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The Grant County commissioners recently approved a cutting edge ordinance that will streamline the process for setting up windmills. The decision makes it easier for wind farms to come into the county, and for individual homeowners to try the alternative energy. Representatives from two energy companies - Horizon Wind Energy and [E.On U.S.](#) - have confirmed that they are considering locating wind farms in the southwest portion of Grant County. [Read More](#)

Ligonier Gets Fiber Optics

Ligonier Telephone Co. is nearing completion of the first stage of its new high-tech fiber optics system, a process which began in early 2008. The new technology will give LTC customers an advanced method of receiving telephone, Internet and television signals. This new system is believed to be one of the first fiber-optics options available in northeast Indiana. [Read more](#)

Noble REMC Recognized Nationally for Safety

For the eighth straight three-year term, Noble REMC has achieved the high honor of Safety Accreditation from the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program (RESAP) with a final accreditation score of 97 percent. [Read More](#)

ACADEMIC SUCCESSES**Three Northeast Indiana High Schools Rank in U.S. Top 9%**

West Noble High School in Ligonier, Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne and Garrett High School in Garrett were named Bronze Medal Schools as part of U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best High Schools" feature. School Evaluation Services, an education research firm, analyzed academic and enrollment data from 21,069 public high schools in 48 states to find the best. The northeast Indiana high schools were among 29 statewide that were recognized. [Read More](#)

Leo Junior-Senior High School, in East Allen County Schools, received a separate distinction and was one of eight Indiana schools nominated for the 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools award. [View U.S. News & World Report's Feature Story](#)

Chamber Recognizes 15 Local High Schools

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce has released its 2008 Indiana's Best Buys-High School Report, highlighting 15 northeast Indiana high schools among the 132 honored schools. These schools were selected based on their academic excellence in relation to their effective uses of taxpayer dollars. [Read more](#) of the article or view the [full report](#).

 **COUNTY UPDATES****ALLEN**

Fort Wayne-based Razor Products has launched a patent-pending new lift technology. The electric lift attaches to any size hitch to allow for more efficient transportation of light to medium-sized loads. The Lektra-Lift Hitch Carriers will be produced in Fort Wayne. [View News Release](#)

American Axle & Manufacturing, a Tier One supplier of automotive driveline and drivetrain systems to original equipment manufacturers, will add manufacturing operations in Allen County creating up to 96 new jobs by 2011. [Read More](#)

DEKALB

Chalk another point up for home-grown business. Based in Waterloo, Gibson's Heating & Plumbing Inc. celebrated its 25 year anniversary. Started in the Gibson's family home, this company now deploys 20 trucks, making 7,000 service calls a year.

GRANT

Marion-based TriEnda has been recognized by the IEDC as one of Indiana's top projects in 2008. [Read More](#)

HUNTINGTON

The Huntington County United Economic Development Board has completed its reorganization efforts and has restructured its Board of Directors that is now comprised of an efficient 17-member panel.

STEBEN

Professional Fabricators, Inc., "Pro-Fab", is planning to start its New Year in a big way. Pro-Fab has announced a major growth expansion plan for 2009. After 19 years at the same location at 1500 Wolhert

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With the help of the Community Research Institute (CRI) and input from our local economic development partners, you now have access to our sales sheets that contain data and information highlighting four of our six industries: [Financial & Insurance Services](#), [Food Processing](#), [Medical Devices](#) and [Transportation and Logistics](#). Dive into the facts and let Northeast Indiana work for you!

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Street, Professional Fabricators is moving to a new location that will be almost 20 times its current facility size. [Read More](#)

WELLS

Bluffton has been chosen as the second site for Bones Theater and Wells County is now a step closer to becoming the home of its first four- to five-screen cinema. Bones Theater partners Chris Jones and Tim Duvall now begin their quest to raise the necessary funds and are confident that they will accomplish their goal.

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WHITLEY

Novae Corporation announced its acquisition of Columbia City-based Cardinal Grain Systems, Inc. and now plans to add additional production.

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Steel Plus Network announced today that it has begun site development at its Whitley County site, which is expected to be completed in Spring of 2009. The project is anticipated to create fifteen new jobs and \$1.5 million new investment in Whitley County.

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