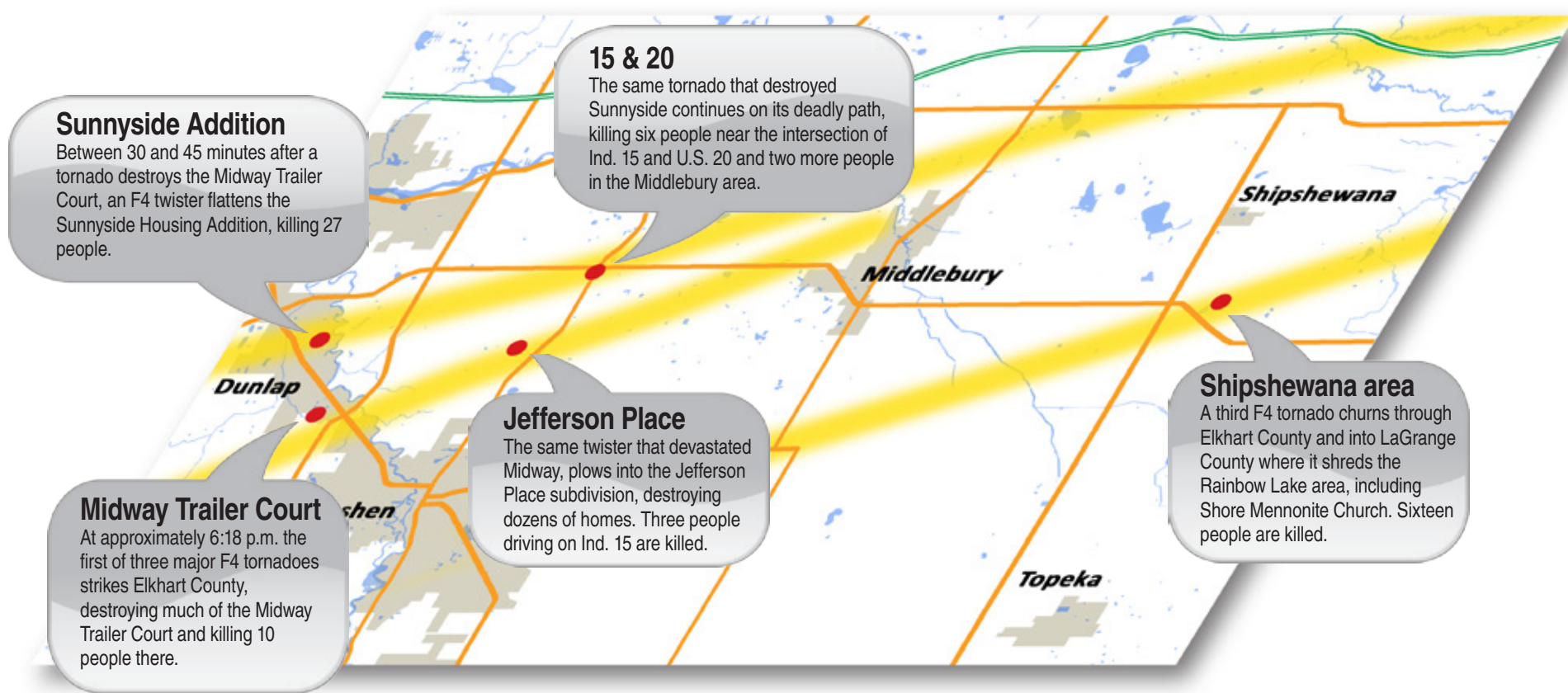


MARKING THE PATHS



Palm Sunday Timeline

4:35 p.m.

■ A squall line reached from near LaCrosse, Wisconsin through Rockford, Illinois to Champaign, Illinois. SELS issued another tornado forecast. It was valid over the northern half of Indiana, northwest Ohio, and southeast Michigan.

6:08

■ With several twisters already on the ground in St. Joseph County, The South Bend Weather Bureau issues a tornado warning for Elkhart County.

6:18

■ Twin F4 tornadoes strike the Midway Trailer Court, near where the C.R. 17 overpass currently crosses U.S. 33. Ten people were killed and nearly all the mobile homes were either destroyed or severely damaged. Six people died in a single trailer.

