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THYSSENKRUPP SELECTS SOUTHWEST ALABAMA

The news for south Alabama keeps getting better and better.

I am extremely pleased by ThyssenKrupp's decision to build its new state-of-the-art steel manufacturing and processing facility in southwest Alabama.

Once again, our region, and indeed the entire state, came together in an unprecedented way to put our best foot forward.

Over the past several months, we have come to know ThyssenKrupp, and we are obviously impressed with our newest corporate citizen. Clearly, they like what they see in Alabama as well.

This new plant is one of the largest private industrial development projects in the United States. Initially planned as a \$2.9 billion investment, ThyssenKrupp announced that instead it will be investing \$3.7 billion in this new facility.

No one deserves more credit for making this project a reality than Governor Bob Riley and Neal Wade in the Alabama Development Office.

Once again, they have spearheaded a superbly coordinated and executed effort with our entire congressional delegation, our state legislature, the Chamber of Commerce and the many business leaders they represent, and all of our local elected officials throughout southwest Alabama who have been so involved in this announcement.

Without a doubt, this decision recognizes the many good things we have right here in southwest Alabama. As we celebrate this new partnership between our state and ThyssenKrupp, we look forward to a brighter future for all of Alabama.



Mayor Sam Jones and I joined Governor Bob Riley and other local officials at a news conference in Mobile announcing ThyssenKrupp had chosen Alabama as the site for its new steel plant.

TRUE AMERICAN HERO

I had the honor of meeting a true American hero a few weeks ago. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Speed Sr. was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service and sacrifice in defense of our great country during World War II.

Sgt. Speed and the entire B-24 crew distinguished themselves by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial combat on July 15, 1944. The crew in the 779th Bomb Squadron, 464th Bomber Group, 15th Air Force took off from Pantanella, Italy, to take part in what was to become the heaviest day of bombing the oil refineries near Ploesti, Romania.



I joined Staff Sgt. Robert Speed Sr. of Mobile after he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The crew encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire - severely damaging the plane — and causing the loss of one engine. Sgt. Speed, a gunner on the B-24 Liberator, courageously manned his gun position and remained at his station throughout the remainder of the flight, which went deep into enemy territory. The mission was successful — the Uniera Sperantza oil refinery and enemy refining capacity were heavily damaged.

The day following this mission, the crew continued to demonstrate courage and devotion to duty when it took part in a raid on Weiner Neusdorf, Austria. During this mission, their plane was shot down, and one member was killed in action. The surviving crew members were captured and taken as prisoners of war and held for the remainder of the war.

Almost 63 years later, the nine surviving members of the crew were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. I was proud that these fine Americans finally received this long overdue tribute from a grateful nation for their selfless devotion to our country and the freedom we enjoy.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK MAY 20-26, 2007

Hurricanes pose their greatest threat in the southern region of Alabama, where residents are at most risk. It is very important that you and your family plan ahead and have a shelter and evacuation plan in place at all times.

Planning

A HURRICANE WATCH indicates when hurricane conditions are *possible* within a 36-hour period in the specified area.

A HURRICANE WARNING indicates when hurricane conditions are *expected* within 24 hours in the specified area.

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit:

Prescription medications and medical supplies;

Bedding and clothing, including sleeping bags and pillows;

Bottled water, battery-operated radio, extra batteries, first aid kit, flashlight
Car keys and maps; and

Documents, including driver's license, Social Security card, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, etc.

Personal Evacuation Plan:

Identify ahead of time where you could go if you are told to evacuate. Choose several places — a friend's home in another town, a motel, or a shelter (some shelters will now accept pets).

Keep the telephone numbers of these places handy as well as a road map of your locality.

Stay tuned to local radio or TV stations for evacuation instructions. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

When a Hurricane WATCH Is Issued:

Stay tuned to local radio or TV stations for current storm information.

Prepare to bring inside any lawn furniture, outdoor decorations, trash cans, hanging plants, and anything else that can be picked up by the wind.

Prepare to cover all windows of your home. If shutters have not been installed, use pre-cut plywood.

Fill your car's gas tank.

Recheck manufactured home tie-downs.

Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water, and medications.

When a Hurricane WARNING Is Issued:

Stay tuned to local radio or TV stations for evacuation instructions. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Complete preparation activities.

If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors, away from windows.

Be aware that the calm "eye" is deceptive; the storm is not over. The worst part of the storm will happen once the eye passes over and the winds blow from the opposite direction. Objects damaged by the first winds can be broken or destroyed by the second winds.

Be alert for tornadoes. Tornadoes can occur during a hurricane and after it passes over. Remain indoors, in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows.

Stay away from floodwaters. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car and climb to higher ground.

After a Hurricane:

Stay tuned to local radio or TV stations for updates and instructions.

If you evacuated, return home when local officials tell you it is safe to do so. Inspect your home for damage.

Use flashlights in the dark; do not use candles (gas leaks are often undetectable and can cause explosions).

AGRICULTURE INTERN SPENDS SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON

James Benjamin Berry of Daphne, who received a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Auburn University, spent the past four months working in my Washington, D.C. office as an agriculture intern. He was among the first group of students to participate in the Alabama Farmers Federation's Congressional Agricultural Internship Program.



Benjamin Berry of Daphne worked as an agriculture intern in my Washington, D.C. office this spring.

As a congressional intern, Benjamin attended agriculture committee hearings, prepared briefs, conducted research directly related to federal agriculture policy or rural development, and assisted constituents.

Benjamin joined my Washington staff at an important time. His studies at Auburn University, combined with his first-hand knowledge of Baldwin County agriculture - specifically the nursery industry - have enabled him to provide valuable insight as Congress prepares to address the 2007 Farm Bill.

This fall, Benjamin plans to participate in a master's program in Europe where he will study international horticulture. While at Auburn, he served as a Student Government Association senator for the College of Agriculture and was active in Hort Forum and the Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA).

From the mailbox...

Dear Congressman Jo Bonner,

Thank you very much for inquiring on my behalf and for getting the good news to me. I made an appointment to speak with an immigration officer at the Atlanta USCIS office, and it appears that I will be able to travel without having to worry about leaving and re-entering the U.S.

My sincere thanks go to Congressman Jo Bonner and to all the nice people in his Foley office who helped me out on this.

The toll - free USCIS phone number lists 1,001 choices on the automated menu. It took me hours to find the one (and only one) selection that would let me eventually talk to a live person. I got that connection with the help of four agents of the U.S. State Department where a real person still answers the phone.

This made me really appreciate the quick and efficient help I got from your office.

Thanks again,

A satisfied constituent in Elberta

