

June 2019

FREE

JACKSON AREA COLLABORATIVE KNOWLEDGE SOURCE

Cruise into Downtown Jackson for a Summer of Fun



www.jacksfamilyguide.com

Photo contributed by The City of Jackson



Hands on lessons from certified teachers in:

- ◆ Language ◆ Math ◆ Spanish ◆ Art ◆ Music
- ◆ Writing ◆ World Culture & Geography
- ◆ Sensorial ◆ Science ◆ Everyday Living

“Where kids love to learn!”

4100 Clinton Rd. 517-787-3026

www.NorthStarMontessoriJackson.com

**Now enrolling
for Summer
and Fall
classes!**

Welcome to J.A.C.K.S. —

Jackson Area Collaborative Knowledge Source. This community resource guide is designed to improve the lives of children and strengthen families in the Jackson community by providing fun and useful information.

Learn more at
www.jacksfamilyguide.com

Stefanie Riggs
Publisher
jacksfamilyguide@gmail.com

Morgan Riggs
Managing Editor

Evan Zigler
Distribution

If your business or organization would like to submit an article for FREE for publication please do so by the 3rd Friday of each month.

Email us at jacksfamilyguide@gmail.com or call 517-474-1422 for advertising information.

It is the responsibility of the submitting business or organization to obtain the proper photo release. The Jackson Area Collaborative Knowledge Source, is a collaborative guide. Stories and articles published herein are not written by us.

FIND US AT ONE OF THESE
AREA BUSINESSES!

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A Frame Above | Jackson Pack N Ship |
| ABC Academy, Lansing Ave. | Jackson Pediatric Associates |
| Academy of the Arts | Jackson Public Elementary Schools |
| Airport Lanes | Jackson Symphony Orchestra |
| Allegiance Gift Shop | JTV |
| Allskate Fun Center | Kibby Cobb Market |
| Ballooney Bin | Lifeways |
| Bean Elementary School | Little Rainbows Childcare |
| Biggby Coffee, Horton Rd. | Lyle Tarrant Center |
| Biggby Coffee, E. Michigan | Marino's, Parnall |
| Biggby Coffee, West Ave. | Marino's, Spring Arbor |
| Biggby Coffee, Spring Arbor | Maximum Gymnastics |
| Blue Ox Credit Union | McDonald's, 10 locations |
| Book Cottage | McFerran Dentistry |
| Brent Family Chiropractic | Michigan Center Elementary Schools |
| Britches & Bows | Michigan Theatre |
| Caffe' Lilla | Miller Shoes |
| Center for Family Health | Napoleon Elementary |
| Center for Family Health Dental | Next Step Dance Centre |
| Chilango's Burrito Bar | North Star Montessori |
| Chilango's Chop House | Not So Shabby, Oh! So Chic |
| Christoff & Sons Flooring | ORS Fieldhouse (The RAC) |
| CPFCU - 3 locations | Paragon Charter Academy |
| Clothing Carousel | Parlour of Jackson |
| Columbia Central Schools | Parma Elementary School |
| Community Action Agency | Personal Images Spa & Salon |
| Commonwealth Comm. Center | Picture This Jackson |
| Cotton Tales Toys | Polly's Country Markets |
| Culver's | Queen's Elementary School |
| D Nora's Tailoring | Recovery Technology |
| Dahlem Center | Salvation Army |
| DHS | Simple Flooring Solutions |
| Dr. Davenport, D.D.S. | Spring Arbor Cafe |
| Ella Sharp Museum | Spring Crest Dental Associates |
| Francis Street Primary School | St. Vincent de Paul Stores |
| Funday's Family Fun Cafe | Summit Garden Center |
| Goldsmith & Associates | Tedders Family & Implant Dentistry |
| Greenwood Pediatric | The Blue Julep Bakery |
| Habitat ReStore | The Jackson School of the Arts |
| Howard Hanna Realtors | The V Spa Beauty Club |
| Hutches | Trinity Lutheran School |
| Imagine Planet | United Way |
| I've Been Framed | Vito's Espresso |
| Jackson Coffee, Downtown | Walton Insurance Group |
| Jackson County Chamber | Warner Elementary School |
| Jackson County Health Dept. | |
| Jackson District Libraries | |
| Jackson Furniture Outlet | |

Cruise into Downtown Jackson this Summer for Tons of Fun

By Aaron Dimick,
Public Information Officer,
City of Jackson



Jackson families won't have to travel far this summer to experience all the season has to offer. With a packed summer 2019 schedule, there's something to do nearly every weekend this summer in Downtown Jackson. The Jackson Downtown Development Authority is behind all the action, launching its Endless Summer Event Series. It's a collaboration between the DDA, Michigan Theatre of Jackson and Jackson Symphony Orchestra.

The convertibles, tail fins, and shiny chrome returns to Downtown Jackson this summer, with Cruise In happening the fourth Friday of the month May to September in the evening hours. The classic car shows bring thousands of people downtown to see beautiful rides of the past, which are parked up and down Michigan Avenue and Jackson Street.

