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## BROADCAST SCHEDULE

June 5 Harness Racing at Nappanee

June 12 Harness Racing at Nappanee

June 13 Harness Racing at Nappanee

June 19 Harness Racing at Nappanee

June 20 Harness Racing at Nappanee

June 26 Harness Racing at Nappanee

June 27 Harness Racing at Nappanee

July 25 Harness Racing at Elkhart County 4H Fair Grounds

July 27 Harness Racing at Elkhart County 4H Fair Grounds

July 28 Harness Races at Elkhart County 4H Fair Grounds

July 23th Northern Indiana Media Show

Coming this summer Softball games, stock car coverage and This Week in Northern Indiana Sports and Community Events

## NORTHRIDGE ATHLETIC COMPLEX UPDATE



**COMPLEX WILL BE DONE IN JUNE AND READY TO USE JULY 1ST WHEN THE IHSAA HAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO OPEN PRACTICE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**



#### New Paris Stock Car Saturday Night Winners

- Outlaw Late Model Feature Kevin Sauer winner
- Austin Maynard won the Limited Late Model Feature
- Street Stock Feature Bug Schisler

**Small Business Relief & Planning Resources:** The Indiana Small Business Development Center (Indiana SBDC) received nearly \$3.7 million from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) through the CARES Act to support increased resources for Hoosier entrepreneurs and small businesses over the next 18 months. The funding, which will nearly double the organization's annual federal appropriations, will enable Indiana SBDC to increase no-cost services, such as counseling and training, for businesses that were in operation prior to and that have been impacted by COVID-19. Services will be available through the Indiana SBDC's 10 regional offices across the state and are expected to focus on financial assistance, e-commerce, business adaptation and innovation, disaster resiliency and planning, and reopening plans. More information on Indiana SBDC resources is available [online](#); updates on new programs or initiatives that may be added with this funding will be forthcoming.

- **Manufacturing Support & Long-Term Growth:** The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) board of directors approved \$10 million to launch the Economic Activity Stabilization and Enhancement (EASE) program aimed at supporting technology and operational advancements in the manufacturing industry, which has long been a key driver of the state's economy. EASE, which encompasses three complementary initiatives, is designed to stimulate manufacturing investments that will position Hoosier operations, and the sector overall, for future growth and prosperity by prioritizing startup investment and resources, technology modernization and development, and training assistance. The three EASE initiatives include:
  - o The new Smart & Advanced Manufacturing (SAM) Focus Fund, which will make seed and early-stage investments and provide entrepreneurship resources to Indiana manufacturing-focused startups through Elevate Ventures, the state's venture development partner;

## HARNESS RACING COMING BACK

The Indiana Standardbred Association (ISA), the Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC), and Harrah's Hoosier Park has worked diligently through many revisions submitted to the State of Indiana to outline a plan to get horses back on track. Governor Eric Holcomb has approved a start date for racing following Stage 4, which is set for Sunday, June 14. The 27th season of Standardbred racing is set to begin Tuesday, June 16.

Indiana's racetracks have worked with the horsemen's groups from all three racing breeds to set guidelines in the return of racing. Terms included in the guidelines will be spectator-free racing until the entire state moves into Stage 5 Saturday, July 4. At that time, fans can return to the grandstand at Harrah's Hoosier Park and racing enthusiasts will be allowed to attend the first Indiana Sired Fair Circuit program slated that day at Converse, Ind. Prior to that time, racing from Harrah's Hoosier Park will be available only through simulcasting.

ISA has also worked with horsemen's groups from the state's Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse industries to outline safety protocols to reach Stage 5 in Indiana. Outside of the general requirements put in place for all individuals, such as wearing masks, hand washing, disinfecting public areas, and social distancing, racing has outlined other terms to safely return to racing. All essential racing personnel, vendors, horsemen and horsewomen must have temperatures checked daily, with temperatures not to exceed 100.4. Once all safety precautions are passed, different colored wristbands are issued and worn on a daily basis to assist security in monitoring everyone's compliance with the check-in process.

Drivers will be required to meet their horses outside of the paddock and get on the race bike as horses head to the track. No winner's circle photos will be taken. Dean Gillette, Harrah's Hoosier Park's track photographer, will be positioned outside the paddock and will take winning photos in that area before the horse heads to the test barn. Common areas such as lounges and break rooms will also be closed until further notice. The Backstretch Café will continue to offer carryout service for breakfast, lunch and dinner once racing resumes.

The racing office is also following added precautions. All entries must be made either online or by phone and no individuals are allowed to attend the draw. Access to the racing administration building is very limited and anyone entering the building must first go to the stablegate to complete daily safety procedures and get a wristband. Appointments inside the racing administration building should be made to meet with racing personnel prior to entering the building.



