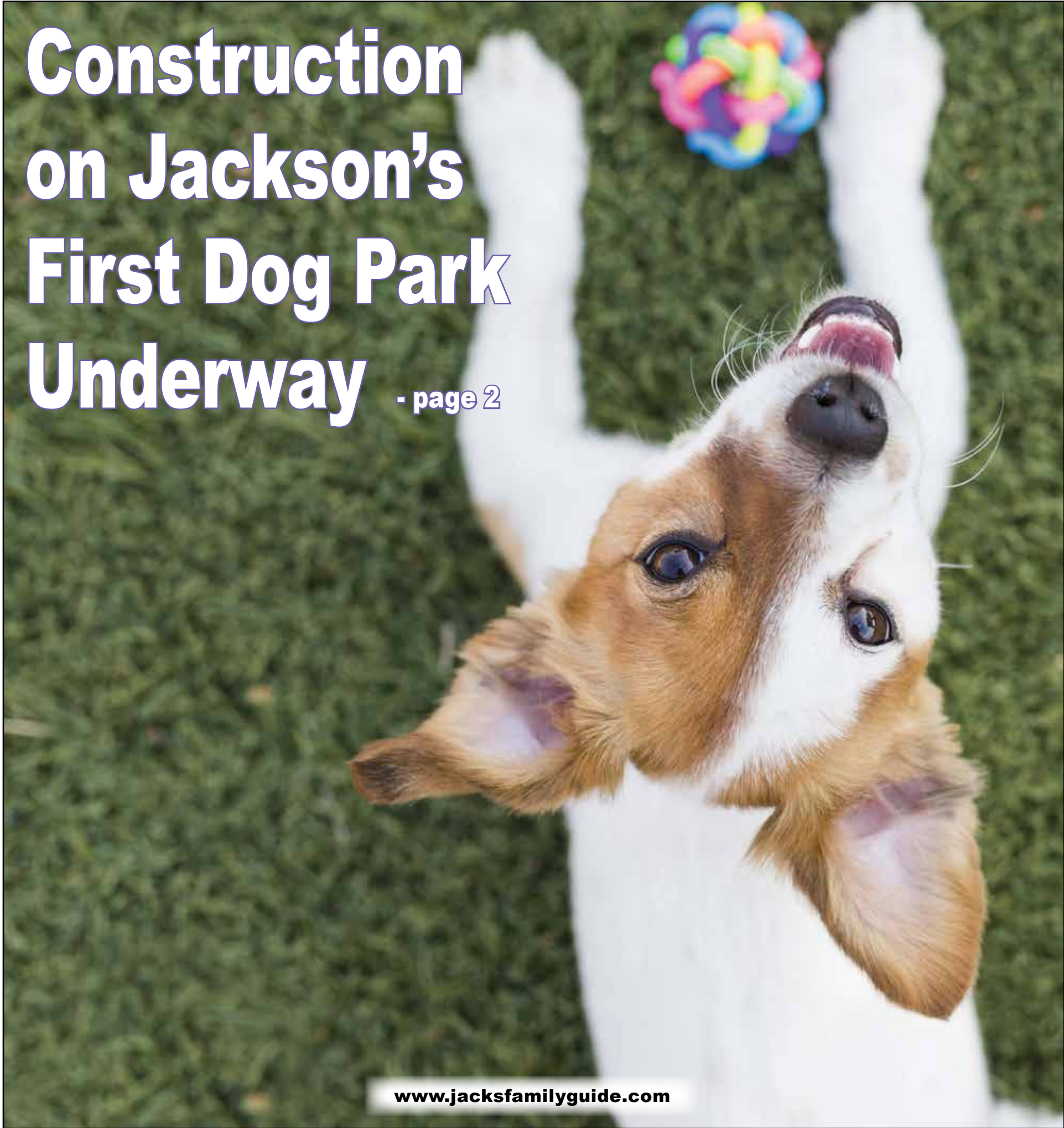




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Woof! Construction on Jackson's First Dog Park Underway

By Aaron Dimick,
City of Jackson Public
Information Officer

Tails are wagging across



Jackson with the start of construction at Betty's Dog Park! The City's first-ever public dog park was celebrated with a groundbreaking event on April 23 attended by City officials, residents, and four-legged furry friends.

When work is complete later this summer, the park will be fully fenced, with separate areas for big and small dogs to roam free, including sidewalks, benches and picnic tables. This pooch paradise at the intersection of N. Blackstone

and Van Buren streets makes use of space in Beech Tree Park, a public park that's been without a use since its award-winning beech tree was removed due to a lightning strike.

The dog-friendly digs will be free to use and open to the public when it's complete. Downtown Jackson has seen a housing boom in recent years, with hundreds of new apartment units added to the area. Located within a short walk from downtown, Betty's Dog Park will be useful for downtown apartment dwellers and their pets to have ample space for play time.

