

Andrew Gobczynski Big Heart Foundation Athletic EKG Screening



What's happening?

The Andrew Gobczynski Big Heart Foundation (AGBHF) is joining with St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital to offer a free electrocardiogram (EKG) screening to high school-aged athletes. This painless and harmless test can screen for possible cardiac abnormalities. The EKG will be read by a pediatric cardiologist from SIU who specializes in cardiac disease in patients under the age of 18.

Why was this program formed?

The Andrew Gobczynski Big Heart Foundation has partnered to serve our community and help prevent premature deaths of seemingly healthy young athletes. This Foundation was formed in memory of Andrew Gobczynski, a former Teutopolis and EIU basketball standout, who died at just 33 because of cardiomyopathy, a condition no one knew about. The AGBHF is a local non-profit 501(c)3 organization, and it has operated primarily to promote social welfare in the Effingham community.

Who's eligible?

High school-aged sophomore athletes and junior/senior athletes who have not already participated in the program.

When is this going on?

Saturday, March 7th

Where is this taking place?

St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital – Please come in through the Prairie Heart Entrance.

What do I do?

Complete the attached forms (with signature) and return them to the Athletic Director for your school **by February 21st**. This program requires the packet of paperwork to be fully completed and signed. This year we'll additionally need to have contact with their parent/guardian to give us verbal consent to participate. Registration colleagues from St. Anthony's will call the parent/guardian to obtain this consent and they'll pre-register and schedule the athlete at that time. ***Those calls will occur between February 26th and March 3rd***.

If you have any questions about the screening or the registration process, please contact Stephanie Gobczynski Uebinger at 217.240.0877 or stephuebinger@gmail.com. She is on the board of the AGBHF, which has teamed with St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital to provide these EKG screenings.

