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Construction to close Jackson Street Bridge

By JEFF JELLISON

nounced the Jackson Street bridge the east side." will close to traffic on four days during March.

a.m. on March 13, 17, 18, 19. The renovation of the causeway. closure of Jackson Street will force motorists looking for a direct project as a 12 foot wide extension route to, or from, U.S. 31 to use 256th Street.

Officer Jim Hunter said during the serve as a walkway for pedestrians closure his department will have and bicyclists to travel from one an officer assigned to the area west side of Cicero to the other safely. of the lake. Hunter also stated, "In The project is expected to be case of an emergency, construction workers will be able to clear

the bridge to allow access to emer-The town of Cicero has an- gency equipment responding from

The closure will allow construction crews to set the metal The bridge will close during support beams and concrete deckthe hours of 10:00 p.m. till 5:00 ing for the nearly 3 million dollar

Cicero officials describe the constructed on the south side of the Jackson Street bridge over Morse Cicero Police Department's Reservoir. The extension will completed this summer.

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.



Beck's adds coverage into two more states

By DON JELLISON **Reporter Editor**

Hybrids has been a familiar name With the expansion, more than to residents of Hamilton County. Not just for the farmers for who soybeans and wheat has been Beck's serve, but also for other added to Beck's marketing area. folks who drive Hamilton County signs in farm fields.

those in the Hamilton Heights area and testing programs. of the county. Beck's Hybrids is smallest town, on Tipton/Hamilton counties line.

company president Sonny Beck, company. the company has grown into seven importantly, as Sonny and the

And, still growing.

states of Indiana, Illinois, and employees." Ohio, southern Michigan and the western two-thirds of Kentucky finding new employees. and Tennessee. Just recently, Beck's announced they have 84 new employees. We had over moved into eastern Iowa and 1,500 applications for the jobs," Missouri.

The move into Iowa and Missouri will give the company For more than 75 years Beck's five additional reporting districts. eight million acres of corn,

Also, Beck's has purchased a roads while seeing Beck after Beck seed facility near Marshalltown, Iowa. It will serve as a research And, of course, familiar to station for Beck's corn breeding

"We continue to meet a located in Atlanta, the county's growing numbers of farmers who see the value in working with a family-owned seed company," said Now, under the direction of Scott Beck, vice president of the

While growing with leaps and states. It is the third-largest seed bounds throughout the Midwest, company in the Midwest, behind Beck has continued to be a huge Pioneer and DeKalb. Most player in the Hamilton County area.

"We employ about 400 company like to point out, Beck's workers," Sonny Beck said, "and owned seed company in the nation. the Atlanta plant. Our new operations in Iowa and Missouri

"Recently, we had a need for Marketing Association.



Photo courtesy Beck's Hybrids

Beck's Hybrids has been in the news quite a bit lately. The company announced it will expand into two additional states, this after company president Sonny Beck was named the 2014 Agribusiness Hybrids is the largest family- of those 400 about 275 are here at Leader of the Year by the National Agri-Marketing Association.

Beck's territory had been the will require about a dozen new The Hamilton County Reporter, with customers. recently was recognized as the Beck said it isn't difficult 2014 Agribusiness Leader of the Beck's Hybrids has experienced a

> Beck, since joining the in size every four years. company in 1964 following graduating from University, has worked hard at company will ask Hamilton that highway can be improved.

Under Sonny's leadership, Year by the National Agri- 20 percent increase in sales each (Hamilton County) highway

Purdue Atlanta location. Next month the Hamilton County is studying how

Sonny Beck, as was reported in building stronger relationships County for a tax abatement to build a research facility, which will bring more jobs to the area.

> Beck's Hybrids is located on year for the last 20 years, doubling 274/276, a narrow, winding stretch of road between State Road 19 and Beck's continues to grow at its two miles to Beck's, and beyond.

Mundy sends letter to Sheridan community about water damage

community

Sheridan



Mundy

High School.

Dr. Mundy's Letter:

As most of the community is aware on February 6, 2014 Sheridan High School suffered major water damage from a water pipe result of a frozen pipe. The water started leaking in the main hall-



Sheridan Superintendent Dr. way connecting the gymnasium and the continued offerings of David Mun- and athletic area with the rest of dy on Friday the school. The leak started at published a approximately 1:15 a.m. and ran letter to up- until it was discovered a little tance to help with our emergency the before 6:00 a.m. The water traveled all the way from the "girls on the status swim locker room" all the way to water the concession stand located at the damage that far end of the gym. Along the occurred on way, the water ran into, the cafete-February 6 ria, band room, all the locker when a wa- rooms, the snack shack, athletic line director's office, storage rooms, broke inside the bathrooms on the north and south end of the facilities, and a large portion of the gym floor. The water even found its way out into the parking lot covering parts

in a large sheet of ice. I cannot thank everyone enough who has offered in one way or another to help with the issues we have endured. The leak. This incident was not the number of individuals who showed up to lend a hand on the morning of the water issue and how quickly everyone responded as word spread is but one example of what makes this such a GREAT community. We had numerous teachers, community members and leaders, the police and fire departments all show up to see if there was anything that could be done to assist. It is humbling to witness the offerings of assistance

support we are receiving. Sheridan is a FANTASTIC place, and this collaboration of assisis just one of a million examples

We are working on several is-

sues that need to be addressed such as getting the locker rooms cleared for our spring athletic teams, where these teams will hold fundraisers and practices during inclement weather, how will restoration affect traffic/safety issues, and probably most importantly, will we be back in the gymnasium before graduation. We have cleaned the gym locker rooms and there is a process in plan to fix the Terrazzo flooring. While I realize everyone would like answers to these questions especially graduation, we are not 100% sure of what the answers are at this point. As we get confirmation, however, I will be making sure we get the answers out immediately, but there are still too many unknowns at this point to answer with certainty. What I am sure of, and the main purpose of the letter, is to express the appreciation I have for

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all the assistance and cooperation

from the entire community.

