

# Be Noble

Noble County Economic Development



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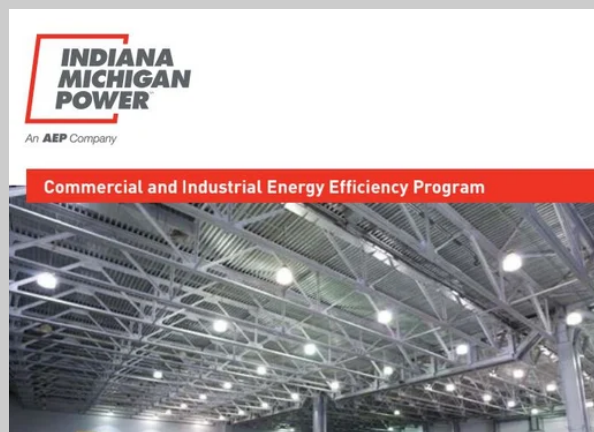
## Growing in Noble



**A seven story slipform structure was under construction last week at Star of the West in Ligonier. The city announced a 10-day slip that began on Monday, November 6 at 7 a.m. This photo captured the progress as of Friday, November 10. By November 13, the tower was several stories higher. The \$122 million project will result in a brand new mill in the Ligonier Industrial Park. Even with the added efficiencies that will result, the company projects adding 14 new jobs upon completion.**



**A 133,000 square foot expansion project is well underway at Hendrickson in the Kendallville East Industrial Park. The \$15.2 million real property investment will enable the company to install \$1.8 million in new equipment. The company plans to add 50 new jobs as a result of expansion.**



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## **Added 20% Bonus on I&M Rebates through 11/30**

Local businesses can benefit from up to \$500,000 annually by qualifying for rebate funding through Indiana Michigan Power's energy efficiency program - with an added 20% bonus that applies to prescriptive facility/equipment upgrades completed in the past 90 days. The added bonus ends November 30, 2023. Local businesses served by Indiana Michigan Power can leverage this bonus to complete facility upgrades quickly.

## Vote for the cool things made in Noble County!



Noble County's Blue Fox Farms LLC has made it to the quarterfinals! The Coolest Thing Made in Indiana is a tournament-style voting competition that celebrates Indiana's long manufacturing history. The Indiana Chamber of Commerce's third annual competition is now underway now. Quarterfinal voting continues until November 19, then votes can be cast in the semi-finals. A winner, chosen by public voting, will be crowned at the 2023 Best IN Manufacturing Awards Luncheon on December 13. Congratulations to all of this year's nominees: Annie Oakley Natural Perfumery (Ligonier), Atomic Filament 3D printer filament manufacturer (Kendallville), Blue Fox Farms LLC native plant nursery and online store (Wawaka), **Country Roads Coffee** custom roaster and online store (Green Center), and **Kraft Heinz** caramels and marshmallow products (Kendallville).

**Vote for the "Coolest Thing Made in Indiana"**



# Up to \$75M for NEI

As we learn about READI 2.0, we will share that information here:

## What we know



## Young entrepreneurs to be featured at NoblePalooza 2024

A collaboration is underway to identify and nurture young entrepreneurs from across Noble County as part of NoblePalooza, an Expo to Thrive, in 2024. Be Noble Inc. is in the early stages of planning a new program for area high schoolers to pitch concepts and early-stage businesses for a chance to receive one-on-one coaching and participate in a Business Fair at the Community Learning Center as part of the Expo on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Local educators, home school parents, and others who already coach and engage with young entrepreneurs are encouraged to reach out to Be Noble Inc. to ensure a connection is made and to receive more information as the program rolls out. For more information, send an email to [info@noblecountyedc.com](mailto:info@noblecountyedc.com) or call (260) 636-3800 and mention the NoblePalooza Business Fair.



November 13 - 19, 2023

## Venture Hub launches

The Northeast Indiana Innovation Center (NIIC), in conjunction with Global Entrepreneurship Week, has announced the launch of NEIN Venture Hub for communities and organizations to collaborate to help individuals start, launch, and grow their businesses.

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# NoblePalooza

An EXPO to Thrive



2024

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Monday, Dec 11th at 4pm for your chance to win a

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this Christmas!

**FREE** tote bags, shopping guides & collectible pins available at downtown merchants while supplies last





# SHOP

# Small & Save!

# IN ALBION!

**Saturday, Nov. 25**  
*10 AM to 2 PM*



## PRIZE DRAWINGS!

**VISIT 10 or more participating** businesses and have your BINGO card stamped for chances to win great prizes!







## Local holiday happenings

Support local artisans and communities this holiday season by engaging in any of the many Christmastime events and activities happening across Noble County. We recommend following [Visit Noble County on Facebook](#) where information is shared daily.

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement that unleashes the power of people and organizations to transform their communities. Support Noble County's non-profit agencies on Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2023!



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