

Upcoming holiday season provides residents multiple opportunities to show generosity

Manna Mission launches Angel Tree gift drive for needy

BY TIM HASTINGS

Johnston City Manna Mission has kicked off its Angel Tree/Shining Star program to provide Christmas gifts for needy Johnston City children and seniors.

"We started Angel Tree and Shining Star the last week of October to give Christmas gifts to the less fortunate here in Johnston City," said J.C. Manna Mission Director Cheri Litton. Those who wish to donate can send a monetary donation to the mailing address: P.O. Box 424, Johnston City, IL 62951. Or, they can pick an angel (child) or star (senior) card from the Christmas tree in the lobby of Banterra Bank, 908 Grand Avenue, beginning the week prior to Thanksgiving.

"On these cards will be the child or senior's gift desires, favorite colors, and clothing sizes," Litton said. "Contributors can either drop gifts off at Banterra Bank or at the Manna Mission by the second week of December." Angel and star gift cards will also be available at the J.C. Manna Mission Thrift Store and Food Pantry at 306 E. Broadway.

Litton said each gift recipient will be identified by number for confidentiality.



Photo: Banterra

Parents who desire their child to be an Angel Tree recipient must provide proof of residence within the Johnston City school district. Senior recipients must also live in Johnston City. Sign-up will be available at the J.C. Manna Mission Thrift Store: Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 am - 4 pm; Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm; or at the Manna Mission Food Pantry: Tuesdays, 3 pm - 5 pm, or Wednesdays, 10 am - 3 pm.

Litton said Angel Tree and Shining Star provide Christmas gifts for approximately 100 children and 7 seniors each year. Contact Manna Mission by phone (618) 983-6262.



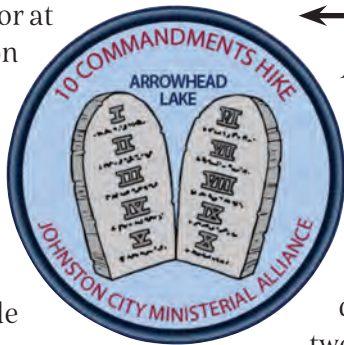
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Donations for more counseling at JCity Center boosted on 'Giving Tuesday'

With the goal of expanding capacity for community-invested counseling, JCity Center for Hope and Renewal, the nonprofit publisher of *Arrow News*, will participate in GiveSI, November 27-28. GiveSI is

a community day of giving for all of Southern Illinois in conjunction with Giving Tuesday. GivingTuesday, a global generosity movement encouraging radical generosity, was created in 2012 as a simple idea—a

day that encourages people to do good. Southern Illinois Community Foundation and WSIL-TV began GiveSI 3 years ago and have since raised over \$587,000 for Southern Illinois non- (continued on p. 2)



November events at Arrowhead honor God, Country

Arrowhead Lake will provide the backdrop for two unique events honoring both God and Country.

On Saturday, November 4, the Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a 10-Commandments Hike. Scout

troops, church youth groups, and families with children are invited to walk the trail around the lake. Ten stops along the way will be staffed with educators prepared to explain each of the 10 Commandments. Registration begins at 10:30 am and refreshments will be served afterward. Students completing the hike will receive a commemorative badge.

On Veteran's Day (observed), a flag retirement

ceremony will be held at the Arrowhead Lake Pavilion. On Friday, November 10, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, local Scout Troop 7140 will retire 55 U.S. flags that have been displayed by the city but are now in poor condition. The ceremony will also dedicate an official Flag Retirement Box. After the event, the box will be permanently installed at the Fallen Soldier Memorial downtown. Eagle Scout, Luke Davis, hopes to (continued on p. 2)

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

Sharing our blessings

Johnston City Ministerial Alliance

3 Ways To Help Your Neighbors In Need

1. Financial contribution to JCMA
2. Donate food at a local church
3. Collect or purchase canned goods or other non-perishable food items

Local churches provide holiday food for neighbors

No one in our area has been unaffected by the runaway inflation that began in the pandemic. Compared to pre-pandemic prices, the cost of almost everything has increased 20 percent. This increase seriously impacts the elderly, the disabled, single-parent households, and growing families, especially in Southern Illinois, where good-paying jobs are scarce and food insecurity is common. Johnston City Ministerial Alliance, comprised of a majority of churches and faith-based organizations in our community, addresses this problem by providing households with the ingredients for a traditional holiday meal.