The park is named after Betty Dahlem Desbiens, a long-time Jackson resident who donated funds to make the park possible. Desbiens attended the groundbreaking and spoke

about what the park means to her. "Thank you to everyone for helping make a dream of mine come true," Desbiens said.

Mayor Derek Dobies attended the groundbreaking with his dog, a pug named Sir Woof. He said this will be a great place for Sir Woof and other Jackson dogs to romp around. "Having a dog park placed centrally in the City makes a lot of sense of our downtown residents and people all over Jackson," Mayor Dobies said. "I thank Betty for helping make this dog park possible."

Event attendees were encouraged to wear face coverings and social distance. The event was also live streamed on the City Facebook page for residents to safely participate from home.



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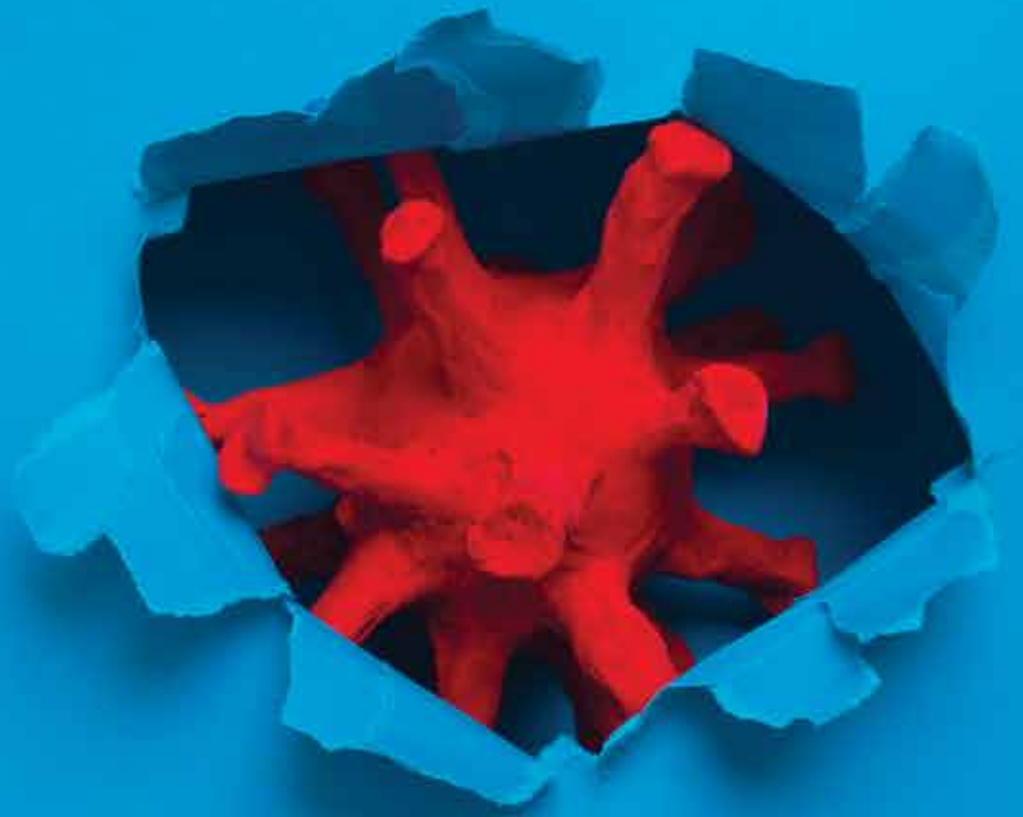
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Find a New Winery this May in Michigan

By Val Herr

May is Michigan Wine Month. Did you even know there was such a thing? I did not. Not that we need an excuse to drink wine, but now we have a new reason to try our amazing local wineries. Here is run-down of a few of our local wineries and why I love them.

1. Cherry Creek Winery 11500 Silver Lake Hwy, Brooklyn, MI 49230. They are currently open for outdoor seating and why would you ever want to sit inside and miss the amazing view, overlooking their incredible vineyard. They are also available for special events.

2. Chateau Aeronautique Winery 1849 Rives Eaton Rd, Jackson MI 49201 or 12000 Pentecost Highway, Onsted. Each location has its own vibe but the one thing they have in common is amazing wine.

3. Sandhill Crane Vineyards 4724 Walz Rd. Jackson MI 49201. Now offering indoor and outdoor dining. Their famous late-night Friday's begin May 7th.

While I did not mention every winery in Jackson, these are my top 3. As I am admittedly not a wine drinker, I enjoy going with people who are. These three are my personal favorites, because they offer something for everyone, have really good food, and beautiful views. You may already have a favorite winery, but I encourage you to check out Jackson's other wineries this May!



Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity is Embarking on a Year like Never in History

Contributed by Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity

The year 2020 challenged us in ways we have not felt in decades. For Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity (Greater Jackson Habitat), the COVID-19 pandemic caused us to stop on a dime and pivot for a brief moment in time. However, it was due to the amazing support of our community that we were able to continue, and even ramp up, our services to meet the needs of families in Jackson. 2021 has started out like never before. Just within the first quarter of the year, we are on track to double the number of family partners served in our Priority Home Repair program from 2020, and we are in the process of constructing four affordable houses.

