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LANE NAMED JCIDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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A Jennings County native with more than 26 years of industrial and economic development experience has been hired as executive director of Jackson County Industrial Development Corp.

Trevor Lane began his duties Sept. 8. He is replacing Jim Plump, who announced his retirement earlier this year after 42 years at the helm of JCIDC.

For the past 21 years, Lane has worked for Indiana Economic Development Corp. and most recently served as southern region attractions director. Prior to joining IEDC, Lane was executive director of Jennings County Economic Development Commission.

As the state's southern region director, Lane negotiated more than 430 business attraction and expansion deals, representing more than \$8.2 billion in new capital investment, over 36,000 new jobs and retention of more than 69,000 Indiana workers.

"We are thrilled to welcome Trevor to our team," said Kevin Gabbard, president of the JCIDC board of directors. "He brings a wealth of experience to our organization and has worked with many of our companies in Jackson County."

During his tenure with IEDC, and specific to Jackson County, he managed attraction and expansion efforts resulting in over 1,700 new jobs and more than \$635.5 million in investments for local companies, including AISIN, Lannett Company Inc., Cummins Inc., Guardian Bikes, Valeo North America, Sims Bark, SpaceGuard Products and Vital Farms.

The large multinational and small local companies Lane worked with to locate or expand in Indiana include Amazon, Autoneum, Batesville Tool & Die, Catamaran, Cummins, ENTEK, Faurecia, Honda, Ken's Foods, King's Hawaiian, Madison Precision Products, Mill Steel, Redwire Technologies, Sazarac of Indiana, Sunright America, Toyota Material Handling and TS Tech Indiana.

Lane and his wife, Pamela, manage a 500-acre family cattle and grain farm in southeast Jennings County. They are the parents of three daughters, Lauren, Victoria and Emma, and three grandchildren, Coleson, Holdin and Alaina.



Trevor Lane, right, newly named executive director of JCIDC, has been meeting with existing business and industry leaders throughout Jackson County, including Dan McNamara, CFO, left, and Jerry Troupe, VP of logistics, for Pet Supplies Plus.

SEYMOUR COMPANY ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT

A business that started in 2012 in a garage in rural Jackson County moved into a building on the west end of Seymour about four years ago and continues to grow.

Luke Langellier, one of the owners of S&S Diesel Motorsport, said he didn't think they would outgrow that facility.

"For better or worse, we were wrong," he said in a video released in late February.

In August 2025, the company purchased the former RR Donnelley building in the Freeman Field Industrial Park and has been renovating it ever since to become its new home. The 170,000-square-foot building is on 12 acres of land.

During a meeting July 27, the Seymour Common Council approved a 10-year tax abatement for a \$2 million investment in equipment and machinery.

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JCIDC ADDS BOARD MEMBERS, RECEIVES GRANTS



Darren Cain



Drew Royalty

Jackson County Industrial Development Corp. has two new board members and also recently received two grants.

Darren Cain and Drew Royalty joined the JCIDC board of directors. Cain is the executive director of Seymour Main Street, and Royalty is a sales engineer for Crane Hill Machine & Fabrication Inc. Seymour Main Street is a new Board Level contributor, and Royalty is representing the Jackson County Chamber on the board.

Meanwhile, it was announced the grants will benefit the Jackson County robotics program. The grant from the Duke Energy Foundation is valued at \$2,500, and the Indiana American Water STEM Grant totals \$1,000. Robotics is available to all public and private schools in Jackson County, and there also are teams from a homeschool group and Jackson County 4-H.

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The project is underway and will be completed by the end of 2027.

A tax abatement occurs over a 10-year period in which companies pay 10% more on taxes each consecutive year. Companies do not pay any property taxes on the improvements in the first year of a tax abatement.

The investment will allow S&S to maintain its current workforce and hire 10 new employees with total payroll of \$800,000.

JCIDC Executive Director Jim Plump presented the abatement request on behalf of the company. Langellier and co-owner Jonathan Castellaw attended the meeting.