6:30

■ The tornado that leveled Midway continues northwest and plows into the Jefferson Place Subdivision just south of the Jefferson Elementary School. Three people traveling in cars on Ind. 15 are killed.

6:50-7:15

■ A second F4 tornado tears through Dunlap and the Sunnyside Housing Addition, killing 27 people and destroying many homes.

6:50-7:15

■ A third tornado hops over the south side of Goshen and eventually hits the Rainbow Lake area of Shipshewana, destroying homes, severally damaging the Shore Mennonite Church and claiming 16 lives in LaGrange County.

7:25

■ The twister that tore through Dunlap continues northwest and destroys most buildings at the intersection of Ind. 15 and U.S. 20 and killing six more people. The twister cut a path through Middlebury township and took the life of two more residents before it was finished.

ODDS & ENDS

Victims tossed around like dolls

THE GOSHEN NEWS

Notes from the 1965 Palm Sunday Tornadoes as reported in the pages of The Goshen News:

- It was estimated some victims were pulled into the air and carried as far as 1,000 feet away to their deaths. Cars were tossed around like toys.
- Debris was found as far away as Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Wind speeds were estimated at 260 mph in the Category 4 storms.
- There were 91 families residing at Midway Trailer Court on April 11, 1965. Ten people died, six in one trailer, and 30 were injured. More than half of the park's residents lost their homes.
- Wayne Hoke of Sunnyside in Dunlap lost his First National Bank of Goshen checkbook in the tornado. It was found by Mrs. Robert Voorhees and her sons at the edge of a wooded section near their home in Tecumseh, Michigan. An Elkhart County license plate was found in Sturgis, Michigan.
- Among those having homes destroyed or damaged in Jefferson were Jerry Biller, Cal Zehr, Mel Eash, Fred Call, Frank

Lower, Clarence Stahley, Virgil Riley, Ruth Swoveland, Duane Blough, Burns Stark and Delbert Getz.

- Among those residing at Midway in 1965 were LeRoy Lambright, Jerry Snyder, Ted Holewinski, Mike Wheeler, Glen Anglemyer, Eli Kauffman, William Higginbotham, Lula Zimmerman, Keith Stickel and Leonard Spigutz.
- The old landmark intersection of Ind. 15 and U.S. 20 was wiped out on Palm Sunday 1965. Six people died in a home not far from Elcona Country Club. Two semi-tractor trailers at the truck stop were overturned and the Midway Restaurant was destroyed. Only the stools survived.
- John VanHout was among many amateur radio operators kept busy after the storms struck. The Goshen CB Club stood by at City Hall, relaying messages.
- Goshen News sports editor Norm Schweickart and his family of four huddled in the basement of their C.R. 17, just north of Midway Trailer Court. They could see debris flying through the air, but the storm spared the Schweickarts and went east

of their home.

- Bill Books and Bill Ogle of the Goshen Fire Department, using a station wagon, took eight injured from Midway to Hotel Goshen for treatment. Dan Delcamp and Floyd Wortinger transported five in the city ambulance to Goshen General.
- Elkhart County Sheriff Woody Caton and Goshen Police Chief Glenn Kindy helped coordinate rescue efforts. The Dunlap EUB Church and Goshen High Park Medical building were among spots used to treat the injured. Pierre Moran School in Elkhart served as a temporary morgue.
- Kenneth Swanson was administrator of Goshen General Hospital in 1965. Attorney Robert Hepler offered the Masonic Lodge for the homeless and George Davis of the Red Cross arranged for blood supplies delivered from Fort Wayne.
- The Goshen News staff worked around the clock to report the tragedy. Among reporters were Bill Sheffer, Jim Miller, Bob Conrad, Norm Schweickart, Jo Wohlford and chief photographer Mel Troyer.

WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING?

Other Local news in the pages of The Goshen News from April 11, 1965 (Palm Sunday Tornado Day):

- Ground was broken at St. James Episcopal Church for a new parish house. The Rev. Bruce Mosier shoveled the first dirt. Others involved in the ceremony were G.R. McConnell, John Snobarger, Milton Latta, Lewis Fidler and Goshen High School senior Tom Kintigh who was acolyte.
- Fix-up, paint-up week started in Middlebury with Mrs. Sam T. Yoder, Mrs. Gerald Hayworth and Mrs. Jon Yoder of the Middlebury Gar-

den Club among those on the committee.