We invite you to join us in the celebration of a partner family moving into their new home and the beginning of construction for three of our builds:

DeLand Pointe Groundbreaking – A residential development just south of downtown Jackson, DeLand Pointe will be the home to six deserving families in our Homebuyer Program. In collaboration with the City of Jackson and Community Action Agency, Greater Jackson Habitat will construct six two-story homes adjacent to the new Jack-

son YMCA on the corners of W. Franklin Street, S. Mechanic Street, and W. Mason Street. Each family matched with a home will have completed HUD-certified financial counseling and 300 hours of sweat equity and will have established the means to purchase the home. The



groundbreaking will take place on Thursday, April 29th at 4:00 PM.

Hibbard Avenue Groundbreaking – 800 Hibbard Avenue is our affiliate's second rehabilitation build. Originally home to a vibrant local family, this house, in recent years, has experienced extreme neglect

and crime. As a result of a neighbor's plead, Greater Jackson Habitat acquired the structure in December 2020 and has since matched the house with Sara N., a single mother of triplet toddlers and two older children. The groundbreaking will take place on Thursday, May

6th at 4:00 PM.

Wolhavn Lane Home Dedication – The soon-to-be completed house on 2979 Wolhavn Lane will be the home to a single mother of two young children. With our partnership with Give Hope, a volunteer organization of Northwest

School District teachers and students, we have been able to combat COVID-19 related delays and construction costs to ensure that Barb N.'s family achieve homeownership. The home dedication will take place on Saturday, May 22nd at 10:00 AM.

Projects like these can create long-lasting and life-changing impact on our partner families and the community. Every day we are reminded of our supporters that share in our vision of a city where everyone has a decent place to live. We want to thank our partners in helping to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.

About Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity: Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seek to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope. We are dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally by constructing, rehabilitating, and preserving homes, advocating for fair and just housing policies, and providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Since 1989, the affiliate has built 60 houses and repaired 20 homes for those needing a safe place to call home.

It's Turbo, The Leopard Gecko

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Imagine Planet*

This month I get to talk about one of my favorite animal ambassadors, the leopard gecko. Imagine Planet currently has 5 leopard geckos of different colors.

The leopard gecko (*Eublepharis macularius*) is native to the rocky dry grassland and desert regions of Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, India, and Nepal. Their feet don't have sticky pads like other geckos, which would be a problem in the desert. Instead they have claws. They have eyelids and can lick their eyes with their tongue! Leopard geckos are predators, mostly eating insects, and are nocturnal. They get their name from the spots on their back and golden color. If their tail is grabbed, it will fall off

and they will grow a new one. However, this is very stressful for the lizard, and the tail is never the same, so it should be avoided at all costs. Common leopard geckos are able to replace each of their 100 teeth every 3 to 4 months! No need to worry about cavities, I guess!

Leopard geckos make great first lizard pets due to their small size and fairly easy housing requirements. In captivity, their average lifespan is 6 to 10 years, although males can live much longer. A 10 to 20 gallon aquarium is sufficient for one to two geckos. Females can be housed together, but males cannot. A screen top is recommended to prevent pets from hurting them or things from dropping in. The geckos themselves can't climb the walls.

The best heat source is a reptile heating pad under the cage that doesn't cover the whole bottom to create a variation. Don't use a heat lamp or a heat rock as these could burn your lizard. Additionally, a moist hide is recommended for proper skin shed. An overhead UVB light is not needed for these lizards, unlike bearded dragons.

Leopard geckos are easily handled by adults once the lizard reaches 6 inches in length. Remember to be careful with the tail!

These lizards have a permanent smile and photograph really well. Have fun and enjoy your leopard gecko friend!

Leopard geckos have been bred in captivity for more than 30 years and color morphs are quite varied. The natural color is yellow

with black spots. Our first gecko, Turbo, is this color. We also have Farrah Fawcett who is a golden color with no spots, and 3 that we took in April of 2020 which are even more unusual. Their owner had to return home to South Korea suddenly and the cost to transport his lizards shot to astronomical levels due to the pandemic. Just one more side effect of COVID-19.

As with any pet, doing research and setting up a habitat before you take your animal home is the best option. This is a long term commitment and too many of these amazing animals end up needing a new home. While these geckos



are comparatively easy to care for, they will be healthier and happier with a little extra care.

Imagine Planet is now open by appointment. Just call 734-358-9893 or contact us on Facebook and we will set up a time for your family to visit. Numbers are limited and masks are required. We hope to see you soon!

Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Meet Dee Dee & Cercei

*Contributed by the
Jackson County
Animal Shelter*

The Jackson County Animal Shelter has pets available for adoption!

Dee Dee

Puppy love is here with this sweet little girl Dee Dee, who is just 7 months old. Dee Dee is a Cane Corso/Staffordshire mix who is brindle and white. She is learning to walk nicely on the leash and to learn some basic commands. As a typical puppy, she likes to chew and play, but wants to please her human. Dog adoptions require an application, available online

at <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.

