

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 24, 2021



FREE



Christmas at the Park

Christmas lights and festival return to Johnson County Park.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read."

— Mark Twain

WHAT'S UP?

Food basket registration

People who would like a Good Cheer food basket must register at the John R. Drybread Community Center at one of the following times:

Nov. 29, 9 a.m. to noon

Nov. 30, 1-4 p.m.

Dec. 1, 4-7 p.m.

Dec. 2, 1-4 p.m.

If health related issues prevent you from registering in person, you may call 812-343-4353 during the above times for a possible phone application. No calls will be made this year if you don't register at the above times.

Good Cheer Fund

The Edinburgh Good Cheer Fund is beginning preparations for the upcoming Christmas season. Organizers need help from the community to raise funds for toys and food for friends and neighbors in need of assistance. This year's goal is \$25,000.

Donations are accepted at the John Drybread Community Center or the Edinburgh branch of Horizon Bank. Checks made out to Edinburgh Good Cheer Fund can also be mailed in care of the Edinburgh Ministerial Association, P.O. Box 83, Edinburgh IN 46124. Please make a notation on the message line of your check for either food or toys if you have a preference.

Information: Jack Gray, 812-390-5758

Food pantry

The Edinburgh Food Pantry and Edinburgh Ministerial Association has two distributions a month: the first Saturday and the third Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Odd Fellows building, 110 E. Main Cross St. Patrons are now allowed inside to go through the shelves and pick the foods they could use most, with shopping adjusted for family size.

Face masks are required inside the pantry.

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Lancers well-stocked for another successful season

By Mike Beas

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Even with everything Edinburgh accomplished last season, it's what the Lancers didn't do that remains lodged in the team's collective craw.

Coach Keith Witty's squad placed third at its holiday tournament and was runner-up in the final Mid-Hoosier Conference standings before being ousted in the semifinal of the Class A sectional at West Washington.

Prior to the start of the 2020-21 season, the objective had been to capture all three.

"The one thing we've talked about in the preseason is that we've got some unfinished business," said Witty, whose club ended with an 18-6 record, a complete reversal of its 6-18 ledger a year earlier. "We always have the goal of winning our holiday tourney, winning conference and winning sectional, and we fell short in all three of those.

"We have a big poster in our locker room talking about unfinished business, but spirits are high, and obviously they know we can succeed at a high level. You just have to perform."

Returning four of his top six players, Witty, now in his fifth season, is confident the Lancers possess the talent and motivation to accomplish big things.

Swingman Caleb Dewey, a 6-foot-3-inch junior, is entrenched in the starting lineup for a third consecutive season after averaging 14.3 points and 6.5 rebounds. The senior nucleus of 6-4 forward Travis Jones (11.3 ppg, 7.6 rpg), 6-3 guard Riley Palmeter (5.7, 4.1) and 6-5 Landen Burton (4.7, 3.2) complements Dewey's talents — and vice versa.

"I think we're just ready for the season to start, and we have a fire fueled in us and are ready to get going," Burton said. "I think just from my point of view, I think sectional was (most disappointing) because



FILE PHOTO Junior Caleb Dewey (3) returns to the Lancers' lineup after averaging 14.3 points and 6.5 rebounds last season.

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OBITUARIES

NINEVEH

Mark Harder

Mark Allen Harder, 64, passed away Friday afternoon, Nov. 12, 2021, at Columbus Regional Hospital. He was a resident of Nineveh.

Mark was born Jan. 2, 1957, in Greenfield, to his parents the late Theodore "Ted" and Dorothy A. (Clifton) Harder. He was a 1975 graduate of Brown County High School and went on to proudly serve in the United States Navy as an electrical mechanical equipment repairman.

Mark was the proud owner and operator of Harder Construction, building docks, decks and boathouses alongside his son, Ryan. Prior to starting his business, Mark painted cars in the 1980s. In his spare time, he enjoyed the outdoors by mushroom hunting, camping, deer hunting, canoeing and kayaking. Mark also enjoyed the annual family tradition of salmon fishing on the Betsie River in Michigan.