"If you have been blessed to stay afloat during these difficult times, the churches of Johnston City need your help to give our less fortunate neighbors a nice Christmas dinner," states Pastor

Keith Fletcher, treasurer of the Ministerial Alliance.

Saturday, December 16, the Ministerial Alliance will distribute boxes containing a ham or turkey, vegetables, potatoes, gravy mix, rolls, margarine, eggs, milk, jello, pie, whipped topping, and other holiday treats.

The annual event stipulates that recipients sign up in advance to receive a food box. Participants must pre-register by December 8. No proof of income is required, but all recipients must reside within the Johnston City School District. Sign ups are held daily 10:00-11:00 am, November 27-December 1 and December 4-8 at the First United Methodist Church, 400 W. Broadway Blvd. in Johnston City. JCity Center for Hope and Renewal serves as an alternate preregistration location during regular business hours, November 27-December 8. Registered

households or individuals may pick up food boxes December 16, 9:00-10:30 at the Methodist Church. Those who live within the city limits and are homebound or without transportation may request that boxes be delivered to their residence.

The Ministerial Alliance welcomes food and monetary donations. Moneys received will purchase fresh food items. Local churches contribute specific non-perishable items for each box. Volunteers are also needed to assist with distribution and deliveries.

If you would like to give toward this project, make checks payable to J.C. Ministerial Alliance. Mail donations to JCMA, c/o JCity Center, 504 E. Broadway Blvd., Johnston City, IL 62951. Donate non-perishable food items at a participating church or JCity Center.



Lithuanian historian, William Zalpys and Jason Weirauch of the J.M. Weirauch Monument Company of Harrisburg (Doug Hancock photo)

Hidden cemetery ties local Masons to Lithuania

A little known cemetery on the outskirts of Johnston City, in the area colloquially known as "Shakerag," recently received a marker noting its significance to the Lithuanian community.

William Zalpys, of Vancouver, Washington, is a Masonic Lithuanian historian who travels throughout the United States to study and restore cemeteries of people, who like himself, are of Lithuanian descent. He secured grant funds to purchase and erect a granite monument for the Lithuanian-Masonic Cemetery near Johnston City. The

first grave was dug there more than 40 years before our town was incorporated. Approximately 400 graves, dating from 1852 to 1997, are tucked away in this historic cemetery just off a curve on Shakerag Road. Some Lithuanian gravestones have been destroyed, but others remain intact, inscribed with Old Lithuanian texts describing the life stories of the deceased, such as "died in a mine explosion."

According to the website GLOBAL TRUE LITHUANIA, Southern Illinois has two other Lithuanian (continued on p. 2)

Crosswalk Offers Low Income Home Energy Assistance

For many Illinois households, energy costs place a severe and continuing stress on the family's budget. In some instances, this forces the household to make painful decisions regarding which bills to pay or go without some necessities. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) offers low-income households help in paying for winter energy services.

Amount of assistance received is determined by a number of factors, including number of people in the home, household income, type of fuel used for heating, and geographic location. An overdue bill or shut-off notice is not required. Emergency assistance is also available if the household is disconnected from any energy source needed for heating and/or a delivered fuel supplier has refused to deliver and the tank contains 25% or less. Any questions should be directed to the Crosswalk Energy Assistance Staff.

Who is Eligible?

Persons may be eligible to receive assistance under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program if household gross income is at or below LIHEAP's income guideline levels. To qualify, individuals must also be the Customer of Record (COR) with the utility company. For renters, if heat and/or electric is included, then the rent must be greater than 30 percent of household income in order to be eligible to receive benefits.

How to Apply

Crosswalk Community Action Agency serves Franklin, Jefferson, and Williamson County for Energy Assistance (LIHEAP).

The 2024 Program Year will run: October 2, 2023 to August 15, 2024, or until funding is exhausted.

There WILL be priority groups this program year:

- October – only elderly/disabled/families with children 5 and under (connected or disconnected households)
- November – disconnected households
- December – all other el-

igible households (open enrollment)

Applications for assistance will be taken remotely from the Main Office through a phone interview. To schedule an interview, go to www.crosswalkcaa.com. When the intake interviewer calls, have the following documents ready to confirm eligibility with Crosswalk:

- Social security numbers for ALL household members
- Proof of GROSS income of ALL household members for the past 30 day period
- Current heat and/or electric bill

Other documentation may be requested. Persons may submit documentation to Crosswalk by email, fax, postal mail, or by placing it in the drop box. Options will be discussed during the application call.

