

New projects addressing need for housing in Dubois County



By: SIBR News

JASPER – From 2010 to 2022, the population of Dubois County increased 4.1%. Its largest annual population increase was 2.5% between 2019 and 2020, according to US Census data.

Such growth means communities like Jasper, Huntingburg and Ferdinand are seeing the need to increase housing opportunities for new residents.

Over the past few months, ground has broken on new housing developments in Jasper and Huntingburg. The projects reflect the county’s progress in meeting demand for housing at different price points and lifestyles.

In July, ground as broken in Huntingburg on the Poplar Ridge Apartments. Construction began this month and it’s expected the first units will be ready for lease in late spring of 2026.

When complete, the complex built by Premier Property Management will have 126 units, including:

- 24 one-bedroom apartments
- 48 two-bedroom apartments
- 24 three-bedroom apartments
- 18 two-bedroom townhomes
- 12 three-bedroom townhomes with garages

The project received a tax abatement from the city of Huntingburg and was awarded a \$1.5 million READI 2.0 allocation. READI funds will be used to purchase the materials and labor required for the infrastructure associated with this project. Premier Property is investing \$16 million to develop the new market-rate housing community.

Ruger Kerstiens, president of Premier Property Management, said Poplar Ridge will provide quality housing at attainable prices.

“Poplar Ridge Apartments will be a tremendous asset to the community and our local industry partners. Not only will Poplar Ridge Apartments attract new residents to our area, it will also help retain existing residents,” Kerstiens said in comments to the Dubois County Free Press.

North Ridge Estates

Earlier this summer, construction began on the first home in Phase 1 of Jasper’s newest subdivision, North Ridge Estates. Kerstiens Homes & Designs is leading the development.

Phase 1 will include:

- 12 single-family lots with homes starting in the \$270,000 range, offering multiple floor plan options.

The introduction of 28 villa-style homes in a condo association, providing lower-maintenance living for homeowners.

In Ferdinand, Premier Property Management completed Royal Ridge Apartments. Royal Ridge has 22 townhomes, which are fully occupied. A second project, Hidden Meadows Subdivision, has available lots for anyone looking to build. Construction can begin as soon as contracts are signed, offering new opportunities for homebuyers seeking to plant roots in Ferdinand.

“Our focus on housing continues to fuel growth in Dubois County,” said Colten Pipenger, executive director of Dubois Strong Economic Development Corporation. “Complimented by our thriving industry base and quality of life amenities, Dubois County continues to be a prime location for top talent.”



(Photo courtesy Heart of Jasper)

Jasper updating comprehensive plan, residents encouraged to complete survey

By: SIBR News

JASPER – Comprehensive plans are the road map for any organization planning for its future.

For cities, counties and towns, they capture the vision of what a community wants to be.

The city of Jasper just announced the kick-off of an update to its current plan that will be the city’s guide to future growth, development and well being.

Josh Gunselman, director of community development and planning for the city, said the current initiative is a 12-month update of the city’s current plan, which was adopted in 2019.

The reason for updating the plan is simple – the city has completed or is working through over 85% of the comprehensive plan’s objectives. Some of the completed projects include the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center and the city’s new pool, the Jasper Aquatic Center, which opened this summer and shattered previous city pool attendance records. Downtown revitalization was identified in Jasper’s last two comprehensive plans. The city pursued that by creating a dynamic Main Street organization – Heart of Jasper – and completing a new streetscape for the downtown as well as upgrading infrastructure.

“We’re seeing the dividends of that,” Gunselman said.

Gunselman said the city’s leadership is ardent about using comprehensive planning as a guide to development.

Over time, communities change in size and population. Trends, policies and community needs evolve with those changes and the community leadership has to evolve too.

Gunselman said he expects housing to emerge as one of the primary issues. The city is currently working with a contractor to develop land within the city in a more beneficial way.

“How can we make building in town easier, quicker and cheaper for developers?” Gunselman said.

The Vine Street area near downtown is one area the plan may identify for potential housing and commercial development.

Community input, public forums

Jasper is engaging the public to ensure the plan reflects the community’s goals. The city is encouraging residents to take a survey that is available in English and Spanish. Click here for the English version. Click here for the Spanish version. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. The survey is open through Oct. 31.

Public visioning sessions will take place Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center atrium.

WGI, the Washington DC firm the city is using to draft the plan, will report the survey results at a meeting of the Jasper Planning Commission Dec. 3. On Dec. 6, the public can attend a review of the survey results at the Jasper Parklands.

Shaping future decisions

Jasper’s plan will help shape decisions about land use, infrastructure, housing, transportation, parks and recreation, environmental assets, and more, ensuring that Jasper develops in a way that aligns with the values and needs of residents.

Topics addressed in Jasper’s plan include demographics, market conditions, land use, utilities & infrastructure, community facilities, transportation, neighborhoods, economic development, quality of life, environmental assets and public spaces.

Celebrating History, Resilience, and Community at the Dubois County Museum

ALASI is proud to announce the launch of Voces Vivas: ALASI, a new project to be showcased daily in Dubois County Museum’s Hispanic Wall. This initiative builds on the foundation laid three years ago through the generous support of Indiana Humanities, which helped establish the Hispanic Wall as a space to preserve and share the stories of Latino communities in Southern Indiana.

Voces Vivas: ALASI extends this vision by documenting the remarkable journey of ALASI (Asociación Latinoamericana del Sur de Indiana) from its earliest beginnings to its present-day impact. Through multimedia storytelling and a special opening event, this project honors the voices, resilience, and legacy of Latino leadership in Dubois County.

