

Gopher Notes

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- Ryne Smith takes over the boys basketball program
- Wrestling team enjoying early season success.
- Dance Team getting into the groove.

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Girls Basketball Team is on FIRE!

The 2013-14 Lady Gophers basketball team is off to a fantastic start. Coach Haid's squad began play on November 15 at Fountain Central and avenged a heartbreaking loss from last year defeating the Mustangs on their home floor. The Lady Gophers ran off five more wins in a row over Faith Christian, University, Rossville, Carroll, and Frontier. CP suffered its first defeat on 12/12 against Attica, a team who is

currently 8-0. The girls rallied in their next game, another tough Hoosier Heartland game at Tri-Central. This game was a very closely contested matchup which the Gophers were able to win as Senior Ivve Weflen hit a big three point shot late in the game. This year's team is currently 7-1 and 3-0 in HHC play. The Lady Gophers are looking to become back to back HHC Champs for the first time since 1980 & 1981!

One of the biggest reasons for the hot start is the great defensive play by the team. CP currently has the 15th best statistical defense in the entire state. The team leader in points and rebounds is Madison Douglass, (14.8 ppg, 9.3 rpg). Mattyson Robison leads the team in assists with 2.5 apg. Keep up the great play ladies!

BOYS BASKETBALL UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

Ryne Smith has begun his first season as the head coach of the boys' basketball program. After a very productive spring, summer, and fall in the weight room and gym, the boys are currently four games into the 2013-14 season. The team has played in three very close games and with all of its youth and inexperience is showing signs of making marked improvement from last year. This year's squad has a lone senior in Austin Martin. Austin is a three year starter and is the team's second leading scorer

(11.5ppg), leading rebounder (5rpg), and leader in assists (2.5apg). Kale Morris leads the team in scoring at 14.5ppg. While Austin, Kale, and junior Merrick McGraw have most of the experience, several newcomers are playing critical roles this year. Junior Doug Coapstick, Sophomores Jacob Price and Grant Ream, along with Freshman Dru Scott are all playing pivotal roles for the Gophers. The team will have several home games after the Holiday Break so get out to see the boys.

JUNIOR VARSITY

This year's JV team is off to a great start and are currently 2-2. Their wins are over Fountain Central and Seeger. The Gophers lost a heartbreaker to Carroll on a last second shot. These boys have played well at times throughout the first four games and like the varsity are looking for more consistency throughout each game. The JV team will host a Holiday Tournament on January 2 with games at 9 & 11 AM.

Physicals



Every athlete, who wants to participate in one of our athletic programs, JH or HS, MUST have a physical and concussion waiver on file with the Athletic Department. The physical must have been done after April 1, 2013.

This is an IHSAA rule and as such must be followed. If you have already had a physical, but have yet to turn in your form please do so ASAP.

We offered physicals at school this past May and will do so again in May of 2014. All students can take advantage of this opportunity to get ready for 2014-15.

You can get a physical form from the Athletic Office, the Athletic website, IHSAA.org, or your doctor's office.

Please contact the Athletic Department if you have any other questions.

*Here Comes the
BOOMER!*

BOOMER IS COMING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

One of the most electrifying shows in sports is coming to CP. That's right, BOOMER, the Indiana Pacers mascot will be here on January 17, 2014! We want to "pack the gym" on this night as our boys basketball team takes on county and HHC rival Clinton Central. This is

always a hotly contested matchup and this year we have added fuel to the fire! BOOMER will lead our Gophers onto the floor at the beginning of the game as they warm-up to take on the Bulldogs. During the first half BOOMER will do his best to keep the excitement levels high as he prepares the crowd for his half-time extravaganza! During half-time BOOMER will put on

a display of acrobatic dunks to get everyone all fired up for the second half. Keep checking www.cpgophers.com to find out the latest about this special event. Put this date on your calendar because you will not want to miss out on all the excitement!



IT'S HERE – GOPHER ATHLETICS NEW WEBSITE

The wait is over!!! The newly created cpgophers.com is up and running on this! You can now access schedules, scores, documents, game recaps, purchase Gopher gear and so much more all in this one location.

The website will highlight our high school and junior high teams. Please check out this site every chance you get.



