



Hamilton County Reporter

Cold keeps county in deep freeze

By **RICHIE HALL**

If the Sunday weather words of the day were "tons of snow," then Monday's words were "very cold."

You can substitute other words such as "bitterly," "outrageous," "ridiculous" - one TV weatherman used the word "barbaric." Temperatures began plunging once Sunday night's snowfall stopped.

By early Monday morning, Carmel High School's Weatherbug site had dropped below zero degrees, on its way to a low of -13. Temperatures hovered around -10 for most of the day, with wind chill values routinely in the -30's. Hamilton County remains under a Wind Chill Warning through 7 p.m. Tuesday, with chills expected to be anywhere from -25 to -40.

The good news - or at least a silver lining - is that Tuesday's forecast isn't supposed to be as dire as was originally thought. The National Weather Service said that the Indianapolis area will see a high of 6 above today, and only drop to 5 above for the low, with temps forecast to rise starting at midnight. Yes, that's still cold, but at least it's above 0.

The dangerous cold slowed or stopped any efforts to dig out of Sunday's big snow-storm. Hamilton County remained under a Travel Warning all day, meaning travel was restricted to emergency vehicles only. Some of those restrictions had loosened, though, as areas south of State Road 32 were moved to a Travel Watch, which permits essential travel (to and from work, for example) but discourages non-essential travel. The town of Cicero downgraded its Travel Warning to a Watch, while Carmel kept its level at Watch during Sunday and Monday.

All six of the county's public school districts (Sheridan, Hamilton Heights, Westfield, Noblesville, Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern) will be closed on Tuesday. Guerin Catholic and University high schools are also closed, along with the county's four Catholic grade schools (Our Lady of Grace, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Maria Goretti, St. Louis de Monfort).

Noblesville's government offices are also shuttered today, along with the City Court. All individuals who were scheduled for a hearing will need to contact the court staff at (317) 776-6344, extension 0, any time after 8 a.m. on Wednesday to inquire about their new court date and/or to request a payment extension.

The Hamilton County government offices are also closed again today. This includes county courts, offices, buildings, and parks. Essential public safety employees will remain active and on duty.

Carmel City Hall will be open, but in limited operations mode with only essential personnel working, alongside any others that can safely make it into the office.



Photo by **Betty DeMichieli**

Sunday's snow storm resulted in roadways that were treacherous to drive. Hamilton County remained under a Travel Warning on Monday, as dangerously cold temperatures combined with the snow to create bad conditions. Pictured is State Road 37 just north of Noblesville.

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Hats off to Sheridan It's been a weekend of firsts for the Reporter

By **JEFF JELLISON**

Last Friday Sheridan Police Chief Bob Shock and Fire Chief Bret Merriman announced to Sheridan and Adams Township residents that in the event of a power outage during the cold temperatures Sheridan's town hall and fire department would be available as a shelter.

Shock and Merriman's announcement was made while temperature were still in the 30's and snow had not yet started falling.

The proactive announcement by these two public officials was the first to be made by any public safety agency in the county. Shortly after the Hamilton County Reporter published Sheridan's announcement in our daily online/email edition Adams Township residents began spreading the word.

On the same day Hamilton County officials announced the County has plans if shelters should become needed during this weekend's weather event or in any emergency. County officials stated in their announcement shelters were not currently open, and that County shelters would most likely only be opened if a widespread extended utility outage would occur. The County did not identify the location of any possible shelter until Sunday.

Sunday a shelter was needed in southern Hamilton County. Several hundred southern Hamilton County residents were without power. A power outage in the Carmel area forced the Red Cross to set up a shelter at Carmel High School.

Monday evening it was announced nearly 6,000 Hamilton County residents were without power. Many of those were in the Fishers area, and those folks were being directed to Carmel High School if they were in need of shelter.

Hats off to Chief Shock, Chief Merriman and the Town of Sheridan for being there for the Sheridan community well in advance of a potential need.

By **DON JELLISON**
Reporter Editor

Amazing!
I've been around the block a few times in my life.
I've been there done that, some good and some not so good.
But, I've never seen the newspaper "firsts" or the excitement from those of you who read newspapers than what I've seen in what The Reporter has done in less than a week.

*Adding to our weekly print edition of a newspaper which covers northern Hamilton County, last week we started an e-mail edition, covering all of Hamilton County.

Covering Hamilton County is not easy. I recall a few years ago sitting in on an interview at a newspaper in which I worked. The man being interviewed was a well-established editor from the Richmond area. I asked him what was his plan covering Hamilton County. "No problem, he answered. "I've been covering Richmond, and that's a large area." I suggested to him that covering Hamilton County is about like

covering four or five Richmonds. He lasted with us less than a year.