Attendees will experience a special premiere of an 8-minute bilingual documentary, that traces ALASI’s journey from its grassroots beginnings to its role today as a driving force for equity and cultural connection in Dubois County. The film celebrates the voices of community leaders and partners, showcasing the milestones and collective achievements that have shaped ALASI’s path toward becoming a trusted resource center for all.

The evening also includes the Voces Vivas, ALASI, Opening Ceremony, featuring a lecture by Indiana University scholars who will connect ALASI’s story to the broader history of Latino immigration and advocacy in the United States. A 15-minute Q&A will follow, inviting dialogue on challenges overcome, achievements celebrated, and the vision ahead.

This project would not be possible without the strong partnership with the Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement and the continuous support of Indiana Humanities and their dedication to engaging Hoosiers in meaningful statewide conversations by asking thoughtful questions, creating one-of-a-kind programs, and fostering spaces for us to think, read, and talk together has been instrumental.

Join Dubois County Museum for the premiere of Voces Vivas: ALASI and celebrate the Voces that continue to shape our shared story. Monday October 13th, 2025 at 5:30 PM EST.

“The Next Chapter Wins \$5,000 Grant for Community-Focused Mission”

By: Laurna Todd ING Writer

Recently, a local bookstore and coffee shop with a mission of connection and service is gaining statewide recognition.

The Next Chapter, located in downtown Jasper, was named the winner of the Indiana Fever’s Small Business Assist Program, presented by Old National Bank, receiving a \$5,000 grand prize.

Owners Erin and Jeremiah Smith were honored during a Fever game at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, where they celebrated the recognition with family and staff. The moment highlighted the community’s role in supporting the shop’s mission from the beginning.

The Next Chapter offers coffee, tea, new and used books, and vinyl. It also hosts book clubs and gatherings that foster conversation and connection. With a heart for service, the business donates a portion of monthly sales to local nonprofits.

More than just a shop, The Next Chapter is a place where people feel welcome, heard, and inspired—an essential part of Jasper’s community story.

VICTORIOUS

Living...in a troubled world

Mysterious surgery: He removes the stony heart and replaces it with a heart of flesh

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Whether its health or salvation, change always comes from the inside. To me, that is Jesus’ main message: “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). That’s not where it ends. There is more: something beyond being born again. Although, being born again is the gateway, the Bible teaches there is much more than just believing. In fact, “the devils also believe, and tremble” (James 2:19).

I’m reminded of a man named Nicodemus who was a devout Pharisee, a member of the Sanhedrin and a respected teacher of Jewish law. He had all the credentials

for believing. He apparently, like all the other Jews of his time, was expecting a coming Messiah – a Messiah who would be King of the Jews. At the same time, Jesus, a Rabbi who was healing the sick and drawing huge crowds, captured the attention of Nicodemus, but he just couldn’t seem to connect all the dots. Nicodemus had lots of questions.

Because Nicodemus really did have a good heart toward God, and toward his fellowman, Jesus and His message, it was probably very enticing to Nicodemus. He was curious and wanted to know more about this mysterious man. Nicodemus being a highly educated man, was probably amazed at Jesus’ wisdom and

his ability to perform great miracles. He was sure that only someone who had been sent from God could do these things. While Nicodemus

would see him. He begins to question Jesus about the law. He even tells Jesus, “All you’re teaching - I’m doing”. After some

the second time into his mother’s womb, and be reborn?”

This is where change comes from the inside: Jesus explains that a person who wants to follow God must be born two times. They must be born once in the natural and once in the spiritual. Jesus was explaining that no matter how much a person knows, or how much good they do, everyone needs to be changed on the inside.

Unfortunately, at this meeting, Nicodemus chooses not to join Jesus’ team. There were things he wasn’t, yet, willing to give up. In my heart, I believe Nicodemus finally does commit his life to Christ, although we can’t be sure of that. I also believe Nicodemus represents most all of us. We want

change, but change is uncomfortable. And, being born again is hard to understand, but it simply means we have a new identity with a new purpose for living.

Only Jesus can perform this miraculous surgery: He removes a stony heart and replaces it with a heart of flesh. He changes us from the inside out. God says, “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26). What a great promise! This surgery takes us beyond simply believing Jesus is real to believing He lives in our heart and has the power to mysteriously transform us into His likeness.



was fascinated by Jesus, the rest of the Sanhedrin were upset with Jesus. They were strongly against a law-defying, preacher turning the hearts of the people toward something they couldn’t understand. Because of the Sanhedrin’s opinion of Jesus, Nicodemus eventually arranges a secret meeting with Jesus in the darkness of night so no one

conversation, Nicodemus admits he believes Jesus is truly the promised Redeemer since only a man sent from God could do what He was doing. Christ responds by saying, “...except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”. Nicodemus was shocked and quickly asked, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

By Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
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Countless wars have been won following its principles, and countless more have been lost by ignoring them. Written over 2,400 years ago by a Chinese military strategist named Sun Tzu, The Art of War is essentially the Proverbs of conflict. Sun Tzu poured his greatest war wisdom into this treatise, and one of its most prominent principles is this: “Know the enemy and know yourself; in a hundred battles

you will never be in peril. If ignorant both of your enemy and of yourself, you are certain in every battle to be in peril.”

This proverbial proposition is particularly pertinent in our struggle against the devil. Satan succeeds in seducing us when his schemes remain a secret. But our chances of triumphing over the Tempter increase when we recognize his tools, tactics, and tricks. “Knowing is half the battle,” as G.I. Joe used to say, and we can only craft a battle plan against Satan once

we understand his. And the Bible reveals Satan’s playbook in Luke 4:1-13, where he employed three strategies to tempt Christ in the wilderness: doubt, deception, and distortion.

