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City leaders say new Danville company will benefit Hoopeston

The effects of a new Danville factory will reach to Hoopeston, according to local leaders.

The Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA), the world's largest aluminum producer, announced it will build a 165,000-square-foot manufacturing plant south of Interstate 74 in Danville.

Preliminary work began Tuesday at the site, with construction scheduled to start next week.

Although the company plans to have 35 positions when the plant opens, that number is expected grow over time. And local leaders expect some of the benefit to head north.

"I think we're going to feel the impact and benefit from it," said Mayor Bob Ault. "Hoopeston will get some spin-off from that."

The city can benefit in any of three ways, Ault said.

First, he said, some Hoopeston people will probably be hired at the plant, especially if employment levels rise.

Second, Hoopeston may be able to attract businesses related to aluminum production to locate in Hoopeston. "We'll actively pursue trying to find something" using local and state resources, Ault said.

Finally, as the company expands, some of its workers may want to live in a smaller city and opt to move to Hoopeston.

"If nothing else, more and more people will be living here," he said. "Regardless of what people might say, people who work in Danville don't necessarily want to live in Danville. We could be a bedroom community. There's really nothing wrong with that."

Harold Cox, chairman of the Hoopeston Industrial Corporation, agrees that Hoopeston could benefit from Danville's good fortune.

The Industrial Corporation was formed in the 1950s to boost Hoopeston's industrial base. The group owns an industrial park of approximately 55 acres, which Cox said would be ideal for a spin-off company.

"We've got a site that can handle it," Cox said. "It's got water, power and sewer. It's ready to go."

Attracting an industry related to ALCOA will take teamwork, Cox said. "We've got to get some help

One-club golf tournament slated to benefit local United Way

Get ready to grab a golf club and benefit the Grant Township United Way.

WHPO radio is planning a one-club golf scramble in late September, to benefit the United Way, said Ron King, co-chairman of the 1996 United Way fund drive.

King, who shares chairman's duties with Ally Jackson and Bill Fulton, made the announcement at Wednesday's United Way board of directors meeting.

While local golfers may be hot stuff with their irons, woods, putters and drivers, in this contest, only one club will be allowed per player, King said.

The 4-person team with the best score will take home \$500, King said.

The golf outing will kick off a month-long series of fundraisers for the United Way. Also scheduled are a street corner collection the first weekend in October and a dinner/dance tentatively scheduled for Oct. 19.

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Thompson Ave. to be fixed - again

West Thompson Ave. will receive repairs on the repairs done last month.

Residents complained about the street's washboard surface after it was repaired last month.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston city council meeting, Alderman Mark Drollinger said the engineer will look at the street next week and have further repairs scheduled.

Museum open

Area residents are reminded that the McFarland Early Americana Museum on Route 1 is open from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Rossville seniors to meet

Rossville area senior citizens will meet at noon Aug. 12 for a potluck at the Rossville Church of Christ. Blood pressures will be checked before dinner.

Amanda Callahan, an exchange student, will present the program.

All area senior citizens are invited to bring a covered dish and participate.

Freshmen orientation set

Freshmen orientation at Hoopeston Area High School will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium.

Civic committee discusses thorny issue at Tuesday meeting

A meeting of Hoopeston's civic improvement committee meeting Tuesday took up the thorny issue of landscaping.

Alderman Dave Borders called the meeting to discuss shrubbery at the Hoopeston sign at Route 1 and Main St.

A contract with landscaper Sarah Jane Johnson of rural Hoopeston calls for flowers to be in bloom in

spring, winter and fall, Borders said.

"We paid more for landscaping than we did for the sign," Borders said. "For what we paid, I don't think the landscaping was very pretty in spring and summer."

Some plants at the site died, but Johnson is expected to replace those.

Borders wanted to request a refund of some of the \$3,875 spent on landscaping. "The rest of the committee didn't agree with me."

Other committee members are Susan Comstock and Mark Drollinger.

Drollinger did not attend the meeting.

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Police News



Mazie F. Richardson, 617 N. Fifth St., reported Tuesday that someone scratched the hood and side panel of her 1996 Chevrolet.

A **16-year-old girl** turned herself in to police at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. The girl was wanted on a traffic warrant. She was released after posting \$34 cash bond.

Weather



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