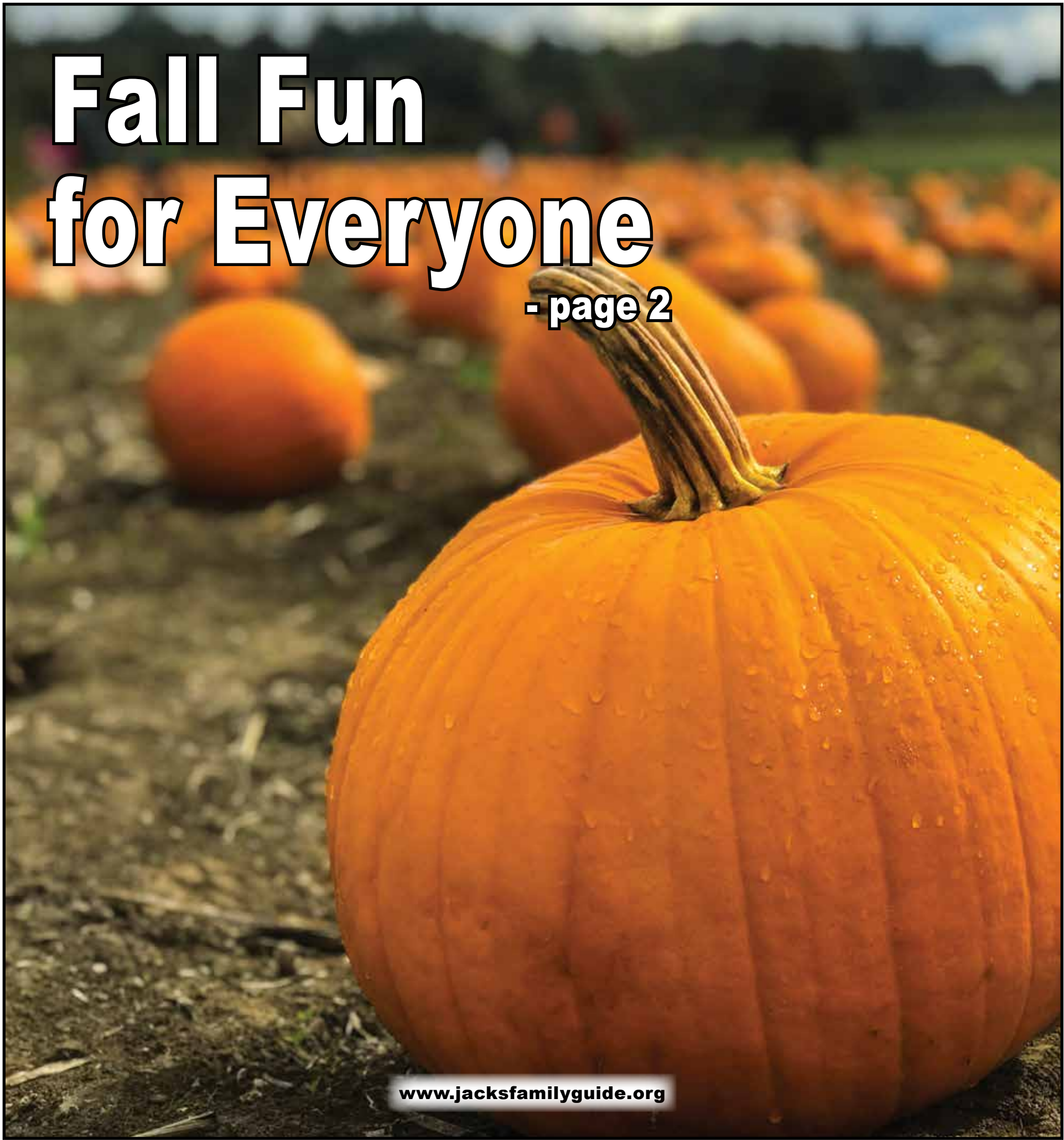


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Learn to Love Your Hometown

Pumpkin Quest in Downtown Brooklyn

By Val Herr

Enjoy the season in small-town America with Pumpkin Quest in downtown Brooklyn. For the past decade, a group of volunteers has ensured that children of all ages are able to experience Halloween with



family-friendly FREE activities. Join other families on Saturday, October 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Halloween in a small town. Free activities include a costume contest, pumpkin chucking, bounce house, face painting, hayrides, and a make-and-take scarecrow station. All these free activities are courtesy of local nonprofits and businesses. Local businesses will be open for shopping, and there will be

food trucks to satisfy your hunger.

Kids are encouraged to bring canned goods or non-perishable items to support the local food pantry and will be able to pick and take home a pumpkin of their choice. Brooklyn's "pumpkin patch" will have 500 pumpkins to choose from.

