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Hamilton Heights drew in a full house to the high school auditorium on Wednesday for a special meeting on safety protocols as it readies for the 2018-19 school year. Pictured with two students is Deputy Josh Ireland, one of three full-time School Resource Officers actively working to ensure a safe school environment at Hamilton Heights.

## Heights community safety meeting draws interest, support

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights School Corporation hosted a special community meeting Wednesday night to share its safety procedures and discuss school safety concerns. The meeting brought together parents, residents, the school corporation safety team, school leaders and representatives from the Hamilton County Emergency Management, Sheriff's, Atlanta, Arcadia, Cicero Police, Jackson Township Fire and Cicero Fire departments together to discuss the corporation's current safety measures, training opportunities, the role of mental health and school violence and future safety enhancements. A question and answer

session followed.

During the program, attendees took a deep dive into one of the safety protocols entitled ALICE. ALICE is broken up into five strategies:

- 1. Alert:** Notify as many people as possible within the danger zone that a potentially life-threatening risk exists.
- 2. Lockdown:** Secure in place, and prepare to evacuate or counter, if needed.
- 3. Inform:** Continue to communicate the intruder's location in real time.
- 4. Counter:** Interrupt the intruder and make it difficult or impossible to aim.
- 5. Evacuate:** Remove yourself from the danger zone when it is safe to do so.

"The HHSC school board and leadership team felt it was important to share firsthand with our community what we have been doing as well as what we plan to do in the future to make sure our schools are as safe as possible," said Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood. He noted the corporation has always held a strong commitment to providing a safe learning environment for students and staff.

"Our safety protocols are always being reviewed, enhanced, updated and discussed based on the latest research and input from specialists on this issue locally

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## Where I am today ...

As I have walked the halls of the assisted living residence, where my mother now lives, I have recognized the faces of people with whom I grew up. I also recognize the worry and the stress on their faces.



JANET HART LEONARD  
*From the Heart*

I know that look of worry and stress very well. I also understand their guilt.

We are part of a club we never imagined joining.

We all share similar stories. Our parents needed to be in a safe place. Our parents had to accept a new normal, just as we did. None of us like this new normal.

We, as their children, have had to make choices we never imagined making. We know that the choices are the right ones, just not easy ones.

A good day is when the good times are expressed more than the times where they are struggling. It is never an easy day ... for our parents or us.

I never realized what caretakers go through. I never realized how it would be so overwhelming.

When your mother holds your hand and begs to go home. When you must tell her that it's not safe to be in her home alone. When you wipe tears of guilt. When you look in the mirror and appear to have aged 10 years in just a few short weeks.

This part of my story is hard. I've struggled on whether to share it but after the response from my column last week I felt I needed to do so.

I love my mother. I want her safe. I want her happy. I want her young and able to walk again. If only...

All I can do is hold tightly to her and tell her I love her. I worry about the someday when ... and I wipe more tears. This. Is. Hard.

## Noblesville Schools' referendum, part 4 of 4

### Things you may be thinking

#### NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS For The Reporter

*Editor's Note: The following is the final part of a series written by Noblesville Schools administrators in an effort to explain their proposed 2018 referendum to voters and parents. This referendum will be on the ballot during the Nov. 6, 2018 election and, if passed, will affect Noblesville school district taxes. Each part of this series will be available on our website, [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com), and on our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/HamiltonCountyReporter](https://Facebook.com/HamiltonCountyReporter), on the date of publication.*

*You may be thinking - This referendum is really about a new football stadium.*

The safety of students and staff is the district's top priority. Referendum dollars will not be used to pay for athletics facilities.

You may be thinking - Noblesville Schools would have plenty of money if they didn't buy iPads for all their students.

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## Families can campout overnight at Noblesville's Forest Park

### The REPORTER

Join the Noblesville Parks Department for a fun way to enjoy a summer evening with a campout on Saturday, Aug. 11. For this unique event, families will need to bring a tent, sleeping bags, camping gear and food while the parks department will provide the activities. Families are invited to camp overnight in Forest Park beginning at 3 p.m. on Aug. 11.

Parks department staff will be onsite the entire time and will be available to assist with tent setup and answer camping questions, as

well as to help lead outdoor experiences for children and families like hiking, exploring, camping education, scavenger hunts and other adventures. Fire pits and grills also are available for campers to use to cook meals.

"We are excited to help the beginner campers in a friendly setting close to home," said Recreation Director Nichole Haberlin-Medaris. "We will be providing activities that will get them in touch with the outdoors with our nature and photo safaris, leave no trace camping

and campfire cooking. The activities aren't required but will be provided throughout the night so people can come and go as they please."

Help provide your children with fun summer memories of playing outside after dark and gazing at the stars. Pre-registration is required for this event and the cost is \$20 per tent for Noblesville residents and \$23 for nonresidents. Deadline to register is Wednesday, Aug. 8. For more information or to register, call (317) 770-5750 or visit [noblesvilleparks.org](http://noblesvilleparks.org).

## Police warn motorists to 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over'

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership is joining about 230 law-enforcement agencies across Indiana and thousands nationwide in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mobilization. From August through Labor Day, police will be out in full force arresting impaired drivers. Expect to see increased sobriety checkpoints, roving patrols and

saturation patrols.

"Why are we giving drivers a heads up? Because Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over is all about preventing impaired-driving crashes, injuries and deaths," said Hamilton County Sheriff Mark Bowen. "Our officers have zero tolerance for impaired drivers on our roads, and we'll see you before you see us."

A driving while intoxicated

(DWI) arrest means going to jail and losing your driver's license. The average DWI cost? About \$10,000, including car towing and repairs, attorney fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work and other hefty expenses.

