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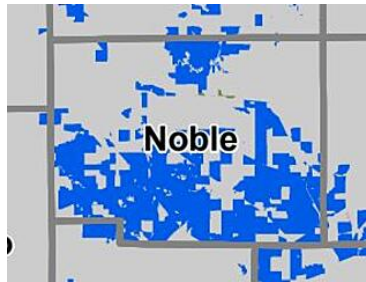
Noble County Economic Development



May 2022

Noble ISPs win broadband grants

Over 14% of all funds approved in round three of Indiana's Next Level Connections Broadband Program will help expand high speed internet services in and just over the boundaries of Noble County. Leading the list of local internet service providers (ISPs) that submitted winning projects, outlining plans to connect underserved households and business across Noble County, was [Ligtel Communications](#).



Round III Funding

The company, founded and headquartered in Ligonier, was approved to receive over \$11.5 million dollars, and will invest another \$7.5 million, to complete network expansions to deliver high speed, fiberoptic internet service to over 2,700 homes and more than 400 businesses.

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Trails will expand in Rome City

A Next Level Trails grant award of \$800,800 will enable the Town of Rome City to construct 1.46 miles of new trail in partnership with Noble Trails and the Rome City

Conservancy District. The new segment will pick up where Fishing Line Trail ends now, at Gaff Park on Lyons Drive, and expand north, passing near the recycling center and post office before entering the public access site on Sylvan Lake. From there, the new trail will continue north along the east side of SR 9, across the top of the dam, to Northport Road. Future plans are to expand the trail to connect to Wolcottville.

Apartments to get \$14M makeover

Kendallville City Council recently approved an ordinance that will enable Gene B. Glick Company, property owner of Carriage House Apartments, to access \$14 million in tax-exempt bonds. The funds will be used to update all 150 rental units at Carriage House, located just off Angling Road on the north side of the city. The approval means



Carriage House

Kendallville is lending its status as a government entity to issue the bonds, but will not be financially liable for the project. The remodels will update 40-year-old units with kitchen and bathroom rehabs. Everyone who lives at the complex receives some sort of financial assistance for rent and units are 100% occupied with a six-month waiting list. The updates are expected to be completed by the end of 2022.



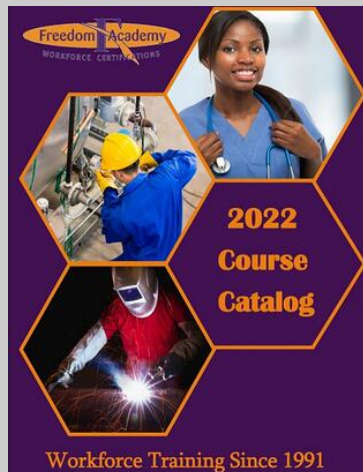
Solar company coming to Avilla

Solar Land LLC, doing business as Lake Lite, Ultra Bright Tech and Lake Lifter, will invest more than \$2.3 million to build a 20,000 square foot facility in the Avilla East Industrial Park. The company was granted a 10-year abatement on real property improvements and a 5-year tax break on new equipment by town officials in late April.

Funding announced for road projects

Several local streets and a bridge project will be boosted by recently announced Community Crossings grants. Kendallville was approved to receive \$432,529.75 and Noble County

\$364,414.92 in the latest round of funding in Indiana. Kendallville will use funds for 14 street projects in the city. Noble County will replace a bridge on CR 860 W over Solomon Creek.



Freedom Academy announces classes

New leadership training options

Freedom Academy has been offering workforce training in northeast Indiana since 1991. A wide variety of learning options can be found in their 2022 course catalog. An open house will be held at the Freedom Academy's new office at the Community Learning Center, 401 E Diamond Street in Kendallville, on Wednesday, May 11 at 8:00 AM.

[View 2022 course catalog](#)

