions are dependent on accurate taxes, so it is important to become knowledgeable as soon as possible.”

The current tax season represents the income earned during the 2015 work year, so do not be confused if income from the current year is not

showing up on tax forms such as the W-2. There are many ways to successfully submit taxes. People can do them online at websites such as taxact.com or turbotax.com, or file them in person with a representative. Large firms such as H&R Block can be utilized, or independent, local tax advisors as well. If using a firm or representative, a fee will be charged on top of what

may have to be paid to the government in tax, so be wary of excess spending. If money is more of an issue, filing online offers many free options, or people can print out their own tax forms from IRS.gov and send them in on their own.

“It is very important for students to file their taxes early, because then they can apply for their FAFSA and receive scholarships other students won’t be eligible for,” said Schoolcraft Culinary Arts Major, Rebecca Breazeale.

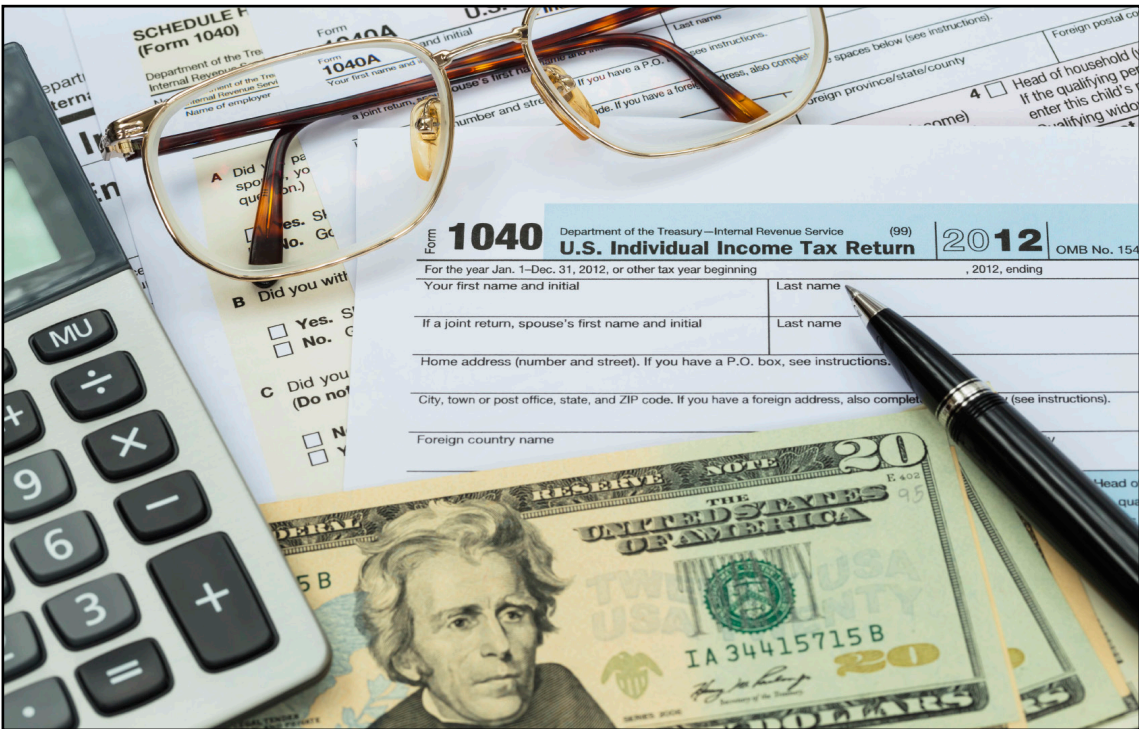
For an individual person simply filing job income taxes, doing it on their own may be a

logical option. For others who may have children, marriage, a house, multiple jobs and more in depth information to file on tax forms, the additional set of eyes and professional help may be useful.

Taxes can sometimes cause a financial strain on individuals, there are many simple tips to keep in mind for next tax season though to maximize return. Keep envelopes with various receipts of items that can be written off on taxes. Items such as school supplies, necessary items for work such as uniforms and parking can all be written off on tax forms. Donations to church or a local charity, home improvements and also mileage to and from school or work can provide money refunds around tax time as well.

“Taxes are here to stay, you can’t avoid them. It is inevitable that you will be paying taxes throughout your life. Planning and preparation are key to reducing your overall tax liability,” said Michelle Randall, Associate Professor of Accounting.

Taxes are a necessary part of adulthood, so it is better to feel comfortable with such an important topic. Through research and experience, the tax season will become less intimidating. Tackle the season head on and don’t wait until the last minute to file, be confident and April 18 will pass with a breeze.



With tax season nearing the end it is important to be diligent and prepared for next year.

mathematical achievers

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fall. He took six math classes at Schoolcraft and received a 4.0 in all of his classes to become the 22nd winner of the Pythagorean Prize at Schoolcraft.

Joseph Peper

The second place winner is second year student Joseph Peper. Peper took six math classes while attending Schoolcraft. In addition, Peper is also the President of the Math and Physics Club and a tutor in the Schoolcraft Learning Assistance Center. He will be attending to the University of Michigan in the fall to pursue a Computer Science degree.

“I am very appreciative of them giving me this award, it definitely feels like my hard work paid off,” said Peper.

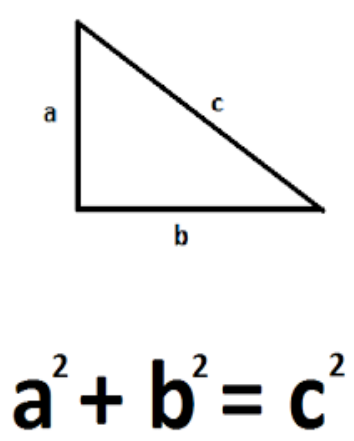
Taulant Karasali

Third place winner, Karasali is currently enrolled in Schoolcraft’s differential equations class with Professor Michael McCoy and was thrilled when McCoy announced his name as one of this year’s winners. Math is one of his favorite subjects and he will continue to help students in the Learning Assistance Center (LAC) with all of their math-

ematics needs. He will be transferring to the University of Michigan in the fall to continue his love of mathematics to study engineering.

“When I found out I was one of the winners I was excited, many people told me to apply without thinking I would be one of the winners,” said third place winner Taulant Karasali.

The Schoolcraft Mathematics Department will be recognizing the Pythagorean Prize winners on April 19 in a formal presentation in VisTaTech room 210. Schoolcraft President Dr. Conway Jeffress, Vice President of Instruction Richard Weinkauff and Vice President of Student Services Cheryl Hagen will be on hand to present prizes, plaques and certificates to the most impressive students in the mathematic field in the 2015-2016 school year.



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Little known danger



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Electromagnetic pulse poses existential threat to the nation

Most of Schoolcraft students might remember the great blackout of 2003. On Aug. 14 of that year, the entire Northeastern United States and parts of Canada experienced a major power outage. The entire incident was triggered by overgrown tree branches shorting out high tension power lines in

Eastlake, Ohio. This short-out cascaded into a regional shut-down of the electric grid for 50 million people. Fortunately, the outage was restored within a couple of days, and household plug-in electronics such as microwaves and refrigerators still worked.

Imagine if not only the lights go out, but the aforementioned household appliances get fried at the same time. This would be the result of a massive coronal mass ejection (CME) hitting the Earth. In 1859, such a CME slammed into the planet and caused telegraph cables to burn out worldwide. When this giant bit of charged plasma hit, it distorted Earth's magnetosphere and produced strong geomagnetically-induced currents within the cables. This geomagnetic super-storm, known as the "Carrington Event," was the largest ever recorded on the planet.

Now imagine if independently powered electronic devices such as cell phones,

laptops and even automobiles suddenly ceased functioning. In this instance, the cause is the detonation of a nuclear weapon high in the atmosphere. When a nuclear weapon is detonated at an altitude of more than 18 miles, the explosion distorts the magnetosphere in a similar manner to a geomagnetic superstorm. This results in a phenomenon known as an electromagnetic pulse (EMP). Whether an EMP is produced by a nuclear weapon or the Sun, it is a serious threat to the power grid.

The grid is vulnerable because it has two kinds of crucial components that are highly vulnerable to EMP. One of them is a device known as an Extra High Voltage (EHV) transformer. These transformers are not only highly susceptible to damage from EMP, they are also extremely difficult to replace. It takes at least one year to make just one of them, and the only countries that sell them for export are South Korea and Germany. The other crucial component of the electric grid is a device called the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA).

This is basically a computer which controls the operation of electronic systems. There are millions of these devices used in the electric grid and other critical infrastructures such as water and gas distribution. All of these systems are highly vulnerable to a nuclear EMP attack.

Fortunately, there are technologies which can be used to harden electronics. Faraday cages are useful for blocking the pulse from entering EHV transformers and SCADAs/computer systems. Surge arrestors and capacitor blocking systems are useful for protecting EHV transformers from pulses originating from geomagnetic storms and a high altitude nuclear explosion. The electric grid and all other critical infrastructures can and must be protected from a nuclear EMP attack with these technologies. This is because the EMP effect from a nuclear weapon produces three different pulse signals; it shares only one of these signals with geomagnetic storms. Therefore, if all electronic infrastructures are protected from the EMP effect from a nuclear weapon, they will also be

protected from geomagnetic super storms like the Carrington Event.

For years, Congress has been trying and failing to pass legislation to protect the electric grid from EMP. As a result, states are beginning to take action on their own. For example, Virginia passed a law last year requiring its Emergency Management department to prepare for and respond to EMP related events. In Southeast Michigan, transmission company ITC recognizes the threat posed by geomagnetic storms or an electromagnetic pulse. It wants the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to establish a program to stockpile critical transmission and distribution equipment.

Mitigating the threat posed by EMP should be a bipartisan issue. Every citizen in Michigan should support any state legislation aimed at improving the resiliency of critical infrastructure in the state, regardless of political beliefs.

For more information and to keep up to date on Michigan legislatures visit legislature.mi.gov.

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Beyond H₂O

Local teens lend needed help to Flint

BY JAMES PAXSON
SPORTS WRITER

The state of Michigan is known as the "Great Lakes State," but lately the water being talked about in the state has not been close to great. The city of Flint used to be filled with fresh water, but all of the fresh water has been filled with lead due to the lack of quality pipes.

Roughly 9,000 to 10,000 children under the age of six have been exposed to lead; sadly these kids are the most developmentally vulnerable. According to Dr. Hanna-Atisha, who discovered the lead crisis in Flint, lead is a highly potent, irreversible neurotoxin that can lead to severe cognitive and developmental harm. What the children of Flint need now is not only water, but also a miracle.

For the past few months a group of intelligent girls from Farmington Hills between the ages of 12 and 15 have been working on an idea to help the children who were victims in the Flint Water Crisis. Instead of raising water for the victims like so many others are doing, they are raising materials to help developmental progression. These girls are projecting hope to many and giving them the chance that every child deserves.

These girls are a part of the group called Beyond H₂O. Beyond H₂O members include 15 year-old Morgan Lowe, 14

year-old Haley Williams, 13 year-old Kellie Flynn and 12 year olds: Maggie Bean, Gabby Pough and Karina Roberts.

The members of the groups are constructing Learning Activity Kits with supplies to help teach the kids skills that they will need in the future. These kits include math counting games, books, flashcards, writing tools, pens, pencils and puzzles. By providing children with brain building tools, they are hoping to help the kids combat the learning delays brought on by lead poisoning.

"A lot of people are just donating water, but there is a need to the kids who could have disabilities," said Beyond H₂O contributor Karina Roberts.

Beyond H₂O received donations of books from local libraries, donations from Farmington Hills companies and plenty of funding help from people out of state looking to help the cause. This would not be possible without the help of Claudia Bean through the excel advantage foundation.

"We try to provide a more fun way to learn so the children are more excited to use these kits," said Williams.

In the operation, each girl has a certain job and responsibility. Williams and Lowe are responsible for sending emails to local businesses and getting more kids to join their organization. Bean and Roberts send emails to local companies and help gather supplies. Pough

and the rest of the Beyond H₂O organization helped to decide what to put in the Kits.

"These kits will help because it will keep the teachers and parents from going out and buying the supplies that are in the bags," said Bean.

Schoolcraft's Active Mind's Chapter has partnered with these girls to bring attention to their cause and their efforts. Active Minds is a

non-profit on college campuses that seeks to raise mental health awareness and reduce the stigma that surrounds it. With Active Minds, Beyond H₂O strives to counteract the effects of the lead poisoning with the Learning Activity Kits that contain supplemental learning resources that specifically target cognitive development in children.

"This caught our attention

because our organization wants to raise mental health awareness and the led poisoning crisis in Flint directly relates to this mission and needs to be addressed," said Active Minds founder Neil Sacks.

These girls do not care who's to blame for the Flint Water Crisis; all they want is to find a solution.

*Neil Sacks contributed information to this article.

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Rage on the road

COMPILED BY KIM SORENSON
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, March 10 at 1 p.m., a Campus Police Authority (CPA) officer was dispatched to the Testing Center in the McDowell to respond to a road rage complaint. The complainant stated that a road rage situation began at about 7:40 a.m. at Lilley and Ford Road in Canton. As the complainant approached the intersection at a red light, someone in a silver car cut the complainant off and she had to slam on her brakes. The complainant threw her arms up in a gesture of dissatisfaction and the driver of the silver car responded with an obscene gesture. After that incident, the complainant went on to I-275-North and the driver in the silver car had been switching lanes in front of her and braking. She exited the highway at the 6 Mile Road exit, noticed the silver car a few cars behind her and thought that the incident was over. However, as the complainant was turning right at the 6 Mile Road and Haggerty corner, she noticed the silver car pull through the gas station, pull out directly in front of her and apply his brakes. The complainant then pulled into Schoolcraft College and noticed that the suspect continued north on Haggerty. The complainant parked

in Parking Lot C in front of the McDowell Center. At around 8:10 a.m., the victim looked out the window and saw a silver car circling around the parking lot, and she believed that it could have been the suspect. When she went to her car to get lunch at 12:15 p.m., the complainant saw a rude note left on her car from the road rage suspect. At that point, she called the CPA, since his behavior and the note lead her to believe that he may go so far as to cause her harm. The CPA found the video of the suspect leaving the note on her car. Both the note and the video were entered into evidence. The video revealed a silver Avenger drive up and park near her car. A white male, about 30 years old, in a black t-shirt was seen walking up to the passenger side of her windshield, getting back in his Avenger and driving away. This incident is still under investigation.

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Stopping the stigma

Stressing the awareness of mental health

By The Schoolcraft Connection Editorial Staff

Mental illness has long been a taboo in the eyes of the American populous. With stigmas and stereotypes that negatively impact the view of those that suffer from these internal diseases, a victim may not feel safe to gain help due to fear of judgment. Bringing awareness and educating those on this issue will change the views of these very real diseases.

According to mayoclinic.org, the definition of a mental illness is a disorder that is generally characterized by dysregulation of mood, thought and/or behavior, as recognized by the diagnostic and statistical manual. Mood disorders are among the most persuasive of the mental illnesses. They can make a person’s interest not be relevant anymore and make what makes a person sad be more apparent than before. Most

people who do not have these illnesses do not understand how they affect a person.