Indiana law-enforcement agencies have participated in annual Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over traffic enforcement for more than 20 years. Overtime

patrols are supported with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) funds distributed by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). For more information, visit [on.IN.gov/drivesober](http://on.IN.gov/drivesober).

### New impaired-driving equipment

In every state, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol con-

centration of .08 or higher. In Indiana, drivers under 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to one year.

NHTSA and ICJI recently purchased more than 2,600 portable breath tests to assist 150 Indiana law-enforcement agencies with establishing probable cause

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## HEIGHTS SAFETY — DRIVE SOBER

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and from around the country,” said Cliff Hackman, Heights Primary School Assistant Principal and Corporation Safety Coordinator.

Jon Tindal, a Deputy with the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department and School Resource Officer for the Middle School, one of the three full-time Student Resource Officers serving the corporation, said the turn out and participation from our community was excellent. “The care and concern for our students and interest in working together for the health and safety of all speaks volumes about our community.”

Tindal is backed by nearly 25 years of law enforcement experience. “It was important that we show the community the number of individuals who are involved behind the scenes who proactively play a part in the planning and implementation of safety and security measures in the ongoing effort to keep their children safe,” he explained. “Safety is a continuing, never-ending process that will take the efforts of all of us to keep moving forward to ensure

our school environment is as safe and secure as possible.”

“As a teacher, I was glad to see that the corporation took the time to explain to the whole community the safety measures that we have been taking and will continue to try to improve upon,” said Jane Shields, who is entering her 20th year as a teacher. “All of our efforts to keep their children safe will work best if we can do them in cooperation with parents. I was especially encouraged to see the large turn-out of first responders.”

“The bottom line,” noted Arrowood, one of many employees that have children enrolled within the school corporation, “is we want parents and the community to know that we are looking out for the safety and well-being of everyone throughout our campus and we are doing everything we can to keep them safe every single day.”

Attendees left with the message that everyone can help with this effort inside and outside the classroom by keeping this phrase in mind: “If you see something or hear something, say something!”

in arresting drunk drivers.

But DWI includes more than alcohol, and there is no quick field test for the many prescription, over-the-counter and illegal drugs that can impair drivers. This year, the police officers highly trained to recognize and enforce drug-impaired driving were issued Android tablets to simplify documentation for prosecution.

### Tips for a safe and fun season

The annual Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign includes the Labor Day weekend, with thousands of Hoosier families taking to their cars for end-of-summer barbecues, football games, lakes and pool parties. Sadly, it is also one of the deadliest times of year for impaired-driving deaths.

With all of today’s options for getting home safe-

ly, there’s no excuse for getting behind the wheel impaired as it endangers you and everyone else around you. Law enforcement recommends these safe alternatives to impaired driving:

- Designate, or be, a sober driver.
- Use public transportation.
- Call a cab or a ride-sharing service.
- Download the SaferRide mobile app on the [Android Play Store](#) or the [Apple iTunes Store](#). This app has three options: Call a taxi, call a friend, and identify your location for pickup.
- Celebrate at home or a place where you can stay until sober.
- Throwing a party? Offer non-alcoholic beverages and plenty of food.
- Never provide alcohol to minors.
- Ask young drivers about their plans.

• Friend or family member about to drive? Take the keys and make alternate arrangements.

### Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over

Motorcycle riders have the reputation for being tough, but no one is tough enough to withstand the effects of impaired riding. Motorcycles are about 3 percent of registered vehicles but are dramatically overrepresented in fatal crashes involving alcohol. And the more that bikers drink, the less likely they are to wear their helmets.

### Report impaired drivers

Impaired driving is three times more common at night than during the day. If you see an impaired driver, turn off the road away from the vehicle and call 911. Signs of impaired driving include:

- Weaving, swerving,

drifting, or straddling the center line

- Driving at a very slow speed
- Braking erratically
- Making wide turns
- Stopping without cause
- Responding slowly to traffic signals
- Driving after dark with headlights off
- Almost striking an object or vehicle
- Driving on the wrong side of the road
- Turning abruptly or illegally

### About the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership

The Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership is a consortium of local law enforcement agencies including Carmel Police, Cicero Police, Fishers Police, Noblesville Police, Westfield Police and the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office along with assistance from the Indiana State Police.

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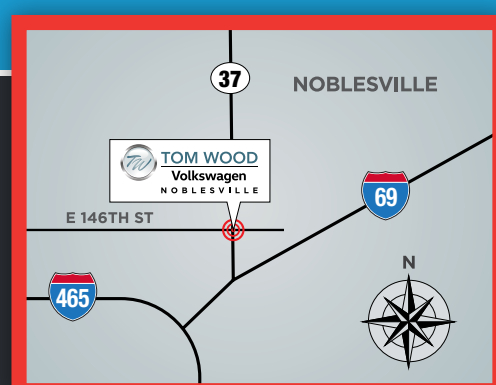
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The distribution of iPads has been completed without any additional taxpayer funding. In fact, the current technology strategy has actually generated cost savings by eliminating computer labs (that are now being used for additional classroom space without new construction), reducing spending on paper, printers and copying, and eliminating some costly print curriculum materials. Parents also contribute to the cost through textbook fees. Additionally, the Indiana Department of Education has provided the district with grant dollars to support eLearning initiatives.

**You may be thinking – Schools in wealthy areas like ours have plenty.**

The state provides less money per student for districts with fewer low-income students. This means schools in wealthy areas actually receive less state funding. The state did adjust its funding formula recently to provide additional funding, but it is still not at previous levels.