Cercei

This little lady is Cercei,

a solid black shorthair who is about 1 year old. Cercei came in as a stray with a litter of kittens when she was just a young girl herself. She is a tiny, petite kitty who weighs just 5 lbs, but she has huge green eyes. Despite life's difficult start, Cercei is super friendly and loves attention and affection. Won't you come meet this green-eyed girl 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 our online cat application: <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/8194/Cat-Adoption-Application-PDF> which can also be faxed to 517-780-

4750 or emailed to animalshelter@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. Our current shelter hours are: M, Tu, W, F, 10:00-4:30, Thu 10-7, Sat 10-4.



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During National Water Safety Month, Ensure Your Children Know How to Stay Safe Around Water

By Bonnie Gretzner
Jackson YMCA,
Director of Marketing &
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JACKSON, MI – May is National Water Safety Month. During this time, the Jackson YMCA offers Safety Around Water, a free program designed to engage and educate parents about the importance of water safety skills and provide more of America's youth access to water safety lessons. The program focuses on reaching underserved communities with a special emphasis on African American and Hispanic communities, where risk of drowning among children is highest.

According to a 2017 national research study conducted by the USA Swimming Foundation with the

University of Memphis and University of Nevada-Las Vegas, 64 percent of African American children cannot swim, compared to 45 percent of Hispanic children and 40 percent of Caucasian children. Additionally, 79 percent of children in families with household income less than \$50,000 have no/low swimming ability.

Through Safety Around Water – held May 21-23 at the Jackson YMCA, parents and caregivers are encouraged to help their children learn fundamental water safety and swimming skills. In a one-hour session, kids will learn how to respond if they find themselves in unexpected water situations—from how to reach the water's surface if they

submerge—to safely reaching a pool's edge or exiting any body of water.

"In Michigan we're never more than 6 miles from an inland lake, so water safety skills are critical," said Erin Parsons, the Jackson YMCA Aquatics Coordinator and director of the Safety Around Water program. "The program is a great starting point to get kids comfortable in the water and teach their parents the importance of developing water safety skills."

Parents can register their children ages 5-12 online at www.JacksonYMCA.org for a single one-hour session. The website includes parent guidelines. Call 517-782-0537 or email erin@jacksonymca.org for more information.



Jackson YMCA Secures Four City Properties

JACKSON, Mich., April 26, 2021 – The Jackson YMCA has secured four properties, all adjacent to the existing YMCA facility and parking lot. The property closings give the YMCA the additional square footage it needs to build a new facility on the expanded footprint.

The YMCA's new facility will be constructed on the northeast end of the current Y parking lot. The current facility will be razed upon completion of the new Y and that footprint will be repurposed for parking. The property acquisitions extend the Y campus to 3.5 acres on the edge of residential and downtown Jackson. The Y has raised close to \$22 million towards the construction of a downtown YMCA and healthy living campus. The Y's leadership anticipates breaking ground this summer.

Jackson YMCA CEO Shawna Tello praised the Jackson families and organizations involved in the transactions for supporting the Y's mission and seeing the potential in its capital project. "When we met with our neighbors, they were very supportive of our plans to expand our impact and work collaboratively," said Tello. "Each property owner, once we shared our vision with them, embraced the idea and made the transactions as smooth as possible."

The current Y facility is located on southwest end of the YMCA property. As outlined in the image, the expanded Y property is en-

compassed within the broken white line. The current facility is outlined by a white dashed line. Corresponding to the letters on the parcel map, the YMCA has acquired:

A: 121 W. Wesley St: A portion of the current parking lot previously owned by Trinity Lutheran Church. The church has owned space since the 1970s. The Congregation at a recent special Voter's Meeting agreed to sell for a nominal amount a small parcel of land to complete the footprint needed for the new Y building. The Congregation overwhelmingly approved the project and said it "looks forward to having a front-row seat while the new YMCA facility is being built. The impact on downtown Jackson will be significant, and we anticipate increased interactions with all our neighbors as well as the workers and contractors who will be on the job site."

Trinity Lutheran Church Council President Steve Lazaroff said Trinity and the Y share many values including strengthening the community through collaboration with others, and they look forward to immediate improvements in the neighborhood and partnering in the future to enhance downtown.

Along with continuing the positive momentum of downtown's makeover, the congregation members indicated they are "excited and honored to be a part of

this new facility which future generations will enjoy."

B: 116 W. Franklin St.: Ruben Marquez purchased the four-unit apartment building nearly four decades ago in 1981. Born and raised in Jackson and now, currently residing in Spring Arbor, Ruben said he has built many memories in the apartment building. "I raised my kids there until my daughter was in sixth grade," said Ruben, a licensed builder and certified inspector. "We occupied two of the units, so we had three bedrooms and quite a lot of space."