While you check out the cars be sure to follow your ears to the music coming from CP Federal City Square in Horace Blackman Park. That's where a variety of music acts will be performing the same nights as Cruise In for the summer concert series.

CP Federal City Square is also where you can watch movies under the stars this summer for the Friday Film Festival. Family-friendly

films are being shown at the City Square on the first Fridays of June, July and August. The Cruise In, concert series, and films are all free to attend!

The music continues with the International Music Festival, which is happening July 12-14. The music festival will feature a diverse range of music acts performing at the Michigan Theatre of Jackson.

All this summer fun is sure to work up an appe-

**The food trucks
and music events
are happening
the first and third
Tuesday of June,
July and August.**

tite. Food trucks are returning to Downtown Jackson for Food Truck Tuesday. While you peruse the tastes and smells around Horace Blackman Park, music will also be in the air. First and Third Tuesday Live will be happening in conjunction with the food truck offerings. It's a chance for local singer songwriters to shine while downtown visitors chow down. The food trucks and music events are happening the first and third Tuesday of June, July and August.

If you're looking for food that can go from local farms to your table, the Grand River Farmer's Market is here for you! Located along the Grand River off Mechanic Street, the farmer's market offers a wide array of locally grown produce and handmade products. The market is open from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from June to the end of October. To make sure everyone has access to fresh food, the market accepts WIC Project Fresh, Senior Project Fresh, and Bridge Card, along with cash or credit.

After a successful first year, the Gus Macker Tournament is coming back to Downtown Jackson this summer, taking place July 26-28. Courts will be set up all over the downtown area for the 3-on-3 basketball event. Teams of all ages are welcome to participate and basketball fans are welcome to watch and cheer them on.

Since these are a lot of dates to remember, DDA Executive Assistant Kaiti McDonough says all you have to do is "like" the Endless Summer Event Series and Downtown Jackson pages on Facebook to get the latest information about all of the events mentioned. "We have put together a diverse range of events that will appeal to people of all ages and backgrounds. The DDA hopes the community comes out to experience all that Jackson has to offer," McDonough said.

Sponsors of all the events mentioned in this article include County National Bank, CP Federal Credit Union, Jackson Anchor Initiative, Experience Jackson, JTV, Alro Steel Corporation, Dawn Foods, Jackson District Library, Melling Engine Parts, Consumers Energy, and Home.FM.

The City of Jackson and DDA wishes everyone a safe and active summer!



Culver's
**\$1 OFF A
KID'S MEAL**
Redeemable only at
Culver's of Jackson
3471 O'Neill Dr • 517-787-5550
Culver's of Ann Arbor
5910 Jackson Rd • 734-741-1111
culvers.com



**Shop Habitat
for Humanity
ReStore** for your
next home project
and support the
effort to provide
safe, decent housing
in Jackson county.

**251 W. Prospect St.
(517) 784-7640**

Learn to be a Tourist in Your Hometown

Looking for Something to Do? Check out a Museum!

By Val Herr

Well let's hope the April and May showers really do bring us flowers, green grass and amazing gardens. It's been quite the spring! I don't know about all of you, but I am so ready to be outside and in the sun.



When I think about being outside I don't often think about museums as they tend to be inside, but my family and I were able to enjoy Jackson County's Free Museum Day and what an amazing time we had. We spent quite a bit of time at the Waterloo Farm Museum. The tour of the house was spectacular, but what we enjoyed the most were the grounds and the out building. They offer an opportunity to step back in time and experience life as an early settler. They have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1973. They have a summer full of activities planned and I encourage you to check them out: <http://waterloofarmmuseum.org/>.

Our other stop that day was the Tompkins Historical Museum. Again, this was an amazing site and has much to offer. My family can't wait to enjoy this gem all summer long. Here is a sample of what they

say on their website:

Today the Tompkins Historical Society has restored the family home into a museum open to the public for tours and special events. Improvements continue on the property to restore buildings, develop nature trails and recently the addition of a pavilion, log cabin, barn, museum addition, school house, and working wind mill.

Today, the objectives of T.C.H.S are to encourage historical study and research, to preserve historical material connected with Tompkins Township and Tompkins Center, and to

house such material where it may be adequately displayed and accessible.

You don't have to leave Jackson County to have a great museum experience. While it's fun to head to Chicago and Detroit try spending a day or even two at our local museums. You can learn a great deal about life here in Jackson in the early days and learn about families that help ensure Jackson County thrived.

As always, break out of your rut, experience something new, and Learn to be a Tourist in your Own Home Town.



FREE EVENT & CONFERENCE

• ASSISTANCE •

Experience Jackson is here to help plan your next event, party or conference. Our free event planning support can connect you with vendors and provide resources to help your event go off without a hitch!