Westfield Police announce partnership with Nextdoor

ment announced today a partner- services, and even lost pets. with Nextdoor to build stronger, safer communi-

ties with the help of residents. Department to communicate online with Westfield neighborhoods. Residents and police will be able to work together to improve safety and strengthen neighborhood watch efforts.

'We are honored to be able to enhance communication on both the neighborhood and city levels," said Nirav Tolia, Co-Founder and CEO of Nextdoor. "By adopting Nextdoor, cities now have the ability to quickly and effectively share localized, pertinent informa-

to residents to keep neighborhoods across the area safe and well-informed.'

Already Nextdoor has proven to be an essential and well-adopted tool for Westfield residents. So far, 24 Westfield neighborhoods have started Nextdoor websites.

With Nextdoor, Westfield residents can join private neighborwebsites to share information, including neighbor- needed with relevant information. hood public safety issues, commu-

The Westfield Police Depart- nity events and activities, local

'One of the key features that (www.nextdoor.com), the private sold me was the ability to send social network for neighborhoods, real-time notifications that are sent in an email or mobile text message to neighbors who have a Nextdoor This integration with Nextdoor account. This feature has been one will enable the Westfield Police of the most useful for our neighborhood watch," said Aaron Sherrick, Lead Block

> Captain for Countryside. "Countryside has been using Nextdoor for about 16 months. Our neighbors

use it to notify other neighbors provide a platform that will help of lost/missing pets, recommendations about local businesses, and the list goes on. Nextdoor.com also has a mobile app for Android and iPhone so you can share info even while walking on the neighborhood paths or checking on the neighborhood when you are away."

The Westfield Police Department will utilize Nextdoor as another tool to help us communicate with our residents and for our residents to be able to communicate with us. The Police Department will be able to post information, such as safety tips and crime alerts, to Nextdoor websites within the city and will be able to target specific neighborhoods as

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Obituaries

Chaplain Tom Burton

December 18, 1943 - March 1, 2014

Chaplain Tom Burton, 70, of Noblesville, was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 1, 2014. He was born December 18,1943 to the late George and Kathryn Burton.

Tom's love for the Lord and obedience to our Heavenly Father led him away from being lead mechanic at Trans World Airlines for 21 years to attend Southern Baptist Seminary. His passion to serve and spread The Gospel to others sent him to preach in Noblesville. Besides pastoring his church home, he volunteered at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, where he served from 2000 until his passing. As the Agency's Senior Chaplain he was instrumental in the development and organization of the support teams and services.

Tom found absolute joy in every opportunity to serve others: family (including 17 foster children), chaplains, inmates, and any passing stranger. He went peacefully, leaving

his earthly desire to grow God's Kingdom.

His favorite passage he wants to share with you today is 1Thess 5:16-18, which reads "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 48 years, Joyce; children, Tommy (Paula) Burton, Shanoah (Jeff) Bruner, Jim Hunt, David (Vivian) Burton and Angela Burton; his grandchildren whom he was blessed and loved by, Nicole, Mitchell, Leah, Kayleigh, Mia and Hannah; brother, Jack (Shirley) Burton; and sister, Alice (Jack) Ruppel.

Services were held on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at Christ Community Church of Hamilton County. Pastor Mark Fidler and his son Tommy Burton officiated. Visitation was Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at the church. Inurnment was Saturday, March 8, 2014 in Crownland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hamilton County Chaplaincy Fund, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060. http://www.hamiltoncountychaplains.com/

David Wayne Jankowski

November 11, 1953 - March 7, 2014

David Wayne Jankowski, 60, of Indianapolis, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2014 at home. He was born on November 11, 1953 to William and Helen (Bradley) Jankowski in Chicago, Illinois. His parents



precede him in death.

Dave worked in the manufacturing industry for over 40 years, most recently he was a consultant for ID Castings. He had also worked for Northern Castings, Gartland Foundry, and Batesville Casket Company. His favorite past time was being in blue on the baseball field. He was able to turn his love of baseball into a successful 30 year umpiring career. To say he was a Green Bay Packers fan is an understatement. He truly bled green and gold and could not have been more proud to be a shareholder. He also leaves a legacy of being the World's Best Euchre Player.

He is survived by his wife, Luanne Dahringer Jankowski; children, Jill (Greg) Golightly, Amy (Tony) Hilton, David (Karen) Jankowski, and Lyndsay (Mike) Sheridan; siblings, Bill Jankowski, Chris Mrioued, Paul Jankowski, Dori Rota, and Wally Jankowski; the mother of his children, Pam Melfi; and twelve grandchildren.

Services will be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers, with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm until the time of service.

To honor the support given during his daughter's breast cancer journey, Dave requested memorial contributions be made to the Megan S. Ott Foundation, P.O. Box 1372, Noblesville, IN 46061 or online at www.megansottfoundation.org.

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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.

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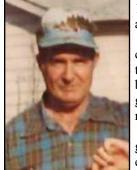


Donald Bee Abbott

March 24, 1925 - March 8, 2014

Donald Bee Abbott, 88, of Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. He was born on March 24,

1925 to Leslie and Alice (Bullock) Abbott in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Donald worked in automotive industry, and also served his country in the United States Army during WWII, then went on to serve in the United States Air Force. He once attended Noblesville Nazarene Church, was a member of the American Legion, and the Noblesville VFW. He enjoyed racing, polishing rocks, fishing, camping, and anything outdoors.

He is survived by his grandson, Jay (Erin) Portman; great-grandson, Jay Michael Portman II; brother, Harold Abbott; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred (Sells) Abbott; daughter, Patricia Ann Abbott; brother, Carl V. Abbott; sister, Wanda Mae Johnson; and great-grandson, Isaiah Portman.

Services will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post 45 1094 Conner Street Noblesville, IN 46060 or Noblesville VFW Post #6246 654 S. 9th Street Noblesville, IN 46060.