When the state decreased school funding and implemented property tax caps, funds for Noblesville Schools were significantly reduced. Since then, Noblesville Schools has lost tens of millions of dollars in funding. Under this funding model, many districts that serve more affluent areas like those found in Hamilton County now receive less funding per student than other districts. Voters must now specifically support referendum requests on an ongoing basis to provide their schools with needed funding.

**You may be thinking – Schools should deal with budget shortfalls on their own, just like the business community has to.**

It's important for the district to manage taxpayer dollars responsibly and tighten its belt when needed, just like everyone else. When Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer joined the district, she led a district-wide committee to cut \$1.7 million in expenses. She has also spearheaded efforts to creatively gain efficiencies in staffing like combining administrator functions and sharing secretarial staff, as well as efficiencies in supply and resource management. As a district, Noblesville is also exploring ways to generate revenue.

However, unlike businesses, school districts have legal obligations for what must be funded, how it must be funded and how funds can be spent. Also, while districts can control expenditures to some extent, they can't control revenue. This means they have much less flexibility than businesses to address financial challenges they face.

Also, when Noblesville Schools makes cuts to ser-

vices it hurts children, and weakens Noblesville property values and economic development.

**You may be thinking – Noblesville Schools would have plenty of money if it didn't build such fancy school buildings.**

Starting with new construction in 2008, the district has eliminated facility items that typically drive up expenses like grand entryways, terrazzo flooring, and special-order items. It has focused on low-maintenance/long-lasting options, durable finishes, and affordable mechanical/electrical/plumbing equipment that provide a solid return on investment. The district has also been able to avoid over a million dollars a year in energy costs through energy conservation efforts.

**You may be thinking – Noblesville Schools would have plenty of money if it just cut back on compensation, especially for administrators.**

The accomplished Noblesville Schools staff is at the heart of what makes the schools so successful. It's critically important to pay a competitive salary so the district can ensure it's able to recruit and retain the best talent for students and the community.

The district carefully compares administrator salaries to those of other area schools, and Noblesville administrator salaries are comparable.

Like other large, complex organizations, Noblesville Schools leaders require specialized professional skill sets to successfully address the significant "behind the scenes" responsibilities and challenges they manage. Like teachers, administrators serve students and the community at a lower compensation rate than what comparable private sector work would command.

Noblesville's average teacher salaries are among the lowest in the area. In some cases, our teachers are making \$10,000 less than equivalent teachers in neighboring districts. This situation needs to be addressed as we continue to lose teachers to surrounding school districts who can pay them more. Teacher salaries continue to decline nationally, while demands on teachers continue to increase.

**You may be thinking – Where can I learn more?**

Noblesville School superintendent Beth Niedermeyer will be hosting public information sessions as detailed below. Please plan to attend to learn more and get answers to questions you may have. **All sessions will begin at 7 p.m.**

- Aug. 13 at Ivy Tech Noblesville
- Aug. 16 at Forest Park Inn Noblesville
- Aug. 20 at Noblesville High School

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- Aug. 23 at Noble Crossing Elementary
  - Aug. 27 at Noblesville East Middle School
  - Aug. 30 at Hinkle Creek Elementary
  - Sept. 5 at North Elementary
  - Sept. 6 at White River Elementary
  - Sept. 11 at Noblesville West Middle School
  - Sept. 12 at Hazel Dell Elementary
  - Sept. 17 at Stony Creek Elementary
  - Sept. 24 at Promise Road Elementary
  - Sept. 25 at Ivy Tech Noblesville
  - Oct. 1 at Forest Park Inn Noblesville
- If you'd like to schedule an additional referendum meeting for your group or organization, please contact Karen Park at 317-773-3171.

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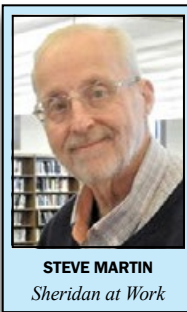




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# Dairy Queen: Cool treats, good eats

The Sheridan Dairy Queen restaurant on 236th Street over on the southeast side of town has been a mainstay of the Sheridan community for years. In December of 2015 the store was purchased by present owners Jeff and Lucy Scammahorn, who continue the fine DQ tradition in Sheridan.



STEVE MARTIN  
Sheridan at Work

Jeff and Lucy had been in the insurance business for some 25 years before they became restaurant owners. According to Jeff, he and Lucy felt they wanted a change and a challenge in their lives, and owning and managing a fast food business was an answer to that yearning.

The Scammahorn's are not absentee managers. Every day finds Jeff hard at work managing the kitchen and doing all the other things necessary to make a restaurant work. Wife Lucy is right there with him and she helps manage the administrative end of things, as well as making ice cream cakes and doing some of the short order cooking. In addition, daughter Vanna pitches in to do her share of the kitchen work doing

short order work just like mom and dad. This is a real family operation.

As an outlet for soft serve ice cream, DQ traces its roots back to 1940 when the first store opened in Joliet, Ill. DQ was an early pioneer in the fast food franchise business and by 2014 had put its logo on some 6,400 outlets worldwide, with 4,500 of them being right here in the United States. DQ's early roots belong right here in the Upper Midwest when the first few stores were primarily concentrated in Illinois.

Dairy Queen has become a staple of small town America with some 4,500 stores nationally, selling not only the trade mark soft serve ice cream but also typical fast food items like hamburgers, fries, chicken strips and hot dogs. Scammahorn says that like the current national DQ trend, people here in Sheridan seem to prefer Blizzards and chicken strips to anything else.