Contact Experience Jackson for help planning your next event in #JacksonMI!



(517) 764-4440
admin@ExperienceJackson.com







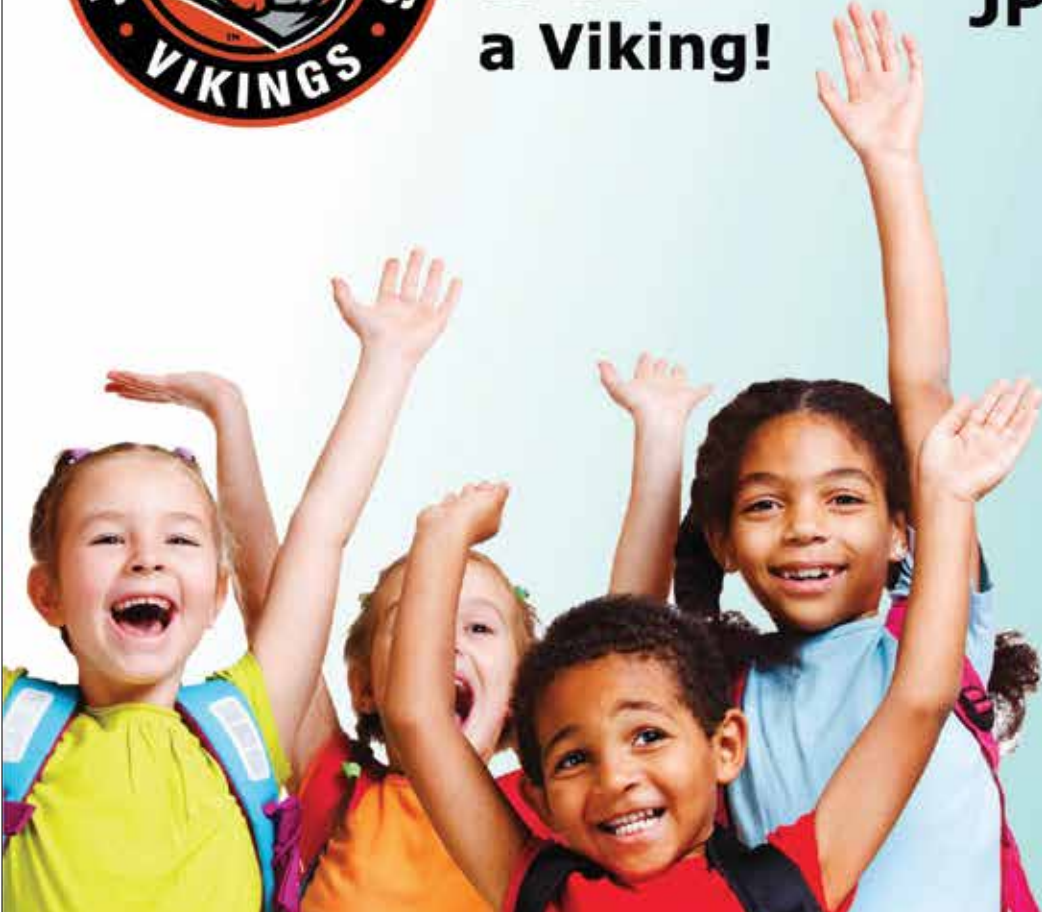
It's a Great Day to be a Viking!

Give the gift of time

JPS Young Fives Program

ENROLL TODAY!

Julie Baker
Julie.baker@jpsk12.org
517-841-3872
jpsk12.org



Habitat for Humanity

A Safe Home. Nutritious Food. Health Care. Reliable Transportation. Which Would you Choose?

By Wendy Clow
Executive Director
Habitat for Humanity



I don't know everyone reading this, your likes and dislikes, or how you take your coffee (or if you even like coffee!). But I can guarantee that all of you would agree with this statement: everyone deserves to build the foundation for a strong, healthy future for themselves and their families — no matter where they live or how much money they earn.

It mirrors the American Dream:

"A national ethos of the United States, the set of ideals in which freedom includes the opportunity for prosperity and success, as well as an upward social mobility for the family and children, achieved through hard work in a society with few barriers."

Every family deserves the chance to thrive.

I'm excited to share with you a new national advocacy campaign Habitat for Humanity is launching this month that will help us make the cost of home something we can all afford.

At Habitat for Humanity, our shared vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Driven by this vision,

Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. Since then, we have grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 70 countries.

Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Affordable homeownership frees families and fosters the skills and confidence they need to invest in themselves and their communities. The outcomes can be long-lasting and life changing.

Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves.

At our Habitat affiliate here in Jackson we are building new homes in the City of Jackson with the goal of providing self-reliance through stable housing for 15 families in the next 5 years, and performing critical home repairs for as many as 12-15 elderly people, veterans, and single moms each year who own their homes but don't have the means to finance

these repairs on their own.

