



Aisin USA To Invest \$23 Million

More growth is on the way for Aisin USA, Mfg., Inc. at its Seymour locations.

To support new and existing automotive models, Aisin plans to invest \$23,052,450 at Plant 1 (1700 East Fourth Street) and Plant 2 (500 Burkart Blvd.) at the East Side Park, company officials announced in May.

"Aisin USA anticipates making expenditures ...for new manufacturing equipment and renovations to existing equipment related to customer design change requirements and new model requirements for automotive components," said Betsy Cornett, finance general manager for Aisin USA, adding that parts will be produced for Toyota models Sienna, Camry, Highlander, Corolla and Avalon as well as Honda Odyssey, General Motors, Subaru and Lexus.

At plant 1, Aisin plans to invest \$14,473,300 for new equipment plus \$3,413,700 in building improvements; plant 2 will see \$4,805,450 in machinery and \$360,000 in real property improvements.

At both facilities, Aisin USA employs 1,927 associates, and the investment will enable the company to retain those workers. Aisin is the 5th largest tier one automotive supplier in the world; Seymour was the location of the company's first manufacturing operation in the United States in the late 1980s.

Earlier in the quarter, representatives from S&J Excavation and Concrete appeared before the Brownstown Town Council to request abatement on a new 3,840 square foot building to support the company's growth at the Brownstown Industrial Park, 950 Veteran Drive. The company currently employs 24 workers and anticipates hiring 3 new workers as a result of the expansion.



The JCIDC Board of Directors conducted its monthly meeting in April at the Seymour High School Ag Science Research Center and toured the facility following the business meeting. Brandon Harpe, superintendent of the Seymour School Corporation and member of the JCIDC board, along with Talmadge Reasoner, assistant superintendent, hosted the meeting and conducted the tour. In a related note, JCIDC also welcomed a new board member during 2nd quarter as Roger Wessel joined the board to represent Berkshire Hathaway real estate.

United Pipe & Steel Opening New Seymour Location

United Pipe & Steel, a leading distributor of pipe, will soon establish a new location at Seymour's East Side Industrial Park.

At the June 26th meeting of Seymour City Council, it was announced that United Pipe and Steel had purchased the 60,000 square foot "spec" building and will begin expansion to the facility. The company projects hiring 9 employees at the operation.

The company distributes domestic steel pipe, globally sourced steel pipe, copper tubing, plastic pipe, electrical conduit and related products to independent wholesale distributor customers within the plumbing and heating industry; pipe, valve and fittings (PVF); heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); waterworks; fire protection; pool supply; lumber yard; fence; steel service center and electrical supply markets. The company has 12 distribution centers across the U.S.

Bob Martinolli, vice president of operations, attended the Seymour Council meeting virtually, and along with Jim Plump of JCIDC announced the company planned to add over 30,000 square feet to the building in addition to constructing new offices at the facility located at 6520 North CR 1000 East. Council approved 10-year tax abatement in addition to approving transfer of the existing abatement from Old Towne Marketplace, which had purchased the building from local developer TDAK.

INDUSTRIES OPEN DOORS TO EDUCATORS FOR SUMMER TOURS



Seven industries and Schneck Medical Center opened their doors to 22 Jackson County educators in June giving them the opportunity to tour and engage in discussion with company personnel learning about what happens in these facilities, opportunities available, and the skill set requirements. From their experience, educators are asked to submit a one or two page report on how they plan to bring back what they learned to their classroom. "It was beyond comforting and reassuring to hear that employers place the same emphasis and importance on societal norms as schools do," said Brittany Neal, BCHS Algebra/Geometry teacher. "Not only are we trying to develop students that can focus and work efficiently, but we are shaping them to work safely and respectfully with their colleagues in the future!" In addition to Schneck Medical Center, participating companies were Valeo, Guardian Bikes, Pet Supplies Plus, Aisin USA, Wal Mart Distribution, Aisin Drivetrain, and Seymour Engine Plant.

Duke Energy Awards Marketing Funds to JCIDC

Duke Energy is awarding more than \$125,000 in grants to 26 local and regional economic development organizations to spur new jobs and investment in Indiana communities. Included in the awards were grants to both JCIDC and the South Central Indiana regional marketing group. The grants are through Duke Energy's Partnership Program, which funds marketing and strategic efforts to grow cities and towns.

