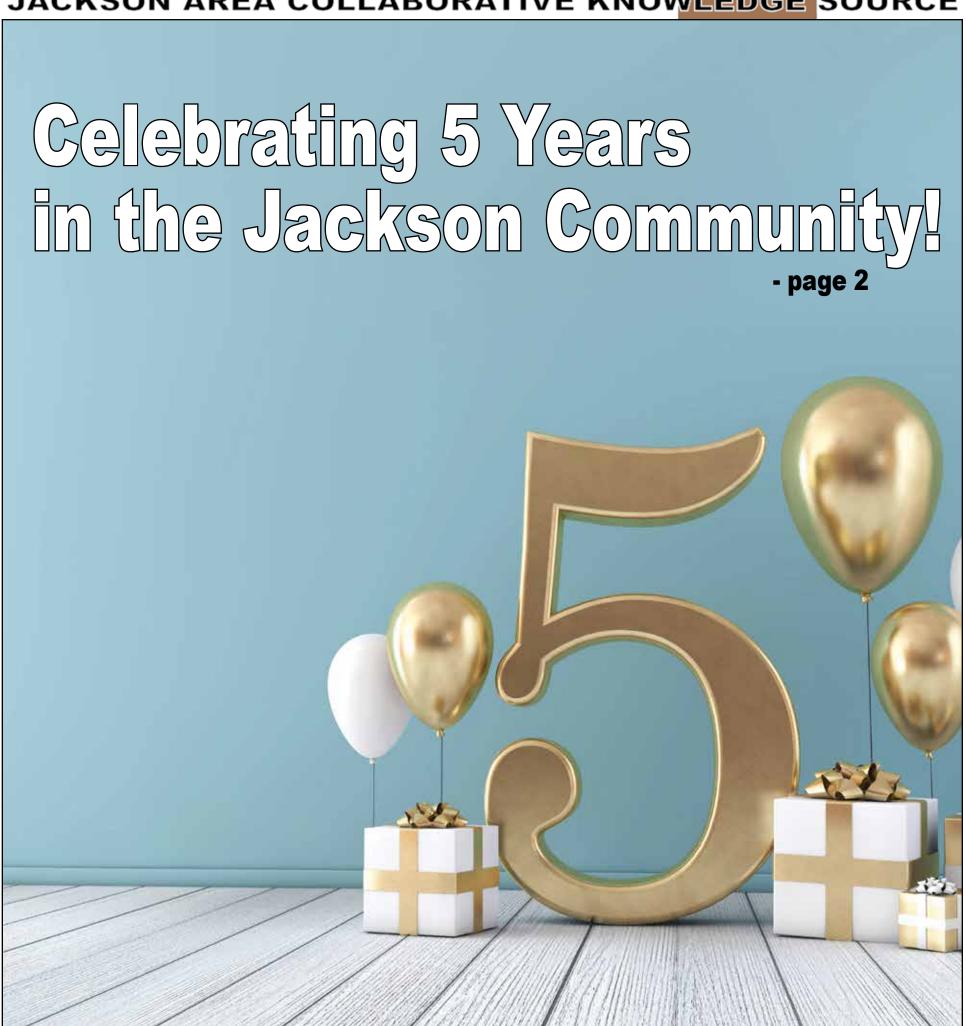
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# A Letter from the Publisher

By Stefanie Riggs Publisher



It is hard to believe that this publication has been in Jackson for five years this month.

Thank you, Jackson, for embracing this idea we had! Looking back to our first issue, and all of those on our journey to where we are now, it is incredible to see the change. Our community has grown and changed, but the support has never faltered.

It is our privilege to share with the people of Jackson all of the wonderful happenings going on throughout our community, as well as being able to share the expertise of many of our local professionals. As a collaborative resource guide, we welcome area businesses and non-profits to share what makes their company unique. Who better to tell your story than you?

Advertising is important as we all know. The world runs very quickly and people absorb things in short snippets. So a clear concise message is a must. But, when given a chance to share more, an article that provides details of an event or topic is a great way to reinforce and support an eye-catching marketing piece.

As a community resource guide, we want to share all resources. If you have a

business or organization that you want the community to be aware of please contact us. Keep in mind that 70 to 80 percent of all buying decisions are made by women and that is who we reach. Families need a wide variety of services and items such as insurance, automobiles, cloth-



ing, health care, dental care, higher education, repair services and the list goes on. If you have an expertise you would like to write about we welcome your contribution - please email us at jacksfamilyguide@gmail.com.

