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Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

The Jackson Street Bridge in Cicero will be closed four days this month. The bridge will be closed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. on March 13, 17, 18, and 19. Motorists looking to travel to U.S. 31 during those times should use 256th Street.

256th Street is an alternate route...

Cicero’s Jackson Street Bridge to close For construction


By JEFF JELLISON
The town of Cicero has announced the Jackson Street bridge will close to traffic on four days during March.
The bridge will close during the hours of 10:00 p.m. till 5:00 a.m. on March 13, 17, 18, 19. The closure of Jackson Street

will force motorists looking for a direct route to, or from, U.S. 31 to use 256th Street.
Cicero Police Department’s Officer Jim Hunter said during the closure his department will have an officer assigned to the area west of the lake. Hunter also stated, “In case of an emergency, construction workers will be able to clear the bridge to allow access to emergency equipment responding from the east side.”
The closure will allow construction crews to set the metal support beams and concrete decking for the nearly 3 million dollar renovation of the causeway.
Cicero officials describe the project as a 12 foot wide extension constructed on the

south side of the Jackson Street bridge over Morse Reservoir. The extension will serve as a walkway for pedestrians and bicyclists to travel from one side of Cicero to the other safely. The project is expected to be completed this summer.

Finding a way East & West

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor



What eventually will be good, soon will be bad. And, what then was bad, hopefully, will be great.
Soon, the announced date is March 29, the City will close Conner Street at 8th Street to reconstruct the railroad crossing.
Right now, it is potentially car damaging to cross the intersection. The condition, because of the severe weather this winter, has gotten to the point that even playing “dodge” with the holes and open rails has become impossible.
When work begins the contractor will remove the existing rail line and concrete and replace with a new, pre-cast concrete tub and new rail.
When that problem is solved, the rail intersection at Logan and 8th Street will be closed for the same reason.
Each intersection will be required to close for a period of time, but will not close concurrently.
The Conner Street intersection will close on March 29 and is scheduled to

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Slightly longer days for Noblesville students...

Noblesville School Board approves plan for make-up days

The Noblesville Board of School Trustees has approved a plan that will allow two days of school to be made up by extending the school day.
The board voted Thursday morning to extend the elementary day by 14 minutes and the secondary day by 17 minutes beginning Monday, March 17, and continuing through the end of the year. However, before the new daily schedule can be put into place, a Memorandum of Understanding must be approved by the Noblesville Teachers Forum and the make-up plan must be approved by the Indiana Department of Education.
If both are approved on or before Friday, March 14, the calendar will be adjusted and the school year will end on Wednesday, June 4, for grades K-8 and on Friday, May 30, for grades 9-12. If either approval is not obtained by Friday, March 14, the school year will end on Friday, June 6, for grades K-8.
Although an earlier start date to extended days had been discussed, the March 17 dates allows time for the Forum to consider the Memorandum of Understanding and for the Department of Education to review the proposal. It also moves the start date to after the completion of ISTEP+.
The Flex Days scheduled for June 2-4 will be used for grades K-8 to make up the additional three days that are required. The high school year will end earlier because of

the school's participation in eLearning activities.
The board’s action is based on results from a survey that asked parents and staff to rank three options in their order of preference:
Option 1: Follow the school year calendar as is, utilize the five Flex Days June 2-6, and end school June 6.
Option 2: Make up two days by extending the school day by 15-20 minutes and end school June 4.
Option 3: Make up five days by extending the school day by approximately 40 minutes and end school May 30.

New Chrysler transmission plant means...

850 jobs coming to Tipton area

Those living in northern Hamilton County and looking for employment could benefit by an announcement coming out of nearby Tipton.
Chrysler has announced that it soon will begin production in a transmission plant that is expected to bring 875 new jobs to the area in the next two years.
Tipton Mayor Don Havens said the plant will bring jobs to the Hamilton County area and that the economic growth of the surrounding areas will allow for economic growth in Tipton.
Havens expects jobs will be filled by people from Hamilton and Howard counties.
“Hamilton County is just three and a half miles from us here in Tipton,” the Mayor said.
There have been efforts in the past to launch manufacturing operations at the facility, but companies filed for bankruptcy before beginning.