Many citizens face mental health problems and may not admit to it. According to mentalhealthconnection.org, 42.5 million adults suffer from some type of mental illness, or approximately 18.2 percent. Of those 42.5 million adults, 9.3 million are impacted every single day by their mental illness to a point where they cannot complete their daily activities. But it’s not just adults that are affected by mental illness; in fact suicide is the third leading cause of death in young people from 10 to 24 years old. The Huffington post states that 40.3 percent of adolescents have suffered from episodes of mental illness in last 12 months.

There are often stigmas that come with mental illness from both strangers and the person it effects. Strangers do not always understand the struggle that individuals go through and judge them based on stereotypes. The impacts and reality of mental illness need to be brought into the public eye more to enlighten people that mental illness is no longer taboo. Many do not realize that

stereotypes and judgments negatively impact people who have mental health problems. Those affected with a psychological disorder suffer enough internally with the daily battle of working through their illness. With the judgment of others, their lives become even harder.

These stigmas are often caused by several factors. Violence, is the top stigma facing public belief. According to treatmentadvocacycenter.org, 46 percent of respondents believe people with serious mental illness are more dangerous than those lacking mental illnesses. People often believe that violence is a side effect with those suffering from mental illnesses. People will exclude those with mental illnesses out of fear, belief that they lack responsibility and are childish. Because of fear and a lack of understanding, these factors cause the public stigma that can lead to many misunderstandings or negative feelings towards those that face these illnesses.

Mental illness has a long history of being stigmatized. Millions of people all around the world suffer from these internal battles, no ethnicity or social class are exempt. This is problematic, since those suffering from a mental health problem are less likely to seek help if they feel shame for hav-

ing an illness in the first place.

In order to reduce this stigma, it’s important to remember that the individual must be able to understand the values contained in themselves. If one believes in themselves, they can achieve any goal they put their mind to. In addition, it’s important to be aware of one’s attitude and behaviors. Everyone can change the way they think, and become more open to ideas proposed by other people. Be sure to spread positivity as often as possible. Positivity is contagious. However, the most important thing to keep in mind is supporting those in need. A combination of all those factors will make for a happier society.

Bringing awareness to the mental health problems that people face and educating the general populous is the first step to changing the taboo that is linked to this issue within society. The next step is to allow those that suffer from a mental illness to receive treatment and support through therapy and medical treatment. Mental and physical health are both equally important to the overall well-being of an individual and should be cared for in every way possible. Mental illness is not a taboo, it is simply a disease that effects a real person who deserves fair treatment.

Personality over policies



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Politics aside, Donald Trump is a horrible man

Everyone has their own opinion on Donald Trump. Whether they love him or hate him, typically these opinions are very strong. Throughout his presidential candidacy he has proposed many political policies that he would

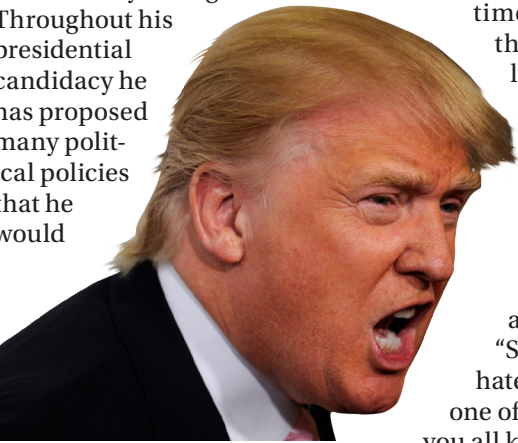


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Donald Trump’s campaign tactics are immature and unprofessional.

implement were he to become president. Regardless if voters agree with these policies or not, people need to realize that politics aside, Donald Trump is morally, a terrible person.

When Trump began his campaign, many people thought it would fizzle out quickly. But uncouth comment after uncouth comment, his run for president has only gotten stronger. Much of what comes out of his mouth is ridiculous and insensitive, he does not think about what he says before he says it and is extremely disrespectful. Regardless of political agendas, these are not suitable qualities to run a country.

Although Trump claims to want to “make America great again,” he has proven time and time again that he doesn’t really care about anyone but himself.

Less than three years ago, on May 8, 2013 Trump sent out a tweet from his personal twitter account saying: “Sorry losers and haters, but my I.Q. is one of the highest - and you all know it! Please don’t feel so stupid or insecure, it’s not your fault.”

His ego has only inflated since then, especially with his increased popularity. Would it really be wise to elect a leader that is so blatant in his narcissism? The answer is no. An American president should not only have high hopes of improving the country, but also humbly improving oneself along with it. Humility is something that Donald Trump lacks.

“If you don’t have something nice to say, then don’t say anything at all” is a phrase that most people learn by the time they are young children, but countless times Trump has resorted to basic name calling, using terms like “bimbo” and “fat pig” to refer to fellow candidates, celebrities and citizens. No matter what, everyone should be addressed respectfully from someone in a position of power, yet Trump has proven he doesn’t know how to hold his tongue. I cannot even fathom a president who is so quick to belittle others, regardless of disagreements. He will not only cause unrest within the American people, but with leaders from around the world.

As Trump said himself at an Iowa rally in January, “I could stand in the middle of 5th avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn’t lose voters.”

Not only does this quote represent a complete disregard for human life, he is directly saying that his supporters are blind followers. He

is essentially calling his own voters stupid.

While I morally disagree with Trump and thus certain beliefs of his supporters, I would never consider calling them stupid.

Trump’s disrespect would prove vital if he were elected president. Imagine his meetings with world political leaders that he does not agree with, he could drive America into a time of international turmoil not because of his politics, but because of his morals. It wouldn’t matter if Trump had the best political policies in the world, if he continued to act like a hateful child as he is now, I still would not vote for him.

Many people claim to support Donald Trump due to the fact that he is not a conventional corrupt politician, but he is corrupt in many other ways including his disrespectful actions and words. How he has become so successful in his candidacy is unbeknownst to me. I know that America is better than this, yet his poll numbers continue to rise. Yes, it should be a goal to make America great, but crude comments and inappropriate interactions are not the way to do so. America deserves a fair and just leader and politics are important in determining this, but with no consideration of these political policies, Donald Trump is not the man for the job.

Changing the game



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The 2016 Summer Olympic games need to be reevaluated

Every four years, the best athletes from across the globe get the chance to compete in front of the world on an international stage at the Olympics. This August these athletes that have trained all of their lives for their specific events will gather in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil for the 2016 games. Controversy has surrounded

these games since the International Olympic Committee announced the host country in 2014. The vice president of the committee John Coates said the preparation for the games has been the worst he has seen on several occasions. Challenges such as the Zika virus, polluted waters, the construction of the stadiums and problems within the country have all arisen. The question is, will the games actually be ready in time and be safe for the athletes?

If there is doubt with any of these questions, the games should be reevaluated. The safety of all athletes should be the top concern and the Olympics should be cancelled due to these safety hazards.

One issue arising is that many U.S. female athletes are concerned by the Zika virus and are considering passing on the Olympics. The Zika virus is spread through mosquitos and has caused a spike in Brazil in recent months of microcephaly, a birth defect marked by an abnormally small head. Women who are pregnant or those considering becoming pregnant are advised by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization to avoid areas with Zika outbreaks.

Another major concern with the city itself is the debris that congests the waters where events will be held. According to bigstory.ap.org, the waters designated for the outdoor swimming events and triathlons and also where spectators will be boating, are contaminated with human waste. High levels of bacteria and viruses were found in the waters when tested by scientific experts. Swimming in the contaminated waters will cause those to fall ill with fevers, vomiting and diarrhea. Brazil officials have assured that the water will be safe by August, but time is running out.

The country is also in the midst of an economic crisis that has caused the economy to slump and face the worst recession since the 1930s. Budgets, including that of the Olympics, are getting slashed. This is causing the actual arena's construction to be put on hold or built with cheaper materials to save money, causing the concern that they will be unsafe and not structurally sound for the thousands that will occupy them for the duration of the games. Brazil has assured that all stadiums will be completed on time, a feat that seems impossible with just months to go.



IMAGE FROM THEVERGE.COM

The 2016 Rio Olympics should be cancelled due to the dangers it poses to the athletes' health.

In addition to the ever-growing list of problems, the country has faced a massive political scandal that extends to the country's top office. A congressional committee is considering the impeachment of Brazilian President, Dilma Rouseff for allegedly violating budget laws to increase spending during her 2014 re-election campaign. The government and the president are in the midst of a state run oil company corruption scandal. Petrobras, a multinational energy corporation were allegedly involved in political kickbacks, price fixing and bribery. This scandal has affected the Olympics due

to the construction company constructing a majority of the Olympic infrastructure projects being implicated in the scandal as well.

With all of these catastrophes, the Rio games ultimately are anticipated to be a disaster. The games should have been relocated to a new location when these problems first arose, but with less than five months to go, it's too late to consider an alternative. The games need to be cancelled instead of endangering the lives of the athletes and spectators from around the world traveling to the country to watch this historical event.

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Spoiled rotten



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Pampering children can do more harm than good

An individual's parenting style is a very contentious subject. No two people have exactly the same view on how to rear their children and telling someone how to raise their kid can lead to arguments. For the most part, kids turn out fine despite differences in the way they were raised. There are some exceptions though, such as those who were abused,

neglected or abandoned. On the other end of the spectrum, over pampering kids can lead to negative consequences as well. Today's society has no problem spoiling their children, and many have never heard the word 'no.' Not only is giving kids a world free of discipline or consequences damaging to the child, it will also lead to problems for the people around them as they grow older.

Overly pampered kids are a drain on society. When they are small children, they frequently misbehave and are more prone to tantrums. Kids who are almost never disciplined are the ones who make a scene in public when their parents say no, which ultimately leads to the kids getting their way. These kids learn that the way to get what they want

is to throw a fit and each time they do it and get what they want this behavior is being reinforced, as a result. Ultimately, these problem children turn into insolent and entitled teenagers and eventually into self-centered and rude adults. Psychologist Alfred Adler has been quoted saying that



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Pampering children may seem kind when they're young, but it is harmful as they grow up.

pampering children is one of the greatest evils of mankind. There is even a medical term, affluenza, to describe people who were given whatever they want as children.

The "Affluenza Teen" is an example of this childhood pampering. When he was 16 years old, Ethan Couch hit and killed four people while driving drunk. He notoriously used the case that he didn't understand the consequences of his actions because he was pampered too much as a child.

Children grow up to be more well-rounded adults if they have had to work for the things they want. In this capitalistic society, hard work is highly valued. Money is thought to be the reward for this hard work, but pampered children usually come from affluent backgrounds. This leads to children who have no concept of how a lot of the world lives, and have no idea what it feels like to

struggle. Adler has also stated that pampered children are like parasites, and that they live off the indulgences of their parents. Most of these kids also have very little sympathy for those less fortunate than them, since they rarely pay attention to the struggles of the lower class.

The cultural wave of pampering children came about with the increase of busy, working parents. It seems that parents who spend limited time with their children often feel guilty about not having enough time to spend with their kids. Since they feel guilty, they try to make it up by making their kid as happy as possible and not wanting to disappoint their children by telling them no. However, that is not the way to raise a child.

A good parent should set their child up for success in the future, and teaching kids how to work and how to accept disappointment are basic steps to a successful future. Kids should not be taught to expect things in life that they haven't worked hard to earn. In the real world, no one will be giving them those handouts, and they have to learn how to earn what they receive.

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Put away the pom-poms



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Sideline cheerleading does not identify as a sport

Whether individuals choose to believe it or not, there's a sharp distinction between sideline cheerleading and competitive cheerleading on the grounds of being a sport. Competitive cheerleading, a sport popular among primarily young females but males as well, involves competition among teams with the goal of scoring points based on the cheers performed. Competitive cheer, without a doubt, is a sport. However,

er, "sideline cheerleading," both a school-sponsored and non-profit organization activity, popular mostly among teens in middle and high school, does not meet the requirements of a sport. According to the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators website, a sport is defined as a physical activity, which involves propelling a mass through space or overcoming the resistance of a mass, and "contesting" or competing against/with an opponent. Sideline cheerleading does not at all meet that definition, and therefore does not constitute as a sport. What people may forget is that sports teams exist to compete, not to entertain and charm an audience of people at an athletic event or school-related function. The primary purpose of sideline (school-sponsored) cheerleading is to promote school spirit, as opposed to competing against fellow cheer squads to gain either a victory or defeat. Being a cheerleader is by no means a walk in the park from an athletic perspective. In order to even make a team, cheerleaders must participate in an extensive tryout process

often taking more than a week. Athletes must also meet a series of physical requirements concerning skills and fitness as well. Practices are rigorous and require the athletes to use their mind, body and strength to perform the necessary cheers. Cheers such as stunting, cheering, dancing and tumbling require cheerleaders to demonstrate said qualities. Although cheerleading itself may not be a sport, the activity itself is still physically demanding and is arguably the activity with the highest injury-risk over all other sports in high school. Cheerleaders are definitely athletes, but it would be more appropriate to categorize them as "athletes not participating in a sport." One can still be an athlete and not participate in a sport. Alternatively, one can also participate in a sport and not be very athletic. For athletes who wish to participate in cheerleading solely to compete, there are private all-star teams, competitive cheer and STUNT, a new version of competitive cheer that was developed by USA Cheer, the governing body of cheerleading in the United States. The goal of STUNT is to provide a means for female

cheerleaders to compete in the spring season. It is the fastest-growing high school sport and is seeking emerging sport status from the NCAA. The great debate as to whether sideline cheerleading is a sport will continue to occur regardless of one's stance. It's worth noting the amount of pressure put on cheerleaders to perform exceptionally is of utmost importance. Although cheerleaders aren't technically participating in a sport, their hard work, persistence and dedication show that they truly are athletes.



Competitive cheerleading and sideline cheerleading differ in that one requires competition and the other is done for fun.