The reality is that families all across the United States are paying too high a price to cover the cost of their home. Rents and homeownership costs are skyrocketing, while wages are not keeping pace. Families are struggling to make ends meet. Everywhere you look—cities, suburbs, rural areas—the stability that home should bring remains out of reach for too many.

1 in 6 families don't have the personal and economic stability that safe, decent and affordable housing provides.

We can't meet need through building alone. We can't reach our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live without addressing the underlying policies and systems that hinder access to housing.

When the cost of home is your family's future, the cost is too high. And when the cost of home is any family's future, that's something none of us can afford.

That's why Habitat for Humanity is working to ensure that no family has to pay more than half of their paycheck to cover the cost of home.

At Habitat we know the complexities related to home costs. We also know the struggle, stress and pain of far too many families in our community. We know that those with

the fewest resources are forced to make the hardest choices. And, we know that, working together, we can do something about it on a grander scale.

This is why Habitat is launching our first national advocacy campaign this month called Cost of Home.

Through the campaign Habitat will look to engage housing advocates, Habitat homeowners, volunteers and supporters, and federal, state and local policymakers to advance access to safe, decent and affordable homes.

While there is no silver bullet to solving the nation's home affordability challenge, we have identified four core subthemes and underlying policy issues that the Cost of Home campaign explains are critical to help families achieve home affordability.

1. Increasing supply and preservation of affordable homes
2. Optimizing land use for affordable housing
3. Equitably increasing access to credit
4. And finally: ensuring access to communities of opportunity

Keep an eye out for further information on each of these themes in future issues and on our social media pages and website: Jacksonhabitat.org.

Now to the best part! After many months of planning, we are thrilled to announce that our campaign

will officially launch on Wednesday, June 17th.

Here in Jackson we are planning an awareness event to launch Cost of Home in our city.

We're launching with vibrant campaign visuals that will highlight both the problem the campaign is working to address and the solutions we are promoting. There will be a multitude of ways to get involved, both online and offline, and we would be thrilled to have your support and participation!

Here's how you can get involved:

-Come to our event at 104 W. Mason, Jackson, MI at noon.

• Post on social media the week of June 17th to raise awareness about the campaign (follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn for graphics and language!)

• Follow us and engage with us on social media

• Spread the word: tell your friends, family, neighbors, colleagues and congregations about the campaign.

• Donate — every bit counts, and no amount is too small to make a difference!

• If you have other ideas or other ways you'd like to support the campaign or get involved, please let me know!

We hope you'll join us in helping to make the #CostofHome something we all can afford.

Start Your Summer Off Right This Year at the YMCA

By Bonnie Gretzner, The YMCA of Jackson

On June 10, the Jackson YMCA kicks off a summer experience that is much more than just camp.

At YMCA Summer Day Camp, held June 10-August 16, kids will swim, run, play and explore in an environment that helps them learn and grow. Counselors will help kids step outside their comfort zones to try new things, build new friendships and make lasting memories — all in a place where they know they belong and feel safe.

"Our fun and educational camp programming, which is structured around our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, help campers reach their fullest potential," said Youth Development Director Megan Hunt.

Kids ages 4-14 can choose between two different camps: The Travel camp, where they are grouped by age (4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-14), takes kids on adventures around the state; the Hobby/Skills camps focus on sports (such as swimming, gymnastics and basketball), cooking, and even Harry Potter. Parents can sign up for as many or few weeks of camp as they wish.

Megan stressed that campers are in good hands with the summer camp counselors, who are all CPR and First Aid certified. "Our well-trained staff serves as positive role models," she said. "They will help our campers gain confidence as they are exposed to new challenging and fun experiences in an atmosphere that fosters fairness, teamwork, and cooperation."

Along with trips to favorite destinations such as Michigan's Adventure

and Cedar Point and activities like swimming, rock wall and gym games, camp also features new experiences:

• The Jackson College women's basketball team will coach and train athletes the first week of camp, June 10-14.

• Campers will spend time at the Shop Rat Foundation for a hands on learning experience with various equipment, welding and more, June 24-28

• Offered for ages 5-9, STEM camp includes all kinds of experiments and glow-in-the-dark slime, July 1-5.

Joining the Youth Development staff this year is Michael Calderone, who comes to the Y from Jackson High School. He said he's looking forward to bringing his experience in coaching to summer camp sports. Michael also leads the youth sports programs held throughout the school year.

Registration Information

• Register in person or online at JacksonYMCA.org

• Registration fee is \$30 for the first child and \$15 for additional children.

• Cost for Travel Camp: Members: \$135/week, Community: \$170/week; Hobby/Skills Camp: Members \$150/week; Community \$185/week; Financial assistance is available.

• Camp hours are 8:30am-5:30 pm; extended hours are available from 7 am-6 pm for \$10 per week.

• For more information, call 517.782.0537.

My Beautifully Inspired Mess

MY DAD ROCKS!