S&S manufactures high-performance common-rail diesel fuel systems, engine controls and pump conversions.

“Our business continues to expand, our team has grown to meet demand and we have something new in the works to help take S&S Diesel Motorsport to the next level,” the company posted on Facebook with the video in February. “A huge thank you to our incredible customers and dealers for the continued trust and support. Your confidence in S&S is what makes this growth possible.”

The new home is a couple of miles from the current location at 1471 W. Tipton St. and is a much larger facility. The building formerly housed a commercial printing press operation with a lot of industrial equipment.

While it will take a lot of investment, work and time to become move-in ready as a horsepower lab and fuel system manufacturing facility, Langellier said it’s definitely going to be worth the investment.

“I’m very passionate and excited about our future, and this is going to be a key part of the future growth of this company and more of the team that we’ve built here and continue to grow,” he said. “We get more and more horsepower all the time, adding more critical guys to the team, and what we really needed was a facility to support that. This is going to be it.”

To view the S&S video, visit youtube.com/watch?v=09A7MgPfNtI.



MIDWEST, JAPANESE LEADERS ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING IN INDIANAPOLIS

Jackson County Industrial Development Corp., the South Central Indiana regional marketing group and AISIN were major supporters of the 56th annual Joint Meeting of the Midwest U.S.-Japan Association and the Japan-Midwest U.S. Association held Sept. 9-11 in Indianapolis.

AISIN was a signature sponsor of the event along with Duke Energy and others, South Central Indiana was a silver sponsor and JCIDC was a bronze sponsor of the event, which was held in Indianapolis for the first time since 2006. In addition, AISIN’s Scott Turpin appeared on a panel discussion at the event along with Elizabeth Hoegeman of Cummins to discuss “Advanced Manufacturing, Workforce and Infrastructure.”

Jim Plump and Trevor Lane of JCIDC were joined by Seymour Mayor Matt Nicholson at the event as well as other business, industry and political leaders from across 10 states in the Midwest and from Japan. Indiana Governor Mike Braun also spoke at the event, which included a reception at Indianapolis Motor Speedway and a gala dinner at The Indiana Roof Ballroom.

The Japan-America Society of Indiana served as host of the event along with Indiana Economic Development Corp.

Together, the associations, through their annual Joint Meeting, reinforce the economic, political and cultural ties that link the national economy of Japan with the regional economy of the Midwest.



Elizabeth Hoegeman, left, executive director of HSE and Global Manufacturing for Cummins, and Scott Turpin, executive advisor and former president and COO of AISIN World Corp. of America, onstage in Indianapolis during the Midwest U.S.-Japan Association meeting in early September.

JCIDC AMONG AGENCIES PRESENTING POVERTY SIMULATION

Jackson County United Way will stage a Poverty Simulation at 8 a.m. Oct. 30 at Calvary Baptist Church, 1202 N. Ewing St., Seymour.

The simulation will show participants the reality of living in poverty for a month. Participants will be assigned a set of circumstances and walk from various tables, where volunteers will present unexpected events that families in poverty face.

It’s free to participate in the simulation, and those interested can register at jacsy.org/povertysimulation. The event also needs volunteers, and those willing to help can use the same link to sign up. For information, contact Jackson County United Way at 812-522-5450.

The event is a partnership with Anchor House, Community Foundation of Jackson County and Jackson County Industrial Development Corp.

MAVERICK CHALLENGE

JACKSON COUNTY

MAVERICK CHALLENGE KICKS OFF FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Maverick Challenge Jackson County is off and running.

Five Jackson County schools — Brownstown Central, Crothersville, Medora, Sandy Creek and Seymour — are participating in the high school business planning competition with 39 teams registered.

The initial pitch sessions recently took place, where students sat down with local business professionals to share their business ideas.

Next, mentors for each team will be identified, and they will work one-on-one with the teams through January. Then business plans and videos will be submitted and reviewed by judges, and the 10 finalists will compete in an oral competition March 3.