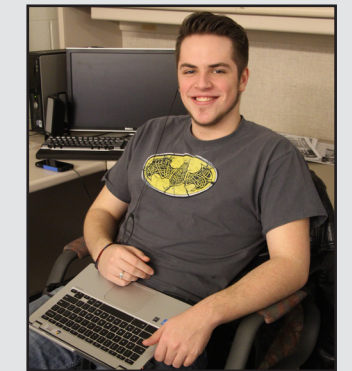
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All is fair in love and war



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The government should be able to torture terrorists

It's no secret that the American government has been using various tactics for centuries trying to get information out of the terrorists who try to endanger the wellbeing of citizens. Some of the tactics they use may seem a little

unconventional or inhumane to others. A popular form of terrorist torture according to theguardian.com is waterboarding. In waterboarding, criminals are tied to a table and titled with their feet above their head. A rag is held over the criminal's face followed by gallons of water being poured on top to simulate the sensation of drowning and suffocation. According to thefederalistpapers.org, other tactics such as blaring Justin Bieber's music 24 hours a day 7 days a week until prisoners mentally break from sleep deprivation or even starving have been used as well. However, people across the country seem to think that some of these methods of extracting information are inhumane and sadistic. What exactly do people expect the government to do about these terrorists who infest the country and plan on taking the lives of possibly



America should stop at nothing to get information from terrorists, even if methods of torture have to be used.

thousands of innocent Americans? The fact of the matter is, not enough discipline is being used to counteract the operations of these hidden devils. If the government would use stronger tactics against terrorists, they could potentially stop hundreds of lives being lost. As stated by infoplease.com others countries such as Nepal, Russia, North Korea, Iran and Iraq use tactics like electrocution, bamboo splinters, breaking of bones, countless stabbings and even

burning to extract the knowledge of the captured enemy. If other militaries can use that against the United States military, then the American government should be able to use the same tactics. If the government were able to torture the terrorist in more aggressive ways, then the threat of terrorism would drastically decline throughout the country. September 11, 2001 is notably one of the worst days in American history, nearly 3,000 people

were killed and over 6,000 were injured. This tragedy could have been prevented, or at least downscaled, if the government was able to use more aggressive methods in order to interrogate the Al Qaeda prisoners that they had in Guantanamo Bay who knew about the attack. Terrorists deserve to die for their actions, but if the government isn't allowed to kill them, they should be able to do whatever it takes to save the lives of their citizens.

The human vegetable



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People are suffering from lack of motivation

Everyone has at some point felt the dire urge to do absolutely nothing. Feeling unmotivated can easily take control of one's life and often it becomes an inconvenience. Sometimes, the direct effect of laziness can make the easiest and most pleasurable pastimes a daunting task. But why do people feel this way? One can easily be transformed to the human vegetable state that stops one from completing normal everyday tasks, being burdened with laziness and extreme procrastination.

The only way to ever complete any task is to go about it with both a sense of enjoyment as well as motivation. According to successconsciousness.com, motivation is defined as the inner drive that pushes one to do something. But what happens when every last bit of motivation seems completely drained and the only thing that sounds enticing is becoming a couch potato? There are multiple reasons that can explain this feeling. According to myshana.org, some examples include: stress, pressure, fear of failure, lack of interest, or procrastination. These are common reasons for lack of motivation and can have a heavy effect on an individ-

ual. Often times, when there are no rewards or the goals seem too large, those are even more reasons to not want to work towards something. It can be very hard for one to overcome one's worst traits and sometimes the thought of change makes one want to further prolong his or hers responsibilities. Even though completing normal activities might not sound like fun at the time, the feeling of becoming a useless human vegetable ends up feeling a lot worse.

Students are more likely faced with this condition. Students are required to maintain a busy class schedule and possibly work on the side. With keeping up with the stresses of the classroom and lack of sleep from studying or work, they end up getting burnt out. Completely out of energy or the motivation to become productive, students often resort to napping or just being lazy to compensate for all the stresses they have been dealing with.

This is a normal part of being a student. According to lifehack.org, there are many solutions to overcoming this condition. Some examples are remembering why something must be done and thinking of how great it will feel once it is finished. Find things that are motivating while working, such as listening to music. Attitude changes can help, if one is feeling glum, notice this and then think happy thoughts and avoid the effects of feeling down. More sleep, eating healthy and exercise will help with feeling mentally and physically better as well, thus creating a physique much more prepared for getting work done.

Feeling unmotivated is normal, but once it becomes a routine then it is a problem. When people start putting off their work not only are they setting themselves back, but also the people around them. It is hard to overcome laziness and complete tasks that are not desirable, but it is still important to follow through with. Most people value hard work and having the reputation of a slacker, or a human vegetable, is not a good quality associated with. Just remember to understand why this feeling is happening and try to do new things to change the bad habit before it causes failure.



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People need to get off the couch and get moving to prevent becoming a human vegetable.

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Letter to the editor...

In response to James Paxson’s “An outdated culture” published in Issue 9, February 22, on page 8

Hi James,
I read your article and it really spoke to me. You’re right – “chivalry” is dead, and unfortunately for women, it’s been replaced by an “I’m-a-nice-guy” culture, which is pretty much just a more nuanced form of misogyny. Your entire piece reads like a plea for the thanks you deserve for being a decent person and treating women with so-called “respect.” Your generalizations are inaccurate and hurtful. You present your opinions as if they are absolute facts, which is inherently disrespectful towards women. On behalf of all women, I apologize that your interactions with our gender have disenchanted you. Your omnipresent knowledge about how we react in social situations is quite impressive – But, to be frank, it’s wrong.
Your protesting that, “if women keep complaining that chivalry is dead, men will eventually not even wear pants in public,” is what, a

threat? This line seems to say that, “if women do not behave towards me the way I expect and deserve for them to behave, I will cease being a decent person.” That sentiment is not exactly bursting at the seams with respect for women and their choices.
You repeatedly claim that men are just trying to be “polite.” People who are genuinely well-mannered and kind do not do things expecting a thank you. You say that, “polite gentlemen” do things like “opening doors” and “paying for dinner.” Guess what! Women open doors for others and pay for dinner as well. It’s called common courtesy.
Your idea of chivalry is an outdated concept – chivalry has evolved into a standard for being a thoughtful person, regardless of gender. The two places in your article where you almost say something positive about how women are immediately followed by a “but.” Has anybody ever complained

about men being “too independent”? When you say, “men respect everything women do,” does this include respecting our choice not to pat you on the back for gestures that are common courtesy?
You say that “gentlemen” are a dying breed – good. Let them die off. Women everywhere would breathe a sigh of relief if we no longer have to deal with men who force us into situations where we either have to say thank you or risk facing verbal assaults and degradation. I assure you I’m not the only woman who has been the recipient of unsolicited compliments, followed by scorn when I choose not to engage. This sort of “I’m-just-trying-to-do-a-nice-thing-but-women-are-so-ungrateful” thinking is very problematic. Women do not owe men anything. Not a thank you, not a smile, nothing. If this discourages some men from doing “nice things,” so be it, because it will make it easier for us to distinguish sincere gestures from kindness with a price.
My favorite line in your entire article is, “Polite men are just trying to be nice, but women seem to be becoming too independent.” This statement is very revealing of the attitude towards women shared by self-identified “nice

guys” – strong women who are fighting for equality are threatening. Tacking on the phrase “too” shows that you believe there should be limits placed upon a woman’s independence in order to ensure your own comfort.
Then you move onto your “example.” You claim that when a man pulls a chair out for a woman, there are only two possible outcomes. I’m not sure who you’ve been consulting for these statements, but I encourage you to broaden your experiences before reducing us to two behaviors. One of the most disturbing things about your article is how you seem nostalgic about a period of time when women were submissive - and a period of time you did not experience yourself. You reference what happened in the “olden days” and compare it to modern times almost mournfully.
You claim that, “Men do not perform gestures such as holding doors and pulling out chairs because of the joy in them; they do it to be respectful.” If you don’t find joy in doing something kind, don’t do it at all.
It’s really a shame that feminism is seen as an obstacle by some men. It’s wonderful that we live in a society where women can vote and get jobs, but we still have a long way to

go until women and men are truly equals. Though many men may argue that inequality has been eradicated, it’s actually only become subtle and disguised. Sure, I understand that it can be frustrating when you aren’t receiving the gratitude and appreciation you feel entitled to. However, I must remind you that women are not indebted to men for practicing basic civility.
As a side note, do you actually believe that your clearly staged photo validates your point?
The purpose of this response is to inspire some self-reflection and hopefully get you to question your own attitudes and beliefs towards women. It takes a very strong person to challenge their own beliefs and employ empathy towards another person, and I’m hoping you’ll find the strength to do this rather than writing me off as some other woman who has “killed chivalry.”
The title of your article is “An outdated culture,” but the true outdated culture is that of narrow-minded, elitist men expecting to be thanked for being “nice.” I wish you well on your journey into modern times.

-Ashley Dingel

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Celia Haggerty
Major: Child Care

“Ice skating, because it’s real interesting with the music and fun to watch.”



Julia Schwartz
Major: Child Care

“Either soccer or swimming because when I watch those sports, it’s highly interesting to me.”



Mary Schneider
Major: Associate’s in Science

“Any sport that involves fitness, because it gives people positive energy to have a positive outlook for life.”



Tommi Davis
Major: Communications Broadcasting

“Football, because it receives high viewership.”



Zuhair Qamar
Major: Pharmacy

“Helping yourself and others because it will make the country better.”



Eric Scott
Major: Graphic Design

“Freedom of speech, because many of this country’s early settlers came here because they didn’t have that freedom.”



Joe Zylka
Major: Accounting

“Outside of baseball, America’s pastime should be reading. There’s a lot to learn about the world and life through reading.”



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Making the grade

College nominates two for the All-USA Community College Academic Team

BY CHRIS SKARNULIS
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

High achieving Schoolcraft student leaders James Boyce and Diane Roy have honorably been nominated to participate in the All-USA Community College Academic Team. The All-USA Community College Academic Team recognizes scholarly two-year college students who demonstrate academic excellence combined with leadership and service that helps benefit the world surrounding them. Twenty team members from around the country are named annually with each receiving a \$5,000 scholarship, a total of \$100,000 in scholarship awards. In addition to scholarships, team members are featured in the USA TODAY newspaper and presented at the annual All-Michigan Academic Team Luncheon held during the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention in Lansing on March 16.

James Boyce

James Boyce is a high achiever who wears many hats both on and off Schoolcraft's campus. On campus, he is both a member and Vice President of Communications of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, as well as participating as a tutor at the college's

Learning Assistance Center where he tutors writing, math, physics and Spanish. He also serves as a student leader in the Chemistry, Math and Physics Clubs. Boyce is also heavily involved in leading Phi Theta Kappa's chapter in the Honors in Action project. This project focuses on the natural environment and renewable energy sources. Off campus, Boyce is an exceptional gymnastics instructor, who takes time from his busy schedule to coach young gymnasts in their adolescence. Boyce's hard work and persistence to achieve excellence serves as a great example to his peers. He plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in the fall to major in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

"I'm thrilled to have been asked to participate on the team. It's a great honor to be recognized for all the hard work and time I've put into my studies and extracurricular activities. The support from my family and friends helped make this entire experience a reality," said Boyce.

Diane Roy

Diane Roy is no stranger to hard work either. Both a member of Phi Theta Kappa and an active speaker on the importance in being active in food pantries, her dedication is unmatched. Being a

non-traditional student enrolled at Schoolcraft, Roy sets aside time to speak to young, active participants in food banks both on and off campus on the issues of food insecurity. Aside from her work in the food pantry, Roy participates in the Pageturners Book Club. There, she assists the instructors in generating discussions regarding the novels being read at that time. She also helps promote "meet the author" events on campus. Roy is a prime example on how to be a model citizen through the work she's dedicated to her involvement in multiple projects. Roy will be attending Wayne State University in the fall to major in History.

"I am very honored to be a part of the All Michigan Academic Team. I have worked very hard while here at Schoolcraft and it is gratifying to be recognized for this work and that it has made a difference for people. I am glad that I was able to represent this college in such a positive way and to share this honor with James," said Roy.

Director of Student Activities, Todd Stowell, was put in charge of organizing the team as well as choosing the candidates. Many applicants applied, and after a thorough review process, Stowell knew Boyce and Roy were the perfect candidates.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TODD STOWELL

Schoolcraft is proud to have Roy and Boyce represent the school as All-USA Community College Team members.

"They're absolutely great candidates. They've brought great pride to both their academic and extracurricular activities that they're involved in. Both go above and beyond in providing a good example to their community," said Stowell.

Dr. Conway Jeffress, President of Schoolcraft, was very satisfied with the nomination as well. He was pleased with the performance of both members, and found them to both be suitable candidates.

"Both students are excellent nomination choices. They've done a great deal of exemplary work at School-

craft College, not just from an academic standpoint but also from a social standpoint as well. It's touching that they do so much to better the students here at Schoolcraft," said Jeffress.

What's most admirable about this "dynamic duo" is their goal to help and guide the community around them. Both selflessly sacrifice their time for the common good of the Schoolcraft community. Following these nominations, it's safe to say that Boyce and Roy are sure to positively impact lives of those they meet in their future endeavors.

Exercising the mind

Active Minds brings mental health awareness to campus

BY KIM SORENSON
NEWS EDITOR

Mental health is a major problem that effects college students, but most do not feel comfortable talking about it. Many sufferers of a mental illness often live in silence about their condition, not allowing themselves to get the help they need. They avoid seeking treatment because of the stigma surrounding mental health. Active Minds is a student led group on campus that allows students to speak freely about what they are going through. With chapters all over the country, Active Minds promotes positive work in providing mental health awareness and education.

Student Neil Sacks who was looking for a group to join that focused on psychology founded Schoolcraft's chapter in the Fall 2015. After

realizing there were no related clubs on campus, Sacks met with campus counselors where they suggested starting an Active Minds chapter.

"I'm realizing that [mental health] it just as important as physical health. Your well-being matters," said Sacks, "Hopefully one day this will be able to reach a bigger audience and starting college students can understand the value of mental health, what it means, and not to overlook it."

The story of Alison Malm on, the founder of the Active Minds organization as a whole, is what sold Sacks on starting the club. Malm on began the organization as a junior at the University of Pennsylvania in 2002. Her brother, who had also been a student at the University of Pennsylvania, had been suffering from a schizoaffective disorder for years before

he told anyone, and by that time it was too late. Sadly, her brother ended his life. Malm on founded this non-profit organization to prevent anyone from suffering in silence and ending their lives like her brother did.

"Even here at Schoolcraft the counselors have seen an increase in instructors, staff and other students referring students for counseling," said Katarina Gasevski, a counselor at Schoolcraft College, "The better everyone becomes about talking about mental health hopefully the easier it will be for people to seek help and treatment."

Interested students should check out the club during their Thursday meetings at 4:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Watermen Wing of the VisTaTech Center. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to come. Meetings consist of attendees coming together and talking about the effects of mental health and how to raise awareness on campus. Members are also invited to talk about their own struggles with mental health and are welcomed in an accepting environment. Speeches and

presentations about mental health are also held and open to members and the public.

Upcoming events

On Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 pm, Active Minds will be co-hosting a screening of the movie "Anonymous People" with Actively Moving Forward and the Student Activities Office. The film is a documentary about the many sufferers of alcohol and drug addictions. The event is open to the public and will take place in the Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center.

Active Minds is currently working on a service project by teaming up with a group of middle school girls who formed an organization called Beyond H2O. They are raising money to help the children affected by the Flint water crisis. Many of the kids have been affected by lead poisoning, and the girls are putting together backpacks with learning tools and games for the kids to use at home. Along with this project, Active Minds is looking to put together a Stress-Less Luau, which would happen at the end of April to combat test-anxiety.

"I'm realizing that [mental health] is just as important as physical health. Your well being matters."

– Neil Sacks, Schoolcraft Active Minds Founder

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For more information about Active Minds, contact the Student Activities Office at 734-462-4422

Do you have what it takes?