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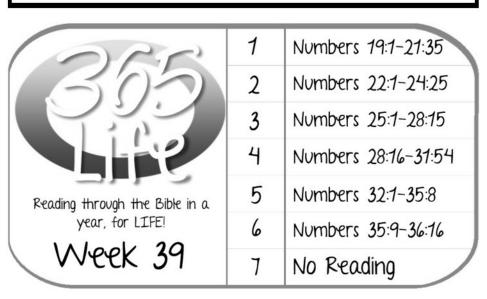
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Obituaries

Mabel F. McGee

June 10, 1923 - March 3, 2014

Mabel F. McGee, 90, of Noblesville, Indiana, died Monday, March 3, 2014, after an extended illness at Riverview Hospital.



She was born in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, June 10, 1923, to Willie and Viola Markus. Mabel was married to William E. McGee, Waynesboro, Tennessee, on December 17, 1949, who is also deceased.

Mabel is survived by two children, Jim W. McGee (Pendleton, Indiana) and Pamela J. McGee (Noblesville, Indiana). Deceased children include three boys: James Danny McGee, Timmy Neal McGee, and Edgar McGee. She is survived by grandchildren: Ryan McGee, Fishers, In; Kelley (McGee) Mitchell, Noblesville, In; Leslie (McGee) Thurman, Pendleton, In; Courtney McGee, Pendleton, In; Becky (McGee) Cook, Lawrenceburg, Tn; and Angie McGee, Washington. She also has two deceased grandchildren, Joann GcGee and Marie McGee. She was blessed with nine great grandchildren and several

wonderful nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Green Valley Church of Christ, Noblesville, IN. Besides cooking, baking, and canning garden items, she loved to be outdoors on her porch. Most importantly she loved her family, which she felt was her life's calling.

Mabel's siblings are Mary Andrews, Neva Coker, Willie Markus Jr., James Markus, Kathy Barton, and Cleveland Markus. Her parents Willie and Viola Markus, Iva Neal Markus, and one brother, Edward Markus, are deceased.

Viewing was held Friday, March 7, 2014 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, and the funeral celebration was Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the funeral home. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery, in Noblesville. Funeral arrangements were officiated by Trevor A. Thurman, Mitchell Haynes, and Jim W. McGee.

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Catherine C. Purves

February 23, 1914 - March 2, 2014

Catherine C Purves, 100, of Westfield, passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on February 23, 1914 to Harry and Grace (Schultz) Bowsher in



Indianapolis, IN.
Catherine had been an elementary school teacher with IPS for 43 years. She received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Butler University. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Indianapolis, the Westfield Lions Club and Outlook Club, the local chapter of the Audobon Society, and Pi

She is survived by several, nieces & nephews; and her caregivers, Patty Griffin and Scott Griffin.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband, Robert Purves; and siblings, Nelson Bowsher, Roberta Bowsher, Harry Bowsher, Eleanor Metcalf, Marian Davis

and Robert Bowsher.

Services were held on Friday, March 7, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Indianapolis, IN, with visitation immediately prior to the service. Dr. Frederick Lewis officiated. Burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

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Helen Marie Goddard

June 6, 1922 - March 7, 2014

Helen Marie Goddard, 91, of Westfield, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2014 at St.

Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis. She was born on June 6, 1922 to Charles and Bertha (Mills) Pope in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Helen was a homemaker and a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church. She was an artist, and had won a scholarship to John Herron School of Art. She enjoyed singing in the St. Pius Choir, and played the organ and accordion. Helen was a great cook, and helping others was her passion.

She is survived by her children, Charles (Shirley) Goddard, Richard Goddard, Linda (Jeff) Stewart; grandchildren, Lauren

McGlone, Kathleen Gillum, Christopher & Joshua Goddard, Angie Setmeyer, Leann Foster, Jennifer Roberts, and Jeremiah Goddard; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her

husband, Harold Goddard in 1991; son, Gary Goddard in 2010; two brothers and four sisters.

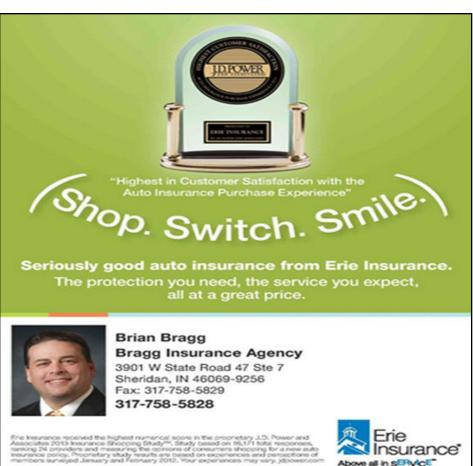
Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at St.

Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Springmill Road, in Westfield, with visitation beginning at 2:00 pm until the time of service. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 8604 Allianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 8604 Allisonville Road, Suite 140, Indianapolis, IN 46250 or St. Vincent Hospice, 8402 Harcourt Road, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

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Noblesville was site of Civil War conflict

By FRED SWIFT

The years of 2011 through 2015 are



being observed as the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War with numerous re-enactments

observances being held especially in areas where the war took place. We, in Hamilton County, think of that painful, but often romanti-

cized conflict as happening far from us.

But, the war on the homefront was something that Hamilton County experienced too. Exactly 150 years ago Noblesville was the scene of a conflict between loyal Union supporters and Southern symdowntown Noblesville.

It's hard for us to visualize today, but civil war of any kind stirs deep emotions in the general population especially when friends or family members are being killed or wounded. It was therefore not surprising to find local residents angered by a band of Copperheads arriving in town voicing opposition to the Union war effort. home to a community that thought of itself (Copperheads was the name generally giv- as far removed from battlefields. en to Southern sympathizers.)

sketchy, but apparently the "invaders" were ton County Historian David Heighway.) civilians from Fall Creek Township and

neighboring Hancock County. One of the band made a speech at the county fairgrounds, at that time located along North 10th just south of Monument Street. The speaker verbally attacked local support of the war and the soldiers fighting in it.

