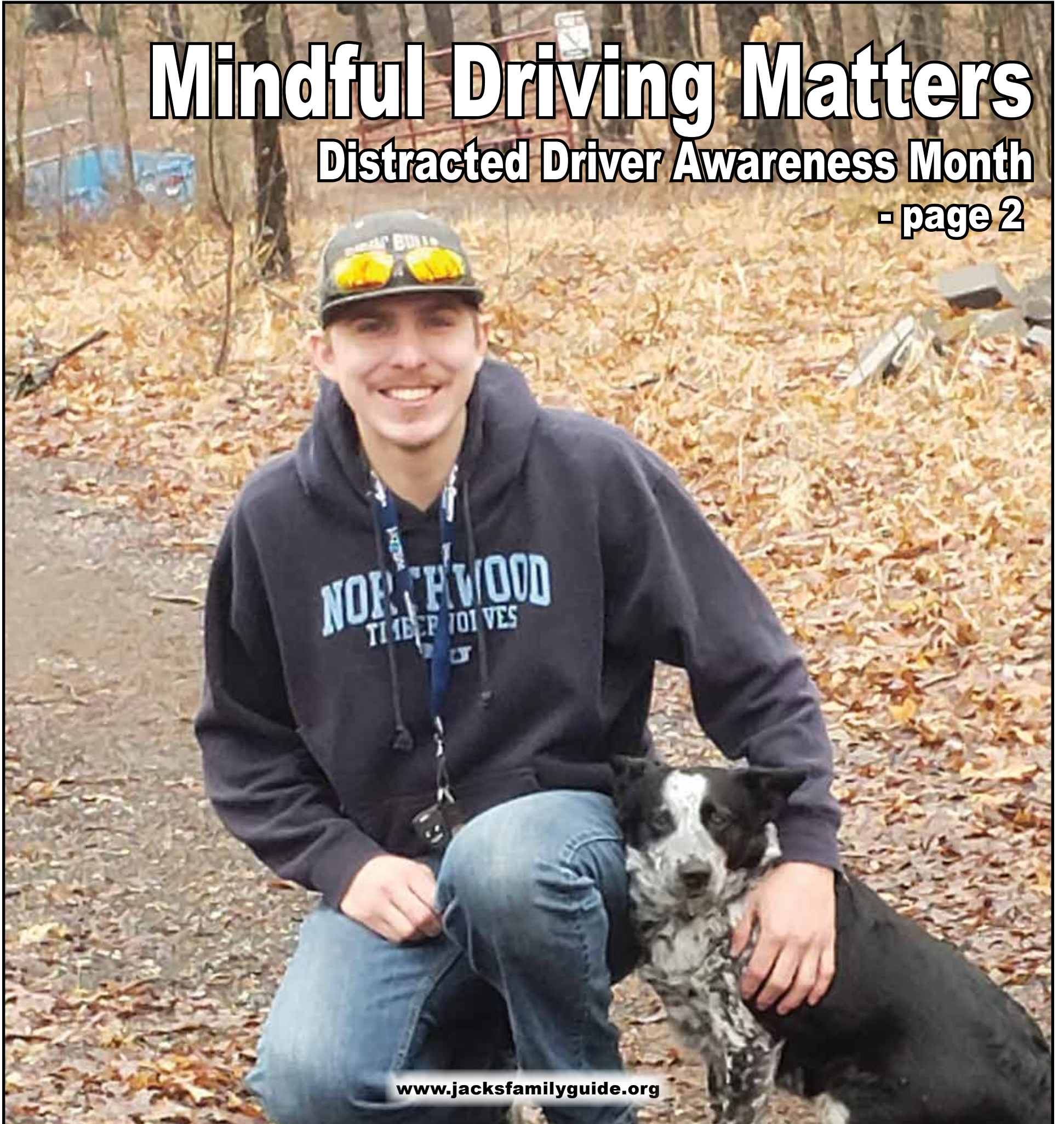


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# April is Distracted Driver Awareness Month

*Contributed by the Jeff and Tina Beagle Foundation*

Distracted driving has become an increasingly urgent issue. In Jackson County alone, pedestrian-vehicle incidents have risen significantly within the past year. We hear about them more frequently, especially through social media.

With that in mind, my mission is to raise awareness in Jackson County and then expand to neighboring counties and beyond. But I cannot do this alone. This cause is bigger than just my family and me. We need your help.

**Our Story**

On March 19, 2022, my son Kory was tragically killed by a distracted driver while walking with his service dog, Faith, on Parnell Road. Kory was only 25 years old. Heartbreakingly, the driver was not charged with a crime, making our

devastating loss even more unbearable.