Fire Academy prepares students for career in public service

BY DYLAN RANDOLPH
ONLINE EDITOR

For many people, running into a building engulfed in flames to save someone's life doesn't sound like something they would want to do. However, for the fire academy students at Schoolcraft they look forward to the day they get called on to run into the flames. The cadets enrolled in the fire academy program are not typical students; they must

deal with physical training and practical drills as well as attending classes in order to prepare themselves for a career in public service.

Besides attending classes during the week, the cadets must also engage in practical training days throughout their semesters. When the students arrive to a practical training day, they are immediately thrown into physically demanding scenarios. Throughout the beginning of the semester, the students do basic physical training

in order to build up their bodies for the amount of weight and physical endurance their career will demand. Jumping jacks, push-ups, pull ups, weightlifting, among other workouts are just some of the activities the students are subjected to during physical training.

"When training started it was difficult, I'm also a college athlete and going from there to fire training is more hell week than basketball. We condition our body strength and make sure we can carry our own weight. It was really difficult but it brought us a long way and it was really great training" said fire academy student, Robert Glenn II.

Typically the fire academy students train in their workout attire for the beginning part of the semester and then start to train with full gear so they realize exactly how much weight they will be carrying while on the scene of a fire or other emergencies.

"It's nothing I didn't expect to do really, besides maybe working out in all of our equipment and staying in it," said cadet Gavin McLean.

After the students start their morning with physical training they are then sent to multiple

different training drills in order to advance their knowledge of their equipment and to practice simulated situations they may have to face. During one of the stations, led by retired Fire Chief of the Southgate Fire Department, Doug Gildner, the students must inspect and learn how to operate their self-controlled breathing apparatus (SCBA). These devices are essentially a firefighter's lifeline; these oxygen tanks are filled with about 30 minutes worth of air for the firefighters to breath through while in a fire. The students must know how to activate the oxygen as well as learn what to do if there is a failure in the equipment.

Another area cadets report to is the rope-training portion of practical training. Lead instructor, John Smilnak, teaches the students certain knots they must use in order to execute certain maneuvers such as tying rope to a piece of equipment to lower or raise to a fellow firefighter to use at their location. They are also trained to tie ropes around a downed victim or firefighter that is incapacitated and cannot extract themselves from the situation.

Once the students leave this area, retired Lieutenant Tom Jankowski, of the Lincoln Park Fire Department, takes them to a search and rescue simulation.

During this situation the students are in full gear with their SCBA activated and masks blacked out, they must crawl through a simulation house trying to find any downed victims and feel their way around. After the whole group has gone through the room once, Jankowski then puts the students in a situation where they have to crawl through one of the walls completely blind before the room is engulfed in flames. Following this exercise retired Captain of Inkster, John Nichols, takes students one by one into a different section of the simulation house to portray a trapped and disoriented firefighter. The student must navigate around the room using nothing but touch in order to find the exit to the room. Once the student has passed that portion of the simulation, Nichols asks the students to provide crucial information that they would have to radio to their fellow firefighters in order to get extracted from their location.

"That's what we do, we get them prepared to take the state test. There's a 200 question test they have to take for the fire 2 level (full time paid firefighter work) as well as 12 series of stations they have to do. We go over and above what the state test says, we teach the test but then we also do a lot more evolutions and so on," said Smilnak.

With how much the Schoolcraft Fire Academy goes above and beyond there is no doubt that the students who graduate will be prepared in their future career. As the semester advances, the cadets will be subjected to even more intense training procedures to make sure they are ready for real world fires that can be unstable and ever changing. Many students do not have any idea what it takes to be a firefighter, but spending one day with them in training is truly an eye opening experience for anyone thinking it would be an easy job.

For more information, contact the Fire Technology office at 734-462-4305.



The Schoolcraft Fire Academy trains students with in-class practicals and simulations to prepare them for the state test to become firefighters.



Fire Academy cadets train for a search and rescue simulation in the event of a building on fire with people inside.



Cadets are trained on how to properly roll fire hoses to be put on the truck.



Students prepare to put on equipment as quickly as possible to pass the state test time requirement.



Students are taught to tie secure knots to safely rescue victims from multiple life and death scenarios.

The Quill

BY NICOLE JENNINGS
WRITING FELLOWS CONTRIBUTOR

Dear Writing Fellows,

I have no idea how to write an engaging essay. When I write, my ideas clump into one huge paragraph. I have tried to organize my thoughts by writing notes before I write the paragraphs, but that never seems to get my grade up to where I would like it to be. My professors also require that I write a thesis statement in my introduction. I literally have no idea how to make one. Isn't it supposed to be like the "skeleton" of the essay? How am I supposed to fit my whole essay into one sentence?

Sincerely,
Essay H8r

Dear Essay H8r,
Do not hate essays! Writing essays can be simple and (I daresay) even fun, especially once you get the hang of them. You are correct in thinking that the thesis statement is the "skeleton" of the essay; a skeleton supports one's body, just like the thesis supports the body paragraphs. The standard essay is composed of an introductory paragraph, about three body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.

An introductory paragraph introduces the reader to what the paper is about. You can separate the introduction into three elements: the attention grabber, transition, and thesis statement. The "attention grabber" should engage your reader with startling information, like a statistic or a weird fact. Let's pretend you are writing an essay on aliens. Your attention grabber could be, "Some doctors in the United States are trained on how to treat aliens, in case of a UFO crash or invasion." If you use a fact, make sure it is cited in MLA format. You could also use an anecdote, which is a short story that is related to the essay. For your alien essay, you could write about how you feel like you were abducted by aliens. Be creative with it! Another option would be to use a quote. Quotes tend to

be cliché, and professors very often do not care for them since they are so overused. However, if you are writing about aliens and you come across a relevant quote about the universe from Neil De-grasse Tyson, it may be useful to quote him. Next, you need a transitional sentence to link the attention grabber with the thesis. Without the transitional sentence, it almost seems as if there is an abrupt change of topic. Use transitional sentences especially if you use an anecdote or quote. You will need to explain why the attention grabber relates to what your essay is about. Finally, the thesis statement is one of the most important parts of your essay. It is definitely the hardest to write because you are trying to fit your main points into one sentence. To write a strong thesis statement, divide your thesis into two parts. The first part of your thesis should include the topic. The second part of the thesis statement should include the points of the essay or your three main ideas. If you need more help, I have found that the thesis generator through the Ashford University website has been

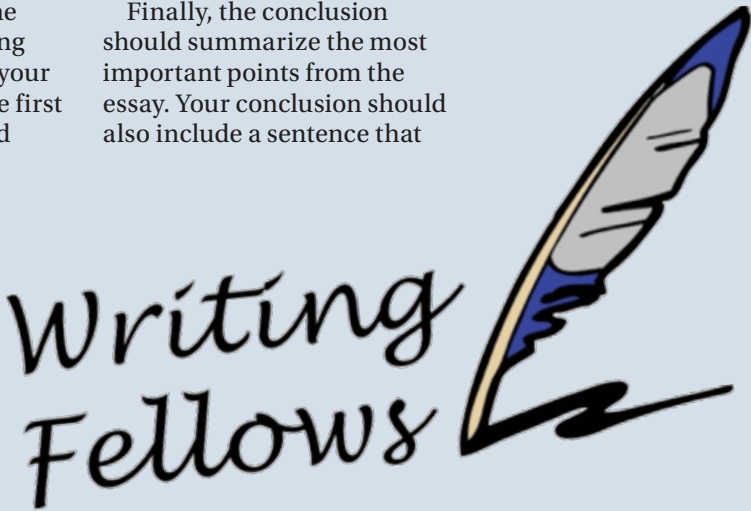
quite helpful. It asks you questions about your topic, like what the main idea is, an opposing viewpoint, and the topic. Once you click submit, it will give you an example of what your thesis statement should look like. As a Pro Tip, do not try to use that sentence as your thesis. It never makes sense as a complete sentence. However, it does give you a pretty good idea on how to write your personal thesis.

The body paragraphs are the bulk of the essay, containing all of your main points. The body paragraphs typically have one main point per paragraph, but then again, this is the most basic formula for an essay. In your alien essay, this is where you share your knowledge and research on extraterrestrial life!

Finally, the conclusion should summarize the most important points from the essay. Your conclusion should also include a sentence that

restates your thesis. When you restate the thesis statement, do not just copy and paste your thesis statement from the introduction. Find a different way to reword it. The last sentence should pose a thought-provoking question or statement that leaves the reader inspired. For example, in your alien essay, you could conclude with a statement saying, "Maybe we are here all alone, or maybe we are not." Voila! Now you are equipped to start your paper. Writing essays may seem alien to you, but with practice, your essay assignments will come in peace.

Sincerely,
Nicole Jennings





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A view from the south side

Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center highlights exceptional programs

BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For many Schoolcraft students, classes and events take place on the Livonia main campus. From their first class until their last credit, they have no need to go anywhere else. Unbeknownst to them and many others, Schoolcraft has another campus location just 20 minutes away. The Radcliff Center, located in Garden City is home to many of Schoolcraft's practical application courses and is proud to house multiple departments.

Medical Assisting

The Medical Assisting department began in 1983 and has been a popular program ever since. Through this department, students can receive a Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy Skills, or Medical Biller certificate in as short as one to two semesters. While in class, students perform all vital signs, draw blood and practice injections to prepare them for the field. Office duties and clerical work is also performed to create well rounded job hopefuls. Medical Assisting is an in demand field, so most students who graduate from the program find related work in the industry. Aside from in class work, students are required to have 180 hours of supervised volunteer work in their field to gain experience.

"Our lab facilities, flexible schedule, and caring instructors make us superior to our competitors," said Mary Donahee-Rader, Medical Assisting Program Director.

There is currently no waitlist to join the Medical Assisting program.

Health Information Technology

The Health Information Technology department is the oldest of its kind in the state of Michigan as it began in the 1960s. Through this department, students can receive an Associates of Applied Science with a specialization in Health Information Technology or a Certificate in Coding Specialist. The programs take between 1.5 to three years to complete. This program is special in the fact that it can be done on a part time basis, making it more accessible to busy, working individuals. Due to the schools above average curriculum and accreditation status, graduates are well sought after for jobs in their field. This department practices real world coding and visits real clinical sites such as Henry Ford Clinical Records.

"This program gives individuals a chance to play an important role in the healthcare industry without patient care responsibilities," said Health Information Technology Program Coordinator, Jody Scheller.

Massage Therapy

The Massage Therapy Department at Schoolcraft's Radcliff Cen-

ter began in 2005. The department hosts both the one-year Massage Therapy Certificate Program and the two-year Massage Therapy Associates in Applied Science. Aside from massage therapy techniques, students learn anatomy, pathology and kinesiology techniques to improve therapy methods. Students earn multiple hours of experience through offering massages at many Schoolcraft events, hospitals, nursing homes and athletic events. The massage therapy program graduates are well sought after by career professionals for the real world experience they receive in their schooling. Students learn only from experienced professionals who have been practicing massage therapy for years and thus have high standards for students. Along with traditional massage therapy, students can participate in an optional cadaver study and go on to further medical fields.

"We have high standards and believe in providing our students with the best possible educational experience so that they can excel in any professional setting," said Massage Therapy Coordinator Lisa Travis.

Emergency Medical Technology

The Department of Emergency Medical Technology, more commonly known as EMT has multiple paths of study for students to take. From basic EMT, to Paramedic Certification to a Paramedic Associates in Applied Science, the EMT program is one of the most in depth. Courses can range from 15 weeks to three years, but often require much more time outside of the classroom. In order to fully prepare students for important life-saving situations, they are required to perform up to 250 hours of field internship working with various professions. In the classroom, students are provided with a hands on learning approach and have access to the highest quality equipment to simulate ambulance rides, car wrecks and emergency birthing situations. By preparing students for the stresses of the career, the program exceeds the standards of the job and produce well educated workers.

"Because of the diversity of our program and the skills that are taught, our students are prepared to work in many different settings," said Thomas Worthington, Emergency Medical Technology Program Coordinator.

Schoolcraft's departments both on Livonia's and Radcliff's campuses go above and beyond what is required of them. With excellent staff and unique facilities, the school is only continuing to improve its high academic status.



EMT students imitate transporting a victim from a car wreck.



Curtis Castleberry and Carrie Konieczny simulate splinting Brittney Gibson's ankle.



Medical Assisting students have realistic offices and mannequins to practice with.



Students practice phlebotomy with replication arms and blood.



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Physical Education Building, PE 140
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HIP HOP DANCE DIVISION
Wednesdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. & Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m.
Physical Education Building, PE 140
Love hip-hop and dying to bust a move? Join the Schoolcraft Hip Hop Dance Division. Meet with like-minded dancers, and learn moves from your peers. No experience is necessary. All skill levels are welcome.

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Calling all writers, photographers, designers and cartoonists, the Connection newspaper is a great way to cultivate a talent and earn money at the same time. Offering an inviting and instructive environment, everyone is welcomed to join and help in the publication process.

MATH & PHYSICS CLUB
Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
Biomedical Technology Center, BTC 350
Join other students currently seeking a degree in math or science

related fields to foster a higher level of interest and understanding of various math and physics related topics.

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Mondays from noon to 1 p.m.
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Come join to help promote, educate and work towards the expression of identity and rights of all beings on campus and beyond through events, activism, and discussion. All are welcome.

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Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.
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The Schoolcraft Activities Board aims to make those on campus and in the community feel welcomed and have the opportunity to participate in various activities. By helping students get involved, as well as participating in local charities and food drives, this club benefits all.

VIDEO PRODUCTION CLUB
Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m.
Conference room E
For any student interested in the multimedia field of video, the Video Production Club has all the necessities. Take part in writing, producing, editing and/or directing short films to improve skills and build creativity. Work with others of similar interests to put out quality productions, like the USA NTDP Hockey games and the Schoolcraft men's and women's basketball games.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION (ISO) CLUB
Every other Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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For both international and domestic students alike, come learn more about Schoolcraft College and assist international students with a smooth transition to this college. Learn more about the club in their feature in Campus Life.

CARDS, T.V. & GAMES

CARD FIGHT CLUB
Wednesdays from 2 to 5 p.m.
Conference Room E
The Card Fight Club plays the games of MAGIC, Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh and Vanguard among others of similar genres. The games get intense, so be prepared to battle.

CARTOON CLUB
Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m.
Conference Room C
Come join fellow cartoon lovers to discuss favorite comics and collaborate with like-minded people.

CHESS CLUB
Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Lower Waterman, VisTaTech
Come join a network of chess players to learn or teach how to play chess. Also have meaningful conversations, create friendships and have fun.

COMIC CON CLUB
Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m.
Conference room D
Offering related games, discussions and movies, this club is all about entertainment. Discuss comic topics with like-minded people and maybe go home with a new favorite character.

EUCHRE CLUB
Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Lower Level, VistaTech Center
Experienced players and beginners alike are welcome to enjoy in the fun of a good game of euchre.

HARRY POTTER CLUB
Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m.
Lower Waterman of the VisTaTech Center
Calling all Harry Potter lovers! This club is for anyone interested in Harry Potter and wants to discuss the books, movies and fandom with other Potterheads.

