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## City to celebrate solar eclipse with weekend of events at Arrowhead

Johnston City residents and out-of-town guests can take in a full weekend of events at Arrowhead Lake and Campground, planned in celebration of the April 8th solar eclipse. Organizers promise activities for all ages.



The celebration kicks off Saturday evening with a concert. Jim Rotramel and his White Oak Bluegrass Band will be performing on the patio at Arrowhead Campground.

Sunday's schedule offers kids a bouncy house (1-4 pm) and special eclipse activities at the Campground Pavilion sponsored by the Johnston City Library. Food (vendors) will be available in the park from 4-7 pm. The whole family can round out the day at a 6 pm Gos-

pel Night Concert featuring well-known locals Brad Dexter and Misty Cobb. An after-dark children's Orb Hunt begins at 8 pm.

On Monday (Eclipse Day), Music in Motion will be live in the Amphitheater from 10 am until 3:30 pm entertaining and guiding eclipse viewers through the astronomical event. Food, beverages, and plenty of eclipse swag will be available for purchase throughout the day. The City will be

selling pork steak dinners during the evening meal. Monday's celebration will end with an acoustic concert (rock, country, gospel) by camp host Brad Dexter on the patio.

Johnston City falls squarely in the eclipse path for the second time within a decade. The last total solar eclipse occurred on August 21, 2017. The next total solar eclipse visible in our area will not occur until 2099.

### TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

# 2024

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## NORTH AMERICA TOUR

1:42 p.m. - 3:33 p.m.

Dallas, Texas	1:42 p.m. CDT
Idabel, Oklahoma	1:47 p.m. CDT
Little Rock, Arkansas	1:52 p.m. CDT
Poplar Bluff, Missouri	1:56 p.m. CDT
<b>Johnston City, Illinois</b>	<b>2:00 p.m. CDT</b>
Paducah, Kentucky	2:01 p.m. CDT
Evansville, Indiana	2:04 p.m. CDT
Cleveland, Ohio	3:15 p.m. EDT
Erie, Pennsylvania	3:18 p.m. EDT
Buffalo, New York	3:20 p.m. EDT
Burlington, Vermont	3:27 p.m. EDT
Lancaster, New Hampshire	3:29 p.m. EDT
Caribou, Maine	3:33 p.m. EDT



Lions club members Barb Buckner and Starla Waters receive a customer's ticket at a fish fry fundraiser, March 24. In addition, to club members, volunteers from local businesses assisted preparing and serving the meal.

After another successful fish fry

## Lions extend gratitude, open invitation

"On behalf of the Johnston City Lions Club, we wish to thank everyone for your financial support at our March fish fry," writes Lion Randy Ferguson, PDG club treasurer. According to Ferguson, "It was a huge success—best one yet." The club plans another fish fry October 19.

The Club also extends

this open invitation: "People of Johnston City, we need your help—not necessarily with money but with members. Our club of only eight functional members is not sustainable, and without additional people, the club may have to close its doors. That would mean no more eyeglasses, scholarships, free popcorn at

city events, and other local donations. Would you consider joining now so we can continue to support our great community?"

The Lions meet twice monthly at JCity Church. For more information contact Randy Ferguson at 618-694-6963 or Robert Miller at 618-663-8368.

## Development committee applauds new businesses, works to attract more

BY TIM HASTINGS

The Johnston City Planning and Development Growth Committee, a subcommittee of the Johnston City Planning Commission, is celebrating the opening of new businesses in town while working to attract more.

"We're proud of the new businesses we have—the new laundromat and the new flower and gift shop," says Mayor Doug Dobbins. "We've got the Moonshine Run Restaurant coming in. We're wanting to link up with anyone who's interested in putting a business in Johnston City."

Dobbins believes the city's proximity to major interstates will help attract business. Reflecting on a recent study that places the I-57 corridor between I-64 and I-24 among the

top ten busiest interstates in the U.S., Dobbins states. "We have land on both sides of I-57 available for development." Mayor Dobbins adds that the city also helps businesses obtain Tax Increment Finances (TIF) grants, relieving tax liability for a certain number of years.

