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JOHNSTON CITY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER



Down Home Comforts' new location to add full service florist, clothing

BY TIM HASTINGS

Down Home Comforts will expand its floral services when it reopens in a new location at 411 E. Broadway in Johnston City on August 3.

"We'll be able to offer floral services for funerals and other occasions," said co-owner Margaret Morris. "We'll also be offering a clothing boutique and expanding our home products to include cleaning items."

Down Home Comforts will continue to offer home décor, gifts, bath products, and kitchen products as they did at their West Broadway store.

The shop will also continue to hold live sales on Facebook. To participate, visit the Down Home Comforts page on Facebook.

Morris and daughter Kaylee Frederking, the store's co-owners, are currently remodeling their new store location and plan a grand reopening, Saturday, August 3, from 10 am until 4 pm.



Down Home Comforts co-owner Margaret Morris stands outside new location at 411 E. Broadway. (Tim Hastings Photo)

Down Home Comforts will host its fall Sweet Southern Market, September 7, and is expecting up to

40 vendors and four food trucks. Broadway will be closed between Jefferson and Barham for the event and for a Family Fun Fair at JCity Church and Center (Broadway and Monroe) the same day. (See fliers for both events on page 2.)

Friendly growers swap good times at Farmers' Market

Looking for local? The Johnston City Farmers' Market offers plenty of products and produce grown or made nearby. Friday afternoons from April through October, the market brings vendors and buyers together at the downtown pavilion area on Broadway. Arrow News visited the site one Friday in July to observe and highlight its offerings. Here's what we found.

BY TIM HASTINGS

On this particular day, grower and craftswoman Rebecca Troxel shared her recipe for fried squash. "Slice the squash thin and put it in a greased frying pan with some corn," Troxel told a customer. "It's delicious!"

Each Friday, Troxel sells fresh vegetables from her Johnston City garden along with her homemade crafts.

A handful of customers were buying locally grown produce, homemade salsa, jelly, pickles, and crafts. JC resident Peggy Burnett

had one item on her shopping list that Friday—homegrown tomatoes. "I've been coming to the market for maybe 10 years," Burnett reflected. "I quit gardening myself because of my health so I come up here to get tomatoes."

Johnston City youth Charles Lindsey bagged honey, root beer jelly, and a handcrafted, souvenir golf ball, painted to look like a lady bug. Lindsey said he had accidentally discovered the market the week before. "I was just walking around



LEFT: Rebecca Troxel's colorful handmade whirligigs beside fresh homegrown tomatoes. BELOW: Salsa maker Mark Fisher of Du Quoin visits with Peggy Burnett at the Johnston City Farmers' Market.



JCHS senior, many others help provide summer meals



Katelynn Turner, 17, who clocks community service hours at Lunch Bunch, stated, "I remember coming to Lunch Bunch as a kid. When my family first moved here, we needed lots of help. Now, I have the opportunity to help others."

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and I stumbled upon it," Lindsey acknowledged.

Fruit grower Phil McGowan of Eldorado maintains that loyal, friendly customers keep him returning to the market. "This is a good market here," commented McGowan. "I enjoy coming here. The people are very friendly." McGowan sells blackberries, watermelon, cantaloupe, and garlic grown on the two-acre parcel where he lives.

Janet Thornton of Johnston City offers homemade and all-natural bath and body products. "I have goat milk lotion and goat milk soap, regular soap, foaming hand soap, deodorant, lip balm, a shampoo bar, and dry shampoo," Thornton said. "I also bring extra vegetables from my garden."

Thornton serves as coordinator of the market. Home canner Mark Fisher of Du Quoin featured

tomato salsas (everything from a no-heat version to a ghost-pepper version), fruit salsa, pasta sauce, various pickles, jams, and jellies. "I make all the products and I grow a lot of the ingredients," Fisher remarked. "I don't grow the tomatoes due to the volume." Fisher cans 6,000 lbs. of tomatoes annually.

Farmers marketed fresh green beans, new potatoes, white and yellow squash, zucchini, garlic, cucumbers, okra, and tomatoes. Fresh pork and metal crafts such as colorful whirligigs were also available.

The market continues (weather permitting) every Friday, 3-6 pm, through October 25.



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Dean picks 10 best places for BBQ

BY JIMMY DEAN

Several years ago, I was talking to a friend about where to get the best barbecue sandwiches.

With my love for barbecue, I, along with my two sons-in-law, Cody Brown and Joe Baldi, set out to find the answer. We started keeping a log of places we went on vacation and other occasions.

Here's my Top 10 BBQ eating establishments. I have eaten at all of them; my sons-in-law have been to most of them.

1. Bennett's BBQ (Sevierville and Gatlinburg, Tennessee). I found these two places while on vacation this year. They had great

customer service and reasonable prices. If you are visiting Gatlinburg, I highly recommend you go there. Five-star in my book.

