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SOAR Cafe and Farms Begins It's Mission in Historic Brown St. Location

SOAR Cafe and Farms provides healing, housing and employment for women survivors of human trafficking, sexual trauma and addiction. Women from the community can benefit in the various ways from weekly community group open to all needing support, to

a two year free residential gram for qualified applicants. The residential program is located in the beautifully renovated home at 300 S. Brown Street and is devoted to emotional, physical and spiritual healing in a safe community

and family environment. The long term goal for each woman is personal freedom and sustainability so they can become contributing members of the Jackson community at large.

Michelle Cochran founded SOAR in 2017 because of her commitment to help just one young woman walk through some very challenging times in her life. Through this experience, Michelle discovered a greater need to serve women who have faced difficult challenges in their lives. SOAR stands for She Overcomes and Rises and through this program, women's hearts and lives are truly being transformed.

It takes a network of dedicated volunteers to provide this support. Volunteers can visit women in jail or in prison, or sit with women in the weekly support group. There are other volunteer opportunities available through the website as well.

The interest and support for SOAR Cafe and Farms shown by the Jackson community has been tremendous. The recently renovated home was a major undertaking and required dedication and commitment as well as funding sources from across the commu-

nity. The turnout at their recent ribbon cutting and open house demonstrated the level of support from the residents of Jackson.

Funding SOAR is currently through personal corporate donations, grants and foundations.

SOAR also makes candles and other products which are for sale on their website and at various locations around Jackson. As the name indicates, there are future plans for a cafe where the Jackson community can gather to enjoy good food in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Help a Sister Rise is a way to continue to support the important work of this organization. This fund raising campaign will provide monthly support to operate the program and the home through automatic donations starting at just \$19 per month. More information can be found on their web site.

The incidence of sexual trauma and human trafficking in our community is greater than anyone wants it to be. With the hard work and dedication of SOAR Cafe and Farms, they are reducing these numbers and transforming lives one at a time.



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Plan a Visit to Imagine Planet and Meet Cresko, the Crested Gecko

Contributed by Imagine Planet

The autumnal equinox was September 22nd and fall is officially here. The trees are turning color and insects and other animals are preparing for winter. National Chemistry Week is coming up and Imagine Planet will be celebrating with Spoooooky Chemistry on Saturday, October 23rd from 12 pm to 5 pm. Come explore our special demonstrations and activities with the whole family!

Keep an eve on our Facebook page for more special event days and current events in space and on Earth that have to do with science. Need a bedtime story? Our Facebook page has many videos of books for all ages read to the animals here. Our website will also be updated with new content.

This month's featured animal is our crested gecko (Correlophus ciliatus). It is native to New Caledonia, an island about 750 miles to the east of Australia. It was described in 1866 by a French zoologist and



was thought extinct until it was rediscovered in 1994 during an expedition led by Robert Seipp. They are also called the eyelash gecko as they have a crest of skin around the eye which resembles eyelashes. Crested geckos are among the largest of the geckos and can reach 6-10 inches in length. They are unusual in that they are omnivores and not only need insects but a fruit based diet as well. They do not have eyelids and keep their eyes moist and clean with their tongue. They can drop their tails but do not grow them back. Most wild crested geckos are tailless.

These lizards do have the spe-

cialized suction cup and webbed feet of other geckos. They can climb up glass with ease and live in the lower canopy of the rainforest where they jump well. They are crepusular, which means they are active at twilight and spend the day sleeping. Soon after they were rediscovered several specimens were exported for breeding and study before New Caledonia stopped issuing permits for export. These specimens have been bred and are readily available in the pet trade. We don't have enough data to know how long they live but some have been kept for 15-20 years or more. In the wild, they have a vulnerable status. Introduced and invasive species such as the little fire ant, deer, pigs, and rodents are the biggest threats to the wild population as well as wildfires.

Come visit Cresko, our crested gecko, at Imagine Planet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday from 12 pm to 5 pm at 632 East Michigan Ave. Can't wait to see you!



