



**MISSION:** "Encouraging the economic development, historic preservation, and continuous improvement of downtown Kendallville."

**Kendallville Heartbeat**

**August 2025**

## Join us for a "Meet the Artist" Event!

Please join us at this very special event, where you will hear from each of our featured artists about the unique art projects that they are creating right **here in our community**.

### **Featured artists include:**

**Molly Z** | Muralist, Chicago

**George Berlin** | Illumination Artist, Chicago

**Nancy Keating** | Mosaic Tile Artist, Carmel

This is YOUR chance to encounter art on a whole new level, including a surprise immersive art experience you will have to see and feel to believe.

You'll have the opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind locally made art, as well as limited edition signed posters, which were designed after a soon-to-be-installed work of art in the community.

You do NOT want to miss this opportunity to meet and mingle with nationally recognized artists – right here in Kendallville!

### **Learn more and secure your tickets today:**

<https://clcevents.eventcalendarapp.com/meet-the-artists>

**Collaborative partner organizations on this project include:** Visit Noble County, Historic Downtown Kendallville, Community Learning Center, Be Noble, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the City of Kendallville

**Questions?** Contact Kristen (260-318-0883) or Julia (260-544-3455)



YOU'RE INVITED to

## MEET THE ARTISTS

*An evening of art exploration and discovery*

### Featuring:

**Molly Z** | Mural Artist, Chicago

**George Berlin** | Illumination Artist, Chicago

**Nancy Keating** | Mosaic Artist, Indianapolis

Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 | 6-8pm

Assembly Room, Community Learning Center

\$25pp | Heavy hors d'oeuvres | Cash Bar

## Congratulations to our Christmas in July Winner!

Congratulations to **Madison Tremaine**, our 2025 Christmas in July winner. Madison won \$500 in Chamber Checks, just for shopping local during our summer promotion!

Here are a few other cool outcomes from the contest:

- Shoppers information provided included individuals with area codes representing **16 different states** around the country, including California, Alaska, and New York
- The contest generated **\$13,780.02** in spending/receipts at locally owned small businesses around Kendallville
- There were **173 total participants**, representing over **500 entries** in the contest
- The average amount spent per participant was **\$79.65**

The contest was generously sponsored by Hosler Realty, in partnership with Historic Downtown Kendallville and the Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce.



## **Art on Main Reminder**

**Only a few weeks left to bid!**

If you haven't already, please be sure to place your bid on one of the many beautiful Art on Main pieces currently on display in downtown Kendallville. Each piece was created with love by a talented local artist and is available to bid on and/or purchase through our online auction (see link below). Online bidding closes on Saturday, September 6th.

**View them all and bid here:**

[2025 Art on Main](#) | [Free Online Silent Auction Fundraisers](#) | [32auctions](#)



**Crosswalk Art Beautifies Downtown**  
Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, Donors Make it Happen

Check out these photos of just a few of the beautiful new crosswalk art designs that have been installed in and around downtown Kendallville over the past month.

Each was painted by professional artist Chris Lesley, and was inspired by different aspects of life in Kendallville, including nature, birds, apples, trees, and more. Two of the installations are dedicated to the veterans and first responders who serve and protect our community.

Funding for the project was made possible by local donors and supporters, as well as by a grant from AARP.

We hope you love them as much as we do!

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## Enroll Now for 10-week BELT Cohort

### Business and Entrepreneur Launch Tool (BELT) Program Starts 9/3

In partnership with organizations across Noble, Dekalb, Steuben and LaGrange Counties, we are proud to announce the launch of the BELT program -- designed to teach area small business owners and entrepreneurs ***"everything you need to know to launch or grow your business."***

This 10-week cohort will provide participants with access to training and mentoring by skilled professionals in a variety of disciplines, while also walking them through the process of business development and growth. Once completed, participants will have the opportunity to compete for a variety of awards to help with their business endeavor.

A program flyer is provided below with all the details.

This program is powered by a grant through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC).

*NOTE: Space is limited to 20 participants and spots are filling up quickly, so don't wait to apply using the link provided below.*

**Interested in participating in the cohort? Click here to register:**

[BELT Participant Interest Form - Formstack](#)



# Ready to Start or Grow Your Small Business?

**The BELT (Business and Entrepreneur Launch Tool) Initiative is now accepting applications for a 10-week business accelerator program.**

This immersive experience offers direct access to industry experts, targeted educational resources, one-on-one mentorship, and a powerful network of fellow entrepreneurs. Join a community of driven entrepreneurs and get the tools you need to start or transform your business!

This program will dive into the most critical elements of business management to provide participants with the tools needed to tackle your big goals.