2. Blazing Trails Texas BBQ (West Frankfort, Illinois). This place could have easily been number one; it was close. Located just a few miles north of JCity and open only Friday and Saturday. They pile on the meat, and operate a very friendly family business. Owner Ryan Persell and his family are top notch.

3. Bogart's (St. Louis, Missouri). Located in the Souldard area, this small, but busy establishment knows how to make their BBQ. They've been featured on

the Cooking Channel and operate right across the street from the famous farmers' market.



4. Sonny's (Southeastern United States). This is a chain. We went to the one in Panama City, Florida. Quick service, good food, and a place I would go again.

5. Moe's (Gulf Shores, Alabama). Another small chain, but very good, reasonable, and friendly.

6. Sugar Fire (O'Fallon, Missouri, and Shiloh, Illinois). This place could climb higher. I only discovered it after my son-in-law told me about it. A little pricey, but super clean, and easy to get to. Kinda wish

someone would open one in our area.

7. Casey Jones (Jackson, Tennessee). Served family style in a buffet setting. This is Southern cooking at its finest. Another sleeper that could move up the ladder if I ever get back there to try it again.

8. Lawler's BBQ (Huntsville, Alabama). Billboards advertise this place all along the interstates of Alabama. Good atmosphere and good food. Another eating establishment in the South to make my list.

9. Bad Bob's (Murray, Kentucky). At one time, this would have been in my top five. A staple when visiting my family in Murray. Food is good.

10. The Joint (Eddyville, Kentucky). Just discovered this place this summer. Very friendly staff, very good food, and very clean. Might be a little pricey, but they do serve a good-sized sandwich.

Honorable mentions: **Riley's Smokehouse**, Mari-

on, Illinois; **Big Blues Que**, Creal Springs, Illinois; **Urban Legend BBQ**, Energy and Marion, Illinois; **Porch Chair BBQ**, Ina, Illinois.

Biggest Disappointment: **Gates BBQ** (Kansas City, Kansas). With all the reviews, comments and stories, I expected a five-star sandwich. The establishment had been so built up, I thought it would be the best. Maybe it was me, but after a long wait in line, I was disappointed. Went back again this year and same conclusion.

Again, these are just our picks. I would like to hear from you, the reader, as I might have missed some and would like to try other places. My email is listed below.



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



2 - Blazing Trails BBQ, 892 IL 37 North, West Frankfort

FALL FAMILY Fun Fair
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Community Calendar

Craft Fair

The First Christian Church congregation will host a Craft Fair Saturday, September 28, 10:00 am–3:00 pm. This outside, weather permitting, event welcomes additional vendors. Booths measure 10 x 10 feet and rent for \$75. Food will also be sold onsite. Interested vendors should contact Dalton Holland, 618-944-0375 (after 5pm). The church address is 505 E. Broadway.

JUNKFEST

Pickers Outlet Mall, 9764 Herrin Road, is planning its JUNKFEST Flea Market, October 19-20. The event will include more than 30 vendors. A DJ and food truck will also be onsite. A local charity will receive a portion of the proceeds from a 50/50 drawing.

SI Bank 25th Anniversary

Southern Illinois Bank will celebrate 25 years in business at its area branches during August and September. The Johnston City branch, 1012 W. Broadway, will host a celebration for its customers September 6, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Fall Family Fun Fair

JCity Center, JCity Church, and several other organizations will sponsor a free, family-friendly event, September 7, beginning at 10:00 am. The event will be held on the parking lot of JCity Church (corner of Broadway and Monroe), adjacent to the Sweet Southern Market hosted by Down Home Comforts. Call 618-952-1272 or see www.JCity.Center for more information.



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400 W. 13th St.
Johnston City, IL,
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Pastors Brad & Kelly Dexter

First Baptist Church
401 E. 7th St.
Johnston City, IL 62951
(618) 983-6455
Larry Stevens, pastor

***First Christian Church**
505 E. Broadway Blvd.
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Adam King, pastor

***First United Methodist Church**
400 W. Broadway
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Sherry Cisneros, pastor

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609 Monroe
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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**
504 E. Broadway Blvd.
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618-952-1272

***Manna Mission**
306 E. Broadway Blvd.
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618-983-6262

August Events

AUG. 3
Down Home Comforts, Re-opening, 411 E Broadway

AUG. 6
JC Business Meet-N-Greet, Andresen's, 9:00 am

Lions Club Meeting, JCity Church, 6:00 pm

AUG. 7
Rotary Meeting, Indigo Realty, 4:00 pm

AUG. 12
Library Board Meeting, Public Library, 6:30 pm

AUG. 13
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
City Council, Scout Cabin, 5:00 pm

AUG. 15
Commodity Distribution/Food Pantry, First United Methodist, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm (emergency food available every Thu.)

