



# NEW LEVEL NEWS

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## BROADCAST SCHEDULE

June 19-20 will start broadcasting Harness Races

July will start all the New Level Media Talk show

Watch for more broadcasting coming in July

## ELKHART COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

On May 15, Purdue Extension gave the green light to allow counties the option to host in-person events for July, including participation at county fairs. This announcement also comes with many guidelines that the 4-H program will have to follow in order to participate in fairs. These guidelines follow the Back on Track Indiana guidelines with additional safety measures in place for the overall health of our 4-H members, volunteers, staff and guests.

Purdue Extension Elkhart County/Elkhart County 4-H and the Elkhart County 4-H Fair are two separate organizations. Both of our great organizations partner together to promote 4-H Youth Development and showcase the hard work and learning of our youth. Both Purdue Extension and the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board volunteers and staff have been working diligently to review the guidelines and develop a plan of action. Over the next two weeks, our two organizations will continue to work together with local health officials and review the guidelines of state and national best practices.

Purdue Extension knows modifications need to be made for public health and safety. Whether virtual, or in-person, what we know for sure is our 4-H youth will have the opportunity to showcase their talent, learning and hard work. The Elkhart County 4-H Fair will be making their announcement around June 1 on whether or not they will host an in-person fair, and we will be supportive of their decision as our groups work together for the betterment of our community.

### Indiana Department of Education Recognizes All Indiana Teachers as 2021 Teacher of the Year

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) today recognized all Indiana teachers collectively as the 2021 Teacher of the Year. Traditionally, one educator each year is recognized.

“The COVID-19 pandemic brought new complexities and challenges to schools with no advance warning,” said State Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick. “Teachers across our state have displayed a level of flexibility and commitment, underscoring the fact Hoosiers really are #INthisTogether.”

For more than 60 years, IDOE has conducted the Teacher of the Year program to recognize outstanding classroom teachers from across the state. The program’s mission is to inspire, rejuvenate, and celebrate the teaching profession. While the traditional process will resume with the 2022 selection, IDOE is proud to take this opportunity to recognize all of the dedicated educators serving Indiana’s 1.2 million students during these nontraditional times.



## South Bend Cubs Launch Meals for Medical MVPs

*Program rallies community support for front line healthcare workers and their families.*

**SOUTH BEND, IN** (May 18, 2020) – The South Bend Cubs have teamed up with Beacon Health System and Saint Joseph Health System to launch a new program that will feed front line healthcare workers and their families. Meals for Medical MVPs kicks off this week. Fans interested in thanking these essential workers and their families can purchase a \$60 feast of ballpark favorites by calling (574) 235-9988 or visiting SouthBendCubs.com. The meal includes hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, chips, cookies and lemonade and serves 4-5 people. As a personal way to say 'thank you', each donation will also include the name of the individual, family, or business providing the meal. Packages will be donated and distributed to healthcare workers at Memorial Hospital in South Bend and Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka.

“Great teammates support each other in both good times and hard times. Meals for Medical MVPs is another way we as a community can thank front line healthcare workers for always having our backs,” stated South Bend Cubs President, Joe Hart. “My family and I are donating the first five meals. And, I want to challenge our community and business leaders to join me in showing our gratitude for these folks and their families.”

This program expands upon earlier efforts made by the South Bend Cubs, when the organization donated over 2,000 meals to both hospitals as healthcare workers and medical staff were hit with the initial outbreak of COVID-19 in the Michiana region.

"The South Bend Cubs are one of the many community partners who demonstrates tremendous support to our medical team," stated Chad Towner, Chief Executive Officer of Saint Joseph Health System.

Susan King, President of Beacon Health Foundation added, "From all of us at Beacon Health System, thank you to Joe Hart, the South Bend Cubs and our entire community. Over the last two months, our community has pulled together to help one another. The generosity and support from business and the broader community to all healthcare workers has been amazing and has helped sustain us during these challenging times."

Both Beacon Health System and Saint Joseph Health System will manage the distribution of food donations and the South Bend Cubs will help coordinate meal delivery. All meal donations placed after 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays will be rolled over to the following week.

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