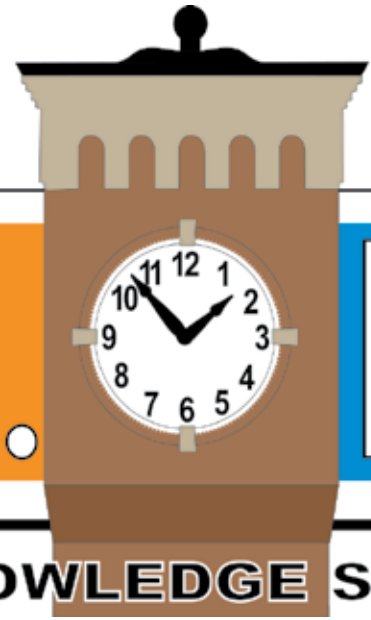


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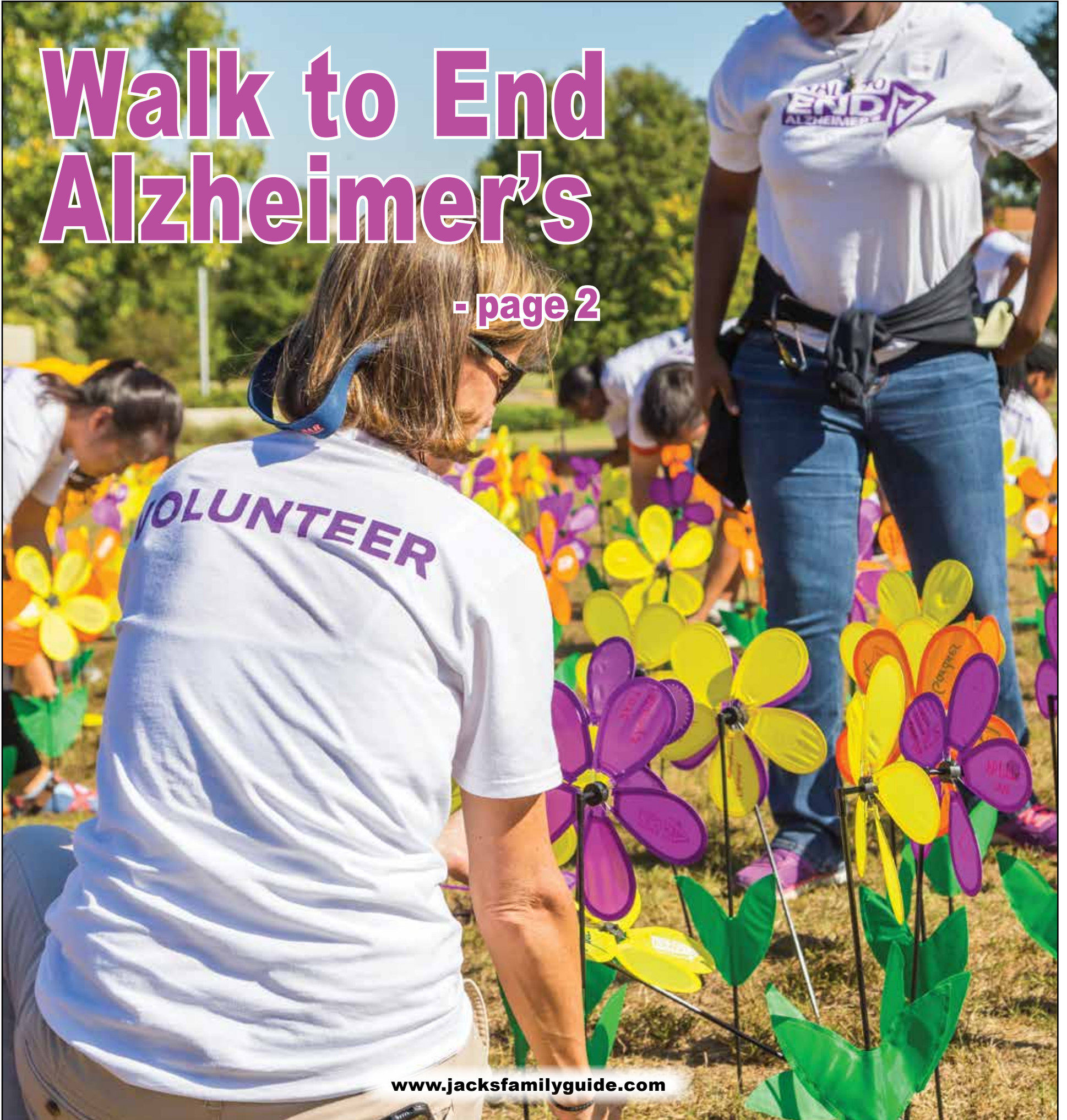
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Alzheimer's Association Invites Jackson-Area Residents to Join 2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 1, 2021