Obituary

Josephine ‘Josie’ Serrano

August 31, 1976 - March 5, 2014

Josephine 'Josie' Serrano, 37, of Indianapolis, passed away on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on August 31, 1976 in Houston, Texas.

Josie was a homemaker and a member of White River Christian Church in Noblesville. Her children were the love of her life and she was a great mother. She also enjoyed scrap-booking.

She is survived by her husband, Andres Serrano; and children, Cristian, Francisco, Carlos, José, Mya, Elvira, Perla, Pricila & Vulnabia.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at White River Christian Church, 1685 North 10th Street, in Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 2:00 pm immediately prior to the service. Pastor Fred Knoll will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to White River Christian Church 1685 North 10th Street Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.

Latest NEPL Library list

Here are the new library items at Noblesville East Public Library lists for the week of March 3, 2014.

New Adult Fiction Books

- 1.The Invention of Wings; by Sue Monk
- 2. The Way of All Fish: A Novel; by Martha Grimes
- 3. The King's Marauder: An Alan Lewrie Naval Adventure; by Dewey Lambdin
- 4. The Pawnbroker; by David Thurlo
- 5. The Wily O'Reilly: Irish Country Stories; by Patrick Taylor
- 6. Mark of Evil; by Tim F. LaHaye
- 7. The Counterfeit Agent; by Alex Berenson
- 8. Killer: An Alex Delaware Novel; by Jonathan Kellerman
- 9. Moving Target: A Novel; by Judith A. Jance
- 10. Private L.A.; by James Patterson

New Adult Non-Fiction Books

- 1. The Loudest Voice in the Room: How the Brilliant, Bombastic Roger Ailes Built Fox News - and Divided a Country; by Gabriel Sherman
- 2. The Answer to the Riddle Is Me: A Memoir of Amnesia; by Stuart McLean
- 3. Unremarried Widow: A Memoir; by Artis Hendersen
- 4. Company Man: Thirty Years of Controversy and Crisis in the CIA; by John Anthony Rizzo
- 5. The Rise of the Tudors: The Family that Changed English History; by Chris Skidmore
- 6. Decoding Your Dog: The Ultimate Experts Explain Common Dog Behaviors

and Reveal How to Prevent or Change Unwanted Ones; by Steve Dale

- 7. Our America: A Hispanic History of the United States; by Felipe Fernández-Armesto
- 8. The Pope and Mussolini: The Secret History of Pius XI and the Rise of Fascism in Europe; by David I. Kertzer
- 9. A Feathered River Across the Sky: The Passenger Pigeon's Flight to Extinction; by Joel R. Greenberg
- 10. The Burglary: The Discovery of J. Edgar Hoover's Secret FBI; by Betty Medsger

New DVDs

- 1. Baggage claim
- 2. Short term 12
- 3. Blue Jasmine
- 4. Bad grandpa
- 5. Last Vegas
- 6. Runner runner
- 7. The spectacular now
- 8. Thanks for sharing
- 9. Djupio = The deep
- 10. Dexter. The final season

New Music CDs

- 1. Grammy 2014 Nominees
- 2. High Hopes; by Bruce Springsteen
- 3. Is There Anybody Out There? by Great Big World
- 4. Mind over Matter; by Young the Giant
- 5. Now That's What I Call Country Ballads 2
- 6. Rave Tapes; by Mogwai
- 7. The River & the Thread; by Rosanne Cash
- 8. That Girl; by Jennifer Nettles
- 9. Thrive; by Casting Crowns
- 10. Time & Pressure; by Devour the Day

Four tips for National Ideas Month

March is National Ideas Month. Hey, whose bright idea was that?

Here’s an intriguing idea from New York Times best-selling author and writing coach Michael Levin,. “Creativity is a muscle; use it or lose it.”