The devil first enticed Jesus to turn stones into bread, not to relieve His hunger, but to doubt the provision of His Father (v. 3). Satan was essentially insinuating, “What kind of God would starve His only begotten Son? You better make bread because your ‘God’ isn’t providing for you this time.” And

his wicked whispers reach our ears, too: “What kind of loving God would allow your prayers to go unanswered? What kind of Father allows His children to go without?”

The slithering serpent also tried to lure Christ into temptation through deception (vv. 5-7). The father of lies claimed that all sovereignty and dominion belonged to him, and he could, therefore, grant Jesus the greatest empires of the world. But the truth is that all power, authority, and glory are the Lord’s (Matt. 6:13b).

Thus, Satan tells non-truths and half-truths but never the truth.

Lastly, the master of deceit used distortion to tempt the Lord Jesus (vv. 9-11). He twisted Psalm 91:11-12 to encourage Christ to leap from the temple roof to His death. The devil knows the Scripture and knows how to modify, misrepresent, and misuse it. He mixes lies with truth so that it is difficult to discern the difference. And this is not surprising since the first words uttered from his lying lips were, “Hath God said?” (Gen. 3:1a,

KJV). And for each of these strategies, there is one proven defense: the word of God. Christ resisted every temptation by declaring, “It is written” (v. 4, 8, 12), and we must wield the sword of the Spirit in Satan’s face. A dusty Bible on our shelves will not help us, but the word of God stored upon the shelves of our soul certainly will. To vanquish Satan, you must know your enemy and know your Bible.

Freedom of speech is a God given right

By Dr. William F. Holland, Jr.

Each day we are seeing more division within our culture. There is only two sides, hate and love, and the separation is growing larger. Sadly, for those on the dark side, violence is becoming more acceptable. It’s obvious that insisting is not enough for those who now endorse terrorism. Today’s violence has a specific reason: it’s all about politics and religion, just like it’s been since time began. Destruction, death, and even wars have been fought simply because one side disagreed with what the other side believed. From attempts to murder the president to others being assassinated, one side hates the message and wants to silence the messenger. As these two sides become more recognizable, one side

has a conscience and the other does not. It’s disturbing to see millions of people including even people we know, who are pleased with violence. How in the world could anyone in their right mind, especially someone who considers themselves a Christian, rejoice over people being killed, just because their worldviews are different? This is evidence that many are allowing hatred to control their minds, and this resentment has allowed a strong delusion to distort and blind their conscience. Political, religious, and social views are based on whether or not a person cares about what God demands. We know that millions of individuals have been murdered throughout the Old and New Testaments, because of their convictions. The number is too vast to know exactly how many have been

silenced for their opinions, but only one side grieves because they know this is what Satan wants. The OpenDoors World Watch for 2024 reports that each day on average, more than 13 Christians are killed for their faith in Christ. This means that every two hours, a believer is murdered. From October 2023 to September 2024, nearly 300,000 Christians were forced to leave their homes, go into hiding, or flee their country of origin. Global persecution is real, and consistent, and yet we seldom think about how this brutality and suffering could one day be a reality for us. According to a recent survey by the American Psychological Association, nearly 75 percent of adults in the United States are stressed by mass shootings, and a third

say this fear causes them to hesitate going to certain places and events. Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD, and APA’s chief executive officer, says, “It’s clear that mass shootings are taking a toll on our mental health, and we don’t have to experience these events directly for them to have a negative impact on us.” Many people try to avoid thinking about how evil and persecution are increasing, but Christians are told to study the Bible to guide their faith as they obey His voice. Learning God’s will allows us to understand what is coming and how to develop confidence to speak boldly, and teach those who want to listen. Sadly, many who call themselves a follower of Jesus would rather hide in the closet. II Timothy chapter 3:1-5 is one of many passages that

reveals the future and how we are to stand against sin. “This know also, that in the last days perilous times will come. For people will be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, evil, unnatural perversion, back stabbers, false accusers, rebellious, fierce, haters of those who are good, traitors, conceited, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, and having a form of religion, but denying God’s power. Do not associate with these types of people.” Now is the hour to prepare and put on His armor, as verse 12 promises, “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” The end of the chapter encourages us to embrace what we have learned as His truth makes us

wise unto salvation. As Christians, we are children of the light, and though we make mistakes and occasionally might fall into a lukewarm and discouraged state, we are saved by the grace of God! We are opposite from the dark side. We constantly pray and battle our flesh and the demonic attacks, so that we can live holy and pleasing unto the Lord. We will not hate the other side, we do not want to kill them, or destroy anything or anyone. We pray that we can live in His freedom and His peace. The world will know we are Christians because of our compassion, intercession, forgiveness, wisdom, discernment, faith, hope, and love. Please read II Corinthians chapter 4. Dr. Holland is a minister, chaplain, and author. Read more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries.com.

Clean Water Saves Lives: Walk 4 Water Exceeds Goal– and Hope

**By: Ryan Scherer
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Here in Southern Indiana, it's easy to take things for granted, like instant access to clean, healthy drinking water right from our faucets. But for much of the world, especially in developing countries, that luxury doesn't exist.

That's why the Huntingburg Church of Christ hosted its 3rd annual Southern Indiana Walk 4 Water on Saturday, September 13th. In many villages across the globe, women and children walk up to four miles a day to fetch water for their families. Often, this water is contaminated, as it's the same water that animals use. The Huntingburg walk aimed to raise awareness and funds by having participants walk four miles, with the option of carrying

water jugs of various weights.

Keatan Kibby, a 17-year-old from Jasper, carried a 50-pound jug for the entire four miles. The experience was eye-opening for him. He said, "It was heavy; it hurt! To do that every day is just insane to me. I have great respect for them." He added that he was very glad a new well would help people in need.