"I understand the goal of the Y is to help people in need. I really believe in that, because I was one of those people whose family didn't have a lot of money," he said. "I believe in giving people an opportunity, and the Y does that. I have rented to people who were down on their luck and could not find someone who would rent to them. Most of them have been great tenants for me—they just needed someone to give them a chance."

After the completion of the sale, Ruben donated \$20,000 to the Y to support the capital campaign.

C: 105 W. Wesley St.: The building was donated to the YMCA by Alfred Bruey. Alfred owned the building for 25 years and, until recently, also owned another building on nearby Mechanic St. Alfred, who still lives in Jackson, raised his family here. His son Don said that, once they understood the scope

of the Y project, making the decision to donate the property was easy.

"We are all aware of the Y's contribution to the community. Contributing our property was a great way to help the Y continue and expand the good work they do," Don said.

D: 400 S. Mechanic St., located on the corner of W. Wesley St. The property was donated by Ron and Jane (McCauley) Hamara, with the building donated by Tom Leonard. Said Jane,

whose family has many ties to Jackson, "Donating the land to the YMCA was one way we could give back to a community that has been so good to our family."

The Y plans to begin demolition of the structures in June. The YMCA's volunteer and staff leadership continue to work with the campaign's major donors and partners, seeking additional financial support to close the project's funding gap. For more information, visit www.JacksonYMCA.org.

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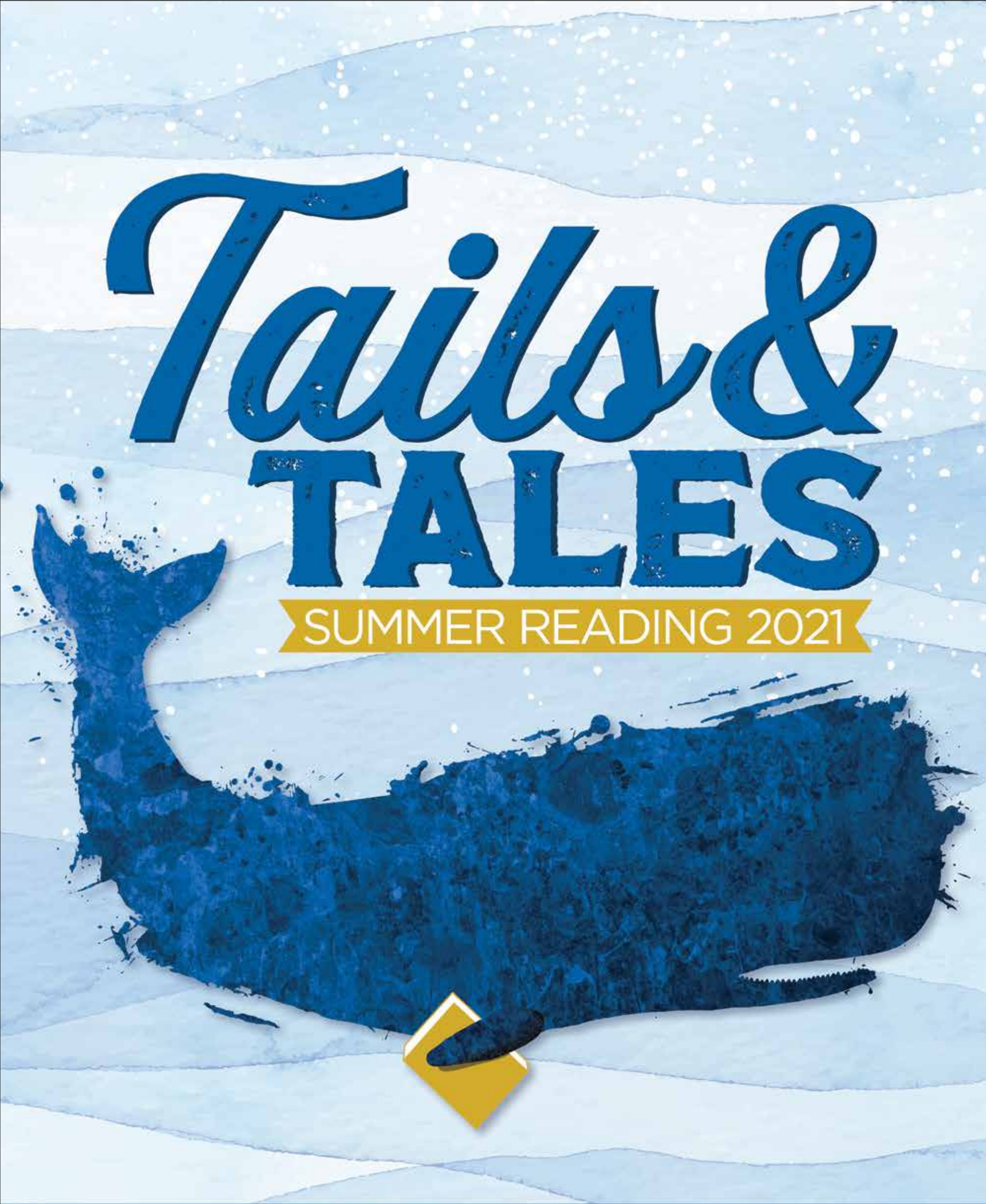
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Community Action Agency's Head Start Virtual Teaching

