

Cougars roll over Gophers

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Clinton Prairie was Carroll's fifth victim of this football season as the Cougars put the victory away early. The Gophers suffered a crushing 59-6 defeat at the hands of the Cougars.

CP came into the game 3-2 on the year; they are a very young team, with only 6 seniors for leadership.

The Gophers were the first to score after the Cougars fumbled on their first possession. A Gopher defender picked up the ball and ran 44 yards for the visitors' first and only score of the game 6-0 CP (8:18, 1st).

The rest of the game the Cougar D shut the Gophers out of the end zone. There was a lot of hard hitting in the trenches with Carroll's defensive line putting the hurt on the Gophers.

Cody Kelly returned the kickoff to the 36-yard line where the Cougars went to work. Ben Bennington had

a big run to the 15-yard line (a 49-yard return) and he was just warming up. The Cougars took the ball to the one-yard line as Riley Eller called his number and punched it in from the 1-yard line. Skylar Bagwell's PAT kick was good and the Cougars were on the scoreboard. 6-6 tie (6:39-1).

At 2:04 (1) the Cougars found the end zone again when Bagwell crossed the plain and kicked the PAT for a 14-6 CHS lead.

The Cougars were in overdrive for the homecoming crowd, moving the ball with ease. The offensive line made openings for the Cougar backs, and Bennington scored on a 3-yard run at 9:20 (2). The PAT kick was good, 21-6 CHS.

At 4:16 (2) Thomas Gilliam punched it in the end zone and Bagwell's PAT kick was good, 28-6 CHS.

Just before half time Eller hit Kelly for a 61-yard TD pass. Bagwell was on the mark again with his PAT,

35-6 CHS. Bennington put another 6 points on the board after he intercepted a Gopher pass and ran it back

for a 40-yard return. It was time to put in Carroll's second stringers.

In the final quarter the Cougars put 18 more points on the board. Brandon Williamson scored on a 3-yard run, Adam Foster scored on a 9-yard run, and Brady Noonkester scored on a 4-yard run. All 3 TD runs sealed the deal for an all out dominating performance. The kids gave 110% on the field.

Bennington finished as offensive leader. He had 155 yards rushing on 17 carries, and had over 200 total yards including passing yardage from Eller.

Eller was 3 of 9 for 112 yards passing with no interceptions. The Cougars are now 5-1 on the year (2-1 in conference).

Give the frontline a big hand, as they played hard on both sides of the ball.

Again Bennington, Bush, Spesard, Gilliam, Pine and others did a great job.

The Cougars will be at home again next week fac-

ing the Clinton Central Bulldogs who come in with a 3-3 record. The Bulldogs have a new head coach. They are still a physical, hard-hitting team.



Carroll king and queen
Chase Meade and Lindsay Brewer were crowned king and queen at the Carroll homecoming game Friday night. Photo provided

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Oracles blanked by Blackhawks

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The Delphi Oracle football squad traveled to Sheridan Friday night for a conference matchup with the state's No. 1 Class A team and three-time Class A defending State Champions. The Blackhawks quickly had the game under their control, winning 50-0.

Karson Bender returned the game's opening kick to the 39 yard line but the Oracles went 4 and out and were forced to punt. Perkins of Sheridan took the pitch on the first play from scrimmage and sprinted 68 yards for an early 7-0 lead.

On the game's second drive, the Oracles moved the ball well, picking up a pair of first downs on an 11-yard strike from Dustin Salyer to Bender and a 10-yard pass from Salyer to Shane Hyman. On 4th down at the Sheridan 40, another 8-yard comple-

tion to Hyman but short of the 1st and the Oracles were forced to surrender possession.

Sheridan proceeded to ground out another score on 8 consecutive rushes and led 13-0. Another 4 and out saw the Oracles returning the ball and again Perkins scampered 49 yards on Sheridan's first play. The Blackhawks led

for a 47-0 lead. The teams traded possessions and the quarter closed with again, Zachary booting a 43-yard field goal for a 50-0 margin.

The Oracles moved the ball to open the fourth quarter and were able to again pick up first downs on a reverse by Bender and a pair of strong rushes by Salyer and Tanner

Lynde. The drive stalled as a fourth down pass by Salyer was batted down.

After 2 plays, Sheridan fumbled and the Oracles were back in business on the Blackhawk 36. Matt Brown entered at quarterback and the Oracles gained 13 yards on a double reverse to Bender, down to the Sheridan 23. There though, the drive stalled and Sheridan ran remaining time from the clock.

Delphi hosts the Rensselaer Bombers for Senior Night this Friday in the season's final home game.