When he wasn't outside, he loved listening to rock 'n' roll and enjoyed the classics of the 70s and 80s, especially the Beatles and Rolling Stones. He enjoyed driving his convertibles and taking care of his cats, Jazzy, Inky, Cloudy and Patch. Mark loved cooking, grilling and making up new recipes, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He will be missed by his daughter, Cassie Harder of Nineveh; grandchildren, Hailey, Austin, Audrey, Kayla and Isabel; siblings, Karen Harder of Edinburgh, Linda (Jeff) Boyer of Nineveh and sister-in-law Diana Harder of Nineveh; uncles Neil Harder of Bargersville and Stanley Clifton of Washington; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Mark was recently preceded in death by his son, Ryan Harder, on Oct. 6, 2021. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Dorothy; brother Larry Harder; and brothers-in-law Joey Alexander and James "Jim" Wooton.

A celebration of their lives service for both Mark and his son Ryan was held at Meredith-Clark Funeral Home Cremation & Personalization Center in Morgantown.



HARDER

Military rights were presented by the Brown County Honor Guard and the United States Navy.

Memorial contributions may be sent in honor of Mark to the Brown County Humane Society: P.O. Box 746 Nashville, IN 47448. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.meredith-clark.com.

FRANKLIN

Sherry Neville

Sherry Neville, 51, of Franklin passed away Oct. 31, 2021, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born June 16, 1970, in Shelbyville. She was the daughter of Donald Neville and Shirley Ann (Whittington) Beechler.

She is survived by her daughters, Leslie Nicole Moss of Trafalgar and Chelsea Dawn Moss of Franklin; son, Christopher Ray Robinson of Franklin; grandchildren, Avea, Kinlee, Kingston and Kayson; brothers, Donnie (Sharon) Neville of Spencer, Ronald David (Audrey) Neville of Edinburgh, William Joe Neville of Franklin, Randall Lee Neville of Franklin and Rodney Neville of Whiteland; sisters, Jenny Neville of Rockville, Sheila (Tony) Foster of St. Paul, Sandra Neville of Columbus, Donna Neville of Louisville, Kentucky and Holly Neville of Louisville, Kentucky; and boyfriend, Richard Heid of Franklin, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Helen Marie "Sally" Sidebottom; son-in-law, Tyler Ferry; nephews, John Hagan, Darren Morgan and Mikey Neville; and niece, Melissa Neville.

Sherry was a member of Edinburgh Full Gospel Church in Edinburgh. She loved being a mother to all, loved animals, especially cats, gambling, listening to music and helping and caring for others. She still continues helping others by being an organ donor.

A funeral service was conducted by Pastor Douglas Smith at Edinburgh Full Gospel Church.

Arrangements were made by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh.



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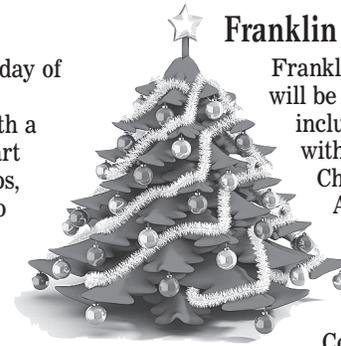
CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Holiday of Lights

Edinburgh's annual Holiday of Lights is set for Dec. 11.

The evening kicks off with a parade at 5:30 p.m. Golf cart owners, organizations, clubs, businesses and anyone who wants to join Santa and Mrs. Claus as they lead the parade is invited to participate. The route begins at East Side Elementary and ends downtown. Register at Edinburgh Parks and Recreation office.