Many young people have begun their working lives with part-time employment in fast food outlets, and Sheridan's DQ is



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(Above left) Sheridan Dairy Queen co-owner, chief cook and bottle washer Jeff Scammahorn hard at work. (Above right) Daughter Vanna (left) and co-owner/mom Lucy are not afraid of a little hard work either. (Below, from left) Alex White, who works the drive-up window; owner Jeff Scammahorn; and Robert Bowen, Paige McInerney and Gabe Knochel, who work the front counter. Here the crew is just beginning the evening shift and anticipating a warm Saturday evening in early July – prime time for cold treats and tasty eats.



a fine example of the type of character a little bit of sweat equity builds into our younger generation.

Dairy Queen out at "The Point" is an institution in Sheridan. Rest assured it is being capably

run by two dedicated owners and their daughter and an awesome crew of young people to back them up.

They are open year round for your dining pleasure, so stop on in and say hello and have a sweet treat.



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**When:**  
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Riverview Health  
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Members of the Sheridan Rec Board Cheerleading Committee recently held a meeting at the Sheridan Public Library. (Seated, from left) Melissa Stultz, Carli Harle and Megan Chandler. (Standing, from left) Heather Trietsch, Crystal Inman, Lindsey Martin and Kala Morris.

# Sheridan Rec Board wants cheerleaders

**The REPORTER**

Sheridan Community Recreation – also known as the Rec Board – has a special committee of ladies who is busy trying to find a few young people to participate in cheerleading during the upcoming school year. Focusing right now on football season, the committee

is also looking ahead to basketball season, too.

Encouraging young people to participate in sports events, including being a cheerleader, is important to their early development. Sheridan is blessed to have an organization like the Sheridan Rec Board which over the years has

built a solid reputation for caring about the youth and promoting cheerleading and other sports events as wholesome activities.

If you know of a preschool through fifth-grade youngster who would like to learn about cheerleading and participate at some of the Rec Board's games,

please contact Heather Trietsch ([sheridanyouthcheer@gmail.com](mailto:sheridanyouthcheer@gmail.com)) and indicate your interest. Heather and her committee members will follow up with you and make sure your youngster has an opportunity to participate. But you better hurry because cheer teams are forming right now.

# Rep. Richardson: Apply for internship at the Statehouse

**The REPORTER**

Indiana House Republicans are now accepting internship applications for the 2019 legislative session, which begins in January, according to State Rep. Kathy Kreag Richardson (R-Noblesville).

Richardson said the House Republican Internship Program is a unique opportunity for college students and graduates to participate in state government and gain valuable hands-on experience. This paid internship at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis takes place during the spring semester and gives students the chance to work one-on-one with state legislators.

“Through the House Republican Internship Program, college students and recent graduates can apply important skills needed for the workforce, like time management and creative thinking,” Richardson said. “This is a great opportunity to strengthen resumes, network and learn.”

Internship positions

are open to college sophomores, juniors and seniors, graduate students, and recent graduates of all majors. Students can apply for internships in a variety of areas, focusing on legislative, communications and media relations, policy or fiscal policy.



Richardson

These are full-time positions, Monday through Friday, lasting from January through April. In addition to biweekly compensation of \$750, interns can earn academic credit through their college or university, and are eligible to apply for a competitive \$3,000 scholarship to use toward undergraduate or graduate expenses.

More information about the House internship program and the application can be found at [indianahouserepublicans.com/internship](http://indianahouserepublicans.com/internship). Richardson said the application deadline is Oct. 31.

Rep. Kathy Kreag Richardson (R-Noblesville) represents House District 29, which includes portions of Hamilton County.

# Is it time to put excess cash to work?

You'll always want to base your investment decisions on your own needs and goals. But there may be times when you might consider adjusting your portfolio because of risks and opportunities. Now may be one of those times.



COREY SYLVESTER  
Cicero Edward Jones

Here's some background: In recent months, the Federal Reserve has raised short-term interest rates several times, and given its generally favorable outlook on the economy, it has indicated it may continue bumping up interest rates gradually over the next year or so. The Fed doesn't control long-term interest rates, but these rates often follow the lead of short-term movements. However, longer-term rates haven't yet risen as much as shorter-term ones, which means the difference between short- and long-term rates is relatively small, historically speaking.

This doesn't mean you should make drastic changes to your portfolio. You still need to stick with the asset allocation that's suitable for your situation, which typically involves

owning a certain percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks, and a certain percentage of fixed-income securities, such as bonds. However, if you do have space in the fixed-income part of your portfolio, you may find the higher interest rates offered by short-term bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs) to be attractive. To take advantage of this opportunity, though, you will need to have the cash available to invest.

Some people hold too much in cash, waiting for interest rates to rise, or as protection against the risk of a market decline. But holding excess cash involves its own risk – the risk of not investing. So, if you have your cash needs covered, you may want to consider investing any excess cash.

To determine if you are holding excess cash, you'll need to review your entire cash situation. For example, do you have enough cash, or cash equivalents, to create an emergency fund of three to six months' worth of living expenses? This fund can

be vital in helping you pay for things like a major car repair or an unexpected medical bill without dipping in to your long-term investments. And, of course, you need enough liquidity to provide for your lifestyle, including your regular spending needs – your mortgage, utilities, groceries and so on. Also, you may want to set aside enough cash for a goal you want to reach in the next year or so, such as a vacation.

But if you have taken care of all these needs and you still have excess cash, you may want to consider putting this cash to work, possibly by investing in short-term fixed-income vehicles now being issued at higher interest rates.

And keep in mind that regardless of where interest rates are going, bonds and other fixed-income investments can offer some key benefits to investors. In addition to providing a source of regular income, these types of investments can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. While bonds can, and will, fluctuate in value, they typically can provide more stability to your portfolio and tend to behave differently than stocks over time.