Learn to Love Your Hometown

Help Make Jackson a Great Place to Live for Everyone

By Val Herr



It's easy to get discouraged. The news is filled with tragedy after tragedy. We see good people get tired and quit and progress is slow. It's okay to get discouraged. I admit, I've had a rough month and put off writing this article until the bitter end. I just didn't know what to say.

Today, I woke up and saw sunshine. It's been a while since any of us have seen the sun. The sun reminded me that without the dark and gloomy days I wouldn't appreciate the sun as much as I do. If every day was sunny, I would take it for granted. I don't want to take my hometown or the great people doing really hard work for granted. I want to stand with them, cheer for their successes and wipe the tears of defeat away. Together we are stronger.

Ella Sharp Museum recently had it's first

ever Farm to Table event to highlight that Hill-side Farm (Ella and John Sharps farm) was a working farm and to thank the people that are currently ensuring all of us have great, healthy, locally grown food. Through putting this event together, I was privileged to meet some outstanding people doing great things for our community. Not every community has farmers markets, roadside stands or the vast array of locally grown meat and produce. Twelve outstanding vendors came together to offer guests a unique experience and to meet the people behind the food. While I'd love to highlight each and every one of them, I am limited on space.

Grow Jackson- exists to increase community access to healthy fresh food for Jackson residents through community gardens and by saving food that would be thrown out and distributing it to those in need. All of the food they sell is on a donation basis. Pay what you can or nothing at all if you can't. They run a weekly farm stand at the MLK Center. In areas of town

that don't have traditional grocery stores, accessibility to fresh produce is a challenge. As soon as I met them, I felt their passion and dedication to serving our community. This nonprofit is changing people's lives. Food insecurities are very real in our hometown. People with limited incomes, lack of transportation and lack of accessible food have to make tough choices. Did you know that if you travel to the grocery store via a bus you are limited on how many bags you can bring with you? This means that you have to choose each item very carefully. Can you have a fresh pineapple that takes up one whole bag or do you buy the canned fruit so you can fit six cans in a bag? These are the choices our neighbors are having to make. Thank you Grow Jackson for making a difference.

I encourage everyone of us to make organizations/groups like this and support them. Donate your time, money and energy to make Jackson a great place to live for everyone.

Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Black Dog & Black Cats

Contributed by the Jackson County Animal Shelter

Dog - Meet Flower, she is a 2 year old black Labrador/ Shepard mix. I would have to say there might be some greyhound somewhere in there because she has some zoom in her engine. Flower loves run and be outside. She is friendly and seems to like most of her dog neighbors. Flower has not learned her basic commands yet or how to walk on a leash, but she could learn to be a fantastic walking/jogging buddy.

Dog adoptions require an application, online link https://www.co.jackson. mi.us/DocumentCenter/ View/8193/Dog-Adoption-Application-PDF . Availability date is when the dog becomes JCAS property; any necessary medical procedures may delay an adoption. A meet & greet with your dog is mandatory. A cat room walk-through is available to test reaction. Dogs will go to approved applicants; the adoption fee is \$150 medium/large dogs, \$250 puppies/small dogs which includes vaccinations, microchip, and sterilization.

Cat - Calling all black cat lovers! The JCAS has so many beautiful black cats from a hoarding situation. We have over 24 solid black cats on the floor at this time. You can take your





pick; male? female? young? old? We have them all. Most have gold eyes, but there are also green eyed kitties. They are a medium

length haircoat which is silky and soft. Won't you come meet these black beauties today at the Jackson County Animal Shelter, 3370 Spring Arbor Rd., Jackson, Michigan. Cat Adoption Fees are \$60 for one cat, \$80 for two, which will include applicable tests, vaccines and spay/neutering. Any necessary medical procedures may slightly postpone an adoption. Visiting the shelter is always best, but other resources include: Online cat application: https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/Docu-

mentCenter/View/8194/Cat-Adoption-Application-PDF, fax to: 517-780-4750 or email 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-Shelter Details. Current Shelter Hours: M, Tu, W, F, 10:00-4:30, Thu 10-7, Sat 10-4.