After the parade, festival events include horse-drawn carriage rides, carolers, photos with Santa, Holiday Market (5-9 p.m.), Christmas show at the Pixy and downtown shopping. Carriage rides are \$25 and must be reserved in advance at the Parks & Recreation office, 722 S. Eisenhower Drive. Info: 812-526-3535



Franklin Holiday Lighting

Franklin annual Christmas festival will be Dec. 4. The all-day event includes a live nativity, visits with Santa, story time, "A Christmas Story" at the Artcraft, Winter Market, holiday crafts, games and stories for kids, a parade at 5:30 p.m. and the lighting of the Johnson County Courthouse at 7 p.m.

Christmas fireworks

QMIX 107.3's Christmas Music Fireworks will begin at about 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 at CERAland Park in Columbus.

Columbus Festival of Lights

The 30th annual Festival of Lights Parade will take place on Dec. 4, starting at 6 p.m. in downtown Columbus, along Washington and other nearby streets.

COMMUNITY CHATTER

Free meals at library

Two Shirts Kitchen, sponsored by Edinburgh Church of the Nazarene, is an opportunity to enjoy a warm meal at no cost. All are welcome regardless of income. The monthly meals are served 6-7:30 p.m. in the community room at Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library. Next date is Dec. 30.

Meals are carryout only at this time. Go to the back door by the community room.

Nineveh Senior Center

The Nineveh Senior Center, 3208 Rodeo Drive, Johnson County Park (next to horse park), for people 50 and older.

Dec. 10: Pitch-in luncheon and members meeting, noon-1:30 p.m. Bring a gift of no more than \$10 if you wish to participate. If you are woman bring a gift for a woman and if you are a man bring a gift for a man. Blood pressure checks done by Franklin Meadows.

GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: Wayne Renner opens Renner's Appliance and Service Shop, featuring Motorola and Sunbeam products, at 209 E. Main Cross in Edinburgh.

60 years ago: Majorie Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Randolph, has been chosen for this year's Edinburg DAR Good Citizenship Award.

50 years ago: The Edinburg Eastern Star announces they have initiated new members Mrs. Ermal Garrison, Mrs. William Riche, Janice Brand and Brenda Stolz.

New members are welcome. Membership is \$15 per year. Call Janet Wolfe, 812-376-3671, to join.

The Edinburgh Pixy Theatre

111 S. Walnut St. Unless noted, shows are at 7 p.m. and admission is \$10. Information/purchase tickets: 812-526-6513, www.TheEdinburghPixy.com or advance tickets for some shows at www.brownpapertickets.com

Dec. 10: Jim Hayden & The Country Playboys (traditional country)

Dec. 11: Night Owl and Friends Christmas show, with Avery Tallent and Breanna Faith, emcees Ed Boston and Joshua Parker. Santa in the lobby at 6 p.m. for the kids. \$10

Dec. 17: Sugar Lime Blue (blues, country, rock)

Dec. 18: Ted Yoder Band Holiday Special \$20-25 advance, \$30 at door, Q&A with band at 5:30 p.m. (hammered dulcimer, marimba, percussion)

40 years ago: Tony Camp is named most valuable player for the Edinburgh varsity football team and Pete Knue is named as the most valuable lineman.

30 years ago: Jim and Barbara Pucket announce they have opened All Seasons Self Storage and U-Haul dealership on County Line Road in Edinburgh.

10 years ago: Edinburgh Community High School junior Jennifer Stinson is named to the Daily Journal's All-Johnson County Volleyball first team.

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Girls basketball season continues with many wins, some losses

The Lancer girls' varsity picked up a convincing win on the road and the middle school boys teams, along with the fifth and sixth grade girls teams, also notched victories in the period.

The Nov. 15 schedule had the middle school boys playing Seymour's B teams at home. In the seventh grade game the Lancers defeated the Owls, 38-11 to bump their record to 2-0. Xavier Suns scored 11, Jaylan Burton eight, Matthew Burton eight, Caiden Miller five, including a sweet three pointer at the final buzzer, Cayper Ison four, and Braden Cox two. The eighth grade met a tad more resistance but were still able to come out on the winning side, 35-24. Bailey Totten led all scorers with 18 points, Jacobi Deem put in eight, Samson Parkhurst five, Kaiden Ramsey two and Cayper Ison two. This win moved them to 1-1.