Planning and Development Growth Committee member Alysa Bunting confirms the group is actively reaching out to businesses, encouraging them to consider locating in Johnston City. "We've sent out emails and made phone calls to businesses." Bunting shares that the committee is also helping businesses find available buildings and land. "By talking to local residents and to businesses wanting to come here,



SI Now Executive Director Deb Barnett and Regional Development and Marketing Director Nick Holdinghausen swap business growth ideas with the Johnston City Planning Commission, Mayor Doug Dobbins, and other concerned citizens, March 18, at JCity Church. Arrow News video recorded the entire presentation. Find it on our website (JCity.Center) or scan QR code on the right.



hopefully we can have a win-win."

On a related note, at a recent Planning Commission meeting, Deb Barnett and

Nick Holdinghausen from SI Now, a regional economic development hub and unified voice for the 17 southern counties of Illi-

nois, shared with community leaders how to advance our region as a great place to live, work, and do business.

## Expanded trash pickup, student volunteers to help beautify community

Johnston City trash pickup customers may put a wider variety of items at the curb Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 22-24.

The purpose of the expanded pickup is to beautify the city. Residents will

receive pickup on their regular trash day.

A list of acceptable items is available at City Hall. The list is also posted on the City of Johnston City Events Page on Facebook.

On the April 23, student

volunteers from JCHS will assist city workers in various projects around town. In case of rain, the students will work on the 24th. This event is part of the Community Day of Giving at JCHS.

**FARMERS MARKET**  
**OPENS**  
**APRIL 12**  
3:00 pm  
Downtown Broadway



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# District brings school buses home after 40 years

BY KATHY CLARK,  
SUPERINTENDENT

After much research and analysis, Johnston City School District made the decision to bring student transportation services back in-house. Current transportation services are provided by Illinois Central Transportation. The local office for the company is based in Marion. They have been the district's transportation provider since 2018. The decision to not continue to utilize Illinois Central was not based on poor performance, but rather to allow the district to better serve the needs of the student and their families.

Through the years, transportation of students has been contracted out to a variety of companies. District records indicate that student transportation in Johnston City has been managed by outside com-

panies for over 40 years. In 1979 the district awarded a contract to Beck Bus Transportation Company. Other past providers have included Mayflower, West, and Laidlaw.

This decision, approved by the Board of Education in a recent meeting, marks a significant transition for our District and its educational infrastructure. After careful consideration and thorough evaluation of our current transportation services, the transportation committee determined that it would be best for the district to establish a five-year lease for buses and to employ its own transportation director and bus drivers starting in the 24-25 school year.

This is one of two changes regarding the improvement of student transportation in recent years. In 2022, our Board decided to allow all students free

transportation, regardless of where they live in the District. Most districts in Illinois only provide free transportation to students who live more than one and a half miles from their school. Our Board felt it was important for every family to have access to free transportation to and from school.

The District is currently in the process of planning for the transition of services and is working through a comprehensive implementation strategy, encompassing recruitment, training, and the acquisition of vehicles necessary to support the in-house transportation system.



As we make this change, the District is committed to preserving jobs within our local community. The district will work to offer employment opportunities to current employees of the contracted transportation company, prioritizing continuity of service and fostering a smooth transition for everyone involved.

The District's decision to bring student transportation services back in-house

underscores its dedication to optimizing resources and enhancing services provided for the benefit of students and families. The transition to in-house transportation services represents a strategic investment in the future of education within the community, promising greater control, accountability, and efficiency in meeting the transportation needs of all students.