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New Trees Coming to Jackson Neighborhoods Thanks to Federal Grant

By Aaron Dimick,
City of Jackson
Public Information Officer

More trees are coming to Jackson neighborhoods thanks to a grant from the federal government. The City of Jackson is receiving a \$757,275 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that will be used to reforest the City's parkways over the next five years.

The USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program grant will be matched with local funds to restore trees in parkways, the green space located between streets and sidewalks. City staff will first work with arborists to develop a digital inventory of Jackson's current stock of street trees, identifying the size, condition, location, and species of each tree.

Once all of the data is gathered, it will be used by staff to make decisions about where new trees should be planted, along with which trees and stumps need to be removed. The information will also help crews identify trees that need trimming, along with where utility lines are located.

City Manager Jonathan Greene says the funding is a big boost to the City's forestry program. "Our neighborhoods have lost countless trees in recent years due to storms, old age, and disease," Greene said. "Having more trees along streets will improve the look of our neighborhoods, along with helping the environment. We are thankful for this federal funding and excited to start the reforestation program."

The program will collect tree data from all over the City and bring tree improvements to every neighborhood. The data collection phase is set to last one year, with tree implementation taking place the following three years.



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Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Diesel and Jayce

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Diesel

Diesel is a handsome black and white, two-year-old American Staffordshire mix. As you can see, he is all about being a lap dog. Once this guy exits the kennel, complete joy sets in. He likes to play catch, knows basic commands, and is house-trained. Diesel is friendly and happy just to be with you. Dog adoptions require an application that can be found at 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, and

a cat room walk-through is available to test reaction. Dogs will go to approved applicants; the adoption fee is \$150 for medium/large dogs and \$250 for puppies/small dogs, which includes vaccinations, microchips, and sterilization.



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Jayce

Jayce is a six-year-old, black-and-brown tabby who was an owner surrender. Jayce interacts nicely with other cats and enjoys love from her human companion. Meet her today at the Jackson County Animal Shelter at 3370 Spring Arbor Road. The adoption fee is \$60 for one cat and \$80 for two, including applicable tests,

vaccines, and spaying/neutering. Any necessary medical procedures may slightly postpone an adoption. Visiting the shelter is always best, but you can complete an online application at co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/8194/Cat-Adoption-Application-PDF. Completed applications can be faxed to 517-780-4750 or emailed to animalshelter@mijackson.org. See our website for more information at jacksoncountyanimalshelter.org, and stay up to date by following us on Facebook. Current shelter hours are M, Tu, W, F, 10:00-4:30, Thu 10-7, Sat 10-4.

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Transformational Jackson YMCA Facility in Clear View

\$5 Million Reduction in Construction Cost Achieved

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The Jackson YMCA is seeing a positive change on the horizon with the anticipated construction of a new transformational facility to better serve the greater Jackson community.

Contractors for the Y – Granger Construction and GRO (an architectural company) – spent this summer streamlining the building project to align with its \$25 million budget. This substantial effort resulted in \$5 million in savings while still retaining important member benefits.

This work included updating original design concepts, such as strengthening and standardizing new roof work, reconsidering electrical service upgrades to the facility, and targeting high-value structural improvements to orient the project scope with the budget. The latest concept will also allow the Y to retain and enhance both current gyms.

Granger Construction is reinforcing its trade contractor outreach to support bidding with an upcoming bid information flyer that

can be found separately from this publication. Bid documents are anticipated to be available via Building Connected in October. For more information, contact Granger.

“Our valued members, contributors, and community leaders are eager to know exactly when construction will start. With this finalization of the construction budget, that date is drawing closer,” said Shawna Tello, Jackson YMCA President. “We appreciate everyone’s patience as we work to achieve a transformational Y that our com-

munity can afford.”

The YMCA’s successful capital campaign supports the reimagined use of its current, large facility, with the vision of a healthy living campus in the heart of downtown Jackson. The YMCA recently celebrated its 127th year of service in Jackson and raised more than \$25 million in pledges and contributions, the largest amount for a Y in Michigan’s history. Donations to the Y’s capital campaign are still appreciated. For more information, visit www.JacksonYMCA.org or contact Shawna Tello.



Indoor Child Safety

By Krista Roback,
Health & Nutrition Manager,
Community Action Agency

As the summer season comes to a close and we transition into spending more time inside, it's a good time to think about indoor safety. Many childhood injuries can be easily prevented with a little extra precaution. Some steps to take:

- Cover electrical outlets with outlet covers.
- Before you put your child in the tub, check the temperature. You can also use a bathtub thermometer.
- Sharp edges can be covered with furniture bumpers.
- Use gates for stairs and doorways.
- Place doorknob covers on door handles.