Leading up to the event, participants were encouraged to raise funds through asking friends and family for donations, bake sales, change cans in public places, and corporate sponsorships. The goal was to raise a minimum of \$7,500, which is the cost of drilling a single, functioning well.

The 2024 walk successfully funded a well in Malawi, Africa. Ryan Scherer, the minister of the Huntingburg Church of Christ, shared a

powerful moment: "When Healing Hands sent us a video of the first drops of water being pumped from a well that was recently dug, it was very moving. The entire village was present, and cheers rang out like they just won a championship soccer match. How can that not bring you to tears?" This reaction is consistent with every instance that a new well becomes operational.

This year, Regional Coordinator Paul Wisdom Jr. (while requesting a drumroll) announced that the church had raised over \$8,900, exceeding the goal. With the extra funds, the organization Healing Hands will be able to repair wells that have fallen into disrepair.

Kaci Wehr, the church's Walk 4 Water organizer, concluded, "I am so honored to continue to be a part of hosting this program.

Our third year, 2025, was successful due to our church family and our beautiful, giving community. From corporate to individual donors, YOU helped change lives! We can be the hands

and feet of Jesus. We can serve even those across the globe. This one event will spread hope and joy to an entire village. What a beautiful reminder Walk4Water is of Matthew 25:35. I am

so grateful to all that supported spiritually and financially. Thank you!"

If you would still like to donate, visit <https://walk4water.hhi.org/huntingburg-2025>.

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Solution in classifieds

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Intermediate

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- BLACKOUT
- BOOKING
- CANCELLATION
- CHECK-IN
- CHECK-OUT
- CONFIRMATION
- DESTINATION
- EXCURSION
- FEES
- HOTEL
- HOUSEKEEPING
- INSURANCE
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Word Search Solution

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Sudoku Solution

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8. Tea spoonful (abbr.)
11. Margarines
13. 5th zodiac sign

CLUES DOWN

14. Filled fried tortilla
15. Afrikaans
16. Tablet
17. Israeli politician Abba
18. La m___ Sar-
20. Town in Nigeria

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22. Builds up
25. W. Estes Blue Bloods
30. Loosen a bottle cap
31. Heat unit

CLUES DOWN

21. Vest-
32. Body atrophy
33. Caused cell destruc-
38. Cash machine
41. British molasses
43. Margulies drama
45. Astonishment
48. N.M. art colony
49. Baseball stat
50. One-edged cavalry sword
55. Southern lash
56. Actress Ryan
57. European shad
59. Snakelike fishes
60. Metal-bearing rock
61. Nobel Prize winner Fritz
62. Doctor of Education
63. Soviet Socialist Re-
64. Helicopter
- CLUES DOWN
1. Tater ___
2. Winglike structures
3. Rend
4. Disposed of to a pur-
5. Llama pacos
6. Escaped fluid
7. Divided into sections
8. Delay until a later time
9. Strikebreakers
10. Opera soprano Lily

12. Point midway be-
14. Udder protuberance
19. Dried up or withered
23. Stitch clothing
24. Tilted
25. Protrude
26. Nursing group
27. Mutual savings bank
28. Frozen water
29. Inferior substitute
34. Swerve off course
35. ___ fi (slang), like “Star Wars”
36. Ferrell Xmas movie
37. River in NE Scotland
39. Preserves tempera-
40. Parts of a whole
41. 2000 lbs.
42. Decays
44. ___ counter, measures radiation
45. Expressed pleasure
46. Form
47. Vipers
48. Overly precious (British)
51. Express pleasure
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Sarah D. Fullington

Sarah D. Fullington, age 61, of Jasper, passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at Cathedral Health Care Center in Jasper.

Graveside services for Sarah Fullington was held at Fairmount Cemetery in Huntingburg on Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

George Thomas Rademacher

George Thomas Rademacher, age 79, of Waynetown, Indiana, passed away Sunday, September 21, 2025, at home.

Service was held at the Nass & Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg, Sunday, September 28, 2025. He had military graveside rites conducted by the V.F.W. Post #2366 Memorial Detail.

William J. "Billy Joe" Miller

William J. "Billy Joe" Miller, of Huntingburg, passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Legacy Living of Jasper.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

Beth Ann Browning

Beth Ann Browning, age 63, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 10:25 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2025, at home surrounded by family.

Private gravesite services will be held at a later date.

Continue to Pray for these families!

Mabel Woolsey

Mabel Woolsey, age 80, of Portage, Indiana, passed away at 12:48 a.m., on Monday, September 22, 2025, at her residence.

Funeral services was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025.

Mary R. Mogan

Mary R. Mogan, age 64, of Huntingburg, passed away on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Deaconess Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, October 2, 2025.

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\$1,300 Donation Helps Women’s Recovery

By: Laurna Todd ING Writer

Designer Jewelers of Jasper and French Lick recently made a significant impact in the community by donating \$1,300 to Dove Recovery House, a local charity dedicated to helping women recover from addiction and rebuild their lives. Known for their elegant craftsmanship and commitment to community values, Designer Jewelers expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to support such an important cause.

"The Dove Recovery House is an incredible charity in our community, and we are so grateful to be able to give back," Designer Jewelers shared on social media. This donation reflects the business's ongoing efforts to uplift and empower local organizations that are making a difference.

The contribution will help provide essential services and safe housing for women on their recovery journeys. Designer Jewelers continues to shine—not only through their stunning jewelry but also through their generosity and dedication to the well-being of others.

Dubois Equipment Co. a leader in wood finishing

By: SIBR news

JASPER – Dubois Equipment Co. has been a leader in the wood finishing industry for more than 50 years. Its customers are all across the United States. Some – like MasterBrand – are close to home and others are in Canada.