AWS Welding Certification

80 hours

5/23 - 7/11

M W F 4-8 PM

Impact Institute

892 Dowling St.
Kendallville

Soft Skills Basics Training

5/26 - 6/16

Thursdays 1-3 PM

Community Learning Center

401 E Diamond St

Kendallville

NIMS CNC Certification

144 hours

6/7 - 8 /24

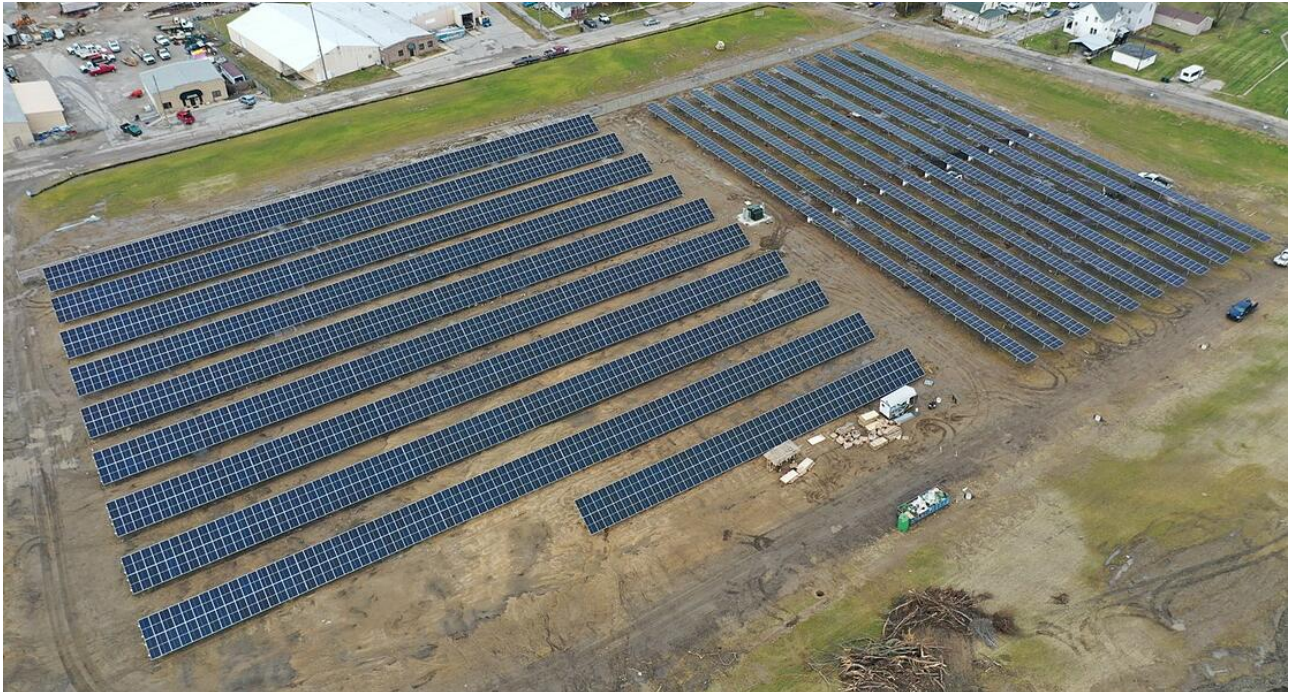
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Call 800-200-6499 or email info@freedomacademy.net to register.



A ribbon cutting was held at the McCray Solar Power Project site in Kendallville on April 20. The project is praised for transforming an environmental brownfield and eyesore into a clean, renewable energy source that will save taxpayers significant dollars while powering the city's wastewater treatment plant. [Learn more...](#)



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Reserve space for JA JobSpark

Connect to thousands of students

JA JobSpark is Junior Achievement's premier two-day career exploration event connecting thousands of students to businesses in northern Indiana. All sectors are invited to participate. For more information, contact Sue Jackson at (260) 484-2543.

Another round of facade grants totaling over \$33,000 was approved by the Kendallville Redevelopment Commission for upgrades on three properties downtown. The commission expects to award another \$300,000 to be issued as a 75/25 grant match for historic preservation façade projects that may not make the cut to receive a piece of the \$2 million PreservINg Main Street award.



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SURVEY

Help shape Albion's 5-year Master Plan
for parks & recreation!

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Notable Noble



Ligonier Fire Department has moved into their new digs. The new fire station is a notable structure in the downtown landscape and concludes a project that began more than four years ago. Land was donated by the Pettit family to accommodate the move. The new fire station features much larger doors and bays to accommodate modern equipment, a training tower, fitness room, vented gear room, decontamination room, and more.

Senator Mike Braun made **Airframe Components** in Kendallville recently, a stop made as part of his yearly visit to all 92 counties in Indiana. The company, owned by **Roy and Shelly Williams**, repairs wings and other airplane components and is a worldwide distributor of parts. Before becoming a Senator, Braun grew a similar business that distributed automotive and RV parts.

Doug Ebey, a CN graduate and local entrepreneur, opened his fourth business in Noble County in April. Hidden Ego, a 24/7 fitness center, opened at 878 Lima Road in Kendallville. Hidden Ego, a 24-hour gym in Albion, was Ebey's first local venture, followed by Hidden Ego Event and Recreation facility and K Vegas Bowl, both in Kendallville. Hidden Ego gym members now have access 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to both fitness center locations.

Congratulations to **Lori Scandling**, honored as the Fraternal Order of Police Land O' Lakes Lodge 126 Dispatcher of the Year. Scandling has been a dispatcher for Noble County E-911 for 26 years. Also honored was Noble County Sheriff's Deputy **Johnny Richie**, named Officer of the Year.

The Honorable Michael J. Kramer, Noble County Circuit Court Judge, honored **Sgt. Angela Handshoe**, a six-year veteran of the Kendallville Police Department, as someone "within the community who has acted in service to protect those children who are in need and to those who provided hope and safety". Handshoe was nominated by Kendallville Patrolwoman Sidney Shartzter.

Bolhoff was named Industry of the Year at the 2022 Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce banquet. Others honored were **John and Sandy Heitz**, Citizens of the Year, **Colton Williams**, Young Professional of the Year; and **Parkview Noble Hospital**, Business of the Year.



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