OTAKU ANIME CLUB
Every other Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m.
Lower Waterman
The love of Japanese animation and pop culture can be shared with others by attending this club. By promoting and simply enjoying this form of art, attendees can feel comfortable and learn more about the anime.

POKE PALS
Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.
Conference Room E
The Poke Pals offers a fun, inviting environment for all fans to play both card games and video games.

PROJECT PLAYHEM
Tuesdays from 1 to 1:45 p.m.
Conference room E
For those with an interest in video games, card games and more, Project Playhem is the club to join. By having a fun group atmosphere, this club celebrates and plays various video games. The club hosts competitive, yet inviting tournaments throughout the year, such as Noise happening this spring.

TABLE TOP GAMING CLUB
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2 to 10 p.m.
Conference room D
Come share in the love of non-electronic gaming. Put skills to the test and see who reigns victorious in games that can be played on table tops. Enjoy some friendly competition with others, and kick back and relax for a while.

ACCEPTANCE & SUPPORT

STUDENTS OF ACTIVELY MOVING FORWARD (AMF)
Every other Saturday at 6 p.m.
Conference room C
As a non-profit support network, AMF works to help students who are grieving the illness or death of a loved one. For students who are going through this difficult time, AMF offers a safe environment to express feeling. With chapters on campuses nationwide, this club provides awareness and keeps the memory living on.

LGBTQI
Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.
Conference room C
LGBTQI is a club that raises awareness of gender and sexual identities and aims to create a safe place for everyone. LGBTQI is open to all and invites those who have a passion to inform and support others to attend.

ACTIVE MINDS
Thursdays at 4:30 pm
VistaTech Center, Lower Watermen, Conference rm. C
Come join Active Minds and raise mental health awareness around campus. Help stop the stigma that surrounds mental illness and make campus more accepting for everyone.

RELIGION

CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE
Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m.
Lower Waterman, Conference Room D
Come for the free pizza and pop; stay for the bible study and club meeting. Discuss the teachings of the Christian faith, and spread the word around campus.



COLLEGE VISTS
For any students wanting to transfer to a different university after Schoolcraft, this is the perfect opportunity to meet with representatives and discuss options. All college visits take place at Henry's in the VisTaTech Center unless stated otherwise.

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY
APRIL 4 AND 18 FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
APRIL 7 FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
APRIL 11 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

APPLIED SCIENCE BUILDING

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
APRIL 14 FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

GLP & ASSOCIATES
APRIL 6 FROM 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

PRIMERICA FINANCIAL
APRIL 7 FROM 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.



Dare to be different

Daredevil season two impresses audiences

BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN AND ELIZABETH CASELLA
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The year 2016 has brought box office success for the Marvel Cinematic Universe. From new movies like “Deadpool” to “Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice” to the upcoming “Captain America: Civil War,” the popularity of superheroes is on the rise. The next unsuspecting superhero now on the path to fame is Daredevil, featured in his own show of the same name.

“Daredevil” is a Netflix original series that first premiered on April 10, 2015. The blind vigilante known by many as “the man in the mask” utilizes his other heightened senses to keep the district of Hell’s Kitchen in New York safe. Daredevil, whose real name is Matthew Murdock (Charlie Cox) is a lawyer at his own firm, Nelson and Murdock, by day and takes the law into his own hands at night. The first season focuses on Daredevil’s vendetta against crime lord Wilson Fisk (Vincent D’Onofrio).

Daredevil becomes infatuated with finding Fisk in the first episode when an unsuspecting citizen, Karen Page (Deborah Ann Woll) is framed for the murder of her coworker. After taking on the case, Murdock secretly vows to find out who is at the top of the city’s criminal activity. Having to fight through many groups of Russians and criminals who work for Fisk, Daredevil gains more and more information along the way to get to the top as well as developing his own superhero senses. At the end of season one, Fisk is finally arrested, but manages to escape custody, Murdock manages to keep his secret identity unknown and viewers are left with a cliff hanger that lasted nearly a year until season two was released on March 18.

Season two introduces two new characters that become the prime focus of the season’s storyline along with “the devil of Hell’s Kitchen” himself. Elektra (Elodie Yung) is a character from Murdock’s past. They are once again reunited when her business brings her back to New York and with it brings memories of the college days of Murdock and Nelson.

Murdock is pulled in two directions and is eventually forced to choose between his life as a lawyer or his commitment to saving the city as Daredevil. “The Punisher” (Jon Berthal) becomes the second key player in the crime world. He goes head to head with Daredevil several times while trying to kill off those involved in the murder of his family. Characters such as Page, Stick (Scott Glen), Foggy Nelson (Elden Henson), Night Nurse (Rosario Dawson) and Fisk are all brought back for more action packed features.

The new season brought action filled confrontations to every episode and leaves viewers questioning what is next around every corner. The show focuses more on Matt Murdock’s feelings of being torn between his two identities and eventually drives him to choose one over the other. It was a season to be remembered for the superhero but added a romance that could have been avoided. That story shortly comes to an end at the conclusion of the season and should not be reintroduced. Subtle introductions to the story line of when Jessica Jones

and Daredevil team up were in the making, which will leave viewers excited for the upcoming seasons of both shows. The show at times had a lackluster plot with twists that were expected and unnecessary, but overall the show was exciting and inventive.

Marvel and Netflix fans have a lot to look forward to

with the upcoming season of Jessica Jones and the next season of Daredevil coming in 2017. Luke Cage (Mike Colter), Jessica Jones’ love interest, will also be gaining his own series in the fall. The superhero world is beginning to heat up as worlds collide and heroes begin to team up to save the cities they hold dear.



IMAGE FROM COMINGSOON.NET
Despite his blindness, Daredevil uses his other heightened senses to protect the good in Hell’s Kitchen.

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Crank that album way down

Soulja Boy’s “Stacks on Deck” disappoints

BY CHRIS SKARNULIS
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR



Remember Soulja Boy Tell ‘Em? The wannabee one-hit wonder rapper that released his widely popular single “Crank That” back in 2007? He’s back with yet another project. Soulja Boy’s latest project, titled “Stacks on Deck” was released on March 18 under Stacks on Deck Entertainment, the label he is both the CEO and founder of. To put it nicely, “Stacks on Deck” is awful. Every beat sounds repetitive and underdeveloped. Listening to this album is the equivalent to nails on a chalkboard.

Soulja Boy, born DeAndre Cortez Way, rose to international prominence after the release of his debut album, “souljaboytellem.com,” in 2007 with “Crank That” as

the lead single. Since then, he has released a series of albums/mixtape in the following years that seem to decline in quality each time they’re released. In 2008, Soulja Boy released his second studio album, titled “iSouljaBoyTellem.” Three singles supported the album: “Bird Walk,” “Turn My Swag On” and “Kiss Me Thru the Phone.” The album was somewhat of a commercial success, but received criticism for being too similar to his debut album. From 2009-2015, he released his third studio album, titled “The DeAndre Way” and various mixtapes and EP’s that seemed to stray away from Soulja Boy’s roots as a hip-hop artist.

An accurate perception of one after listening to “Stacks on Deck” is that Soulja is trying to be someone he isn’t. This album is completely different from any project he has released in his career

thus far. Soulja has been trying unsuccessfully to change his public image through the years from a “one-hit wonder rap fad” to “hardcore thug.” It seems that over time, Soulja modeled himself after convicted felon/fellow rapper Gucci Mane, with the rapid release of music that’s of poor quality, and trying to take on Gucci Mane’s bad boy image.

The project overall lacked creativity; Soulja seems to release project after project just so he can satisfy the dwindling fan base that finds his music appealing. The album’s lyricism mainly focused on Soulja’s “stacks” of money that no one seemed to even know he still had. Tracks such as “Stacks on Deck” highlight that idea. Soulja raps “If u know u gettin money, pull out a 100, make it rain on dem hataz who b thinkin that cha frontin, Holla stacks on deck stacks on deck.” The whole idea of rappers rapping about money grows old over time, and it appears he hasn’t caught on to that trend. Tracks including “Benihana”

and “Snapchat” are no better. On “Snapchat,” Soulja raps “I’m straight ‘bout my monney, these n*ggas they funny, these n*ggas can’t get nothin’ from me, I bring this bullsh*t straight to life like Jumanji, I remember smokin’ on the pack, it was funky.” These lyrics are absolute rubbish,

he uses expletives and bad comparisons to create verses that have no substance.

The entire venture is 15 tracks too long. Soulja attempts to project a new image that fails in any way one looks at it. Avoid this album at all costs. Soulja, it’s time to retire.



IMAGE FROM ATRILLI.NET
Soulja Boy continues his streak of releasing bad projects, his newest release, “Stacks on Deck” is no exception.

LAYOUT BY HANNA OLSON | LAYOUT & DESIGN EDITOR

Out of the park

Reimagine the classic ball park tastes in the comfort of home

BY CAMYLE CRYDERMAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

America’s favorite pastime is back in full swing and people are flocking to the baseball stadiums to enjoy a game. Not only are baseball lovers looking forward to watching a hard-hitting game of baseball, but they are also excited to be able to savor the nostalgic tastes of typical stadium foods. For those unable to make it out to a game in person, here are some recipes to put a new twist on the classic baseball flavors at home.



IMAGE FROM DELISH.COM

Grilled Reuben Dogs

Credit: delish.com

Serves 4

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp. canola oil
- ½ c. chopped onion
- 1 c. sauerkraut or new kraut (which is less tangy)
- 4 sun-dried tomato halves (not in oil)
- ½ tsp. caraway seeds
- ¼ tsp. kosher salt
- ¼ tsp. ground pepper
- ⅔ c. dry white wine
- 4 top-split hot dog buns
- ⅓ c. Thousand Island dressing
- 4 slice Swiss cheese
- 4 all-beef hot dogs
- 4 bread-and-butter “sandwich stacker” pickles

Directions

1. Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat; add onion and sauté 6 minutes or until lightly browned. Add sauerkraut, tomatoes, caraway, salt, and pepper; sauté 3 minutes. Pour in wine and bring to boil; reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer 5 minutes or until wine is absorbed.
2. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Heat a stove-top grill pan over medium heat. Toast insides of buns on grill pan, 2 minutes. Spread insides of buns with half of the dressing, then nestle 1 slice cheese in each bun over dressing.
3. Grill hot dogs all over, about 3 minutes. Place in buns and put on a baking sheet. Spread tops of hot dogs with remaining dressing, then spoon warmed sauerkraut mixture down the middle. Lay pickle halves along each side. Place dogs in oven for 3 minutes or until cheese melts.



IMAGE FROM PBS.ORG

Watermelon Mint Lemonade

Credit: pbs.org

Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 6 cups seedless watermelon, cubed in 1-inch pieces
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup fresh lemon juice
- ¾ cup agave syrup
- ½ cup loosely packed mint leaves
- Lemon slices
- Fresh mint sprigs

Directions

1. Blend the watermelon and water in a blender until smooth. (You may need to do this in 2 batches.)
2. Strain the pureed watermelon in a fine mesh over a large bowl. Discard the pulp and rinse the blender container out with water.
3. Add the watermelon liquid, lemon juice, agave syrup, and mint back into the blender container and blend until the mint is completely blended.
4. Transfer the Watermelon Mint Lemonade into a juice pitcher or pour directly over six tall glasses filled with ice. Garnish each glass with a sliced lemon and a small mint sprig.

Homemade Cracker Jack

Credit: Browneydbaker.com

Yields 10 cups of popcorn

Ingredients

- 10 cups of freshly-popped popcorn (or 3.5-oz bag of microwave popcorn, plain)
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- ¼ cup light corn syrup
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons water
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup lightly salted peanuts

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside.

2. Pop the popcorn. Coat a large mixing bowl with nonstick cooking spray, then transfer the popcorn to the bowl; set aside.
3. In a large saucepan, whisk together the brown sugar, corn syrup, butter, salt and water and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Continue to simmer, stirring often, until the mixture reaches 250 degrees F on a candy thermometer, about 3 to 5 minutes.
4. Turn off the heat and whisk in the vanilla and baking soda. Immediately pour the hot mixture over the popcorn. Use a rubber spatula to gently fold the caramel into the popcorn until all of the popcorn is coated. Gently stir in the peanuts and transfer the mixture to the prepared baking sheet, spreading it out.
5. Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool on a wire rack for 20 minutes. Gently break up the popcorn. Serve immediately or store in an airtight container for up to five days.



IMAGE FROM BROWNEYDBAKER.COM

Easy Steak Nachos with Two Cheese

Credit: amazingappetizerrecipes.com

Serves 8

Ingredients

- 1 lb beef sirloin
- 1 cup shredded cheddar
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella
- 2 chopped tomatoes
- 1 package tortilla chips
- 1 can refried beans
- 1 envelope taco seasoning
- 2 sliced green onions

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.

2. Cut the beef sirloin into strips and brown them in a skillet.
3. Add the taco seasoning. Warm the refried beans in a small pan.
4. Layer the tortilla chips in a baking dish, and then add half the beans, half the steak, and half the cheese.
5. Layer the rest of the beans, steak, and cheese on top and bake until the cheese melts.
6. Top the cheesy nachos with the green onions and chopped tomatoes.
7. Serve this recipe in the baking dish (warn people that it is hot!) or transfer the nachos to a serving platter.
8. You can serve the nachos recipe on a bed of guacamole if you like, for a splash of color and additional flavor.



IMAGE FROM AMAZINGAPPETIZERRECIPES.COM

Friday Night Rentals: Superhero Films

BY COLIN HICKSON
STAFF WRITER

Nowadays, superhero films are dominating the box office, with both big names and lesser knowns drawing in the crowds. But people should never forget the classics, especially since some of them are bound to get a reboot. Here are some select choices for a good Friday night movie.

“Darkman” (1990)

Twelve years before he brought Spider-Man to the big screen, Sam Rami introduced his own superhero to moviegoers. While working on an experimental synthetic skin, which melts after ninety-nine minutes while exposed to light, Dr. Peyton Westlake (Liam Neeson) is disfigured and left for dead by sadistic mob boss Robert G. Durant (Larry Drake). Now endowed with super strength and literally unable to feel pain thanks to an new medical procedure, Westlake uses his new powers and scientific knowhow to get back at the men responsible for destroying his life, as well as try to perfect the synthetic skin for himself. Featuring a very compelling story and very good performances, “Darkman” is a great blend of the superhero and horror genres, and creates one of the most unique heroes of all time.

“Batman Returns” (1992)

In this sequel to 1989’s “Batman”, the Dark Knight (Michael Keaton) must contend with the Penguin (Danny DeVito), a deformed criminal mastermind and leader of the Red Triangle Circus Gang who plans to become mayor of Gotham City, with help from corrupt industrialist Max Shreck (Christopher Walken). Complicating matters is the mysterious and alluring Catwoman (Michelle Pfeiffer), the alter ego of Shreck’s secretary, who is hell-bent on revenge against Shreck, and later works with the Penguin to turn Gotham City against Batman. Dark, moody, and a bit creepy, “Returns” might not be for everyone, but is nonetheless a great follow up to the first Batman film, and is a worthwhile movie.

