

Be Noble

Noble County Economic Development



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The 5-County ED Forum, hosted by Be Noble Inc., attracted a full house of stakeholders from across the region. Multiple presenters provided perspectives on economic development post-COVID.



Over 130 regional stakeholders attended the annual 5-County ED Forum held at Sylvan Cellars on October 4.

[Summary and slides](#)

Engage Northeast Indiana recap

The Engage Indiana Series of discussions of the positive momentum transforming Indiana focused on greater Fort Wayne on October 12. Engage Indiana, hosted by the IEDC, IBJ Media, and Inside Indiana Business, was held at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne and sponsored by several organizations. A video of the event is now available to view.



[View Engage Indiana Northeast event video](#)

Freedom Wire sold to QES, LLC

Freedom Wire, located on Olive Street in Cromwell, is now QES, LLC. Michael Hatfield, who also serves as Cromwell's town marshal, started Freedom Wire in 2003, making wire harnesses that distribute electrical wiring and circuits in recreational vehicles, buses, and other vehicles. [Quality Engineered Services \(QES\)](#) has been designing, building, and assembling custom wire harnesses, breakers, and dash panels since 2017 in Syracuse, IN.



Reliable Tool expansion planned

Kendallville Common Council has approved a tax abatement for Reliable Tool for a \$1.1 million investment the company plans at their Ohio Street location. New equipment will enable the addition of six new jobs. The tax break will be delivered over the course of five years on a sliding scale. Reliable currently employs 132 people with a payroll of over \$7.2 million annually.

Japan-Indiana summit returns

The 5th Annual Japan-Northeast Indiana Summit will take place on Thursday, November 9, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market Street in Wabash. Admission to this summit is free of charge, but registration is required as space is limited. Registration to attend and/or sponsor the annual summit can be done through Grow Wabash County.



[Learn more](#)



Parkview Noble honored - twice

Parkview Noble Hospital has been recognized as a top community hospital performer in the 2023 Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Ranking by Vizient, Inc. The honor places Parkview among 333 community hospitals recognized for demonstrating excellence in delivery high-quality care.

On the heels of the leadership award, Parkview Noble has also been ranked among the top 10 small community hospitals in the nation. This marks the second consecutive year and the fifth time in the last six years that Parkview Noble has been recognized in Fortune's 100 Top Hospitals® listing. Parkview Noble is the only hospital in Indiana of any size recognized this year.



[Learn more](#)

Grant writing workshop Nov. 9

The last in a series of nonprofit workshops, this one on Grant Writing, will happen on November 9, 2023, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Learning Center in Kendallville. The event is presented by the Dekko Foundation, Crossroads United Way, and Community Foundation of Noble County. Kathy Scott, Founder and Lead Grant Consultant with Wayfinder Grant Consulting, will present. Cost is \$40.



[Register](#)

SPOTLIGHT

GREAT VENTURES START FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS

on entrepreneurial ecosystem

Elevate Ventures

OPEN MIC SPEED PITCH

Tonight! (Oct. 17) 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Community Learning Center, Kendallville

[More Info](#)

Mark your calendars and

PLEASE JOIN US

FRIDAY OCT 20TH | 11AM-1PM



Get a "sneak peek" of Kendallville's new co-working space

The public is invited to join Historic Downtown Kendallville and 231 Main on Friday, October 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a behind the scenes sneak peek of the new co-working space. Refreshments and tours will be provided. This is a great opportunity to see the progress being made to the building, learn about the space and services that will be available, and ask questions. The address is 231 S Main Street, Kendallville. For more information, contact 231 Main at (260) 777-0773 or visit their [website](#).

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Nominate a "Pioneer"

Pioneer Starts *Here* is a digital storytelling platform and movement that showcases the pioneers of Northeast Indiana, an 11-county region, in video form, in their own words. Nominations are open now for the 2024 Pioneer Awards to be announced next spring at Electric Works.



Nominate a Pioneer

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

News & Opportunities

Unpacking "digital transformation"


Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership will host a free webinar on October 19 from 12-1 PM that promises a no-nonsense approach to digitally transforming your business. Jake Hall and Chris Luecke will share examples, why goals and building a team are important, and more.

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**IT TAKES
LITTLE
TO BE BIG**

 Big Brothers Big Sisters.

'Real Men' sought in Avilla, Rome City

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana is looking for men for Real Men Read, a program that encourages literacy and love for reading among children. Real Men Read provides positive role models to kids in 2nd and 3rd Grades by reading to them five times throughout the school year. Readers are now needed in Avilla and Rome City.

[Learn more](#)

Advanced PLC training begins 11/1

A 36-hour course on advanced programmable logic controllers, offered by Freedom Academy, is set to begin on November 1 at the Angola Training Center. Classes will run on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. To learn more, call (800) 200-6499.



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What does Be Noble do for local employers?

Check out Be Noble's "[EMPLOYERS](#)" landing page to see how we can help!

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More than 150 acres of upland prairie and wetland has been added to the Mallard Roost Wetland Conservation Area in Noble County, according to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The habitat will provide opportunities for fishing and hunting, as well as protect a larger scope of grassland, forest, and wetland habitat for generations to come. The news comes not long after reports that Indiana has lost more than 260 acres of wetlands since protections were removed by legislators in 2021.

LaOtto Community Park has been seeing new life in recent months with the installation of a new playground and, more recently, the return of youth baseball. The LaOtto Hornets are hosting open tryouts though the latter half of October for ages nine and up. Private tryouts are also available. For more information, contact Nick Small at (260) 278-7750 or laottohornetsbaseball@outlook.com. Go Hornets!

If you have stories or photographs related to places and events with dark, or reportedly supernatural pasts in Noble County, local authors Mark R. Hunter and Emily Hunter waNt to hear from you! The Hunters are looking to profile not just places reputed to be haunted, but also the kinds of places that traditionally might have supernatural connections, in a new non-fiction book on "Haunted Noble County." Any physical photos made available will be scanned and returned. For more information, please submit contact information at <http://www.markrhunter.com> or reach out over Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MarkRHunter>.



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