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This Month Celebrate Earth Day
and National Volunteer Week by
Cleaning up the Community

By Morgan Riggs
Managing Editor

Happy April! With National Volunteer Week from April 18-24 and Earth Day on April 22, there is no better time to learn more about what we can do in our community to give back to our Earth and those who occupy it.

Before you take action, it is essential to understand why cleaning up our community has such a profound impact on our environment. Think about the last time you visited a local park or walked around downtown. Chances are you walked past at least one piece of garbage that was not properly cared for, leaving an eyesore in our town and having a detrimental impact on our Earth. As litter breaks down over time, chemicals foreign to the environment become a part of natural life, causing various problems. Small particles and harmful toxins can enter the soil and penetrate groundwater which runs into our streams and lakes, posing a problem for us and the wildlife that inhabit those waters. Large debris in aquatic environments is also an issue for wildlife. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, it is estimated that "plastic marine debris adversely affects at least 267 species globally." This issue affects life in the

oceans as well as species that live in ponds, rivers, lakes, and other water systems. As the Great Lakes State, we have to take responsibility for the harm imparted on the environment and take preventative action to fight this global issue.

environmentally conscious future. For more information, check out <https://www.dahlemcenter.org/> and <https://www.cityofjackson.org/841/Environmental-Commission>.

You do not have to be an expert in sustainability to start contributing to the effort. Instead, start small!

- Try and buy some of your produce from local farmers or stores where you know things are sustainably sourced.
- Bring reusable bags to the grocery store.
- Invest in that reusable water bottle you have been eyeing.
- Buy your next pair of jeans from a resale store.
- Shorten your showers by a couple of minutes each day.
- Take part in Meatless Monday or another fun trend with friends or family.

Find one of the other countless ways to contribute or create one of your own!

If all of us picked up one piece of trash each day, there would be billions of pieces of trash removed each year (<https://fitppl.com/one-piece-a-day/>). This goes to show that even the smallest actions have an incredible impact and that one simple act of kindness toward others and our Earth this April will not only change your immediate environment but the entire world.



This is merely one of the various environmental issues that exist in our world today. We each have the option to contribute to the solution rather than the problem. The City of Jackson has an Environmental Commission that focuses on community-related programs and policies to make our city a cleaner, more sustainable place to live. Additionally, the Dahlem Conservancy provides environmental education programs to our community. These resources and many others are here to help each of us move toward an

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Vaccinating Jackson:

City's MLK Center joins COVID-19 vaccination effort

By Aaron Dimick, City of Jackson
Public Information Officer



It's a shot in the arm many Jackson residents, like Deborah Davis, have been waiting for. "It's a relief to get it. I'm impressed with the operation here." Davis said after getting her COVID-19 vaccination at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center. Davis and dozens of other Jackson residents received shots on March 4 for Henry Ford Allegiance Health's first vaccine distribution event at the City-operated recreation center.

City officials say locating a vaccination site at the MLK Center, which is located in the heart of Jackson's south side neighborhood, increases vaccine access to Jackson's African American and low-income residents. According to data from Johns Hopkins University, black Americans are infected with COVID-19 at nearly three times the rate of white Americans. The data also shows black Americans are twice as likely to die from the virus. These numbers are ex-

plained by African Americans being more likely to have preexisting health conditions that make them more vulnerable, less likely to have health insurance, and more likely to have jobs that do not accommodate remote work.

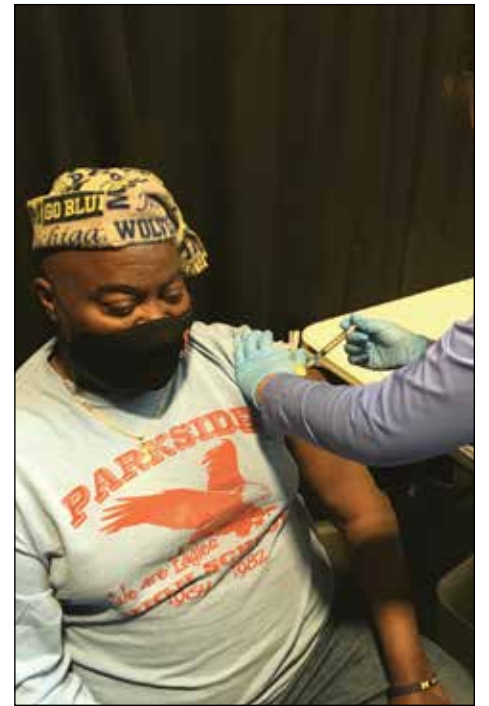
Paula Autry, President and CEO of Henry Ford Allegiance Health, thanks the City and other local health providers for this collaboration. "Together, we can have a greater reach to ensure more of our most vulnerable neighbors are vaccinated against COVID-19. With every person vaccinated, we are another step closer to better protection and greater freedom for all of us," Autry said.

Jackson resident Ricky Hurst also got his COVID-19 vaccination at the first distribution event. He says offering vaccines at the center will encourage people to get vaccinated. "I think some people might be afraid to get the shot, but the more we show African Americans like me getting it, I believe more people in the community will be at ease," Hurst said.

