

BUSINESS DIGEST

AK Steel Holding adds to surcharge

WEST CHESTER - AK Steel Holding Corp., the third-largest U.S.-based producer of the metal, will add a record surcharge of \$905 a ton to electrical steel products shipped next month because of rising costs for raw materials.

The August surcharge is based on higher prices for energy and materials, including scrap metal, from June, the company said Thursday in a statement. The previous record surcharge was \$820 a ton for July.

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Delta ends deal with

ExpressJet Holdings

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines Inc., the third-largest U.S. carrier, is ending a regional flying agreement with ExpressJet Holdings Inc. as major airlines trim their domestic operations.

ExpressJet operates 23 regional jets for Delta, primarily out of Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, Delta said Thursday. The companies said they mutually agreed to end the arrangement, effective

Sept. 1.

ExpressJet becomes the third contract carrier Delta plans to end service with, and the only one to do so by mutual agreement. U.S. airlines are collectively cutting 20,000 jobs and parking 430 planes

to shrink operations after jet-fuel prices doubled in the past year.

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Program will train

pre-teen girls in trades

The YWCA of Greater Cincinnati and Cincinnati chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction have teamed to launch Rosie's Girls, a summer program for pre-teen girls to get training in skilled trades.

The program is for girls ages 11 to 13 entering sixth through eighth grade and designed to build self-esteem, physical confidence and leadership skills through learning and applying basic skills in carpentry and other technical trades. Rosie's Girls, a national program, gets its name from Rosie the Riveter, who symbolized the emerging strength and power of women who went to work in the defense plants while men were fighting World War II.

The camp for 25 pre-teen girls will be from July 14 through Aug. 1 at Woodward Career Technical High School in Bond Hill. For details, call Eileen Hopkins at 513-361-2147.

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