MUSIC & MEMORY

Studies have shown that listening to music that is meaningful to a person with Alzheimer's/dementia helps that person remember past events, improves communication, reduces stress and anxiety, and can even help reduce the need for certain types of medications.

JDL, in partnership with the Jackson Symphony Guild, is providing iPods with individualized playlists for people experiencing Alzheimer's/dementia.

It's just one way we're using music to help heal and uplift the Jackson County community.







HBA of Jackson FALL Home & Garden Show

Since 2020 there have been many changes in the world we live. We have learned to re-think, re-group and adapt to these changes. This process has led HBA of Jackson to bring Jackson's first FALL Home & Garden Show! We at HBA know that families have spent more time than ever in their homes these last 20 months. We also know that many are looking to remodel, update, or add space or build a new home. So with no further delay (fingers crossed) HBA of Jackson and Consumers Energy proudly brings you the Fall Home & Garden Show October 8-10, 2021. The show will commence inside the beautiful American 1 Event Center at Keeley Park.



Come Talk to the Pros

The HBA of Jackson Home & Garden Show Committee has been working hard to produce this Fall Home & Garden Show so people in Jackson and surrounding areas can come get professional advice for those projects they have been planning. This fall would be a great

time to get your home ready for the holidays or get on contractors' schedules for that big spring landscaping or remodeling project you have been wanting to do. JacksonHomeShow.com has a list of the exhibitors who will be available at the show. The site is full of information for show attendees, sponsors, and exhibitors, including booth assignments, schedule and more. Check it out at JacksonHomeShow.com

The Venue

The Fall Home & Garden Show 2021 will transform the American 1 Event Center at Keeley Park, formally known as the Jackson County fairgrounds. Located just minutes off I-94 and within walking distance from the revitalized downtown Jackson. The new event center is a 30,000 square foot multi-use facility that offers uniquely designed space flexible enough for any occasion. It is the perfect venue for HBAJ'S Fall Home & Garden Show! With the new space we are able to offer more booths, more exhibitors and larger 10' x 10' booths and even some 10' x 15' booths along with more spacious garden areas.



We are excited to announce that our School Health Centers are open and ready to serve:



Jackson High Health Center

Northwest Community

Health Center

Parkside Health Center



Visit CenterforFamilyHealth.org/school-health-centers for more information or call 517-748-5500 to schedule an appointment today!





Henry Ford Allegiance Health Honors New Security Police Officers

Contributed by Henry Ford Allegiance Health

To further Henry Ford Allegiance Health's commitment to safety and on-site security, the organization has implemented a program for qualifying security officers to enter a licensing and training process to become security police officers. Three Henry Ford Allegiance Health security personnel have completed training at the Public Safety Training Complex at Schoolcraft College; an additional eight are scheduled to complete training over the next year.

Henry Ford Allegiance Health's security police officers have the authority, when in uniform and on duty, to arrest within the organization's facilities or grounds. Henry Ford Allegiance Health is proud to recognize its first three security police officers:

- Security Police Lieutenant David Davis
- Security Police Lieutenant Brian Parsons
- Security Police Sergeant Brandon Baker

Public Act 330 of 1968 was enacted to license, regulate, provide minimum qualifications, and to prescribe certain pow-

ers and duties for private security personnel and officers. There are currently 13 licensed security police agencies in Michigan, eight of which are health systems. Henry Ford Allegiance Health is now among the other Henry Ford Health System locations with a PA 330 arrest authority branch license.

About Henry Ford Allegiance Health

Henry Ford Allegiance Health (HFAH) is a 420-bed health system in Jackson, Michigan. HFAH complements traditional acute care services with primary and community-based to support patients across the health continuum at every stage of life. With its Level II Trauma Center, Henry Ford Allegiance Health provides comprehensive care for severely injured patients. As a teaching hospital, Henry Ford Allegiance Health continually looks to the future with its Center for Health Innovation & Education and Graduate Medical Education program. Through its Health Improvement Organization (HIO), HFAH is also a national leader in forming community partnerships that innovatively address wellness and prevention needs across the region. Visit HenryFord.com/Allegiance to learn more.