After years of historical lows, shorter-term rates now have risen to levels that are more attractive to investors. Take the time to review your situation, perhaps with the help of a financial professional, to determine if taking advantage of these rates may be appropriate for you.

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# Hamilton County teen earns Boy Scout Honor

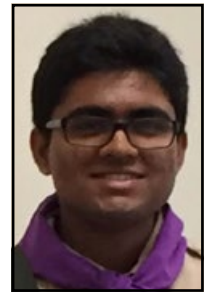
**The REPORTER**

Arunabh Sinha, a member of the Boy Scout Troop 56 and a resident of Carmel, has earned the honor of Eagle Scout, the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn.

Sinha, 17, of Park Tudor, achieved 26 Merit Badges during his six years of scouting and is a Firecraft. Firecraft is a service

organization that serves Scouting in the Crossroads of America Council, emphasizing the ideals of friendship, leadership and service.

He has served as a Patrol Leader, Instructor, Den Chief, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Sinha is a part of Troop 56 chartered out of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Indianapolis.



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All offerings are \$28 each and will arrive in three-gallon containers and be approximately three to five feet tall at delivery. A five-gallon Arborvitae is available for \$40. Pre-orders are required and are due by Friday, Sept. 28. Trees can be picked up from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Llama Barn. Order forms and online ordering

are available at [hamilton-swcd.org](http://hamilton-swcd.org).

This tree sale focuses on species native to Indiana. Native species are those that have been growing in Indiana since before English settlement. These types of trees are uniquely suited to Indiana soils and weather, but most importantly, they are uniquely suited to support wildlife – especially birds, insects and other pol-

linators.

Three-gallon trees are a great choice as they are easy to maneuver and plant, economical and will grow quickly. In addition to native trees, 15-gallon watering bags are also available in this year's sale. The tree sale is the district's largest annual fundraiser. All proceeds go back into conservation education and the district's cost share program.



# Fishers road construction updates, week of Aug. 6

## The REPORTER

### 116th Street

On Monday, Aug. 6, there will be a temporary lane restriction on 116th Street in front of The Depot for the removal of a sign. Traffic control will be in place.

### 113th Street & Florida Road

The intersection of 113th Street and Florida Road is closed for the re-

alignment and construction of a new roundabout at the intersection. The closure is expected to last approximately 90 days. See the [Detour Map](#).

### Southeastern Parkway

Southeastern Parkway is closed from 136th Street to Isle of Man Way (Avalon subdivision) for approximately 30 days to complete a roundabout. Traffic should detour up

Prairie Baptist Road to 136th Street. See the [Detour Map](#).

### Allisonville Road

Allisonville Road construction is in full swing. Traffic has been shifted to the east to allow for widening on the west side. Restrictions may be in place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and flaggers will be on site directing traffic, as necessary. Through September,

all southbound left turns from Allisonville Road onto 126th Street will be prohibited. This is an active construction site with reduced speed limits. For more info on this project, view the [Fact Sheet](#).

### 131st Street

Expect lane restrictions, weather permitting, along 131st Street between Allisonville Road and Lantern Road for the construction of the Conner Trail from Conner Prairie to the Municipal Complex. Lane restrictions will also take place on Lantern Road between 131st Street and Municipal Drive.

### Brooks School Road

Brooks School Road is closed for 30 days south of 116th Street between Desert Glen Drive and Club Point Drive. The detour route is Hoosier Road and Fall Creek Road. View the [Detour Map](#).

### 106th Street

106th Street is closed to thru traffic from Eller

Road to Allisonville Road and from Allisonville Road to Hague Road for the [106th Street Infrastructure Project](#). Closures for through traffic will also take place from Hague Road to the Crosspoint Boulevard/Lantern Road roundabout. For more info on this project, view the [Fact Sheet](#).

### Interstate 69

As part of a \$92 million design-build contract, Milestone has added a third lane in each direction to the median, repaired and resurfaced existing pavement, and rehabilitated bridges and drainage structures on 15 miles of I-69 in Hamilton and Madison counties. Construction of an additional auxiliary lane between the 116th Street entrance ramp to I-69 South and the I-69 South Exit 204 ramp to 106th Street will continue through next spring.

I-69 South will be temporarily reduced to two lanes to allow space for the State Road 37 and 116th

Street entrance ramps to safely merge while construction continues on the southbound auxiliary lane between the 116th Street and 106th Street ramps.

Questions about this project should be directed to INDOT via [email](#) or at 1-855-463-6848.

### State Road 37

A public meeting was held in May at the Delaware Township Trustee Office. The meeting presentation and updated information is available on the project's [new website](#). The State Road 37 improvement project is a \$124 million joint project between Fishers, Hamilton County, Noblesville and INDOT. Questions or concerns may be directed to [SR37@rqaw.com](mailto:SR37@rqaw.com).

### Outside of Fishers

The City of Carmel has closed 116th Street between Towne Road and Ditch Road, and between Clay Center Road and Spring Mill Road, until Aug. 8.

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# Where is Grouseland?

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**1810** – Territorial Governor William Henry Harrison met with Shawnee Chief Tecumseh at Grouseland, Harrison's home in Vincennes. Tecumseh expressed his disapproval of a recent treaty which gave the United States a large tract of Native American land. Harrison's home in Vincennes is open for public tours.

**1816** – The first Indiana state election was held. Jonathan Jennings was elected the state's first Governor. In November that year, the first general assembly met in the capital city of Corydon.

**1909** – George Craig was born in Brazil, Ind. He earned a law degree at Indiana University, served as a lieutenant colonel in



World War II, and became national commander of the American Legion. In 1952, he was elected Governor of Indiana.