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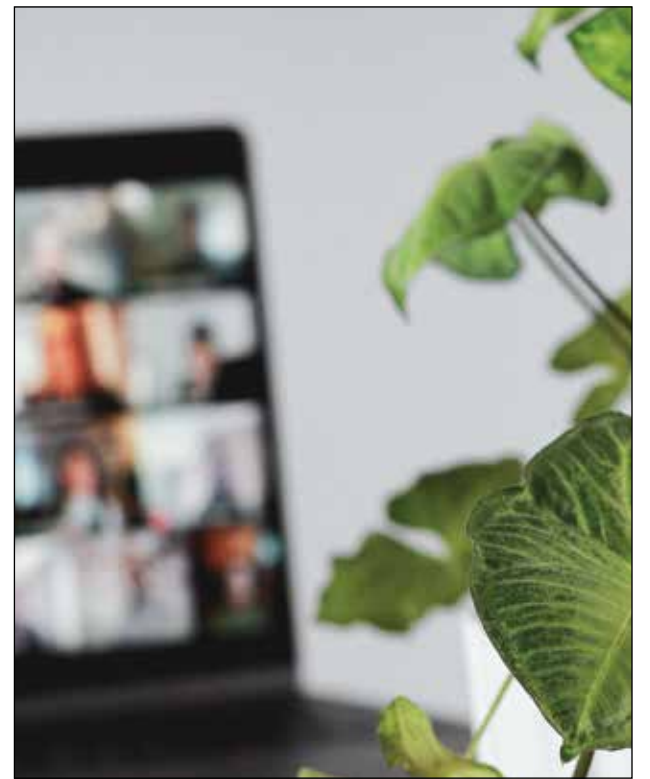
From a one room school house, to separate classrooms, to learning virtually from your own home, there are challenges at every level. These challenges are not only presented to the students and parents, but teachers too! Teachers must stay at least a step ahead in technology in order to successfully teach their class. For educators in early education, hands-on, in-person learning is most beneficial. Before events

of this last year, I can dare to say not many, if any, early education educators planned to ever teach their students through a screen.

At Head Start in Jackson and Hillsdale, there are 3 classrooms that have been devoted to teaching the full year virtually. These teachers have developed interactive online classrooms, teach and assess a class of 3-5 year old students daily, take virtual field trips and pull out all the stops to try to gain and keep the attention of their students while there are many distractions to compete with! These teachers have been willing to explore new ways of teaching and collaborating with one another, and have been willing to pro-

vide what they have learned with others.

As with all schools across the nation, other classrooms have gone virtual as well as the situation in their area calls for. While learning virtually may be ideal for some, it is not for everyone. Remember to give yourself some grace if you have children learning from home. Being a parent of a student learning virtually can be hard. Give your student some grace and understanding as well as they are learning how to learn virtually. Don't forget to give teachers some grace and thanks also as they are learning while teaching, trying to stay more than a step ahead with technology and the changing times.





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2021 CURE - Cancer Support Scholarship: Youth Education Assistance for Cancer Survivors

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Description:

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Application: https://132695f6-e57d-5132-5cee-08d4fb5de766.filesusr.com/ugd/16bf33_e6b-e7a0760844febb7195b83fe-2f807a.pdf

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- members of the ScholarshipPoints.com program.

Description:

ScholarshipPoints is free to join, fun to participate in, and provides you with the opportunity to win thousands of dollars in scholarships. The ScholarshipPoints program is the only place you can win a \$10,000 scholarship - no GPA, no essay, and no hassle! The more points you earn, the more chances you have to win this scholarship.

Award: \$10,000
Deadline: June 15, 2021
Application: [https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=1054&utm_source=scholarships.com&utm_medium=Affiliate&utm_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B\(CPC\)](https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=1054&utm_source=scholarships.com&utm_medium=Affiliate&utm_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B(CPC))

Big Sun Scholarship 2021

Eligibility: Eligible candidates must be:

- All student athletes are eligible regardless of the sport they are engaged in.
- The student must be a high school senior or be attending a post-secondary institute.

Instructions:

Please send us a short essay (500 - 1,000 words) answering the following questions:

- How did your participation in sports during your high school years influence you?
- Has your participation influenced your career goals?
- Has your participation influenced how you relate to your family?

All essay submissions should be sent to: athleticawards@bigsunathletics.com

Award: \$500
Deadline: June 19, 2021
Application: <http://www.big-sunathletics.com/>

Navigate Your Future Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Be a senior in high school planning a career in the general aviation field.
- Be enrolled or accepted into an aviation-related program at an accredited college or university.