By Kelli Schweizer



Happy June! Summer is finally here! I know I'm looking forward to the warm

weather and days spent at the lake with my kiddos. June always seems so busy with graduations, end of school activities and just prepare for a new season! But one thing is always for sure, Father's Day is celebrated.

This month we decided to share the craft we are giving their dad for Father's Day. Not only did it get us outside during the beautiful weather, we also had to work as a team to collect all of materials to make it truly unique. We are making a picture frame that surely

proclaims that "Dad Rocks!" To get our rocks, we went on a few different nature hikes and collected our favorites as a family. Little did their dad know, these were all going towards his gift!

"My Dad Rocks" Picture Frame

Materials Needed:

- Rocks (various sizes, shapes and colors – the smaller the better so the frame doesn't end up too heavy)
- Glue (depending on how heavy the rocks are, we used a hot glue gun. Be sure there is adult supervision for this portion if you decide to use hot glue!)
- Wooden craft picture frame (we got ours from a local craft store. You could also use an old frame you already have!)
- Photo you want to use in

the frame. We used one of all three kiddos.

How To:

Step 1: Start by collecting your rocks. We did this over several days whenever we went outside.

Step 2: Choose which rocks you'd like to use and lay them out on picture frame to get an idea of what you are going to put where.

Step 3: Using the hot glue gun (with adult supervision) – glue the rocks onto the frame

Step 4: Add photo and wrap up for a special gift this Father's Day!

Kelli is a stay at home mom with three children. Before becoming a stay-at-home mom, she was an Account Executive for Mlive Media Group. Now you'll find her enjoying being a mother and photographer.



Photo by Kelli Schweizer

There is So Much to Do at Jackson School of the Arts this Summer!

By Amy Fracker, Assistant Director

Jackson School of the Arts

Summer activities are about to start and there is definitely a lot going on around town. I think it will be a really great summer. Jackson School of the Arts is going to be Rocking the Dahlem on June 15, Cruising the downtown on June 28 and joining American 1 Credit Union at Kids Fest June 14th.

It is amazing being apart of this fantastic community. I'm so proud to say I'm from Jackson, Michigan and I didn't grow up here. The people are what make this community great. I've recently had the chance to meet some wonderful students in our Art for All class. Art for All is a class designed

for individuals with developmental disabilities. It was a huge success, so much so that Jackson School of the Arts is offering a summer session with a twist. We've added dance! The classes run June and July and are two hours long. The first hour is art and the second is dance. It's going to be so much fun! The first class is June 14 - so sign up now at Jacksonarts.org.

Summer is a great time to try something new and enjoy those special Jackson things that only happen in the summer. Concerts in the park, Cascades Falls, fireworks! We love summer at JSA. We have a Harry Potter Camp and a Princess Camp - I can't decide which one I'm more excited about. I'm a huge Harry Potter fan, but when those little princesses show up my heart melts. Lots of art classes and we have some mini dance sessions so you can try something new. I really

like to keep my daughter engaged during the summer. We love Nixon Park pool and the splash pad at Cascades. It's so reasonably priced and we can spend hours enjoying the outdoors.

For those rainy summer days check out the Jackson District Library. Reading during the summer can get that imagination going. If you don't have a library card - get one today! Totally worth it and the library has activities as well listed on their website. Did you know that for a \$1 you can watch a movie this summer at the Michigan Theater downtown? They have a fantastic kids series and it's only a buck. Ok, add on a couple more dollars for popcorn and enjoy!

I hope you have a fantastic summer! Make time to relax and rejuvenate. There truly is something for everyone in beautiful Jackson Michigan!

I've Been Framed!

Custom Framing Design Center

866 N. Wisner St. • 517-783-3810

ivebeenframedjackson.com

Jackson's #1 Choice for ready-made frames.
Up to 75% off retail prices!



Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



LIVE LOCAL POSITIVE
COMMUNITY
COVERAGE



WWW.JTV.TV





Friday, June 14 - 10am to 3pm
Optimist Ice Arena
in Jackson

DESIGN THE ULTIMATE WATER PARK!

DRAW IT IN THIS BOX!



Earsley Eagle



Bring your drawing to Kids' Fest for a chance
to win a bike and helmet from On Two Wheels!*



*Prizes will be awarded in a random drawing.

CHILD'S NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME

PHONE

CHILD'S AGE



FREE LUNCH

- Provided by JPS Food Services
- Lunch Served 12pm-3pm
- For kids up to age 18

JOIN US FOR THESE OTHER FUN & EDUCATIONAL TOPICS!

- Summer Programs
- Face Painting
- Dancing
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Public Safety
- Local Clubs
- Art
- Dental & Vision Screening
- Farming Fun
- Local Schools
- Fire Safety
- And More!

For more information on Kids' Fest, please visit american1cu.org.

Call any American 1 Branch today to learn about our Eagle Earners Kids Savings Club!

517.787.6510



Amer1can
CREDIT UNION

Reorganize Your Makeup Bag and Get Ready for Summer!

