

Be Noble
Noble County Economic Development



March 5, 2024

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

NoblePalooza
An EXPO to Thrive

March 9, 2024

10 AM - 3 PM

Community Learning Center, Kendallville

(401 E Diamond Street - Entrance faces Riley Street)

**Free Information & Activities ~ Marketplace ~ Youth Business Fair
Master Gardeners Symposium ~ Food & Drinks
and Free Giveaways!**

noblepalooza.com



See us there!

Get an extra door prize entry - Register to attend!

Grant to Match Employer Investments in Noble County Tri-Share Program

The Community Foundation of Noble County, on behalf of Thrive by 5, has received an Employer-Sponsored Child Care Fund Grant from the state to match employer investments in the Noble County Tri-Share Program.

The Tri-Share Program addresses child care affordability for families by splitting the cost of care three ways: funding from the Noble County Commissioners, funding from employers, and funding from the family.

Families who live in Noble County, have a child or children in a participating child care program, and earn between 150% and 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$45,000 to \$90,000 for a family of four) could qualify for enrollment in the Tri-Share Program. When their employer opts-in and invests through the Community Foundation of Noble County to support their workers with the cost of child care, the grant from the Employer-Sponsored Child Care fund will double their investment, up to \$5,000. The West Noble School Corporation received matching funds for their Tri-Share contribution when they opted into the program in the fall.

“West Noble School Corporation is always interested in helping our employees any way that we can,” said Superintendent Dr. Nate Lowe. “Since this is a new venture and uncharted territory, it was helpful to see buy-in from other community organizations. We did not want to shoulder the burden alone. Matching funds from the Noble County Community Foundation definitely helped push us over the edge on this partnership.”

Nationally, “affordable” child care is defined as paying 7% or less of an annual household income on child care costs. Applicants to the Noble County Tri-Share Program are paying as much as 37% as a single parent.

The Tri-Share matching funds are available until the grant – totaling \$26,250, is used up, or December 31, 2024 (whichever comes first). For more information, contact Jenna Anderson at (260) 894-3335.

CN College & Career Fair April 18

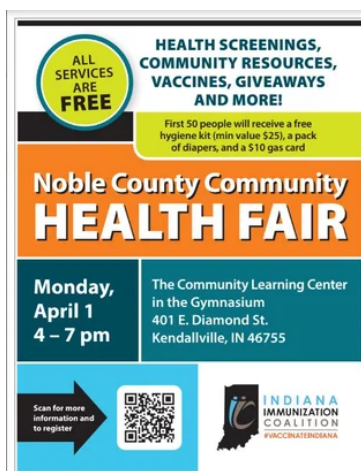
Noble County businesses are invited to participate in the first ever Central Noble College and Career Fair taking place at the school's main gymnasium on

Thursday, April 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Employers are encouraged to bring pamphlets, sign-ups, employment applications, and information



about career pathways and opportunities. Those who wish to participate are asked to register and may send questions to Kelly Behm at behmk@centralnoble.k12.in.us or call (260) 636-2117, Option 4.

[Register to recruit at CN Career Fair](#)



Services free at upcoming Health Fair

Members of the Noble County community are invited to a Health Fair at the Community Learning Center in Kendallville on Monday, April 1 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Services will include Medicaid assistance, immunizations, birth control resources, legal services, cancer screenings and prevention. Local employers are encouraged to share the information provided with employees. (Buttons below.)

[Register](#)

[English poster](#)

Spanish poster

Help reduce substance use and abuse

Officials with Drug Free Noble County are seeking feedback from individuals all across Noble County. By contributing a few minutes of time, by participating in an anonymous survey, respondents can help reduce the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs in the community. The organization's annual survey will remain open through March 15. The information provided will be used to better serve Noble County.

Take survey



Learn more

JA young entrepreneur camp coming

Youth with aspirations of becoming their own boss will have an opportunity to find inspiration and develop their business skills when Junior Achievement of Northeast Indiana hosts its Youth Entrepreneur Summer Camp. The camp will be held June 17-21 on Wallen Road on the north side of Fort Wayne and includes field trips across the region for an immersive experience. Students going into grades 6-8 this fall are eligible to participate. The cost is \$200 per student and includes all field trips, activities, supplies, lunches, and snacks.

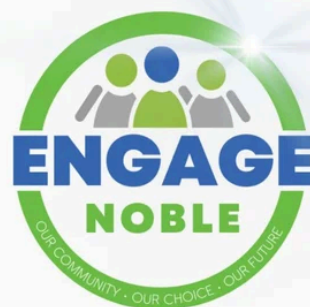
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We ARE
GRADUATING!

RECOGNIZING NOBLE COUNTY'S FIRST COHORT



Explore the impacts of developing local leaders

The first cohort of Engage Noble Leadership Academy will graduate on Thursday, April 11 at a celebration at the Community Learning Center in Kendallville from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. A diverse group of more than twenty adults will be recognized. The free, public celebration will also feature a comprehensive overview of the objectives and impacts of the servant leadership program, the first of its kind offered in Noble County in more than two decades. Engage Noble was developed by the Thrive Noble County Steering Committee, a volunteer group of Noble County leaders that, in 2023, was welcomed under the umbrella of Be Noble Inc. as a component of community and economic development. Individuals and employers interested in learning about Engage Noble, upcoming enrollment for the next cohort,

sponsorship, and scholarship development opportunities are encouraged to attend. Questions may be directed to Lori Gagen, program coordinator and operations director at Be Noble Inc. at (260) 636-3800 or lgagen@noblecountyedc.com.

[Register to attend](#)

[About Engage Noble](#)



Industrial Maintenance Technician Course

Kendallville
Tuesdays & Thursdays
4-8pm

- ➔ Basic Electricity- April 8
- ➔ Electrical Motor Controls- May 8
- ➔ Hydraulics & Pneumatics- July 3
- ➔ Programmable Logic Controllers- July 31
- ➔ Industrial Mechanics- Sept. 4

TO REGISTER CONTACT ANITA SHEPHERD AT
260-318-2511 OR ashepherd@freedomacademy.net

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Stephanie Sanders has been named Outstanding Early Childhood Educator. Sanders works at the Ruth Stultz Preschool in Ligonier and was honored by Thrive by 5 of LaGrange and Noble Counties. The awards are made quarterly, and nominations will open again in early April.

Thirty-three police officers and intake personnel, including several from Kendallville and Noble County, graduated a 40-hour crisis intervention training (CIT) program offered in neighboring DeKalb County recently. Graduates of the CIT program are trained to recognize the signs of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), autism, and other mental health crises and how best to manage a scene for the safety of first responders and those they are there to help. The program will be offered each year to help give local law enforcement more tools.

Joe Hutsell is being celebrated for 46 years of service as a police officer in Noble County. Hutsell is retiring as a detective sergeant with the Noble County Sheriff's Department. His retirement does not mean the end of service, though. Hutsell will join the Kendallville Police Department as a part-time detective next. He has previously served as Cromwell Town Marsha and served as a member of the Ligonier Police Department for many years. The former volunteer firefighter also serves on the West Noble school board. Hutsell is lauded for his extraordinary commitment to service to the communities of Noble County.

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