To honor Kory's memory, I am committed to preventing further injuries—or worse, fatalities—caused by distracted driving. This journey has been a difficult



one, but I have learned so much along the way.

Just 13 days after Kory's passing, on April 1, 2022, Michigan recognized Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Then, on June 30, 2023, Michigan's hands-free distracted driv-

ing law went into effect. Most recently, in April 2024, our nonprofit application was officially approved.

**About The Jeff and Tina Beagle Foundation**

Our Mission: We are dedicated to raising awareness about the dangers of distracted driving in Jackson County and beyond. We advocate for safe pathways for all pedestrians—runners, walkers, cyclists, and wheelchair users—to prevent future injuries and tragedies.

Our goal: To save lives, one sidewalk at a time.

Safety and awareness are responsibilities we all share. Please help us in our mission—drive safely, stay alert, and focus on the road, not your phone. We all want our loved ones to come home safely.

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# School Resources: Jackson Police Officers Making an Impact at Local Schools

By Aaron Dimick,  
City of Jackson

Public Information Officer



Walking the halls of Jackson High School during the lunchtime rush, exchanging smiles, fist bumps, and hellos, it's clear that Jackson Police Officers Warren Johnson and David Stallworth are making an impact with students. "I love walking in, seeing the kids, giving them a fist bump, and asking how I can help them," Officer Johnson said.

While the officers do patrol duties on an as-needed basis, being a School Resource Officer (SRO) is a full-time assignment. Johnson is the SRO at Middle School at Parkside, and Stallworth is posted at Jackson High School. "We provide that level of safety and security for them to have a productive learning environment. A lot of our work is behind the scenes," Officer Stallworth said.

The SROs have offices in their respective schools to hold meetings with students, parents, teachers, and staff, but they're often spotted

all over campus. Resource officers work alongside staff to provide a robust response when a student is struggling. "I will touch base with some kids who I know have academic or attendance issues, seeing how I can help them understand the importance of school and see if there's anything I can provide to help them with that," Officer Stallworth said.

Three years after bringing resource officers back to Jackson Public Schools (JPS), the program is building community trust. "The students see you in a different light. They see you as a human and not just a police officer," Officer Johnson said.

Kriss Giannetti, JPS Assistant Superintendent of Communications and Community Outreach, says the resource officers play vital roles in school safety plans. "SROs know the schools back and forth. When police respond to a school for an emergency, the resource officers know what they're going to do and help us coordinate," Giannetti said. District leaders have noticed that the officers provide a critical link between schools and the outside world. "They give us insight into the students, families, and situations



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Left to right: Abasi Earl, Officer David Stallworth, Dominic Johnson, Carter Joseph, Officer Warren Johnson & Catrina Smith

that we need to know about. I can't imagine how we would continue without our resource officers. This is something we find to be impactful, necessary, and don't want to do without," Giannetti said.

Boosting safety for the entire community is a benefit of this partnership between the police department and school district. "Positive interactions with both students and parents are having an immeasurable impact. The JPD officers who

work the road are getting a better response from the younger generation, whether that's being more helpful with investigations or just having a friendly conversation," Officer Stallworth said.

The resource officers say they're happy to do their part to help shape the minds of tomorrow. "Influence kids to make the right choices and be great humans. It's very motivating, and it's hard not to love," Officer Stallworth said.

## Lomar Gears Up for Two Major Tradeshows in 2025

By Becky Dorian,

Lomar Machine & Tool Company

Lomar is excited to announce its participation in two leading manufacturing tradeshows in 2025—the Advanced Manufacturing Expo in Grand Rapids and Fabtech in Chicago. These events serve as premier platforms for showcasing the latest advancements in manufacturing technology, and Lomar is eager to share its innovative developments with the industry and the local community.

"At Lomar, we are constantly evolving to provide cutting-edge solutions that enhance efficiency, sustainability, and precision in manufacturing," said Rebecca Dorian. "These tradeshows allow us to connect with industry leaders, customers, and partners while demonstrating how our technology is shaping the future of manufacturing."

The Advanced Manufacturing Expo, taking place in Grand Rapids, is a key regional event that brings together professionals from across the manufacturing sector. Fabtech, held in Chicago,

is North America's largest metal forming, fabricating, welding, and finishing event, attracting thousands of attendees from around the world.

By attending these tradeshows, Lomar continues its commitment to innovation and collaboration, ensuring that both its customers and the community stay ahead in the ever-evolving world of manufacturing.