School Board Meeting, Unit Office 6:00 pm

AUG. 19
JC Planning Meeting, JCity Church, 4:00 pm

AUG. 20
Lions Club Meeting, Andresen's, 9:00 am

AUG. 21
Rotary Social Gathering, Andresen's, 12:00 pm

AUG. 24
Meet the Indians, JCHS, 7:00 pm

Dinner & Live Music on the Patio w/Eli Taylor, Andresen's, 4-8 pm (Call 618-983-8497 for reservations.)

AUG. 27
City Council, Scout Cabin, 5:00 pm

AUG. 29
Red Cross Blood Drive, Scout Cabin, 10 am-2 pm

September Events

SEPT. 3
JC Business Meet-N-Greet, Andresen's, 9:00 am

Lions Club Meeting, JCity Church, 6:00 pm

SEPT. 4
Rotary Meeting, Indigo Realty, 4:00 pm

SEPT. 6
SI Bank 25th Anniversary Celebration, 11 am - 2 pm.

SEPT. 7
Sweet Southern Market, 411 E. Broadway, 10 am-6 pm (Rain date 9/14/24)

JCity Center Fall Family Fun Fair, Broadway & Monroe

SEPT. 9
Library Board Meeting, Public Library, 6:30 pm

SEPT. 10
City Council, Scout Cabin, 5:00 pm

SEPT. 16
JC Planning Meeting, JCity Church, 4:00 pm

SEPT. 17
Lions Club Meeting, Andresen's, 9:00 am

SEPT. 18
Rotary Social Gathering, Andresen's, 12 pm

SEPT. 24
City Council, Scout Cabin, 5:00 pm

SEPT. 27
JCHS Homecoming, Parade-3 pm, Game-7 pm

SEPT 28
Homecoming Dance
Craft Fair, First Christian Church, 10 am - 3 pm

SEPT. TBA
City of Johnston City sponsored Car Show downtown

Weekly Events

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

THURSDAYS
Food pantry/clothes closet open, First Christian Church, 505 E. Broadway, 3:30-5:30 pm

FRIDAYS
Farmers Market, 3-6 pm

Devotional Thought

Jesus, You're not welcome here

BY KEITH FLETCHER
Mark 5:1-20 tells the story of the man possessed by a "legion" of demons. The demons, no matter how many, were no match for the Son of God. Bowing to His authority, Jesus cast them out of the man and sent them into a herd of hogs. Immediately, the swine flew over a cliff to their deaths (Sorry! Couldn't resist that pun). Such a display of power had two effects: (1) The residents of the area were overwhelmed with fear and asked Jesus to leave. (2) The man whom Jesus delivered from such a horrible torment begged to become a disciple and, like the others, follow Him wherever He went.

But Jesus had other plans for this man with the dramatic conversion experience. He told him, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been."

Jesus sent this man where He himself could not go. Whether welcome or not, the man, formerly

known as Legion, had every right to return to his people, those who had shut out his Deliverer. And that's what he did. "So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed."

What a different response Jesus received in His hometown! In the very next chapter, we read—

"Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. 'Where did this man get these things?' they asked. 'What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?' And they took offense at him. (Mark 6:1-3 NIV)

"Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.' He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at

their lack of faith." (6:4-5)

Do we let walls of familiarity block God's power and purposes in our lives? Do we put the Lord in a box that contains only our family and friends? Do we limit the scope of what God can do to what we've seen Him do in just a few lives, particularly ourselves and the few within our little circle? Do we really know who this "prophet" is and what He could do if we only believed?

Some of us have a pretty amazing story, but one of the most difficult places to share that story is at home, among the people who know us (or think they know us) best. God doesn't call everyone to be a prophet, but He does call all of us to obedience to His will, even if that means going back to the hard places we know so well.

Note from the editor: I wrote this article just before moving back to JCity in 2009. I had been studying the Gospel of Mark prior to speaking at JCity Church (then First Free Will Baptist) for the first time as a pastoral candidate.

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Faithful volunteers witness wonders in JCity's summer meals program year after year

At 11:00 any summer weekday morning, a group of local volunteers line up behind tables filled with food items fresh from the oven or chilled in the fridge. After a prayer of blessing on the day's offerings, an assembly line of gloved workers speedily and precisely fill Styrofoam trays, pack them in insulated coolers, and haul these onto a bus, for delivery to Mike Dean Park.



This crew assembles at 9 am for a daily meeting that includes a devotional and prayer for Lunch Bunch and other community needs. After going over the meal plan and assigning tasks, individuals get to work. Some cook, some chop and prep veggies or fruits, others count out trays and fill coolers with milk and ice water. Still others sanitize food surfaces or wash cooking equipment and utensils used in the preparation. Meanwhile, individuals prepare materials for storytelling and crafts, document recipes and food amounts, and inventory items for future use.