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The Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association Jackson Walk to End Alzheimer's® is back in-person again this year, and the Alzheimer's Association is inviting area residents to join the fight by participating on Oct. 1, 2021 at Horace Blackman Park.

The Jackson Walk to End Alzheimer's, which brings together individuals and teams from across Jackson County. Over the last 24 years, the Jackson Walk has raised more than \$876,000 for Alzheimer's and dementia care, support and critical research.

While gathering in person on Oct. 1, the Alzheimer's Association will continue to offer options to participate virtually as well. Organizing is in full swing and the Alzheimer's Association needs your help to have the largest impact.

Current sponsors of the Jackson Walk to End Alzheimer's include Fraternal Order of Eagles – Aerie 612, Lloyd Ganton Retirement Centers, Mission Point Health Campus, AAA Region 2, Alro Steel, Senior Preferences, JTV, and Home.fm.

"Alzheimer's is not taking a hiatus during COVID-19 and neither are we," said Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter President and CEO Jennifer Lepard. "We must continue Walk to End Alzheimer's, and we are working with all participants to ensure they have a powerful and moving experience that is felt when we are together. Many of our constituents are at higher risk when it comes to COVID-19 and we know that our volunteers and participants

appreciate our commitment to keeping all involved healthy and safe."

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease – a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

In Michigan alone, there are more than 190,000 people living with the disease and 463,000 caregivers.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit: act.alz.org/jacksonMI

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Enjoy the Sweet Song of Zebra Finches at Imagine Planet

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Zebra finches are the smallest birds we have here at Imagine Planet. They live in a curio cabinet that was converted into an aviary that was donated with 4 finches a few years ago. We have 7 adult finches currently and it sounds like there are babies in the nest.

Zebra finches (*Taeniopygia guttata*) come from Central Australia. The zebra finch is generally found in savannah and subtropical dry habitats, in particular grasslands with scattered trees and shrubs, and in open or grassy woodlands. This small finch may live up to five years in its natural environment. If they are kept caged, they normally live for 5 to 7 years but may live as long as 12 years, with an exceptional case of 14.5 years reported for a caged specimen. They grow to 11 to 12 centimeters and weigh 12 grams. Their diet consists mostly of seeds, although fruit, leaves, and insects are also eaten.

Zebra finches are monogamous

and pair-bond for life. Both male and female build the nest, incubate the eggs, and take care of the helpless chicks. There are 4 to 6 eggs in a clutch which the parents incubate for 2 weeks. After hatching it



takes three weeks for the babies to leave the nest. Two weeks after fledging the young birds become independent.

By the time the finches are 90 days old, the males can be distinguished from the females. The males have a red beak compared

to the female's orange one. Males are more distinctly marked with gray heads and backs, striped white and black tails, striped throats and patches of orange. Males also have spotted chestnut coloration on their

sides. Females are just gray. We have some white variations of the zebra finch here at Imagine Planet which are a little harder to tell apart. In captivity many color variations have been selectively bred, including white, fawn, black-face, and silver.

