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First Bank Ribbon Cutting



The Park Hills-Leadington Chamber of Commerce joins First Bank for a ribbon cutting at their new location, 1000 E. Main Street in Park Hills. Holding the scissors is Donna Hoehn, Park Hills Branch Manager.

Team finishes top in national competition

ST. LOUIS — Ensuring the safety of its employees is of critical importance for The Doe Run Company. By actively training and testing the skills of its mine rescue teams, the company is raising the standard for employee protection while keeping the competition level high of mine rescue events. After returning with three trophies from the Mine Safety and Health Administration's National Mine Rescue Contest held in Reno, Nev., Doe Run's teams solidified their standing as some of the most talented mine rescuers in the country. The teams also set a Doe Run milestone for earning the most top honors in a national mine rescue contest.

The Doe Run's two troops, the Maroon Team and the Gray Team, joined the ranks of 21 others from 11 states to vie for national mine rescue titles. In the Multi-Gas Instrument Benchman Contest, Gray Team member Ken Wood captured third in the nation, while Gray Team member Gary Moore Jr. captured fourth in the BQ-4 Benchman contest. Both contests assess critical skills used in underground mine rescue, competitors are judged on how quickly and accurately they identify and repair defects in emergency equipment, such as breathing devices and gas monitors. Meanwhile, Maroon Team members Jerry Laramore, Dale Copeland and Shawn Pratt defeated other teams from across the country to secure a sixth-place finish in the first-aid contest, which evaluates the level of first-response treatment.

"We take every opportunity we can to participate in these competitions, since they give our mine rescue experts a chance to apply their knowledge and gain valuable experience from other best-in-class professionals," said Dennis Murphy, safety and environmental manager at Doe Run's Southeast Missouri Mining and Milling Division. "A position on the team is highly regarded and taken very seriously at Doe Run. It's a complex job that requires know-how, extreme commitment, dedication and camaraderie. When all of the state teams come together to share their stories and reflect on their roles, it's one of the most powerful moments of the year."

Staying at the top of their game requires training, and Doe Run's teams dedicate more than 60 hours per month, outside of regular work schedules, to prepare for competition season. Team captains Wayne Martin (Gray) and Steve Setzer (Maroon) lead the training sessions, and also assign team members to their competition posts.

Although each team has the opportunity to compete in four events, including a written examination, individual team members may only compete in a single event at the national contest. Both of Doe Run's teams compete in several mine rescue contests throughout the year and have secured multiple honors, including the Gray Team's first place Gas Benchman finish and third place BQ-4 Benchman finish in the Southern Regional Mine Rescue Contest held in New Iberia, La. Doe Run's Maroon Team also competed in and won the Southwest Wyoming Mutual Aid Mine Rescue Contest in Rock Springs, Wyo.

"Mine rescue teams are the backbone of emergency response in the mining industry," said Richard E. Stiskler, acting assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health, U.S. Department of Labor. "This contest is not just about winning, it's about being prepared for a mine disaster and saving lives in the process. These professionals, who spend countless hours training and preparing for a mine emergency, deserve our utmost respect and gratitude."

The Doe Run Company's success in mine rescue contests correlates to its overall safety record. Doe Run has earned MSHA's prestigious Sentinel of Safety Award a total of 23 times.

Funeral home donates to operation homefront

Saber Management, LLC, St. Francois Memorial Park and Funeral Home and Operation Homefront, Kentucky Tennessee announces a charitable partnership to benefit military families in Kentucky. Saber Management, LLC, St. Francois Memorial Park and Funeral Home, will make a memorial donation to Operation Homefront for every qualified veteran served by a Saber location.

Saber Management presented to find a way to honor these men and women for their sacrifices and for serving our country. Operation Homefront is one of the largest, national nonprofit organizations dedicated to assisting families of deployed service members and wounded warriors. This partnership will allow Operation Homefront to meet the critical needs of military families, said Megan George, President of the Kentucky Tennessee Chapter. "Saber Management's support will literally allow us to keep the lights on and food on the table for our families in need."

Farm Service Agency announces CRP permitted use for livestock feed needs

FARMINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer announced that USDA has authorized certain acreage enrolled under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to be available for haying and grazing. CRP participants can request to use CRP acreage for critical feed use beginning June 2.

CRP participants can use their own acreage for haying or grazing or lease the privilege to other producers, says Gary Clev, executive director for St. Francois Iron County Farm Service Agency (FSA). "Participants who choose this option will be required to pay \$75 administrative fee per contract and will not be assessed a payment reduction from their annual rental payments." Clev said eligible land may not be hayed or grazed until after the private haying season, which for Missouri is May 1 through July 15. In addition, all hay and livestock must be removed from the CRP acreage by Nov. 15, 2008. Only certain CRP practices are eligible for this release. For more information on CRP haying and grazing eligibility and program provisions, call the St. Francois Iron County FSA at 272-296-8488 or visit online at www.fsa.usda.gov

Two local stations receive awards

Farmington - MKS Broadcasting is proud to announce that KFMQ Radio and 810.3 received two first place awards at the recent Missouri Broadcasters Awards Banquet in Kansas City. KFMQ Radio, for the second time in four years, received an award in the Best Play by Play Category. Sports Director Greg Alan was at the mic for the Farmington Desoto Boys Basketball game earlier this year. Farmington was that game on a three-point basket at this year's banquet.

Two are named top sales advisors

The Bonne Terre company Ila sophia recently announced top honors for its Excellent Beginning Program achievers for their outstanding sales accomplishments and professionalism. Having just joined the fashion jewelry business, the following local advisors have earned this prestigious accomplishment in their first 15 weeks by attaining certain sales levels and by sharing Ila sophia with other new advisors. Darlene Kevanough of Bonne Terre and Debra McBride of Farmington have achieved this honor. According to Bonni Davis, vice president of Ila sophia, "This immediate success is a result of their hard work and dedication. Ila sophia is fortunate to have them as part of our team and we look forward to celebrating their future success."

The public is invited to an Open House To honor Ron Brieser, Daily Journal Press Manager, on his retirement.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug 28 At the Farmington Press, 218 N. Washington, Farmington, MO

Light refreshments will be served

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