Fantastic voyages

“The Adventures of Sinbad” turns twenty

BY COLIN HICKSON
STAFF WRITER

It is common knowledge that when a TV show is popular, similar spinoff shows will follow. This has proven especially true for “Hercules: the Legendary Journeys” and “Xena: Warrior Princess”, as those shows managed to inspire several fantasy shows in their vein during their heyday. One of those series, and one of the more successful, was “the Adventures of Sinbad”.

Created by “Honey, I Shrunk the Kids” co-writer Ed Naha, this Canadian produced show featured a new take on Sinbad the Sailor (Zen Gesner). As the show opens, Sinbad has returned to his home of Baghdad, with no memory of the past two years and a strange rainbow bracelet on his wrist. During this time, Baghdad has fallen under the control of a greedy prince, and Sinbad is soon arrested. However, Sinbad is freed when the evil sorcerer Turok (Juan Chioran) and his beautiful but wicked daughter Rumina (Julianne Morris)

kidnap the prince’s bride. Realizing he will need help, Sinbad and his brother Doubar (George Buza) begin recruiting a crew to help them. Rounding out the rest of the crew is scientist Firouz (Tim Progosh), mute knife thrower Rongar (Oris Erhureo) and sorceress in training Maeve (Jacqueline Colleen) with her hawk Dermott.

Sinbad later manages to rescue the prince’s bride, while also killing Turok, and earning the wrath of Rumina, who serves as the season’s main villain and vanishes in the season finale.

Season one is a bit more lighthearted in tone, but is still darker than “Hercules”, as unlike Hercules, Sinbad is more of an anti-hero, being more willing to kill and resort to trickery. The show also has good character development in some episodes, and the stories are imaginative, if surreal.

Season two, however, is much darker, as the new heads of the show’s production company felt it needed to be thus to compete with “Hercules” and “Xena.” As the season opens, Maeve disappears in a typhoon and Sinbad attempts to rescue her. He fails, and washes up on an island, where he meets Bryn (Mariah Shirley), an amnesiac young woman with bizarre powers... and a

rainbow bracelet like his.

The first handful of episodes explores the mystery of the rainbow bracelets, which display strange powers, such as disrupting illusions and curing Doubar of lycanthropy, before finally being partially resolved in the season’s eleventh episode, “the Invaders”, in which the crew encounters aliens.

Overall, the series is quite enjoyable, but it is not without flaws. The first is that it has really lousy special effects that are just laughable in how bad they are, but do nothing to affect the stories. The other is more based on personal taste, but due to the fact that the show was from Canada and aired in first-run syndication in America, it is quite violent, featuring bloodless decapitations and rather violent deaths, so parents should be careful about letting kids watch.

Sadly, season two was the fi-

nal season. The show had solid ratings and a third season was slated to air, but contract disputes between the show’s production company and distributors caused it to be cancelled, leaving all the storylines unresolved. However, according to Ed Naha, had season 3 been made, Rumina would have returned and it was to be revealed that she was Bryn’s older sister. The season would have also brought a close to the mystery of the rainbow bracelets, revealing why Sinbad and others were chosen to wear them.

While the show is not as well known as “Hercules” and “Xena”, it still has a decently sized fanbase. It is an imaginative series that deserves either a revival or reboot, and is worth anyone’s time to watch, especially if they enjoy Middle Eastern mythology and adventure in the vein of “Hercules: the Legendary Journeys.”

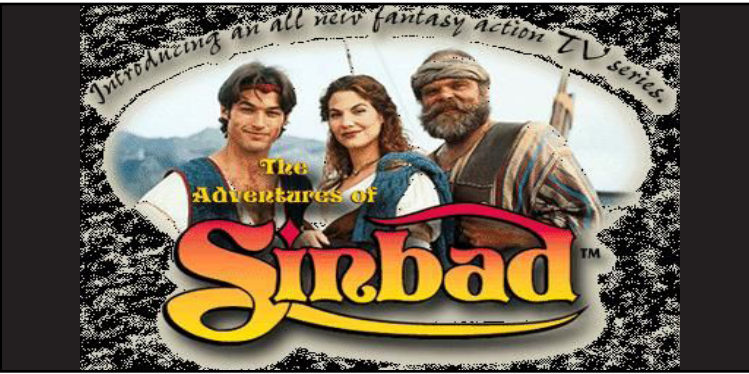


IMAGE FROM PINTEREST.COM

“Sinbad: The Animated Series” was a charming show that brings back nostalgic feelings.



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Footage fights

BY COLIN HICKSON
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For over eleven years, YouTube has become a pioneer in the online video industry, not only allowing people to upload homemade videos, but also serving as home to several review based web shows, such as “JonTron” and “It’s Super Effective”. However, the website has become the subject of controversy as of late.

As many are painfully aware, several review channels on YouTube have been the victims of copyright claim abuse, with “I Hate Everything’s” channel even being shut down for a while. In early March, however, Doug “The Nostalgia Critic” Walker made a video with a few fellow reviewers about this flagrant mistreatment, and in the end, they all asked the same question: “where’s the fair use?”.

For those unaware, fair use is a legal doctrine that allows brief excerpts of copyrighted material to be quoted verbatim for purposes such as criticism and research with no need for permission for use from the creators. But the people making the copyright claims seem to be totally unaware of that, as they repeatedly make these

claims, even when the creators of the videos acknowledge they do not own the copyrighted footage. Many reviewers, such as Mr. Enter, the host of the cartoon based shows, “Animated Atrocities” and “Admirable Animation”, have been victim of this multiple times, and fought back.

In fact, sometimes footage is not even needed to make a copyright claim. Brad “The Cinema Snob” Jones, another online reviewer, got a strike for one of his “Midnight Screening” videos, where he and another person talk about a movie they had just seen while in a car. And even if the reviews are positive, companies will still make a claim. But now, reviewers are rallying against this abuse, to show that fair use is real, and create a more stable environment for new creators to produce their work.

Frankly, this is a much needed change. These days, creators will do anything to protect their works for petty reasons. Case in point: Derek Savage, the man behind the movie, “Cool Cat Saves the Kids,” which has garnered a reputation for being an unintentionally hilarious movie, actually had “I Hate Everything’s” channel shut down after it

What is the “Where’s The Fair Use” Movement?

gave the film a negative review, then tried to bully an apology out of the host, Alex, and went after two other channels that reviewed “Cool Cat”, “Bob-sheaux” and “Blink.” In the end, all Savage ended up doing was showing just how immature and arrogant he truly was with this behavior.

This pettiness needs to stop, as it could end up preventing

potential future reviewers from wanting to follow in the footsteps in the likes of the Nostalgia Critic, Mr. Enter, and the Angry Video Game Nerd and rob future generations of their own review based sites. So for those who either want to become a reviewer or are a fan of an existing one, join this cause, and never stop asking “where’s the fair use?”



IMAGE FROM COMMONS.WIKIMEDIA.ORG

The copyright laws that affect Youtube content are causing videos to become more censored.

what's the BUZZ



BY MADDIE DARLING
EDITORIAL INTERN



IMAGE FROM PREWB.COM

attraction **Drawing in the Galleries**
Friday April 8, Sunday April 10, Friday April 15, and Sunday April 17 6 to 9 p.m.
Detroit Institute of Arts (5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit 48202)

The general public is welcomed to participate in drawing classes in the different galleries. On April 8, the theme will be Islamic, April 10 will be African, April 15 will be Native American and April 17 will be American. The classes are taught by instructors who will teach the participants how to create pencil drawn art to take home. No experience is necessary and all supplies are provided for. The April 8 and April 15 sessions are available to all ages, but April 10 and 17 have an age requirement of 15 years old and up. The class is free with admission to the museum. Free admission to the museum is provided to Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb county residents.



IMAGE FROM METALADDICTS.COM

music **Disturbed**
Thursday April 7 at 7 p.m.
Saint Andrew's Hall (431 E Congress St, Detroit, 48226)

Disturbed is an American, heavy metal band originating from Chicago. Starting in 1994 and going through several lineup changes since then, the band now consists of David Draiman (vocals), Dan Donegan (guitar), John Moyer (bass) and Mike Wengren (drums). After taking a break in 2012, the band took back off in later 2015. In June of 2015, they released their album of "Immortalized" and are now touring with a new set. Ticket prices start at \$45 and can be purchased on websites such as Ticketmaster or Live Nation.

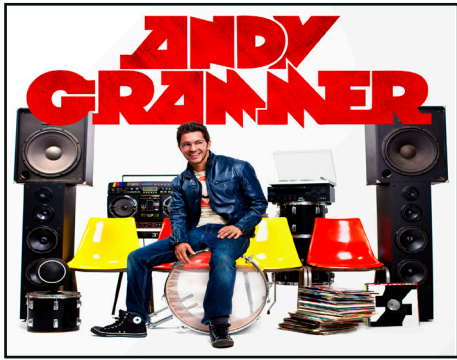


IMAGE FROM ANDYGRAMMER.COM

music **Andy Grammer**
Friday April 15 at 7 p.m.
Meadowbrook Theater (3554 Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills 48309)

American pop/rock singer, Andy Grammer, is coming to Rochester with his current tour. Grammer first came from and made it big in California and is now a world star. He was signed to S-Curve Records in 2010 and his debut album "Andy Grammer" was released in 2011. He released a second album in 2014 called "Magazines or Novels." From this album came the popular hit "Honey, I'm Good." This song has been his most successful single and hit number nine of the Billboard top 100 chart. Tickets can be purchased on Ticketmaster, Stubhub or other online ticket purchasing websites. Tickets start at \$25.



IMAGE FROM MCFTA.ORG

music **Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Music of the Rolling Stones**
Wednesday April 3 at 7:30 p.m.
Max M. Fisher Music Center (3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 48201)

At 7:30 p.m. the DSO will be presenting the music of the Rolling Stones backed by a full rock band. The concert is a celebration of 50 years of the Rolling Stones. Tickets are available on the DSO website and prices start at \$19. This event is sure to be very popular, so it is advised that those who would like to attend buy their tickets early. The DSO has had a presence since the 1880s, and is one of Detroit's most prized gems. Being able to maintain a popular status, the DSO is constantly playing different music styles and a variety of showcases.

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Don't holla back

Gwen Stefani's first solo album in ten years lacks distinction

BY ALEX WOODLIFF
STAFF WRITER



After ten years, Gwen Stefani has finally released her third solo album "This Is What it Feels Like." While not as overproduced as her sophomore effort, is still not as catchy as her first. "This Is What it Feels Like" examines Stefani's personal growth in the decade since her last solo album. Stefani has kept busy over the years, from her much liked tenure as a judge on The Voice, to reuniting with her former bandmates in "No Doubt" and her high profile marriage with now ex-husband Gavin Rossdale coming to an end. Stefani began working on the album before the end of her marriage and was thus put on hold due to those personal problems. She also received mixed reception to the first singles on the album "Baby Don't lie" and "Spark the Fire" had traditional "No Doubt"

influenced sounds and pseudo hip hop/pop, neither of which received much radio or digital streaming. Fans wondered if being away from music so long had left her with any sort of relevance in today's sound. The album is divided into two parts. From the hurt and betrayal stemming from her divorce to her new found appreciation of love with new flame Blake Shelton. Stefani returned to the studio with only a small set of producers earlier in the year and new inspiration for her songs. Themes of betrayal, vulnerability, loss and the fear of getting into a new relationship are heard throughout the album. Stefani has described it as a "sarcastic, dark humor vibe break up record, but still playful." Given only a few months to restart and finish the record, Stefani penned every track herself, trying to dig for an emotional deepness that doesn't always hit its mark. Stand out tracks include the opener "Misery." Stefani sings "You're like drugs, you're like drugs to me/I'm so into you

totally" lamenting about the emotional clashing during the end of marriage and the beginning or her current relationship. "You're My Favorite" finds the singer listing off the things she's done to fill the emptiness that can only be filled by her lover "Oh, but out of everything, you're my favorite/I tried a lot of things, but you're my favorite". In "Used to Love You" what can be viewed as the closing chapter to her marriage, Stefani lays out her feelings in what is probably the most honest, "Never thought this would happen/Gotta let it sink in/ You're gone/Don't know what I'm feeling." On "Make Me Like You" Stefani croons about how she is fine being single again but is scared by the idea of liking someone else and potentially ending up disappointed again with the lyrics, "Why'd you have to go and make me like you? Yeah this is a feeling I'm not used to." The rest of the album falls into typical pop filler, including rapper Fetty Wap on "Asking 4 It". None of which are memorable especially considering Stefani once led one of the biggest alternative bands of the mid to late 90's. Due to many production delays and rushing, "This Is What it Feels Like" generally falls flat with only a handful of tracks offering replay value.



IMAGE FROM ATRILLI.NET

Gwen Stefani's latest album is a disappointment to long time fans.

LOVE THE LOCKS

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA AND CHRIS SKARNULIS
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Spring Facial hair and updo trends for 2016

As the seasons change, so do the styles and fashion trends. Spring is a chance to ditch the heavy winter clothing and try out new hairstyles lighter hair styles as well. From facial hair to springy up-dos, there is a style for every occasion. After hiding under hats and scarves all winter, it is time to uncover the locks for some fun under the sun.

LADIES

The messy up-do is a simple and stylish trend for the woman on the go. Throwing the hair in a bun or having the low ponytail is the perfect look for any occasion and can be dressed up or down depending on the hair accessories. Braids are also trending and are back in style, it is not just for the country girls anymore. Classic braids can always be worn in typical styles or be dress up or down. Center twist braids, French braids and fishtails are always an easy option for the girl with long hair and little time.

Loose curls are a classic look that will never go out of style. They give a natural body and wavy look to the hair. They have a light and airy vibe, while still having the “just got out of bed” persona. It is the perfect style to sport while visiting the beach for the first time or getting out of the house for a relaxed visit to a coffee shop. These waves can also be sported in a ponytail or a half up, half down look.

Every hairstyle can always be finished off with a simple or not simple headband or head crown. Flowers are not only for the garden, but can be a lovely hairpiece. Wearing them as simple clips or as a full on crown depending on one’s style will bring a bold center point to one’s hair. The headbands that are simple fabric or thin elastic in plain pastel colors will enchant those with a more minimalistic taste. Simple is always better if the hair is being worn up, but if the hair is being worn down and needs some extra attention hair clips, a headband or a flower crown in bright spring colors or simple pastels is the perfect finish.



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Braided ponytail



IMAGE FROM BAREFOOTBLONDE.COM

Beach waves



IMAGE FROM YOUTUBE.COM

Braided messy bun



IMAGE FROM NOTONTHEHIGHSTREET.COM

Flower crown

GENTLEMEN

The contemporary thick beard continues to dominate as the trendiest beard of 2016. A somewhat grown out mane with thick fuzz gives off a classy hipster vibe. An arm or body covered in tattoos could compliment the beard as well, giving the beard a rugged and outlandish look. This look has been well-received in the fashion industry and will hopefully continue throughout the year.