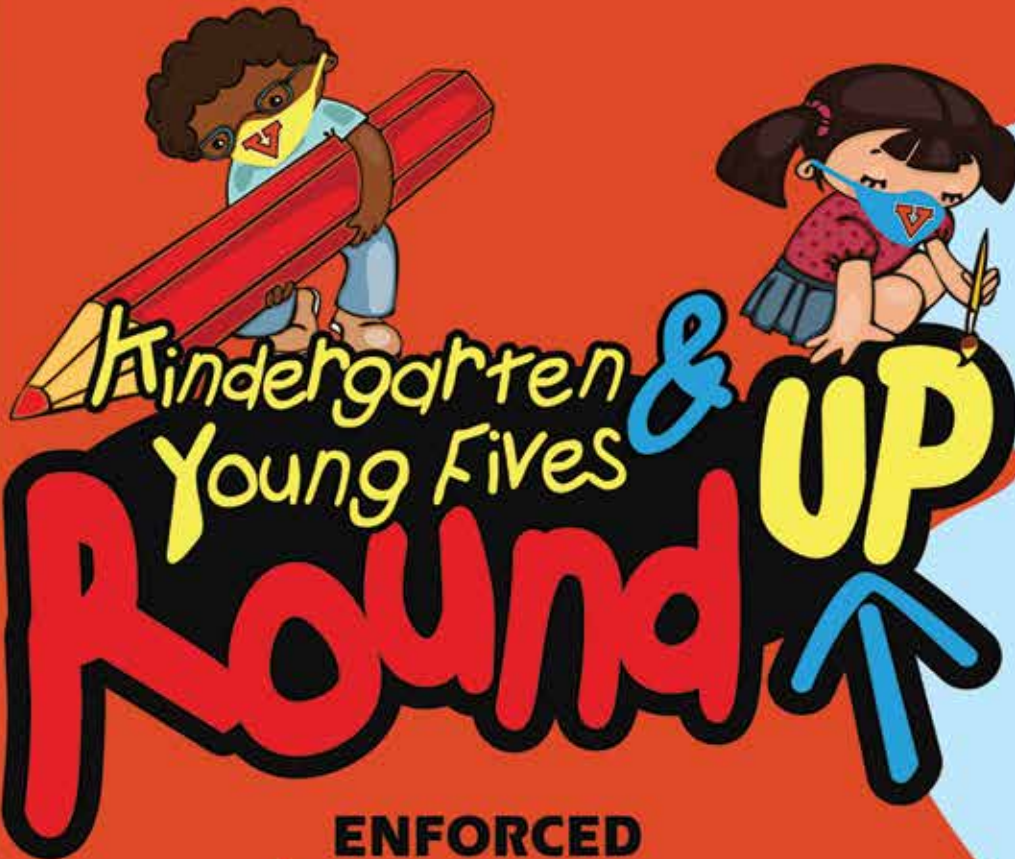
MLK Center Director Antonio Parker says he's thankful for this partnership with the health system.

"Seeing our neighbors come into the center to get vaccinated is a very powerful thing. The City is happy to provide this space for these front line workers to help Jackson beat the virus," Parker said.

COVID-19 vaccines will be available every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the center to those who are eligible to receive vaccinations according to the latest State of Michigan guidelines. Residents wanting to get vaccinated at the MLK Center can sign up through their health care provider. If they are an Allegiance Health patient, they can use the Henry Ford MyChart online platform. Community organizations, such as churches, can also be a reference for some residents. Walk-ins at the MLK Center vaccination site are welcome, provided you meet the current State qualifications. The MLK Center is located at 1107 Adrian St. and is reached by calling 517-788-4067.



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JPS Community

April 19-28

Locations

Northeast Elementary	April 19th 5:30 pm
Cascades Elementary	April 20th 5:30 pm
John R. Lewis Elementary (@ Cascades)	April 21st 5:30 pm
Sharp Park Academy	April 22nd 5:30 pm
JPS Montessori Elementary	April 26th 5:30 pm
Hunt Elementary	April 27th 9:30 am
Dibble Elementary	April 28th 5:30 pm

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Learn to Love Your Hometown

Celebrate National Volunteer Month by Making a Difference in Your Hometown

By Val Herr



In case you have not noticed IT'S SPRING! Now, spring in Michigan is a little different

than in some other parts of our country. Spring in Michigan has wonderful sunny days in the 60's, rain and the dreaded late snowfalls. With all of that, I still love spring. Spring is our rebirth from winter. We hear the birds, see all the dog poop we neglected all winter, and see the beginnings of life in our grass, plants, and trees. I have always appreciated living in a place that has four seasons.

Loving your Hometown is a decision. For some it comes easy and for others it can be a struggle. It

is also about investment. Investment of time, energy, and money. I think for most of us time is the hardest thing to give. We can create more money and energy renews itself but we all only have 24 hours in a day. That is why time is so important. Here are a few ways you can show your love your hometown in April:

1. Contact your favorite nonprofit and see if they are doing a spring cleanup. For many nonprofits they simply do not have the staff to be able to complete this task.

2. Organize a local cleanup in your community. While driving yesterday I was honestly horrified at the amount of trash on the sides of the roads.

3. Help your neighbors. Do you have an elderly person who lives nearby? What about a sin-



gle parent or a health care worker?

We can all do something. Give a few hours of your time to help improve our community and the

lives of others. Imagine driving through your local neighborhood and seeing it clear of trash, maybe a few flowers blooming and the happiness of others.

Together we can make a difference. Together we can implement change and together we can make our hometown a better place to live, work and play.

2021 ALICE Report Shows Many Households in Jackson County Still Struggling To Achieve Financial Stability

Many individuals and families in Jackson County are still struggling to keep up financially, according to the latest statistics from the Michigan Association of United Ways.

The 2021 ALICE Report, released today, shows 38% of Jackson County's 61,403 households don't earn enough to exceed the ALICE threshold—the income needed to be financially stable.

That's a slight improvement over the 2019 report, which showed 42% of local households didn't meet the ALICE threshold. However, the new data also shows that while Jackson County ALICE households declined to 25% (vs. 29% in the 2019 report), the number of county households in poverty rose to 16% (vs. 13% in the 2019 report).

ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. ALICE represents the growing number of households in communities nationwide that do not earn enough to afford household necessities.

The new numbers show there's much more work to do in Jackson County, according to Ken Toll, President & CEO of United Way of Jackson County.