For the past 15 years, JC Kids Lunch Bunch has provided free summer meals

for children and adults in our community. Our town's socioeconomic status grants automatic qualification for all children ages 1-18; and generous support from local entities ensures that adults can also come and eat at no charge. Faces change periodically, but the mission remains the same—serve healthy food.

Lunch Bunch operates under the auspices of the USDA and the Illinois State Board of Education. Each meal contains a required amount of five different food components, ensuring nutritional value. At JC Lunch Bunch, that typically means a hot, homestyle meal.

Who's on the Lunch Bunch team?

Over the years, Lunch Bunch has attracted a variety of volunteers, from young stay-at-home moms who came to serve food or wash dishes to an octogenarian who daily handed children cartons of milk. Each year's Lunch Bunch team include a multiplicity of individuals who serve in differing ways. The cooking crew and the cleaning crew work onsite at JCity Church, where meals are prepared. Cathy Kirkpatrick, food service manager, seasoned baker, and former first cook at SIU, oversees this area. Program crew and park crew individuals hand out meals, interact with children, plan schedules, or provide a daily story or activity. Marta Phillips coordinates this area. Kimbra Solomon serves alongside, monitoring meals, preparing crafts, organizing supplies, and assisting with children. Keith and Sarah Fletcher have been involved in the program since its inception. Sarah, also a food service manager, currently plans menus and assists with food prep; while Keith serves as administrator, handles promotion, and oversees the operation.

Community Service Volunteers

Katelynn Turner, 17, is a two-year veteran, working primarily in food prep. Katelynn states, "I enjoy prep work, and helping people." Katelynn reflects, "I remember coming to Lunch Bunch as a kid. When my family first moved here, we needed lots of help. Now, I have the opportunity to help others." A rising JCHS senior,

with potential class rank as co-valedictorian, Katelynn has also clocked community service hours vital for scholarships and college/work applications. These documented hours are available to any teen who participates in the program.

As part of the invested counseling program at JCity Center for Hope and Renewal, other individuals volunteer community service hours in exchange for professional counseling.

School Personnel

Longtime Johnston City teacher Carolyn Grant has greeted Lunch Bunch participants and monitored meals for over a decade. Another former educator, Marla Hancock, helps in food prep. School board member and former school janitor Randy McIntosh works in food transport, often driving the bus to the park. Educators (whether public, private, or home school) have numbered among volunteers throughout the program's history.

Employees and Retirees

Individuals who enjoy serving comprise the team. Rhonda Carney and Dinah Dobbs daily work behind the scenes, washing dishes, and serving wherever needed. JCity Church Pastor Randy Carney joins the team as his work schedule permits. For the past several years, Brenda McChesney, retired bookkeeper, has done computer entry and financial reports. Employees from diverse workplace settings have often lent a hand on their days off. One year, Legence Bank en-

couraged its employees to volunteer during company lunch time. Individuals or retirees just looking for worthwhile activities to fill their days have shown up to help. Nancy Solomon, who volunteers a few days each week, enjoys the work as well as the social interaction. Team members Roger Legendre and Kay Fleming serve as they have been able. Both have cared for family members during the 2024 season.

For many years, the late Karla Crosby wrote and sent thank you notes to all donors, and another couple, Dean and Jackie Sauerbrunn, handled the task of making coffee daily.

Civic Clubs

Several members of the Johnston City Lions Club daily serve at Lunch Bunch. Barb Buckner, Helen and Randy Ferguson are part of the kitchen crew. Randy also helps with meal distribution at the park. The Fergusons' two granddaughters, Serenity and Trinity, also volunteer. Lion



Phil Crosby drives the food transport bus a few days a week. The newly formed Johnston City Rotary Club recently donated gas station gift cards to help pay for bus fuel costs.

Churches

Several area churches annually donate start-up funds; others send money or items for Friday Bags (take-home food and snacks). One area church member comes each week to assemble these bags, ensuring that children have food for weekends when Lunch Bunch is not in session. A sister church has donated VBS offerings for the past several years. In the past, various church youth groups have taken their turn in serving. For several years, Stiritz United Methodist Church provided backpacks filled with school supplies for all Lunch Bunch attendees.

Businesses

Generous support from local businesses reduces food costs and supplies funding for free adult meals (not available in summer meal programs). Electric and heating and air firms have helped install and keep equipment running, many times at reduced costs. One business owner donated monies for school supplies—enough for students starting the school year and for teachers to keep on hand for students in need throughout the year. Local funeral homes often suggest donations to Lunch Bunch when bereaved families seek to honor a loved one through giving to a community cause.

Lunch Bunch welcomes donations of any size. Mail checks (payable to "Lunch Bunch") to PO Box 55, Johnston City, IL 62951, or give online at jcitychurch.com/give.



"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK..." -MATTHEW 25:35 ESV



Who provides the food?