- John Boyts returned to his Sixth Street home after spending the winter in New Orleans with nephew Jerry Rarick and his family.
- Jim Yoder, 1960 GHS grad, and his wife visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Yoder of South Eighth Street, on Palm Sunday.
- Harry Carlson and daughters Sandra and Marcia of Lafayette were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Thomas on Gra-Roy Drive.
- Monday Night Television: Leave It to Beaver, To Tell The

Truth, Voyage To The Bottom Of The Sea, I've Got a Secret, Andy Griffith, Lucy Show, Andy Williams, Bing Crosby, Man From UNCLE, Ben Casey, Alfred Hitchcock.

- There were no Goshen General Hospital births during the tornadoes, but one just before and one soon after. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Stidams at 5:57 p.m. and a son to Mr. and Mrs. James Huff, 117 West Garfield, at 8:49. The first tornado hit Midway at 6:18 and the second Sunnyside at 7:15.

— Compiled by Stu Swartz

In memoriam

Remembering our friends and neighbors lost on Palm Sunday 1965:

ELKHART COUNTY

■ Jefferson Place Area

Jean Krehbiel, 28, Middlebury.
Timothy Krehbiel, 5 months, her son.
David L. Yoder, 28, Goshen.

■ Middlebury Area

Margaret Nihart, 65, Middlebury.
Lester J. Miller, 38, Route 2, Middlebury.

■ Midway Mobile Home Park

Carolyn Sue Jackson, 23.
June Ann Jackson, 5, her daughter.
Vandy Jackson, 1, her son.
Denward Jackson, 35, Wakarusa, visiting.
Daniel Jackson, 3, his son.
Leslie Jackson, 5, his son.
Ada Mae Higginbotham, 22.
Timothy Higginbotham, 6 months, her son.
Nancy Keisel, 23.

Chris McIntosh, 1.

■ Ind. 15 and U.S. 20

Irving Doerscher, 34, Bristol.
William Doerscher, 10, his son.
Tamara Doerscher, 6, his daughter.
Beverly Wolfe, 14, his stepdaughter.
Janie Ruth Spradlin, 10, Bristol.
Jackie Spradlin, 7, her sister.

■ Sunnyside Dunlap

Donald S. Yoder, 51, Goshen, in his car.
Edward Hearld, 14.
Barbara Burkholder, 29.
Steve Forsythe, 10.
John Price, 13.
Carolyn Ford, 4.
Charles Warren, 86.
Elizabeth Warren, 83, his wife.
Rosabelle Keating, 73.
Calvin Kettlebar, 59.
Gladys Kettlebar, 42, his wife.
Leslie Kettlebar, 9, their son.

Nellie Zentz, 87.
Marklin Roberts, 37.
Frances Roberts, 30, his wife.
James Roberts, 8, their son.
Kenneth Griffin, 54.
Ruth Griffin, 55.
Grace Stoner, 56.
Michael Dowell, 2.
Kent Shanholt, 7 months.
John Edward Wirt, 11 months.
Hans Randa, 50.
Roxann Boone, 6.
Norma Shell, 25.
Helen Brenneeman, 53.
Opal Vaughn, 33.

LAGRANGE COUNTY

■ Shipshewana Area

LeRoy Yoder, 55, Topeka.
Florence Yoder, 53, his wife.
Willie Bontrager, 58, Shipshewana.
Grayce Bontrager, 56, his wife.
John S. Yoder, 66, Shipshewana.

Jennie Yoder, 60, his wife.
Frank Haarer, 78, Shipshewana.
Grace Haarer, 69, his wife.
Noble Haarer, 36, their son.
Bessie Hostetler, 68, Shipshewana.
Bernis Hostetler, 45, her daughter.
Iva Nofzinger, 54, Shipshewana.
Ida Miller, 46, Shipshewana.
David Miller, 19, Shipshewana, her son.
Clarence Clindaniel, 21, Shipshewana.
Mable Miller, 60, Shipshewana.
Hallie Schindler, 70, LaGrange.
Mary Alice Schindler, 75, his wife.
Grover Moore, 51, Follenbee, W. Va., driving on Toll Road.

REPORTED LATER

Anna Dillman, 80, Route 2, Goshen.
Clara Mae Weaver, 62, Osceola.
Tommy Lee Moore, 3, Wakarusa.

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