This year we find ourselves in a time unlike any other. With the novel coronavirus, and the civil unrest following the devastating death of George Floyd, our world is in a unique position. Through these difficult situations, we are able to band together with the goal of creating a world in which each and every person would want their children to grow up. Through our words and daily actions, we have the ability to change things. Whether it is a friendly greeting to a person you have never met, an email to someone you have not spoken to in some time, or paying for the car behind you in a drive thru line, there are many ways that each of us can create joy and solidarity in our community.

Though this time has been difficult for individuals and companies, we want to let all of you know that we will be continuing our mission of strengthening families in the Jackson community by providing fun and useful information.

We look forward to continuing to share with Jackson all the wonderful knowledge, culture and activities this community has to offer. Thank you for supporting us and please continue to tell your friends and family about us. We can be found in more than 150 area businesses and during school months we go home from school with most Jackson County elementary school children.

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# The Black Lives Matter Movement

By Elizabeth Farmer & Sarah Nisenson

On May 25, Derek Chauvin, a police officer, responded to a call about an alleged fraudulent bill. He handcuffed George Floyd, the suspect, and pinned him to the ground. He then knelt on his neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. Officer Chauvin murdered George Floyd. There is no nuance. George Floyd, a black man, was murdered by a white police officer. Just as Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old black EMT, was murdered by police after they entered the wrong apartment and shot her 8 times while she was asleep in her bed. Police failed to arrest the murderers of black 25-year-old Ahmaud Arbery for months after his death, until a video went viral of armed white men pursuing Arbery on his daily jog.

At the end of all this, we are left with one certainty: black lives matter. Which brings us to new guestions: who, exactly, do the police serve? Who are they protecting? Officer Chauvin did not respond to that call alone: there were three other officers there, each of whom stood by and did nothing while George Floyd repeated that he couldn't breathe. If Officer Chauvin is the "bad apple" toted by Police PR, then what does

that make his fellow officers?

It is easy to forget the whole expression: one bad apple spoils the whole bunch. This is the reality of policing: officers are complicit in a system built to serve and protect a white hierarchy. The police operate on an outdated ideology built around policing black bodies. The

free peers. They can't vote, face massive unemployment challenges, and many end up right back in jail upon release. These systems are not designed to rehabilitate criminals and aid them in becoming productive members of society. These systems are designed to be profitable, which means filling them with



modern police trace their origins back to slave patrols of a bygone era, designed to enforce the power of a white ruling class. While the time of slaves has come and gone, we have reintroduced the concept through the massive private prison system that sees countless nonwhite people jailed for far less than their white counterparts. Prisoners are paid slave wages for their work done in prison, and they experience far less labor protections than their

as many bodies as possible. The police are integral to this system; furthermore, they arrest and charge black people at an alarmingly higher rate than whites.

Jackson, Michigan, houses a massive prison. In fact, it houses the first Michigan state prison ever constructed. This, unfortunately, is what it is known for. Anyone driving along the highway, upon seeing the sign for Jackson, will remark upon passing "Prison City." But will they know

that Jackson is regarded by many as the birthplace of the Republican party? Will they know that Jackson is one of the first cities to ever house an argument for the abolishment of slavery? Like many places, Jackson is instead defined by the prison industrial system it houses, another injustice of such a system. As a city, what do you wish to be defined by? What will be your legacy?

There is a better world waiting for us at the end of all this grief. We can design a system that doesn't rely on violence and force to solve problems that could be better handled by a social worker or a mental health professional. Police officers are not the only way we can uphold law and order in America. We must all do our part to build this better world. Sign petitions. Donate. Use your voice. And remember that black lives mat-

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# Summer Fashion Trends with Apricot Lane

By Kelli Schweizer

Summer has finally arrived here in Michigan! It



seems to take longer and longer every year! E v e n though our summer may

look a little bit different this year with everything going on in the world, there is still SO much to do! From backyard BBQs to days spent at the lake or pool, Apricot Lane Jackson has all of your fashion needs taken care of! What is on trend for Summer 2020? Below are some of the top items to look for!

#### Tie Dye

Tie Dye is BACK and better than ever! Anyone else remember tie-dying shirts at summer camp or with your kiddos? There are so many options and varieties when it comes to this trend, whether it is bright and bold or subtle and muted, you cannot go wrong with a little tie-dye in your closet this summer!

#### Clear Bags

Ok. So, you may not be going to a bunch of concerts or festivals this summer, but that doesn't mean you don't need to add a clear bag to your list of favorite accessories! They are fun, unique and come in so many options! From backpack styles to round, Boho vibes and everything in-between, you will LOVE these bags!