Methodist Pastor Safety Layton rallied residents who supported the war. He spoke from atop a wagon parked on the courthouse square. The Copperheads and any supporters they may have had then the Square to apparently confronted the crowd headed by Rev. Layton.

Fighting broke out. The local militia company was called out to break up the melee. Someone pulled a gun and shot a man on horseback identified only as Trittipo. Another shot hit the horse. The horse died, Trittipo survived. Eventually the mob was disbursed without further bloodshed.

Later it was reported that the "invaders" pathizers. It took the form of a riot right in had more devious plans when they rode into town. They were looking for three Noblesville residents: Joe Gray, Jake Loehr and D.C. Chipman who had advocated a tax to finance a bounty on Southern sympathizers. Burning the homes of the three men was the

> So, the invasion of Noblesville was a failure, but in a sense it brought the war

(Editor's Note: Information for this col-Accounts of the ensuing conflict are umn comes from research done by Hamil-

Not the Perfect Mom

God makes miracles, and one of them is you

By TAMAR KNOCHEL



thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully love? made: marvelous are 139:14 KJV

What is it about youth that we are so obsessed with? Why

is it that we even want to look younger than we really are? Think about every year of really great? And some of them really hard? During those hard years, what about them was so difficult? What did you do about it? During that time in your life where you were being shaken where did you look for help? Did you look to the problem or God? And now in the aftermath of that situation, looking back, what did you learn from that shaking? Did you draw closer to God through it? Did you learn something about

yourself? Him? Someone else? For every wrinkle or silver hair on our bodies, there is a corresponding event. For every scar there is a story, every broken bone, and new strong point (they heal stronger than they were to begin with). Every single tear that we shed God collects (Psalm 56:8). He CARES about our hurts and He never wastes a single one. He USES them to teach us, to mold and shape us and help us grow to help us heal. So then why, oh please someone tell me why is our culture so ready and willing to cover all that up; to hide the help that God provided us in our time of need? If every silver hair equals a lesson well learned, why dye it back to the way it was before and cancel out your wisdom? Pretending it never happened? How do you think God feels about that? I mean He's the one who painted that hair silver in the first place isn't He? If He's going to take the time to count how many are on your head (Matthew 10:30) I'm pretty sure He's got them all labeled with a color too! When my husband and I were dating we used to always talk about growing old together, what we'd do when we retired, and how we would spend eternity together. Now, keep in mind, this is when we were young teenagers! And now, every single silver hair on my head is a reminder to me how I am now getting to live out some of those dreams with my husband, and that I

am one silver hair closer to that final dream

of eternity with my husbands - both of them! So now, tell me, WHY would I want will praise to try to hide the fact that I am literally living out my dream of life with the man I

The same is true of my spiritual husthy works; and that band Jesus, think about it; He numbers my soul knoweth every hair, collects every tear, and counts right well." Psalm every footstep. Does it sound like these things matter to Him? Then shouldn't they matter to us? Every morning women get up and paint over the face that God painted first. His fingers traced those laugh lines around your mouth, "Aren't they beautiful?" He says. His brush painted that stretch your life so far. Have some of them been mark iridescent, "Aren't those children wonderful?" He asks. Those spider veins are His handiwork too! Your royal purple blood shining through your fleshy exterior. "Oh, you are so beautiful!" He exclaims proudly, "I did such a work on you, and that's just on the outside! You should see what all I've painted on the inside!"

She who has eves let her see! We may think a child's skin is beautiful because it is flawless, but really it's because it's still blank! God hasn't painted anything on it yet. But you! You're a half-finished work of art, painted by the Master himself. THE Master! Better than Picasso, or Rembrandt or hey, even Andy Warhol! This Master is the One who painted them! And He's painting you too!

You may not like the way you look in the mirror, but God loves it! He doesn't make mistakes (Deuteronomy 32:4) so why question His judgment on how low your breasts sag or how wide your hips are? And really, what's the point? I mean where does it get you other than losing money on beauty "aids" and a huge loss of self-confidence in the beautiful woman God's creating in you. No, He's not done yet, that takes a lifetime, but look how far He's come with you! Step by step He's led you down life's road, right by your side (whether you recognized Him or not) He was there the whole time. He is ever so fond of you, and loves you so desperately, will you choose to believe Him today? Will you choose to cling to His promise never to leave you, to never let go. Will you choose to believe Him when He tells you that you are fearfully and wonderfully made? If you do, it might just change your entire perspective on the world. Remember God doesn't make mistakes, He makes miracles - that's you sister!

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New name means changes and challenges

By JANET LEONARD

So many changes.



Last Sunday I called in a carry out order for pizza for Jaard. I signed my check Janet Leonard but had to void it because they are still Janet Baker checks.

At work I am Janet Baker-Leonard so

by either name.

1975. Every document, credit card, doctor's file, insurance card, car registration, bank account, driver's license, social security card, auto loan, mortgage, my Mother's power of attorney paper, utility bills, and every rewards card, I am identified as Janet

So now I have begun the task of making the world aware of my new name, Janet Hart Leonard.

Let the challenges begin!

STEVE & LINDA

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My cell phone company was my first challenge. After 30 minutes on the phone they finally called my fifteen year old granddaughter to verify that I was who I said I was. Seriously.

My auto loan wants a copy of the marnet Baker, no Leon- riage license. The mortgage company is sending me a packet to change my name.

And of course there will be the social security change. Major ugh!

The grandmunchkins have added some humor in all the changes since I got married. Seven year old Jake wanted to know if I was still going to be part of the family any one calling to since I would no longer have the last name talk to me can call me of Baker. Ten year old Abby asked if Chuck was really going to live with me. And three I have had the same last name since year old Aiden made Chuck an official member of the family when he remembered GrandChuck in his prayers.

Chuck is challenged with changing his address to Noblesville but after being the school superintendent for Hamilton Southeastern Schools for 17 years you can change his address but you can't make him a Miller!