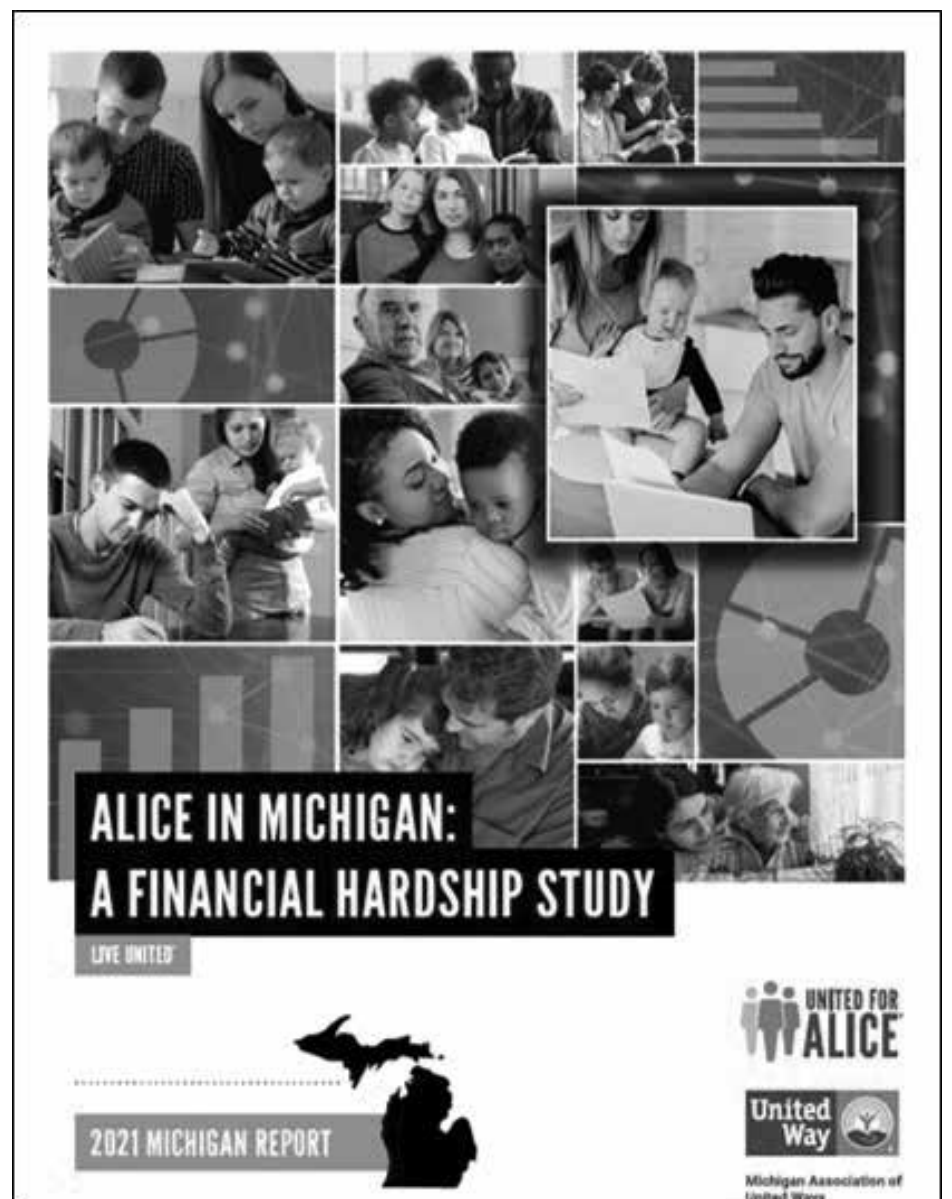
"Our community depends on ALICE, yet ALICE is the most likely

to struggle during tough economic times," said Toll. "ALICE is most likely to be stuck in a low-paying job, unable to generate the dollars needed to study or do workplace training to earn better pay. ALICE is most likely to fall into poverty when a car breaks, or a child gets sick, or a water heater fails.

"ALICE works hard, and ALICE deserves better. ALICE deserves a more equitable shot at the American dream. Because when ALICE succeeds, our whole community succeeds," he added.

Toll applauded MAUW, local United Ways and the Consumers Energy Foundation, which helped underwrite the latest report.

During the current fiscal year, UWJC is investing \$480,000 in 24 programs and initiatives to help individuals and families build pathways to financial stability. To read about United Way's impact in Jackson County, read the most recent community scorecard at uwjackson.org/report-to-the-community. UWJC recently ran an awareness campaign called Meet ALICE; you can read more about ALICE at uwjackson.org/meet-ALICE. United Way will share additional information from the new report in the weeks ahead.



National Ferret Day – April 2

*Contributed by
Imagine Planet*

Did you know that a group of ferrets is called a business? Well, Imagine Planet's business has grown to 5! We still have Red and Blue (our neurologically impaired boy) and added Wesley and Buttercup as babies, donated by my daughter, Christina. Wesley was very small at the pet store and was at our house for special care. Sure enough, he and his companion won our hearts and they got along great with Red and even Blue. Then just recently we added Buddy to our group. If only we could harness their energy we wouldn't have an electric bill!

Ferrets are members of the order Carnivora and are not related to rodents, aside from both being mammals. Rodents are the favorite prey of the weasel family in the wild, but domestic ferrets do not need to eat them. Domestic ferrets are their own subspe-

cies of the European polecat, *Mustela putorius furo*. They have been domesticated for 2500 years. This domestication has resulted in an animal with very different behaviors than the polecat.

The ferret is curious, friendly, and full of energy. I like to think of them as kittens that don't grow up. They are long and skinny and can get into very small spaces, which made them perfect for hunting rodents. They are capable of killing small pets such as rodents, rabbits, and birds, although they generally don't eat them, and can injure larger prey animals. This is a leftover prey drive from their polecat ancestors. Caution should be used when they are interacting with prey animals. Don't let your guinea pig and ferrets out at the same time and secure cages. They generally get along great with dogs and cats.

Ferrets are often sold at 6-8 weeks old, already

neutered or spayed and descended. It is important for pet jills (females) to be spayed as they can get an infection if they are not bred. Ferrets require regular vet visits and vaccinations. Their lifespan is from 6-10 years in captivity. They are not capable of surviving in the wild.