Levin, whose new Books Are My Babies YouTube channel (www.BooksAreMyBabies.com) offers 160-plus free tutorials for writers, says anyone can grow their creativity, just like any other muscle.

“I define creativity as ‘the ability to develop great ideas while under pressure,’” he says. “Pressure creates diamonds, so why shouldn’t it also create great ideas?”

But sometimes, pressure paralyzes creativity.

“I’ve experienced it when writing under deadline pressure and writing under the pressure of my own high expectations,” Levin says. “Over time, I’ve developed several tricks to stimulate my creative muscle and help me come up with great ideas for whatever challenge I face – whether it’s writing or figuring out how to arrange a busy family weekend schedule so that everyone’s needs are met.”

Here are four of Levin’s no-fail tips for generating creative ideas under pressure:

1. Ask yourself, “What’s the most dangerous, expensive and illegal way to

solve this problem?” We usually take the same approach to solving problems every time with the resources we have at hand. “This doesn’t exactly translate into breath-taking creativity,” Levin says. So imagine that you have no limits — legal, moral, financial, whatever. You can do literally anything to solve the problem. The way-out ideas you develop may not be practical, but they’ll lead you to new ways of thinking about your problem. And then you can find a non-life-threatening, legal way to solve it!

2. Hide. We live in a world of constant, thin-sliced demands. Unanswered texts and emails. People waiting for you to say something, do something, read something, decide something. Run and hide. Lock yourself in your car or hunker down in a bathroom stall. Slow down and get your brain back.

It’s all but impossible for your creative brain to operate when you’re responding to endless external stimuli. The best ideas often come when you run from your responsibilities.

3. Count to 20. Go somewhere where you can be undisturbed, bring a yellow pad and a pen, turn off your phone, and sit there until you come up with 20 ideas for solving your problem. This requires discipline, because most of us are so happy when we

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State police warn the public to...

Beware of rental scams

A rental scam utilizing Craigslist has reared its ugly head once again in central Indiana and the State Police want to warn the public to be mindful of their dealings.

On February 21st, a Plainfield, Indiana resident answered a Craigslist posting for a rental home in Noblesville.

The interested party inquired if the home was still available and she received an e-mail from Irene Parrish that it was and asked for the woman to fill out an application form. The woman completed the application and received an e-mail from Parrish that she was now residing in Inglewood, California and needed the victim to wire \$1,900.00 to her via Moneygram. The \$1,900.00 was to cover the \$950.00 rent for the house and a \$950.00 refundable deposit. The victim wired the money from a CVS store in Noblesville.

On Saturday, February 22nd, the victim received another E-mail from Parrish telling her that she needed another \$950.00 for an extra month’s rent. The victim refused Parrish’s request informing her that she had already sent \$1,900.00 and had not received the keys to the house.

The victim never received keys to the house found out later that the house was actually sold by a Reality Company that had their sign in the yard one week prior to the Craigslist posting.

With the increasing number of people using the internet every day to buy and sell items the people at www.craigslist.org offer the following safety tips:

The overwhelming majority of craigslist users are trustworthy and well-intentioned.

With billions of human interactions facilitated, the incidence of violent crime is extremely low.

Nevertheless, please take the same common sense precautions online as you would offline.

When meeting someone for the first time, please remember to:

- Insist on a public meeting place like a cafe.
- Do not meet in a secluded place, or invite strangers into your home.
- Be especially careful when buying/selling high value items.
- Tell a friend or family member where you're going.
- Take your cell phone along if you have one.
- Consider having a friend accompany you.
- Trust your instincts.

Taking these simple precautions helps make Craigslist safer for everyone.

For more information about personal safety online, check out these resources:

- <http://www.staysafeonline.org/>
- <http://www.onguardonline.gov/>
- <http://getsafeonline.org>
- <http://wiredsafety.org>

Waypoint Homes offers the following tips for prospective renters to avoid scams.

Before renting a house from an individual, ask for proof that they own the property. Check public records at the County Assessor’s office to be sure, and to verify that no Notice of Default (NOD) or notice of a trustee sale has been issued.