The classic extended goatee, a combination of a moustache and beard, continues its saga of popularity into the year. This style fits well with both short and long hair. The signature goatee looks great on different genres of fashion, such as a preppy look or a rugged countryman look. It’s very easy to maintain with an electric razor and **doesn’t** require high maintenance. This is the **go-to** style for those that **want** some facial hair, but not a full beard.

For those who prefer not to be cleanly shaven, stubble is the next best thing. Also known as 5 o’clock shadow, this look has maintained its popularity for years. Stubble can be achieved by shaving with an electric razor instead of a disposable razor. Slightly grown out stubble gives the individual a mature as well as professional look. This look is sure to be a hit with the ladies or men, and fits in well with the upcoming summer months ahead.



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Long beard and man bun



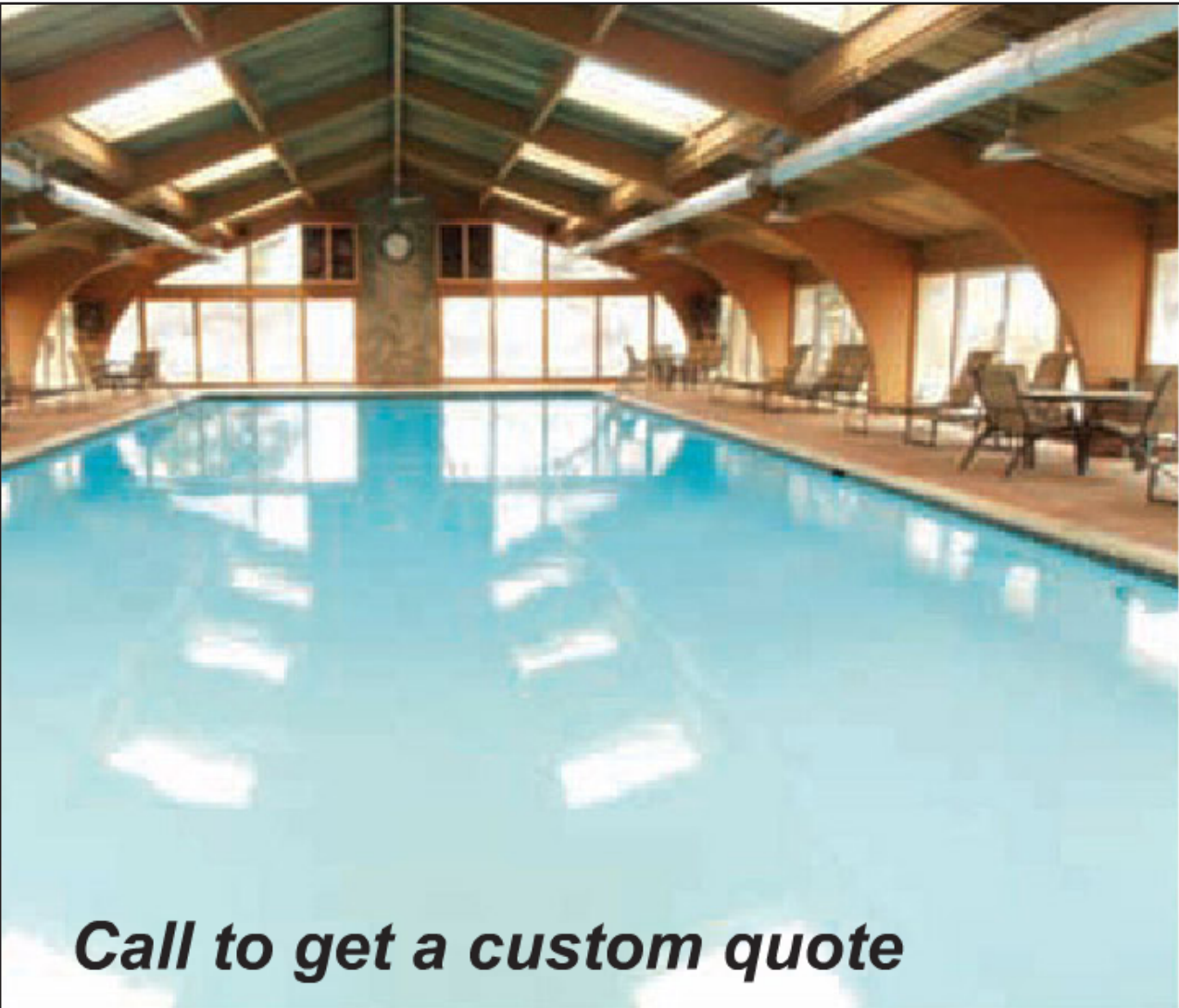
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Hard fought

Softball goes 1-3 during conference play

BY MADDIE DARLING
EDITORIAL INTERN

Schoolcraft was set to make their home debut on March 26 against the defending conference champs of Macomb Community College but Mother Nature had other plans. Heavy rains last week kept Ocelots from taking to the field and the doubleheader was moved to Macomb’s fields instead.

Schoolcraft’s starting pitcher for game one of the doubleheader against the Macomb Monarchs was Freshman Kerry Prowse. Prowse gave up three runs on eight hits in six innings. She also had three strikeouts and gave up one home run.

Macomb got off to a fast start by scoring one run during the first inning. Holding that lead, Macomb scored again in the fifth as well as the sixth inning. Unfortunately the Ocelots couldn’t get on the board and were unable to earn a run from their five hits, losing the game 3-0.

“With more experience I am confident we win more game later in the season,” said Head Coach Rey Linares.

Thankfully game two provided a chance for the Ocelots to redeem themselves. Starting sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou threw a complete game, only giving up two runs on eight hits, with two strikeouts. She made it challenging for Monarchs

offense to get moving. Schoolcraft took the lead early on, scoring their first run in the second inning. Although the Monarchs surpassed the Ocelots with two runs in the third inning, the team managed to earn a second run in the fourth inning, thus tying the game. After tying up the game, the Ocelots bats got hot collecting four runs in the fifth and two in the sixth making it 8-2 Schoolcraft, which ended up being the final score.

“The victory in this game gave us more confidence to win more games in the future,” said freshman Cassidy Lipinski.

The victory was the first for the Ocelots in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA).

Jets fly past Ocelots

Schoolcraft suffered two losses in their MCCAA opener against the Jets of Jackson Community Col-

lege on March 19.

Starting pitcher was Elaine Gerou pitched three innings giving up four runs on five hits with four strikeouts.

“There is always room for improvement in all aspects of the game, but we need to improve offensively to become more consistent,” said Gerou.

Schoolcraft jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first inning but Jackson responded with one in the bottom of the inning making 3-1 Ocelots after one.. The Ocelots padded their lead with three runs in the second but the Jets bats responded again with three of their own making it 6-4 Schoolcraft. The bottom of the third inning is when tides turned for the Ocelots, as the Jets scoring seven runs making it 11-7 in favor of the Jets. The Jets were firing on all cylinders offensively earning another run in the fourth and two in the fifth. The game was called after five innings with

the Jets taking game one, 14-6.

Sophomore Sabrina Coleman came in relief for Gerou and pitched 1.1 innings taking the loss.

Game two of the double header did not go any better.

Kerry Prowse got the start for the Ocelots,. Prowse was solid shutting down the Jets offense pitching a shutout through four innings and had five strikeouts with one walk.

Both teams were deadlocked with zero runs until the Jets scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning winning the game, 2-0.

Mariah Coleman was the relief pitcher, pitching two innings. She gave up two runs on two hits with one walk.

The Ocelots are now 4-9 overall and 1-1 in the MCCAA Eastern Conference. Schoolcraft will travel to Mott College on April 5 with a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m. For box scores, team schedule and rosters go to mccaa.org.

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Eye of the tiger

The experience of Detroit baseball is back again

BY JAMES PAXSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball is America’s pas-time and there are few cities as proud of their team as Detroit. With the regular season set to begin April 5 against the Miami Marlins, Tiger fans are roaring with anticipation and the players are looking forward to regaining dominance in the American League Central Division after a disappointing ending to last season.

The Detroit Tigers will have their home opener on April 8 at 1:05 p.m. against the New York Yankees. Opening day has always been a holiday-like atmosphere in Detroit and around the southeastern Michigan area. The Tigers have been arguably the best sports team in Detroit until last season when the team had their worst season statistically in seven years and the first time not making a playoff appearance in five. This year the team hopes to make a rebound.

Last season, the Tigers ended fourth in the Central American League division with a record of 74-87. The team suffered a lot of injuries to key players throughout the course of the 2015 season and

it was only Manager Brad Ausmus’s second season at the helm, making for a lot of key variables to explain why the Tigers had an off year.

In the offseason, Detroit restructured their roster by way of trades to players that were weighing the team down and acquiring new players to fill in the gaps. The biggest acquisition in the offseason was the signing of 28-year-old left fielder Justin Upton to a six-year \$132.75 million deal in January.

Upton is one of the leagues best outfielders offensively. He currently has a career batting average of .271 and

a total of 190 home runs in 1184 games played. Last year he hit a total of 26 home runs and stole 19 bases while being a part of the San Diego Padres. Upton is projected to be batting cleanup in the fourth spot which is the prime spot to get the most runs batted in for a batter.

“Justin Upton is an amazing baseball player and will help the Tigers with his amazing hitting ability..” said Schoolcraft freshman David Cooper.

The other key addition the Tigers made this past offseason is 29 year-old right handed pitcher Jordan Zimmerman. Zimmerman signed a five-year deal worth \$110 million this past off-season to secure himself as one of Detroit’s starting pitchers. His career earned run average is 3.32 runs per game and has a total of 903 strikeouts in his career.

With players like Zimmer

man and Upton, the Tigers are committed to rebounding from last year’s subpar performance. The Tigers are a staple of the Motor City where the team is a sign of importance to everyone who lives in the state of Michigan. The Detroit Tigers represent all that is important to the state of Michigan: hard-work, tradition and style.

“It would be sad if the Tigers have another losing season, when the tigers do well the city of Detroit is happy,” said Schoolcraft freshman Leah Snyder.

With the start of the season just a day away, die-hard fans are hoping this year’s outcome will be better than last.



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Tigers baseball is an integral part of summer in Detroit.



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Detroit Tiger’s First Baseman Miguel Cabrera prepares to hit a hard ball against the Oakland Athletics.

On par

Men's golf anxious to tee back up for spring season

BY ROSS GUIDER
STAFF WRITER

For Schoolcraft Golf fourth year Head Coach Paul Brown and his five man roster the Ver-

nal Equinox is more than a seasonal term, it is a sign of spring golf. After the men wrapped up competitive play in the fall with a third place finish at the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Eastern Conference Championship, the team expects to be in full swing come tee-time this April.

The Ocelots are ranked sixth in the conference standings and are looking forward to an exciting spring season behind both experienced sophomores: Chad Berger, Tyler Fischer and Ray Pokerinski, and energized freshmen: Justin Bastion, Yale Benedict, Mike Maiden and Trent Moody.

Continued excellence

Stellar individual play by freshman Mike Maiden (Garden City) in the fall earned the freshman MCCAA All-Eastern Conference and All-Freshman Team honors. Maiden has been locked in with his game, working on the areas that need the most improving for the second half of the season.

"I have been working mainly on my short game, along with putting and short wedge shots inside of 100 yards," said Maiden. The freshman leader has his eyes on the prize. "I'm looking forward to every tournament but especially regionals in Cincinnati at Weatherwax GC and hopefully the national tournament after that in New York."

The team is excited to build off the fall season and con-

tinue to improve on personal records and goals.

"I expect to perform to my abilities and finish amongst the top five golfers every tournament," said Sophomore Chad Berger.

Being that Maiden and Berger hit 280 plus yard drives, coach Brown has full confidence that the two will establish all of the offseason work into their already strong foundation.

High Hopes

The Ocelots spring season kicks off on April 8 for at Pontiac Community College in Waterford, MI at the Oakland Community College Tournament. There will be a field full of Eastern Conference teams (Ancilla, Delta, Grand Rapids, Henry Ford, Jackson, Kirtland, Mott, Muskegon, Oakland,

St. Clair County and Wayne County) competing with Schoolcraft but it is nothing the Schoolcraft College boys cannot handle.

On April 11 the team travels to Grand Rapids for the Grand Rapids Community College Invitational where both east and west conferences will compete. In the past the team has been successful and struggled with this course, so Schoolcraft hopes to improve this year.

"The seven-thousand-yard golf course plays even longer when the wind is blowing," said coach Brown, explaining the course's difficulty.

Fortunately for the Ocelots, the proceeding competition at the Jackson College Invitational on April 18 is played at the shorter Ella Sharp Park Golf Course where historically the Ocelots have good success.

Rounding out the week, the Schoolcraft men travel to the Port Huron Golf Course to play the St. Clair County Community College Invitational on April 22.

Win and Move On

If Schoolcraft wins regionals on May 14 and 15 in Middletown Ohio, the Ocelots would clinch a spot in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III National Tournament played at Chautauqua Golf Course in Chautauqua, NY on June 7-10. Although the portion of the season is just beginning, the Schoolcraft golf team has high hopes and are looking forward to working towards their goal of making it to Nationals.

For stats, schedules and the rosters, visit mccaa.org.



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Head Coach Paul Brown talks to his team before a match in the fall.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCHOOLCRAFT ARCHIVES
The Schoolcraft golf team is excited to continue their success as sixth in the conference in the upcoming season.

Relax Detroit



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Calvin Johnson made the right decision to retire

The life of a professional football player has a lot of ups, but unfortunately there are an abundance of downs that can make a person have enough. Calvin Johnson is now in the history books as the best wide receiver to put on a Detroit Lion's uniform. He has set numerous records such as having the most receiving yards since entering the league in 2007. This has made Detroit fans adore him and opposing teams

fear him, this is why it is okay that Johnson has decided to retire. Johnson has the record for the most receiving yards in a three year time span with having 5,137 yards from the year of 2011 to 2013. He put the Motor City on his back throughout his nine-year career and it has been enough. He is allowed to hang up his cleats and enjoy the rest of his life.

Johnson played college football for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets from 2004 to 2006. He was asked to play football and basketball, but his mother forced him to pick one and Johnson always had a love for the sport of football. In his freshman year Johnson led the team with seven touchdowns, 48 catches and 837 receiving yards. As a college freshman he made his mark as a skilled receiver who was not only an incredible catcher, but also someone with amazing speed off the line, beating all defenses.

With the success of his first three seasons in college, Johnson declared himself eligible for the NFL draft and was picked second overall and first for the Detroit Lions in 2007. He came out of the draft as arguably the best athlete of that draft class and was compared to legends like Randy Moss, Jerry Rice and Michael Irvin.

Johnson's career numbers show he is the best receiver

to ever play in the National Football League. In 2012 he broke Jerry Rice's single season receiving yards record with 1,964 yards in a single season. He made the pro bowl a total of seven times and has set many franchise records that will not be broken for a long while.

Many Lions fans have decided to ridicule Johnson for his decision to walk away from the game at the age of 30. National Football league players have been under a lot of pressure and get injured on a daily basis, retiring early is

the only way for some of these players to live an enjoyable life after the game.