What I'm saying to you is that this challenge we've accepted is not easy. We are excited.

*Next, when the snow hit, we quickly finished our weekly print edition and e-mailed it to all the subscribers and to hundreds on our e-mail list. Since, we've mailed out the weekly, a little late.

The edition still centered on northern Hamilton County, but much of the section also focused on the storm hitting all of Hamilton County.

*Now, today (remember we don't publish a daily on Tuesday), we're doing a special edition, getting all of you informed as to the snow and the record low temperatures.

We've taken the next step in being a responsible member of the Hamilton County community. While others throughout this period of time struggled to even distribute their newspapers, we were in your computer this morning before you even had your morning coffee.

Bill Nevitt, the former Noblesville High athletic director, football coach, teacher and long-time friend, got me out of bed this morning to tell me he was warm and safe at his home and reading The Reporter.

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WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Turn to Page 2 for tips on how to keep safe while driving in severe winter weather.



Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Everyone – humans to squirrels – has been affected by the Sunday snowstorm and Monday’s cold temperatures.

COLD

Power outages across Hamilton County had been decreasing during the day, but spiked in the early evening hours when areas of Fishers lost electricity. At one point, over 6000 people in the county were without power, although it was steadily being restored during the evening hours. Carmel High School was still open as a shelter for those who were without power. After the Fishers outage, an additional Red Cross shelter was established at Fall Creek Intermediate School in Fishers. For the most part, motorists were listening to the warnings and staying off the roads, resulting in few accidents. Sheridan Police Chief Bob Shock said that there was only one property damage accident on Sunday, with no power outages in the town, although he had heard of some outages in the Ekin area (296th Street and Horton Road). The Arctic air that's put a deep freeze on the area will finally leave on Wednesday, when the high is forecast to hit 27 - not quite seasonable, but certainly not bitter cold. Most of the Eastern United States is being hit with this air - Atlanta's morning low was to be 5 above. Even Florida is getting a bit of a freeze, as Tampa's morning low was forecast to be 31.

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FIRSTS

I love it. That’s the kind of comments all of us here at The Reporter have gotten from you folks since we published that first daily just last Thursday. You know who has really benefited from all of this? You subscribers, of course. But, golly, even more so our faithful advertisers. When we began the daily we told our advertisers that anyone purchasing a full, half, or quarter page ad in the weekly would have that same ad run, free of charge, through the rest of the week in the daily. You can’t beat that offer. Until, of course, we stuck in two additional days with our special editions this week. Free, of course. Our main purpose doing the extra papers this week was to inform the public concerning the weather. Many newspapers when doing special editions will sell advertising. Not us. We’re not going to profit from a community emergency.

From Page 1

As I’ve said to you folks for months, The Reporter is a LOCAL newspaper, owned and operated by local people. Money from subscriptions and advertising remains in Hamilton County. We want to be a big part of this community. We shop here; we send kids to school here; we solve our medical needs here; we dine here, we bank here, we have our cars repaired here, we go to churches here. We’re here to provide this community with a great newspaper. And, not just during emergencies. All of this can’t happen without the support of our advertisers and without support from you subscribing to The Reporter. Please let our advertisers know how much you appreciate them helping and also being a part of the Hamilton County community.

Follow these safe winter driving tips

Follow these safe driving tips, courtesy of the Indiana State Police.

Be prepared:

- Before traveling, check the forecast and let someone know your travel route
- Keep your gas tank at least half-full
- Carry a winter driving kit that should include blankets, flashlight, extra batteries, a brightly colored cloth, sand (or kitty litter), shovel, candle, matches, non-perishable high calorie food, first aid kit, and jumper cables
- Have a cell phone and charger cord
- Slow down on snow/ice covered roads
- Allow extra time to arrive at your destination
- Clear all vehicle windows of ice and snow. Remove snow from hood, roof and lights.
- Use extra caution when driving across bridges, underpasses, shaded areas and intersections where ice is slow to melt

Should you become stranded:

- Don’t leave your car. It’s the best protection you have.
- Tie a brightly colored cloth to your antenna
- Roll down your window a small amount to allow fresh air in your vehicle
- Keep exhaust pipe free of blockage to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning
- Don’t panic. An idling car uses approximately one gallon of gas per hour

For the latest information from the Indiana State Police, visit its new Web page dedicated to the snow storm at <http://www.in.gov/isp/3096.htm>. This page will flow much like a blog and will be in operation throughout the duration of the storm and dangerous temperatures..

