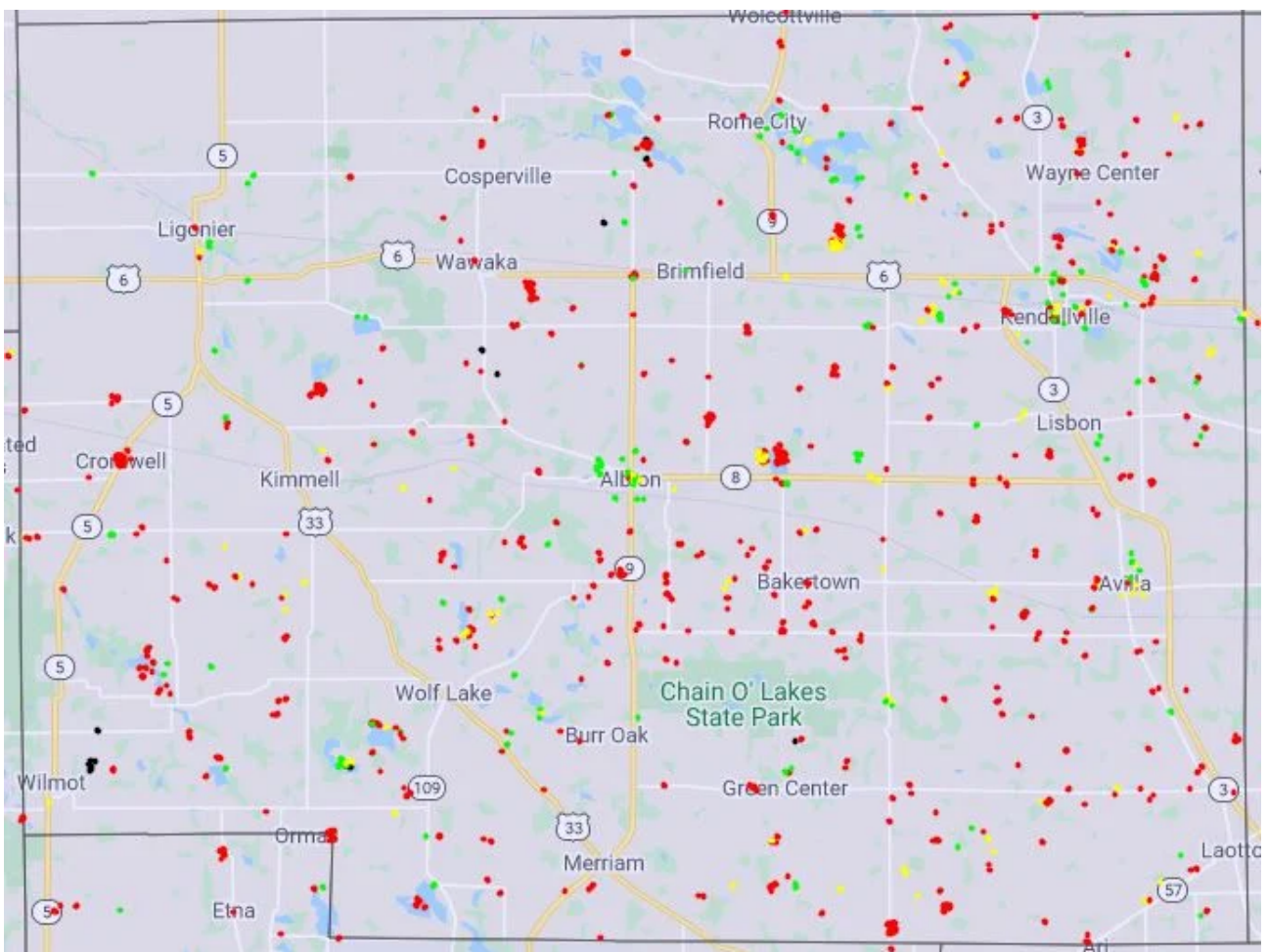




September 2021

If your internet is slow in rural Noble County...



Interactive map shows the locations of Internet speed tests recorded in Noble County as of August 30, 2021 by the Indiana Speed Test project.

Boost Noble County's case for broadband

Noble County is leading the state in the number of locations that have recorded speed tests, and all those who experience slow or intermittent internet connectivity in rural Noble

County are encouraged to participate. 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 for Noble County ISPs competing for funding to expand fiber optic networks.

Take the Indiana Speed Test

Congratulations!

STRAND  THEATRE



Fashion Farm Inc

John Ley
Monument Sales



Four Noble County businesses have been recognized by Governor Eric Holcomb for their longevity and service to their employees, community, and state. Congratulations to Strand Theatre for 131 years of service (Century Award); John Ley Monument Sales for 64 years of service, Fashion Farm for 61 years of service, and Wirco for 52 years of service (all recipients of the Half-Century Award). We appreciate your many years of contributions to help Noble County's economy thrive!



Chris Duerk, Karen Parker, and Parker Duerk help manage the family farm. Photo by Joe McQueen, KPC Media Group.

