



Johnston City schools receive \$5 million grant

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The Johnston City School District announces its selection as a partner school for a Full-Service Community Schools (FSCS) Grant totaling \$5 million over the next five years. This program, provided by the After school for Children and Teens, ACT Now Coalition, will enable JC schools to enhance educational services, support students and families, and foster stronger community partnerships.

The Full-Service Community Schools program aims to transform schools into hubs of support for students and their families. Through this initiative,

schools provide a range of services that address academic, health, and social needs, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed. The FSCS model promotes collaboration among schools, families, and community organizations, offering a variety of services such as:

Academic Support: Tutoring, mentoring, and after-school programs designed to enhance student learning and engagement.

Health Services: Access to medical and mental health care, nutrition programs, and wellness initiatives to support the overall well-being of students and their families.

Family Support: Resources and programs that assist families in navigating challenges, including counseling, job training, and community resources.

Community Engagement: Opportunities for parents and community members to get involved in school activities, fostering a strong sense of community and partnership.

"We are thrilled to be selected for this partnership, which will significantly enhance the support we can provide to our students and their families," said Kathy Clark, JCCUSD Superintendent. "This funding will allow us to implement programs that address the

needs of our school community, ensuring that every student has the resources they need to thrive academically and personally."

The grant will be utilized to establish new programs, hire additional staff, and expand existing services, creating a holistic support system that empowers students to excel in their education and beyond. With the support of the Full-Service Community Schools program, the Johnston City School District is committed to fostering a nurturing environment where every child can achieve their full potential.



Banterra Bank employees Starla Waters (from left), Nancy Gardner, Marissa Dunford, and Richelle Bigham (Tim Hastings Photo)

Manna Mission 'Angel Tree' at Banterra to provide Christmas gifts for local children

BY TIM HASTINGS
The Johnston City Manna Mission and Banterra Bank of Johnston City have announced their Angel Tree and Shining Star Christmas gift drive for children and seniors for 2024.

"We see a real need for this in the Johnston City

School District," said Johnston City Manna Mission Director Cheri Litton. "We collect these Christmas gifts for the less fortunate."

Litton said children, ages birth through 13, and senior citizens living in the Johnston City School District

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COMPANION PODCAST



SCAN TO WATCH VIDEO

14th Annual Hometown Christmas to bring Santa, holiday cheer downtown, Nov. 30

BY TIM HASTINGS
Free pictures with Santa, letterwriting to Santa, complimentary refreshments, and an inflatable bounce attraction are among the family-themed activities planned for Johnston City's Hometown Christmas.

The annual event, now in its 14th year, will take place November 30, from 2-5 pm downtown on Broadway, City Clerk Jade West confirmed.

Shooting Star Photography will capture each child's visit with Santa. Andresen's Café is sponsoring an Arctic Drop contest. A

mailbox, as well as a table with writing supplies, will be provided so children can express their gift wishes to Santa. Mrs. Claus and Santa's arch nemesis, The Grinch, will also be on hand.

Other freebies include live music and a performance by the Johnston City Junior High Dance Team. Vendors will also have items available for purchase.

Prizes will be awarded at 4 pm, followed by the lighting of the city Christmas tree at 5 pm.



Children attending Hometown Christmas decorate cookies in one of the many family-friendly activities at last year's celebration. This year's event is scheduled Nov. 30.

Local couple's dreams come true with award-winning horses

BY RANA REED
Dreams do come true, as Chuck and Tona Reed, lifelong residents of Johnston City and owners of Reed Stables can attest. Three of the Reeds' horses competed in the 53rd World Racking Horse Celebration held in Shelbyville, Tennessee, October 7-12.

Competitors from across the country came to the six-day horse show for the chance to win a blue ribbon and wear a horseshoe of roses while circling Champions Arena. The Reeds were there to showcase their horses: Man of Honor, Totally Twist-

ed, and Hawaii 5-0. Tona nursed 19-year-old Totally Twisted back to performance level. Some had advised her to retire him, but she felt he wasn't done yet. They came back to win a World Championship at the Spring Celebration and won another World Championship in the October event. Totally Twisted is a multi-year World Champion and World Grand Champion.