Male zebra finches sing, a fact that makes them very useful in many kinds of research about vocalisation and bird songs. They learn it from the finches around them and use songs to identify members of the flock. They even call to their embryos in the egg, depending on the temperature and near hatching! This call alters the growth and behaviour of the chicks.

These delightful finches are common pets and are a species of least concern due to their numbers and wide distribution. While we don't handle these little birds much, they are fun to watch and listen to, especially when raising babies.

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Learn to Love Your Hometown

Taking Care of One Another

By Val Herr

If you are my Facebook friend, you've seen a bit about what I'm going to talk about. August was a rough month for many in Jackson County with the storms and loss of power. My family was one of those affected. While we were fortunate that we didn't sustain damage to our house or property we did lose power for 88 ½ hours. That is a long time to be without power and water. We did end up losing all the fish in my fish



tank and most of our food. We were able to go to my parents and shower-thankfully! After the loss of power, I did the one thing that makes it all hit home-I emptied my fridge and freezer to throw everything away. Standing there with 8 trash bags of food was terrible. Even though I knew we were fortunate enough to be able to go to the store and replace most of it. I recognized that not everyone is able to do that. I did

a personal Facebook post encouraging my friends to help take care of each other and drop off baskets of perishables to their friends for others makes our hometown better. It's hard to impact the world but you can easily impact one person's world through small acts of kindness. We know another storm will eventually hit Jackson so let's do what we can now to help be prepared. When is the last time you donated to a local food pantry? Does your local food pantry or church or service group have the capacity to hold and distribute perishable

items? What about buying gift cards to local grocery stores and donate them to a food pantry or church? That way than can either hand them out to those in need or buy needed items to give out. If you don't know where to start, here is a list of local pantries: <https://www.foodpantries.org/ci/mi-jackson>. This is not a complete list but it's at least a place to start. Loving your hometown means loving your neighbors and helping those who can't help themselves. I encourage everyone to be a part of the solution and help ensure we are better prepared to support each other before the next storm hits.



Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Mocha & Perdita

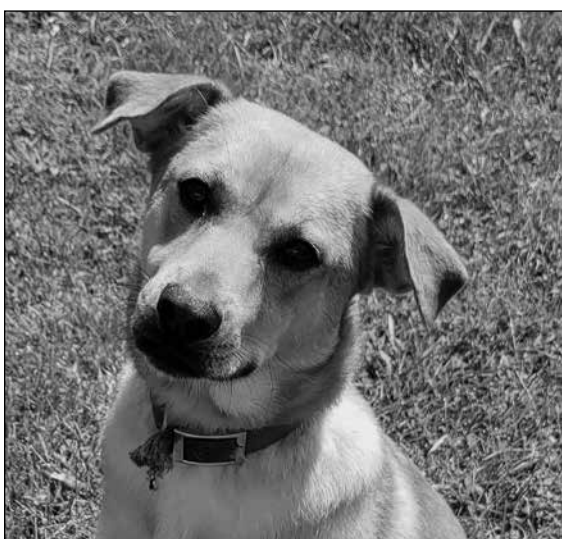
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The Jackson County Animal Shelter has pets available for adoption!

Mocha

This sweet little girl is Mocha, that was the name that was on her tag when she came in as a stray. She is a calm, gentle girl approximately 4 years old. Mocha is potty trained and she knows basic commands. She has the unique features of a curly tail, a black spotted tongue and one foot is larger. Someone taught her to jump up on your chest and give a hug, it also works as an 'adopt me' technique.

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.

Perdita

Perdita was a mommy and now is looking for her forever home. She is a stray, approximately 3 years old with brown tiger stripes and green eyes. Super mellow and friendly. Won't you come meet her 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 applications can be faxed 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.



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Center Stage Jackson Presents “The Guys”

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Center Stage Jackson*

Center Stage Jackson is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that operates primarily with volunteers. We strive to provide a positive atmosphere for the community to appreciate or to participate in live theatre performances.