"We believe that when our communities thrive, we thrive," said Erin Schneider, managing director of Midwest economic development for Duke Energy. "That's why we work hand in hand with local and regional economic development organizations to bring new jobs and capital investment to the communities we serve, and our Partnership Program is one example of that."

Both the South Central Indiana Economic Development group and JCIDC received \$5,000 grants, which will be used for various marketing efforts through the 2023 year.

Since the Partnership Program was established in 2017, Duke Energy has contributed more than \$700,000 in grant funding to organizations that are helping create vibrant economies in Indiana. Grant dollars are used to support marketing campaigns and promotional materials, website development and updates, conference and tradeshow registrations and continuing education. To qualify for program consideration, each applicant submitted a plan that would have a direct impact on their community's economic growth. These awards help local and regional economic development organizations fund marketing and strategic efforts in the communities they serve.



Seymour and South Central Indiana hosted a delegation from the United Kingdom on June 1st, including David Rutley, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and member of Parliament, 3rd from right, and the British Consul General to Chicago, Alan Gogbashian, far left. During their visit, the group toured the Seymour Engine Plant of Cummins and visited downtown Seymour. Pictured, from left, Gogbashian, Bruce Kettler, President and CEO of Agribusiness Council of Indiana, Seymour Mayor Matt Nicholson, Rutley, Jim Plump, executive director of JCIDC, and Kathy Ertel, executive director of Jennings County Economic Development and a member of South Central Indiana regional ED group.



Summer 2023



Elementary Camp



Middle School Camp



High School Camp

SUMMER KICKS OFF SUMMER ROBOTICS CAMPS

For the majority of students, school is out and summer vacation has begun. But for some students during the first two weeks of June, the classroom doors were open to robotics.

Shawn Mahoney spearheaded week long camps for 62 elementary, middle, and high school students in Seymour. This was the sixth year for this event and this summer focused on the upcoming VEX competition game challenge that will be in place for the 2023-24 school year. Amy Miller, team lead for the middle school and high school teams, assisted with the camps and has been heavily engaged in robotics and instrumental in seeing the energy and excitement continue for students wanting to continue the challenge into high school and careers beyond.

Looking ahead to the 2023-24 school year, Jackson County is projected to have 16 elementary and middle school programs along with 3 high school programs.

"JCIDC has been a leader and partner for Jackson County robotics," said Jackie Hill, JCIDC Workforce Partnership Director. "It has been rewarding to watch these students work as teams to program and operate their robots all the way to the competition level in navigating the VEX challenge for the year....can't wait to see what is in store for this upcoming year."

SEYMOUR OFFERS SUMMER CAREER CLASS

During the month of June, incoming freshmen at Seymour High School got an early start to high school by enrolling in a summer career class. Kelly Reasoner and Laura Handloser, class instructors, enlisted the assistance of the JCIDC Workforce Partnership to recruit individuals that were willing to share their expertise with the students from various career pathways.

"This class is beneficial to students because it provides an opportunity to explore various fields and industries and gain insight into what potential careers entail," said Mandy Rohdert, JCIDC Workforce Partnership Coordinator. "By introducing students to a range of options it can help pave the way for a successful and fulfilling career path."

Community partners shared their expertise with the students in areas of healthcare, finance, business, industry, as well as, hearing about necessary dos and don'ts as it pertains to interviewing, social media, and resume writing skills. Students heard from teachers with Owl Manufacturing, Construction Trades, the Maverick Challenge, and visited the Ag Science Research Center to hear about Ag and Welding programs and see the newly constructed state of the art greenhouse. A highlight of the class was touring two manufacturing facilities, Seymour Engine Plant and Guardian Bikes.

Capping off the four weeks were two panels: one panel consisted of small business owners in downtown Seymour talking about their journeys as entrepreneurs; the second panel consisted of former Seymour High School graduates who are working in Jackson County whether they entered the workforce immediately after high school graduation or came back following post secondary education. These young professionals shared their stories and more importantly, answered the question "Why live and work in Jackson County!"

This was Rohdert's first year assisting with this class, "Looking back, I think this class would have been helpful when I was choosing what to do after high school"

JOB FAIR AT CROSSROADS PARK

JCIDC will sponsor a job fair at Crossroads Park in Seymour on Thursday, July 13. Hours of the event will be 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Nine companies have committed with more scheduled to confirm.

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