Many good commercial ferret foods are available. Like a cat, they are obligate carnivores and can only digest meat. Kitten food is a close second to a good ferret food. They need to have access to food at all times as they have high metabolisms. This also means that they poop a lot. They can be litter trained, but when they have to go, they have to go. If they are out of their cage, you will probably find little piles around.

Some people let their ferrets have free roam of the house. I have done this in the past with personal ferrets, until a horrible accident involving a dryer took the life of one of my babies.



Ferrets are also very good at finding the holes in your house and going outside. This can be very dangerous. At Imagine Planet our ferrets get 2 hours of supervised playtime each day, and sleep the rest. Only then do the other animals, like Bun Bun the rabbit and the small birds, get to come out.

Owning a ferret is a huge responsibility. They depend on their humans for everything and can get into a lot of mischief. Their cages need to be cleaned often. When the cages are clean, the ferrets themselves are quite clean and

don't smell much. They do not need baths unless they have gotten into something.

Ferrets can be a great addition to your family, as long as you are prepared to give them time and attention and are able to afford good food and vet care. When they get older, that care can involve surgeries and shots for some of the common ailments they get. Many ferrets end up being rehomed and we definitely want to reduce that. There is nothing quite like the sight of ferrets playing though. Come make an appointment to visit our "business" of ferrets!

Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Meet Lucky & Crosby

*Contributed by the
Jackson County
Animal Shelter*

The Jackson County Animal Shelter has pets available for adoption!

Lucky

Lucky is an all white boxer mix who was surrendered by his owner. He is just one year old and an active guy. His brother Diesel is here with him also, they may be adopted separately or together. He has a big bark but is a happy boy. Dog adoptions require an application, online link <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/8193/Dog-Adoption-Application-PDF>. Availability date is when the dog becomes JCAS property; any necessary medical procedures may delay an adoption. A meet & greet with your dog is mandatory. A cat room walk-through is available to test reaction. Dogs will go to approved applicants; the adoption fee is \$150 medium/large dogs, \$250 puppies/small dogs which includes vaccinations, microchip, and sterilization.

Crosby

Crosby is a pretty charcoal grey male who has a medium length haircoat. He is a stray and is currently healing a spot of skin infection. Crosby is friendly and welcoming. Won't you come meet him today at the Jackson County Animal Shelter, 3370 Spring Arbor Rd., Jackson, Michigan. Cat Adoption Fees are \$60 for one cat, \$80 for two, which will include applicable tests, vaccines and spay/neutering. Any necessary medical procedures may slightly postpone an adoption. Visiting the shelter is always best, but other resources include: Online cat application: <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/8194/Cat-Adoption-Application-PDF>, fax to: 517-780-4750 or email to: animal_shelter@mijackson.org. See our website for more information at: mijackson.org/579/Animal-Shelter. Come find us on Facebook or view all pets on Petango.com - Shelter Details Current Shelter Hours: M, Tu, W, F, 10:00-4:30, Thu 10-7, Sat 10-4.



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Jackson School of the Arts Fairy Festival Back with Health & Safety Enhancements

By Nick Reichert
Jackson School of the Arts
Creativity and imagination are important parts of childhood (and should be in our adult lives as well) and there are few events in Mid-Michigan that celebrate the magic of creativity and child-like wonder quite as well as Jackson School of the Arts' Fairy Festival.

Going into our fourteenth year of putting on the Fairy Festival, we are taking a different approach to reflect both the altered world we live in, but also to enhance the overall experience for our guests and align with the fundraising goals of our lean, non-profit organization.

In years past, we have had a Twilight Fairy Gala that was a paid Friday evening event with a sit-down meal and a handful of activities and experiences. This was followed up by Saturday and Sunday events that were open to the public with free admission, but paid activities and experiences as add-ons. This was an impressive experience as our crowds grew dramatically each year prior to 2020.

This year, we start a new chapter of the Annual Fairy Festival in which we take group sizes into more of a consideration for both enjoyment and health reasons. This year, instead of having our Gala, we will have an enhanced Fairy Festival experience that

will be by registration only. This Exclusive Fairy Festival Experience will incorporate many favorite elements of both the Gala and the Festival, but in a more intimate setting.

While most of our attendee reservations will require a paid admission, we do want to ensure that we are still serving our lower-income families in Jackson County as well. We have multiple time slots for our Jackson School of the Arts scholarship families that are provided by our top-level event sponsors.

As a side benefit of this new arrangement, our nimble staff is also able to more efficiently manage and plan for our guests. We can also keep costs focused in order to ensure the Fairy Festival remains practical as the fund-raising event that it was intended to be. We are confident that the future of the Annual Fairy Festival will benefit both our families and our effectiveness as an organization that aims to bring affordable arts education to Jackson County.

We do want to emphasize, however, that all Fairy Festival attendees will need a confirmed reservation prior to the event; we will not be permitting any "walk-on" attendees. Many of the initial time slots have sold out and we have opened up just a few more opportunities for reservations, but those may go quickly as well. So, for those that

are interested in joining us, we encourage you to sign up soon!



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FREE Jackson County Museum Day is Back!

Hit up all your favorite Jackson museums on Museum Day for FREE on Saturday, May 8th, 2021.

Some locations will host an “open-house style” reception and self-guided tours while others are hosting safe and socially distanced child-friendly activities, historical demonstrations and providing guided tours. With Museum Day intentionally planned on Mother’s Day weekend, it is a great opportunity for families to get together and learn more about their community’s history while checking some local museums off their bucket list. Many museums will be giving away a Museum Day gift basket as well.

New this year, all museums will be offering a virtual experience for guests. With capacity limits in place due to slowing the spread of the Coronavirus, museums wanted to offer another option for guests to experience their museums. Each museum along with Experience Jackson and the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Jackson County will be premiering featured museum videos as part of Free Jackson County Museum Day in partnership with Good Things Going - Jackson.

Museums offering in-person activities will require face masks, social distancing and other safety protocols as necessary. Please contact each museum directly for more information on their participation in Museum Day.