Fairfield HS Senior Bryce Willard has signed his Letter of Intent to continue his Academic and Track & Field Career's at Grace College, located in Winona Lake, Indiana. The Lancer's are an NAIA and NCCAA University and are members of the Crossroads League. They are coached by Jeff Raymond. Bryce is planning on Majoring in Business Marketing.

Bryce has been a 4-year letter winner for the Falcon Track & Field Squad. In addition, Bryce has been a 2-year letter winner in both Boys Basketball and Football.

During his Track & Field career at Fairfield, Bryce was honored as the Top Thrower for the Falcons, while placing in the NECC Meet in both the Shot Put and the Discus.

### **Gov. Holcomb Takes Action to Assist Local Communities**

INDIANAPOLIS — Governor Eric J. Holcomb today took these actions to protect Hoosiers, properties and businesses as the result of two nights of violence, following peaceful protests in Indiana.

The Governor: Signed Executive Order 20-29 to lift restrictions on local declarations of emergency that had been instituted as a part of the stay at home and back on track orders pertaining to COVID-19. This order, effective as of 11 a.m. today, allows local governments to place more stringent travel restrictions than the state has in place. A link to the order may be found at: <https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-29.pdf>.

- Directed members of the Indiana National Guard to be on standby to assist communities across the state, if requested. Gov. Holcomb verbally activated the Indiana National Guard Reactionary Force company to be available to assist local communities Saturday, however no deployment was requested. Several hundred Guard members remain on standby.

Ordered members of the Guard, supported by Indiana State Police, to establish a presence at state properties in Indianapolis to protect them from further damage.

“At my order, the Indiana National Guard stands ready to assist local communities in need to protect the public and property, and I am deploying Guard members to protect state property beginning today,” said Gov. Holcomb. “Organized protests have taken place across the state without incident but the events that have followed, particularly in Indianapolis, have devastated businesses, defaced public monuments that are centuries old, and resulted in loss of life.”

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LINK TO HEAR HARNESS RACING AND STOCK CAR COVERAGE

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## Gov. Holcomb Announces Nearly \$44 Million to Aid Economic Recovery Effort

*New initiatives launched to help Indiana businesses restart, adapt and stimulate long-term growth*

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced several new economic recovery initiatives designed to bolster critical relief efforts while encouraging long-term planning and investments to stimulate Indiana's economy well into the future. Through these initiatives, the state will allocate nearly \$44 million to provide support and resources including approximately \$37 million in direct funding through grants and investments to small businesses and manufacturers – two key drivers of the Hoosier economy.

"To restart Indiana's economic engine, it's critical that we provide Hoosier businesses and entrepreneurs with the support they need to grow and get back on track," Gov. Holcomb said. "These initiatives will ensure that two critical drivers of our state's economy have access to resources and technological tools that allow them to continue competing and leading in the 21st century economy, while further positioning our state for long-term economic growth."

To safely guide a return to economic activity, the state is committed to deploying federal relief funds under the CARES Act in coordination with Indiana's Economic Relief and Recovery Team, while targeting initiatives aimed at achieving long-term economic stabilization.

**Small Business Restart Fund:** Gov. Holcomb approved \$30 million in federal funding made available through the CARES Act to small business restart grants, helping accelerate the speed of economic recovery activity by providing working capital to cover certain expenses related to the global pandemic. Indiana small businesses with fewer than 50 employees and \$5 million in annual revenue that have experienced a 40% drop in revenue will be eligible to be reimbursed for up to 80% of qualified expenses, such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities, lease payments for real or personal property, and safety investments, such as personal protective equipment (PPE) and infrastructure improvements. Eligible small businesses that demonstrate a revenue loss of at least 40% will be awarded up to \$2,500 for each month while small businesses that demonstrate a revenue loss of at least 80% will be awarded up to \$5,000 for each month, with grants issued up to \$10,000 per company. Of the \$30 million allocated to the fund, at least \$5 million will be reserved for certified minority- and women-owned businesses. More information on the program, including additional eligibility requirements, is [available here](#). by COVID-19. The state recently launched the [Indiana Small Business PPE Marketplace](#), which serves as an online hub for small businesses and non-profits employing up to 150 associates that are in need of personal protective equipment (PPE). Since its inception, Indiana has received 26,130 orders for PPE and has fulfilled 25,500 orders, shipping bundles of hand sanitizer, face masks and face shields to companies across the state. To learn more about other COVID-19 resources, visit [iedc.in.gov/response](http://iedc.in.gov/response).