Tona exhibited and qualified Man of Honor to compete in the 15.2 Amateur World Grand Championship. They won World and (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)



Tona Reed riding Man of Honor after winning World Grand Champion at the 15.2 Amateur World Grand Championship (Photo Courtesy of Natasha Douglas)

THE LOCAL SCENE

Submissions from Washington Middle School

Students reflect on Thanksgiving season

“WHAT I AM THANKFUL FOR”
BY JAYDEN GIBBS

What I am thankful for is my family and friends, because they are most important to me. My family is important because they protect me and love me so much. I love them so much, too, and I have a lot of sisters and brothers that I love so much. I have two parents, two godparents, two godsisters, four grandpas, four grandmas, a bonus grandpa, two dogs, and two cats. My Grandma Lori has two horses and a lot of dogs. I love my family. I have a lot of cousins, and they are fun to play with. I love my family. They are so nice. I have a few friends whose names are Zoie, Mailha, Jakia, Kylee, Payton, and Tori. Even my mom and dad are my friends. My favorite people in my family are everyone. They are all my favorites. Did you know I have four sisters, and three brothers? I love everyone in my family. They all are so nice. My whole family is kind of short, not everyone, but most. I love my sisters and brothers and the rest of my family.

Do you love your family like I do?
P.S. Always love your family and friends.

“MY THANKSGIVING”
BY IZZY LYNN RAY

My average Thanksgiving would be very simple. I would wake up and smell my mom's green bean casserole and mashed potatoes. I would dash into the kitchen and beg for a taste of it before it would be served. My mother would agree and I would squeal in happiness. After I tasted it, it was like a birthday cake, sweet and savory. Then, my dad, my dogs, my mom, my brother, and I would all go to my grandma and grandpa's house to eat. My grandma would usually have pumpkin pie on the kitchen counter, ready to be served.

After, we would eat around 5:00 pm after everyone watched a movie. We would gather around the food and pick what we wanted, my brother and me in the back. Everyone would eat a light dinner. Sometimes, I would have seconds, even thirds, leaving barely any leftovers for the family. I would usually be the last one to eat dessert because I was so stuffed with food. Then we would play with the dogs outside for a little while. I would ride my bike for about an hour. Finally, we would head home, heading to bed.

“FALL NARRATIVE” BY HUNTER GARRIS

On a cold fall evening, I got out of bed and looked out the cabin window. When I looked out I saw orange, red, and yellow leaves falling everywhere. As I took a deep breath, I smelled burning logs from the stone fireplace. The red, burning embers of the logs filled the room with an aroma of a pristine, freshly cut, oak tree. As I was walking outside, I could hear the sound of the spruce boards creaking. When I got outside, the evening wind whistled in my ears. It reminded me of the cold, haunting winter ahead. The temperature was skin piercing and made me wish the warm beaches of summer were still here. I stepped off the porch and could feel brittle leaves break underneath my feet. As I looked up, I could see the Canadian geese flying above in their natural V shape. Next, I looked into the dark, ominous forest and saw an owl stalking a gray mouse. It brought back vivid memories of my grandfather and me hunting. It reminded me of when he and I were lying in the ice-sprinkled snow. He was showing me how to outsmart the old deer that were located there.

Benefit BBQ to raise money for Chief Burton

November 1, the Johnston City Fire Department will hold a fundraiser for Chief Tom Burton at Andresen's. Burton has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma (cancer of plasma cells). He began his career as a teenage volunteer at the department and has served more than 37 years as a full-time firefighter with 18 of those years as chief. The fundraiser will include a BBQ

dinner starting at 4:30 p.m. A live auction will begin at 6:30 along with a 50/50 raffle and cash bar. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at the Fire Department or City Hall. Tickets will also be available at the door. All money raised will be applied to Burton's medical and travel expenses. Call 618-983-6544 or 618-983-6651 for more information.