Center Stage Jackson was formed in 2000-2001 following the merger of the Clark Lake Players and the Jackson Civic Theater.

The Clark Lake Players was founded in 1954 as the Pleasant View Players and presented shows during the summer months. They

originally performed at the Pleasant View Hotel pavilion in Clark Lake then at the Clark Lake Lodge before moving to Clark Lake Eagle Point in 1964 and finally to Jackson College’s Potter Center in 1979.

The Jackson Civic Theater was formed in the early 1960 by the Jackson City Recreation Department. Its first plays were stage at City Hall. In 1966, the group moved to Stone Village on Probert Road before finally landing at the JCC Potter Center. JCT productions ran during the school year.

In September of 2000, the two groups merged and

Center Stage Jackson was born. Its first production was Art.

Since its inception, CSJ has expanded beyond traditional plays and musicals and typically produces an annual cabaret, a youth singing competition, a number of staged readings, and two youth theater productions (a play and a musical).

On this 20th year anniversary of 9/11 our next production is THE GUYS – based on a true story... Less than two weeks after the September 11th attacks, New Yorkers are still in shock. One of them, an editor named Joan,

receives an unexpected phone call on behalf of Nick, a fire captain who has lost most of his men in the attack. He’s looking for a writer to help him with the eulogies he must present at their memorial services. Nick and Joan spend a long afternoon together, recalling the fallen men through recounting their virtues and their foibles, and fashioning the stories into memorials of words. In the process, Nick and Joan discover the possibilities of friendship in each other and their shared love for the unconquerable spirit of the city. As they make their way through the emo-

tional landscape of grief, they draw on humor, tango, the appreciation of craft in all its forms-and the enduring bonds of common humanity.

This play is directed by Lisa Cryderman and will be performed at the Michigan Theatre in downtown Jackson on September 10th, 11th, 12th.

This play is a benefit for the Jackson County Fire Chief’s Association.

Tickets are available at michigantheatre.org and centerstagejackson.org or at the door.

Visit our website CenterStageJackson.org to keep up on all our events!

Social Stories: A Tool to Help Your Child

*Contributed by
Community Action Agency*

You may be wondering what is a social story? Social stories are individualized short stories that children can learn about any situation ranging from social encounters, acceptable versus unacceptable behavior and so much more. These social stories are used to teach communal skills through the use of precise and sequential information about everyday events that your child

may find difficult or confusing, thus preventing further anxiety on the part of your child.

Social stories have seven key components:

1. Descriptive sentence: in these sentences the “who, what, where, and why” details are emphasized, making it recognizable and easier for your child to relate as to when the situation actually occurs.

2. Directive sentence: here you include instructions

as to how your child should appropriately respond to a specific situation.

3. Perspective sentence: this should describe one of your child’s possible responses or feelings to a given situation.

4. Affirmative sentence: states a common value or opinion. Here, you can emphasize the important points by referring to a law or rule the learner should understand.

5. Cooperative sen-

tence: describe the actions or possible help of the people around your child based on his or her response to the situation.

6. Control sentence: actions or responses created by your child, to aid in remembering the strategies that work for him or her.

7. Partial sentence: this sentence should encourage your child to make a guess about the next step in the given situation. This is usually represented by a blank

in the story. An example is “I will feel _____ when I get my ice cream (Partial)”

Social stories will help your child:

- Better understand and follow rules and routines.
- Gain insight into the perspectives of others.
- Encourage the identification of important cues.
- Promote better self-awareness.
- Understand how their behavior impacts others.

Start the 2021 School Year at JSA

*Contributed by
Jackson School of the Arts*

As we get ready to start the 2021 school year we are so grateful! We are excited to share that Jackson School of the Arts will be moving into our new home in the heart of Downtown Jackson in October. Our fall programming will start in our current location at 634 N. Mechanic Street and then transfer to 135 W. Cortland in late October. We are moving from approximately 6,000 square feet to over 20,000 square feet and will be offering expanded programming, new classes and accommodate more students! Check out our Facebook page for building updates, new class announcements and more!

