

Happy New Year to ALL in the Wabash Valley

We, the Griffin Family, have been moved to make another public statement to express our love and admiration for this community. It has been just over eleven years since our son, Sgt Dale Griffin, was killed in Afghanistan by enemy forces. That was the last time that we went public with our gratitude for the overwhelming love and support that was given to our family during those trying times. You held and lifted us up, providing your sustaining love and hope, during our time of loss. Thanks again for that! We Will Never Forget!!

Since that time, we have been building the Griffin Bike Park, in partnership with the Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department. The Park is a national-caliber riding area and recreational tourism destination for the Wabash Valley located in Vigo County. The 300-acre park is designed to provide riders from all backgrounds, ages, skills, and abilities with a wide range of exciting riding opportunities. The park is designed as a community hub and directly engages and inspires local youth, young adults, and families in a sport that promotes healthy, active, outdoor lifestyles and provides exciting, challenging, and rewarding experiences. The World-Class Memorial park also honors and remembers our Military Heroes that have given their lives for our Freedom since 9/11.

So, we want to reach out again, feeling humbled and inspired, to express that our hearts are filled to overflowing, as we consider the many ways you have "made a difference" in our lives. We have been so impacted by this Community's overwhelming moral support, as well as



the emotional, spiritual, and temporal contributions they have bestowed upon us. What a journey it has been as we have come together to build this memorial park.

Thanks to the State of Indiana and Vigo County leaders like David Patterson, Director of Terre Haute Convention and Visitors Bureau, then, Kara Kish and now Adam Grossman, Superintendents of the VCPRD; Rich Moore, Manager of Griffin Bike Park; Nat Lopes, designer of Hilride Progression Development Group; Blake Griffin, trail builder of Brother Griffin Trail Solutions, LLC and Klaine Tanner with

all the Friends of Griffin Bike Park; Shepherds of Griffin Bike Park, Inc., including more than 145 companies and families that have contributed over \$2,250,000 with more than 25,000 volunteer hours donated by over 2,200 individuals. Please read the list below, realizing that it is an incomplete list at best. These are those who have been there to help us build this dream. Here's one of the truest statements made to date about this miracle park.

"The Griffin Bike Park is a model project – a true collaboration among state and local government and the community at large. It's about tourism and economic development, quality of place and quality of life, but perhaps most importantly, it's also about honoring those servicemen and servicewomen who have fought and laid down their lives for the protection of our freedoms, our friends, and our families." Lt. Governor, Suzanne Crouch

Our hearts are pounding with Gratitude! Your support came first from your compassion for our Loss and then moved to an effort of fostering a community cause to honor and remember the fallen. None of this was motivated by a desire for accolade or applause, but rather from respect and concern for a family in your community. With this passion in effect, we have witnessed the culmination of a resounding Legacy that will forever have an impact on those in the Wabash Valley.

Now, with purposeful collaboration with our stakeholders, along with plans in hand, we see the "Best is Yet to Come". Soon to be revealed, is our 2025 Vision Plan that will take us to the next level with our efforts to maintain and expand the park's ability to serve the community at large while



continuing to honor those who have paid the ultimate price for freedom.

May we all push forward with Faith & Hope as we light the way to our 2025 Vision Plan. Your light has brightened our paths and paved the way to an illustrious future. God Bless You All and Thanks to the Moon!



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 Bemis
 Brickcraft
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 Capital Planning Systems
 Casey's Foods
 Century 21
 CFD Investments
 Chamber of Commerce
 Cheap-Scapes
 Chick-fil-A
 Clouse Landscaping
 Cobblestone Crossings
 Connor Company
 Connor Kerr
 Crossroads Cyclery
 Crossroads Cafe
 CSX Transportation
 Daughters of the American Revolution
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 Dennis Trucking
 Diamond Equipment
 Dick McCalister & Sons
 Dillon Lawn Care
 Disabled American Veterans
 Duke Energy
 Ellis Law
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 GE Aviation
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 Greg Gibson
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 Grant Hammonds
 Greven and Associates
 Griffin Family
 Ground Works
 Guha Family
 Hamilton Center
 Hertz
 Heroes New Hope
 Hilride Progression Design Group
 Holder Design
 Honest Abe Roofing
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 Indiana Investments
 Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
 Indiana Theatre
 Indiana State University
 ISU - Business Department
 IUOE 841
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 Jewett Printing
 Jones and Sons
 Kulp Family
 Kelly Metal

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 Lenosky, Jeff - Trail Boss"
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 Love's Truck Stop
 Lowe's Home Improvement
 Lt. General Boykin
 Lynn Family
 MacAllister Machinery
 Marshall Physical Therapy LLC
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 Michael Barbiero
 Mike Gregory Photography
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 Oakley Foundation
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 S & G Excavating
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 Templeton Coal
 Terre Haute CVB
 Terre Haute Saving Bank
 TH Chevy
 The South Third Corporation
 Thompson Thrift
 Trans-Care
 Tribune-Star
 Union Health
 University Apartments
 Valley Electric
 Vectren
 Vigo County Parks & Recreation Department
 Vigo County School Corp
 VIGO Anonymous
 Vigo Machine, Inc
 Vigo Solid Waste Management
 Wabash Valley Community Foundation
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