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Vermilion Advantage manufacturing group open for tours

"Prepare to be Amazed!" is the theme of the 2013 Tour of Industries, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Tours will be conducted at Danville Metal Stamping, 17 Oakwood Ave.; Fiberteq, LLC, 3650 Southgate Dr.; ThyssenKrupp Crankshaft Co., 1000 Lynch Rd; ThyssenKrupp Presta Danville, LLC, 70 Walz Creek Dr.; and Watchfire Signs, 1015 Maple St. (front entrance behind Bahls St.)

Tour-goers will be eligible for give-aways, including laptop computers.

Additionally, attendees can look for signs of Stemmy, Vermilion Advantage's mascot. The robotic looking mascot has a corn head with a body comprised of parts manufactured in Vermilion County, said Kim Kuchenbrod, Vermilion Advantage workforce development consultant, at last week's Hoopeston Area School board meeting. Currently a paper figure, Kuchenbrod said she hopes Stemmy will eventually be a three-dimensional, moving mascot.

Each business on the tour has set age and other restrictions for those who attend. They include:

Danville Metal Stamping: open to those ages 10 and older. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For safety, people are asked to wear closed-toe shoes. High heels are not recommended. No phones or cameras will be allowed.

Fiberteq: open to those 16 and older. Tour-goers must wear pants, short sleeve shirts and closed-toe shoes. No phones, cameras or jewelry allowed. Tours are limited to 15 people and will start every half hour.

ThyssenKrupp Crankshaft: Ages 10 and older are welcome. Those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. A waiver must be signed and all participants must be accompanied by a ThyssenKrupp employee specifically assigned to conduct tours. All participants must

wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes and long pants (no shorts or skirts.)

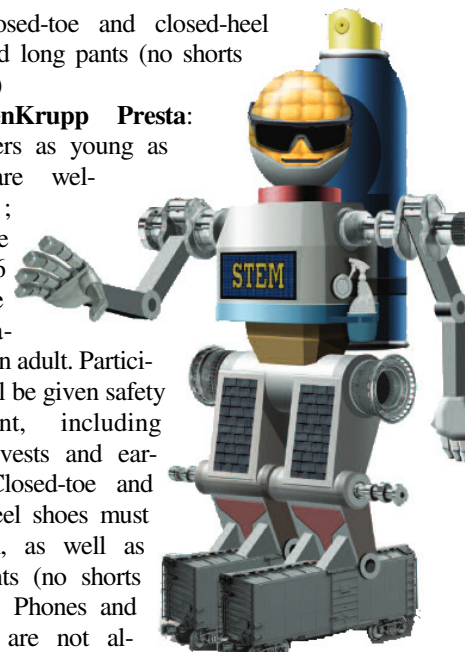
ThyssenKrupp Presta: Youngsters as young as seven are welcome;

those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants will be given safety equipment, including glasses, vests and ear-plugs. Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes must be worn, as well as long pants (no shorts or skirts. Phones and cameras are not allowed. Tours will be limited to 15 people and will begin every 30 minutes.

Watchfire Signs: People ages 10 and older are welcome; those under 16 must

be accompanied by an adult. For safety, please wear closed-toe shoes. High heels are not recommended. Phones and cameras are prohibited. Parking is available in lots east and west of the main building. The west lot is accessible from Maple St.

For further information, visit www.madeinvermilioncounty.com.



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Police News



Two men were charged with theft over \$500 after allegedly stealing items from ADM Grain storage facility at 101 E. Thompson.

Police were called at 8:36 a.m. Monday by a representative of the business, who reported the theft of materials and a description of a vehicle seen leaving the scene.

Jarred I. Stone, 32, and Walter Lee Hollis, 49, both of Hoopeston, were later located at a Danville-area recycling center and were arrested by Vermilion County Sheriff's Police.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Steven J. Sands, 20, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 12:31 p.m. Monday in the 400 block of West Maple. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear/consumption of alcohol by a minor, he was extradited to Iroquois County in lieu of \$500 bond.

A 30-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 4:40 p.m. Monday that someone damaged the door to her Parkview Court home while trying to enter it.

Harms bill puts agribusiness members on Finance Authority

WATSEKA—Under legislation passed by state Rep. Josh Harms and signed into law by Governor Quinn, the Illinois Finance Authority will now be required to have at least two board members that are proficient in agribusiness.

The Illinois Finance Authority offers programs to agribusinesses in the state in the areas of specialized livestock, working capital, young farmer land purchasing, and agri-debt restructuring. It consists of 15 members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Harms said this new requirement will ensure that the interests and concerns of the agribusiness community are being addressed.

“It just seems like common sense to me that if the Illinois Finance Authority is going to offer programs to

Youth league seeks more teams

Hoopeston Youth Bowling League will bowl on a new day. The league will bowl at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning September 11.


Four person teams are needed for the league, which is open to youngsters ages five through high school. Cost is \$10 per week. There will be no bowling over the school Christmas break.

A league meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4 at Fast Lanes. Sign up your team at Fast Lanes or call (217) 283-6505.

Obituaries

GAGNON - Kenneth C. Gagnon, 66, of Rossville, died at 2:10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery, with military rites by Rossville American Legion. Memorials are suggested to Vermilion County Animal Shelter, 1475 Catlin/Tilton Rd., Danville IL 61834.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 88. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 69. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 85, low 61.

farmers, they should at least have some knowledge of agriculture,” Harms said. “We have to make sure that the needs of our farming community are being met. This law will now provide two board members who have experience in an agribusiness setting and know what it takes to support a farm.”

Prior to this law, appointees were required to be people of recognized ability and experience in economic development, finance, banking, industrial development, small business management, real estate development, housing, health facilities financing, local government financing, community development, venture finance, construction and labor relations, but not agribusiness.

This legislation passed unanimously out of the Illinois House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Quinn this week.

Briefly

Vermilion Iron bought at sale

The Vermilion Iron property on North Sixth Ave., was purchased at a tax deed sale Monday night at Danville.

Brian Swinford, former owner of the Blue Moon Saloon, purchased the property for \$600.

Further details were unavailable at press time.

The gathering

All Rossville senior citizens are invited to the monthly gathering at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rossville fire station. The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

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