# Local artist: Goose statues come back in style

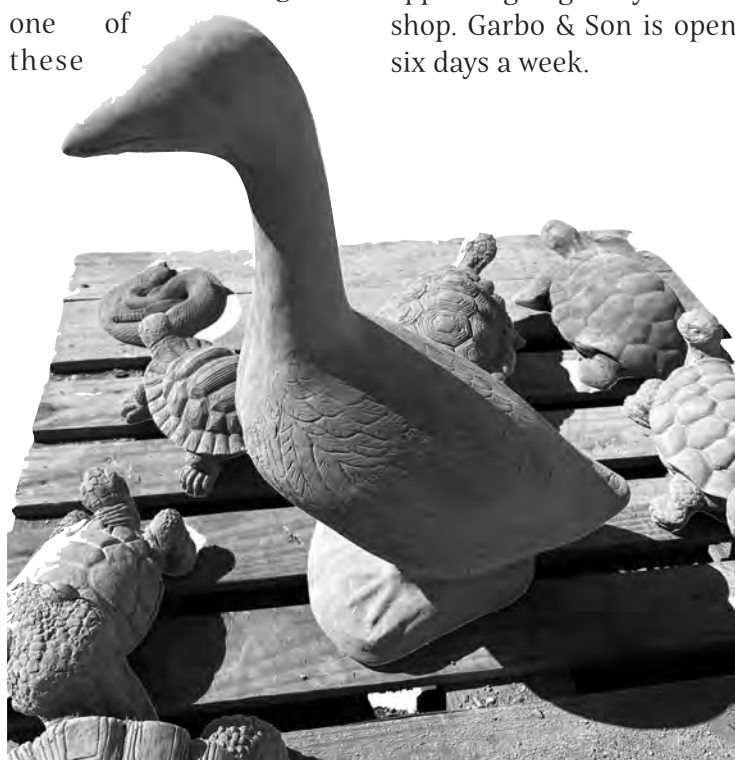
BY DOUG HANCOCK

As Johnston City residents clean and spruce up their yards, a local business offers unique concrete designs to add a whimsical touch. Garbo & Son, sells hundreds of humorous (and heavy) creatures that will stand the test of time. Gary Davison, aka "Garbo," a JCHS graduate, is the owner and artist who mixes, molds, and paints the concrete statues displayed prominently at his business on the south edge of Johnston City (14996 Route 37).

According to Davison, the "hot item" this year is a life-size goose. This was a very popular character a couple decades ago, but then its popularity waned. Ten years ago, Davison says he couldn't give one of these

birds away. But the goose has made a comeback, thanks in part to its appearance on popular TV remodeling shows. Part of the fun is the accessories, like a raincoat, so Mr. Goose will look dapper in the midst of April showers. A recent customer traveled from north of Galesburg just to acquire one of these concrete cuties. Mushrooms, of various sizes, are also on the comeback, Garbo says.

Creating cement figures is more or less a hobby for Davison, who acknowledges that a young entrepreneur willing to get their hands dirty could stay busy and make a decent living. Garbo recently returned from a concrete mold auction, so new figures will be appearing regularly at his shop. Garbo & Son is open six days a week.





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## Wisdom from sitting in the Barber Shop

BY JIMMY DEAN

A person can learn a lot about the culture and thoughts of local citizens while sitting and listening in a barber's chair. Such was the case during a recent haircut. I didn't know anyone in the shop, and they didn't know me; so, the talk was pretty fluid.

With the television tuned to coverage of the New Hampshire presidential primary taking place on that day, politics was the early morning rage.

Some of the reasons customers gave for not taking part in the upcoming March 19, Illinois Primary really got my attention. No, *floored me* might be a better term. Having never missed voting in an election since I turned 18, I see it as not only an obligation, but also a duty to vote. The saying, "A lot of people died for the right for us to vote," is true and a consideration I take very seriously.

If not for the sheer,

mind-boggling reasoning behind not going to vote, the reasons given that morning bordered on comical.

"I might get called to be on jury duty if I register to vote," was one comment.

Do you own a car? If you do then your chances of being called to jury duty are just the same. Driver's licenses are used, voters registration list are used and if you have ever filed for unemployment benefits then your name will also be eligible. Besides, what is so bad about serving on jury duty? The chances of getting called are slim, but it is what this great country is all about.

A second reason given was the always-fall-back-on complaint that "my vote doesn't count."

This reason raises the hair on the back of my neck. I know of a lot of races, mainly local, that have been decided by one or two votes, or have even end-

ed in a tie. And your vote doesn't matter?

The other reason was lack of knowledge about the persons running. Whose fault is this? In a time when mass media bombards the airwaves, local candidates either knock on your door, or can be found living right down the street from you. This reason doesn't hold water.


Some hardworking, deserving candidate will lose by a few votes; others will get their clock cleaned. Sad thing is, this will happen because a minority of voters making the decision, rather than the majority.

Did I mention? I did get a good haircut.



Jimmy Dean is a freelance writer and a former Mayor of Johnston City. He can be reached at jrdean@mchsi.com.