- Use locks for cabinets and drawers.
- Use a locked box for hazardous items.
- Make sure smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are used, and batteries are replaced.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.

- Turn pan handles on the stove inwards and use back burners.

Along with prevention, supervision is the best way to prevent child injury in the home.

Source: National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness. Embracing Health and Wellness Series. Summer Safety Tips for Early Care and Education Programs. Contact: health@ecetta.info.



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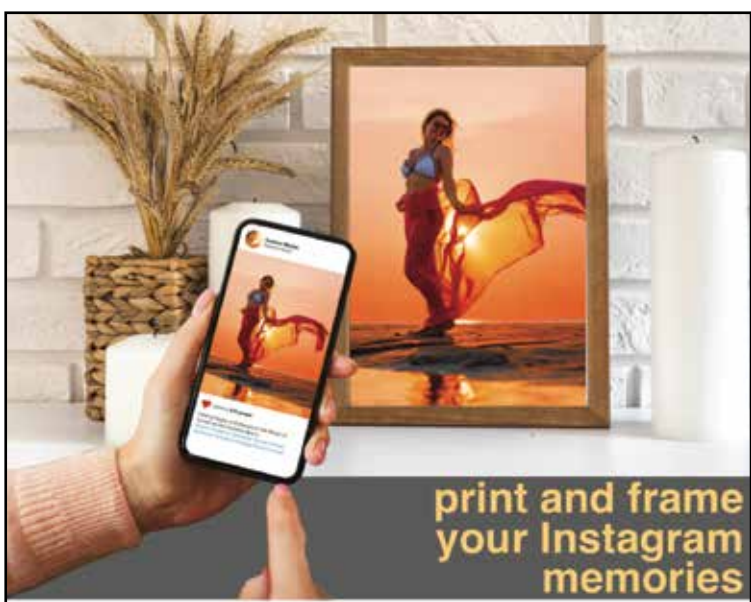


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- Applicants must receive a satisfactory performance review from the internship company and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Application, essay and recommendation letters should express a strong interest in the iron and steel industry.

Description:

The Association of Iron and Steel offers scholarships to students majoring in the following programs:

- Metallurgy
- Materials Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Environmental Science/Engineering
- Computer Science

Award: One-year scholarship between \$7,500 and \$12,000 with a paid Summer internship

Deadline: October 2, 2023

Application: <https://www.aist.org/students-faculty/scholarships/steel-internships-and-scholarships>

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Eligibility:

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- Anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application.
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution.
- Able to verify a minimum overall B/3.0 GPA in high school coursework.

Description:

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Award: \$20,000

Deadline: October 2, 2023

Application: <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/the-process/>

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Application: <https://www.loungelizard.com/scholarship/>

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Eligibility:

- Submit essay to scholarships@aesengineers.com
- There is no application packet for this award. Please do not include your resume at this time.
- Be sure to include your full name as well as the name of the school you are attending this year and your plans for next year.

Description:

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Application: <https://aesengineers.com/scholarships.php>

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- Currently attending high school and will be attending an accredited school in the next academic year to one of the aforementioned programs.

Note: All scholarship applicants are required to submit proof of enrollment* when submitting applications with the button on this page.

Description:

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Award: \$2,500

Deadline: October 15, 2023

Application: <https://www.americantrucks.com/scholarships.html>

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The Fall Equinox

By Jean McKim,
Imagine Planet

With the autumnal equinox behind us, it is officially fall! Also, in astronomical news, there will be an annular solar eclipse of the sun on October 14, 2023. Unlike a lunar eclipse, the view of a solar eclipse depends on where you are. During an annular eclipse, you can expect to see a ring of light in

the sky as the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, blocking out much of the sun's light. As the moon is much smaller than the sun, it cannot

block out all of the sun's light everywhere. Here in Michigan, we will see about 35% of the sun disappear at maximum, with the entire event spanning 2 hours and 39 minutes. It will begin around 11:46 a.m., reaching its peak at 1:04 p.m., and ending at 2:25 p.m. We have more information about eclipses at Imagine Planet, or you can check












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out NASA's great informational webpage. One thing to note: never look directly at the sun, especially during an eclipse.

This month, on Saturday, October 14, we will be having our second theme day, Spooky Skulls and Bones, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. On November 18, we will be learning about space exploration. There is so much happening in our solar system right now, between space stations and asteroid samples coming to Earth! Additionally, on April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will be visible from Michigan, and we will have a viewing event here at Imagine Planet! We look forward to engaging with you all at these wonderful events.

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