

# Be Noble

*Noble County Economic Development*



October 2022

## Join us!

### "Thank you" reception for Gary Gatman

Gary Gatman's last day at the helm of Be Noble Inc. will be on Friday, October 14. Please join us for a reception on Wednesday, October 12 from 4 to 7 PM at Sylvan Cellars in Rome City. Let's come together to celebrate Gary's many contributions and to wish him well on his personal business endeavors. Appetizers will be provided. Enjoy the cash bar and full menu as well. Sylvan Cellars is located at 2725 E Northport Road in Rome City. We hope to see you there!

### *Be Noble Board of Directors & Staff*



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**The Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority approved Noble County pitches to receive \$958,003 under Indiana READI for equipment for the iSMART Lab and infrastructure in two Avilla neighborhoods to spur housing development. Final approvals come from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. Projects must be completed over the next two years.**

## **Albion takes next step on child care**

With multiple proposals now in hand, members of the Albion Town Council expressed excitement about the prospects of bringing a new day care center to town at their September 13 meeting. Their unanimous vote approved \$9,500 to pay for architectural designs. Elevatus, one of four firms that responded to the town's request for



proposals, will provide plans for a 7,500 square foot facility. Jacob Ihrle, Albion Town Manager, and Jenna Anderson, program coordinator for Noble Thrive by 5, are managing the project. They are now entertaining possible sites in Albion and welcome inquiries from those interested in supporting the project. For more information, contact Jenna at [jenna@noblenthriveby5.org](mailto:jenna@noblenthriveby5.org) or Jacob at [albiontownmanager@frontier.com](mailto:albiontownmanager@frontier.com).

## Now registering 6th-7th-8th graders

Sign up Noble County middle schoolers for this free, experiential day camp featuring Industry 4.0 technologies! Space is limited!

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**FREE DAY CAMP**  
for kids in grades 6-8!  
Saturday, October 29, 2022  
10 AM - 3 PM

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EXPERIENCE 2022

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& Tinkerers

Curious  
Creators

Kids in Noble County who are curious, creative, and drawn to technology and "how things work" will enjoy fun, hands-on activities featuring state-of-the-art, cutting edge industrial technologies!

at the Community Learning Center in Kendallville

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**WORKNOBLE.ORG**

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IMPACT INSTITUTE  
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## In case you missed it

### Northeast Indiana Works Employer Seminar

Several relevant topics were the subjects of informative presentations at the recent Employer Seminar at Sweetwater Sound, hosted and facilitated by Northeast Indiana Works. The webinar was recorded and can be viewed in its entirety after downloading.



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**Advance Rome City revealed the town's first mural at a ceremony on September 23. Tammy Bieberich produced the new work of art and was honored with a \$1,000 gift for Art Enrichment at West Noble Schools, where she works. The mural is on the north side of Shooky's Shack, visible when traveling south on SR 9 into town. Several sponsors helped bring the project to completion. (Photo source: Facebook)**

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## **Parkview Noble does it again**

### **Hospital achieves Magnet Designation**

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) has redesignated Parkview Noble hospital a "Magnet". The ANCC explains that consumers who choose Magnet Designated providers can expect improved patient/family satisfaction, reduced risks of complications, improved outcomes, and the highest quality nursing care. The designation is considered "steadfast proof of a hard-earned commitment to excellence in health care, with nurses at its heart."

## **Noble companies expanding**

### **2022 industrial investments top \$25 million**

Local taxing authorities recently approved tax breaks for employers investing in expansions and new equipment. B&J Medical was granted a 10-year tax abatement on new equipment at

a cost of \$7.6 million for their US 6 location west of Kendallville. Kammerer Dynamics Inc. also



**B & J Medical**

received favorable vote, approving a 5-year tax break on \$1.04 million in new equipment that will be housed in a new, 22,000 square foot building addition. Others who have announced investments include Infinite Resources in Ligonier, investing \$300,000 in a robotic bagging system and adding three jobs, and Advanced Metal Etching, investing \$162,500 in a new Photoplotter to retain workers and enhance productivity.



**Margarita White**

## **White promoted at foundation**

A longtime program director at the Community Foundation of Noble County has been promoted to executive director. Margarita White will fill the vacancy left by former director Brad Graden. Graden resigned in July to return to teaching. White's appointment was announced by the foundation's board of directors on August 31.

## **Noble favorites named winners & finalists in readers' poll**

The 2022 winners and finalists as selected by Fort Wayne Newspapers readers have been announced. The following Noble County organizations and establishments are congratulated for being selected among the best Northeast Indiana has to offer!

- Chain O'Lakes State Park - Best Campground, Best Park, Finalist for Best Attraction
- Black Pine Animal Sanctuary - Finalist for Best Children's Entertainment

- Gabriela's European Desserts & More - Finalist for Best Desserts
- St. James Restaurant - Finalist for Best Lake Area Restaurant
- Don Chico's - Finalist for Best Mexican Restaurant
- Bortner Home Inspections - Finalist for Best Home Inspector

## Grants will help catalyze facade improvements

Yoder & Jessup Law Office located off Fairview Boulevard in Kendallville will receive upgrades soon. The Kendallville Redevelopment Commission approved \$10,937.57, representing fifty percent of the costs of proposed improvements including new windows and doors on the commercial building. In Albion, the historic opera house, now Newman & Newman Law office, was approved by Albion Town Council to receive a \$10,000 grant to help stabilize the roof on the structure. This enhancement comes after significant, previous investments to restore and preserve the landmark.



A new pollinator's garden at Hidden Diamonds Park in Albion will be expanding. Albion Rotary Club recently presented a certificate designating the new "butterfly garden" an official Monarch Way Station. Rotary members installed the gardens earlier this year and the park has plans to make it even larger. The garden, located in the southwestern portion of the park near the ball diamonds, can be enjoyed by trail-goers.

In yet another show of Noble Countians' willingness to collaborate, the Community Concert Committee (CLC) recently joined the Performing Arts Committee of the Community Learning Center. By combining efforts, members will seek to bring even more cultural activities celebrating the arts to Noble County, with many performances and exhibits to be experienced and enjoyed in the restored 1915 auditorium and other venues within the CLC.

A newly created Dr. Terry Gaff Legacy Fund has been established at the Community Foundation of Noble County by his family. The fund is an endowment to support Noble

Trails Inc. in perpetuity. The Campbell and Fetter Bank Foundation, as well as Larry and Jane Doyle, are teaming up to match \$1 for every \$2 contributed to a new campaign to raise \$100,000 for the new endowment fund. Donations will be matched, up to \$50,000 total, through December 31. Send checks to CFNC, PO Box 127, Kendallville, IN 46755 with a note designating the gift to the "Dr. Terry Gaff Legacy Fund".

Congrats to three Noble County tourism partners recently awarded grants by Visit Noble County to support the promotion of tourism through events, development of their assets, and enhanced visitor experiences. Black Pine Animal Sanctuary and the Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association each received \$1,000 grants. Historic Downtown Kendallville won a \$500 grant. Learn more by contacting Visit Noble County at [info@visitnoblecounty.com](mailto:info@visitnoblecounty.com).

The News Sun in Kendallville is celebrating nine awards from the Hoosier State Press Association, including six first place wins. The paper earned the General Excellence award for Indiana's smaller daily newspapers (fewer than 6,000 circulation.) Sections, best editorial page, best website, and best newspaper design wins went to the entire News Sun staff. Senior Editor Steve Garbacz also received awards for best business story, best portrait photo, and best editorial writing. Reporter Patrick Redmond was awarded for best short feature and best general news photo.



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