Beware of anyone who asks you to pay cash or wire money – and if you pay cash by choice, make sure to get a receipt. Wiring money sounds more official than cash but it’s not; there’s no way to trace it.

Be suspicious of a price that seems too good to be true. Try typing the street address into a search engine and see what comes up –legitimate landlords often list properties on multiple sites, so if you find several listings for a property that sounds identical but is several hundred dollars more, you’ve probably found a scam.

Be aware of the “owner’s” priorities. A legitimate landlord will want to know about your goals in finding a home, and about your and your family’s rental needs. A scammer will want to get your money. If money seems like a higher priority than anything else, that might be a sign of fraud. Ask a lot of questions – Where will I send my rent? How can I reach someone if you are on vacation? What do I do if I need a plumber? An experienced landlord will have already thought through the answers. Red Flags for Renters:

- “Owner” is traveling or working outside of the U.S. and will send you the keys
- “Owner” will only interact with you online, not in person
- The advertising or email response to you contains multiple misspellings and grammatical errors
- The email addresses you as Dear Sir/Madam
- The “owner” uses the title Reverend, Dr., or claims to be a missionary
- The “owner” uses a free email service such as Gmail, Yahoo, or Hotmail
- Payment is first priority – Cashier’s Check, FEDEX, Western Union, etc.
- Payment of deposit or first month’s rent is requested BEFORE you see the property or sign a lease
- “Owner” can’t show you the property or make arrangements for you to tour it
- Price seems surprisingly low for the home offered and the area

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reopen on or before April 12. The Logan Street intersection will close immediately after.

The City has said the time frame of this period is to coincide with Noblesville Schools’ spring break.

No detour route for either intersection has been posted.

Oh, yes, that’s the big challenge. Just where will the hundreds of cars and those huge trucks find their way through east/west Noblesville?

The only east/west routes open crossing White River during the Conner Street closing will be the Logan Street bridge, the Field Drive bridge and 146th Street, Cara Culp, Public Affairs Manager for the Mayor’s office, told The Reporter. Then while the Logan Street and 8th Street intersection is closed, the Field Drive bridge, Conner Street bridge and 146th Street will be available routes that cross the river.

Locals and other motorists who know their way around Noblesville likely will use Logan Street and what is called the Logan Street Extension.

Those unfamiliar with the city will need to use the longer routes.

Coming from the west into the city, traffic could be detoured south on River

Road and then back east again on 146th Street. No short drive.

Or, again coming from the west into the city, the detour could be north on State Road 19 and then east on Fields Drive to State Road 37. There would be three school zones using that route.

The detour would be reversed coming into Noblesville from the east.

One would hope that when Conner is closed, trucks won’t decide to use Logan Street to get through Noblesville. Logan Street, with all of its beautiful bricks, has already caved in.

Actually, there doesn’t appear to be a good, working detour trying to get east/west through Noblesville. That, of course, has been a debate among many for years.

The long discussed subject is a permanent detour through Noblesville. Heck, it will be difficult enough to post a temporary detour for two weeks.

Following the railroad repairs, Noblesville will resurface 8th Street from Walnut Street to Wayne Street. This work will begin in mid-May.

Beginning in early June, the State (INDOT) will resurface Conner Street from State Road 37 to just east of Hague Road.

Driving in beautiful Downtown Noblesville isn’t going to be easy this spring and early summer.

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The Sheridan Rotary welcomed three RYLA Students at its most recent meeting. Pictured – Front row: Brendan Jones, Andrea Tondo and John Breen. Back row: Kim Jones and Claudette and John Breen.

Sheridan Rotary welcomes RYLA students

Sheridan Rotary members were pleased to welcome three young men who will comprise the members of our Rotary-sponsored RYLA leadership event. Each March Rotary clubs from central Indiana are encouraged to send two high school students from their town to a two day leadership program held at Camp Tecumseh which is located along the banks of the Tippecanoe River near Brookston. During the camp, students engage in a variety of fun activities designed to develop and encourage leadership skills among the younger generation.