Its finishing systems are designed specific to each customer’s needs. Its primary customers are in the building industry – makers of cabinets, flooring, moulding, trim and doors. The company also makes finishing systems for metal, plastics, glass and other materials.

General Manager Jeff Jahn said no job is too big or too small. Dubois Equipment Co. can make a system to serve a two-or three-person cabinet shop to very large corporations.

Jobs begin with the customer seeking a system or solution. From there the engineers go to work in the facility’s on-site lab where engineers test and fine-tune the products.

“We identify the process in the lab. It helps us minimize risk and the customer can see and touch the end result,” Jahn said. “Based on that, we design the system and build it from there.”

Turnaround time can be anywhere from two weeks to six months. When a system is delivered, a team of Dubois Equipment Co. employees travels to the customer to install the new system, train employees and offer any troubleshooting.

Over the years, the company has moved into different paint application processes. The company makes coating systems for water-based paint, solvent-based paint and UV paint.

“Our customers are people who build anything from kitchen cabinets to windows and flooring. Basically anything related to housing and construction,” he said.

Coatings and finishing systems have been the company’s focus for the past five decades, but the company’s history goes back even farther.

A UV pipe coating system manufactured by Dubois Equipment Co. in Jasper. (Photo courtesy Dubois Equipment Co.)

Dubois Equipment’s roots are traced back to 1867 when the company began manufacturing steam engines and thrashing machines. From 1930-1950, the business was located in Ferdinand and made cast iron plumbing pipe. In 1950, the business moved into making curing ovens and equipment for coatings. In the 1990s, there was a demand for finishing systems for hardwood flooring. Jahn said that from the 1990s through the 2000s, 8 of 10 hardwood flooring producers used finishing systems made by Dubois Equipment Co.

“Through the ages what we’ve done is adapt,” he said.

Adapting to change and evolving into new areas of expertise have defined Dubois Equipment Co. and is why the company is a leader in the finishing industry.

“When wood flooring went away we had to find something else, so we moved into other coating methods and technologies,” Jahn said. “Now we’re coating a lot of steel for things like sprinkler pipe, fencing and conduit.”

Colten Pipenger, executive director of Dubois Strong Economic Development Corporation, said companies like Dubois Equipment are vital to the local economy.

“Their ability to integrate products with ongoing innovation positions them as a valuable asset to our regional economy,” Pipenger said. “By investing in both talent and technology, Dubois Equipment Co. is the type of resilient, forward-looking industry that keeps Dubois County competitive.”

A drop transfer material handling machine manufactured by Dubois Equipment Co. in Jasper. (Photo courtesy Dubois Equipment Co.)

Innovation has been at the forefront of Dubois Equipment. The company has been issued four patents for UV finishing systems. In 2004, it was a finalist for the Challenger’s Award for its Mist Coater, which revolutionized the spray of 100% solids UV coating for 3D parts.

The company is also known for producing long-lasting, robust equipment. Jahn said a cabinet manufacturer last year decommissioned a piece of equipment made by Dubois Equipment it had been using for 39 years.

“We have a lot of experience and innovation under this roof,” Jahn said. “Our challenge is to provide more value for our customers. And we are a family-oriented business and that drives a lot of what we do.”

The company is located at 630 Third Ave. in Jasper and employs 35 people.

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Area Cross Country Teams Compete in Busy Weekend of Races

By: Laurna Todd
ING Writer

It was a packed weekend for local cross country programs, with Southridge, Heritage Hills, and Forest Park all hitting the course in invitationals across southern Indiana.

Southridge Raiders – Sept. 26

The Raiders hosted the Raider Invitational for their first meet of the season. Jasper claimed both the boys’ and girls’ team titles, while Southridge’s girls finished third overall, just one point behind Heritage Hills. Leading the way for the Lady Raiders was Maddie Graber, who dominated the girls’ race by nearly a minute and a half, crossing the line in 18:49.80. Teammates Hadley Denu (11th, 23:18.40), Maya Anderson (14th, 23:46.00), and Mya Blackgrove (16th,

24:49.30) also finished in the top 20. Jolynn Bowers (26th, 28:06.30) and Justina McClain (34th, 37:12.60) rounded out the squad.

On the boys’ side, Southridge competed with only four runners, leaving them short of a team score. Jaxson Flamion led the way in 20th place (19:21.80), followed by Luke Ledbetter (27th, 20:14.20), Brayden May (41st, 21:32.40), and Sam Mehringer (45th, 22:28.40).

Heritage Hills Patriots – Sept. 27

The Patriots traveled to Tell City for the Lincoln Trail Invitational and turned in strong team performances. The boys’ squad finished second out of nine teams, while the girls placed fourth out of five.

For the boys, Eli Darling paced the team with a fifth-place finish in 17:12.20, followed by Gunner

Lubbehusen (9th, 17:35.00) and Gavin Shields (16th, 17:51.80). Also contributing to the team’s success were Cy Keller (27th, 18:47.70), Carter Nord (29th, 18:49.40), Chase Buse (50th, 19:23.50), Brett Meunier (43rd, 19:29.70), Oliver Pund (46th, 19:38.60), Will Jordan (55th, 19:58.10), and Bryce Washburn (61st, 20:14.90).

On the girls’ side, the Patriots packed three runners closely together with Kendall Flannagan (12th, 22:14.00), Hayley Arnold (13th, 22:15.50), and Emma Aldridge (14th, 22:19.90) all inside the top 15. Maria Meijude added a 20th-place finish (22:48.30), and Haylee Coleman closed out the scoring in 56th (30:57.90).

Forest Park Rangers – Sept. 27

At the Jasper Invitational, Forest Park competed against a deep field of teams.