By Victoria Beaman
Owner, The V Spa



With the long holiday season behind us and warmer weather on its way in, spring is in the air. Houses aren't the only thing that could benefit from a spring cleaning! Our makeup bags often get ignored in the mix. It's time to put away your winter makeup and stay on trend with a refreshed, upbeat look! Here are 5 products in your makeup bag you should ditch and what to switch them for:

1. Ditch it: Heavy foundation

The sun is going to be out for a lot longer than the last few months, so heavy makeup just isn't going to do you or your skin any favors. Give your skin some room to breathe and put

aside that full face makeup base.

Switch it: Tinted Moisturizer

Don't worry! You can still have a flawless complexion. Just replace the foundation with a lightweight tinted moisturizer. It's a lot easier to apply and will give you a smooth, fresh face that your makeup can comfortably sit on.

2. Ditch it: Deep red lipstick

In fact, any dark toned lipstick should be put away until winter comes around again. The arrival of spring means bright new flowers and beautiful new colors – so let your makeup kit reflect the season!

Switch it: Tinted lip balm

Now that you've said goodbye to your beloved wine lipstick, say hello to cheerful coral, peach and rosy tinted lip balms. Lip balms are lighter, easier to reapply and they keep your lips soft and hydrated.

No one's saying you can't wear that go-to bright red lip, but give the colors of spring a chance to shine!

3. Ditch it: Powder blush

Just like foundation, powder blushes are prone to caking, slipping, and sliding.

With the heat of summer approaching, it's best to stay away from powdery products.

Switch it: Cream blush

As it always is with makeup, there's another option! Cream blushes apply smoothly, giving you a natural flush instead of noticeably fake pink cheeks. You can even blend them onto your eyelids or lips to brighten all your makeup looks.

Stick to rosy or coral hues that complement your lip balm.

4. Ditch it: Black eyeliner

Yes, we love our classic cat eyes and crisp liquid liners. But the beauty of spring trends is that you

can experiment with more color, without looking like a clown. Take the advantage and ditch your black eyeliner for something a little more fun.

Switch it: Bright eyeshadow

Plum, turquoise, or green can make for an appealing pop of color when you're going for a light, natural look. Pencil eyeliners are softer and easier to smudge than liquid liner, but if you want a really customizable look, use that rainbow eyeshadow palette you haven't touched in weeks. Line your eyes

With any bright eyeshadow shade and your eyes will become the focus of your look.

5. Ditch it: Matifying powder

In the warmer weather, your skin is likely to become more oily and constantly dashing off to the ladies' room to counter the makeup damaging effects

of sweat is not an appealing scenario. So ditch that powder compact!

Switch it: Setting spray

In the world of makeup, few products are better than a refreshing mist of setting spray. Invest in one and you'll enjoy makeup that stays put for real. It's a simple solution that doesn't add more products on your face, plus it'll give your look a gorgeous, dewy finish!

Now your makeup kit is ready for spring! Don't be afraid to experiment with lighter and brighter colors, after all, this is the perfect time of year to do just that.

As one of Michigan's premier makeup artists, Victoria has brought a wealth of knowledge about natural beauty to the Jackson area. With all genres of work under her belt, she continues to enhance her given talent with on-going education, as well as guest teaching at local aesthetic and cosmetology schools.

Like Country Music?

THEN YOU CAN'T MISS

THROW BACK THURS DAY

SPONSORED BY GENCO BOOT SHOP



Tune in on 95.9 FM in Jackson
Download our free mobile app
or listen at 959thepowercow.com

Every Thursday on 95.9 The Power Cow

Retro & vintage country hits sprinkled in with the latest & greatest country music, on Jackson's Country Station!

On Trend

Fashion Inspiration for Festival Season at Apricot Lane

Contributed by
Apricot Lane

Jackson has a new business opening soon at the Westwood Mall! Apricot Lane is a locally owned, specialty boutique that offers branded fashion apparel, jewelry, handbags, accessories and gifts in the styles and trends customers enjoy. We specialize in beautifully unique merchandise perfect from daughter to mother.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all of the latest updates. @ApricotLaneJackson

Festival Season

Need outfit inspiration for all of your summer festivals? Look no further. Apricot Lane has put together the top festival trends that will have you killin' that festival fashion.

Animal Prints

What is your go-to animal print? Cheetah? Leopard? Why don't you try something new this summer? How about Python or Zebra! We've seen a lot of head-to-toe animal print looks this season. The more the merrier!

Florals

We aren't talking your Grandma's couch! Although vintage is totally in, we are talking botanical and super feminine! Florals can range in any color, choose one you love! Fashion is all about YOUR personal style!

Neon

Picking a powerful color like neon yellow or neon green will be sure to grab

attention. I mean, after all – it is ALL about you!