About Henry Ford Health System

Founded in 1915 by Henry Ford himself, Henry Ford Health System is a nonprofit, integrated health system committed to improving people's lives through excellence in the science and art of healthcare and healing. Henry Ford Health System includes Henry Ford Medical Group, with more than 1,900 physicians and researchers practicing in more than 50 specialties at locations throughout Southeast and Central Michigan. Acute care hospitals include Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI and Henry Ford Allegiance Health in Jackson, MI – both Magnet® hospitals; Henry Ford Macomb Hospital; Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital; and Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

The largest of these is Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, a quaternary care research and teaching hospital and Level 1 Trauma Center recognized for clinical excellence in cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, neurology, neurosurgery,



and multi-organ transplants. The health system also provides comprehensive, bestin-class care for cancer at the Brigitte Harris Cancer Pavilion, and orthopedics and sports medicine at the William Clay Ford Center for Athletic Medicine – both in Detroit. As one of the nation's leading academic medical centers, Henry Ford Health System annually trains more than 3,000 medical students, residents, and fellows in more than 50 accredited programs, and has trained nearly 40% of the state's physicians. Our

dedication to education and research is supported by nearly \$100 million in annual grants from the National Institutes of Health and other public and private foundations.

Our not-for-profit health plan, Health Alliance Plan (HAP) provides health coverage for more than 540,000 people.

Henry Ford Health System employs more than 33,000 people, including more than 1,600 physicians, more than 6,600 nurses and 5,000 allied health professionals.



Educating Youth About Money Is Essential For Their Future

By Sheila Troxel Director of Financial Education

TRUE Community Credit Union Teaching youth about the importance of money is a valuable skill for their future. Learning to save, spend wisely, and share are excellent habits when they

earn money.

You may educate youth about money by providing opportunities for them to earn money. Ideas may include completing a chore, hosting a lemonade stand or babysitting. Once they have earned money, teach them to put some of their earnings into their savings and keep their savings separate from their spending.

A popular technique for teaching children about budgeting is to use three empty jars or containers and label each as the following:

Jar 1 – Save

Jar 2 – Spend

Jar 3 - Share

Encourage children to put a portion of the money they earn in each jar or container. The saving jar encourages children to establish and work toward a goal, such as purchasing a new bike or game. Having a savings jar enables children to save to buy the item. The spending jar is for spending on an item they wish to purchase right away. Finally, the sharing jar will encourage children to think of others. Using this method will help teach youth how to save money for their future. spend money wisely and practice the art of sharing.

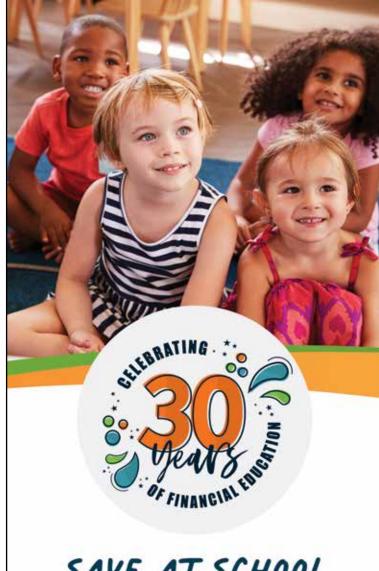
There are many other

ways to educate children nancial tools. about money and how to plan for their future. TRUE Community Credit Union's Financial Education team offers free and engaging financial education resources. Resources include financial lessons, activities, financial calculators, youth apps, and more to assist youth in learning to budget and meet financial goals.

Additionally, TRUE Community Credit Union takes pride in offering financial education materials for individuals of all ages and provides free learning tools on various financial topics.

TRUE Community Credit Union's Financial Education team has made it their goal to create legacy-defining moments in the communities and schools they serve by offering fun and free fi-

nancial Education resourc-To learn more about Fi- es, visit TRUECCU.com.