Museum Day. Museum Day information can be found at www.experiencejackson.com/museumday.

The Jackson County Museum Day Participants are listed below.

- Cambridge Junction Historic State Park and Walker Tavern, 1322 M-50, Brooklyn, MI 49230 | (517) 241-0731

- Ella Sharp Museum, 3225 Fourth Street, Jackson, MI 49203 | (517) 787-2320

Visitors to Ella Sharp Museum can enjoy the museum galleries, historic farm lane, a show in the Hurst Planetarium and enjoy a Hillside Farmhouse tour. Planetarium shows and Farmhouse tours will be offered every hour on the hour. Tours run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with the last admittance at 3 p.m. Food trucks, Tiki Sam’s Pizza and Dancing Dobb, will be set up outdoors on Farmlane for visitors to purchase food and beverages.

- Hanover-Horton Area Historical Society, 105 Fairview Street, Hanover, MI 49210 | (517) 563-8927

- Lost Railway Museum, 142 West Michigan Avenue, Grass Lake, MI 49240 | 517-522-9500

- The Mann House, 205 Hanover Street, Concord, MI 49237 | (517) 241-0731

- Tompkins Historical Stewart Museum, 10138 Tompkins Road, Rives Junction, MI 49277 | (517) 962-3398

- Waterloo Farm Museum

and Dewey School Museum, 13493 Waterloo Munith Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240 | (517) 596-2254

- Ye Old Carriage Shop Auto Museum, 3537 Henderson Road, Spring Arbor, MI 49283 | (517) 750-4300

- The Hubbard Memorial Museum, 317 Hanover Street, Concord, MI 49237 | (517) 524-6268

- Michigan Military Heritage Museum, 153 North

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- The Coe House Museum & Grass Lake Area Historical Connection, 371 W. Michigan Ave., Grass Lake, MI 49240 | (517) 926-6696

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JACKSON COUNTY MUSEUM DAY

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YMCA Invites All to Community Fun Day

By Bonnie Gretzner

Jackson YMCA, Director of Marketing & Communications

The Jackson YMCA is opening its downtown facility to the community on Saturday, April 24 – and all are welcome to join the fun!

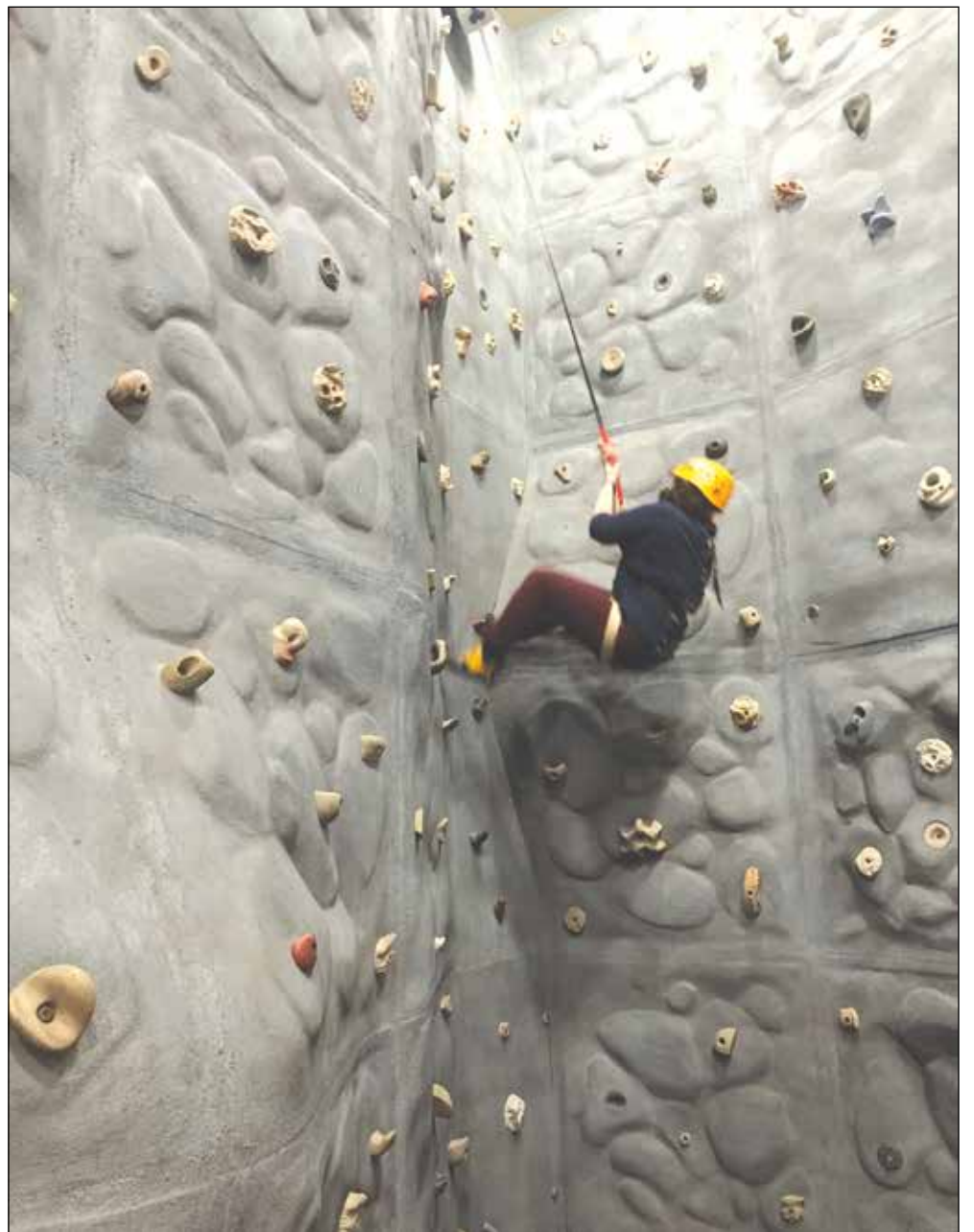
From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on that Saturday, the Y will be offering fun activities and specials for kids and adults. All events are free of charge. Activities include:

- Outdoor Zumba at 11:15 am – kids and adults welcome
- Martial arts demonstrations at 12 pm.
- Swim lesson open house – From 12-2 pm, Y swim instructors will evaluate your child's skills and make recommendations on lessons; due to limited space, pre-registration will be required.
- Rock wall climbing – the Y is installing a new auto-belay system to make climbing much simpler.
- Gym games

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"We have been able to gradually add more programs and services back like rock wall climbing, swim lessons, Taekwondo and Aikido," said Jackson YMCA Executive Program Director Megan Hunt. "We are opening the facility to show everyone what programs we offer for kids and adults and our procedures to keep everyone safe. There's something for everyone, so come see what we have planned now and for the summer."