Pink Hues

Not only is pink SUPER flattering on nearly every skin tone, it's a fun way to bring out your girly side! From bubblegum to blush and rose to magenta, you cannot go wrong! Girl Power!

We hope to see you in the store when it opens! Watch Facebook for more details!



Photos contributed by Apricot Lane

SUMMER CAMP 2019



JUNE 10– AUGUST 16

- Ages 4-14
- Travel and Hobby/Skills Camps
- Field trips & Lunch/Breakfast included
- Hours Available: 7a.m. - 6 p.m.

REGISTER TODAY!

the **YMCA**

JACKSONYMCA.ORG

517.782.0537



Music that makes
you feel good!®

HOME.fm
106.9

Come & Meet Roxie this Month at Imagine Planet

Contributed by
Imagine Planet

This month I would like to introduce our newest animal friend, Roxie the blue and gold macaw. She is the biggest bird we have and is learning to interact with visitors from a distance. She is 18 years old and may live up to 70 years, although a more common lifespan is 30 -35.

Blue and gold macaws (Ara ararauna) come from South America, specifically Eastern Panama through Columbia, Ecuador, and Brazil, as well as Mexico. There are introduced flocks in Puerto Rico and Florida. They live in rainforests, es-

pecially near swamps and rivers. Blue and golds are not considered threatened due to their large geographic range, but habitat destruction and capture for the pet trade are still a problem. In the wild their predators are eagles, falcons, and humans. They nest high in trees to avoid predation.

Blue and gold macaws grow to about 35 inches long and have a wingspan of up to 45 inches. They weigh 2 to 3 pounds as adults. They are very colorful and have a partially naked face that will blush pink when it is excited. They are good talkers and can learn up to 20 words.

Blue and gold macaws are great pets, but they are very loud. They can be very destructive chewers and need a large cage. This is probably not a good choice for a first time bird owner. Their long lifespan also means that long range planning is vital.

Roxie is looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

This summer at Imagine Planet will be a busy place. Along with the Learning Fair and Kids Fest, we will be having theme days one Saturday a month. Our first theme day will be Snake Day on June 15! Come see special guest Bobo the



8 foot long boa constrictor! Keep an eye on our Face- book page for more special events.

High Quality Preschool Preparing Children for Kindergarten

At No Cost to You!



Who Qualifies:

- Children age 3 or 4 by December 1
- Families receiving TANF-FIP, SSI or with low family income
- Foster children
- Children with disabilities
- Families experiencing homelessness

Locations to Better Serve Your Family:

Ashton Ridge	Lyle Tarrant
Bailey Early Childhood Center	McCulloch Academy of Technology & Science
Bennett School	North Adams
Camden	Northeast Elementary
Chalet Terrace	Pittsford Elementary
Francis Street Primary	Reading
Frost Elementary	Salvation Army
Greenfield	Shahan Apartments
Hillsdale CAA	Springport Elementary
Hunt Elementary	Waldron

naeyc Accredited

Community Action Agency's Head Start

Jackson: (517) 784-4800 Hillsdale: (517) 437-3346

Allskate Birthday Parties are #1



BOOK YOUR PARTY TODAY!

Call 517-787-8716 or book online at allskate.net

CHOOSE

Get more money for your home.

Howard Hanna Real Estate Services



Jackie Park
517.937.2862
JackiePark@howardhanna.com



“This was my second time going for rehab at Allegra. The staff is amazing! They are very respectful, kind, and caring. Therapy was good and they worked around my physical limitations and got me strong so I was able to go home. I enjoyed the activities at the facility and I want to come back and volunteer.”

– Gregory M.

ALLEGRA
NURSING & REHAB

517-787-3250
allegranursingandrehab.com
434 W. North Street, Jackson, MI 49202

KEEPING JACKSON'S CLINICALLY COMPLEX IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY.

- Under New Ownership • LTC Beds Available •
- Under New Physician Leadership and Medical Direction •



The V Spa Beauty Club

• Lash Extensions	• Permanent Makeup
• Spray Tans	• Tattoo Removal
• Airbrush Make up	• Cellulite Treatment
• Infared Bed	• Micro-needling
• Red Light Therapy	• Bridal Makeup
• Bio Lift Face Lift	• And more!

VictoriaCosmetics.com
mkt.com/store/VictoriaCosmetics
4491 S. Jackson Rd.
517-588-1648

Check in for your Sports Check-up



5

locations to
serve you!



- ▶ **Downtown Facility**
505 N. Jackson St.
Open 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday
Some evening appointments available
- ▶ **Jackson High Health Center**
544 Wildwood Ave.
Open 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Friday
- ▶ **Parkside Health Center**
2400 Fourth St.
Open 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Friday
- ▶ **Northwest Community Health Center**
R.W. Kidder Middle School
6700 Rives Junction Rd.
Open 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Friday
- ▶ **Northeast Health Center**
1024 Fleming Ave.
Open 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Call 517-748-5500 today
to make an appointment.**

GIFT \$100 CARD



Check this out!