This year the Sheridan Rotary club is pleased to announce that John Breen and Brendan Jones were chosen to participate. In addition the club will also send our Rotary foreign exchange student Andrea Tondo to RYLA camp. RYLA candidates are chosen for participation based on the recommendations of their teachers and school administrators.

Development of youth leadership is one of the keystones of Rotary involvement

within the community. Today’s youth leaders are tomorrow’s community leaders. Engaging young people in the process of community development encourages them to become leaders in their own right as they grow into positions of increasing importance within their community. By offering them a chance to shine now, Rotary encourages them shine even brighter later on in life.

Sheridan Rotary meets the first and third Tuesday of each month for an evening meal and an interesting program. Meetings

are held at the Sheridan Public Library starting at 6:15 pm. If you would like to attend a meeting or just come to the program, please contact any Sheridan Rotary member or contact club secretary Steve Martin at the library (317-758-5201). The Sheridan Public Library is located at 103 West First Street in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County, Indiana. Won’t you join us?

Guardian Wells Financial opens in Carmel City Center

Carmel City Center is pleased to announce the grand opening of Guardian Wells Financial. Located at 722 S. Range Line Road, Guardian Wells Financial provides innovative strategies for retirees.

With welcome kits for newcomers, client appreciation events, phone check-ins from the firm and an ongoing positive experience; everyone gets red-carpet treatment at Guardian Wells Financial. Most important is the element designed to keep clients in the black with solid advice about financial instruments.

"The opening of Guardian Wells Financial has added a valuable element of service to the distinct mix of businesses at Carmel City Center," said Melissa Averitt, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales at Pedcor Companies.

"My battle-cry is to help people sleep better at night," said President, Jason Hutchins. "We are passionate about helping our clients bring stability to their financial planning. We now have a great home base in Carmel to help coach the important decisions about retirement. Our purpose is to help clients retire without anxiety."

Guardian Wells Financial was formed in 2007 and based on the principal that they would treat their clients like family. "We build retirement plans for people that create a stress free lifestyle," said Hutchins. "We help recognize and fix any pitfalls that exist in someone's retirement plan now, so they have "sleepability" infused in their retirements."

Carmel City Center is located on the southwest corner of Range Line Road and City Center Drive. Surface parking is available on plaza level (accessible from City Center Drive), in the underground garage (accessible from Range Line Road) and along Veterans Way located to the south of Carmel City Center.

Business intelligence experts shares tips...

How the little guys can win in today's David-and-Goliath business world

Before the internet, small companies didn’t stand a chance against the Goliaths, says Corrine Sandler, a globally recognized leader in business intelligence and market research.

That’s because no war can be won without intelligence and, before the digital era, collecting actionable data and information about one’s competitors, market and customers cost a lot more than most small businesses – the Davids – could afford.

“But today, the Davids are taking down the Goliaths,” says Sandler, founder and CEO of Fresh Intelligence Research Corp., a global business intelligence company, and author of the new book, “Wake Up or Die” (www.wakeupordie.us), a comprehensive guide to the use of intelligence in the contemporary business environment.

“Thanks to the internet, the boutiques and startups have access to all kinds of free tools for gathering intelligence. They’re also much more agile than the big corporations; they can make a decision and act immediately. That’s essential in a marketplace where conditions change quickly.”

In “Wake Up or Die,” Sandler applies lessons from Sun Tzu’s “The Art of War” – the 2,000-year-old military treatise penned by one of the greatest commanders in history – to the modern business economy. Sun Tzu held that the goal in any war is to win without ever entering into physical battle.

“By gathering actionable data and acting on it immediately, by using it to predict next moves and spot opportunities, small businesses can and are taking down the big ones without a drop of blood being shed,” Sandler says.