As an added bonus, participants will have the opportunity to compete in a pitch-style competition for a chance to win a variety of awards to help spur business growth and development. **Launching your new business just got way easier!**

**Don't miss out! This program runs weekly Sept. 3-Nov. 19.**

Click the link or scan the QR code to get started.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 8/29

**Register Now**

**Estimated Package Cost: Over \$2,000  
Your Cost to Participate: \$125**

BELT is a collaboration between the following partner organizations in Noble, DeKalb, Steuben & LaGrange counties:



Powered By:

**INDIANA FOR THE BOLD**  
Economic Development Corporation

**INDIANA**  
Small Business  
Development Center

**NOBLE**  
County  
INDIANA

**niic**

Northeast  
Indiana  
Innovation  
Center



## What's included in the BELT Program?

- A 10-week business accelerator cohort where you will receive hands-on training from field experts on every aspect of launching your small business
- Access to FREE one-on-one mentoring/coaching opportunities with a professional in the area where you need it most
- Ongoing wrap-around support from the NEI Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the NEI Innovation Center (NIIC)

Once completed, participants will have the opportunity to compete in an interview/pitch competition for a chance to receive one or more resources to launch/grow your business:

- A graduated lease on a storefront property in the 4-county region to launch their business
  - Rent will start at \$240/month and increase incrementally over the course of one year, freeing up capital for other business priorities
- A low-interest loan of up to \$2,500 to launch their new venture & leverage additional funding (3 available)
- 1-year Chamber membership in the county of choice in the 4-county region (4 available)
- 1-year DABA membership for one DeKalb County participant (1 available)
- QuickBooks training from Mannia & Company (4 available)
- **Free to all: headshot session at pitch party, capital access map, personal journal & pen for note taking**
- Personal studio space at a coworking/incubator space (based on current availability):
  - 231 Main Co-working (Kendallville) – 5 available
  - Co-work Steuben (Angola) – 10 available
  - DeKalb Co-working (Auburn) – 5 available
  - Registration fee reimbursement (\$125) – 2 available
- 6-month membership at the CLC Cookery (shared kitchen space)
  - Includes 20 hours/mo. access to equipment, storage, freezer/fridge, personal locker, water use, cleaning supplies & high-speed Wi-Fi
- Free marketing start-up bundle (custom logo, business card and brochure design, social media set up) (4 available)
- Other awards currently being pursued include: free assistance with first year tax filing, free legal consultation, etc.

**ESTIMATED PACKAGE VALUE: OVER \$2,000**  
**YOUR COST TO PARTICIPATE: \$125**

more info: [niic.net](http://niic.net)

## Are you a Commercial Real Estate Owner or Commercial Broker/Agent?

Join us for the Commercial Real Estate Showcase on 9/18 and get your property in front of motivated businesses from all over Northeast Indiana!

Kendallville has a wide variety of commercial property offerings, and we want to help fill those spaces with successful and growing businesses!

Our team will be hosting a one-day Commercial Real Estate Showcase on Thursday, September 18th from noon - 4pm to give businesses across the region the opportunity to tour these available properties and ask questions.

**If you have property you would like to sell or lease - as an owner or an agent, we want to hear from you!**

Visit <https://www.kendallvillechamber.com/2025showcase> to be added to our directory of commercial properties as part of the showcase (certain restrictions apply).

Tours will begin at the Kendallville Coworking Space, at 231 S Main Street, at noon with a property map and information packet, and will convene at the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce at 122 S Main Street at 4:00pm, with refreshments and a chance to ask questions.


City officials will be on hand to answer questions and provide information regarding potential incentives that may be available.

See flyer below for additional information.

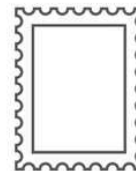
**Are you looking to *EXPAND* or *GROW* your small business? *If so . . .***

**KENDALLVILLE**  
*wants to give us a LOOK!*

Join us for a  
**City-wide Commercial Real Estate Showcase**  
**THURSDAY, 9/18, 12-4PM**  
to preview all of our amazing business expansion opportunities!



If you are a small business that is looking to **start, expand** or **grow** your footprint within NE Indiana, you're invited to join us on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Kendallville for a city-wide **Commercial Real Estate Showcase** featuring various buildings for lease and/or sale throughout the community!



***No pressure. No gimmicks. No sales pitches.***

**Just information, tours, and refreshments.**

The tour starts at the Kendallville Coworking Space at 231 S Main Street at noon with an information packet – and ends at the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce at 122 S Main Street at 4pm with refreshments and a chance to ask questions.

City officials and other local resources will be on hand to answer questions and provide information regarding potential incentives that may be available.

**Learn more and RSVP at:**

**<https://www.kendallvillechamber.com/2025showcase>**

Be sure to keep this card handy so you can use the link above to access the interactive property map once it's been completed.

*Participants who RSVP will be entered to win a "Made in Kendallville" gift basket, provided by Be Noble, Inc. (must be present to win).*



## Welcome Inkwell Tattoo to Historic Downtown Kendallville!

Inkwell Tattoo is a professional, award-winning tattoo studio located on Main Street in Kendallville. Known for stunning photorealistic tattoos, they specialize in high-quality custom work across all styles -- including black and gray and color.

