

Be Noble

Noble County Economic Development



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Noble County Master Gardeners and Thrive Noble County are partnering to expand NoblePalooza in 2023.

Be a part of NoblePalooza 2023

Spotlighting Noble people & places that Thrive!

NoblePalooza, an Expo to Thrive will return for the second consecutive year to the Community Learning Center in Kendallville on Saturday, March 11 from 10 AM to 2 PM. This free community event promises to be even bigger and better than last year! The inaugural event brought about 80 entities together and hosted around 250-300 citizens. Joining [Thrive Noble County](#) to put on the 2023 event is the [Purdue Extension](#) Master Gardener Program. NoblePalooza 2023 will feature many more locally-owned small businesses and young entrepreneurs in an expo Marketplace, plus educational sessions and demonstrations offered by the Purdue Extension Master Gardener program. Anyone interested in learning about cost-saving tips, gardens, growing tips, and more, will be able to enjoy a series of learning programs and related exhibits during NoblePalooza. Registrations for vendors and exhibitors are open now through February 18. Apply online or by paper application. Questions may be directed to Be Noble Inc. at (260) 636-3800. More information for expo visitors will be released in the coming weeks.

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Plea agreement could boost tourism

If Ketankumar R. Patel, former owner of the Holiday Inn Express in Kendallville, is a man of his word, the Noble County Convention and Visitors Bureau will recover about \$80,000 in unpaid innkeeper's tax. Patel failed to submit taxes collected by the hotel over a multi-year period and was subsequently prosecuted for the Level 6 Felony. In a plea agreement confirmed by Judge Steven Clouse last week, Patel agreed to pay \$80,903 in full on or before



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April 3, 2023, or face jail time. Innkeeper's Tax provides a significant portion of the bureau's annual operating budget to promote the tourism assets in Noble County under the Visit Noble County brand.



Hospital recognized for excellence

Parkview Noble Hospital has been recognized for the third consecutive year for delivering best-practice care to moms and babies. The Indiana Hospital Association announced the Inspire Hospital of Distinction designation recently, recognizing Parkview Noble's work in six key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, perinatal substance use, obstetric hemorrhage, and maternal hypertension.

Foundation achieves accreditation

Nation's highest standard for philanthropy

The Community Foundation of Noble County (CFNC) recently achieved National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®, a rigorous benchmark and process that demonstrates a commitment to transparency, quality, integrity and accountability. CFNC has been serving community members in carrying out their philanthropic giving, and facilitating community investments, since 1991.



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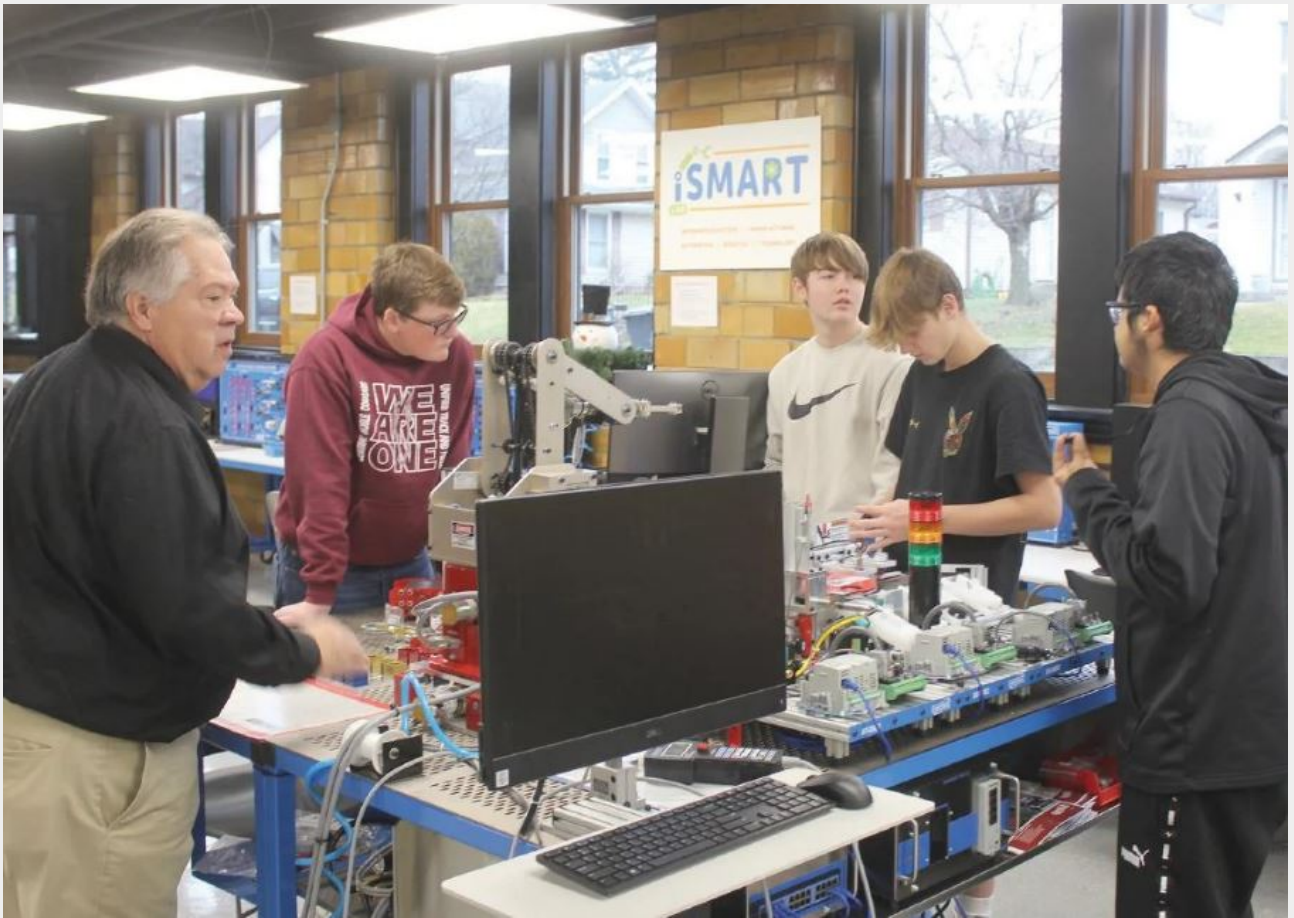


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iSMART Lab impacting lives and career paths

Students at the Impact Institute and Freedom Academy are in the midst of the first year of learning programs made possible by Noble County's new iSMART Lab at the Community Learning Center in Kendallville. Local journalist Steve Garbacz visited the lab recently. His feature story appeared in The News Sun on January 3.

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