Camping season ends

Arrowhead Lake Campground will close for the season November 15. The campground will reopen March 15, 2025. Online reservations for next season may be made beginning January 1, 2025 at arrowheadlakecampground.com.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Johnston City Ministerial Alliance will hold a Community Thanksgiving Service, Sunday evening, November 24, 6:00, at the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, 809 Washington Ave., Johnston City. Pastor Keith Fletcher, director of JCity Center for Hope and

Renewal, will deliver the message. An offering will be received for a local ministry during the service. Afterward, refreshments will be served in the church's fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

'Prime-Timers' to meet at JCity Church, Nov. 13

JCity Church, 609 Monroe, invites all local seniors to its "Prime-Timer" fellowship, Wednesday, November 13, 9:30-10:30 am in the fellowship hall. These monthly gatherings typically include music, games, and food. Call 618-983-5254 for more information.

Angel Tree (CONT. FROM P. 1)

may apply to receive gifts. Those wishing to adopt a child or senior are invited to visit the Angel Tree/Shining Star Christmas tree on display in the Banterra Bank lobby at 908 Grand Avenue beginning the Tuesday before Thanksgiving (November 26). The tree will be decorated with cards sharing the age and gender of each recipient along with gift wishes, clothing sizes, and color prefer-

ences. The cards will be numbered for confidentiality. Cards will also be available at Manna Mission Thrift Store and Food Pantry, 306 E. Broadway. Gifts should be brought to Banterra or the Manna Mission by the second week of December. To apply to receive gifts, bring proof of residence to the thrift store or food pantry. Store hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:30 am to 4 pm and

Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. The pantry is open Tuesdays from 3-5 pm, and Wednesdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Those wishing to make financial contributions to Angel Tree/Shining Star should make checks payable to Manna Mission, P.O. Box 424, Johnston City, IL 62951, phone: 618-983-6262.

Award-winning horses (CONT. FROM P. 1)

Reserve World Champion in the spring. She and Man of Honor unanimously won the prestigious award of 15.2 World Grand Champion. Tona didn't realize they

had won until she heard "Honor" over the loudspeaker. Tona has often said, "Keep working hard and dreams do come true." She has proven that to be true

now with these prize winning horses. Man of Honor and Totally Twisted are trained at Ross Campbell Stables in Cullman, Alabama.



JOHNSTON CITY
LIONS CLUB

Camper thanks Lions Club for scholarship

As part of its service to people with vision and hearing needs, the Johnston City Lions Club provided a camp scholarship for a young man, Cameron Gooden, to attend Camp Lions this summer. The club recently received a thank you note from this student:

Thank you, Lions Members, for sending me to camp! My three favorite activities are swimming at the lake, jumping on the water trampoline, and tie-dye. I got to hang out with my friends. Looking forward to next year!

Sincerely,
Cameron

According to local Lions, the club's recent fish fry was one of their most successful ever. In May, with money raised from previous fish fries, the club awarded \$1000 scholarships to three 2024 JCHS graduates.

The Johnston City Lions Club meets twice monthly and welcomes anyone interested in becoming a member. Contact club president Bob Miller (618-663-8368) for up-to-date meeting times and locations.

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Lorraine Glad Musial celebrates her 102nd birthday at El Jalisco Restaurant October 17, with "adopted" daughter Carol Ratachie. (Tim Hastings Photo)

Johnston City native turns 102

BY TIM HASTINGS
Johnston City native Lorraine Glad Musial celebrated her 102nd birthday with a Mexican meal at El Jalisco Restaurant, 1309 Grand Ave., October 17.

Daughter Marilyn Durano, "adopted" son and daughter-in-law Carol and Lance Ratachie, and friend Mary Ellen Grisley helped Musial celebrate with gifts and a festive balloon anchored to a small pumpkin. Musial's son, who lives

in California, visited his mother earlier in October to mark the occasion.