113 S Main Street

260-285-9232

[inkwelltattooteam@gmail.com](mailto:inkwelltattooteam@gmail.com)



**HDK is currently seeking  
GOODY BAG ITEMS  
for the  
2025 KENDALLVILLE  
CAR SHOW!**

**This is a great  
(and affordable!)  
way to get your business name  
out there, while supporting  
your local community!**

***Fun ideas:** coupons and/or  
marketing collateral, cleaning wipes,  
shammy cloths, key chains,  
candy/snacks, air freshies, tire  
gauges, ice scrapers, car coasters,  
earplugs (for that backseat driver!),  
bobble heads*

**QUESTIONS?**

KendallvilleMainStreet@gmail.com

**Mark Your Calendars for the  
Following Upcoming Events Downtown!**

NOTE: Some of these events are hosted/ lead by other organizations within the community. Please check the details on each flyer below before reaching out with questions.

Lighthearted Candle Company Presents

# WhatchamaCAKES

## CANDLES, COOKIES & COFFEE WORKSHOP

Thursday, August 21st | 6 - 8 p.m.

Tickets \$55



What's included:

- Candle pouring workshop
- Latte bar
- Cookie decorating class
- Private shopping



## SEPTEMBER SOCIAL CIRCLE: TOP 10 SMALL BUSINESS LEGAL MISTAKES

**Hosted by Joshua Burkhardt | Partner  
Hunt, Suedhoff, Kearney LLC  
Attorneys at Law**

Monthly workshops offering professional  
skills discovery, social time, and valuable  
insights for leadership success



Kendallville Coworking  
231 S Main Street  
Kendallville, IN 46755



SEPT 19  
**2025**  
10:00am

REGISTER: <https://www.eventeny.com/events/socialcircle0925-23070/>



# 20TH ANNUAL KENDALLVILLE



# CAR SHOW

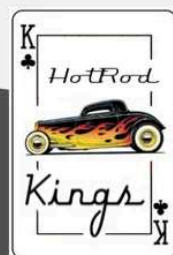
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025**

**NOON-5:00PM (AWARDS AT 4:30PM)**

**IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN KENDALLVILLE**

**\$20**  
REGISTRATION

**EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE**



## DASH PLAQUES

FIRST 250 CARS

## 50+ AWARDS

MAYOR'S CHOICE  
POLICE CHIEF'S CHOICE  
FIRE CHIEF'S CHOICE  
RADDEST RATROD  
BEST IN SHOW

## ENTERTAINMENT

DJ: H2 ENTERTAINMENT  
BAND: THE HOTROD KINGS  
FOOD AND DRINKS  
50/50 DRAWING  
LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES  
CONEY EATING CONTEST

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<https://www.eventeny.com/events/2025-kendallville-car-show-17862/>

or between 12-2pm the day of the event  
Cars arriving after 2pm will not be judged



**EVENT PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:**



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*Misty Meadow Marketplace*

*Presents:*

# *Friday Night Markets*

**4-8 PM**



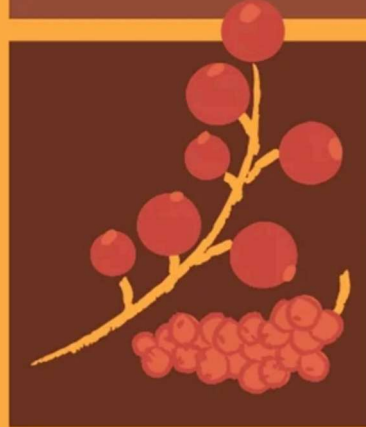
***From:***  
***June 13***

***Until:***  
***The Weather***  
***Gets Cold***

***113 W. Mitchell St,***  
***Kendallville, IN***



**FAMILY  
HARVEST  
FESTIVAL  
OCT. 4, 10AM  
&  
OCT. 5, 10AM**



**OPEN AT 10AM | SOUTH MAIN ST.,  
OCT. 4 & 5 | KENDALLVILLE, IN 46755**

**Contact Misty Meadows Marketplace for details**

*Kendallvilles 2nd  
Annual Fright Night  
2025 Event Saturday  
October 11th 3pm-8pm*

HOST: ARKHAM CITY  
ODDITIES  
134 S MAIN STREET  
KENDALLVILLE IN 46755  
PHONE: 260-336-5737

**VENDOR: 10X10 SPACE \$45.**

**MUST FILL OUT  
REGISTRATION AND PAY  
INVOICE TO RESERVE  
YOUR SPOT. NON  
REFUNDABLE. EVENT IS  
OUTSIDE AND WILL GO ON  
EITHER RAIN OR SHINE.**

**VENDORS ARE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR OWN  
SET UP, TENTS TABLES,  
CHAIRS ECT.**

**FOOD TRUCKS: \$65**

**LOOKING FOR VENDORS,  
FOOD TRUCKS, SPOOKY  
CARS/HEARSEs, AND  
ENTERTAINMENT!!**





# TRICK-OR-TREAT on Main Street

**TRICK-OR-TREAT AT YOUR FAVORITE  
DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS AND LOCAL NON-PROFITS!**

**Saturday, October 25th  
10am-11am**

**Historic Downtown Kendallville**





# 4th Annual **LANTERN PARADE**



**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
(line up at dusk)



Historic Downtown Kendallville, 231 S Main Street, Kendallville, IN 46755, 260-318-0883

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