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Pink Ribbon Party Returns to the Jackson YMCA Friday, October 15



By Bonnie Gretzner, Director of Marketing and Communications, Jackson YMCA

After holding a virtual event last year, the Jackson YMCA is able to bring back the 8th annual Pink Ribbon Party in person this year.

Held downtown on Friday, Oct. 15 from 6-8 pm, the event is a twodance hour party featuring county's top Zumba instructors. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Turning Point program for breast cancer survivors.

In addition to a night of Zumba, the event features raffles and Jen prizes. Soper, a personal trainer and instructor at the YMCA, helps organize the event and is one of the lead Zumba in-

structors. She encourages everyone – including those who have never done Zumba – to give it a try.

"Zumba is everyone – anyone can do it.

It's for all ages and fitness levels," Soper said. "It's amazing to me that we can raise money for a great program just by having fun and getting a great workout.

"One of my favorite parts of the event is when the Turning Point participants come to the front and do the warm-up,"

> she added. "We see exactly the people we're helping, and it's an emotional moment."

Event details:

What: Jackson YMCA 8th Annual Pink Ribbon Party

Where:
Jackson
YMCA, 127
W. Wesley St.,
Jackson, MI
49201

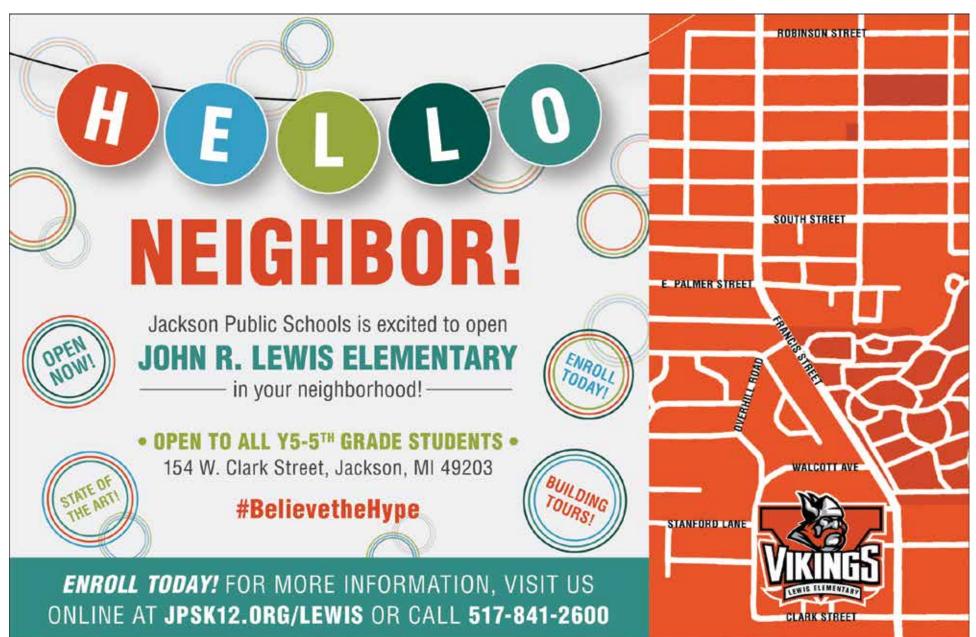
When: Friday, Oct. 15, 6-8 pm

Cost: \$10 per person

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College & Career Access Center, November Scholarships

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Michigan State University Scholarships

Deadline: November 1, 2021 for maximum scholarship consideration. For more information please visit: https://admissions.msu.edu/cost-aid/merit-based-aid/freshman/default.aspx

University of Michigan: Ann Arbor Scholarships

Deadline: November 1, 2021 For more information please visit:http://www.finaid.umich. edu/Home/TypesofAid/Scholarships Grants/TypesofScholarships.aspx

Central Michigan University Scholarships

Description: The Maroon and Gold merit-based scholarships consider high school GPA and SAT/ACT scores. Incoming freshmen who have applied to CMU are automatically considered for these awards.

Award: 20% to 75% of tuition \$2,502 - \$38,295 (30 new CMU credits per academic year) for up to four years. The value of these scholarships increases as your tuition increases for higher-level courses.

