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Noble County Economic Development



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Collaborations bring cutting-edge Industry 4.0 lab to Noble County

As one of the nation's top-ranked regions for concentration of jobs in manufacturing, Noble County will soon be home to a brand new, state-of-the-art learning lab to support the fourth industrial revolution, also known as Industry 4.0.



Smart Factory Tabletop Mechatronics System (S7-TMS) with Optional FANUC Robot

Photo source: Amatrol.com.

The new Industry 4.0 lab, to be housed at the Community Learning Center (CLC) in Kendallville, will provide hands-on learning opportunities for youth, teens, and adults to learn about “Smart Factory” environments that are transforming the manufacturing world. The cutting-edge lab, the first of its kind in the region, will give learners an understanding of the Industrial Internet of Things (IIOT) and opportunities to gain skills required of highly-trained technicians that are in high demand, needed to set up, operate, and maintain these systems.

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N.A. Busche approved for tax abatement

N.A. Busche Real Estate LLC, led by Nick Busche, was approved for a tax abatement by the Noble County Council. Busche announced plans to invest \$2.6 million into real property improvements at the complex of industrial buildings located on State Road 8 at CR 150 E, east of Albion, where he founded and operated Busche Performance Group for many years. Busche plans to add 100 new jobs paying an average wage of \$30 per hour by the end of 2023. Property improvements will include roof repairs, new LED lighting, parking lot asphalt and concrete repairs, paint inside and out, floor repairs and enhancements, and heating and cooling system repairs. The upgrades qualified for a 7-year abatement.



2021 Graduation rates announced

Indiana's statewide average 2021 graduation rate is at 86.69%, according to data released by the Indiana Department of Education. Locally, East Noble High School recorded a rate of 92% graduating 230 students; Central Noble will graduate 95 students for a rate of 90.48%; and West Noble came in just under the state average at 86.18% with 131 students graduating.

Kendallville RDC launches marketing support program

In yet another effort to help spur new business growth and the transformation of downtown Kendallville, the city's Redevelopment Commission announced the creation of the Merchant Marketing Assistance Program. Businesses in the downtown Main Street TIF District are eligible to apply for up to 75% in matching funds, up to a maximum of \$500, to promote through print media, radio, digital media, or a combination of media promotions. A limitation of one grant per business per calendar year applies. An application form is available on the City of Kendallville website, Redevelopment Commission page.

[Apply for Downtown Kendallville Merchant Marketing Assistance](#)

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NoblePalooza

An EXPO to Thrive!

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Community Learning Center

NoblePalooza is an expo that will bring together individuals and organizations from across the county to network, share information, and one another thrive! Featuring information and exhibits from every sector of the economy and a small business marketplace. Exhibitors and vendors are now being sought. Apply to exhibit/vend or attend using the buttons below!

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[Register to attend \(free!\)](#)



Dr. Jeffrey Batesole has joined the dentistry team at Hayes & Mead Family Dentistry in

Albion. Dr. Batesole is a graduate of Snider High School and Ball State University. He obtained his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 2014 and practiced in Indiana and Oregon before joining Hayes & Mead. He begins work at the Albion practice on January 3, 2022.



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