**1918** – Opha May Jacob Johnson of Kokomo signed up for the Marine Corps Reserve, becoming the first official woman Marine. She was soon promoted to office sergeant and handled critical clerical jobs necessary during World War I.

**1966** – Forrest Tucker was on stage at Starlight Musicals in Indianapolis,

playing Professor Harold Hill in The Music Man. Tucker, from Plainfield, appeared in the role more than 2,000 times across the country. He was a star of Broadway, movies and television, where many fans will remember him as Sergeant O'Rourke in F Troop.

**1994** – The first Brickyard 400 NASCAR race was run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The winner was 23-year-old Jeff Gordon from Pittsboro.

# Ball State making SAT, ACT scores optional for incoming freshmen

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Ball State University announced a major shift in admissions policy when it comes to student applications: SAT and ACT scores will no longer be required for incoming undergrad students.

The new policy will take effect with the school's freshman class in the fall of 2019.

This change in policy will allow the university

to consider other factors when considering student applications and says that a prospective student's grade point average is a better indicator of how a student will perform in class and beyond.

Dr. Kay Bales, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services commented on the change in policy:

"If students feel their SAT or ACT test scores don't represent their ac-

ademic abilities and decide not to submit them, we'll holistically consider their academic work and difficulty, extracurricular participation, and any applicant statements or recommendations," said Dr. Bales. "Our goal at Ball State is to lead students to have successful careers and meaningful lives. This starts by making college education a possibility for more qualified students."

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself. And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.*

Mark 3:21-26 (KJV)



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## Girls golf

# Traditional and new faces shine at State Preview

By RICHIE HALL

The first week of the girls golf season wrapped up Saturday with the State Preview Meet at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

The tournament name says it all: The teams playing are those that are expected to be in the running for a place in the state finals, which Prairie View Chief Operating Officer Doc O'Neal pointed out is in seven weeks - yes, the season goes by that fast. Many of the traditional powerhouses played in the State Preview, but there's always room for new teams and players to make their mark.

Both the traditional and the new from Hamilton County were well-represented. Carmel, the obvious example of a traditional powerhouse, finished third as a team, which was the highest place among the four county teams that participated. Meanwhile, Westfield's Natalie Shupe was the highest-finishing individual from the county, representing a new face.

Shupe may not be totally "new" to the golf world - she is a junior and played some varsity rounds for the Shamrocks last year. But after Westfield graduated a strong senior class from last year, the younger players have been waiting in the wings to show what they could do.

And Shupe showed quite a bit, finishing in third place with a 75. That score is a personal best for Shupe, lowering her previous best by one shot.

"I felt really strong playing today," said Shupe. "I was just hitting all my irons really good and my driver was in the fairway, so that helps."

"I think it'll give us the push we need to keep on getting better throughout the season," said Shupe.

Zionsville, the defending state champion, won the tournament with a score of 308, while Evansville North scored 313 to take second. Both teams are also ranked first and second respectively in the pre-season coaches poll (a new poll will likely come out today). Fourth-ranked Carmel took third in the team standings with a 314.

Sophomore Sydney Longstreth led the way with a score of 76. Sophomore Katie



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield junior Natalie Shupe finished third individually at the State Preview Meet Saturday at Prairie View Golf Club. Shupe's score of 75 is a new personal best.

Kuc and senior Nina Hecht both carded 79s. "Overall I think they played really well," said 'Hounds coach Kelly Kluesner. "We

had a couple missed opportunities, but to finish third behind two very strong teams, it was a great day for us."

Guerin Catholic finished fifth in the 18-team event by shooting a 336. Junior Angelica Pfefferkorn was the low woman for the Golden Eagles with a 79.

Westfield was sixth as a team by carding a 340; junior Jocelyn Bruch followed Shupe with a 77. Hamilton Southeastern placed 10th with a 356; senior Chelsea Morrow led the Royals with a 78.

Culver Academies' Reese Wilson was the overall medalist with an exceptional round of two-under par 70, making six birdies for the tournament. Zionsville's Annabelle Pancake was the individual runner-up with a 73.

Team scores: Zionsville 308, Evansville North 313, Carmel 314, Homestead 322, Guerin Catholic 336, Westfield 340, Columbus North 341, Culver Academies 342, Brownsburg 351, Hamilton Southeastern 356, Bedford North Lawrence 358, Lafayette Jefferson 363, Martinsville 364, DeKalb 367, NorthWood 372, Evansville Memorial 374, Valparaiso 379, Angola 413.

Medalist: Reese Wilson (Culver) 70. Carmel scores: Sydney Longstreth 76, Katie Kuc 79, Nina Hecht 79, Elizabeth Hedrick 80, Ava Hedrick 83.

Guerin Catholic scores: Angelica Pfefferkorn 79, Sophie McGinnis 84, Christina Pfefferkorn 84, Mckayla Tallman 89, Jenna Rust 127.

Westfield scores: Natalie Shupe 75, Jocelyn Bruch 77, Megan Barker 93, Cate Jensen 95, Grace Snyder 99. Southeastern scores: Chelsea Morrow 78, Julia Eaton 87, Maggie Watson 93, Mara Wilson 98, Ashley Marcinko 102.

MILLERS PLACE FIFTH AT KOKOMO INVITE

Noblesville finished fifth at the Kokomo Invitational, which took place Saturday at Chippendale Golf Club.

The Millers scored 369 as a team. Tipton won the event with a 343, Kokomo was second with 358, and Penn and Lapel tied for third with 363s.

Sarah Brennehan scored 89 for Noblesville, which tied her for seventh individually. Taylor Caldwell tied for ninth with a score of 90. Bella Deibel carded 93, Mia Sommervold 97 and Ellie Karst 99.