Forest Park

The boys were led by freshman Xavier Berg, who placed 67th, followed by senior Owen Troesch (73rd), sophomore Marcus Berg (129th), and senior

Camden Cole (151st). For the Lady Rangers, sophomore Kendal Gehlhausen turned in the top performance with a 32nd-place finish. She was followed

by freshman Addi Evitts (37th), sophomore Delainey Auffart (85th), and sophomore Kendall Fischer (88th).

Local Volleyball Teams Compete in Busy Week of Matches

By: Laurna Todd
ING Writer

Area volleyball programs had a full slate of action over the past week, with Southridge picking up a conference win and Forest Park’s junior varsity squad competing in several tough matchups.

Southridge Lady Raiders – Sept. 25

The Lady Raiders hit the road for a PAC showdown at Pike Central and came away with a sweep at both levels. The junior varsity team won 2-0, while the varsity earned a 3-1 victory over the Chargers. The win adds momentum for Southridge as they continue through conference play.

Forest Park Lady

Rangers JV – Sept. 26

Forest Park hosted their home JV Invitational and finished with a 1-2 record on the day.

The Lady Rangers opened with a dominant 2-0 win over Pike Central (25-14, 25-4). Anelle Warren led the way with 4 kills, while Madelyn Ferguson tallied 8 aces and 23

points. Brylee Longabaugh dished out 6 assists and added 7 points.

In their second match, Forest Park fell in three sets to Vincennes (18-25, 25-9, 5-15). Lea Persohn had 5 kills, Warren added 4, and Kynlee Schuetter chipped in 3. Ferguson and Warren each recorded 2 aces.

The Lady Rangers

closed the day with a two-set loss to Castle (25-12, 25-19). Lexi Berg paced the attack with 4 kills, while Ferguson collected 9 digs. Warren led at the net with 3 blocks.

Forest Park Lady Rangers JV – Sept. 29

The JV squad returned to action on the road at Washington, falling in a close three-

set battle (12-25, 25-17, 10-15).

Schuetter posted 6 kills, with Warren adding 5. Longabaugh handed out 6 assists, and Jamniczky contributed 5. Ferguson anchored the defense with a match-high 17 digs, while Berg (10) and Persohn (9) provided steady support. Persohn also added 2 aces.



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HOOSIER HIGHLIGHTS



Heritage Hills and Gibson Southern faced off in a Friday night thriller, with the Titans edging the Patriots 38-34 in the final seconds. The packed stadium and electric atmosphere made it a high school football classic fans won't soon forget.

Photo by Kylie Schepers Photography

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SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK



Heritage Hills and Gibson Southern battled to the wire, with the Titans sealing a 38-34 victory in the final seconds.

Photo by Kylie Schepers Photography

Southridge Lady Raiders Continue Dominant Golf Season

By: Laurna Todd
ING Writer

The Southridge Lady Raiders golf team kept their strong play going this week with a series of impressive performances across multiple courses.

Sept. 25 – Hoosier Heights Country Club

The Lady Raiders traveled to Tell City for a match at Hoosier Heights. Despite being one player short of a full scoring team, Southridge posted an impressive team score of 184. Co-medalists Makenna Hiter and

Lily Thewes each carded a 45, leading the Raiders with consistent rounds on the course.

Sept. 25 – Huntingburg Country Club

Later that evening, the Raiders hosted the North Posey Vikings at Huntingburg. The team dominated the match, earning their 31st win of the season with a 189-209 victory. Junior Lily Thewes led the way with her best round of the season, shooting an impressive 44. Medalist

honors went to North Posey’s Mackenzie Mills, who posted a 40. With the win, Southridge improves to 31-4 on the season, heading into the conference tournament next Saturday.

Sept. 26 – Christmas Lake Golf Club

The following day, the Lady Raiders faced Heritage Hills at Christmas Lake Golf Club. Senior Millie Hunter led the team, medaling with a low score of 47. Junior varsity golfer Kali Cham-

bers also notched her career-best round with a 49. Southridge shot 195 to Heritage Hills’ 226, continuing their streak of strong performances and setting the tone for postseason play.

With consistent top scores and standout performances across both varsity and junior varsity rounds, the Lady Raiders are well-positioned as they enter the conference tournament and look to extend their winning season.



Jasper vs Barr-Reeve (JV) Volleyball on Sep 16th, 2025 at Jasper High School - Jasper, IN.

Photo by Astrike Photography.

Local Tennis Teams Finish Strong as Season Winds Down

By: Laurna Todd
ING Writer

Area tennis teams wrapped up a busy week of PAC and non-conference play, with both Forest Park and Southridge boys squads posting competitive performances.

Southridge Raiders Boys Tennis – Sept. 23, 25 & 27

The Raiders continued their strong run in PAC play with several dominant wins. On Sept. 23, Southridge swept Mt. Vernon 5-0. Key performances included Broghan Fuhs at #1 singles winning 6-0, 6-0, Aidan Wibbeler at #2 singles taking a 7-6, 6-1 victory, and Brayden Wilz at #3 singles posting a 6-1, 6-2 win. Doubles teams Heith Steckler & Jackson Buse and

Riley Kaeck & Clay Sickbert each earned straight-set victories, while junior varsity singles and doubles also contributed decisive wins.

The Raiders traveled to Washington on Sept. 25, earning a hard-fought 3-2 victory. Singles wins came from Aidan Wibbeler (6-1, 6-0) and Brayden Wilz (6-2, 6-3), while the #1 doubles duo of Steckler & Buse dominated 6-1, 6-1. The Raiders junior varsity teams also posted victories, including a 7-6 (7-5) win in doubles.

