

Business news

Caterpillar University is AU topic

Chris Arvin, dean of leadership and business for Caterpillar University and Talent Development, will detail company training and development programs at Aurora University from 8 to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

Arvin will discuss world-class leadership programs at Caterpillar at the AU Human Resources Institute in Perry Theatre in the Aurora Foundation Center for Community Enrichment at 1305 Kenilworth Place in Aurora.

The program is free to the public. Networking and refreshments are at 7:30 a.m.

Arvin has worked 17 years with Caterpillar primarily in the financial arena. In 2001, he accepted the challenge to establish a common, global leadership framework, which would be used to develop Caterpillar's leaders of the future.

Since 2001, Arvin and his team continue to deploy the leadership framework to Caterpillar's 10,000 leaders via the Making Great Leaders program. He said the program has had a tremendous impact in strengthening the leadership of Caterpillar.

Arvin's team has pioneered new leadership development programs targeted at future executives, managers and new supervisors. Team members have also deployed other innovative programs, which capitalize on the concept of "leaders as teachers." In one program, Leaders Building Leaders, officers of Caterpillar teach concepts of leadership live via Caterpillar's Business TV.

Due in part to such programs and other initiatives, Caterpillar was named by Hewitt Associates as one of the 2007 Top 20 companies in North America for leadership. Caterpillar University has also been recognized by ASTD as one of the top corporate universities.

Allied First Bank plans seminar on foreclosure

On Oct. 30 from 6 to 8 p.m., Allied First Bank will present a foreclosure avoidance seminar.

It is designed to help homeowners by providing professional knowledge and specific education along with individual solutions and counseling for situations where homeowners are in doubt about what to do in these precarious times. The presentation will take place in the community room located near the rear of the building.

The speakers will include an attorney, mortgage banker and Realtor to answer questions and provide one on one consultation in a private setting.

Allied First Bank is located at 3201 Orchard Road, Oswego. For more information, call 630-554-8899, ext. 6312.

Salon Two Nine raises funds in Ron Santo Walk

The Salon Two Nine staff, spouses and clients collected over \$2,700 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation by participating in JDRF's 30th Annual Ron Santo Walk to Cure Diabetes.

The walk took place on Oct. 5.

Like Santo, former Chicago Cubs baseball star and long-time Cubs broadcaster, salon owner Katie Rosenwinkel, has Type 1, or juvenile, diabetes. Individuals with Type 1 diabetes cannot produce insulin, which is used by the body to turn glucose in the blood into energy. Without insulin, glucose causes high blood sugar, or hyperglycemia, which can create additional health problems.