On that same evening, the fifth and sixth grade girls played at Indian Creek. Playing the Braves sixth grade B team, the fifth graders fell, 18-2, with Reese Smith hitting the lone bucket for the Lancers. In the sixth grade contest, the girls also fell to the Braves, losing 27-10. Faith Smith led the Edinburgh scoring with five points, Shyla Watt and Chloe Hancock each added two and Gracelyn Adcock had one. The losses dropped the fifth grade to 5-2 and the sixth grade to 6-2.

It proved to be a tough night for the Lancer varsity girls on Nov. 16 as they faced Center Grove in the opening round of the Johnson County Tournament at Center Grove. Their record fell to 2-3 as they were eliminated from the tourney, 78-16. Bethany Burton scored four, Alyssa Funkhouser and Gracie Crawhorn each scored three, and Callie Hancock, Gracie Myers and Cloee Britton put in two apiece.

The fifth and sixth grade girls playing at Custer Baker in Franklin on Nov. 16. The fifth graders once again played the sixth grade B team and fell, 24-2, with Xayla



Brian Ingels

Lancer Notebook

Watt having the only two points to fall to 5-3 on the year. The Lancer sixth graders also took it on the chin as they lost to Custer Baker, 36-14, to drop to 6-3. Faith Smith had the hot hand putting in 12 points and Chloe Hancock add the other two.

Trekking to Crothersville on Nov. 17, the varsity girls were able to get well in a hurry by defeating the Tigers, 51-33, to climb to 3-3 on the season. Helping to propel the good guys to the win was a well-played 20 point explosion in the game's second period. Callie Hancock was Edinburgh top scorer in this one with 19 points, Bethany Burton had 10, Gracie Crawhorn nine, Kyah Streeval eight, Alyssa Funkhouser three and Cloee Britton two.

Playing on the road to North Decatur on Thursday evening, both middle school boys teams dropped their games to the Chargers. The seventh graders fell, 40-28, with Cayper Ison leading the Edinburgh scoring with 10, Xavier Suns had eight, Ayden Swallows five, Jaylan Burton two, Matthew Burton two, and Caiden Miller one. The eighth grade fared the same fate as they lost to North Decatur, 59-32. Bailey Totten was the Lancers' high scorer with 17, Jacobi Deem put in seven, Kaiden Ramsey six and Braylon Lenkner two.

Edinburgh's fifth and sixth grade girls bounced back on Thursday evening as they both recorded wins over Hope on the home hardwood. The fifth grade kicked off the evening with a nice 32-12 win with Lilly Bruno pouring in 20 points to go along with Lucy Buck's six, Averie Long two, Addy Johnson two and London Weddle two. The

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TOURNEY CHAMPS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The sixth grade girls basketball team defeated Hope and Southwestern to win the championship at their Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 13.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Athlete of the week

Sixth grader Faith Smith was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. Faith helped the sixth grade girls basketball team win their tournament. Over the past four games, she has averaged eight points per game.



SMITH

HSE grad

Darry Fox earned his HSE (GED) diploma. Free classes are held Monday and Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. at Edinburgh Community High School. Call 317-392-2197 to register.



FOX

Students of the month

The Edinburgh school board recognized November students of the month: Kyah Streeval, 10th grade; Shyla Watt, sixth grade; Jorge Barahona, second grade

Pajama drive

Edinburgh Community Middle School is participating in the 12th Annual Scholastic Pajama Drive. Pajamas must be collected by Dec. 3 in Mrs. O'Brien's classroom.

Pajamas in all sizes, for all ages and for all seasons are accepted. They must be brand new and a complete set — top and bottom or a onesie.