During this last year we expanded our reach with new programs bringing the arts to the Jackson Interfaith Shelter and David’s Promise, a program for adults with special needs.

2020/2021 was a year to get back to the core of our mission of making the arts accessible to everyone! As we move into this next year we are continuing both of those programs plus adding dance classes at the MLK center. In addition, we are bringing clay back to our lineup! Through a partnership with Ella we are offering our students a chance to take a class with our instructor, Alix, that will be on location at The Ella Sharp Museum. Register today at jacksonarts.org/classes-programs/art/

JSA has also added Tae Kwon Do to our class roster. We are proud to welcome Brent as one of the newest members of our JSA team! Tae Kwon Do classes are filling up and available on our sliding fee scale. Visit <https://jacksonarts.org/> or call the office (517) 784-2389 for more information on our fall lineup and register today!



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New Murals of Jackson Residents Brightening Up Neighborhoods

By Aaron Dimick,
Public Information Officer,
City of Jackson



Jackson's appreciation for murals is spreading to neighborhoods.

Two murals honoring Jackson residents were painted this summer. They're the work of local artist Evan Struck. One of the murals is on the side of a building on Clinton Road that's home to Jackson Michigan Giving Back to the Community. It shows Brenda Hughes, the founder and CEO of this local organization.

The other mural can be found on the side of VIRTUE Drums, a custom drum and

music store on W. Michigan Avenue near Wisner Street. This mural shows Geno Parker, a life-long Jackson resident and local drummer.

Struck has been gaining notoriety in the Jackson community for his mural projects and speed painting performances. Both murals were approved by the Jackson Public Arts Commission. The City of Jackson encourages businesses and organizations to contact the City if they are considering putting mural art on their building. Murals must first be reviewed by the Public Arts Commission to make sure they're a good fit for the building and surrounding area.

The City is excited to see murals moving from the downtown area and into neighborhoods.



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JDL is Going Fine Free this September

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Beginning this September, Jackson District Library will join thousands of libraries across the country and go fine free, as well as retroactively remove any overdue fees that current library patrons have. As of Wednesday, Sept. 1, overdue materials will no longer accrue fines. JDL patrons are still responsible for replacement charges for lost or damaged

materials. "Fines do not encourage the on-time return of materials, and contrary to what some may believe, fines don't make the library any significant amount of money either, accounting for less than .5 percent of our budget," JDL Director Sara Tackett said. "What fines do is prevent access for patrons who cannot afford to pay those fines. We wanted to remove as many barriers to access as possible, es-

pecially for our patrons who struggle financially." Patrons are still responsible for returning materials, library officials said. Any materials that are 30 days overdue will result in the patron's account being blocked until the items are returned. Once materials are returned, the entire bill is removed from the patron's account. If materials are lost or damaged, a fee to cover the cost of replacing the materials will still

apply." Interestingly, libraries that have eliminated overdue fines have found that return rates actually go up," Tackett said. "By removing the possibility of accumulating late fines, people are less likely to avoid returning to the library and more likely to bring back any overdue items they've checked out.

No late fines mean more people are using the library more often." Library officials said they saw a significant decrease in fine revenue after they moved to automatic renewals for materials, and removing overdue fines entirely won't have a significant impact on their annual budget.

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Jackson YMCA Opens Bid Period for New Facility August 26

By Bonnie Gretzner,
Director of Marketing
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Jackson YMCA

The Jackson YMCA is issuing requests for contractors to bid on various aspects of the new facility build. Final bid documents will be published Thursday, Aug. 26, with bids due Thursday, Sept. 23. In June, the YMCA announced that its architect/engineer Bergmann PC completed design work on a roughly 75,000-square-foot new facility.

Granger Construction Co., the project's construction manager, will be accepting electronic bids through its bid portal, BuildingConnected. Over

the past year, Jackson YMCA staff, campaign volunteers and Granger executives have reached out to local contractors and subcontractors, including the Jackson Commercial Contractors Association.

