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LOCAL SUCCESS

Kendallville Succeeds in Keeping Largest Employer

How important was the \$925,337 U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant Kendallville received to expand the East Industrial Park for Courier Kendallville's expansion project? It helped keep Kendallville's largest employer in Kendallville. U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, said Courier considered New Jersey but chose to expand its operation in Kendallville because the land was made available and the infrastructure will be in place when the 250,000-square-foot warehousing facility is scheduled to open in December. Souder praised Handshoe and her administration for "aggressively" moving fast to keep an employer in Kendallville and boost economic development in Noble County. [\[more\]](#)

Hard Work, Incentives Result in Success

Bill Konyha, president and CEO of the Economic Development Group of Wabash County, told the Plain Dealer Friday it has been working more than a year to bring ForeverGreen Enterprises and its waste-to-energy venture to the LaFontaine Agriculture Park. Click [more](#) to see cash and other incentives that were necessary to lure ForeverGreen to locate its first plant in LaFontaine. [\[more\]](#)

BUSINESS NEWS

Kohl's Grand Opening Boasts Eco-Friendly Infrastructure

Kohl's Department Stores will celebrate the opening of its 1,000th store and 47 environmentally friendly stores this fall, including the store in Angola, which will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 1 at 7:45 a.m. The store's green attributes include recycled and locally obtained building materials; high-efficiency heating & cooling systems; occupancy sensor lighting for stockrooms, break rooms and offices; water-conserving plumbing fixtures and a recycling program for cardboard boxes, hangers and packaging. The Angola store is one of 45 that received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) pre-certification at the Silver level from the U.S. Green Building Council. [\[more\]](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BASICS

Local Economic Development Corporations Host Free Educational Seminar

Five economic development corporations from northeast Indiana have teamed to host an "ED 101" class on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Four County Vocational Cooperative Culinary Arts facility located at CrossPointe Church, 205 High Point Crossing, Kendallville. "ED 101" is an educational program designed to familiarize local elected officials, economic development corporation board members, business executives, community leaders and others with the fundamentals of economic development by providing them with knowledge, tools, and a basic foundation of the theory and practice of community and regional



COUNTY UPDATES

GRANT

Representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture presented a ceremonial check to the Grant County Economic Growth Council to finance its Revolving Loan Fund. [\[more\]](#)

Marion city mayor, Wayne Seybold, recently returned from his first economic development trip to China. This trip could possibly result in Marion obtaining a new sister city. [\[more\]](#)

WELLS

Trusted Manufacturing Inc. will add 30 jobs to its Ossian headquarters by 2011 following the acquisition of Arkansas-based bio-diesel processor maker BioEquipment Inc. [\[more\]](#)

WHITLEY

ACME Industrial Machine & Maintenance says it is preparing for dramatic growth at its Columbia City operations. The company has 41 employees and hopes to add up to 10 more this year. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation awarded the company up to \$41,000 in training grants. Much of ACME's development is tied to its 2007 acquisition of Starlight Instruments. [\[more\]](#)

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