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## Johnston City Vaccine Clinic

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# SOLAR ECLIPSES AND THE BIBLE

BY DR. RANDY CARNEY  
For some reason in God's design for the universe, He placed Southern Illinois in the cross-hairs of not one, but two total solar eclipses in less than seven years. On April 8, people will come from all over the world to observe this phenomenon in our back yard.

The path of the eclipse is expected to cross over at least two U.S. towns named, "Nineveh." When we think of Nineveh, we often think of the prophet Jonah, whom God told to go preach to the people of Nineveh and warn them of impending judgment. After disobeying at first, Jonah did go preach to them, and they repented. God spared Nineveh from judgment.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon casts a shadow and blocks the sun for a time as it travels on its path between the observer and the sun.

Something similar happened during the crucifixion of Jesus. Darkness covered the land between noon and 3:00 pm. Many histori-

ans report a great darkness during that period. Many do not think it was just a solar eclipse because most solar eclipses have lasted only from 10 seconds to 10 minutes. Other conditions can cause darkness—dark clouds during impending rainstorms and even dust storms. God, however, does not have to rely on any of these to create darkness. In any case, the darkness during the crucifixion was a supernatural event signifying the gravity of the situation.

Great spiritual darkness also happened on this day. For the first and last time in history, God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, were separated from each other. Jesus even cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?"

According to the Bible, sin's penalty is death. When Jesus died, He died for us, in our place. After that dark day, Jesus rose from the grave and conquered death, taking the world from darkness into His glorious light. He paid the penalty.

If our penalty is paid, how do we go about settling our account? The Bible tells us salvation is a free gift, and we receive that gift by faith. Such faith includes believing and trusting God. That belief is so strong that it alters our conduct for the better. We call this repentance. When we really believe that Jesus died for us, we want to live for Him.

As we enjoy the natural phenomenon of the solar eclipse on April 8, may we enjoy even more the light of Christ who can overcome the darkness within us.



Dr. Randy Carney is the pastor of JCity Church (Free Will Baptist)

## Art for Fun & Relaxation II

Hands-on art classes for students in Kindergarten through second grade will begin April 9, at JCity Center (504 E. Broadway). The

classes introduce students to budget-friendly art supplies to use for relaxation or just for fun. All supplies are provided. The classes are

free and will meet for one hour each Tuesday through April 26. Call 618-952-1272 for information.

## Community Calendar

### Seasonal & Special Events

APRIL 1  
No School

APRIL 8  
No School

Solar Eclipse - 2:00 pm (approx.)

APRIL 9, 12, 19, 26  
Art Class for K-2, 4:00-5:00 pm, JCity Center

APRIL 12  
Farmers Market Opens, Downtown, 3:00-6:00 pm

APRIL 22-24  
City-wide Cleanup Days (curbside), same day as trash pickup

APRIL 23  
JCHS Senior Community Day of Givng

APRIL 26  
School Half Day

APRIL 27  
Rabies Clinic, Fire Station, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

### 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, United Pentecostal Church, 6:30 pm

FRIDAYS  
Farmers Market, 3-6 pm (after April 12)

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

### Monthly Events

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

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

1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAYS  
Lions Club, 6:00 pm, JCity Church

2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY  
Library Board Mtg., Public Library, 6:30 pm

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

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

3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY  
Commodity Distribution/Food Pantry, First United Methodist Church, 400 W. Broadway, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

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

For more details and calendar updates, see Facebook.com/JCityCenter



### Education

The Johnston City C.U.S.D. #1 is accepting applications for the following position:  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT 2024-2025 with Planned Transition to District Superintendent 2025-2026

Please click on the link at [jcindian.org](http://jcindian.org) for more information.

### COACHES

- Asst. Middle School Girls' Basketball
- 5th and 6th Grade Girls' Basketball

Please send a letter of application, resume, and proof of meeting the requirements in the IJSA by-law 2.070 "Qualifications of Coaches" to Mr. William Brayfield, SIJHSAA Athletic Director, Johnston City C.U.S.D. #1,

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.

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

### Food Service

KITCHEN HELP Chartwells (providing school food service) is now hiring. Please call 618-983-6404 for more information or to apply.