Deadline: December 1, 2021 *Earlier Application is suggested! For more information please visit: https://www.cmich.edu/ess/OSFA/Pages/CMU_Scholarships.aspx

Eastern Michigan University Presidential Scholarship Competition

Details: Eastern Michigan's Presidential Scholarships are awarded competitively using the application

process detailed below. Qualified students apply to receive our largest academic award. In addition to completing the application process, interested prospective students will need to meet the following criteria:

 Be officially admitted to EMU as a traditional incoming Freshman for Fall 2022

Applicants must have at least a 3.5** cumulative GPA and 25 composite ACT or 1200 SAT Visit campus on or after January 1st, 2021 (Approved visit programs include official campus visits and virtual visits)

- Complete application information (detailed below) by January 4, 2022.
- Students must register for the Presidential Scholarship by December 18, 2021. * Registration will become available in August 2021.
- Once registered, you will receive an email with our required supplemental applica-

tion.

Award: Full Ride (valued at approximately \$73,600 over four years.)

Deadline: December 18, 2021 - Early Application Suggested!Application: https:// www.emich.edu/admissions/ undergraduate/psc.php

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Linda Thompson Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility:Applications are accepted from individuals throughout the world who are preparing for a career in

Destination Management. The length of the program must be one year or longer. Two scholarships may

be awarded: one to a North American student and one to a global student.

Description: The Linda Thompson Memorial Scholarship (LTMS) honors Linda Thompson, who was a vital part of the Destination Management Company (DMC) profession and event industry. She was an owner of Cappa and Graham, Inc. in San Francisco, CA and a vital part of the DMC Network. Linda dedicated herself to

mentoring young professionals and raising the level of excellence in the DMC industry.

- Application (found on sponsor website) and Résumé
- Letter of Recommendation from either a college/university professor or a professional in the event industry
- Essay (minimum 250 words) covering the following topics:
- Explanation of interest in the Destination Management/ Event Management industry.
- Explanation of knowledge or experience in the Destination Management/Event Management field.

- Focus of study and goals.
- How would receiving this scholarship help you achieve your stated goals.
- What is the last event you attended? What did you like about it? What would you do differently?

Award: \$1,000

Deadline:November 1, 2021 Application: https://www.admei.org/apply/

AGC Education and Research Foundation Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship

Eligibility: Full-time undergraduate orgraduate students enrolled in ABET or ACCE accredited constructionmanagement or construction related engineering programs.

Description: Each year the AGC Education and Research Foundation offers undergraduate and graduate level scholarships to students enrolled in ABET or ACCE accredited construction management or construction related engineering programs.

Requirements:High school Seniors are not eligible. Applicant MUST be a rising college sophomore, junior in a four-year program or rising senior in a five-year program at the time the scholarship is awarded in the fall of 2022. Junior and senior level applicants MUST have

one full academic year of coursework remaining at the time of application deadline in the Fall of 2021 term. Second-year students at a two-year school who are planning to transfer to a four-year program for the Fall 2022 term are also eligible to apply.

- Applicant MUST desire a career in the construction industry.
- Applicant MUST be a fulltime student.
- Applicant MUST be enrolled or intend to enroll in either an ABET or an ACCE

Accredited (or candidate status) program.

- Applicant MUST pursue a B.S. degree in construction or construction-related
- engineering. A dual degree with construction or construction-related engineering as one part is acceptable.
- Applicant MUST be a U. S. citizen or documented permanent U.S. resident.

*View website for graduate student eligibility.

Award: Vary from \$2,500 to a maximum \$7,500 annually. Awards can be renewed up to 3 years. Deadline: November 1, 2021

Application: https://app.smarterselect.com/

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Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Eligibility: Any young person who:

- is in grades 5-12 as of November 5.
- is a legal resident of any U.S. state or Washington, D.C.
- has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the 12 months prior to the date of application and submits a completed application to a school principal or the head of an officially designated local organization by November 10.