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Boys tennis schedules

# Season will begin Aug. 13 with big meets

There will be some big meets to start the Hamilton County boys tennis season.

The first meet of the year is an all-county match between Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield, set for Aug. 13 at the Royals' courts.

Carmel will host HSE for its first meet on Aug. 14, with Guerin Catholic opening at Park Tudor, Hamilton Heights welcoming Elwood and Noblesville hosting Avon. Fishers starts its season on Aug. 15 by hosting North Central; on that same day, University travels to Zionsville.

Here is a list of boys tennis schedules for the 2018 season.

**CARMEL**

Aug. 14: Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 15: at West Lafayette, 5:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 16: Cathedral, 4:45 p.m.  
 Aug. 21: at Lawrence North, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 25: John Shirley Invitational, 8 a.m. at North Central  
 Aug. 30: at North Central, 4:45 p.m.  
 Sept. 4: at Guerin Catholic, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 6: at Park Tudor, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 8: at Zionsville Invitational - Floyd Central, 8 a.m.  
 - Zionsville, 10 a.m.  
 - Brownsburg, 1 p.m.

Sept. 12: Brebeuf Jesuit, 4:45 p.m.  
 Sept. 13: MIC meet, 5:30 p.m. at Ben Davis  
 Sept. 15: MIC meet, 8:30 a.m. at Ben Davis  
 Sept. 21: Homestead, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 22: at Center Grove, 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 22: Jasper, noon at Center Grove

**FISHERS**

Aug. 15: North Central, 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 18: Park Tudor, 10 a.m.  
 Aug. 22: at Hamilton Southeastern, 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 25: at Noblesville Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Aug. 27: at Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 28: at Avon, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 30: Westfield, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 4: at Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 6: Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 8: at Warsaw Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 11: at Guerin Catholic, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 15: HCC meet, 9 a.m. at Avon  
 Sept. 18: at Cathedral, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 22: Brebeuf Jesuit, 10 a.m.

**GUERIN CATHOLIC**

Aug. 14: at Park Tudor, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 16: Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 18: at Covenant Christian, 10 a.m.  
 Aug. 23: at North Central, 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 25: John Shirley Invitational, 8 a.m. at North Central

Aug. 28: Bishop Chatard, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 1: Roncalli, 10 a.m.  
 Sept. 4: Carmel, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 6: Heritage Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 10: Hamilton Southeastern, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 11: Fishers, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 13: at Cathedral, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 15: at Homestead Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 18: at Noblesville, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 19: Zionsville, 5 p.m.

**HAMILTON HEIGHTS**

Aug. 14: Elwood, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 15: at Peru, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 16: Pendleton Heights, 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 18: at New Castle, 9 a.m.  
 Aug. 22: Eastern, 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 28: at Lewis Cass, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 29: Taylor, 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 30: at Northwestern, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 4: at Frankton, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 6: Alexandria, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 8: Husky Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 Sept. 11, 13, 15: Hoosier Conference meet at Twin Lakes  
 Sept. 17: Tipton, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 18: Lapel, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 19: at Western, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 22: at Lebanon, 9 a.m.

**HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN**

Aug. 13: Westfield, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 14: at Carmel, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 15: at Avon, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 21: at Zionsville, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 22: Fishers, 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 25: John Shirley Invitational, 8 a.m. at North Central  
 Aug. 28: at North Central, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 29: at Brownsburg, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 1: at Fort Wayne Carroll Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 4: Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 5: at Noblesville, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 6: North Central (freshmen), 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 10: at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 12: Lebanon, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 15: HCC meet, 9 a.m. at Avon  
 Sept. 17: at Carmel (freshmen), 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 19: at Cathedral, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 22: Royals JV Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 24: at Park Tudor, 5 p.m.

**NOBLESVILLE**

Aug. 14: Avon, 5:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 15: Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m.

Aug. 20: Lawrence North, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 22: at Zionsville, 5:15 p.m.  
 Aug. 23: Heritage Christian, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 25: Noblesville Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Aug. 27: Lapel, 5:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 28: at Westfield, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 29: University, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 30: Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 5: Hamilton Southeastern, 4:45 p.m.  
 Sept. 6: at Brownsburg, 5:15 p.m.  
 Sept. 12: at Anderson, 5:15 p.m.  
 Sept. 15: HCC meet, 9 a.m. at Avon  
 Sept. 18: Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 20: at Cathedral, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 24: Pendleton Heights, 5 p.m.

**UNIVERSITY**

Aug. 15: at Zionsville, 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 18: Muncie Burriss Tournament, 9 a.m. at Ball State  
 Aug. 20: at Danville, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 24: Tiger Tennis, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 27: at Heritage Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 29: at Noblesville, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 1: at Silver Creek Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 4: at Shortridge, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 6: Covenant Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 8: Pioneer Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Ball State  
 Sept. 10: Carmel (freshmen), 4:45 p.m.  
 Sept. 12: Cardinal Ritter, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 15: Hot Dog Invitational, 9 a.m. at Frankfort  
 Sept. 17: International, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 20: at Western Boone, 4:30 p.m.

**WESTFIELD**

Aug. 13: at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 16: Zionsville, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 18: at South Bend St. Joseph, 8:30 a.m.  
 Aug. 20: Avon, 5:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 22: Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m. at IRC  
 Aug. 23: Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 27: Lebanon, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 28: Noblesville, 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 30: at Fishers, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 4: at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 6: at Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 8: at Shelbyville Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 11: Lawrence North, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 15: HCC meet, 9 a.m. at Avon  
 Sept. 17: at Lapel, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 19: Kokomo, 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 24: at Cathedral JV, 5 p.m.