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### Real Estate

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\*Washington Ave. Baptist Church  
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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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JCHS SCHOLAR BOWL TEAM: (L-R Front: Chase McReynolds, Waylon Woolard, Gavin Abernathy, Ava Anderson, Lucas Mays, Max Saavedra. Back Row: Head Coach Trevor Stanley, Logan Smith, Braden Stanley, Erica Hinkle, Olivia Giron, Ariyanna White, Assistant Coach Josh Colson (JCHS photo)

## JCHS Scholar Bowl wins big in state competitions

The Johnston City High School Scholar Bowl made history in March by bringing home first and third place trophies in two state-wide competitions. The 2023-24 team is the first from Johnston City to become the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Class 2A Champions. Later, at the IHSA 1A State Scholastic Bowl Competition, the team faced elite competitors and still placed third.

Individuals also earned noteworthy accomplishments: Senior Ava Anderson was named to the First-Team All-State for the third year in a row. Junior Chase McReynolds was named Second-Team All-State.

Head Coach Trevor Stanley, who was named Illinois Coach of the Year, shared his thoughts with the Arrow: "I am incredibly proud of how hard our team has worked all year long, and it paid off with the school's highest ever finish at the IHSA State tournament. We are led by our star captain Ava Anderson, but competing at this high of a level requires a full team effort. In addition to Ava, we start Max Saavedra, Chase McReynolds, Waylon Woolard, and Gavin Abernathy. They each made major contributions in our state run, as well as in our Championship finish at the

state Masonic tournament." Coach Stanley, who teaches math at JCHS, continued, "Wins like this are huge for our school, and for our scholar bowl program. Being a small school from a rural area, we go into every season with an underdog mentality. We know that the favorites to win state each year are always private schools from farther north, and it's hard to compete against them and the resources that they have. But our kids embrace the challenge and fight each day for that chance to take them down."

Stanley noted that in one day, JCHS went 3-1 against prestigious northern Illinois schools, beating Bloomington Central Catholic, whose tuition is \$11,000 per year; Lisle Sr. High School, a suburban Chicago school where the median household income is nearly twice that of Johnston City; and Pleasant Plains. The team's only loss was to the private Metro-East Lutheran High School (Edwardsville). "It's a big deal for our kids to compete against competition like that. Our kids have to work twice as hard to be competitive; the fact that they do that continually impresses me."

Coach Stanley is optimistic about the team's future.