#### **Bright Colors + Neon**

Brighten up your EN-TIRE closet with this popular trend! It can be seen on everything from shorts and tanks to bathing suits and accessories. Never be afraid of a little color, it can brighten up your complexion, boost your overall mood and just make you look and feel amazing!

#### Fun, Flirty Rompers

If you haven't tried on a romper yet, DO IT! And if you haven't found one that fits you exactly how you want, keep trying different styles! There are so many varieties that you are sure to find the perfect one! They are probably one of the easiest garments to make you look totally put together in no time at all.

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# Golf Games, Walking Tours, & More this Summer!

By Val Herr



Well, I never expected as I'm sure most you would agree that June we would still

be dealing with a stay at home order due to CO-VID-19. It's been an interesting spring and I hope all of you have been able to make some good family memories while being at home. My family has done more projects around the house than my guys care for, but they are great guys so they keep doing them. We planted fruit trees and put in an extension garden.

Every Thursday has been they have: Take-Out Thursday which entails choosing a new restaurant each week. We have enjoyed finding locally owned restaurants that we didn't even know existed before. While we have tried to make the most of this time, we are ready to hit the road and do something new and different. With the unofficial launch of summer behind us it's time to be outside and enjoy Michigan weather. Although many of the popular events are cancelled this summer, there are still ways to spend time with friends and family, and create lasting memories. Be sure to check with each location prior to your arrival to ensure they are open and see what regulations

1. Cascades Foot Golf Course-1992 Warren Ave, Jackson MI.

This is a unique cross between golf and soccer and something the entire family can enjoy. Footgolf is a sport, in which players kick a spherical soccer ball into a cup in as few shots as possible. The name is a portmanteau of football and golf, and the game combines the two sports, being more closely related to golf.

2. Visit the Cascades Falls-1401 S.Brown Street. Jackson MI. This iconic Jackson landmark receives thousands of visitors a year but when is the last time you were there? The Falls were built in the early

spring of the 1930s. Its first display to the public was on May 10, 1932. The Cascades Falls are 500 feet in length, a vertical height of 64 feet, and a total width of 60 feet. There are 6 fountains, 16 Falls (11 are illuminated), 1,230 Colored Electric Lights, and a 2,000 gallon per minute water pump that filters, chlorinates, and recycles water in a closed loop system. There are 126 steps along each side of the Falls. This walkway passes 3 main pools of water that are 30 feet by 90 feet. (Jackson County website).

3. Play some Putt Putt at Ella Sharp Park's Miniature Golf Course-2800 Fourth Street. This 18 hole course is perfect for the entire family and a great way to also spend time in the park. Take a picnic lunch and make a day of it.

4. Check out the list of downtown Jackson walking tours from Experience Jackson: https://www. experiencejackson.com/ things-to-do/uniquely-jackson/walking-tours

Strap on your comfy shoes and head out to our amazing downtown. I bet you will learn a few things along the way and walking is a great form of exercise and stress reducer.

As always it's less about what you do and more about who you do it with. Get out there, try new things and make some great memories along the

# Jackson YMCA Distributes Free Meals, Essential Items

By Bonnie Gretzner, Jackson YMCA Marketing Director

Although the Jackson YMCA remains closed this month due to a state-mandated order, a

small group of staff has remained to handle essential services, including facility maintenance, membership inquiries and distribution of student and family meals and emergency care items.

All items are distributed FREE of charge weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; access is through the alley from Wesley Street. The Y has partnered with many community organizations to offer the following:

- With Jackson Public Schools, the Y is offering sack breakfasts, lunches and dinners. On Friday, enough meals are provided for the weekend. Adults do not need to have their children with them

to pick up the meals. The week of May 4, the Y team served 4,461 meals!

- In partnership with Compassionate Ministries of Jackson County, the Jackson YMCA is providing nonperishable family meal kits.

- The Y is also distributing essential care items - such as infant items (diapers, wipes, formula), personal hygiene products (soap, toothpaste,



shampoo) and cleaning supplies - in collaboration with Jackson COVID-19 Action Network (JCAN), the United Way and the Jackson Community Foundation. About 100 people are served each week.