You could win a gift card!

Each month, the names of two students who had a sports physical at a Center facility that month will be drawn randomly. In **May**, two **\$150 cards** will be awarded; in **June**, two **\$100 cards**; and in **July**, two **\$75 cards**.

**10 to 18 years old*



Center for
Family Health

Opening the Door
to **HEALTH CARE**
for **All**

The Center accepts most health insurance, including Medicaid,
and no one is turned away because of inability to pay.

CenterforFamilyHealth.org

f in t G+

Montessori Education

Add Alpena to Your Summer Bucket List!

By Barb Barnes
*North Star Montessori
 Founder, Director, and
 Montessori Educator*



One of the ways children learn is by experiencing the natural world around them. Our Great Lake State has so much to offer and heading Up North is a summer tradition for many Michiganders. While traveling to all of your usual favorite spots I encourage you to visit Alpena, Michigan if it isn't already on your list. Located in the Northeastern part of the state situated on the 45th parallel, it boasts easy access to Lake Huron for swimming.

If you are looking for a beach that has it all, plan on spending at least a day at Starlite. Its sandy shores are the perfect spot to build sandcastles, swim, and do a variety of water sports. Starlite beach has a well-equipped park with three different play structures including climbing walls, slides and monkey bars. Adjacent is a brand new complimentary Splash Park complete with lots of sprinkling water features and a huge bucket of water that sends a soaking waterfall that will cool off youngsters on the hottest of days. The beach has public restrooms, lots of parking, a huge Pavilion and lots of picnic areas, green space, trees and benches. The beach is within walking distance to restaurants and a mini-golf, and lodging on State Street.

Alpena Sanctuary of the Great Lakes

Alpena's nature trails, boating, water sports, diving, snorkeling and fishing are popular for all ages. You can explore, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the nation's only freshwater sanctuary with 200 historical shipwrecks preserved in Lake Huron's fresh water. The Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center; a visitor center for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, features exciting exhibits including a full-size replica wooden Great Lakes schooner and shipwreck where visitors can walk the decks, enjoy hands-on exhibits by NOAA, or catch a short film in their theatre.

During the summer Alpena hosts many festivals to note while planning a visit. Some of my favorites are the



Maritime Cultural Center

Photo by Barb Barnes

Maritime Festival over the Fourth of July Holiday, Art on the Bay July 20th & 21st, and the Brown Trout Festival July 19th -July 28th. For even more fun travel off the beaten path and visit Cedar Panning Co.; Alpena's hidden gem where families can pan for treasures using an old-fashioned sluice. Moonstones, crystals, and fossils are just some of the treasures your family will be delighted to find. Don't forget to make time to visit one of the many of the nearby light-houses or head on over to

Rockport State Park where you can see sink holes, hunt for fossils, hike, and it is an excellent location for viewing the night sky as it is designated as an official Dark Sky Preserve. No matter if you are just passing through, or can plan a little bit longer stay there is plenty of family fun to be had in Alpena this summer!!!

Check out Alpena, MI Highlights from Major league Fishing, Outdoor Channel

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kldV_8ykBLU

Francis Street Primary's Conclusion to a Successful First Year

By Laura Wyble
*Principal
 Francis Street Primary*

As Francis Street Primary concludes our first year as a public school district, authorized by the State of Michigan, we are pleased to share some accomplishments and highlights of this school year:

- The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our beautiful, new school which we have come to love.
- Our first field trip to ArtPrize in Grand Rapids last September.
- Our wonderful guest readers

came in every Friday during our March is Reading Month celebration.

- Our families organized a fundraiser for the playground.
- The partnership we have with the Jackson YMCA.
- Our Friday Reading Buddies program.
- 78% of our students made significant academic progress in English language arts and math.
- Our Girl Scouts Outreach program meets every week.
- The start of the Weekend Back-

pack Program.

- Our Wild World Animal Visit brought nature into the classroom by introducing our young naturalists to a possum, a fennec fox, a tarantula and a Burmese python.
 - The plans we are making to visit Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek and Kids and Stuff Museum in Albion.
- As we prepare for our second year at Francis Street Primary, we look forward to:
- Continued academic progress for our students.
 - Our plan to add a 3rd grade.

• Continuing our relationship with Community Action Agency and the Headstart Program.

- Maintaining small class sizes.
- Another year of serving our children and families well.

Information and enrollment forms can be found on our website (francisstreetprimary.com) or by calling 517-879-1380. You are also welcome to stop in and visit Francis Street Primary at 1320 Francis St., Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. We invite you to join the journey!





SIMPLE FLOORING SOLUTIONS

808 West Ganson, Jackson
 Behind Roxy Cafe
517-783-1971

NOW OFFERING 36 months 0% INTEREST
 Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM • Saturday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM • Sunday: By Appointment

It's a Great Day to be a Viking!

ENROLL TODAY!

jpsk12.org