Notification of Approval

Crosswalk CAA will determine eligibility based on information provided. Persons will be notified (by the funding source in Springfield) within 30 days from the date application is complete, as to eligibility status/amount of approved assistance. Crosswalk CAA will also notify the energy provider concerning the amount of assistance for an energy bill.

Payment

For those who are eligible, Crosswalk CAA will make the appropriate payment to the energy provider(s) on the person's behalf.



Crosswalk Community Action Agency

410 West Main Street
West Frankfort, IL 62896
Phone: (618) 937-3581
Email: reception@crosswalkcaa.com

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Thursday
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Closed Friday



Sunday, November 19, 6:00 pm
First Christian Church, 505 E. Broadway
Dr. Randy Carney, speaker
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Randy Carney, pastor
randy@citychurch.com

609 Monroe Ave. (Broadway & Monroe)
PO Box 55 | Johnston City, IL 62951
jcitychurchfw@gmail.com | www.jcity.church | 618-983-5254

Sunday School 9:30 | Morning Worship 10:30 | Wed. Night 7:00

Pay It Forward

BY JIMMY DEAN

Pay it forward? To be honest, I'd never thought much about the concept.

I had always tried to do what is right and help others, because I knew this is the correct thing to do, as I have been blessed during my lifetime.

One incident shed a lot more light on the term, and made me reassess my thinking about the true meaning.

While traveling to Peoria, I broke down on the interstate. I was by myself, in a pouring rain, with no cell phone service in the location where my vehicle stopped.

The same mechanical problem had shown up a couple of weeks earlier, and I thought the problem had been fixed by my mechanic.

Being mad and frustrated, I started walking along the interstate, in the downpour, trying to get cell phone reception. After finally reaching 911, I told them who I was, where I was, and asked them to send a reputable

wrecker service.

Getting back to my vehicle, I discovered in my haste (insert angriness), I had locked my keys in the ignition.

The back of my truck had a cover over it, so I climbed in the back and hunkered down for about an hour waiting for the tow truck. The entire time it rained a cold rain and cars on the interstate kept whizzing by.

Finally, the tow truck driver arrived, loaded my vehicle on his flatbed, and we headed to the nearest dealer recommended by the police dispatcher.

The driver was an older man, and I could tell he had spent a lot of time out in the weather, earning his living by taking care of stranded motorists and handling numerous wrecks.

We talked politics, religion, and more on the ride. He told me one of his sons was a minister in Florida and the other was a state trooper, and he was very proud of both.

We shared the same

church affiliation, and he said at times he'd tried to counsel young drivers who had been drinking and involved in wrecks he'd had to come and clean-up.

When we reached the dealership, he unloaded the vehicle, then came inside and over to me. I asked him how much I owed him. His reply stunned me.

"You don't owe me anything. You seem like a good person and I enjoyed talking to you. Just pay it forward."

Here was a man who made his living towing vehicles, who'd come several miles on a nasty day to help someone he didn't know.

I will never forget this man. Guaranteed, I now pay it forward.



Jimmy Dean is a former mayor of Johnston City and currently serves on the school board. He is a freelance writer for several

area papers and has agreed to share some of his favorite columns with Arrow News.

Cemetery (from p. 1)

cemeteries—one by West Frankfort and another near Harrisburg. The cemetery off Shakerag Rd. is the second largest of the three. It is called "Lithuanian-Masonic Cemetery" because of "a unique arrangement where the same cemetery is shared by Lithuanian miners and non-Lithuanian Freemasons," according to the website. The Lithuanian section of the cemetery was named after the Grand Duke Kęstutis of Lithuania by the organization that established the cemetery.

Johnston City's Lake Creek Lodge has become a "sister lodge" with

the only group of English-speaking Freemasons in Lithuania. This arrangement may provide funds in the future for cemetery maintenance. The local lodge is pursuing other grants for historical sites to upgrade cemetery signage.

Lithuania is a European country on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea. During Russian oppression in the 1800s, hundreds of thousands of Lithuanians migrated to the U.S. Many settled in West Virginia and Southern Illinois and became coal miners. It is estimated that 1 million Lithuanian Americans currently live in the U.S.