The short answer is God. A familiar text thread among workers includes praise to *Jehovah-Jireh* (the God who provides). One Lunch Bunch leader refers to this as the “George Mueller effect.” This 19th century Englishman, who established an orphanage, regularly saw specific needs met in unusual ways without asking others directly for help. This has proven a pattern at Lunch Bunch, and some workers readily retell the stories.

Doug Hancock, a regular Lunch Bunch worker and park storyteller, often shares the pineapple story. During COVID, when the program allowed for door-to-door delivery, menu planners had just discussed a need to buy pineapple. A few minutes later, personnel from the Lighthouse Shelter walked in the door with a case of fresh pineapples they couldn’t use due to the decrease in residents during the pandemic. Another time, when loaded baked potatoes appeared on the menu, within 24 hours, a friend telephoned and said, “I’ve got 60 lbs. of potatoes. Could you use them?” Similar to the classic phrase from the movie, *Field of Dreams*—“Build it and they will come.”—Lunch Bunch workers contend, “Put it on the menu and it will come.” Happy Dances commonly occur when an item arrives. Sometimes it’s not just food.

Marta Phillips recalls a favorite story during early Lunch Bunch years, when the church kitchen contained only two home refrigerators. A few days after coverage on a local TV news program, a couple from out of town drove up to the church. They mentioned seeing the news clip and wanted to give something.

So how did Lunch Bunch begin?

In 2010, community organizer and Americorp worker Robert Poff approached newly hired pastor Keith Fletcher about hosting a meal program a few days a week at Johnston City Free Will Baptist Church. The meals arrived via a local caterer, and only a handful of children came. The following year, meals were cooked in house with oversight from a state-funded agency, who purchased all food and determined the menu. The following year, the church decided to take the reins and become an official sponsor of summer meals, responsible for all food costs, preparation, and programming. The church’s children’s director Marta

Phillips handed Marta Phillips an envelope and drove off. Busy with children’s activities, she didn’t bother to open the envelope immediately. Sometime later that day, workers heard cries and shouts of joy, as the envelope contained a sizeable amount of money, enough to purchase a commercial refrigerator that remains in use today.

God ultimately provides, yet He uses humans in the process.

Individuals

A phone call from a local resident once gave us a heads up about a warehouse full of refrigerated food that had to be distributed within a few hours. Workers filled every available space in a vehicle.

More than once, a local orchard owner has sent bushels of ripe fruit, and a local farmer has donated processed meat. Locals share garden produce. Other persons have sometimes included us in bread giveaways, when items still within date were pulled due to lack of sales.

Food Pantries

What does a food pantry do with leftover items when storage is limited or when a product arrives that cannot be divided for distribution? Local food pantry leaders often network and many times bless Lunch Bunch with the leftovers. A call or text of “I’ve got something for you,” sends workers off to the First United Methodist pantry, Whiteash Free Will Baptist Church, and Herrin House of Hope have also contributed surplus items. Lunch Bunch workers often remember summers by specific products—years of cherries, apples, lettuce, rice, black beans, or crackers. Lunch Bunch 2024



experienced abundance in fresh peaches and nectarines, frozen strawberries, frozen chicken leg quarters, frozen peas, cases of flatbread, fresh cucumbers and zucchini—all provided by food pantries.

Government

As part of USDA Summer Meals, Lunch Bunch receives a designated reimbursement for each properly served and documented child meal. Monies from this go toward allowable expenses, including additional food costs, paper/plastic meal service goods, administrative expenses, and funding for the following year’s start up, since reimbursement claims are submitted at the end of each month.



years, the JC Public Library collaborated with Lunch Bunch, hosting the library’s summer reading programs.

COVID brought changes to the Summer Meal program. Children could no longer eat meals together. With families confined to home, the need for prepared meals increased as many restaurants closed and food supply was often limited. Lunch Bunch altered its program to address these issues. Increased need brought increased blessing. Additional volunteers joined in to help, and the food just kept arriving from new and varied sources. Lunch Bunch meals during 2020 and 2021 came special delivery by bus or car



to any child or family in the Johnston City School District who requested a meal. Program workers provided families with free art supplies for make-at-home crafts and color sheets/activity pages for children to enjoy.

When COVID restrictions eased, Lunch Bunch moved to Mike Dean Park, a more central location with onsite playground equipment and options for social distancing and open-air meals.

Designated volunteers engage children in a daily themed story. For the past two years, Lunch Bunch has provided meals for Johnston City CUSD’s summer school students. The park’s close proximity to Washington Middle School offers easy transport and delivery.

Thank you, Johnston City, for your continuing support for JC Kids’ Lunch Bunch. Here’s to many more summer meals.

Johnston City BOOKS

LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE

Lackluster student published book on Greatest Book

BY TIM HASTINGS
A young man, who seemed destined to drop out of a Johnston City grade school in the late 1950s, went on to publish a book about the "Book of books."