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BY AMY MAY | DAILY JOURNAL

What better way to get in the festive mood than a visit to the Grinch's Cave? Or decorating Christmas cookies? Or a slow cruise through thousands of twinkling, colorful holiday lights?

Christmas at the Park will once again create a oasis of holiday cheer at Johnson County Park near Nineveh.

Owner Ben Voils, a Brown County resident, has been creating and managing the attraction for three years in Johnson County. He started it in Beanblossom, but moved north after one year.

"We outgrew the facility after the first year," he said. "Johnson County is a way better place to do business."

He estimates 25,000 people visited Christmas at the Park last year, double from the previous year. People visited from all over. The pandemic may have affected attendance, he said, as people were looking for things to do to get out of the house. But he is hoping the momentum will hold.

The attraction has two parts: First, guests drive through an array of holiday lights and displays. Voils said new technology in lighting has allowed him to create elaborate and breathtaking displays. As

you're driving through the light show, don't be surprised if Santa Clause or the Grinch comes up to your car window to say hello.

"The biggest thing that sets us apart from other drive-in light shows is we also have live characters," Voils said.

After the drive-thru portion, people are invited to get out of the car and enjoy a second attraction, which will have a holiday festival-like atmosphere. Voils said he has expanded the second act to include the popular Grinch's Cave and photos with Santa from last year, as well as a "Nightmare Before Christmas" themed attraction, cookie decorating, food vendors, train rides and more.

"We're trying to grow the festival aspect of it, so it's not just a light show. Expect to spend the whole evening," Voils said.

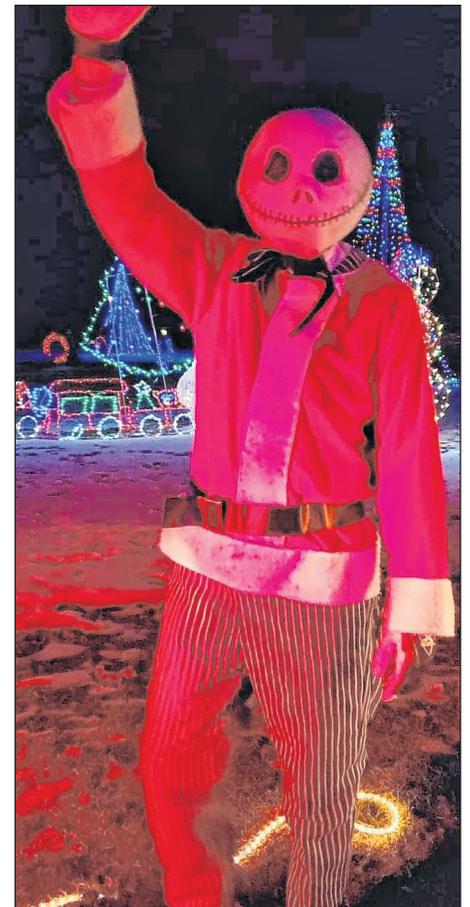
COVID restrictions last year kept people in their cars, allowing one family group out at a time to view the Cave and get a Santa photo. Voils said this year, he will continue to follow whatever CDC guidelines are in place for outdoor events.

Next year, Voils is also planning a Halloween festival, which will include an interactive car ride, light show, Halloween characters and candy. He said Halloween seems to have morphed into more of a young adult holiday. Most of today's attractions have terrifying imagery, partial nudity and gore, making them inappropriate for kids. He wants to bring a family-friendly event that will be fun and not too scary for little kids.

"I did a Halloween attraction for 10 years, but I always wanted to do an event for Christmas," Voils said.



Above: The Grinch re-enacts a movie scene at last year's Christmas at the Park. **Right:** A character from "The Nightmare Before Christmas" waves at cars during the light show. Submitted photos.



If you go

What: Christmas at the Park

Where: Johnson County Park, 2949 North St., Nineveh.