Flag Retirement (from p. 1)

show attendees the correct way to retire torn and tattered flags. Davis built the box and organized this event as his Eagle Scout project. The public is invited to bring additional flags to the ceremony for the scout troop to properly retire. Davis also plans to educate those in attendance regarding the protocol for retiring a flag privately. For more information, call 618-440-2530 or 618-922-0082.

CORRECTION: In the October issue, a photo on page 2 displaying a check being presented to Manna Mission incorrectly identified the donor as Modern Woodmen. The donor was actually WoodmenLife.

Giving Tuesday (from p. 1)

profits in the telethon-like event.

Donations made to JCity Center at GiveSI during the event are eligible for the Matching Pool, which is awarded based on the percentage of overall giving to participating non-profits. The event begins on WSIL-TV news at 5:00 pm, Monday, November 27, and lasts for approximately 30 hours, concluding at the end of the evening newscast Tuesday (10:35 pm). Online donations for JCity Center

should be made during the 30-hour period in order to qualify for the Matching Pool. Each organization, including the Center, will be interviewed on Facebook Live and possibly on television during the event.

JCity Center set a goal of \$5,000, which will be earmarked for capacity building in the invested counseling program, which allows clients to exchange community service for counseling sessions. Presently, nearly all available sessions

with Sarah Fletcher (LCPC), the Center's lead counselor, are filled. Other professionals have offered services for the invested counseling program, but the Center lacks office space for additional therapists, and public awareness of this program is still limited in our community. Funds received during GiveSI will be used to finish out office space on the lower level of the Center and publicize the invested counseling program in our community.

Donors who choose not to give online should mail or deliver checks or cash to JCity Center, 504 E. Broadway Blvd., Johnston City, IL 62951 before the end of the event. Call 618-952-1272 or see www.jcity.center for more information.



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Grounded in Gratitude

BY KELLY DEXTER



November is known for thanksgiving. It's known for family gatherings, endless amounts of turkey, and a vast array of desserts spread along a beautifully adorned table. It's one day a year set aside to remember all the things we are thankful for. We are more intentional on that day, searching our hearts for the goodness God has done in our lives up to that point. So many times, we struggle to see it the other 364 days of the year.

Thankfulness is a way of life, it creates an attitude of gratitude. A lifestyle of choosing to see the treasure in the simple things, the miracles in the mundane, and the power in all of the pieces. When we purpose to see the beauty around us, we begin to see things through a different lens—a

lens that paints the beautiful picture of God's handiwork created just for you and me, a lens that looks past the circumstances and the not so perfect things in our lives. Many times, the busyness and challenges of life begin to cloud and rob us, causing us to forget all the goodness that God hand delivers to us on a daily basis.

We each have been given one beautiful life, and day to day, we get to see God's goodness in all the different avenues around us. It's easy to get lost in the struggles of life if we are not careful.

Let's take a moment each day in the quiet to sit with Him, to enter his courts with thanksgiving and ground ourselves with gratitude.

Make a gratitude list each day and place it be-

Kelly and her husband Brad are the pastors of Family Worship Center and serve as hosts at Arrowhead Campground.

fore you. When life begins to become overwhelming, remind yourself of God's goodness, and how good life really is. As you do, it will begin to change you from the inside out. A little bit of gratitude will go a long way.

Let's live a lifestyle of thankfulness and unwrap the gift of gratitude that's waiting for us to open every single day of our lives.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and bless his name. Psalm 100:4-5



Seasonal & Special Events

SAT. NOV. 4
10 Commandments Hike, Arrowhead Lake, 10:30 am

St. Paul's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Parish Center, 1103 Washington Ave., 11 am-6 pm

NOV. 5 — DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

FRI. NOV. 10
Flag Retirement Ceremony Arrowhead Lake Pavilion, 1-3 pm

No School (Veterans Day, observed)

SAT. NOV. 11
Veterans Day

Library Bingo, Scout Cabin, 5:00 pm (doors open @4)

TUE. NOV. 14
Last Lions Club mtg. of the year, JCity Church, 6 pm

SUN., NOV. 19
JCMA Community Thanksgiving Service, 1st Christian Church, 505 E. Broadway, 6:00 pm

TUE. NOV. 21
Early Dismissal

NOV. 22-24
No School

THU. NOV. 23
THANKSGIVING

SAT. NOV. 25
Hometown Christmas, downtown Broadway, 2-5 pm

TUE. NOV. 28
Giving Tuesday/GiveSI

Weekly Events

MONDAYS
SIMI (Southern Illinois Men of Integrity), 7 pm, Call 618-952-1272 for details.