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# Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: JoJo & Roly Poly

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### JoJo

JoJo is a handsome, chocolate-brown, one-year-old Golden Retriever and Labrador mix with a heart full of love. He arrived as a stray, thin and missing most of his fur, but after a month of care, he's thriving and eager for his forever home. Friendly and happy, he's done well with a cat and a Chihuahua. While he gets along with other dogs, his true joy is being with people. With soulful amber eyes, he's just waiting for someone to love him. His sweetness will pull at your heartstrings, and he still eats with enthusiasm. Dog adoptions require an application, which you can find online here. The availability date is when the dog becomes JCAS property;

however, any necessary medical procedures may cause a slight delay in the adoption process. A mandatory meet & greet with your dog is essential. A cat room walk-through is available to test reactions. Dogs will be placed with approved applicants, and the adoption fee is \$150 for medium/large dogs and \$250 for puppies/small dogs, which includes vaccinations, microchip, and sterilization.

### Roly Poly

Roly Poly got her name because she loves belly rubs! This six-year-old tuxedo cat, mostly black with adorable white markings—including a tiny mustache—is as friendly as they come. She purrs, head bumps, and flips over for attention. Despite a tough past and some healing bite marks, she remains affectionate. FIV-positive, she can still

live a happy life and isn't a risk to humans or other animals. She's ready for a loving home! Stop by and meet this gal 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. While visiting the shelter is always recommended, you can also submit an online cat application here, fax it to 517-780-4750, or email it to animalshelter@mijackson.org. For more information, visit our website at mijackson.org/579/Animal-Shelter. Find us on Facebook or view all pets on Petango.com-Shelter Details. Current Shelter Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10:00-4:30, Thu 10-7, Sat 10-4:30.



# Cascades Humane Society's Pet of the Month

Contributed by Cascades Humane Society

This month, we have BJ looking for his forever home!

Meet BJ, an almost one-year-old Belgian Malinois mix with a quirky personality and unique looks that are sure to steal your heart! His playful nature makes him the perfect companion for active families or individuals seeking a fun-loving dog. BJ loves everyone—people and dogs alike—and is neu-

tered, up to date on all vaccinations, microchipped, and heartworm negative, ensuring he's healthy and ready



for his forever home. BJ is ready to bring joy, energy, and charm to your life!!

### About the Cascades Humane Society

Organized and incorporated in 1952, Cascades Humane Society is dedicated to improving the lives of animals, promoting responsible pet ownership, and creating lasting connections between pets and families. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please call 517-787-7387 or email hgolightly@chspets.org.

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Hometown Eats

# April 2025 Edition: Lowry's

By Val Herr

Lowry's Little Flock Farm may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think about hometown eats, but it should be.



Located at 12201 Suftin Rd in Horton, this 30-acre farm with a bakeshop has something for everyone. Bring the entire family to see the farm, feed the animals, and enjoy a bakehouse delight. The baked goods offered include cinnamon rolls,

scones, cookies, pies, cheesecakes, danishes, and so much more. They usually post on their Facebook account which treats are available.

Recently, they expanded to offer cooking and baking classes for youth and adults. My husband and I recently took their Brunch baking classes. We learned how to make cinnamon rolls, quiche, and scones. We brought home two dozen cinnamon rolls, two quiches, and two dozen scones! As an avid baker and cook myself, I learned tips and tricks to maximize my time in the kitchen while

producing amazing food. I also learned the difference between salted and unsalted butter. And no, it's not about the salt. I'm not going to tell you the difference because I want you to sign up for one of their classes.

Classes offerings for adults include:

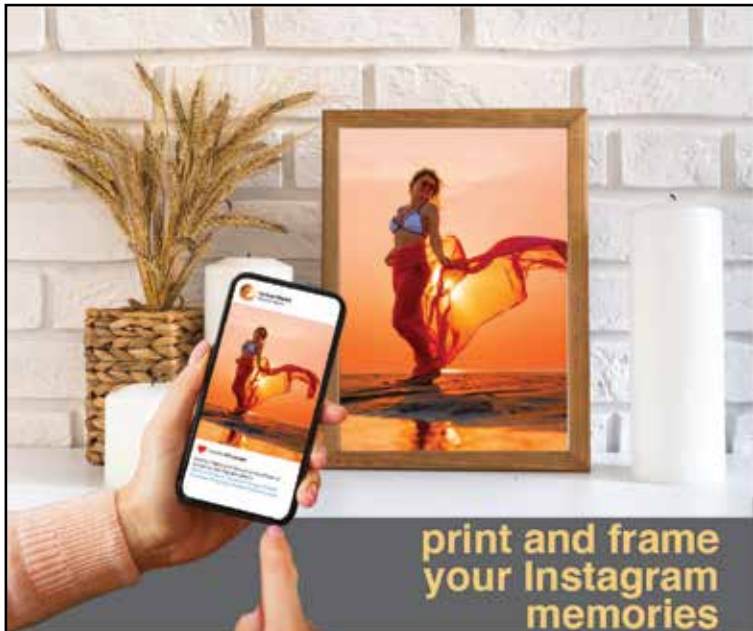
- Brunch Baking
- Pies
- Death by Chocolate

• And more.  
For kids, they offer:

- Lunch on a stick
- Tacos
- And more

To see a complete list of classes, check out their website, [lowrylittleflockfarm.com](http://lowrylittleflockfarm.com).