Durano, a local resident, said her mother was reared in Johnston City until as a young adult she moved to Chicago to work as a nanny. "She was once a nanny for entertainer Danny Thomas' son," Durano shared. "Later, she worked as a secretary."

Musial makes her home in Johnston City and is also a grandmother.



Ministerial Alliance to launch annual Christmas box giveaway

After yet another year of soaring grocery prices, the elderly, the disabled, single-parent households, and growing families will likely find holiday meals more costly than ever. Johnston City Ministerial Alliance (local churches and faith-based nonprofits) will address this problem by providing ingredients for a 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 and director of JCity Center.

Saturday, December 21, the Ministerial Alliance will distribute boxes containing a ham or turkey, salad, sides, desserts, and other holiday treats.

This annual event stipulates that recipients sign up in advance to receive a food box. Participants must register by December 13. No proof of income is required, but all recipients must reside within the Johnston City School District. Sign ups will be held daily 10:00-11:00 am, December 2-6, 9-13 at the First United

Methodist Church, 400 W. Broadway Blvd., Johnston City. JCity Center for Hope and Renewal will serve as an alternate registration location during its regular business hours, December 2-12. Registered households or individuals may pick up food boxes December 21, 9:00-10:30 am at the Methodist Church. Those who live within the city limits and are homebound (or without transportation) may request delivery.

The Ministerial Alliance welcomes both food and monetary donations. Financial donations received will pay for fresh food items. Any funds given in excess of actual expenses will go to local ministries providing meals or food during the rest of the year. Participating churches contribute specific non-perishable items for each box. Volunteers are needed to assist with distribution and delivery.

To give toward this project, donors should make checks payable to J.C. Ministerial Alliance. Mail or deliver donations to JCMA, c/o JCity Center, 504 E. Broadway Blvd., Johnston City, IL 62951. Donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off at any participating church.



November Events

NOV. 1
BBQ Dinner for Tom Burton, Andresen's, 4:30 pm

NOV. 2
St. Paul Spaghetti Dinner, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

NOV. 5 - ELECTION DAY
No School

Business Leaders Meet-N-Greet, Andresen's, 9 am

NOV. 6
Rotary Meeting, Andresen's, Noon

NOV. 9
JCMA 10 Commandments Hike, Arrowhead Lake, 10:30 am

NOV. 11 - VETERAN'S DAY
No School

Lunch at the Library, 11 am

NOV. 12
City Council, Scout Cabin, 5 pm

NOV. 16
Library's Cake Bingo fundraiser, St. Paul's Parrish Center, 5-7 pm

NOV. 18
JC Planning Meeting, Scout Cabin, 4:00 pm

NOV. 19
School Board Meeting, Unit Office, 6:00 pm

NOV. 20
Rotary Meeting, Indigo Realty 4:00 pm

NOV. 21
Commodity Distribution, Methodist Church

NOV. 26
School Early Dismissal

City Council, Scout Cabin, 5 pm

NOV. 27-29
No School

NOV. 28 - THANKSGIVING

NOV. 30
Hometown Christmas, Downtown, 3-5 pm

December Events

DEC. 2-3
GiveSI - Day of Community Giving for So. IL

DEC. 2-6
Signups for Christmas Food Boxes, First United Methodist Church, 10-11 am

DEC. 3
Business Leaders Meet-N-Greet, Andresen's, 9 am

DEC. 4
Rotary Meeting, Andresen's Cafe, Noon

DEC. 5
Build for a Cause: Gingerbread Social, Celebrations Event Center, 5:30 pm

DEC. 9-13
Signups for Christmas Food Boxes, FUMC, 10-11 am

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

DEC. 13
Half day of school

DEC. 16
JC Planning Meeting, Scout Cabin, 5 pm

DEC. 18
Rotary Meeting, Indigo Realty Office, 4 pm

DEC. 19
Early school dismissal

Santa's Workshop, Library

School Board Mtg. 6:00 pm

DEC. 20 - JAN. 3 No School

DEC. 21
Ministerial Alliance Christmas Food Box Distribution, (Preregistration required) FUMC, 9:00-10:30 am

DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS

DEC. 31 - New Year's Eve

Weekly Events

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

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

SATURDAYS
Free Community Meal (drive-through only), JCity Church, 5:30-6:00 pm



Hike through the 10 Commandments at Arrowhead

The second annual Ten Commandments Hike will be held on the Arrowhead Lake Trail, Saturday, November 9. The Johnston City Ministerial Alliance is organizing this hike (or walk) especially for local Scout troops, church

youth groups, parents and children, and interested adults. Approximately 75 participants and volunteers attended last year's hike. Registration and group organization begins at 10:30 am. Small groups of participants will walk the 2 1/2-

mile trail, stopping at each of the 10 learning stations along the way, where an educator will explain one of the Ten Commandments. After completing the hike, participants may enjoy a light lunch compliments of the JCMA.

TEN 2nd Annual Johnston City Ministerial Alliance COMMANDMENTS HIKE/WALK

At Arrowhead Lake in Johnston City

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Registration begins at 10:30 am

Great activity for scout troops, church youth groups, families with children. The 10 stops on trail will explain the 10 Commandments. Refreshments provided. Those completing hike will receive a commemorative badge or rocker bar.



For more information, call 618-952-1272



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Life lessons from a golf coach

BY JIMMY DEAN

My good friend, Barry Vaughan, is a man of many jobs and talents. His current resume includes Appellate Court Judge, boys golf coach at Hamilton County, USGA golf rules official, certified bus driver, basketball referee, and more.

Golf roots run deep in the Vaughan family. His wife, Kim, is the girls coach at Hamilton County. His oldest son Grant scored a hole-in-one, middle child Landon played on golf scholarship at John A. Logan and Rend Lake College, and daughter Kylee is a senior on the SIU-Carbondale golf team.

But this column is not about Barry's talents. It's about two things he told me during a recent talk.

His team had just completed the regional at Effingham, and one of his season-long, top golfers didn't have his best day on the course and was feeling pretty low. That's one of the things Barry talked to him about. I'll get to that, but first I want to talk about something worth learning and practicing.

Golf is a game of etiquette. There are certain

rules players are expected to follow, with honesty being the number one rule. After all, in most matches players keep their own scores.

I play golf. I play in a lot of scrambles where cheating comes easy and dishonesty is sometimes rampant.



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However, on Tuesdays, I play in a senior scramble, and can honestly say, in the years I've played, I have yet to hear anyone even mention cheating.

In talking together, Barry said he was reminded of a time when son Grant was playing in a tournament where scorekeepers followed each group. On one hole, the scorekeeper told Grant he had scored a four. Grant said, "No, it was a five." Still, the scorekeeper maintained a four. Grant told him again that it was a five, and that's what the scorekeeper recorded.

After the match, the scorekeeper told Barry what his son had done. He

contended that Barry's son could have very easily taken the better score, possibly enabling a better score for his team. Instead, he was honest.

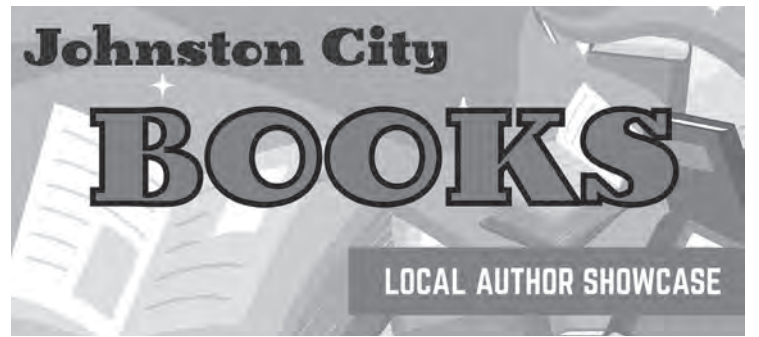
A proud father told his son, "You will not remember what your score was 20 years from now, but we both will remember the correct decision you made as a person."