THURSDAYS
Food pantry open, First Christian Church, 505 E. Broadway, 3-5 pm

Celebrate Recovery, J.C. United Pentecostal Church, 6:30 pm

SATURDAYS
Free drive-thru meal for the community, JCity Church, 609 Monroe, 5:30-6:00 pm

Monthly Events

1ST TUESDAY
Business Leaders Mtg, 9:00 am, Andresen's, 618-534-0303 or 618-922-8089

1ST THURSDAY
Ministerial Alliance Mtg., 6:00 pm, JCity Center, 504 E. Broadway, 618-952-1272

2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS
City Council Mtg., 5:00 pm, Scout Cabin, 618-983-6651

3RD MONDAY
Planning Commission Mtg., 4:00 pm, JCity Church, 618-983-6651

3RD THURSDAY
Commodity Distribution/Food Pantry, First United Methodist Church, 400 W. Broadway, 10am - 1 pm

School Board Mtg., 7:00 pm, Unit Office, 1113 Grand Ave., 618-983-8021



Family Worship Center
400 W. 13th St.
Johnston City, IL,
(618) 952-1280
Pastors Brad & Kelly Dexter

First Baptist Church
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Johnston City, IL 62951
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Larry Stevens, pastor

***First Christian Church**
505 E. Broadway Blvd.
Johnston City, IL 62951
618-983-6474
Adam King, pastor

***First United Methodist Church**
400 W. Broadway
Johnston City, IL 62951
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Sherry Cisneros, pastor

Gospel Mission Church
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Johnston City, IL 62951

***Heritage Fellowship**
(Church of God of Prophecy)
308 W. 12th St.
Johnston City, IL 62951
Pastors Gaylon & Dawn Stewart

***JCity Church**
(Free Will Baptist)
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Johnston City, IL 62951
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1101 W. 10th
Johnston City, IL 62951
618-983-5938
Brandon Abernathy, pastor

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Johnston City, IL 62951
618-983-5073
Father Brian Barker

***Stiritz United Methodist Church**
Sherry Cisneros, pastor

***Washington Ave. Baptist Church**
9th and Washington
Johnston City, IL 62951
Barry Robertson, pastor
618-694-2995

Other Ministries
***JC Kids' Lunch Bunch**
c/o JCity Church (see above)

***JCity Center for Hope and Renewal**
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Education

The Johnston City C.U.S.D. #1 is accepting applications for the following positions:

PARAPROFESSIONAL Washington Middle School. Please send a Letter of Application, resume, proof of paraprofessional certification, and two professional references to Mrs. Kathy Clark, Superintendent, Johnston City CUSD #1, P.O.Box 147, 1113 Grand Ave., Johnston City, IL 62951.

DISTRICT CROSSING GUARD Submit letter of interest, resume, and two professional references to Mrs. Kathy Clark, Superintendent, Johnston City C.U.S.D. #1, 1113 Grand Avenue, Johnston City, IL 62951.

KITCHEN HELP Chartwells is now hiring. Please call 618-983-6404 for more information or to apply.

SCHOOL BUS MONITORS AND DRIVERS Illinois Central School Bus is hiring school bus monitors and drivers. Contact the Illinois Central Bus Garage at 618-800-6402

Apprentice Opportunity

JCITY ARROW NEWS has openings for bright, energetic, detail-oriented high school or college students with basic computer skills (MS Word proficiency a plus), journalism and writing skills preferred, or an eye for design and/or photography experience. Punctuality, ability to meet deadlines, and strong work ethic are essential. This is a volunteer position providing credit for community service hours or internship requirements. 618-952-1272 or jcitycenter@gmail.com.

Volunteer Positions

RENOVATIONS & YARD WORK. Volunteer help needed for basic carpentry, flooring installation, painting (interior & exterior), outside clean-up. JCity Center, 618-952-1272.

NEWSPAPER/PODCAST PRODUCTION Adult volunteers with writing, photography, layout or graphic design, video production or video editing interest/experience. Also assist with distribution, marketing (securing local sponsorships), and maintaining an on-line presence. JCity Center, 618-952-1272.

Johnston City Hometown Christmas

Saturday, November 25

Begins at 2 pm, with the lighting of the town Christmas Tree at 5 pm!