Yes some things will never change, I will always be a Miller and Chuck will always be a Royal.

JIM & KIM

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Sister cities to meet Seize the Fun (Dip) in Italy in July

By MARY SUE ROWLAND

Application deadline is March 14...hurry!



Meeting new people, visiting a new country and learning many new traditions, is available to Noblesville High School students who attend the Sister Cities meeting in Citta-

della, Italy departing July 18 and returning July 27, 2014. Students will live with host families from Cittadella and also students from Nova Prata, Brazil who will join the conclave. Every year the host city changes from Noblesville to Nova Prata to Cittadella. you are interested, go www.noblesistercities.org to apply for the experience. If you need more innoblesistercities@gmail.com or call 317-773-1829. Application deadline is March 14, 2014. Students will be notified by March 28, 2014 if they have been selected to travel to Italy.

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Noblesville's other Sister City, Cittadella, Italy is located in the northern part of Italy near Venice. It is a medieval walled city, founded in the 13th century in the year 1220. There is even a moat that surrounds the old town with its many gates, archways and ramparts. With the three cities, Noblesville, Nova Prata and Cittadella, the tri-lateral cities were born. There are only a few such agreements in the entire world.

The history of Sister Cities International was begun by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 when he started the "People-to People Program". His hope was that personal relationships would lessen the problems of world conflicts. Today, there are 2,400 Sister Cities relationships actively working on building friendships, economic development and imthrough creative provements

Nova Prata, Brazil has a strong Italy heritage. In 1929, the city was founded in the mountainous area of southern Brazil. Within its 100 square miles, are natural beauty and a natural Basalt mineral with over 100 quarries in the region. The population is 23,600 and the majority of the population traces its ancestors to Italy. In the 1900's, people of Brazil opened their land to the people of Italy in the same Veneto region as Cittadella. Many moved to Brazil for a new life and land. Today they have an opportunity to return to their heritage through Sister Cities. The language of Nova Prada is Italian and Portuguese.

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By AIMEE GEBHART

I could learn a lot from my dog, Scout. Not self-restraint, but most certainly how to seize a moment and live life to the fullest. Scout is a dappled dachshund, and she is undoubtedly the greatest dog ever. She is sweet, good natured, and is usually well behaved. Scout's halo

tarnished last week, though, when she gave up her "good dog" status in order to live out the phrase "carpe diem" to

Usually we place a baby gate at the bottom of the stairs each morning before leaving for work to prevent Scout from getting into trouble in the "gold mine" that is Faith's room. She has been known to seek out and destroy any stuffed animals she can get her paws on, and, because of that, we also fear that she will massacre our two fat guinea pigs that are housed in there as Well, wouldn't you know it...last Thursday we forgot the gate, and that little hot dog took full advantage of her freedom.

When I came home from work that day, I was greeted with a massacre in the middle of the family room floor. No, it wasn't the guinea pigs, thank goodness. It was even worse; it was a package of Fun Dip. You probably remember

Fun Dip, that deliciously sweet, powdery candy from our childhood. You may also recall how the minute it gets wet with saliva it turns a bright, necessarily manners or electric color. Scout had found a package that Faith left out in her room, and she must have been so overcome with her sheer good fortune that she had to run like crazy to the most central location in the house to eat the heavenly blue miniature powder. The neon blue stain on our light beige carpet was proof of her wild time.

At first I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. After the day I had just had, I was leaning more toward a good, loud cry peppered with some colorful expletives. But, with Faith standing there watching me, I knew I had to pull it together. So instead of going over to the dark side, I decided to find the humor in the situation. We took a picture of Scout next to her lovely artwork and posted it on Facebook in true "Dog Shaming" fashion for a few good laughs. Although it didn't lighten the stain on our carpet, it did lighten the mood.

The more I think about it, the more I realize that my naughty little weenie dog could actually be an inspiration for the rest of us. How often are we presented with opportunities in our life, but we are too scared to take them? We worry too much about negative consequences and worst case scenarios and allow fear to hold us back. We forget that if you don't take the risks, you won't reap the rewards. So maybe we should all follow Scout's lead, throw caution to the wind, and seize the fun when we find it. Just preferably not in the middle of my family room

A lot of thanks go to several members of our volved with our school district and the belief district leaders and members of the faculty and staff who have continued to be creative in the ways to overcome the obstacles presented to us. This situation has again showed the overall resolve and positive attitudes of everyone in-

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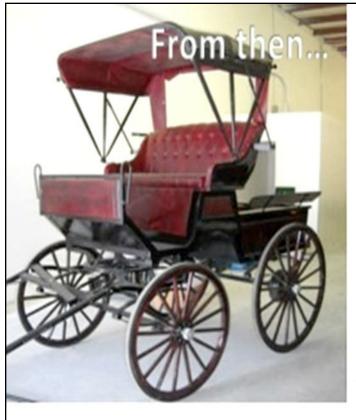
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Up and down at Muncie...

Huskies sweep Southside, upset by Central

By CHUCK GODBY

way Hamilton Heights shot the basketball in the fourth quarter one almost had to wonder if someone during that short time span between the third and fourth quarters placed a cover over the Huskies' bucket.

In that crucial fourth quarter they missed 13 of 15 shots from the field, including all six from three-point range, and 5 of 9 from the free throw line, which spelled disaster, as the state's 10th-ranked school in Class 3A dropped a, 53-47, heartbreaker to Muncie Central.

The loss snapped Heights' 13-game winning streak and closed the book on an 18-4 season. On Tuesday, the Huskies beat Muncie Southside 64-50 in the first round

"We didn't have a quarter like that all season," said Heights mentor Chad Ballenger. "It came down to they made plays and we didn't. They made shots and we didn't. We missed some free throws that were big and we turned the ball over at critical times. Those are just things that we didn't do this year."

The Bearcats, who got a first-round bye, entered Friday night's Sectional 35 semifinal round battle with an 8-11 record. Ballenger called that mark deceiving.