Cost: \$30 per car, which includes the drive-in light show and the festival.

Hours: 6-9 p.m. Nov. 26, 27, 28 and Dec. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26.

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WARRIORS ON THE MARCH



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Participants in the 3rd annual Warrior 110 Ruck March walk along County Road 252 and U.S. 31 in Edinburgh on Nov. 13 in the final stage of the 110-mile march that began on the Banks of the Ohio River and finished in Franklin. The Warrior 110 program raises awareness and funds for veterans suffering from physical and emotional ailments such as post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, suicide and traumatic brain injury.





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Edinburgh schools looks at possible referendum

By Andy Bell-Baltaci
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

For years, the student population at Edinburgh schools has been shrinking, and the district has been struggling to make ends meet with the money it gets from property taxes and the state of Indiana.

Now, Edinburgh schools is considering a property tax hike in the form of a referendum that would fund additional programming, raises for teachers and school buses.

Programming improvements would include pursuing certification in science, technology, engineering and math — or STEM — at Edinburgh Community High School and Edinburgh Community Middle School, to join East Side Elementary School, which is already STEM certified. The district would also hire a teacher for English language learners, said Ronald Ross, superintendent.

If approved by voters, it would raise property taxes in Blue River and German townships by 40 cents for every \$100 of assessed value for eight years, which would raise about \$720,000 a year. The owner of a \$100,000 home would pay \$10.22 more a year, and the owner of a \$200,000 home would pay \$32.58 more a year, according to district documents put together by Baker Tilly U.S. LLP, a Chicago-based public accounting and consulting firm.

For the referendum question to make its way onto ballots in May, the school board and Johnson County and Bartholomew

County election boards would have to approve it. The referendum question will likely go before the school board in December or January, Ross said.

The starting teacher salary at Edinburgh schools is \$40,000 a year, thousands of dollars less than the base salary for full-time teachers at Center Grove, Clark-Pleasant, Franklin and Greenwood schools. At Greenwood schools, for example, starting teachers make \$47,258. Greenwood schools' budget is \$47.6 million, more than five times higher than Edinburgh schools' \$9.1 million budget, according to Indiana Gateway, a state budget reporting website.

A target salary for teachers at Edinburgh schools has not been established yet, Ross said.

"It is becoming increasingly hard for the district to retain and attract qualified (teachers) and staff members," he said. "Neighboring districts are able to pay their employees significantly higher wages than (Edinburgh schools) is able to pay. We want to increase staff salaries to retain our staff and be competitive with neighboring school districts."

While student populations at other local districts are increasing, the student population at Edinburgh schools has decreased to 814 from 904 students during the 2015-16 school year, Ross said.

Public school districts also get money from property taxes, and relatively low property values, along with the circuit breaker tax caps which limit how much homeowners pay in property taxes, have slimmed Edinburgh's funding. Edinburgh

schools misses out on \$269,000 to \$356,000 a year due to circuit breaker tax caps, he said.

Without the referendum, the district will continue to hemorrhage money and people won't want to move to Edinburgh, which would exacerbate the problem, Ross said.

Property values in Edinburgh are much lower than other Johnson County communities. The average property value in the district from 2015 to 2019 was about \$96,800, according to Baker Tilly.

Comparatively, the average property value in Franklin is about \$222,000, according to Zillow, an online real estate marketplace.

Without the referendum, Edinburgh schools will continue to lag behind nearby school districts in terms of resources and teacher pay, and school officials may have to cut staff and consolidate with another school district, Ross said.

"If the referendum does not pass, (Edinburgh schools) will be unable to increase staff salaries, it will become increasingly more difficult to retain and attract qualified staff members, (Edinburgh schools) will lack the resources necessary to increase student achievement, student enrollment will continue to decline, deficit spending will continue and major program and staff cuts will be necessary," he said.

"This will exacerbate the other issues and within five to six years, (Edinburgh schools) will be forced to consolidate and lose its independence. In addition, this will greatly decrease the likelihood of residential development in our community."