"Granger has and will continue to reach out to engage local subcontractors from the greater Jackson community and solicit their participation in the new Jackson YMCA project," said Granger Senior Project Manager Jeff Havranek. "Our goal is to utilize as many qualified trade partners from the surrounding area as practical."

The YMCA's Building and Design Committee and Granger have compiled a

list of nearly three dozen local vendors and subcontractors. These local companies will all receive an invitation to bid from Granger. Requests for invitations can be sent to Jeff Havranek (jhavranek@grangerconstruction.com) or Project Manager Kyle Oberdorf (koberdorf@grangerconstruction.com).

"The Y's priority has always been to work with as many local firms as possible. Granger shares our commitment to engage local contractors to help us build our new facility in the heart of Jackson" said YMCA CEO Shawna Tello. "Both Granger and Bergmann are dedicated to building a new facility for

our community with community partners."

The Y is in the final phase of a campaign to raise funds for a healthy living campus in the heart of downtown. The YMCA, celebrating its 125th year of service in Jackson, has raised nearly \$23 million in pledges and contributions.

Granger is expected to begin site work in the first

half of 2022, with construction typically running between 12-16 months. The Y's Capital Campaign committee's efforts 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.

JDL & JSG to Offer Free Music & Memory Kits

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Studies have shown that listening to music can help those with Alzheimer's and dementia remember past events, improve communication, reduce stress and anxiety, and can even help reduce the need for certain types of medications.

Through a partnership with the Jackson Symphony Guild, the Jackson District Library is proud to offer free Music and Memory kits to Jackson County residents facing Alzheimer's and dementia. Each kit includes an iPod with a personalized playlist, headphones, a carrying case, and a quick tip sheet.

Anyone with a loved one

experiencing Alzheimer's or dementia is welcome to request a kit. Care givers simply fill out a request form including the loved one's musical preference, and JDL takes care of the rest. Care centers are also invited to request kits for residents who may benefit from this program.

Music and Memory kits can be requested by contacting JDL Community Services Coordinator Hannah Ball at 517-905-1347 or BallH@myjdl.com. You can also learn more about additional outreach resources and services by visiting myjdl.com/services/outreach-services.

For more information on how listening to music helps

those experiencing Alzheimer's or dementia, we recommend the film *Alive Inside*. Copies are available for check out at JDL.

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- High school seniors and all students attending a

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- Engineering courses not required

Description:
Our belief is that achieving a high grade point average should not be the only criteria for determining who deserves to be helped. For that reason, we are offering a scholarship that will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluated the essays that are submitted. Submit essay to: scholarships@aesengineers.com 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.
Award: \$500
Deadline: October 8, 2021
Application: <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php>

NSCA Foundation Scholarships

Eligibility:
All scholarship applicants must be National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) members at the time of application deadline and must be pursuing careers in strength and conditioning. Applicants are not eligible to win more than one scholarship in any given year; however, applications can be made in more than one scholarship category in a given year. Applicants are eligible to receive up to two scholarships from each category for which they qualify.
Description:
The purpose of the National Strength and Conditioning Association Foundation (NSCAF) is to support the mission of the National Strength and Conditioning Association by providing funding for educational and research activities that enhance the practical application of strength and conditioning. All general and specific guidelines for each respective scholarship are outlined at the sponsor website and should be closely read by the applicant to ensure all guidelines have been met prior to submission.