She offers smaller business owners these tips for acquiring and using intelligence:

- If you lack resources, make use of free or inexpensive intelligence-gathering tools. Visit competitors’ websites and collect data about them. Many businesses put a great deal of revealing information on their sites, which can benefit you. Also, make note of

any changes on their sites. Google Alerts can tell you when they’re releasing new products or expanding. Use Google analytics tools such as Google Hot Trends to tell you what’s in the collective consciousness – potential consumer demand – at any given time. Google’s key word tool will give you ideas for powerful key words in search terms, and use the traffic tool to measure global volume on those key words.

- Make intelligence-gathering part of your company’s culture. From the manager who overhears a conversation in the grocery checkout line to the clerk obsessed with Twitter, every employee in your business is a potential intelligence resource. Encourage employees to pay attention as they interact with others outside the company. They may discover a nagging issue that no other company is addressing, allowing you to create uncontested market space. Or, you may learn critical information about a competitor that allows you to seize an advantage. Make intelligence gathering a company lifestyle.
- Appoint a Chief Intelligence Officer (CIO) to coordinate and analyze information from a variety of sources. In smaller companies, leaders tend to rely on pipelines of internal information provided by employees who don’t understand how to use intelligence to make empowering decisions. That can render important data inactionable (unusable or simply not used). A CIO can oversee and coordinate the collection and analysis of intelligence, and brief you – the business leader – daily so that all data is actionable.

“What enables you to make smart, timely decisions is access to precise intelligence,” Sandler says. “Your advantage, as a smaller business, is that you don’t have the corporate processes and protocols that inhibit fast action.

“As Sun Tzu wrote, ‘It is said that if you know your enemies and know yourself, you can win 100 battles without a single loss.’ ”


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have one answer to a problem that we want to move to the next agenda item. Not every idea you invent will be a great one, but that’s okay. It may be idea number 17 that’s truly brilliant, but you’d never get there if you ran back to your desk after you came up with one, two or even five ideas. If you do this daily, you’ll develop 100 new ideas a week. Imagine how strong your idea muscle will be!

4. Give up. Cardiologists recommend to heart patients that they visit nature, go to a museum, or attend a classical concert. Why? It slows them down and allows them to appreciate beauty instead of seeing life as a constant battle. Surrender your own siege mentality. Life isn’t war, thank goodness. Take a major step away, even for a couple of hours, from whatever battles you’re facing, contemplate the greatness of the human spirit or the wonder of nature, and reawaken the creative energy that our fight-minded world suppresses.

So there you have it, four ways to generate great ideas under pressure. Where’s your next big idea coming from? From your mind at peace, that’s where!

New path for Miller gymnasts...

Seniors leading NHS into sectionals

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor

Here's a good vocabulary word to describe the Noblesville gymnastics team at the beginning of the season: Dichotomy.

That's because one of the definitions of that word is "something with seemingly contradictory qualities." That applied to the Millers. On the one hand, Noblesville has three experienced senior gymnasts. On the other hand, there were nine new girls on the team, six of them freshmen.

But now we're ready for the postseason, and that dichotomy is heading out of the gym (and to an SAT critical reading section near you). The seniors have been outstanding leaders all year, the freshmen have improved. And now, Noblesville is ready to make a state tournament run.

The Millers will begin their postseason at a different place this year, up at Lafayette Jeff. The sectionals were realigned for this season, and Noblesville will go from competing at New Palestine with mostly Indianapolis-area teams, to the home of the Bronchos, with all Lafayette and Kokomo area squads.

This will be an important point for the three Miller seniors who have been mainstays of the team ever since they were freshmen: Constance Chininis, Katherine Chininis and Jenny Coy. Katherine has qualified for regionals every year, she and her sister went to state as juniors, and Coy joined her friends when the NHS team made it to regionals last season.

This season, they want to go as far as possible.

"It's been like a real test for us, at least for me and the twins, because we've been here since our freshman year," said Coy. "We've slowly progressed, but this year's we've definitely kicked it up because we know it's our last year."

And oh, how they have kicked it up. Noblesville's first dual meet score was a 101.85. The Millers usually had to wait until the end of the season to hit the 100 mark; this year it was a regular occurrence. Noblesville's best score of the year was its Senior Night meet on Feb. 25, when it



Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Noblesville senior Constance Chininis has scored as high as 9.325 on the uneven bars this season. The Millers will be traveling to Lafayette Jeff on Saturday to compete in sectionals.