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NHS GIRLS Schedule			
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Tues	Nov 19	Westfield H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Nov 22	@ Lebanon H.S.	7:30 pm
Tues	Nov 26	Carmel H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Nov 30	@ Thanksgiving Classic	10:30 am
Sat	Dec 7	McCutcheon H.S.	1:30 pm
Fri	Dec 13	@ Hamilton Southeastern	6:00 pm
Sat	Dec 21	@ Brownsburg H.S.	1:30 pm
Thu	Jan 2	Anderson H.S.	7:30 pm
Thu	Jan 9	Harrison H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 11	Mt Vernon (Fortville)	1:30 pm
Wed	Jan 15	@ Fishers H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 18	Avon H.S.	12:30 pm
Tues	Jan 21	@ Western Boone Jr/Sr H.S	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 25	Zionsville H.S.	7:30 pm
Wed	Jan 29	@ Pendleton Heights H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 31	@ Jefferson H.S.	7:30 pm
Thu	Feb 6	@ Lawrence North H.S.	7:30 pm

NHSBOYS Schedule			
Wed	Nov 27	Northwest H.S.	7:30pm
Sat	Nov 30	Thomas Carr Howe H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 6	@ Carmel	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 13	@ Hamilton Southeastern H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 20	Jefferson H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Dec 21	@ Hamilton Heights H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Dec 27	Holiday Tournament	8:00 pm
Sat	Dec 28	Holiday Tournament	3:00 pm
Fri	Jan 3	@ Merrillville H.S.	8:00 pm
Fri	Jan 10	McCutcheon H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 17	@ Avon H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 18	Muncie Central H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Jan 24	@ Westfield H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Jan 31	Brownsburg H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 7	Harrison H.S.	7:30 pm
Sat	Feb 8	@ Mt Venon H.S. (Fortville)	7:30 pm
Sat	Feb 15	Zionsville H.S.	3:30 pm
Tues	Feb 18	Lawrence Central H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 21	@ Fishers H.S.	7:30 pm
Fri	Feb 28	Lebanon H.S.	7:30 pm

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Sectionals around the corner...

No. 7 Westfield is undefeated

In less than a month (Feb. 2) the folks at the IHSAA will gather to make the post-season girls basketball pairings.

In less than five weeks, sectionals will begin.

It's the home stretch for the 2013-14 season.

The real bummer about the sectionals this year is that none will be played in Hamilton County. All nine county schools will travel come tourney time.

In Class 4A, Westfield, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville Carmel and Zionsville will join host North Central in arguably the toughest girls basketball sectional in the state.

Class 3A Hamilton Heights will play in the Blackford Sectional, along with the host Bruins, Muncie Central, Yorktown, Delta and Muncie South.

Guerin Catholic will play in a five-team Class 3A tourney at Brebeuf. Joining that mix will be Chatard, Herron and Marshall.

Sheridan will represent Hamilton County in 2A, joining Tipton, Alexandria, Taylor, Eastern and Madison-Grant at Elwood.

University will play in a Class 1A sectional at Bethesda Christian, along with Indiana Deaf, Tindley, International, Metropolitan, Fall Creek Academy and Indiana Math & Science.

Even though Hamilton County teams, with a month to go, are having good seasons, none will be an overwhelming favorite to cut down sectional nets. The best bet is undefeated Westfield.

The county's best chance to get a winner, of course, is at North Central, where five of the seven teams are from Hamilton County. The field includes Westfield, currently ranked No. 7 in the state and undefeated at 11-0. The Lady Shamrocks already have beaten three teams from the local sectional, Noblesville 58-41, Hamilton Southeastern 52-43 and Zionsville 62-46. Fishers is 11-3 overall and 3-1 against sectional foes with wins over North Central

55-49, Carmel 49-44 and Zionsville 64-32 and a loss to Southeastern 37-27.

At this time, seven of the eight teams which will play at North Central are 50-50 or above for the season. Zionsville is a notch under at 6-7.

Hamilton Heights, last year's sectional champion and state runner-up, has faced a tremendously tough schedule this season, posting just a 3-7 mark. The Lady Huskies play only one Blackford Sectional team during the season, a season-ending game with Yorktown. Muncie Central and Yorktown currently own the only winning records in this sectional. Muncie Central is 2-0 against sectional teams, with wins over Delta 60-35 and Blackford 49-36. Yorktown has beaten Blackford 45-34.

Guerin Catholic (7-6) is in a five-team sectional in which four of those five teams have winning record. Chatard is 11-0 and to this point has played the only game against another Brebeuf Sectional foe, having knocked off Marshall 77-27. Guerin has a big game coming up with Chatard this Friday, at Chatard.