Award: \$2,000 for each respective scholarship
Deadline: October 15, 2021
Application: <https://www.nasca.com/about-us/nsca-foundation/scholarships/>

College JumpStart Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Must be a high school 10th- 12th grader, college student, or non-traditional student
- A US citizen or legal resident
- Applicant must be committed to using education to better your life and that of your family and/or community

Description:
The College JumpStart Scholarship is an annual, merit-based competition -- financial need is not considered -- that is open to 10th-12th graders, college students and non-traditional students. The main requirement is that you are committed to going to school and can express your goals for getting a higher education. The first place prize is a \$1,000 scholarship to help cover educational expenses. This award can be used at any college or university in the United States.
Award: \$1,000
Deadline: October 17, 2021
Application: <http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/>

Northern Michigan University Presidential and Leadership Awards

Eligibility:

- You are a high school senior, graduating in 2022, and entering college in fall 2022.
- High school GPA is 3.50 or higher (cumulative, 9th-11th grade)
- Must be admitted to NMU before applying for this competition

Description:
Our Fall 2021 competition will have two in-person competitions and a virtual competition option. (Students chose one to attend.)
• In-person, on campus: November 7-8, 2021 and November 14-15, 2021.
• Virtual: November 15 - 16, 2021
Students choose one competition session date. Reg-

istration for the competition will open in August 2021. Registration deadlines are usually about two weeks prior to the selected session.
Award: Depending upon individual scholarship, awards vary – up to ‘full ride’ (tuition + room and board)
Deadline: Check web page for updated deadlines in August
Application: <http://www.nmu.edu/admissions/scholars>

The Evans Scholarship for Caddies

Eligibility:

- Strong caddie record: Applicants must have caddied, successfully and regularly, for a minimum of two years and are expected to caddie at their sponsoring club the year they apply for the scholarship.
- Excellent academics: Applicants must have completed their junior year of high school with above a B average in college preparatory courses and are required to take the ACT.
- Demonstrated financial need: Applicants must

clearly have a need for financial assistance.

- Outstanding character:

Description:
Applications are available online beginning August 1st, and are accepted at the beginning of the applicant’s senior year of high school. Evans Scholarship applications will receive full consideration when the directions below are followed accurately and completely. The entire application – including supporting documents like evaluations, recommendation letters, transcripts, test scores, a CSS profile and FAFSA information – must be completed by October 30.
Award: Full, four-year tuition and housing college scholarships to deserving caddies.
Deadline: October 30, 2021
Application: <https://wgaesf.org/a-life-changing-opportunity/>

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Grand River Environmental Action Team (GREAT) needs volunteers for our annual river clean-up. Come join us in doing something GREAT for the river! This event can only be successful with volunteers like you.

There are a number of changes in the clean-up this year due to Covid-19. We will meet at R.A. Greene Park, located at 2995 Lansing Avenue, Jackson, one-half mile south of Parnall Rd, at 9:00am. A map of R.A. Greene Park is on our website at www.great-mi.org. The clean-up will be accomplished by sending canoes both upstream and downstream from the park and then returning back to the launch site. This helps us maintain social distancing by not having to shuttle volunteers. Other volunteers will drive their own vehicles to selected locations along the river to walk

the banks for debris.

Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and getting dirty. We also recommend a hat, sunscreen and mosquito repellent. Gloves, tools and PFD's will be provided. Lunch will not be provided this year due to Covid-19, only drinks and snacks.

We also need help with the following specialized jobs:

- Be a Team Leader to help guide 8 canoes with 16 paddlers on the river.
- Registration of volunteers.
- Distribute clean-up equipment to the workers.

Check out www.great-mi.org for more details or call 517-740-5680. We hope to see you there!

Founded in 1990, the Grand River Environmental Action Team is a Local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of and restoration of the Upper River Watershed in the Jackson County of south central Michigan.

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JHS Welcomes Alicia Curtis as New Assistant Principal

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Jackson Public Schools is pleased to announce Mrs. Alicia Curtis as the new Assistant Principal at Jackson High School.

Curtis began her journey in education at Olivet College where she earned her undergraduate degree in Education. In 2020 she completed her Masters in Administration from Grand Canyon University.

Mrs. Curtis is a proud JHS alumni. She has been a 5th grade teacher at Dibble Elementary for the past 6 years.

"I am incredibly excited for the opportunity to give back to a school district that has given my family and I so much. Jackson High has always been very close to my heart." said Curtis. "I'm looking forward to working with a phenomenal staff, and an amazing student population."