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A photograph of two women, Courtney Cole and Monica Peck, standing next to a silver sports car. They are both smiling and looking at the camera. The car is a sleek, modern model with a convertible top. The background is a dark, indoor setting with some lights visible.

6th Generation Owners
Courtney Cole and
Monica Peck

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topped 104.00. Coy had a 9.225 in winning the floor exercise, a personal best.

"Jenny has been having a great year," said Millers coach Jody Kiovsky Ramey. "She injured her arm in the second competition, and we were blessed, I guess to say, that when he had all the snow issues, that did give her a chance to heal. Her injured arm motivated her to be able to learn how to do things one-handed actually. She tumbles excellent one-handed. I said, 'Shoot, you might as well just continue to do the season with one hand. But it's really motivated her a lot.'"

The Chininis twins, of course, have been having great seasons as well. Katherine Chininis broke the school vault record with a 9.50 at the Connersville Invitational on Feb. 15, then tied it again a few days later at a three-team meet on Feb. 20. Constance Chininis scored a 9.325 on the uneven bars in the Millers' Invitational meet, which took place last Saturday. Both the twins have been steadily in the 34-35 point range in the all-around.

Noblesville will compete in a 13-team sectional. The Millers will join Crawfordsville, Frontier, Harrison, Lafayette Jeff, Logansport, McCutcheon, North Montgomery, Northwestern, Peru, Southmont, Turkey Run and Western. Logansport is ranked fifth in the state; the Berries will be the only ranked team at this sectional. Noblesville got votes in the final poll of the year, and also got into the rankings at times during the season.

"They're really good," said Coy. "We know what we're up against, we know what they're going to be doing and we know what we need to be doing."

Logansport sophomore Kelley Platt will be the top gymnast there, as she is ranked first in the all-around with a 38.25. In the individual events, Platt is second in the bars at 9.75, fourth in the vault with a 9.60, and seventh in the floor at 9.70. Katherine Chininis is ranked in the vault; her 9.50 score puts her at seventh in the state ratings.

Thankfully, the Chininis twins going to state last year gave the Millers a chance to see state-level competition up close.

"Last year when they were able to go to state, even though we were the underdogs, it allowed the girls that were on the team last year to see what state competition looks like and what they need to do to get back to state," said Kiovsky Ramey.

In addition to the seniors, two freshmen will compete in sectionals. Esma Taylor will compete in the balance beam, floor and

vault disciplines, with Ronnie VanBuskirk going on to the uneven bars. VanBuskirk is part of a set of triplets for the Millers, joining the Chininis twins.

"I imagine we're probably the only team in the state that has that," said Kiovsky Ramey. "That's unique in itself."

The seniors mentoring of the freshmen has been a big help this season.

"It's been awesome for them to see what senior leadership looks like," said Kiovsky Ramey, who noted that the three seniors have improved greatly from where they

were as freshmen. The seniors themselves have made sure the freshmen are aware of that, too.

"They're really scared, because they're like, 'Oh, we can't do all the skills that you guys do,' and we're like, 'We were just like you when we were freshmen!'" said Coy. "I think that they'll get more comfortable with the sport and with the coaches and everything as the years go on."

The sectionals begin with team introductions at 10:30 a.m., and competition starts at 11 a.m. The top three teams advance

to regionals, as do the top six all-around individuals and the top six scorers in each event.

In addition, there is an automatic qualifying score that allows each gymnast to move on regardless of place. An all-around gymnast that scores 37.15 is guaranteed a spot at regionals; the individual event qualifying scores are 9.40 for bars, 9.225 for beam, 9.70 for vault and 9.425 for floor exercise.