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# Financial Strategies for Dual Caregivers

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Did you know that the number of family caregivers supporting older adults increased by nearly one-third between 2011 and 2022? This trend means more individuals are juggling the responsibilities of caring for both aging parents and their own children. For dual caregivers, the financial strain is overwhelming: nearly 80% of family caregivers incur out-of-pocket costs averaging \$7,200 annually.

These expenses—coupled with reduced work hours or leaving jobs entirely—can lead to lost income and long-term implications for financial stability. However, with the right strategies, you can manage your finances effectively and ensure a stable future for your loved ones.

## Strategic Financial Planning

To navigate these challenges, it's crucial to develop a comprehensive financial plan. Here are some strategies to consider:

1. **Create a Budget:** Track expenses, both personal and care related. This includes medical treatments, daily supplies, home modifications, and transportation. Use budgeting tools to visualize

your monthly cash flow, helping you identify areas where you can cut costs without compromising care.

2. **Build an Emergency Fund:** Having a financial cushion can provide peace of mind and help you handle unexpected expenses. Aim to save at least three to six months' worth of living expenses. This fund can be a lifesaver if you face sudden medical bills or need to take unpaid leave.

3. **Explore Insurance Options:** Long-term care insurance can help cover the costs of caregiving services, reducing the financial burden on your family. Review your health insurance policies to ensure they provide adequate coverage.

4. **Take Advantage of Tax Benefits:** There are tax credits and deductions available for caregivers. You may be eligible for the Child and Dependent Care Credit or the Medical Expense Deduction. Consult with a tax professional to maximize your benefits and reduce your tax liability.

5. **Seek Legal Advice:** Consider consulting with an elder law attorney to discuss estate planning, power of attorney, and other legal matters. This can protect your assets and ensure that your loved ones are cared for according to your wishes.

6. **Leverage Community Re-**

**sources:** Many communities offer resources and support for caregivers. Here are some to consider:

- **Local Support Groups:** These groups provide a space to share experiences, gain emotional support, and exchange practical advice. Can't meet in person? Consider caregiver apps and online resources.

- **Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs):** AAAs offer services like respite care, meal programs, transportation services, and caregiver training.

- **Community Health Workers (CHWs):** CHWs help caregivers navigate complex health and social service systems, providing culturally and linguistically appropriate support.

- **Nonprofit Organizations:** Organizations like the Family Caregiver Alliance and the National Alliance for Caregiving offer educational materials, online support groups, and advocacy services.

- **Veterans Affairs (VA):** The VA offers caregiver support programs, financial assistance, and respite care for those caring for veterans.

- **Local Government Programs:** Many local governments offer financial assistance, home modification grants, and transportation services.

- **Educational Workshops and Webinars:** Many organizations offer

workshops and webinars on topics related to caregiving, such as financial planning, stress management, and legal issues.

## Balancing Work and Caregiving

Communicate with your employer about your caregiving duties. Some companies offer flexible work arrangements, such as telecommuting or adjusted work hours, which can help you balance your responsibilities more effectively. If your employer offers paid family leave, take advantage of it. This can provide you with the time you need to care for your loved ones without sacrificing your income. If possible, consider exploring part-time options or freelance opportunities, which can provide you with a more flexible schedule while still generating income.

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# The Glow-Up Guide: Unlocking the Magic of Skincare and Jet Plasma

By Victoria Beaman

Skincare is no longer just about vanity—it's about self-care, confidence, and preserving your skin's health for years to come. Taking care of your skin is like giving a gift to your future self; the effort you put in now will pay off with radiant, youthful skin later.



### Why Skincare Matters

Your skin is your body's largest organ and its first line of defense against the outside world. Keeping it healthy not only improves your ap-

pearance but also serves as a barrier against environmental stressors like pollution, UV radiation, and harmful bacteria.

Here are some awesome benefits of adopting a good skincare routine:

- **Confidence Booster:** Glowing, clear skin makes you feel good in your own skin (pun intended!).
- **Aging Gracefully:** Proper care slows down the appearance of wrinkles, fine lines, and age spots.
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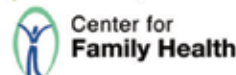
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