Tipton (7-2) and Sheridan (10-4) are the top contenders in the 2A sectional at Elwood. The Blue Devils are 4-0 against sectional foes, with wins over Madison-Grant 69-41, Eastern 70-39, Taylor 66-44 and Elwood 81-69. Sheridan is 2-0 with wins over Eastern 48-22 and Elwood 55-48. Sheridan was scheduled to host Tipton today, but that game likely will be postponed because of the weather.

University (2-7) will have a tough road at the Bethesda Christian 1A sectional. Indiana Deaf has an 8-1 record and a 3-0 mark against sectional opponents, having beaten International 59-34, Fall Creek Academy 99-9 and University 63-31.

Turn to Page 4 to see a breakdown of each sectional, including season records for each team.

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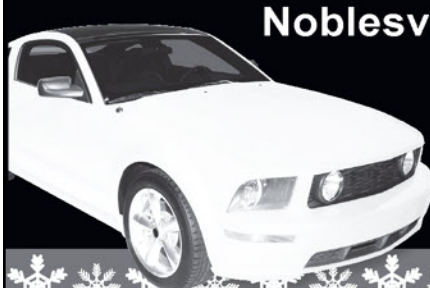
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- 9 am – Polly Trainor, MD
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- 9:30 am – Felix Alva, MD
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- 10 am – Cameual Wright, MD
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- 10:30 am – Carolyn Cebalo, PT, WCS
Pelvic Pain
- 10:30 am – Adrienne Rasbach, MD
Hormones – Don't Sweat It

*May require pre-registration and may have qualifying guidelines

A Look At The Girls Basketball Sectionals

4A At North Central

Team	Overall	Sectional
Westfield	11-0	3-0
Fishers	11-3	3-1
Noblesville	8-3	1-2
North Central	7-5	2-1
Southeastern	6-6	2-3
Carmel	6-6	1-3
Zionsville	6-7	0-2

3A At Blackford

Team	Overall	Sectional
Muncie Central	8-3	2-0
Yorktown	7-2	1-0
Delta	3-6	2-1
Heights	3-7	0-0
Blackford	5-7	0-3
Muncie South	1-8	0-1

3A At Brebeuf

Team	Overall	Sectional
Chatard	11-1	1-0
Herron	7-5	0-0
Guerin	7-6	0-0
Marshall	6-4	0-1
Brebeuf	2-10	0-0

2A At Elwood

Team	Overall	Sectional
Tipton	7-2	4-0
Sheridan	10-4	2-0
Elwood	7-4	1-2
Eastern	4-8	1-4
Alexandria	2-8	2-0
Taylor	2-11	1-2
Madison-Grant	1-11	0-3

1A At Bethesda Christian

Team	Overall	Sectional
Indiana Deaf	8-1	3-0
Bethesda	6-4	2-2
Tindley	5-3	1-0
International	5-6	3-2
University	2-7	1-2
Metropolitan	3-8	1-2
Indiana Math & Science	1-7	0-2
Fall Creek	0-10	0-1

Schedule update

Here is an update on athletic events in Hamilton County for Tuesday and Wednesday have been either canceled or postponed.

Both of Sheridan’s planned Tuesday events have already been re-scheduled. The Blackhawks’ girls basketball game with Tipton will now be played on Jan. 14, while their wrestling meet with Clinton Prairie is now set for Jan. 20.

Westfield’s girls basketball team was to play at Western Boone, but that has been postponed with no make-up date set yet.

There were to be two big intra-county events on Wednesday. Noblesville swimming at Carmel and Fishers wrestling at Hamilton Southeastern. The Tigers-Royals match has been postponed, while the swim meet is canceled.

Here is a schedule for Thursday and Friday:

Thursday, Jan. 9

Girls Basketball

Harrison at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
Seccina at University, 6:30 p.m.
Warren Central at Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Lewis Cass at Heights, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Lafayette Jeff, 6 p.m.

Boys Swimming

Maconaquah at Heights, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers at Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Girls Swimming

Maconaquah at Heights, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers at Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Carmel at Warren Central, 6:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Seccina, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10

Girls Basketball

Guerin at Chatard, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Center Grove, 6 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Tindley at University, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Fishers, 6 p.m.
Sheridan at Tri-Central, 6 p.m.
McCutcheon at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
Southeastern at Harrison, 6 p.m.
Taylor at Heights, 6 p.m.
Guerin at Chatard, 8 p.m.
Center Grove at Carmel, 6 p.m.

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