The Jackson YMCA will continue to update its website, www.jacksonymca.org, with more information in April, including the complete schedule of events and how to register for the swim open house.



Big Brothers Big Sisters to Relocate to New Y

The Jackson YMCA announced that local nonprofit Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) will relocate to the Y's planned new downtown facility. The YMCA has close to \$22 million raised in pledges and contributions towards the construction of a downtown healthy living campus. YMCA leaders anticipate breaking ground in the summer of 2021.

"Deepening our partnership with the YMCA by choosing to move to the new facility has been a deliberate and careful process. Our board, staff and volunteers cannot think of a better place to be," said BBBS Executive Director Tony Hollow. "Our organization is committed to helping kids reach their potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships with adult mentors. The YMCA is equally dedicated to serving youth and helping families. We are excited to be co-located at the new Y. We believe this will enable both organizations to better serve the kids and families in Jackson."

BBBS will occupy approximately 1,000 square feet in the new facility, enabling Bigs (adult mentors) and Littles to utilize the YMCA gym, play equipment, community space and more for shared activities.

Many of the young peo-

ple currently mentored by BBBS adults also participate in the YMCA's summer day camp, afterschool program and holiday activities. Working more closely with BBBS will allow the Y to reach more kids and families by tailor programs and creating opportunities to meet the needs of Littles and their Bigs.

Both organizations have been serving their communities for a combination of over 175 years. The Jackson YMCA celebrated its 125th birthday on March 4, 2021. The Y mark the event with membership specials, tours, and the sale of promotional shirts. Proceeds from the celebration event will benefit the YMCA's Strong Kids Strong Communities annual campaign.

Jackson YMCA CEO Shawna Tello echoed Hollow's sentiments that the expanded partnership will assist both organizations to amplify their community impact. "Adult mentors have been able to bring their Littles to the YMCA free of charge for years. This partnership has enabled them to enjoy time together and make memories in a safe, welcoming environment," Tello said.

For more information on the YMCA capital campaign, visit www.JacksonYMCA.org.



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College & Career Access Center, May Scholarships

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The College & Career Access Center is grant funded; receiving financial support from local, state, and private donors. Each month scholarship information is made available for area students in addition to other services such as advising, outreach initiatives, and one-on-one help with post-secondary planning.

Reminder - John George Loan Applications Due May 1st!

John George Jr. Student Loan Fund:

This opportunity is a loan. Therefore, the student will eventually pay back any amount borrowed plus interest.

- \$6,000 per year, 2% interest
- Must be a Jackson County resident
- Attending a state-supported Michigan college or university
- Applicant must have a co-signer unless he/she is able to verify his/her annual income exceeds \$20,000.

For detailed information, visit their website and download the application:

Deadline: May 1, 2021

Application: <http://www.john-george.org/eligibility.htm>

Society of Women Engineers Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Only women are eligible for this scholarship.
- Undergraduate applicants must be planning to study an ABET-accredited program in engineering, technology, or computing in the upcoming academic year.
- Masters and PhD candidates must be enrolled or accepted at a school with ABET-accredited programs in engineering, computing, or technology.
- Applicants must be planning to attend full time (exceptions are made for reentry and non-traditional applicants).
- Applicants must not be fully funded for tuition, fees, and books and equivalent.
- Transcripts must be in English.

Description:

The SWE Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to women studying baccalaureate or graduate programs, in preparation for careers in engineering, technology and computer science. In 2020, SWE awarded approximately 260 new and renewed scholarships valued at over \$1,000,000.

Award: Varies

Deadline: May 1, 2021

Application: <https://scholarships.swe.org/applications/login.asp>

Michigan Nursing Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility: • a student currently enrolled in a Michigan college/school of nursing that grants a certificate for practical nursing or an associate, baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing; and in good academic standing with demonstrated progress toward degree completion.

Description:

The Michigan Nurses Foundation was created in 2000 to advance nursing and nursing education by awarding scholarships and research grants and by providing financial aid for the treatment of recovering nurses. MNF is funded through private contributions and fundraising activities.

Submit your application by the deadline, along with:

- a one-page personal vision of your future nursing practice. (Include your name and contact information at the top of the page.)
- current transcript (a copy is allowed)
- a letter of reference from a nursing faculty member

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: May 1st, 2021

Application:

<https://www.michigannursesfoundation.org/uprams>.

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: May 3, 2021

Application: **new application available spring 2021

<https://www.ptk.org/Scholarships/AssociateDegreeScholarships/Coca-ColaLeadersofPromiseScholarship.aspx>

AMBUCS Scholars Scholarships for Therapists

Eligibility:

Applicants must be US citizens accepted in a graduate-level program that is accredited by the appropriate therapy profession authority in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, or hearing audiology. Assistant or undergraduate programs are not eligible. Awards are based on financial need, commitment to local community, character for compassion and integrity, and career objectives.

Description:

In addition to the filling out the online application, students will be required to upload:

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) SAR (Student Aid Report)
- Proof of enrollment into an accredited program as outlined above and
- One-page personal state-

ment.

*See website for detailed information on application requirements.