Marshawn Lynch, B.J Raji and many other players have retired from their career at a young age due to injuries. Calvin Johnson has received injuries to his back, ankle, arm, hand and leg, all of which still bother him to this day and have held him to limited practice the last few seasons.

Johnson just got engaged to his longtime girlfriend and wants to pursue a separate life besides playing football. Johnson ranks

third on the all-time receiving yards list behind Torry Holt and Jerry Rice. Holt played for 11 seasons and Rice who is first on the list played for 20 seasons. Calvin Johnson would have beaten both Holt and Rice if he continued to play football, but he already made his mark and wants to leave the game on a good note. He made the correct decision and will not regret it when he is happily walking away from the game instead of hobbling off the field.



IMAGE FROM YOUTUBE.COM
Calvin Johnson made the right decision retiring from the Detroit Lions on his own terms instead of due to injury.

Rising star

Ocelots infielder shines on and off the field

BY ELIZABETH CASELLA
MANAGING EDITOR

Competitiveness, respect and talent are all words that describe the lady Ocelots' freshman softball infielder Kassidy Lipinski. Lipinski is an up and coming star on the field with powerful bats brought to the plate, quick feet on the bases and outstanding plays in the field. Lipinski not only impresses with her softball skills, but also shines with her talent as a singer, songwriter and musician.

"She brings such a positive attitude towards the team and always works her very hardest to better herself," said Schoolcraft softball pitcher and outfielder Alaina DeFrain.

In 2015, Lipinski graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School where she left quite an impression. In her senior year she revealed her singing talents by winning the Spartan Idol competition that is all based of student votes. She shared her original works by performing two of her own songs and stole hearts with her soulful voice.

"I write from personal experience and things I've been

through. It's an easy way to get my feelings out of my mind and onto paper and create something good from it," said Lipinski.

Her singing roots began when she was four years old and she Lipinski taught herself to play piano and guitar when she was 13 years old. Lipinski would spend her days singing along to Shirley Temple movies and try to sing to anyone who would listen. Lipinski can be found in her free time recording music or writing songs. She hasn't performed in front of a crowd since her high school Spartan Idol win, but plans to in the near future if she can find time in her busy schedule.

"She has a great personality and always keeps the team laughing and smiling with her humorous nature. She also is an incredibly talented vocalist and musician and loves to compose her own music. She has shared a few of her original recordings with me and I was quite impressed," said softball Coach Rey Linares.

Lipinski is a high skilled player both offensively and defensively. She was able to step into a starting middle infield position. It is no secret that she is one of the team's top offensive weapons. She is also currently one of the lady ocelots' top batters statistically.

She does not accept anything less than a strong performance from herself on the field and holds a strong competitive fire within that is always in gear during practice and games.

"Kassidy is the great player she is because of the hard work she puts in at practice. On the field, passion radiates from her, which brings a great aura to the team. She is a very sweet and considerate person on and off the field. She is nice to everyone and I've never heard negativity from her. She is a great teammate anyone would be lucky to have," said Captain Elaine Gerou.

Lipinski is a driven, well-rounded player and student. Keep an eye out on the field for this young freshman talent that is sure to continue impressing the crowd, in addition to her teammates and coaches in the coming games.



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Lipinsky is a strong asset to the first year softball team.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KASSIDY LIPINSKI
Kassidy takes the spotlight to demonstrate her singing abilities.

Swing and a miss

Schoolcraft baseball continues losing streak

BY JAMES PAXSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The Michigan weather hasn't been kind to the Ocelots the past week. Due to the heavy rains and weather conditions, two double headers have been postponed (March 24 against Rochester College and March 31 against Cleary University). The team is looking to snap their four game losing streak but will have to wait until Mother Nature cooperates.

The last games the Ocelots played were on March 18 when they traveled to Ohio for a doubleheader against Owens Community College.

Starting pitcher for game one was right-handed freshman Amedeo Apolloni.

Owens jumped to a quick lead of 1-0 in the bottom of the first inning. By the third inning the Express added four runs and one more in the fourth inning making it 6-0 at the end of four innings. The Ocelots struggled at the

plate until the fifth inning.

In the top of the fifth inning the Ocelots bats came alive with a run batted in from Darius Fluellin. Schoolcraft captured two runs in the fifth inning, one run in the sixth inning and one final run in the seventh inning. Despite the comeback effort, the Ocelots fell to the Express, 6-4.

The Ocelots looked to rebound from the game one loss in game two but the outcome was the same. The Ocelots were limited to a total of two hits before Owens hit the mercy rule and shortened the contest to only five innings handing the team a 10-0 loss. The Ocelots had trouble hitting the ball all game.

Despite the 3-10 record the team knows they are a better than what their record indicates. The team is confident they will continue to improve as this season progresses.

"We can get better by pushing each other at practice. At every position we have skilled players and if they improve the team will keep get-

ting better," said freshman outfielder Jared Marendi.

Head Coach Rob Fay echoed Marendi's comments regarding improving, "We are a new team and we do not have a lot of experience, the more experience the team gets the better we will become."

Ocelots get swept by Cleary
Schoolcraft lost a double

header to host Cleary Universities Junior Varsity team on March 17 in Howell, Michigan. Christian Mercure got the nod for game one as the starting pitcher. The game was a back and forth scoring match with both teams tied 2-2 going into the bottom of the fifth inning. Cleary's bats got hot capturing ten runs in one half inning to mercy Schoolcraft 12-2 and end the game in five innings.

The team continued to struggle in the second game, which ended in a 12-3 loss. Cleary jumped to an early 4-0 lead before the third inning and continued to pad their

lead as the game progressed. Despite going all seven innings, Schoolcraft couldn't keep up with the Express's offensive power.

"Every game we have one bad inning that seems to hurt us and if we got rid of that inning we would be in better shape," said by freshman catcher Nick Romanowski.

Schoolcraft is scheduled to play a double header at St. Clair County on April 5 starting at 2 p.m. and then will return home on April 8 and face Lorain County CC at 2 p.m. For stats, team schedule and rosters go to mcca.org.



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The Schoolcraft men's baseball team hopes to improve their 3-10 record.

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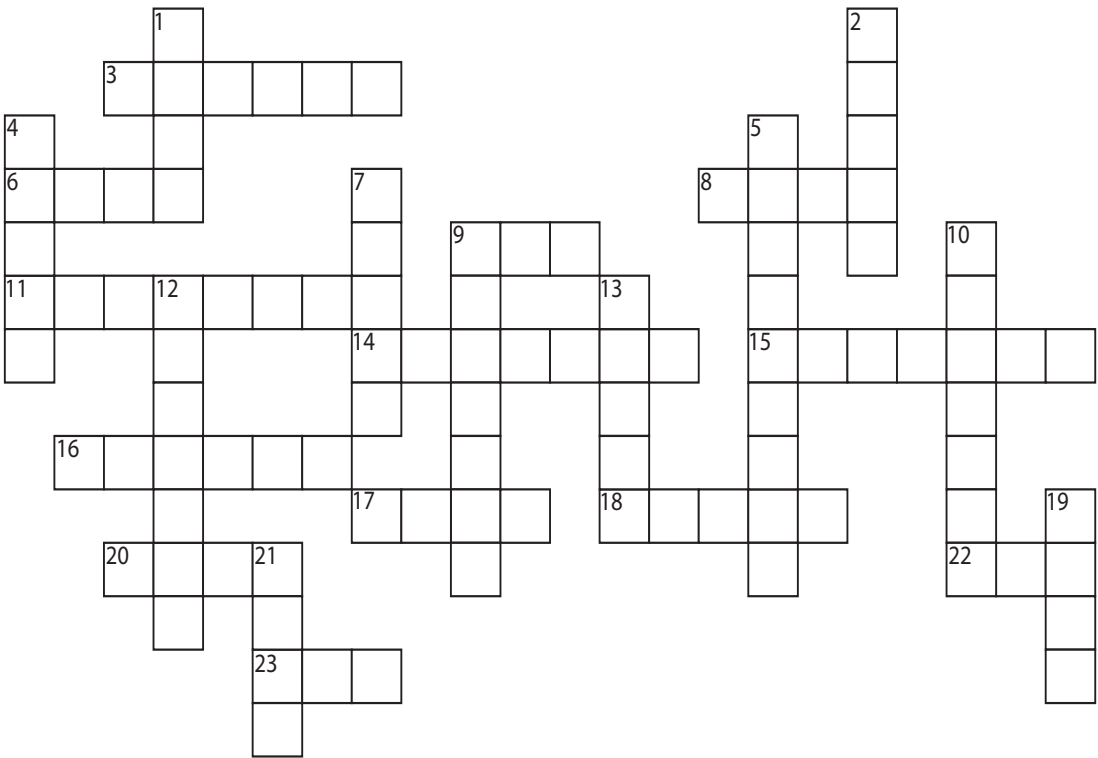
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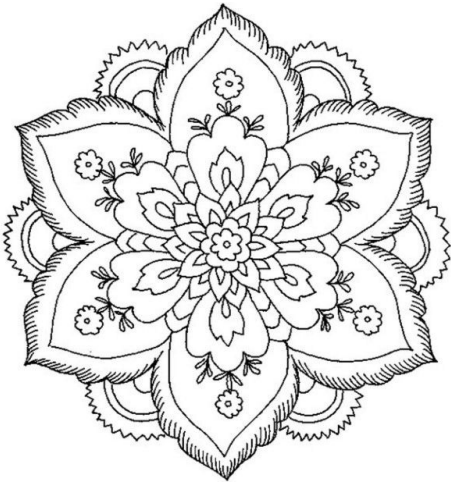
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♉ TAURUS (4/20 - 5/20)

You are good at sectioning off parts of your life so they are all held as important. This allows for those overseeing you to see the undivided attention you are giving to the tasks they've asked of you. Keep up the organization and you will succeed.

♊ GEMINI (5/21 - 6/21)

It is in your best favor if you be present and open to learn, not just do what you are told. If you want to one day become successful in your career, it is best now for you to put yourself in those shoes and act as if you already are.



♋ CANCER (6/22 - 7/22)

Your friends need the comfort you provide yourself with within your crab shell. No other animal has this ability in the circle besides you Cancer. The seasons fluctuate in this time and everyone is looking for warm, embracing arms, so be there for your loved ones and karma will kiss you.

♌ LEO (7/23 - 8/22)

Hold to your royal connotation because you are king of the jungle, or queen if you wish. Your hair stands for you pride as a royal entity, be proud as this is what identifies you as a Leo. Do not hide your confidence, but make sure not to become too cocky.

♍ VIRGO (8/23 - 9/22)

Understand that everything needs balance. You may seem put together now but you know that the second you start doubting what you stand for, it's a slippery slope. Know you are safe in your thoughts as long as you don't doubt yourself.

♎ LIBRA (9/23 - 10/22)

Ruled by the planet Venus, you know what undivided love is. Whether you're involved in loving relationship or see it often, it's no foreign matter to you. Keep this true and watch as the earth warms again so will your soon to be partners heart.

♏ SCORPIO (10/23 - 11/21)

As a well-developed being, you know in times of disagreements it's always half and half. Understand that sometimes those you have differences with don't see both sides. Approach the situation with a calm and peaceful light to shine on both sides.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (11/22 - 12/21)

Gather your thoughts and reflect back on all the places you have been. You are one to have friends from any path of life you've chosen. Know that whatever you do you will have the people from your past and in your future who support you.

♑ CAPRICORN (12/22 - 1/19)

You have an abundance of self-discipline but what you don't see is that you're on the path to perfection. You are hesitant to put your feet up after a long day and recall that you're human too, but remember you deserve meditation on your path too.

♒ AQUARIUS (1/20 - 2/18)

You are easy to get angry when things do not turn out the way you wished they would. This is okay because it is purely who you are. Know that what you speak into existence has every ability in the world to prove itself to be true.

♓ PISCES (2/19 - 3/20)

Know that whomever you cross paths with, it is aiding on the way toward a more developed life. Whether you find them or they find you, these meetings are meant to be. Listen to these people with an open mind and do not be afraid to take advice.

♈ ARIES (3/21 - 4/19)

You do not need to continue worrying about money. You are the last person that should have concern about financial status. Watch as your hard work in the past will reward you for being the person you are presently.

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20. A group of porcupines is called a prickle.



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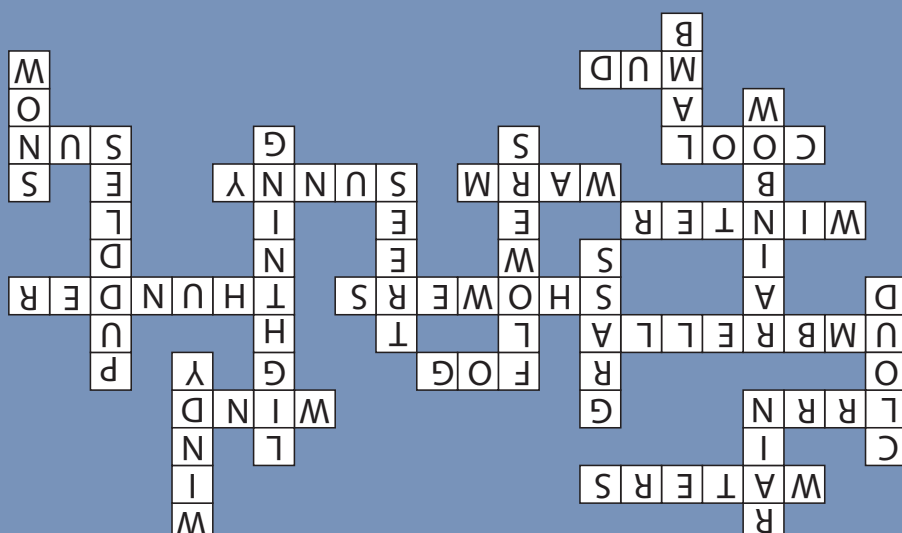
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Fierce and fabulous fundraising

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Schoolcraft student's walked the runway on March 31 in the VistaTech Center during the first LGBT+ Alliance drag show. The show featured four performers named Anita Dick (Chris Skarnulis), Tasha FlameTongue (Evan Jaslow), Harlot O'Hara (Steve Keller), Sasha Fierce (Alex Weir) and the King Ron Johnson (Ronnie Nichols). The show also featured the drag performer, Chanel Hunter, who co-hosted along with Stephan

Brown, LGBT+ president. During the show, the queens and king lip synched to parodies and sashayed on the stage while the audience tipped them from their seats. The Drag Show sold over 70 tickets and raised over \$300, all of the proceeds from the pageant will be donated to the Ruth Ellis Center, which is a center that helps runaway youths. Brown is hoping to make the show an annual event.



Top left: Professional Drag Queen, Chanel Hunter socializes with audience member Shaun O'Brien on stage.

Top right: Sasha Fierce (Weir) rap battles against Tasha FlameTongue (Jaslow) in the second act.

Middle: Chanel Hunter judges Anita Dick (Skarnulis) after her performances.

Bottom left: During the finale, Sasha Fierce (Weir) was crowned the winner of the Drag Show.

Bottom right: The only King, Ron Johnson (Nichols) sings about binge watching Game of Thrones.