Now back to the first situation.

Golf is not like most sports. In softball, baseball, football, basketball, volleyball and other sports, players' mistakes can take them out of the game. In golf, players on the course are not only competing against others, but also competing against themselves. If a shot goes out of bounds, or in the water, or a player misses an easy putt, the coach can't take this person out. Individuals have to buckle up and keep playing.

That's what Barry told his golfer: "You had a great season; you had a lot of good days on the course. On this day, it didn't work to your favor. But you are going to have these days—in golf and in life."

Maybe we all could learn from this.



"Graveyard Granny" publishes 450-page guide to Lakeview Cemetery

BY TIM HASTINGS

Folks with ties to Johnston City owe a tip of the hat to Helen Lind, an 85-year-old city resident who spent more than seven years

Lind published her Lakeview Cemetery findings in a 450-page, comb-bound catalog now kept at the Johnston City Public Library.

Lind said of her cemetery catalogs, "It really



Johnston City resident Helen Lind holds one of her many cemetery guides. (Tim Hastings Photo)

ing publicly available facts about individuals buried in Lakeview Cemetery. Located east of Arrowhead Lake, Lakeview is the city's largest cemetery with approximately 6,000 graves.

Lind, who has cataloged 200 graveyards, started working on Lakeview in 2003. She walked the entire cemetery three different times, recording the location of each gravestone and the information chiseled on them. "We call it 'reading [the cemetery]," she explained. "[After the first reading] I walked it again to make sure we hadn't missed anyone. We had missed a couple."

Next, she visited courthouses and libraries for additional facts about each person buried in Lakeview. Lind said of the process, "We would go to the courthouse, and we would look up death records. Those would tell us the parents' names of the deceased. Then we'd look up marriage records and we'd add that to the record." Lind also combed newspapers and funeral home records for facts about the deceased. "Then I put [the gathered facts] in the computer and then I walked it again to make sure it was correct," she added.

helps people away from here more than anybody. We have a lot of people who come through the museum in Marion who are looking for anything they can find [about an ancestor]. I've had people tell me, 'You told me something about my ancestor I didn't know.'

My grandchildren call me "Graveyard Granny," Lind mused. She traces her fascination with graves to her childhood when she visited her grandmother's grave in Missouri. "I found a grave that had the name 'Sutt' on it," she said. "That was my maiden name, and I thought, 'That's kin to me!'"

Lind serves on the board of directors of the Williamson County Historical Society Museum and Library in Marion and is editor of the society's quarterly newsletter. This organization houses all her cemetery catalogs in its library.

Lind is also a charter member of the Frankfort Area Historical Society Museum and Genealogical Library in West Frankfort. She will recount the founding of this society during its 50th anniversary celebration, November 2, 1:00 pm at the museum.



Attendees at Fall for Recovery watch the program celebrating the Center's 3rd anniversary.

JCity Center's anniversary celebration promotes recovery, fentanyl awareness

A beautiful, sunny afternoon, October 19, welcomed guests at "Fall for Recovery," celebrating the third anniversary of the opening of JCity Center for Hope and Renewal and the first community resource center of Take Action Today. The event took place in the parking lot of JCity Church, adjacent to the Center. The worship band from Ezra Church in West Frankfort provided live music to open and conclude the program. One of three speakers, Kevin Maher, husband of Rhonda (Harris) Maher, a 1981 JCHS grad, shared from the perspective of a parent who lost a son to fentanyl, one of the most dangerous drugs used illegally in the US. The Mahers are part of a nationwide organization, Lost Voices of Fentanyl. Area residents, Jamal Oxford and Zandalee Young, spoke of their experiences in recovery from addiction. Area agencies provided free recovery resources for

individuals and families. Take Action Today organized a cake walk, and JCity Church provided popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, and a free meal for the community.