Southridge closed out the week on Sept. 27 with a 5-0 sweep of South Spencer. Broghan Fuhs rebounded after a slow start to win in three sets, while Wibbeler and Wilz cruised in

straight sets. Doubles teams also earned decisive wins, including a forfeit victory for Riley Kaeck & Clay Sickbert. With the win, the Raiders improved to 5-1 on the season, maintaining momentum heading into the final stretch of conference play.

Forest Park Rangers Boys Tennis – Sept. 25

Forest Park wrapped up their regular season with a challenging match at Gibson Southern, falling 0-5 to the PAC-leading Titans. Despite the loss, the Rangers finished with a winning record of 8-7 and gained valuable experience with four freshmen and one newcomer contributing to the lineup.

Highlights included freshman Miles Rea at #1 singles, who earned

four games against a seasoned opponent, and Jace Brockman at #2 singles, who took the undefeated Gibson Southern #2 player to a first-set tiebreaker. Singles player Jace Betz and doubles pairs Alex Fischer & Eli Brockman and Clayton Roesner & Drew Fischer all battled tough opponents, but came up short. Coach Hochgesang praised his team’s effort and emphasized that the experience would prepare the Rangers for Sectionals.

The Forest Park junior varsity team also faced Gibson Southern, with singles and doubles squads competing hard despite falling in straight sets.



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HOOSIER HIGHLIGHTS

Local Soccer Teams Battle Through Packed Week of Matches

By: Laura Todd
ING Writer

It was a busy stretch for area soccer programs as both Forest Park and Southridge faced strong competition across multiple days.

Southridge Lady Raiders – Sept. 25

On Sept. 25 at Northeast Dubois, the Lady Raiders fell in a tight 2-1 contest. Northeast Dubois scored twice late in the first half, but Southridge battled back after halftime when Jenica Whipping found the net. Despite several late opportunities, the Raiders couldn't find the equalizer.

Southridge Raiders Boys – Sept. 26 & 28

The Raiders faced Tell City on Sept. 26 in a hard-fought PAC matchup. The match was scoreless

at halftime before the Marksmen struck first in the second half. Tell City added a penalty kick late to secure a 2-0 victory.

On Sept. 28, Southridge hosted a talented Washington squad. The Raiders battled hard and trailed just 1-0 until a penalty kick shifted momentum. Washington went on to secure a 3-0 win. The Raider junior varsity held the Hatchets scoreless in a 0-0 draw.

Forest Park Rangers Boys – Sept. 25 & 27

The Rangers traveled to Class 3A No. 20 Evansville North on Sept. 25, where they were overwhelmed by the Huskies' attack in a 9-0 defeat. North netted six first-half goals before adding three more after the break.

Forest Park responded with a commanding performance two



Lucas Dooley Forest Park player

nights later, defeating South Spencer 8-0 in PAC play. Lucas Dooley recorded four goals, including a second-half hat trick, while Hunter Osborne netted his ninth of the season. Trevor

James scored twice, and Tucker Wathen added his first career goal. With the win, the Rangers improved to 6-7 overall and 5-4 in PAC play.

Forest Park Lady Rangers – Sept. 27

The Lady Rangers returned from a 10-day layoff with a 2-0 home win over South Spencer. Senior Riley Hinson opened the scoring in the 12th minute off an assist from Kate Pund, while

Paige Memmer added an insurance goal in the 76th minute on a set piece from freshman Maddy King. Forest Park peppered the South Spencer defense with 39 total shots in the victory.



The Jasper Wildcats swept the Southridge Raiders 3-0 in Thursday night's volleyball matchup, with both teams battling through tight points before Jasper pulled away for the win.

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Jasper Youth Football's 5th/6th grade Colts and Eagles faced off before the rain rolled in, with young athletes learning the game under the guidance of their coaches and high school mentors.

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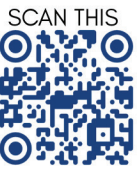
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Indiana Arts Commission Awards \$2.4 M in Grants to 345 Organizations Statewide

(INDIANAPOLIS) Recently, the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced it has awarded \$2,438,998 to 345 nonprofit and public entities to fund arts projects and organizations around the state through the Fiscal Year 2026 Arts Organization Support and FY26 Spring Arts Project Support grant programs.