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- Submit the letter of acceptance from the college or university.
- Be able to demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in general aviation

Instructions:

Interested students must complete an application and submit it along with an original certified high school transcript showing rank in graduating class, a letter of recommendation, a personal statement discussing career goals in general aviation, education plan, flight training goals and two or more reasons why you should be chosen for this scholarship.

Award: \$2,500
Deadline: June 25, 2021
Application: <http://nata.aero/scholarships/Navigate-Your-Future-Scholarship.aspx>

Automotive Hall of Fame Scholarships

Eligibility:

- Submit a completed application form indicating a sincere interest in an automotive career.
- Provide an official transcript of all academic work.
- Submit two letters of recommendation supporting your automotive interests.
- Submit a letter of acceptance for an associate, bachelor, or master's program.
- Be accepted at an accredited college, university or trade school within the United States at the time of application.
- Students attending a technical training school may also apply (trade school should equal a two-year associate program).
- Student must be a United States citizen or in the United States on a Student Visa.
- Must be enrolled full-time and have 3.0 GPA or higher.

Description:

The program has specific scholarships for incoming freshmen and upper-level undergraduate students. All scholarships are based on financial needs and with the usual minimum GPA requirement of 3.0.

Award: Varies
Deadline: June 30, 2021
Application: <http://www.automotivehalloffame.org/scholarships/>

Foundation For A Bright Future Scholarships

Eligibility: Applicants must be an underrepresented minority student who demonstrates high performance and self-drive as evidenced

by outstanding achievement in school and community or work-related activities.

Description:

The scholarship program is designed to help underrepresented students with outstanding achievement as well as and the ambition and drive to pursue higher education in selected fields that will equip them to tackle complex social and economic issues affecting their communities.

Award: \$2,500
Deadline: June 30, 2021
Application: <https://www.alittlehopefoundation.org/scholarships>

The Against the Grain Groundbreaker Leadership Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Must be of at least 25% Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity
- Must be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S.
- Must be a high school senior, a college senior enrolled full-time at an accredited U.S. four-year college/university or a graduate student enrolled at an accredited U.S. graduate program who will be enrolled in an accredited college/university for the upcoming academic calendar
- Scholarship is open to students of all majors
- Have demonstrated visionary leadership abilities through innovative means
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)

Description:

All scholarship candidates must submit a video presentation showcasing their work and qualifications:

- Videos will be judged on content, creativity and execution
- Videos are to be submitted on flash drive in the formats .wmv or .mov
- Please note that the selected Finalists and Winners will be asked to sign a release from so that we may feature his or her video on our homepage.

Award: \$1,500
Deadline: June 30, 2021
Application: <http://www.againstthegrainproductions.com/groundbreaker-leadership-scholarship/>

Visit the College & Career Access Center today in the Jackson Crossing! For the complete list of scholarships please visit www.jcisd.org/CCAC.

McKibbin Media Group Announces the Addition of the Bobby Bones Show to 95.9 FM, The Power Cow

McKibbin Media Group is pleased to announce the addition of The Bobby Bones Show to its stellar lineup of engaging, entertaining, and informative content across its six radio stations in Jackson and Hillsdale counties in mid-Michigan.

The Bobby Bones Show will hit the airwaves beginning on Monday, May 3, from 6 a.m.-10 a.m. Eastern, Monday-Friday, on McKibbin Media Group's iconic country music stations, 95.9 FM The Power Cow in Jackson and 99.5 FM The Dale in Hillsdale. Both stations will also carry Bobby's weekend countdown show on Saturdays (9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Jackson and 6 a.m.-10 a.m. in Hillsdale).

"Adding The Bobby Bones Show to our already great lineup of programming in both Jackson and Hillsdale will be exciting for our local listening community," Katina McKibbin, President and Owner of McKibbin Media Group said. "Bobby has a national brand that our listeners will love. He brings a lot of excitement and engagement

to his show. It will be fun to listen to."

The Bobby Bones Show, a Premiere Networks syndicate, consists of radio personalities Bobby Bones, Amy, Eddie, Lunchbox, and Ray – a high-energy cast who not only keep their listeners on their toes, but also make it their mission to be involved in impactful philanthropy projects.

The program was honored with its second CMA Award for "National On-Air Personality of the Year" in 2019 following a third ACM Award in 2018 in the same category. The program was also honored with the Country Radio Seminar/Country Aircheck Award in the National/Syndicated Personality/Show category in 2018. The previous year, Bones was the youngest personality to be elected to the National Radio Hall of Fame.

In April 2018, Bones made his debut on ABC TV's American Idol as a mentor for the top 24 contestants. In 2018, Bones also competed on Season 27 of Dancing with the Stars, taking home the coveted mirror ball trophy with

partner Sharna Burgess.

Bobby is also a New York Times Best Selling Author for both of his books Bare Bones: I'm Not Lonely If You're Reading This Book and Fail Until You Don't: Fight. Grind. Repeat.

The Bobby Bones Show will debut on 95.9 The Power Cow Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at 6:00am EST and can be heard at 95.9 FM in Jackson, 99.5 FM in Hillsdale, online at 959thepowercow.com, or on the free

"95.9 The Power Cow" mobile app for both Apple and Android devices.