"Within days of closing we were able to pivot to provide emergency services for ALL," said Jackson YMCA CEO Shawna Tello. "I am grate-

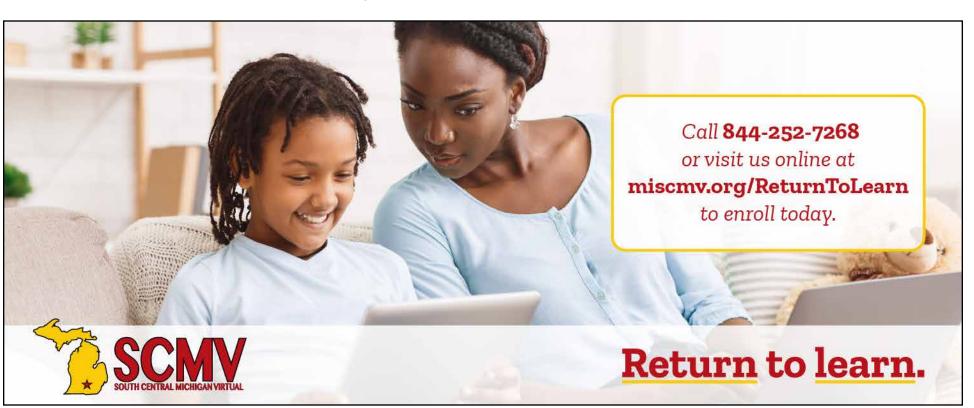
> ful that our Y is able to support kids, adults and families during this challenging time."

> The Y continues to meet community needs as they arise. For instance, Calvary United Methodist is providing meals and a place to sleep for up to 25 homeless individuals and families. On May 7, the Y was able to provide the group with transportation and showers at the Y.

> A recent grant will help the Y continue the meal and essential item distribution well into the summer. The YMCA recently received a \$5,000 grant from the COVID-19 Response Fund from the United Way of Jackson County and the

Jackson Community Foundation.

Said Shawna, "We are so appreciative of this funding, as so many people look to the Y for support."



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My Beautifully Inspired Mess...

# Up, Up & Away

By Kelli Schweizer



of my absolute FAtraditions/ events that have we here Jackson is

the Annual Hot Air Balloon Jubilee. I have been going to it since I can remember. My mom used to wake me up so early so that we could go chase them around the county. Even to this day, I will call her when I see one flying so she can hopefully see it too.

My heart is so heavy knowing that we will not get to experience such a wonderful event this year due to CO-VID-19. I decided to bring the hot air balloons into my home as fun activities for my kiddos while we wait out this long period of isolation.

We created two fun crafts to do inspired by the Hot Air Balloon Jubilee. First, we created a 3D hot air balloon constructed out of paper and glue. It was fun and relatively easy. Younger kiddos will

need some guidance but it was fun for me too! One of my favorite things about hot air balloons are their different VORITE designs. Personally, I love the bright, rainbow colored ones. My kiddos like the one shaped as Sugar Bear. For our second craft, we decided to Google a few hot air balloons for inspiration and design our own! It was SO easy and only required two materials!

#### **3D Hot Air Balloons Materials Needed:**

- Construction Paper
- Print out to trace (optional, can also draw freehand)
- Marker/tracing utensil
- Glue
- Scissors
- String or Fishing Line (op-

#### How To:

Step 1: Find what hot air balloon size/shape you'd like to create. You can easily draw the shape yourself, however, I have zero drawing ability so I Googled "Hot Air Balloon Template" and up popped so many options!

Step 2: Trace Hot Air Bal-

loon shape onto various colors of construction paper. (You could also use plain white printer paper and have them color)

Step 3: Cut out balloon shapes.

Step 4: Fold each shape in half vertically so it bends in the middle.

Step 5: Glue the back of each folded shape together to create a 3D balloon (it takes 4, folded balloon shapes to create one bal-

Step 6: Add fishing line or string at the top if you'd like to hang them up!

#### **Design Your Own Hot Air Balloon**

#### **Materials Needed:**

- · Latex Balloon (or any solid color birthday balloon)
  - Markers

#### How To:

Step 1: Blow up latex balloon and tie to close.

Step 2: Let your kiddos decorate the balloon with markers any way they'd like! Look up hot air balloons online for inspiration!





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# PSA - Skin Cancer Awareness

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Before you head out

to enjoy time in the sun this summer, remember to protect your skin with a broad-spectrum sunscreen to guard against both UVA and UVB rays. UVA rays are connected to signs of premature aging and linked to melanoma. UVB rays are the ultraviolet rays that burn your skin. Find more ways to protect your skin at HenryFord.com slash skin cancer.

Regardless of the weather, protecting your skin from the sun is important all year long. Wear sunscreen daily and limit sun exposure by wearing long sleeves and a broadbrimmed hat – making sure to stick to shady spots between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when sunburn is more likely. Find a skin cancer resource guide at HenryFord. com slash skin cancer.



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