CP WRESTLING

Coach Jeremy Corbin and his staff have done a great job over the past few years in trying breathe the excitement back into CP Wrestling. Their efforts have paid off as the 2013-14 season gets underway. For the first time in a while we are able to field a full squad. Not only are we able to fill all the weight classes, but we are off to a great start as well. The Gophers have had some early successes as competition has begun. CP defeated Guerin Catholic in the Gophers home opener. The team also had a great deal of

success at the Lafayette Jeff Invitational where they went going 3-2 on the day. Prairie defeated Indianapolis Manuel, Attica, and Frontier. This year's team has a wide range of experience competing on the mat. Coach Corbin is very pleased at this point in the season with the hard work and attention to detail that team has shown. Perhaps the greatest part about this team is the fact that they have tried to give back to the CP community as well. The team sponsored a family for the holiday season and was able to

supply them with some gifts for the holidays. Great job by these young men! Come out and watch these guys compete. The matches are exciting and fast paced! The Gophers next home match is a big one as CP will host the county wrestling meet on January 8th, at 6pm.



Wrestling Team

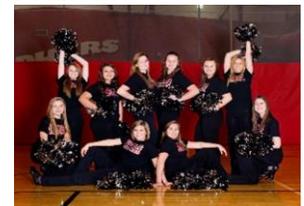
DANCE TEAM GETS ITS SEASON UNDERWAY

The 2013-14 version of the Prairiettes is off and dancing! These girls have put a lot of time, effort, and energy into their routines. They provide extra entertainment at our boys and girls varsity basketball games. Like many of our other squads, the Prairiettes held a clinic for the elementary students on November 16. On that Saturday morning the team came in early in the morning and worked with a large number of young girls showing them several moves as well as

an entire routine. This took a lot of energy and patience, but it paid off. The Prairiettes and the elementary students performed this routine that night at halftime of the girls' varsity basketball game. This was a huge success and was a lot of fun for both the participants and the fans that were at the game. You can see several photos from the clinic on the athletic website at cpgophers.com. Continue to look for our dance team as they will be performing

at most of our home boys basketball games and several of our girls basketball games. These ladies do a great job and represent our school well.

Prairiettes



NEW SOFTBALL COACH HIRED

The Clinton Prairie School Board approved the next coach of the CP softball program. **Randy Cooper** will be back at the helm of the program that led to a state championships in 2002 & 2005.



Randy Cooper

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS

Our basketball teams are involved in several holiday tournaments. The JV boys will host a holiday tournament on January 2. They will play Clinton Central at 9 AM, while Carroll will take on Tri-Central. Winners will meet at 11 AM.



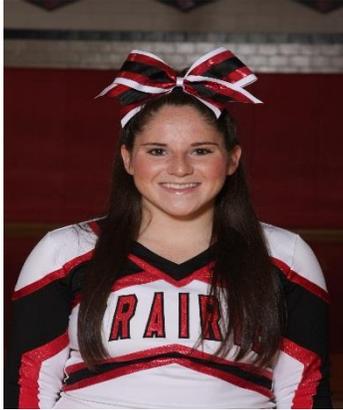
The Varsity team will once again participate in the Clinton Central Holiday Tournament. They will play the 8 PM game on Jan 2. They will either play Carroll or Tri-Central at 6:30 or 8 PM on Jan. 3. Check back at cpgophers.com or @GopherAD to find out.

The Varsity Girls basketball team will be hosting a Holiday Tournament on Jan. 3. The Gophers will play South Newton at 9 AM while Eastern will play Cloverdale. Winners and Losers of the morning games will play at 11:30 AM. Come support our teams.

JANUARY SCHEDULE

GO TO WWW.CPGOPHERS.COM to view the schedules for each of your favorite Gopher teams! You can also get daily updates by following Gopher Athletics @GopherAD.

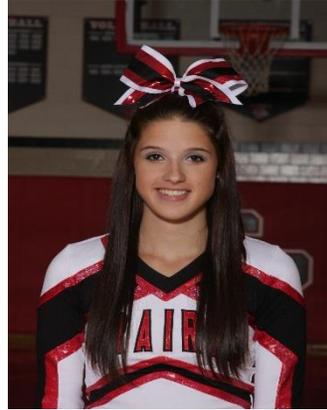
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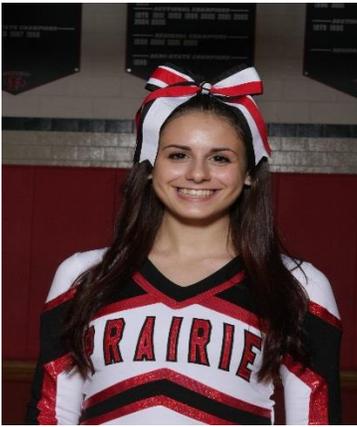
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