Description: The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. The program's goals are to applaud young

people who already are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities.

Requirements:

- The application must describe an individual's community service activity or an individual's significant leadership in a group activity that has taken place during the previous year
- The application must be completed and submitted to a school principal or the head of an officially

designated local organization by November 10, 2020.

- The application must be certified by the principal of a middle level or high school or the head of an officially designated local organization. These individuals should review implementation instructions carefully.
 Award:
- State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an allexpense-paid

trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events.

• National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for their schools or organizations, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a non-profit, charitable organization of their choice. Deadline: November 4, 2021 Application: https:// spirit.prudential.com/about/

Answering Legal Law Scholarship

program-overview

Eligibility: Answering Legal's Future Attorneys of America Scholarship of \$5000 is open to dedicated law students who meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled at an accredited law school.
- Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- Applicants must submit an unofficial copy of their transcript.

Description: In order to receive Answering Legal's FAAS merit scholarship, students must meet the scholarship's minimum criteria, and submit a completed application along with a 500-1000 word essay. Essay Topics: Please choose one of the following questions provided for your essay. Essays must be between 500 and 1000 words:

- How have your personal life experiences affected your outlook on the United States legal system?
- What has inspired you to pursue a career in law?
- How do you see yourself impacting the legal community in the future?

Award: \$5,000

Deadline: November 5, 2021 Application: https://www.answeringlegal.com/answeringlegal-law-scholarship/

Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholarship

Eligibility: • Any student who is enrolled in and attending his or her last year of secondary school in the U.S. and its territories may apply.

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Deadline: November 10, 2021 at 8:00 pm EST

Application: https://student. societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts

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HFAH to Partner With YMCA, Building Space and Providing Services in New Downtown Y Facility

Contributed by The Jackson YMCA

The Jackson YMCA announced that Henry Ford Allegiance Health (HFAH) will program and staff approximately 6,500 square feet in the planned new YMCA facility. Following their \$1 million capital campaign pledge in February 2020, HFAH has deepened its investment by agreeing to lease space for planned services including sports medicine, rehabilitation, and a mix of specialty services. Both the HFAH Board of Trustees and the Jackson YMCA Board of Directors recently voted to approve the agreement.

"We are committed to seeing every person in our community achieve better health and well-being," said HFAH President and CEO Paula Autry. "Strengthening our partnership with the Jackson YMCA will make state-of-the-art equipment and resources available to our patients and will make health-care services more accessible to YMCA members. This innovative collaboration will create a unique benefit for members of our community that is still relatively rare across the country."

The Y is in the final phase of a campaign to raise funds for an approximately 75,000-square-foot facility in the heart of downtown. Celebrating its 125th year of service in Jackson, the YMCA has raised close to \$23 million in pledges and contributions

"At the Y, we believe in a holistic approach to development, promoting healthy Spirit, Mind, and Body for all," said Jackson YMCA CEO Shawna Tello. "Having Henry Ford Allegiance Health as an on-site health-care partner expands the capacity of both

organizations to reach and impact the health outcomes of an ever-broadening crosssection of our com-

munity."

"Working in collaboration with HFAH, the YMCA will be able to encourage individuals and families to engage in healthcare and wellness focused programs and services," Tello added. HFAH and YMCA health-focused collaborations have included:

- Student sports physicals held at the YMCA

- Diabetes Prevention Program

- Shape Up Jackson: HFAH joined the Y as a sponsor this year for the annual weight-loss contest sponsored by K105.3FM and provided health and wellness tips

- The HFAH Get Moving! 5K Run/Walk Series: The Y has served as an annual sponsor to the Race to Health event in September.

"Being a catalyst for collaboration and positive change have been priorities for the volunteer and staff leadership of the YMCA from the beginning of our capital campaign," said YMCA Board Chair/Chief Volunteer Officer Matt Curfman. "Having the region's premier health care provider as an on-site partner strengthens the case made for the philanthropic investment so many individuals, families, foundations and businesses have made in the Jackson YMCA."