Mandy Hagen, Franklin-Williamson Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC) Coordinator, one of the organizers of Fall for Recovery, addresses the audience at the event.



The worship band from Ezra Church of God in West Frankfort provides live music at the Fall for Recovery event.

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home. [I've] been able to come back often and still have friends. . . . Love the [article] on Barbara June Kee Vatovec. . . . Keep up the good work.

Bonnie Reese
Wheatfield, IN

Thank you for a well done story of me and my Seabee truck. . . . Thank you for noticing it and wanting to do the story. . . . My stint in the Seabee was very rewarding to me. I love this great land of ours.

Ray Baine
West Frankfort, IL

TELL US ABOUT YOUR

Best Christmas Ever

Next month's issue will include a section devoted to our readers' stories about their "best Christmas ever." Email your story to jcitycenter@gmail.com or scan code below. **DEADLINE: Nov. 15**



Make a Joyful Noise

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

—Psalm 100 (ESV)

BY PASTOR SHERRI CISNEROS
Johnston City First United Methodist Church
Stirtz United Methodist Church

In some Bible translations, the word "worship" is used instead of "serve" in verse 2 of Psalm 100. Why would one translation say "serve" and another use the word "worship"? They aren't synonymous. Or are they? The original Hebrew word used in Psalm 100:2 is *abad*. And the meaning of *abad* is to do, to work, to dress, to keep, to make, to work in any sense, or to do service.

Then verse one became clearer to me: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord." The noise of my coffee maker in the morning. The noise of a tractor harvesting seasonal grain. The noise of grandma's pumpkin pie bubbling in the oven. The noise of autumn leaves crunching beneath my feet on a dusk walk. The noise of a bonfire crackling in sync with a guitar and warm voices. The noise of laughter and silverware clanking on plates at Thanksgiving dinner.

Every noise—in everything we do in our homes and places of work, in our

neighborhoods, and in our playgrounds, we live out the worship of God—the service of God—by giving thanks anywhere and everywhere we can. Not everyone will serve the Lord the same way. We each have different gifts, and whatever gifts or talents that God has given us, we are to use them to praise and glorify God.

Our community just recently celebrated the life of a faithful worshiper, who served God for 80 years as the pianist and organist of our church. Shirley Kendrick blessed many people over the years with her special talent, a talent that will carry over to the next generation of piano players. We are thankful that she chose to serve the Lord with gladness.

As you listen to the sounds of autumn, think about how good the Lord is and how much God has blessed you, and give Him thanks. And when you do, make a joyful noise!

Local Masons collect 'Coins for Kids'

Lake Creek Lodge #729 conducted a Coins for Kids bucket drive, October 26, at the corner of Broadway and Prosperity Road, with proceeds going toward selected programs that help children in Johnston City. The Masonic Lodge, chartered in 1875, is older than Johnston City itself, initially meeting in Jeffersonville, commonly known as Shakerag.

Anticipating a modest amount of donations, the overflowing generosity of local folk exceeded all expectations of the workers. The lodge will soon present two large monetary gifts to a couple of organizations currently unaware of these upcoming donations. Look for photos of these presentations, along with more information about this fundraiser, in the next issue of *Arrow News*.



Jimmy Sherrod, one of six members of the Lake Creek Lodge, who recently collected "Coins for Kids"



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JCity SPORTS NEWS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS!

Football Indians win Black Diamond, begin postseason

BY DOUG HANCOCK

It's time to make room in the JCHS trophy cabinet, as our football team overpowered every team in the Black Diamond Conference to claim this year's championship. Coach Todd Thomas used a ready supply of speedy running backs and a stingy defense to post an 8-0 record in the BDC. The Indian's only loss was to Class 4A powerhouse Dixon, a defeat that stings, but one that better prepared the squad for the upcoming postseason and gave JCHS valuable playoff points.

