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Residents and businesses called to act for broadband

Noble County Economic Development (EDC) encourages residents and businesses who live and operate outside of incorporated communities in rural Noble County to participate in a pair of "speed tests" to measure and record, by address, current Internet speeds. The Indiana Speed Test takes less than one minute to complete using any internet connected device and does not collect any personal information. The data derived, however, may prove critical as ISPs compete for funding, because when conflicts arise the data may prove the level of service available at a specific address does not meet a minimum of 25 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 3 Mbps upload.

[Take Indiana Speed Test](#)

LigTel Communications is preparing to submit grant applications to help fund the expansion of fiberoptic Internet across rural Noble County. The company is asking rural residents and businesses to take their survey and submit evidence (screen shots) of speeds that are not consistently a minimum of 25/3 as well. They caution to ensure mobile devices are connected to the address's wifi, not set to "data", when taking the speed test. Results of this survey will be submitted with grant applications to strengthen the case for the expansion of fiberoptic internet.

[Take LigTel's survey & speed test](#)

[Read more about broadband in Noble County](#)

Construction begins on new shell building in Kendallville



Pictured, from left: Josh Rosenogle and Matt Young, Leatherman Construction Inc. (contractor); Bob Marshall, Noble County Investment Trust Fund; Gary Gatman, executive director Noble County Economic Development Corporation; Kendallville Mayor SuzAnne Handshoe; Jerry Stienbarger, Kendallville Local Development Corporation; Drew Welborn, Noble County Shell Building LLC; Kristen Johnson, Kendallville Economic Development Advisory Committee; and Simon Dragan, developer.



Phase I construction of a 75,000 square foot, widespan design steel building, expandable to 100,000 square feet, featuring 30' ceilings, LED lighting inside and out, 3-Phase electric service, 6" thick concrete floor, and more, is expected to be completed by January 22. The building will be located just off SR 3 south of Kendallville on Ohio Street. Leatherman Construction Inc. (LCI) is the contractor.

East Noble names superintendent

Teresa Gremaux has been hired as the next superintendent of East Noble School Corporation. She will fill the vacancy left by Ann Linson, who retired in March but has been filling in as interim while the board searched to fill the position. Gremaux has lived in Noble County for the past six years and served previously in district leadership in North White School Corporation and North Manchester. She began her career in East Allen County Schools. She lives in Rome City.



Teresa Gremaux



Patrick Hess

[Visit Noble County](#)

Hess is new Noble CVB director

Patrick Hess has become the fifth director of the Noble County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Hess filled the vacancy left by the departure of Emily Schneider in February. He brings more than 30 years of marketing experience to the role. The bureau promotes tourism under the "Visit Noble County" moniker and shares an office with the Noble County Economic Development Corporation at 110 S. Orange Street in downtown Albion. For more information, contact the CVB at (260) 636-3602.



October 14, 2021!

4:30 - 7:00 pm

Community Learning Center

Free food, fun, & more! [Learn more >>>](#)



New life for former 10 Pinz biz

Local business partners Doug Ebey and Andrew McGill have acquired the former 10 Pinz Pizza and Arcade in Kendallville with plans to complete a renovation and bring league play back to Noble County. Changes include a new,

modern look with LED lighting, new flooring, and plans to add axe-throwing to the venue. Ebey reports that K Vegas Bowling will feature 12 bowling lanes and five hatchet-throwing courts. The venue will play host to fundraising events to benefit local nonprofits including Special Olympics and Junior Achievement and provide a place for local schools with club bowling, including East Noble and Central Noble. A website and phone number will be announced later this summer, with more updates available on the K Vegas' Facebook Page.

Manufacturing award nominations open

KPC Media and the Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana are seeking nominations of companies for the second annual Northeast Indiana Manufacturing Awards. Categories include Manufacturer of the Year, "Green" Manufacturer of the Year, and more. Participation is free. Awards will be announced at a banquet later this year.



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Theresa Steele

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NextLevel Jobs may fund EOS

The Entrepreneurial Operating System (EOS) was designed to deliver tools to businesses with 10 to 250 employees to gain traction, build a strong team culture, and achieve business and personal goals. Theresa Steele, an EOS Implementer®, recently expanded Steele

Business Coaching services and is available to assist Noble County employers wishing to explore how NextLevel Jobs grants may fund EOS-related training. Free 90-minute consultations are available. Call (260) 750-7050 for info.



Each month we celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of Noble County's people and places. Congratulations!



MATT GETTS

Recently retired Noble County Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Mick Newton, right, was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash – the state's highest civilian honor – during Monday's meeting of the Noble County Commissioners. From left, are state Rep. Dave Abbott and Indiana Department of Homeland Security Executive Director Steve Cox.

Kari Parker, a teacher at Central Noble Community Schools, is runner-up for the KPC Media Group 2021 Innovation in Education Award. Parker was nominated by Patricia Franke who noted Parker's creativity. Parker is a special education teacher for grades 3-5 and, during the pandemic, dressed up in funny, pretty, and ridiculous outfits every teaching day to help engage the students in e-learning.

The **Ligonier Visitors Center and Heritage Station Museum** has reopened following a shutdown during the pandemic. Volunteers will welcome visitors at the center Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm all summer. The Center is located at the corner of Lincolnway South (SR 5) and Union Street.

Christopher and Jamie Cook, Rome City, are the new owners of Sundaes on Sylvan, the popular ice cream shop on the shore of Sylvan Lake. They and their children, Lily, Landon, and Claire, all work in the shop on weekends and are supported by six employees.

Ligonier Chamber of Commerce announced this year's Citizens of the Year and Business of the Year at their meeting on July 20. Congratulations to **Joe Hutsell** and **Shelly Long**, Ligonier's Citizens of the Year, and **Fisher Insurance**, Business of the Year!

Central Noble Food Pantry has completed an expansion and move to a new home at 601 N. Orange Street in Albion. The Pantry held an open house on July 18 marking the milestone following a year of fundraising and remodeling at the new location. The pantry serves about 35 families each week in the Central Noble community.

Kendallville News Sun Managing Editor **Steve Garbacz** was awarded second place award in the Hoosier State Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest for best general commentary for his column titled "The Garbacz Dump". Photographer **Andy Barrand** also received a second place award for best feature photo, "Special visit". **The News Sun** was also recognized for best editorial page and best website, earning a first place award in both categories. Additional awards were earned by other KPC Media newspapers and staff as well.

The Kendallville Day Care Center is marking 50 years of service in Noble County this year. The milestone was marked with a dinner and carnival in Kendallville.

Parkview Regional Medical Center has been designated among the best in Indiana in the latest U.S. News & World Report annual Best Hospitals rankings. Parkview tied with two others for fourth place among nine Hoosier hospitals to make the state list.

After 50 years of chiropractic service, **Dr. Ken Cripe** is retiring. Cripe stepped back to working part-time when Dr. Sarah Ragan purchased his Albion office in 2018. Dr. Ragan will continue offering services. Cripe is well known in his investments in the community, including his service on the Cromwell Park Board, Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, Albion Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post 243, and Knights of Columbus.

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