Award: \$500-\$1,500 with 2 awards for \$6,000

Deadline: May 7, 2021 at midnight

Application: <https://ambucs.org/therapists/scholarship-program/>

The Brower Youth Award

Eligibility: Eligible candidates must be:

- youth environmental change leaders aged 13 to 22 years (as of May 14, 2021)
- living in North America (including Mexico, Canada, some Caribbean Islands)
- Residents of U.S. territories are encouraged to apply.

Description:

All applications must be completed using our online process. Please notify us well in advance of the deadline if you foresee any problems with submitting an application online. Applicants must complete their own application. Parents, friends, mentors, teachers, etc. must not complete it on behalf of the student. In addition to meeting award eligibility requirements and following all instructions to complete the online application, each applicant must submit:

- a self-photograph
- finalist will be asked for a letter of support from someone who is familiar with him/her and his/her environmental work (cannot be from a parent or guardian)

Award: \$3,000 cash prize, a professionally produced short film about their work from an Emmy award winning film crew, and flight and lodging accommodations for a week-long trip to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Deadline: May 14, 2021

Application: <http://www.broweryouthawards.org/apply/>

Bill Cowden Memorial Aviation Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Applicant must hold a current Private Pilot Certificate and plan to pursue advanced training in aviation.
- Applicant must provide a professional resume, and include one letter of recommendation related to aviation skills.
- Applicants must submit a one-page, typewritten essay giving their reasons for pursuing advanced training in aviation.
- Available to pilots in the Midwest, limited to: ND, SD, NE, KS, MN, IA, MO, WI, IL, MI, IN, and OH.

Description: Bill Cowden

passed away at the age of 47 in an air show performance accident in June 2014. Those who knew Bill remember his attention to detail and hunger to attain each subsequent aviation rating. His passion was honing his aviation skills and promoting aviation activities in all their forms. It is in this spirit and in his loving memory that his wife, Heather Cowden, reached out to the Community Foundation of Dunn County to establish the Bill Cowden Memorial Aviation Scholarship. It is Heather's hope that aspiring pilots who lack the financial resources to pursue advanced pilot training will be able to fulfill their dreams in Bill's memory.

Award: Maximum award of \$1,500

Deadline: May 15, 2021

Application: <http://cfdunncounty.org/funds-2/scholarships/cowden-aviation/>

Bethesda Lutheran Communities Scholastic and Service Scholarship

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- Be an active, communicant member of a Lutheran congregation
- Be classified as a junior and senior at an accredited 4-year college or university
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Have a career objective in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities

Applicants must submit:

- a completed application.
- documentation of 100 hours of service to people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, volunteer or paid. Service must be completed within the past two years.
- a 250-300-word essay describing how the intended academic course of study will support their career in the field of intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.
- four letters of recommendation (pastor, professor/teacher and two unrelated others).
- an official college/university transcript(s).
- pictures of applicant volunteering/interacting with people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (required).

Description: Five \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded each year to Lutheran students pursuing undergraduate degrees in any academic area that will prepare them to serve and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Scholarships will

be awarded only twice to the same person.

Deadline: May 15, 2021

Award: \$3,000

Application: <https://bethesdaalc.org/get-involved/scholarships/#.YEZnP1VKiUk>

James Beard Foundation Scholarship Program

Eligibility: Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates who plan to enroll or who are already enrolled at least parttime during the 2021-22 academic year in a course of study leading to a certificate or degree at a licensed or accredited culinary school.

Selection of Recipients:

Recipients are selected based on academic record, leadership and participation in school and community activities, work experience, statement of career and educational aspirations and goals, unusual personal or family circumstances, financial need, and an outside appraisal. Some awards require an essay.

Award: vary from \$2,000 - 20,000.

Deadline: May 15, 2021

Application: <https://www.jamesbeard.org/education-scholarships-and-grants>

B. Davis Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Available to all high school Juniors and Seniors, as well as all students currently registered in any postsecondary institution. There is no age restriction
- This is not an academic scholarship, but we would like to know where you are going to school now and what your future academic plans are.
- Please do not send transcripts or letters of recommendation at this time.

Instructions:

To apply for this scholarship, you will need to write an essay of less than 1000 words on:

- Describe the three characteristics of leadership you value most. Discuss why you believe that these traits are so important and how you feel that they are developed in an individual.
- Your submissions must be sent to the committee at awards@studentawardsearch.com

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: May 22, 2021

Application: <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>

Visit the College & Career Access Center today in the Jackson Crossing!

For the complete list of May scholarships please visit www.jcisd.org/CCAC.

Tunnel2Towers 5K Run/Walk Jackson, Celebrates First Responders, Military Service Men and Women

The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, established in memory of a fallen 9/11 firefighter, whose mission is to honor and support first responders and the military, today announced plans to hold its 5th Annual Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk in Jackson, MI on Saturday May 15, 2021, from 8am – 11am, at the Cascades Falls. The run/walk will be followed by an Antique car Show and a concert in the park, all free for the public to attend.

The event will honor and celebrate Jackson County, MI first responders—fire, police, EMT's, paramedics—as well as military service heroes who serve, sacrifice and protect us every day. We will also be remembering the 20th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

Registered walkers and runners will have the opportunity to create their own profile pages that will feature their personal photos and individual stories. Additionally, participants can compete to raise the most funds and recruit the most friends to their team.

Teams of Firefighters and law enforcement officers from across the region will be competing for the Steven Siller Award, for the fastest Fire Department and Fastest Law Enforcement Award..

Jackson, MI 5K Run/Walk will start at Cascades Falls at 830am, utilizing an open ended start line, to accommodate Social Distancing guidelines and will wind its way around the park, passing by where a piece of the World Trade Center steel is displayed, before ending up near the Falls entrance, under one of the biggest American Flags you've ever seen!