Dan Rodden, the older of two sons of a late Johnston City barber, also named Dan Rodden, once told his teachers and parents to shove it.

"I didn't want to do anything in school," Dan said many times. "All I wanted to do when I grew up was play golf." Dan's teacher and mother tried to change his mind, but the boy wouldn't budge.

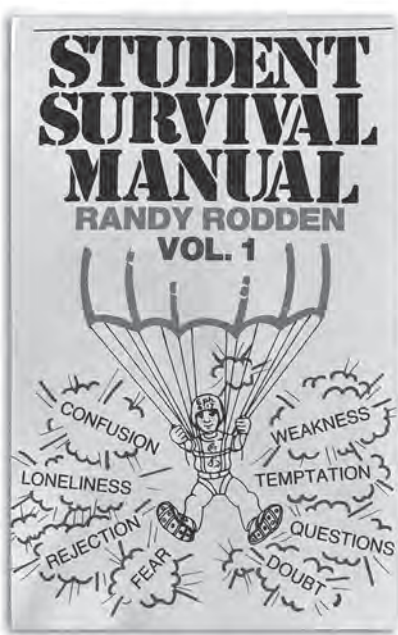
Things went from bad to worse when Dan tried to lead his brother Randy, a committed Christian, astray after the family moved to Southern California. "I was living the fast life in Hollywood as a salesman, and my brother was a geeky, braces-wearing high schooler, who'd become a Christian," Dan said. "I bought a boat and tried to get my brother to go out to the lake on Sundays instead of going to church."

The tables turned when Randy challenged his brother to examine Christ's claims. "Randy asked me, 'You mean to tell me that as a successful businessman you've never considered Christ's claim to be God?'" Dan said, "That got my attention and I turned to Christ. Everything changed. Even the colors on the walls

seemed brighter." Dan and Randy formed Student Action for Christ, Inc. in West Frankfort in the 1970s to reach young people with the gospel. They also began publishing tracts, "Issues & Answers" newspapers, and books.

The organization's best-known book, *The Student Survival Manual, Volume 1*, uses cartoons to help junior and senior high students explain the uniqueness of the Bible. For instance, the manual states that the Bible was the first literature ever printed with moveable type, telegraphed, or read from outer space. The manual details the strict rules Hebrew scribes used as they copied Old Testament manuscripts and how the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls verified the scribes' accuracy.

Randy wrote the manual's text and Doug Jennings, who'd recently graduated Herrin High School, drew the cartoons. The Author's Office of Carterville designed the book and Cavco Printing of Herrin printed the book as a three-ring binder in 1980. Mott Media of Fenton, Michigan, released the manual in paperback in January 1981. (Search "Student Survival Manual, Vol. 1, Randy Rodden, Mott Media" to find



used copies online.) Dan opened the Caleb Bike Farm Petting Zoo south of West Frankfort in the 1990s to teach youngsters the joy of fruitful labor. Dan and his wife Lee took their "Drop-By Zoo" exotic animal display and lectures on the road to schools and child development centers well into the 2000s. (Search for "Dan Rodden Christian Concierge," for videos of his latest presentations.)

Randy Rodden is president of Answers International Ministries (AIM) and speaks on the reliability of the Bible and the Christian faith. Find him at randyrodden.com, or AIM, P.O. Box 1014, Yucaipa, CA 92399.

A copy of *The Student Survival Manual, Vol. 1* has been donated to the Johnston City Library.

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Education

MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES

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

- 5th and 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- Assistant Middle School Girls Basketball Coach
- 5th and 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- Volunteer Middle School Dance Coach

Please send a Letter of Application, resume, and proof of meeting the requirements in the IHSAA by-law 2.070 "Qualifications of Coaches" to Mr. William Brayfield, SJHSAA Athletic Director, Johnston City C.U.S.D. #1, 1113 Grand Ave, Johnston City, IL 62951.

HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

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

- High School Dance Coach
- High School Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach
- High School Bowling Head Coach

Please send a Letter of Application, resume, and proof of meeting the requirements in the IHSAA by-law 2.070 "Qualifications of Coaches" to Mrs. Lindsey Bush, IHSAA Athletic Director, Johnston City C.U.S.D. #1, 1113 Grand Ave., Johnston City, IL 62951.

PARAPROFESSIONALS

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

- Lincoln Elementary School Paraprofessional
- Jefferson Elementary School Paraprofessional

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.