Maverick Challenge Jackson County is a partnership between Brownstown Ewing Main Street, Jackson County Chamber, JCIDC Workforce Partnership and Seymour Main Street with financial support provided by JCBank.

CAREER EXPO RESULTS IN CONNECTIONS, INTERVIEWS

Jackson County Industrial Development Corp. put a twist on an annual event.

For 2026, JCIDC partnered with the Jackson County Learning Center for the Career Expo, which took place Sept. 2 at the learning center in Seymour. This was an opportunity for the public to learn about local companies that offer employment, training, education and support in the area.

Local companies currently hiring helped people learn about employment opportunities and even scheduled interviews. They included Excel Manufacturing Inc., Guardian Bikes, JCBank, Lannett Company Inc., Nippon Steel Pipe America Inc., Rose Acre Farms, Schneck Medical Center, Silgan Plastics, SMX Staffing for Valeo, SpaceGuard Products, Trilogy Health Services & Synchrony Rehab for Covered Bridge Health Campus and WorkOne, all in Seymour, along with Fastenal Fulfillment Center in North Vernon.

Several educational institutions shared information about college, career training and High School Equivalency and English Language Learner courses available. They included Indiana University Columbus, Jackson County Learning Center, McDowell Adult Education, Purdue Polytechnic Institute Columbus, READ Jackson County and Vincennes University.

A few community organizations that offer resources to workers also attended. They included Child Care Network, Jackson County Clothing Center and Seymour Transit.



The nearly 40 people attending the meeting included Work-Based Learning directors, counselors, principals and a superintendent from five of the six Jackson County high schools. Plus, there were human resources representatives and executives from local companies, including manufacturing, distribution, health care and financial institutions.

School officials sharing their insights included Dave Benter from Brownstown Central High School, Chrystal Street, Kendra Bryant and Katie Whitehead from Crothersville Community School Corp., Kara Hunt and Heather Lewis from Medora Community School Corp., Steve Bush, Kaitlyn Ude and Robin Perry from Seymour High School and Patrick Downey from Trinity Lutheran High School.

At the end of the meeting, Joe Rust and Dan Robison gave a presentation on SPARK Jackson County, which is cultivating a thriving cycle where entrepreneurs, innovators and local businesses contribute to and benefit from a collaborative community.

MFG DAY CELEBRATED

Five Seymour companies — AISIN USA Mfg. Inc., Cummins Seymour Engine Plant, Guardian Bikes, Lannett Company Inc. and Pet Supplies Plus Distribution — participated in the 2026 Jackson County MFG Day on Oct. 8.



Nearly 200 students and staff from Brownstown Central, Crothersville, Medora, Seymour and Trinity Lutheran high schools and Sandy Creek Christian Academy attended. They gathered at Cummins in the morning for workshops led by employees of the participating companies. Then in the afternoon, the students broke into groups and visited one of the companies for lunch, a tour and activities.

This event is part of the initiative of the Manufacturing Institute, the workforce development and education affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Celebrated annually on the first Friday in October with events continuing throughout the month and beyond, MFG Day — Manufacturing Day — is a national grassroots movement that demonstrates the reality and future of modern manufacturing careers. Thousands of companies and educational institutions nationwide are invited to open their doors to students, parents, educators and community leaders.

The local event is coordinated by JCIDC.



OFFICIALS DISCUSS EDUCATION

For the quarterly Jackson County HR meeting July 30 at the Jackson County Learning Center in Seymour, JCIDC brought together local school leaders and company officials to discuss new diploma requirements, Work-Based Learning and other career opportunities and how the schools and companies can help each other and help students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 2-6

Senior mock interviews at Seymour High School

Dec. 4

Reality Fair for Jackson County eighth graders at Seymour Middle School

Anyone interested in volunteering for senior mock interviews or the Reality Fair may reach out to Zach Spicer at zachspicer@jcidc.com.

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