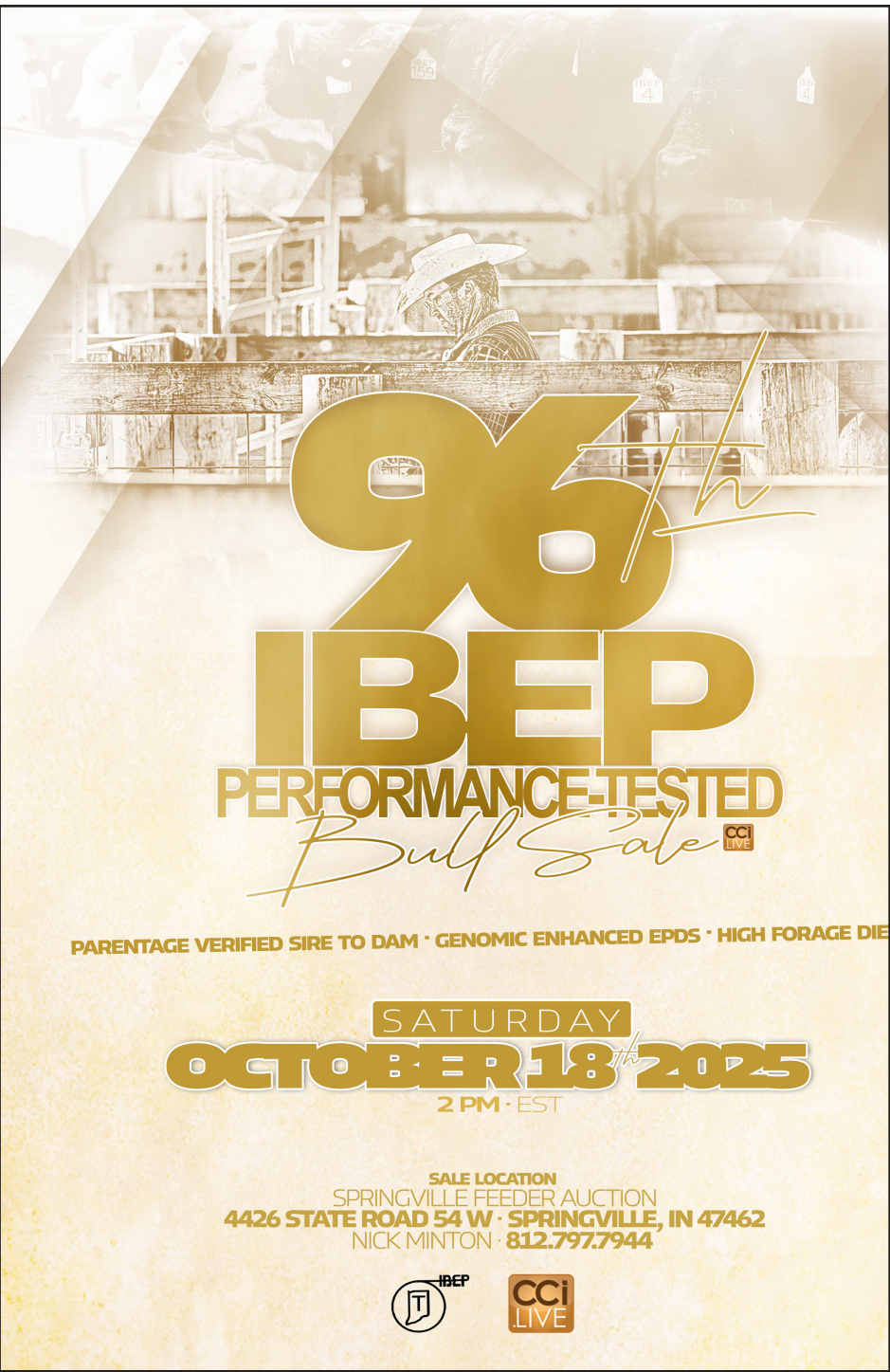
During its July Quarterly Business Meeting, the Commission approved the funding recommendations for the two grant programs. Applications were evaluated by 133 external grant reviewers from around the state and country with expertise in the arts, community development, and nonprofit management. Generations was awarded a \$3100 grant to develop an Art Activity Booklet for Caregivers and Care Recipients and host ten sample sessions for them across the 6 counties they serve. The booklet and sessions focus on joyful activities that Caregivers and Care Recipients can engage in together to create positive, memorable experiences.

Arts Organization Support grants provide funding to Indiana nonprofit organizations and public entities for a specific arts project or arts activity(ies). The Arts Project Support and Arts Organization Support programs are facilitated in partnership with the IAC Regional Arts Partners, who work alongside the agency to promote and expand participation in the arts in Indiana. Between both programs, 345 applications out of 545 received were recommended for funding, and 80 of Indiana’s 92 counties will receive direct investment through a funded arts organization or arts project.

“This is an exciting time for our state and for the many organizations selected and their communities,” said Dave Haist, Chair of the Indiana Arts Commission. “Each of our Commissioners believe deeply in the critical importance of the arts in making Indiana a place for all to want to live and work and for those not within our state to consider Indiana as a place to locate their families and businesses and invest in Indiana’s future.”

Art Project Support grants are offered twice per fiscal year. Applications for the Fall cycle of the program are currently open and will be accepted through September 30th at 11:59PM ET.

“Art and creativity create stronger, more connected Hoosier communities,” said Miah Michaelson, Executive Director of the Indiana Arts Commission. “Across Indiana, public funding for arts and creativity continually proves to be a high-return investment that improves the quality of life of Hoosiers and drives economic development within our state. We are proud to support organizations and projects that develop connections, foster the entrepreneurial spirit of communities, and create the kinds of places where people want to live, work, study, and stay.”



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VU invests \$33.9M in new health sciences education center

By: SIBR news

VINCENNES – Vincennes University’s new center for healthcare education is just months from completion and represents a significant investment in the future of healthcare training.

The new Center for Health Sciences and Innovative Learning will transform and elevate the future of education and healthcare training. The \$33.9 million facility is the single largest building project in VU history, made possible through state funding.

The new Center for Health Sciences and Innovative Learning is nearly double the size of the current College of Health Sciences and Human Performance at VU. (Photo courtesy VU)

At more than 72,000 square feet, the two-story center nearly doubles the size of the current College of Health Sciences and Human Performance building. It provides smart classrooms, academic and administrative offices, active learning spaces that will be utilized by all colleges on campus, and study and lounge areas. Key highlights are the ultra-modern clinical simulation labs — including high-fidelity manikins, virtual reality simulators, and video recording systems — that immerse students in lifelike healthcare environments.

“This center will provide essential classroom and lab spaces, inspiring the growth of skilled professionals dedicated to enhancing Indiana communities and making a positive impact,” said College of Health Sciences and Human Performance Dean Michelle Cummins.

Environmental sustainability is at the forefront of the design. Expansive glass, natural daylighting strategies, outdoor terraces, and an inviting plaza overlooking the Updike Fountain create a healthy, energizing environment for learning and collaboration.

Opening in January 2026, the center will be home to programs in Nursing, Health Information Management, Surgical Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Pharmacy Technology, and Funeral Service Education.



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