"Central is a good basketball team," he said. "They've got a really good big kid (6-foot-8 Tyler Arens) and I thought we did a good job on him, although he has been injured and is still not 100 percent. But I thought we did a good job on the boards against him."

The Huskies entered the fourth quarter in front, 39-36, but Phillip Corthen, who paced Central in scoring for the game with 18 points, drained a long three a few seconds in to tie the score.

Grant Weatherford answered right away with a jumper, got fouled, and converted the freebie to put Heights ahead, 42-39. The Bearcats were whistled for traveling moments later and Heights went up by four when Bo O'Laughlin made one of two free

Ballenger later admitted he anticipated the Huskies going on a roll that never mate-

'We kept waiting for that to happen," he said. "It's what we've done all year. Our goal every game is to go on a 10-0 run. We always talk about that and the kids expect to do it, but tonight we didn't get it done."

Both teams traded baskets early in the fourth and Heights maintained the advantage until Centrals' Darryl McKinney scored on a driving lay in to give his team a 46-45 lead with 3:46 left. The Bearcats built their cushion to five points, 50-45,on a steal and basket by Marcus Dukes at the one-minute mark that sealed the Huskies

Heights, last season's sectional champi-There were no eyewitnesses. And it on at Muncie and winners of four straight probably did not happen this way. But the games at the historic Muncie Fieldhouse over three season before tonight, got off to a good start Friday evening, taking an 11-6 lead after the first quarter behind Garrett Paull's seven points and five-rebound effort.

> Paull, Hunter Crist and Weatherford combined for 12 points to lead the Huskies into halftime on top, 28-24.

> Paull led Heights in scoring for the game with 15 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Weatherford added 12 points and Crist finished with 10.

> The 6-foot-3 O'Laughlin, one of two seniors to start the game, had a big night guarding Central's Arens, forcing him into early foul trouble and making him a nonfactor. O'Laughlin also pulled down 10 re-

> "It hurts," Ballenger said of the loss. "It's especially tough for the seniors. "Hopefully I'll get to coach again, but the seniors never get to play a high school game again. So it's hard for them.'

The other Heights seniors are Zac Moffatt, Lukas Sipe and Conley Hoover.

TUESDAY GAME

Ballenger admits he was not surprised his Hamilton Heights ball club trailed Muncie Southside at halftime, 32-29 in Tuesday's first-round game.

"I told the kids earlier in the week I felt like we could be behind at halftime," Ballenger pointed out. "This is going to be the last time we are going to play them because they are consolidating with Central next year. We talked about how much fight they were going to have and would not go down

"I wanted our kids to relax. It's a 32minute game and I knew we were going to have a run in us. I thought our kids did a good job with that and didn't panic."

Shemor Isom, a feisty, 5-foot-8, senior guard for Southside, kept the Rebels in the contest with a 14-point second quarter and his three-point buzzer beater from way, way out on Bill Harrall Court had the Rebels thinking shocker.

But Heights came out blazing in the third. Junior Grant Weatherford drilled two from the foul line and super sophomore Hunter Crist drilled back-to-back threes, giving the lead back to the Huskies for good.

Crist, who had 17 points in the game, drilled a trio of treys in the third to help lift Heights on top 46-36, entering the fourth.

Junior Garrett Paull, who led Heights with 19 points and eight rebounds, had six points in the fourth and Weatherford had seven of his 13 points to help seal the deal.

Isom powered the Rebels with 26 points. They closed the book on their school's basketball history with a 2-18 mark and 10 straight losses.



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Bo O'Laughlin was one of the four seniors on this year's Hamilton Heights boys basketball team. O'Laughlin had 10 rebounds in the Huskies' sectional semi-final game with Muncie Central Friday.



Comets end Blackhawks' season

By CHUCK GODBY

Sheridan and Eastern (Greentown) struggled mightily during the regular basketball season, combining for a total of six wins. So both schools entered first-round sectional play seeking a fresh start.

For a half, the Blackhawks and Comets traded punches, each one looking to seize momentum in the ball game. They went into halftime even, 19-19, after five lead changes and three ties. The question was: Could anyone take control in the second

Eastern's Noah Cope drilled a threepoint basket eight seconds into the second half, but Sheridan junior Brock Kitchel answered right away with a trey to knot the score, 22-all.

The Comets suddenly caught fire and answered with a 12-2 run that finally put someone in control. They outscored the 'Hawks, 24-6, in the third frame, and went on to post a 52-33 win in Class 2A, Sectional 39 at Alexandria-Monroe High School.

Eastern (4-17) advances to face Wednesday night's Madison-Grant-Elwood winner, while Sheridan, with its 15thstraight loss, finished 3-18 and suffered its second-straight first-round elimination in sectional play.

Cory Dunn, who closed the book on his eighth season as Sheridan's coach, had a difficult time accepting the game's outcome and his team's second-half performance, which included a frigid 2-of-15 shooting from the field during the pivotal third quar-

"I hoped we would come out in the second half and play hard, and with intensity," Dunn said as he leaned against the hallway wall outside his team's locker room. "I thought we had figured out their trap (defense), but we didn't come out and do anything we had talked about. Mentally, we were terrible the second half."

He was mostly pleased with a first half which the 'Hawks led twice by three points.

"I thought our intensity to start was pretty good," Dunn noted. "We still made some poor decisions, but our intensity was much better the first half."

Six-foot-three senior Cort Christy had 10 points in the first half and concluded his prep career with 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead Sheridan.

Cope powered the Comets with 15

How disappointed was Dunn with the

"I'm not even going to say," he responded. "We were optimistic as I'm sure Eastern was optimistic. On paper we were both the same type of teams. The first half it was an even game. I think both teams played to their potential. Just one team didn't come back out of the locker room in the second

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With wins over Herron and Brebeuf...

Golden Eagles get sectional championship back

By RICHIE HALL **Reporter Sports Editor**

Who says games have to be high-scor-

ing to be exciting?