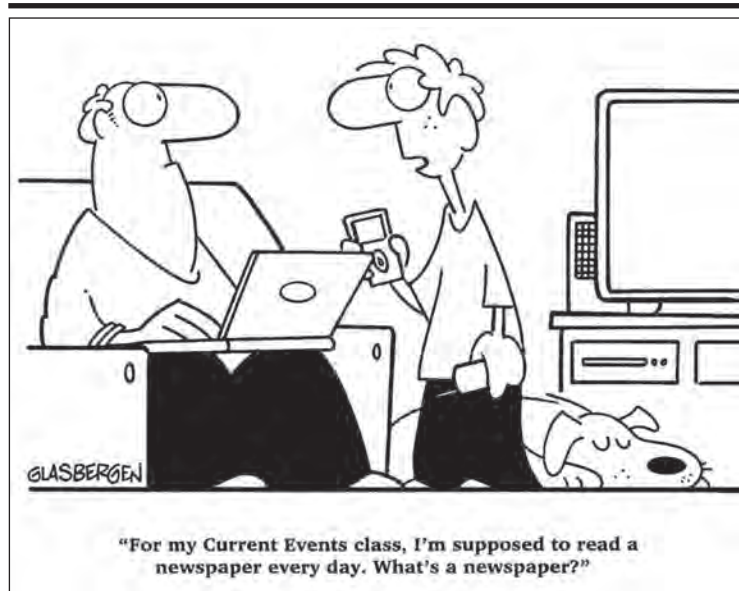
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considered qualified. No refunds will be provided for returned CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. 7/25/2024 By: Douglas Dobbins, Mayor TAX DEED NUMBER: 2024TX81 FILED: 06/25/2024 CERT. 407 TAKE NOTICE TO: Dennis Kellermeier, Amanda Barnes, Williamson County Clerk, Unknown Owners Or Parties Interested; And Non-Record Claimants This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) in W.E. Clayton's First Addition to the City of Johnston City. Situated in Williamson County, Illinois. EXCEPT all coal, oil, gas, and other minerals. PIN(s) 02-24-281-001 On December 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Williamson County Courthouse, the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real Estate was sold on December 8, 2022 for general taxes of the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire December 8, 2024. /s/ Kolby R. Smithpeters Attorney for Purchaser The Smithpeters Law Firm LLC 2 N. Vine St. 6th Floor Harrisburg, IL 62946 618-294-9529 8210-944281 TAX DEED NO. 2024TX90 FILED 7/2/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of WILLIAMSON Date Premises Sold December 9, 2021 Certificate No. 2020-242 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A Warrant Number N/A Installment Number N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at 1104 Grand Avenue Avenue, Johnston City, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No.: 02-13-453-007 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 12, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a

Tax Deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 12, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Williamson County in Marion, Illinois on December 20, 2024 at 9:00am with Judge Goffinet in Courtroom 8. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 12, 2024, by applying to the County Clerk of Williamson County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Marion, IL. For further information contact the County clerk ADDRESS: 407 N Marion Street, Suite 119, Marion, IL 62959 TELEPHONE: (618) 998-2110 PEACEOFMIND ALERT, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 7/2/2024 CASE NUMBER: 2024TX90 Gregory T Gream; Gwendolyn M Coulson; Laura Cobb; Homeside Financial, LLC DBA Lower; City of Johnston City; Occupants; Williamson County Clerk; Claimants, Judgment Creditors and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "unknown owners" "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots" 8210-944551 TAX DEED NO. 2024TX89 FILED 7/2/2024 TAKE NOTICE County of WILLIAMSON Date Premises Sold December 9, 2021 Certificate No. 2020-227 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A Warrant Number N/A Installment Number N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at 1406 Trout Avenue, Johnston City, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No.: 02-13-402-009 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 12, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before

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Coach Thomas... (continued from p. 8)

the desire to put the team first and his self-interest last. Finally, the entire team votes on the candidate who survives the first two steps.

Other players mentioned by Coach Thomas include Kaden Koenig as starting quarterback, Cannon Ashmore at running back, Jace Weaver at DB, Haden Burton, and Marcus Leitzen.

Prior to the season opener against Christopher on August 30, the Indians will have a controlled scrimmage against West Frankfort on our home field on August 24.

JCHS Athletics Fundraiser

JCHS Athletics will be selling St. Louis Cardinal tickets for the Saturday, August 17 game against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Game time is 6:15 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the high school office (618-983-8638) or by messaging the JCHS Athletics Facebook

page. Tickets are \$30 per person. Checks should be payable to JCHS.



Kristi Schell, JCHS principal

New JCHS Administration

Mrs. Kristi Schell has been named the new principal at Johnston City High School replacing Josh Pietrantoni, who now serves as assistant district superintendent. Mrs. Schell has served as the assistant principal since 2022.

Mrs. Lindsey Bush has been hired as the High School Assistant Principal and the IHSA Athletic Director for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Bush previously was a high school English teacher.

JCHS Homecoming

JCHS will celebrate Homecoming 2024 the weekend

of September 27-28. The Homecoming parade will begin at 3:00 pm on Friday with the football game against Flora at 7:00 that evening. The Homecoming Dance will follow on Saturday.