Along with HFAH, earlier this year the Y announced Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson (BBBS) will occupy approximately 1,000 square feet in the new downtown facility. The co-location will al-

low Bigs (adult mentors) and Littles to utilize the YMCA gym, play equipment, com-

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munity space and more for shared activities. Working more closely with BBBS will allow the Y to reach more kids and families. Working in partnership, the YMCA and BBBS can create opportunities to recruit more Bigs and tailor programs to meet the

wide range of needs and interests of the Littles.

Working with construction manager Granger Construction Co., Y leaders anticipate beginning site work in the first half of 2022, with construction typically running 12-16 months. In addition, the Y's Building and Design team continues to work with Bergmann and Gro

Development Inc., a leader in design and development of YMCAs, to develop the branding, fit and finish of the new facility. The Y's Capital Campaign committee's ef-

forts to identify philanthropists, funders and local foundations willing to support the YMCA and invest in its potential are ongoing.

For more information, visit www.JacksonYMCA.org.

About the Jackson YMCA

Since 1896 the Jackson YMCA has worked to provide opportunities for individuals of all walks of life. The Y serves men and women of all ages, religions and economic backgrounds through programs focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. A volunteer board of directors provides leadership to the Association, a member of the national organization: The YMCA of the USA. Visit www.JacksonYMCA.org.





JDL Rolls Out The Bookmobile to the Community

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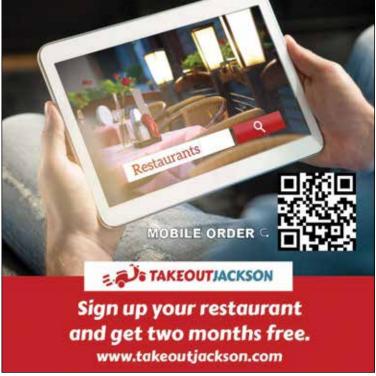
The Bookmobile made its debut last weekend in Grass Lake for Heritage Day! To say it was a success would truly be an understatement. Community members were so excited to see the bookmobile and see all of the materials available, vehicle features, and the special touches that make it so unique.

Many children were initially attracted to the stream of bubbles blowing through the wind from the bubble machine. Upon entering the Bookmobile, they were amazed to see DVD's, Video Games, books for every reading level, a television, and the technology of a brick and mortar branch. "This is the coolest thing I've ever seen!" said one of our younger visitors, adding, "This is the best day ever!"

Each child that entered the Bookmobile was welcome to check out materials, receive special Bookmobile swag, and if not eligible for a library card, choose a free book to keep. Promoting literacy to our young out-of-county visitors made their experience extra special.

The Bookmobile team was touched to hear stories from elder visitors who were delighted to see the Bookmobile return to Jackson County. A few were overwhelmed with emotion as memories came flooding back from their childhoods. "The Bookmobile coming to our school was among the best memories of my school days. I knew that when the Bookmobile came it would be a wonderful day, and I never forgot that feeling." Shared one festival-goer.

The community is clearly excited to see the bookmobile back!





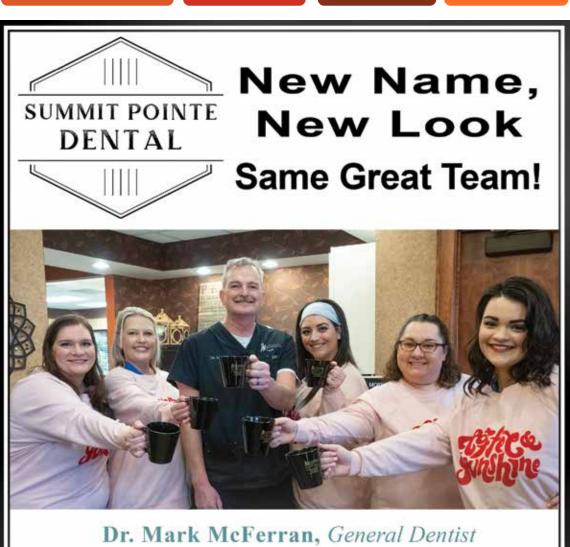
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