95.9 The Power Cow, established in 2015, appeals to a wide demographic in Jackson County by playing a well-balanced mix of the latest country hits, country/pop crossovers, and a sprinkling of the top throwback hits in the genre; expertly selected by program director Steven Boyle. Boyle, who has also been the host of "Country & Cof-

fee with Captain Steve" weekday mornings since the station's inception, will move to the 10am to 2pm time slot, while longtime midday host Greg Green will deejay 40 minutes of nonstop music from 2pm to 7pm weekdays. 99-5 The Dale was launched in 2019 as a passion project by the late owner of McKibbin Media Group, Jamie McKibbin, and shares much of the same programming as its sister station in Jackson.

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Tunnel to Towers Run to be Held Saturday, May 15

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 - announced plans to hold it's 5th Annual Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk. It will take place in Jackson 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.

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.

Attendees of the 5K can sign up and register to donate at this great drive! To register or for more information on Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk, please visit www.t2t.org.

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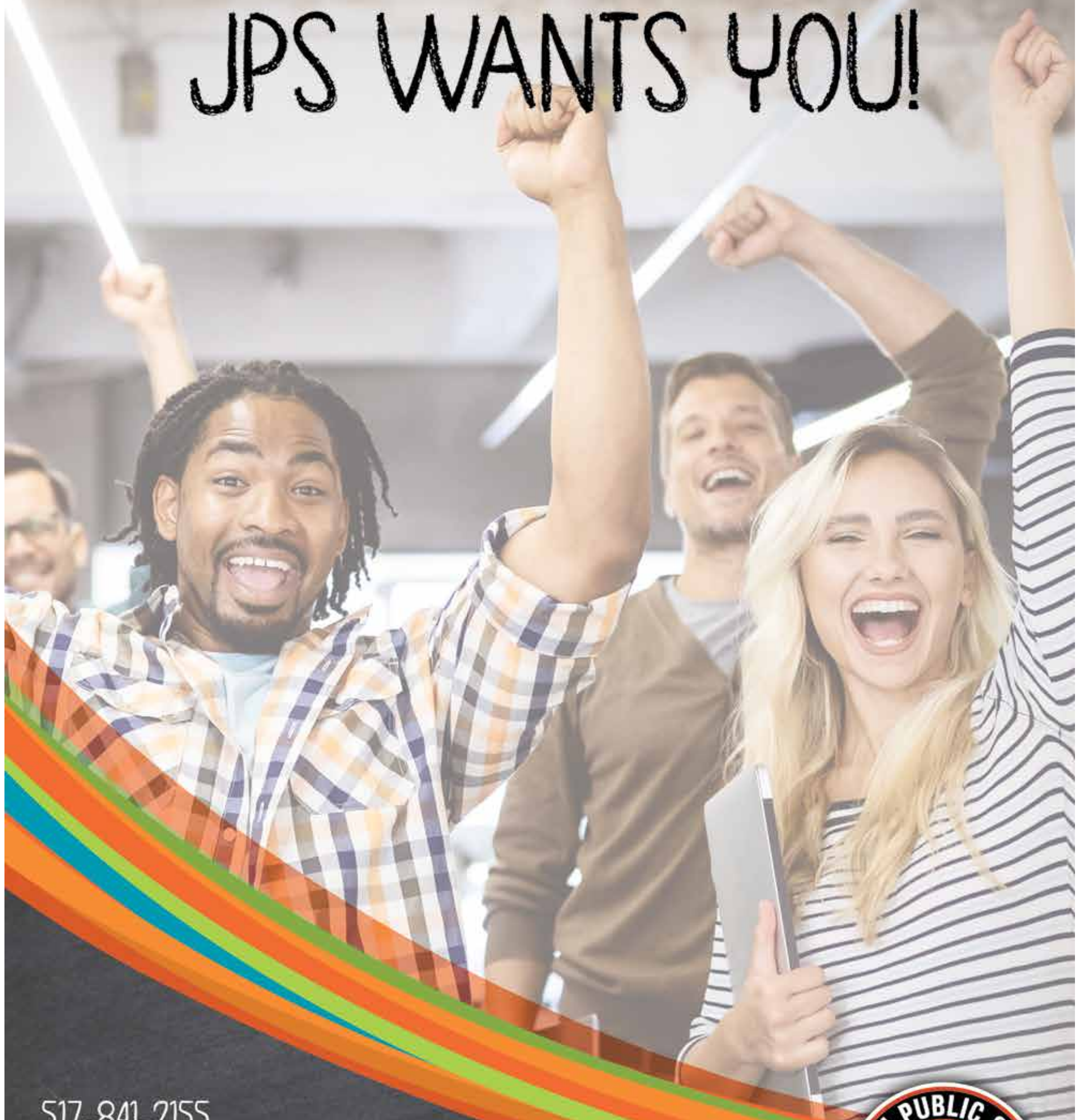


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