The 1948 Delphi Oracle football team and cheerleaders will be recognized Friday night at Berto Field during the Delphi-Rensselaer game. Those attending are asked to gather at 7:30 p.m. for recognition at 8 p.m.

20-0 as the initial quarter closed.

During the second quarter, the Oracles were unable to move the sticks while Sheridan posted another 20 points highlighted by a 77-yard run and a 20-yard interception return by Sheridan's Nick Zachary. Sheridan led 40-0 at the break.

Zachary returned the second half kickoff to the 33 and then scored on the next play

SFLECC hosts Tippecanoe River Watershed Environmental meeting

Comet staff report

Fourteen state and local environmental organizations came together Sept. 17 in Monticello to catalog their concerns and discuss collaboration on ways to conserve, manage, enhance and protect the Tippecanoe River Watershed. The watershed covers 14 Indiana counties and includes tributary streams, and Lakes Shafer and Freeman. The river has been ranked in the top ten rivers in North America for bio-diversity.

The Shafer and Freeman Lakes Environmental Con-

servation Corporation (SFLECC) hosted the day-long meeting which was facilitated by Linda Schmidt, of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

John Shellcrosslee, chair of the SFLECC Watershed Committee and one of the meetings' organizers, said that the reason SFLECC wanted to meet with these other regional and state organizations was "to proceed with far reaching and carefully focused strategies with interested regional and state organizations; and to explore cooperation with them to effectively network various projects, partner in data sharing, and open up more funding sources."

The 25 attendees reviewed a pre-meeting IDEM survey regarding the major concerns of each organization as to the watershed's water quality and each participating organization's current focus related to water quality improvement. Topping the list of concerns were sediment issues, nutrients (phosphates and nitrates), e-coli, and the enhancement of wildlife habitat.

Following further discussion the group added to the list of concerns: storm water overflows from city sewers, impacts on water quality from confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs), and sources of funding for water quality improvement projects.

Chad Watts of The Nature Conservancy spoke regarding the "Two-Stage" concept for agricultural ditch design as a way to reduce chemical, e-coli, and sediment runoff into the watershed. Bob Robertson, regional biologist for the DNR, also commented on the state of the river and lakes as fisheries.

The consensus of those present was that there are

common goals among the participating organizations to protect and enhance the watershed, and better water quality.

It was recognized that there are no "quick fixes" to the problems facing the watershed. It may take decades to make a dent and to accomplish the end goals.

The idea of the establishment of one large project encompassing the efforts of all the organizations, and a permanent umbrella organization was rejected in favor of smaller joint collaborations and links where there were areas of common interest in a problem or concern. The sharing of each other's expertise and data as resources for developing individual projects was also emphasized. Eventually individual organizations could join together to seek federal, state and private grants.

Phyllis McGurk of the Tippecanoe River Watershed Alliance in Rochester accepted responsibility for developing data contributions into a central database that all the organizations could access.

"I thought we took great strides in beginning a combined effort by all entities in attendance to enhance the Tippecanoe Watershed and our Twin Lakes area," said Daryl Johns, executive director of SFLECC. "Of special interest is the possibilities the 2-Stage ditch concept offers in enhancing water quality and sediment loading. The SFLECC hopes that through education, and a model project in White County, that we can encourage our local drainage boards to start considering them as a best management practice."

The Tippecanoe River Watershed Alliance will host the next meeting to be held in April in Rochester.

Close contest



Delphi's #1 Abby Cunningham returns a serve while #14 Brittany Nelson looks for a rebound in last week's volleyball match-up with North White. The Oracles won the contest in five games, 19-25, 26-24, 22-25, 25-9 and 15-2. Bill Stauffer photo

Transfer Fair emphasizes four-year degree opportunities

Comet staff report

Ivy Tech Community College, Lafayette, will host its 7th Annual College Transfer Fair on Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Ivy Hall, 3101 South Creasy Lane.

The College Transfer Fair

was established to advise students on how their educational experience at Ivy Tech Community College could easily be continued to a four-year degree program.

Scheduled to attend this year's College Transfer Fair

are more than 20 regional colleges that accept Ivy Tech credits.

The College Transfer Fair is open to students, alumni, and the community. High school students and parents are also encouraged to attend.

Fall Festival royalty



Sixteen-year-old Hannah Brewster (seated) was crowned Burlington Fall Festival Queen. She is the daughter of Tundra and Troy Brewster. Members of her court include (standing, l-r): Brittany Rondra, 16, 1st runner-up; Brandi Flora, 17, 2nd runner-up and Miss Photogenic; Alix Parrett, 16, 3rd runner-up; and Heidi Thomas, 16, Miss Congeniality. The queen and her court reigned over activities at the recent Fall Festival. Photo provided

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