Payoff from those points came as our hometown heroes received the number one seed in Class 2A, hosting 16th-seed Red Bud, November 2. However, no team can be overlooked, as all players know that a loss will end the season and dash all dreams of a state championship. Expect the Indians to do what they do best, running the football and daring the opponent to try and catch our speedsters. Good luck from all of us here at the Arrow.

Winter sports ramp up

As you can see by the calendar on the right, girls basketball, both varsity and middle school, begins this month. The boys are not far behind as both varsity and middle school basketball start up in the second week. Now add coed bowling on the varsity level to keep everyone busy.



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NOVEMBER 2024 SCHOOL SPORTS CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
04 Girls Varsity Basketball 1st Day of Practice (H) TBA Girls Middle School Basketball (A) 6:00 PM Desoto Elementary School	05	06	07
11 Boys Varsity Basketball 1st Day of Practice (H) TBA Coed Varsity Wrestling 1st Day of Practice (H) TBA Girls Middle School Basketball (H) 5:30 PM Vienna Grade School Boys Middle School Basketball 8th Grade 204 Tourn. (A) 6:30 PM Multiple Opponents	12 Boys Middle School Basketball 8th Grade 204 Tourn. (A) TBA Multiple Opponents	13 Girls Middle School Basketball (H) 6:00 PM Sesser-Valier Jr./Sr High	14 Boys Middle School Basketball 204 Tourn. vs. TBD (A) TBA Multiple Opponents Coed Varsity Bowling SHU Bowling Center (Boys Only) (A) 3:30 PM Carbondale Community HS
18 Girls Varsity Basketball (Varsity Only) (A) 6:00 PM Shawnee HS (Wolf Lake)	19 Girls Middle School Basketball (A) 6:00 PM Christopher Elementary School Boys Middle School Basketball (H) 6:00 PM Unity Point Elementary School	20 Boys Middle School Basketball (A) 6:00 PM Carterville JH	21 Coed Varsity Bowling Boys Only (A) 4:00 PM Massac County High School Girls Varsity Basketball (H) 6:00 PM Elverado Girls Middle School Basketball (A) 6:00 PM Unity Point Elementary School Boys Middle School Basketball (H) 6:00 PM Christopher Elementary School
25 Boys Varsity Basketball Elverado Tournament 11/25-29th (A) TBA Multiple Opponents Girls Middle School Basketball (A) 6:00 PM Hamilton Co. JH Girls Varsity Basketball JV and Varsity (H) 6:00 PM Chester High School	26 Boys Middle School Basketball (H) 6:00 PM Gallatin County High School		

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Fall Candy POPCORN BALL
Who doesn't love popcorn balls, especially if they're loaded with your favorite fall candy? These treats are stuffed with candy corn and sprinkles, but feel free to add in more of your favorites to suit your sweet tooth!

Ingredients

- 12 cups popped popcorn about 1/2 cup unpopped kernels
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup butter 4 tablespoons / 1/2 stick
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup mini candy corn divided use
- 2 tablespoons Halloween sprinkles (optional)

Instructions

- Coat a large roasting or baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Add popcorn or use an air popper and pop popcorn directly into the pan.
- In a 2-quart saucepan, combine sugar, corn syrup, butter, and salt. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Once at a boil, continue to cook and stir for 2 minutes; mixture will be foamy.
- Remove from heat and carefully stir in vanilla and baking soda.
- Pour syrup over popcorn and stir to coat well. Let cool slightly, then mix in half of the candy corn. If using, pour sprinkles into a shallow bowl.
- Once mixture is cooled enough to handle, coat your hands with nonstick spray. Quickly shape popcorn into 3-inch balls, pressing extra candy corn onto the outside. Roll balls in sprinkles and press to adhere.
- Place finished popcorn balls on a lined baking sheet and let cool completely. Wrap individually in plastic wrap.

Serving: 1 popcorn ball, Calories: 222, Carbohydrates: 49g, Protein: 1g, Fat: 3g, Sodium: 212mg, Fiber: 1g, Sugar: 43g

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