## April 2024 School Sports Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> 1 (H) 4:30 PM Steeleville High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Steeleville High School</p>	<p><b>Coed Middle School Track</b> 2 JC Practice Meet (H) 4:00 PM OPEN</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> (A) 4:30 PM Zeigler-Royalton High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (A) 4:30 PM Zeigler-Royalton High School</p>	<p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> 3 (A) 4:30 AM Pope County High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Du Quoin High School</p>	<p><b>Boys Varsity Track</b> 4 Webber Boys Invite (A) TBA Webber High School</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Zeigler-Royalton High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Zeigler-Royalton High School</p>	<p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> 5 (H) 4:30 PM Galatia High School</p>	<p><b>Boys Varsity Track</b> 6 Cartersville Coed Invite (A) TBA Cartersville High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (A) TBA Cartersville High School</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> (A) 10:00 AM Waltonville CUSD</p>
<p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> 8 (A) 4:30 PM Herrin High School</p>	<p><b>Girls Varsity Track</b> 9 Hann Co Invitational (A) TBA Herrin County High School</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Goreville High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Goreville High School</p>	<p><b>Boys Varsity Track</b> 10 Herrin Boys Invite (A) TBA Herrin High School</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> (A) 4:30 PM Carmi-White County High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (A) 4:30 PM Murphysboro High School</p>	<p><b>Girls Varsity Track</b> 11 Girls Invite (A) TBA Frankfort Community HS</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> (A) 4:30 PM Carmi-White County High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (A) 4:30 PM Goreville High School</p>	<p><b>Coed Middle School Track</b> 12 Danny Kirk Invitational - Sesser-Valier (A) 10:00 AM Sesser-Valier Jr/Sr High</p>	<p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> 13 Round Robin (H) TBA Multiple Opponents</p>
<p><b>Boys Varsity Track</b> 15 Hann Co Boys Invite (A) TBA Hamilton County High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Track</b> (A) TBA Benton High School</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> (A) 4:30 AM Hamilton County High School</p>	<p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> 16 (A) 4:30 PM Vienna High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (A) 4:30 PM Vienna High School</p>	<p><b>Girls Varsity Track</b> 17 CWC Girls Invite (A) TBA Carmi-White County High School</p> <p><b>Coed Middle School Track</b> Luford Meet of Champions (A) 3:00 PM Farrington Community School</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Gallatin County High School</p>	<p><b>Girls Varsity Track</b> 18 Coed Invite (A) TBA Webber High School</p> <p><b>Coed Middle School Track</b> Hann Co. Track Meet (A) 2:30 PM Hamilton County, IL</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Vienna High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Vienna High School</p>	<p><b>Coed Middle School Track</b> 19 Marion Wildcat Invitational (A) 10:10 AM Marion Junior High School</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> JV ONLY (A) 4:30 PM Waltonville CUSD</p>	<p><b>Coed Middle School Track</b> 20 UCS Invitational (A) TBA Unity Christian School</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> JC Baseball Round Robin (H) 10:00 AM Multiple Opponents</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> JV and Varsity (H) 10:00 AM Flora High School</p>
<p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> 22 (A) 4:30 PM Carbondale Community HS</p>	<p><b>Girls Varsity Track</b> 23 Herrin Girls Open (A) TBA Herrin High School</p>	<p><b>Boys Varsity Track</b> 24 WF Boys Invite (A) TBA Frankfort Community HS</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Pinckneyville High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Pinckneyville High School</p>	<p><b>Girls Varsity Track</b> 25 Fairfield Girls Invite (A) TBA Fairfield Community High School</p> <p><b>Coed Middle School Track</b> Coed Ball Conference Track Meet (A) 2:00 PM Multiple Opponents</p>	<p><b>Coed Middle School Track</b> 26 DKS Invite (A) 10:00 AM Duquoin Middle School</p>	<p><b>Coed Middle School Track</b> 27 UCS Invitational (A) TBA Unity Christian School</p> <p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> JC Baseball Round Robin (H) 10:00 AM Multiple Opponents</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> JV and Varsity (H) 10:00 AM Flora High School</p>
<p><b>Coed Middle School Track</b> 29 Redbird Regional Tuneup (A) 3:00 PM Central Junior High School (W. Frankfort)</p>	<p><b>Boys Varsity Baseball</b> 30 (H) 4:30 PM Trico High School</p> <p><b>Girls Varsity Softball</b> (H) 4:30 PM Trico High School</p>				

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"We have some really talented underclassmen who really love the game and are eager to step up and keep the program going." Four senior team members will graduate this year, but the coach is hopeful that the team will build on the momentum it generated this year.

### JCHS Scholar Bowl IHSA Record Regionals at Johnston City

- JCHS 530 v. Sesser-Valier 150
- JCHS 540 v. Galatia 170

### Eclipse Virtual 5K to raise money for fireworks

A virtual 5k run will celebrate the total solar eclipse and raise money for the fireworks show. Participants register online and may run (or walk) whenever or wherever they

### Sectionals at Fairfield

- JCHS 520 v. Fairfield 150
- JCHS 540 v. Cisne 80
- JCHS 440 v. Goreville 250

### State at Heartland Comm. Coll. (Normal)

- JCHS 370 v. Bloomington Central Catholic 220
- JCHS 330 v. Lisle 26
- JCHS 240 v. Metro-East Lutheran 390

### 3rd/4th Place Match

- JCHS 350 v. Pleasant Plains 150



want, then submit results to claim a medal. Registration/results must be submitted by 7:00 pm, April 8. For details see <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/JohnstonCity/Eclipse5K>.

### JCHS Indians Bass Fishing 2023-24 Season

DATE	PLACE
4/6	Lake of Egypt
4/12	Kincaid Lake
4/19	Lake of Egypt
4/20	Kincaid Lake
4/27	Guntersville, AL
5/2	Lake of Egypt
5/4	Lake of Egypt
5/10	Kincaid Lake
6/15	Crab Orchard
7/19-20	So. Ill. Bass Fishing
7/26	Rend Lake
8/10	Carlyle Lake
8/23-24	Classic (TBA)
TBA	Ohio River



**Next Month: JC Junior League Baseball/Softball schedule and details about parade and opening day celebration—May 4.**

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