Guerin Catholic was involved in a defensive battle with Brebeuf Jesuit Saturday night for the John Marshall sectional championship. Guerin trailed the Braves at halftime, but outscored Brebeuf 9-2 in the third quarter, and blasted through the fourth to grab a 36-30 victory.

"They're battling some injuries, we're battling some injuries," said GC senior Aaron Brennan. "But it was a war out there, and it was a fun game to play."

With that, the Golden Eagles re-claimed the sectional trophy they won two years ago on the way to a state championship. Guerin Catholic now moves to the Greencastle regional, taking on Tri-West at 10 a.m. next Saturday

In Friday's semi-final, the Golden Eagles beat Herron 83-57.

"I always expect a defensive game," said GC's Matt Labus, who calls himself a defensive specialist - "more of a defense first, offense second type of guy." But Labus played some big-time offense, draining back-to-back 3-pointers late in the third quarter that took Guerin Catholic from being down 20-17 to up 23-20.

That was only the second time that the Golden Eagles held the lead. The only other time was a brief period at the start of the second quarter when GCHS was up 12-11. Other than that, the Braves were controlling the scoreboard and the tempo of the game. Their largest lead was 18-12 in the second quarter, and Brebeuf was going long periods of time passing the ball.

"They do a good job of controlling tempo, and I thought they would try to milk every possession, trying to get PJ out there as long as he can, because he hasn't played for a couple weeks," said Guerin Catholic coach Pete Smith.

PJ Thompson is Brebeuf's star, and he had missed some games due to injury. But he was back and playing well, winding up with 15 points, including three 3-pointers.

Brennan scored nine of the Golden Eagles' first 12 points, helping to keep his team within striking distance of the Braves. Matt Holba helped out late in the second quarter with one of his big dunks; that cut

Brebeuf's lead to 18-14, and that would

stand at halftime.

"This was kind of like deja vu two years ago when we went into a sectional championship against Chatard," said Whit Rapp, another Golden Eagle senior. Guerin trailed in that game, and that could cause some teams to lose composure.

But the Golden Eagles didn't, and instead listened to the advice from Coach Smith: Get the rebounds and play scrappy.

"So we came out with poise, and we hung in there," said Rapp. "We played gritty and ended up on top in the end."

Cris Burrough got Guerin to within 18-17 with a 3-point play that took place at the 3:48 mark of the third quarter - the first points of the second half. Brebeuf's only points in that period were two free throws, which pushed the Braves ahead 20-17 before Labus delivered his momentumchanging baskets.

After that, Guerin never trailed again. Another '3' by Thompson tied the game at 23-all, but Burrough helped out with a go-ahead jump shot. The Golden Eagles finished the game from the line, making 11-of-14 free throws to seal the win.

Brennan wound up the leader with 11 points and nine rebounds. Despite the defensive tone of the game, Rapp still had five assists. Holba blocked three Brebeuf shots, including a big one with around a minute left in the game.

FRIDAY GAME

The Golden Eagles' victory over Herron was an important win because it came against a dangerous opponent: Herron held a 19-4 record, and already had a sectional victory under its belt. Guerin Catholic got a first-round bye, but shook off whatever rust it had by the waning minutes of the first quarter.

The Achaeans led 13-11 midway through the first, but Whit Rapp's 3-pointer moved GC ahead 14-13. The two teams traded baskets for a ways, playing to a 20-20 tie with about a minute-and-a-half

"They're lightning quick," said GCHS coach Pete Smith of Herron. "So we played more zone than we normally do. I don't expect us to play as much zone tomorrow night against Brebeuf, but you never know.'

All of a sudden, Guerin ran off 10 straight points, with Christian Munson until after the game. scoring five of them. Just like that, the Golden Eagles ended the quarter ahead 30-

After allowing Herron 20 points in that first period, Guerin Catholic only gave up four in the second. That gave GC its 17point halftime lead, with Matt Holba making a dunk as part of a 6-0 flourish to end

In the second half, the Golden Eagles made three distinct scoring runs to keep themselves in control. Holba dominated, scoring 16 of his game-high 30 points in that half. Even though he gets the Guerin fans going with his dunks, Holba can do it all, scoring off catch-and-release jumpers, easy layins and the occasional 3-pointer (he made three of them against Herron).

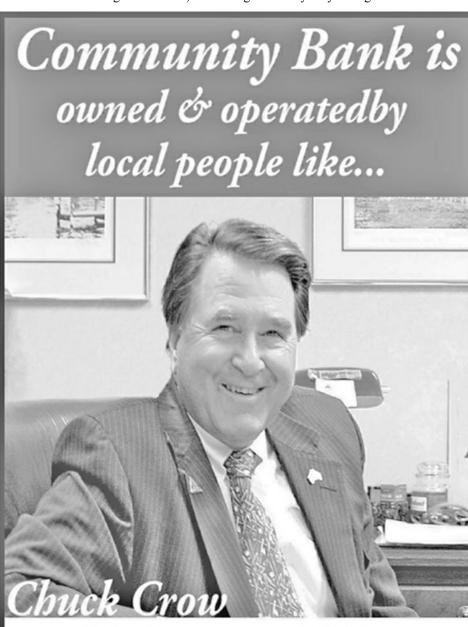
Holba wasn't aware he hit 30 points

"It just kind of came with the offense," said Holba. "I was open, I finished it inside. As a team, we moved the ball really well."

Rapp had three downtown shots as well, and wound up with a double-double of 11 points and 13 assists. Cris Burrough added 10 points. Twelve players took to the floor for Guerin, and the fourth-quarter highlight for the fans was when senior Stuart Schultz scored on a perfect jump shot late in the

Rapp led the rebounds with six, followed by Holba and Aaron Brennan with five each. Matt Labus had four.

"I thought Labus did a great job on the boards," said Smith. "I know he didn't get a lot of rebounds, but boy, he blocked out as good as anybody all night."