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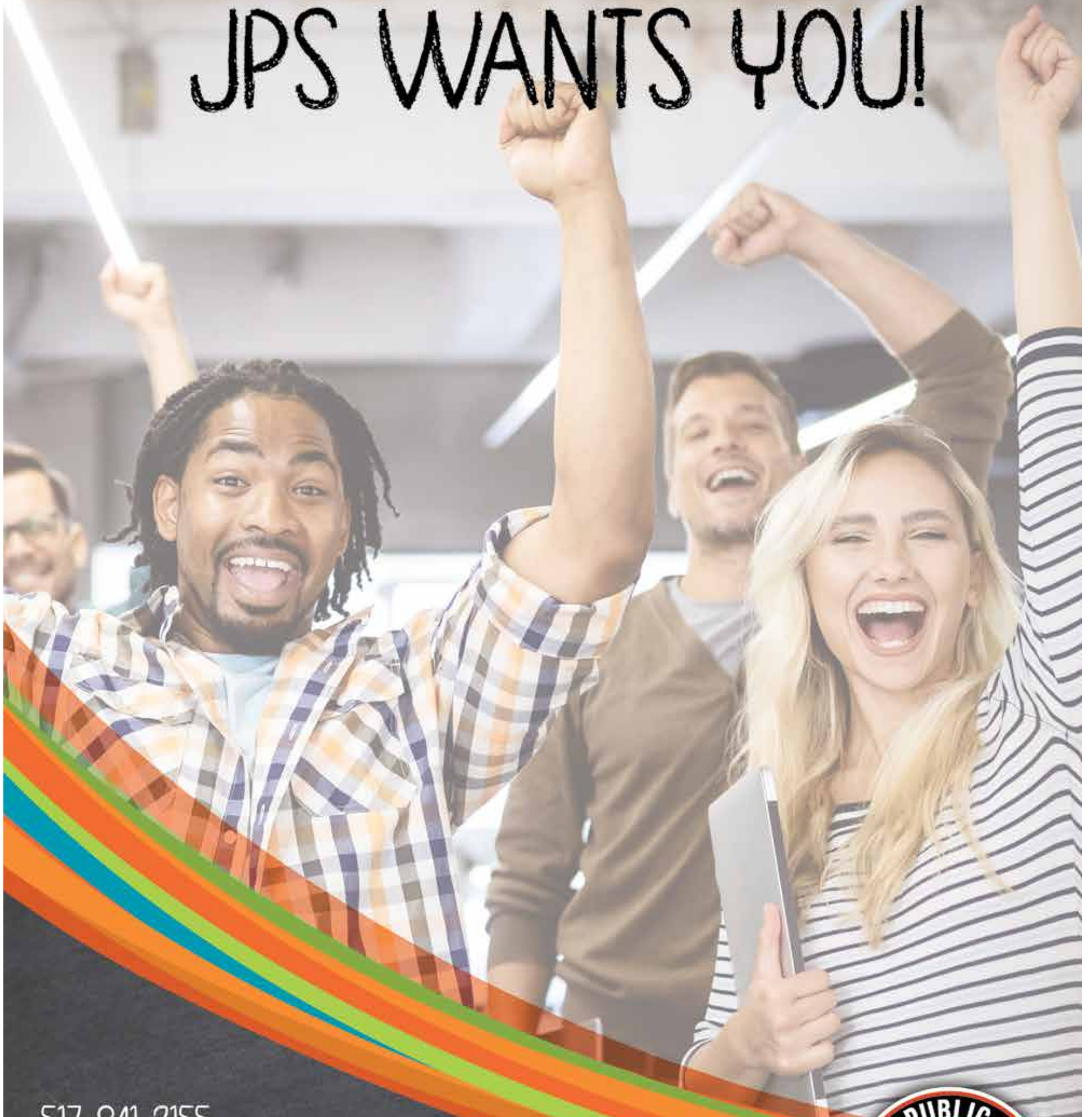
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