The Jackson, MI 5K Run/Walk is one of dozens of 5K Runs/Walks held all around the United States in support of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. This year's event is being sponsored by local businesses to include Jim Winter Auto Group, Phelps Towing, Inosencio/Fisk PLC, McKibbin Media Works, Pro DJ's, Hampton Funeral Homes, Xcell Staffing, Athletico Physical Therapy, Biggby Coffee, Holiday Inn Express, Wal-Mart and Meijer. This year, Tunnel 2 Towers is again partnering with Michigan Blood and M.I.S. and the Spirit Of America Blood drive, held annually on Sept. 11 at Michigan International Speedway. Attendees at the 5K can



sign up and register to donate at this great drive!

Tunnel to Towers is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing services for the nation's first responders and military. Through its Smart Home program, dozens of customized high-tech "smart homes" have been built throughout the country for catastrophically injured service members. These homes, created primarily for those who are now triple-and quadruple-amputees as a result of IED explosions, have specialized features run off of iPads to allow these heroes to lead as independent a life as possible.

Additionally the Foundation administers a Fallen First Responder and Gold Star Family Program, both designed to pay off the mortgages of homes that are left behind by our First Responders and military that lose their life in the line of duty.

To register or for more information on Jackson, MI 5K Run/Walk, please visit www.t2t.org.






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AWARE Announces Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), Take Back the Night Virtual Fundraiser

Contributed by AWARE Shelter
April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). This year's theme is "We Can Build Safe Online Spaces."
Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including online. As we connect online—whether in workspaces, classrooms, or social media platforms—we can learn how to practice digital consent, intervene when we see harmful content or behaviors, and ensure that online spaces are safe and respectful.
Locally, AWARE, Inc. will be hosting a virtual fitness fundraiser sponsored by Henry Ford Allegiance Health that will run April 1 – 30, 2021. The

cost to join is \$30 per person. Funds raised will be used to support the operating costs to implement sexual assault services. Services include legal advocacy, emergency shelter, counseling, and accompaniment during a medical exam. To sign up visit www.awarshelter.org/make-adonation/donate-now/ and choose the option that says TBTN Fitness Challenge.
The virtual fitness challenge encourages participants to trek 33.5 miles by running, walking, cycling, swimming, rowing, skiing, or other physical exercise. The first 8 people to complete the mission will receive a glow in the dark Take Back the Night T-shirt.



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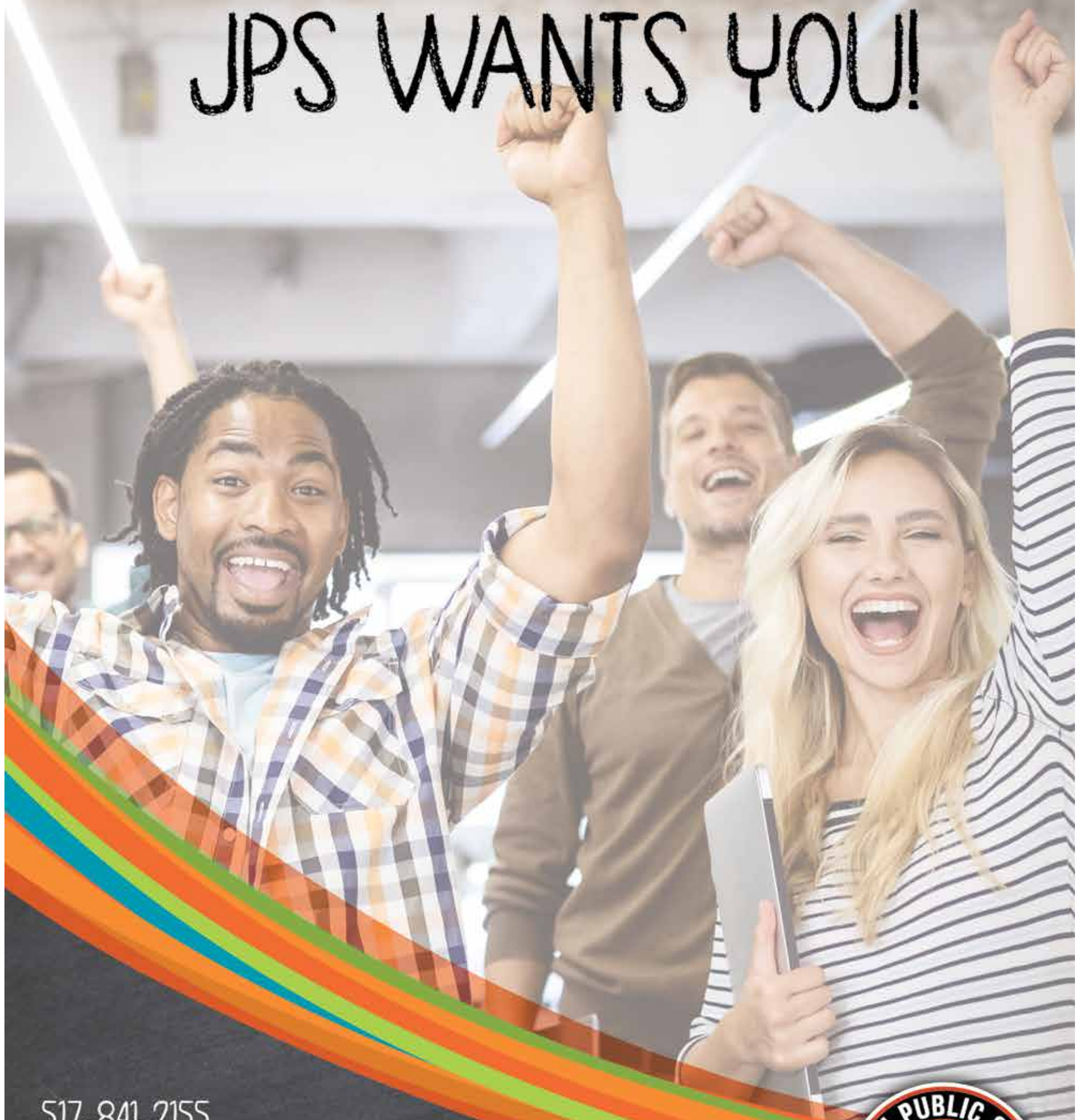
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