

# NEWSLETTER

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## DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Leadership Jackson County is off to what looks like an exciting year with a very enthusiastic class of participants. Authentic leadership is this year's focus with the supporting quote, "Authentic leadership is revealed by the alignment of what you think, say and do."

As we navigate this year together, we will be learning a lot about each other, understanding our individual personality characteristics, developing important leadership qualities and implementing strategies for successful teams.

- Rexanne Ude



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## SPONSOR SHOUT OUT



Thank you to Cummins, one of our newest sponsors, for supporting Leadership Jackson County!

## STUDENT MOMENT

Logan Miser  
Jackson County Sheriff's Department

### Why were you interested in participating in LJC this year?

I was asked by a co-worker if I would be interested in being in the class this year. I knew a few other people at work had been through the class and it seemed like a good program.



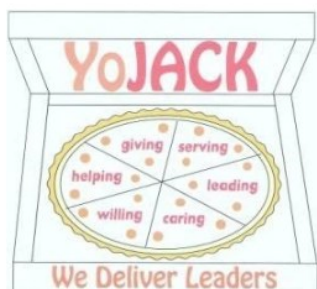
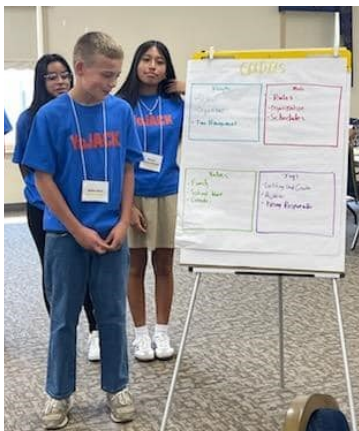
# YoJACK

YoJACK is gearing up for another great school year! There are 42 Jackson County students who will be participating in the fall semester sessions.

The curriculum for the semester will focus on public speaking, diversity, philanthropy and team building. Philanthropy is a huge part of being a leader, and we love to see the students get excited about helping their communities.

We are always looking for sponsors for our pizza lunches during our meetings. If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring lunch and visiting one of our sessions, please reach out!

- Karen Haas, YoJACK Director



YoJack is offered at no cost to all participants and relies on financial support from corporate and individual sponsors and the fundraising efforts of LJC. If you would like more information on how to help support YoJack, please email Karen Haas, YoJack Director, at [yojackindiana@gmail.com](mailto:yojackindiana@gmail.com).

# Leadership Class of 2025

The newest cohort of Leadership Jackson County has officially begun. This year, the theme is “Authentic Leadership.”

The annual retreat to welcome the 2024-2025 LJC cohort was held at Pyoca on August 15th. All 20 class members were able to attend the kick-off event and are representing 18 different organizations across Jackson County.



## Where in Jackson County is LJC?

Follow along with this year's LJC class as they travel around Jackson County! We'll share spotlights of the places visited as well as highlights of the organizations that meet with the class of '25.

**Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center** has been the host site for LJC's kick-off retreat for several years. According to Pyoca's website, guests are encouraged to **explore, grow, rest and play**. Pyoca welcomes guests of all sizes, ages, and backgrounds and offers day events, camps, and overnight retreats.



Pyoca's Executive Director, Mike Davis, spoke with LJC class members about the history of Pyoca as a Presbyterian Youth Camp which started in the 1950s. Pyoca is now an independent non-profit and operates its facility year-round. In addition to hosting many camps, events, and retreats throughout the year, Pyoca has received a grant from the Lilly Endowment to offer a summer day camp program to all Jackson County youth. Each December, Pyoca also partners with D.IN.O. to host the Jackson County Ultras trail running event. Private group rentals are available as well.

More information about Pyoca can be found at: <https://www.pyoca.org>.

## Staying Involved

Leadership Jackson County has been in existence for over 40 years and continues to exist as a non-profit organization to support and celebrate leaders in Jackson County thanks to generous support from numerous organizations and individuals across the county. Because of the work of LJC, YoJACK was started to help support and develop young leaders and has continued for more than 20 years.

Participation in one or both of these programs does not have to end on graduation day. There are many opportunities available to continue supporting these programs. Support may be in the form of action or by providing financial support. such as serving on the LJC board, or volunteering with either program in some capacity. Financial support is also needed to continue sustaining both programs.

### Simple Ways to Give Back:

- ★ Volunteer your time to help with either program
- ★ Serve as a board member
- ★ Donate to one of the LJC funds through the Community Foundation of Jackson County
- ★ Purchase raffle tickets for the Fort Vallonia Days Raffle
- ★ Be a pizza sponsor for a YoJACK meeting
- ★ Encourage your organization to sponsor a future LJC class member
- ★ Like and share LJC posts on social media

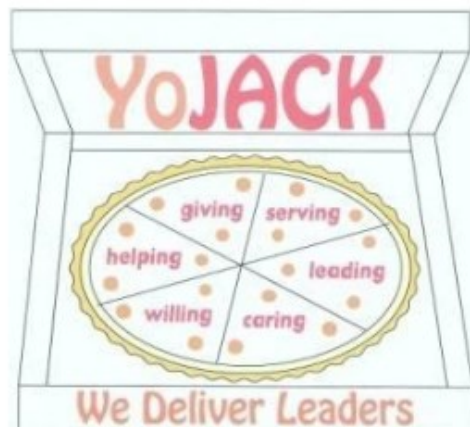
### Did Someone Say Raffle?

It is that time of year again! The Fort Vallonia Days Pioneer Festival will be held on October 19th & 20th. During that event, LJC will be hosting a raffle to support YoJACK. Raffle tickets may be purchased during Fort Vallonia Days or in advance from any LJC board member. Check Facebook for more details!

### We want to hear from you!

What you like to see in future editions of our quarterly newsletter? Feel free to reach out to us via our website or on Facebook with your ideas.

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