Lindsey Bush, asst. principal, athletic director

Retired WMS librarian joins Arrow Staff

Margie Sanders, who served as librarian at Washington School for many years, retired this summer and joined the *Arrow News* staff. She has volunteered to work with current and potential sponsors to ensure adequate funding for our publication. She also assists with reporting, particularly school activities. While serving as librarian, Margie used *Arrow News* to teach middle school students about newspaper design and production.

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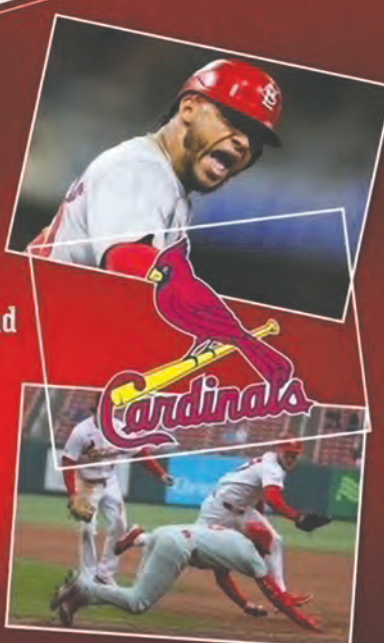
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Talking with Coach Thomas

BY DOUG HANCOCK
Two things are certain with the month of August—the beginning of school and the start of another JCHS

football season. The Arrow paid a visit to Coach Todd Thomas to discuss the upcoming season and what to expect from his team this

fall. Thomas said that the Black Diamond Conference is very evenly matched this year with three standout schools: Fairfield, Carmi, and Sesser-Valier. Other schools, like Hamilton County, are developing their football programs and are becoming more formidable foes. The key to victory, according to Thomas, is conditioning. And he has put the players through their paces during this sizzling summer. As school begins in a few weeks,

practices will be reduced to one a day after school and limited to three hours. So the basics must be learned during the summer for the team to function as a coordinated unit.


Twelve seniors, eight juniors, and 14 sophomores are returning this season. Coach Thomas, along with his assistants, Marshall Mummert and Lex Glasco, are thankful for “good kids and good parents.” Four three-starters—Nolan Causey (RB/DB), Evan Sanders

(FB/DE), Brennan Cargal (LB/TE), and Blake Petas (OL/DE)—are the core of the Indian squad, and from this quartet will come the captain and co-captain of the team.

Becoming the team captain involves a three-step process. First, the player must fill out an application with questions provided by the coaching staff. Next, there are interviews from the coaches to determine whether the applicant has

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11	12 (H) FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE: VARSITY GOLF, CROSS COUNTRY, FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL	13 (A) BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL 4:30 PM vs Crab Orchard MS/HS	14 (H) BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL 4:30 PM vs Ewing-Northern Elementary	15 (A) COED VRSTY GOLF 4:00 PM vs Carterville HS (A) GIRLS MS SOFTBALL 4:30 PM vs Carterville JH	16 (A) COED VRSTY GOLF 4:00 PM vs Multiple Opponents Triangular-Harrisburg (A) MS BOYS BASEBALL, GIRLS SOFTBALL 4:30 PM vs Massac Co. HS	17 (A) GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL TBA vs Multiple Opponents Marion Invitational
18	19 (H) BOYS MS BASEBALL 4:30 PM vs Unity Point Elementary (A) GIRLS MS SOFTBALL 4:30 PM vs Unity Point Elementary	20	21 (A) COED VRSTY GOLF 4:00 PM vs Murphysboro HS (A) BOYS MS BASEBALL 4:30 PM vs Unity Point (H) GIRLS MS SOFTBALL 4:30 PM vs Unity Point	22	23	24  (H) BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL 7:00 PM vs OPEN Meet The Indians
25	26 (A) COED VRSTY GOLF 4:00 PM vs Hamilton County HS (A) GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL 4:30 PM vs Crab Orchard MS/HS	27 (A) COED VARSITY GOLF TBA vs Herrin HS (A) GIRLS VRSTY VOLLEYBALL 5:00 PM vs WF Comm. HS	28	29 (A) COED VRSTY CROSS CNTRY TBA vs Marion HS (A) GIRLS VRSTY GOLF 4 PM vs Carterville HS (A) BOYS VARSITY GOLF 4 PM vs Mult. Opp. Herrin Invitational	30 (A) MS BOYS BASEBALL, GIRLS SOFTBALL 4:30 PM vs Christopher Elem. (A) BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL 7:00 PM vs Christopher HS	31 (H) GIRLS VRSTY VOLLEYBALL 9 AM vs Mult. Opp. JCHS Invitational (H) MS BOYS BASEBALL, GIRLS SOFTBALL 9 AM vs Mult. Opp. JC Invit. (H) BOYS FRESHMEN FOOTBALL 7:00 PM vs Christopher HS

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