Free pictures with Santa & a visit from Mrs. Claus beginning at 2:30 courtesy of Shooting Star Photography

Write & Mail your Letters to Santa

Free Refreshments

Children's Activities

Live Music

JCHS Dance Team

Vendors

Visit with the Grinch!



JCity SPORTS NEWS



Winning remote control boat driver

Alex Norris, age 13, of Evansville, Indiana, displays one of the remote boats he raced in the Midwest Scale Championship Radio Controlled Boat Race at Arrowhead Lake in Johnston City, September 30. Norris took first place in a nitro-fueled boat race and second place in an electric

boat race. According to organizers, more than 150 boats entered the race. This race is sponsored by Thunderboaters of St. Louis and Southern Illinois. This RC boat club also hosts an annual spring race at Arrowhead Lake. All races feature a variety of hull and engine types. (Tim Hastings Photo)



CAR SHOW HIGHLIGHTS (Top) Bruce McLaren displays his '72 Plymouth Duster at the Johnston City Car Show. (Lower) Mark Barwick of Johnston City and his 1970 Plymouth Road Runner. (Tim Hastings Photos)

JCity Car Show

Twenty-year search for Plymouth Duster ends in Ohio

BY TIM HASTINGS
Bruce McLaren of West Frankfort said his 20-year search for a Plymouth Duster ended in 2015, when he purchased a pampered 1972 model with a light blue body and white top.

"The man I bought it from mostly kept it in his garage in Ohio," McLaren said. "It had just 50,000 miles on it."

McLaren was one of approximately 75 motor enthusiasts displaying vehicles at the Johnston City Car Show, September 30.

"The man who owned it

got cancer, and he wanted someone to take it [the Duster] over." McLaren mused, "I had another Duster way back when. I spent 20 years looking for another Duster."

McLaren said he likes the model because it's easy to work on and lightweight.

Mark Barwick of Johnston City displayed a chartreuse green 1970 "Super Bird"—a Plymouth Road Runner enhanced for NASCAR.

"This is one of several Road Runners I've owned,"



FINAL HOME MATCH for Indian Volleyball ends with 2-0 win over Sesser-Valier.

Football playoffs continue as Indian B-ball warms up for season openers

BY DOUG HANCOCK
As the Arrow headed to press, the Indians beat Auburn (16-8) in the first round of the Class 2A Football Playoffs. Now the playoff path is a little clearer. Johnston City (8-1) received a #3 seed, and in the second round they will face the team that ended their 2021 playoff run—Breese/Mater Dei (6-3). Even if the 2021 playoffs seem like ancient history, there are no easy games on the playoff schedule. Every football team has fought hard to advance, and with single elimination staring at every coach's face, anything and everything goes, every special formation, any "trick" play, or new variation to fool the opponent will be used. That's what makes the playoffs exciting.

Our guess about the Indians' strategy? Coach Todd Thomas will pound the line with his swift set of running backs, until the opposing defense hunkers down in anticipation of another run, then catch them flat-footed with a breakaway

pass for a touchdown. Or maybe the opposite, a quick pass to keep the defense spread out and guessing.

While we're waiting, just how are the playoff brackets drawn up? Good question. After the regular season is over throughout the state, any team with 6 wins is in. Teams with 5 wins (like Auburn) are accepted if those 5 victories include the defeat of ranked teams. Then all eligible squads are listed by enrollment, with a wrinkle. Private schools with low enrollment, but heavy on recruitment, get (deservingly) bumped to a higher class. Five classes times 32 teams equals 160 participating schools. That's a lot of football.

Here's wishing the best of luck to our hometown heroes. Hopefully our December issue will be filled with photos and stories of a state championship.

Indian Hoops

In November, Indian sports fans will move from the turf to the hardwood. Washington Mid-

dle School Boys Basketball opens its season with a shootout in Pinkneyville, November 6-9. The team will play its first home game November 15, against Carterville.

JCHS opens its season November 18, at the Goreville tournament when the Indians face Anna-Jonesboro. Last year, the 18-15 JCHS varsity team placed 3rd in the Black Diamond with a 7-5 record in conference play.

In Other Sports

JCHS Girls Volleyball completed a winning season, 19-15 overall and 6-6 in the Black Diamond conference. They finished the regular season with a solid win against Sesser on the road but lost to Benton in the first game of the regional at Du Quoin.



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Nov. 28, 10:35 pm

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