Lancers

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we thought we could win it, and we didn't have the right outcome.

"I think we all have higher expectations this year."

Junior Jarrett Turner saw action in 10 varsity contests last season and is expected to take over point guard duties, though he will not be the only player from the 2020-21 junior varsity team expected to make an impact. Travis Vidal, a 6-foot senior, along with junior Braylon Bryant and 5-11 sophomore Austin Brockman, make the Lancers eight deep at minimum.

As the season progresses and younger talent improves, Witty's options could be even more.

"Caleb took a big step this summer. And obviously, Landen goes from being (a reserve) to being a starter. We need him to continue to step up," Witty said. "Riley is that solid glue guy for us who had a big year in football and expects to succeed on the basketball court, too."

"Travis is our most experienced returner. He is going to be expected to be our voice on the court and take on more of a scoring role. As much as we need him in the post, he will play some on the perimeter as he has worked on extending his game along with his ball-handling."

The Lancers opened their regular season at Southwestern on Wednesday.

Scouting The Lancers

Coach: Keith Witty

Last year: 18-6, lost to Trinity Lutheran in Class A sectional semifinal

Key returnees: Landen Burton, Travis Jones and Riley Palmeter, seniors; Caleb Dewey, junior

Top newcomers: Nick Detling, Trevor Moon and Travis Vidal, seniors; Braylon Bryant, Keegan Smith and Jarrett Turner, juniors; Austin Brockman, sophomore; Connor Ramey, freshman

Outlook: The potential for success is most definitely there considering Dewey, Burton, Jones and Palmeter combined for 58 percent of the Lancers' scoring a year ago. Moreover, Edinburgh will enjoy home-court advantage come sectional as it attempts to qualify for regional for the first time since 2018 and the seventh time in program history. Even-numbered years have been kind to the Lancers, as they've cut down nets inside their own facility in 2010, 2012 and 2018.

The Lancers' junior varsity finished 15-4 last winter; many of its key contributors are expected to provide depth to varsity this season.

"Obviously, our (younger kids) had success on JV last year, so sometimes when you bring a kid from the JV, he brings a lot of grit with him because JV teams don't get a whole lot of press anyway," Witty said. "But to win at the level that they did, they understand we have four guys who return from last year, and they can do their own positive things on the court."

Community invited to drive-thru Thanksgiving banquet

More than 1,500 local residents will be served turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans and other traditional fixings for free this Thanksgiving Day.

But instead of sitting down together, they'll share in what has become a Johnson County tradition without getting out of their cars.

The Johnson County Thanksgiving Banquet — which has been providing free meals for the community since 2008 — is back as a drive-through event this year. Participants can come to the Johnson County fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday to pick up a Thanksgiving meal, assembled by an army of volunteers and brought car side.

Though organizers hoped to be able to

once again gather for the banquet, the fact that they are still able to provide a meal to those who need it is the most important thing, said George Dodd, a member of the board of Johnson County Banquets, which puts on the event.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced organizers to transition to a drive-through event in 2020. People were able to drive into the Johnson County fairgrounds and be given the meals to eat at home.

Planners had hoped that with increased vaccinations and hopefully lower COVID numbers, they'd be able to have the banquet in person again in 2021. But as they were finalizing plans, the virus was still spreading through the community, and they opted to be cautious, Dodd said.

Notebook

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sixth graders almost pitched a shutout as they obliterated the young Jets, 38-2. Faith Smith once again led her team in scoring with 16, Elliot Smith had six, Chloe Hancock six, Kaydra Peters four, Gracelyn Adcock four, and Ruby Smith two.

On tap

Saturday

Boys JV & varsity basketball at Indian Creek, 6 p.m.

Monday

Boys MS basketball, at home vs. Waldron, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Girls JV & varsity basketball at Oldenburg, 6 p.m.

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