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Sports

Royals break away from Millers

By DON JELLISON **Reporter Editor**

It was a game of swings and Hamilton Southeastern got in the last punch as the back," McCollough continued. "And when Royals defeated Hoosier Crossroads Conference neighbor Noblesville, 61-51, in the semi-final round of the Noblesville Sectional in The Mill Friday evening.

In Saturday's sectional championship game, the Royals defeated two-time defending state champion Carmel 50-42.

Royals had all the makings of a down-to-thewire finish before HSE broke away by outscoring Noblesville 19-10 in the fourth quarter.

Southeastern led 15-7 after one; 30-25 Southeastern: at halftime and 42-41 entering the fourth quarter. Noblesville had a 39-33 advantage with a little more than three minutes remaining in the third quarter. Southeastern led by 11 points early in the game.

them down. So, what did we do? We fouled.

"I thought we did a great job coming we got the six-point lead I felt pretty good said. about things."

Southeastern, leading by one entering the fourth quarter, scored the first nine points of the period and took over the basketball game with a 51-42 advantage.

"After gaining the 11-point lead early we The battle between the Millers and had some turnovers and bad possessions," said Southeastern coach Brian Satterfield. "When Noblesville gained the lead, we kind of got out of sorts."

*Senior Eric Davidson had another great game for the Royals, scoring 22 points. The only other Royal in double figures was freshman Zach Gunn with 10 points.

*Southeastern simply killed Noblesville "I felt good about weathering their big with its depth. Not counting a nine-point run to start the game," said Noblesville contribution of "sixth man" Jake Mills, coach Dave McCollough. "We wanted to Noblesville got just four points from its

Grant Leach getting eight, Chris Ford seven to lead the Royals. and Ty Scholl six.

"Davidson is so good," McCollough agreed. "He can take you off the dribble or he can hit the 3.'

On this night, Davidson did both. He was 6-of-9 from the floor, including a 3-for-4 night from 3-point range. And, as usual, he was automatic at the line, canning 7-of-8 free throws.

'Our depth has been the key to our success all year," Satterfield said. "I guess Two things won the game for tomorrow (in the championship game), we'll see just how deep we really are.'

> not enough of it. Jack Trittipo was the only Miller in double figures. He scored 12 points. Then came Mills, Sean Wilson, and Justin Pegues with nine points each and John 14-7 record. Kiser with eight.

The sophomore Kiser pulled 10 of Noblesville's 25 rebounds. Trittipo had six

come out and not foul and to try to slow bench. Southeastern scored 21 points, with boards. Brendan Burns had eight rebounds

Noblesville got hot midway through the "Eric Davidson is our leader," Satterfield third quarter, taking a 34-33 lead on a shot by Wilson. Mills connected on a 3-pointer and Trittipo canned two charity shots and Noblesville sat on its largest lead of the night

> Southeastern scored the next nine points on a bucket and two free throws from Gunn and a shot by Davidson tied the game at 39-39. Leach hit a field goal and a free throw to give HSE a 42-39 advantage Trittipo stopped the Millers' bleeding with a bucket and Noblesville went to the fourth quarter trailing by one, 42-41.

Southeastern began to put away Noblesville had scoring depth, too, but Noblesville early in the fourth quarter, starting with a field goal and a 3-pointer from Leach.

Noblesville closed out its season with a



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville gymnasts Katherine Chininis, Jenny Coy and Constance Chininis led the Millers to a second-place finish at the Lafayette Jeff sectional on Saturday. Noblesville qualified for the Valparaiso regional, which is Friday.



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Miller gymnasts advance to regionals

Bv RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

The Noblesville gymnastics team got Jeff sectional on Saturday.

spot at Friday's regional at Valparaiso. Noblesville scored 103.40 team points, second to Logansport's 106.50. Harrison placed third with a 97.125.

Miller coach Jody Ramey said this was one of the best sectionals her team has ever events and won the all-around with a

this team to end the regular season meet and move on in the post-season," said Ramey. ' Just so proud of the girls as they've all teams out of this sectional along with the stepped up to the plate in different areas."

Noblesville's seniors led the way again. Katherine Chininis had the Millers' best score, earning a 9.375 on vault. That was one of her second-place finishes on the day; the other was on the balance beam. Constance Chininis placed second in the uneven bars with a 9.20.

Jenny Coy scored a 9.325 on the floor finished in the top six in the all-around, with Katherine Chininis third at 35.10. Constance Chininis placed fourth and Coy

advance as individuals in addition to Noblesville advancing as a team.

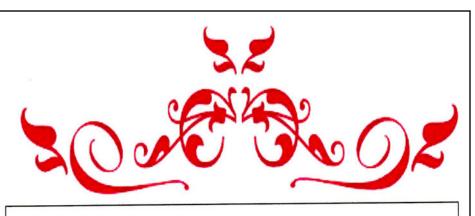
"She's watched the twins move on to exactly what it wanted out of the Lafayette regionals, or to state," said Ramey of Coy. "For her to be able to step up to the plate, The Millers finished second, ensuring a come in and have all three girls up there that have been supporting the team and their scores for the past year, it was excellent to see that today." Ramey added that she was "honored to be their coach."

Logansport's Kelley Platt swept all four 37.875. The Berries are ranked fifth in the "For this team, just a fabulous way for coaches poll, with Noblesville receiving votes (outside of the top 15).

> Valparaiso will welcome the three Chesterton sectional. The Chesterton advancers are top-ranked Valpo, No. 3 Portage and No. 4 Merrillville, meaning four of the top five teams will be at that regional. Ramey said the game plan for next week is to throw skills that the Millers have been practicing, but haven't yet used in competi-

"We're going to have to step up our exercise, giving her third place. All three game as a team to be able to compete with those competing schools," said Ramey.

The Valparaiso regional begins at 7 p.m. Eastern Time. (Valparaiso is on Cenwas sixth. All three earned the right to tral Time, so its schedule will say 6 p.m.)



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