Parkers receive Hoosier Homestead Centennial Award

In August, Noble County residents Raymond & Karen Parker were among more than 70 Hoosier farm families that received the Hoosier Homestead Centennial Award in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture, presented at the Indiana State Fair. Their farm has been operating for 104 consecutive years and produced more than \$1,000 in products annually.

New housing on track

Despite the delays and higher costs of materials due to the pandemic, Jamie Lancia, president of Lancia Homes, has reported the construction of houses at Kendallville's Noble Creek residential development will begin in early 2022. Ground moving began in early August in preparation for the planned construction of 39 single family homes in section one of the development. Home prices are projected to be \$170,000 to \$250,000.



[More info](#)

The Avilla Town Council has also cleared the way for a new 12-home development in the Watercrest Subdivision on the town's north side near Ascension Living Sacred Heart Village on Old State Road 3. Bob Parrish is the developer.



Nicholas L. Fox, DO, MA

Dr. Fox joins PPG Kendallville

A new physician with northeast Indiana ties has joined the Parkview Physicians Group – Family Medicine office in Kendallville and is now serving patients. A press release issued recently said Nicholas Fox, DO, MA, grew up in Brownsburg, Indiana and has local ties through relatives in Auburn and Angola. Dr. Fox’s office is located on the Parkview Noble Hospital campus at 326 Sawyer Road in Kendallville. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Thursdays. To schedule an appointment, call 260-349-9166.



The Post & Mail

KPC acquires Post & Mail

KPC Media Group, with offices in Kendallville and Fort Wayne, is acquiring The Post & Mail, a newspaper in Columbia City. The publication had been owned by Horizon Newspapers of Marion, Illinois, a subsidiary of the Alberta Newspaper Group of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. KPC assumed operations effective Aug. 3. KPC, owned by the George O. Witwer family of Kendallville, is now the largest independent community newspaper group in Indiana.

Parker Hannifin granted tax break

Twenty-nine jobs are expected to result from a 5-year plan to add new equipment at Parker Hannifin in Albion. The Albion Town Council approved tax abatements for five

years on equipment estimated to cost \$3.7 million dollars, including a new forge and autonomous robotic equipment.



The project was described as "competitive" and has been approved for incentives offered by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to help keep jobs in Indiana.



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Grant match opportunity

If Noble Trails, Inc. reaches its goal of raising \$35,000 by October 9, 2021, the organization is set to receive a matching \$35,000 grant from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. The partnership was announced by Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch in late April. Funding will pave a gravel section of the Fishing Line Trail, add signage, and new landscaping. A Bike & Hike event will be held on the trail on September 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at which donations will be accepted.

Grant to fund "Discover Your Path"

Video Series

Noble County, in partnership with The Arc Noble County Foundations, is set to receive a grant of \$68,381 from Indiana's Community Corrections for People with Disabilities program. The grant will be used to produce a series of videos titled "Discover Your Path in Our



Community" to provide a safe, accessible alternative to visiting workplaces in person. The videos will provide people an opportunity to observe various local workplaces and learn from workers in a variety of occupations about the jobs they perform. During the pandemic, most workplaces were restricting visitation, which prompted the video project. The videos will also be shared to help educate area students preparing to enter the workforce to explore career paths in Noble County.



October 14, 2021!

4:30 - 7:00 pm

Community Learning Center

Register now!



Common Grace Ministries is celebrating 25 years with an anniversary event. The public is invited to the organization's campus at 2004 E. Dowling Street on Saturday, September 18 from 1 to 5 p.m. for free activities for children, food trucks, raffle, and more. Donors will have a chance to win prizes, including a basket valued at \$500.

KPC Media has acquired Columbia City's Post & Mail. The purchase of the Whitley County newspaper makes KPC Media Group the largest independent community newspaper group in Indiana. KPC publishes 13 newspapers in northeast Indiana.

Two Noble County families have been inducted into the Noble County Livestock Hall of Fame in recognition of long histories of agriculture and philanthropy in their community. The **Harold and Jean Troyer** family and **Duane and Betsy Stohlman** family were honored recently as part of the Noble County Fair in July.

Junior and Kathy Gray were honored as the grand marshals of the annual Onion Days Parade in Wolf Lake in August. The Grays were members of the inaugural Onion Days Festival committee when it began in 1972. Junior was born at Luckey Hospital and the couple were married at the Big Lake Church of God in 1970. They retired from the Onion Days committee in 2020 and were honored this year for their long dedication to the community's annual celebration.

Congratulations to Rome City's 2021 Business of the Year, **Caroline's Cottage Cottons** (Caroline North) and Citizen of the year, **Jean Powell Edholm**. They were recognized during a Poker Run event in July.

In an announcement in late July from Tipton Law Group, LLC, the firm thanked founder and managing partner attorney **J. Seth Tipton** as he concluded his years of dedication and service to the cause of public defense in northeast Indiana. As of July 1, Tipton transitioned into full-time private criminal defense and chief executive officer of the quickly growing TLG firm.

Ashley Industrial Molding is celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. Congratulations!

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