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# MLB standings

**Saturday's scores**  
 Cincinnati 7, Washington 1  
 Chicago Cubs 5, San Diego 4  
 Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees 1  
 Chicago White Sox 2, Tampa Bay 1  
 Philadelphia 8, Miami 3  
 St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 4  
 Washington 6, Cincinnati 2  
 N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 0

Milwaukee 8, Colorado 4  
 Minnesota 8, Kansas City 2  
 Cleveland 3, L.A. Angels 0  
 Texas 3, Baltimore 1  
 Arizona 9, San Francisco 3  
 Oakland 2, Detroit 1  
 Houston 14, L.A. Dodgers 0  
 Toronto 5, Seattle 1

## American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	78	34	.696	-
N.Y. Yankees	68	41	.624	8.5
Tampa Bay	56	55	.505	21.5
Toronto	51	59	.464	26.0
Baltimore	33	78	.297	44.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	60	49	.550	-
Minnesota	51	58	.468	9.0
Detroit	47	64	.423	14.0
Chi. White Sox	40	70	.364	20.5
Kansas City	34	76	.309	26.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	71	41	.634	-
Oakland	66	46	.589	5.0
Seattle	63	48	.568	7.5
L.A. Angels	55	57	.491	16.0
Texas	49	63	.438	22.0

## National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	62	48	.564	-
Atlanta	59	48	.551	1.5
Washington	56	54	.509	6.0
N.Y. Mets	45	63	.417	16.0
Miami	46	66	.411	17.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	64	46	.582	-
Milwaukee	65	49	.570	1.0
Pittsburgh	57	54	.514	7.5
St. Louis	57	54	.514	7.5
Cincinnati	49	62	.441	15.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Arizona	62	50	.554	-
L.A. Dodgers	61	51	.545	1.0
Colorado	58	52	.527	3.0
San Francisco	56	56	.500	6.0
San Diego	43	70	.381	19.5

# State Preview golf meet at Prairie View

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Hamilton  
 Southeastern's Julia Eaton (left) and Chelsea Morrow (right) share a laugh after Morrow finished her round at the State Preview Meet at Prairie View on Saturday. Morrow carded a 78, while Eaton shot an 87. Pictured at center is Culver Academies' Reese Wilson, who was the meet medalist with a 70; Wilson made six birdies during her round.



Carmel placed third as a team with a score of 314. The fourth-ranked Greyhounds finished behind only Zionsville and Evansville North, the top two ranked teams in the state.

## Record-breaking fourth quarter lifts Indiana to consecutive wins

The Indiana Fever surged during a record-breaking fourth quarter Saturday afternoon to upend the New York Liberty, 68-55, at Westchester County Center and win for the third time in five games.

Candice Dupree paced the Fever with a season-high 25 points to help Indiana overcome a Friday flight cancellation and 2-of-17 shooting in the opening period. Dupree shot 10-of-18 overall to lead four double-figure scorers for Indiana, but it was Indiana's defense and the Liberty's shooting woes in the fourth quarter that accented the turnaround.

"It was nice to have consistency on the defensive end after our first quarter," said Fever coach Pokey Chatman who saw her club limit the Liberty to just two points in the final period, matching the second fewest points in any fourth quarter in league history. It was the fewest points the Fever has ever allowed in any quarter as the

Liberty missed all 15 shot attempts in the final period to become the eighth WNBA team ever to miss every field goal attempt in a single quarter.

Chatman continued, "A lot of times when we have missed shots ourselves, we've let that impact us on defense, limiting our consistency in schemes and execution. We didn't let that happen today. Our goal always is to force people into contested 2-pointers. We stayed to our principles on defense, even when things were rough on the other end."

Indiana, 5-23, won consecutive games for the first time since May 20 and 24, 2017, and ended a five-game losing streak against the Liberty. The last-place Fever eliminated the Liberty, 7-20, from the WNBA playoff race by forcing 20 turnovers and allowing the fewest points by an Indiana opponent since a Sept. 1, 2015 win over Connecticut.

Fourth-year center Natalie Achonwa notched her fifth double-double of the

season, finishing with 10 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. The Fever also got 10 points apiece from backcourt mates Cappie Pondexter and Erica Wheeler.

Tina Charles was the only New York player in double-figure scoring, leading the Liberty with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

With a short jumper at the 6:26 mark of the third quarter, Wheeler helped whittle what had been an early 15-point deficit into a manageable 41-37 margin, with the 1,000th point of her career. Undrafted out of Rutgers in 2013, she became only the seventh undrafted free agent in WNBA history to amass 1,000 career points and 300 career assists.

Indiana never led until the fourth period but scored seven straight points to capture its first lead with 7:58 remaining on a pair of free throws by Tiffany Mitchell. Up 54-53, the Fever scoring surge continued with 2-point and 3-point jumpers by

Pondexter on consecutive possessions, forcing a Liberty timeout with 5:24 to go.

Following a Liberty free throw from Bria Hartley, Indiana used another 8-0 mini-spurt to complete a 20-1 stretch since the third quarter and command a 67-54 lead in the final moments.

Arriving to New York late Saturday morning after travel delays from Indianapolis, the Fever arrived in White Plains just two hours before a scheduled bus departure to the arena. Indiana trailed 19-4 in the early moments, but the last-place Fever drew to within 35-31 at intermission and gained momentum in the second half.

The Fever managed a 10-0 spurt in the second quarter, getting six points from Wheeler and four from Dupree to pull the visitors within 29-27. In contrast to the opening quarter, Indiana shot 50 percent from the floor while forcing nine Liberty turnovers.