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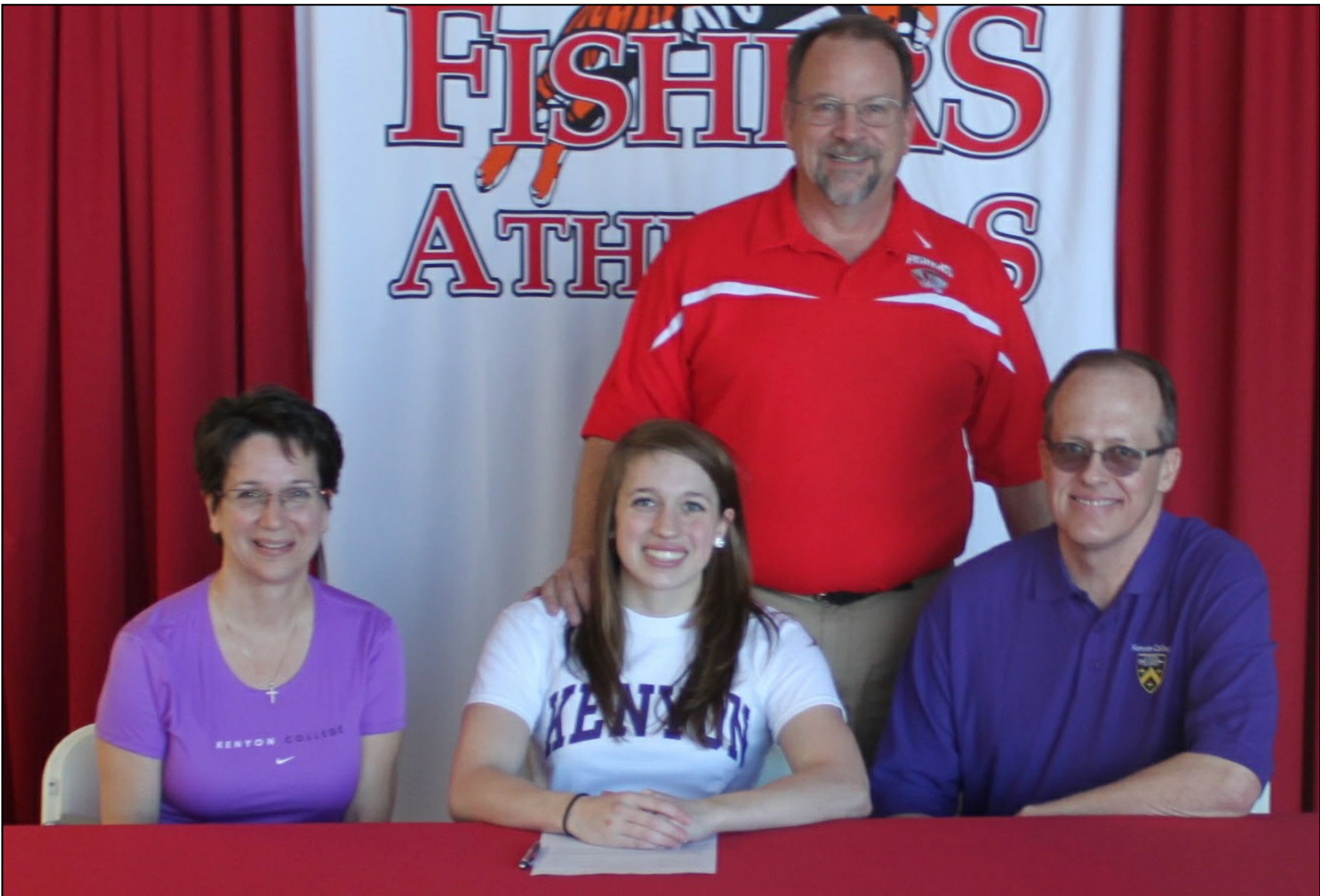


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Fishers senior swimmer Ren DeBrosse has signed a letter of intent to continue her swimming career at Kenyon College.
Pictured – Front row: Mary Mader (Mother), Ren DeBrosse, Jerry DeBrosse (Father). Back row: Jay Chambers (FHS Head Swimming (Coach)

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