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VARES CLEANING ACTION "I LOVE VARES"

More than 50 volunteers, including employees of the Eastern Mining company, took part in the "I love Vares" clean-up operation on Saturday, April 10, organized at four locations throughout the municipality. The organizers of the event were the Scout Association "Zvijezda" Vares, World Vision, and Eastern Mining, who also financially supported this activity. The aim of this event was not only to clean the city but also to develop an awareness of the importance of preserving the environment and how to contribute to this preservation and therefore creating a better quality of life.

Aida Ahmedovic, coordinator for social management in Eastern Mining, points out that:

"This is not just a clean-up activity, but a way to raise citizens' awareness of environmental protection. Not only the citizens of Vares took part in this action, but they also came from other cities such as Sarajevo, Zenica, Kakanj, Breza."

By supporting this activity, which is the first in a series, Eastern Mining has shown the status of a socially responsible company, which in addition to caring for its employees and the local community, pays special attention to one of the key values - environmental protection.

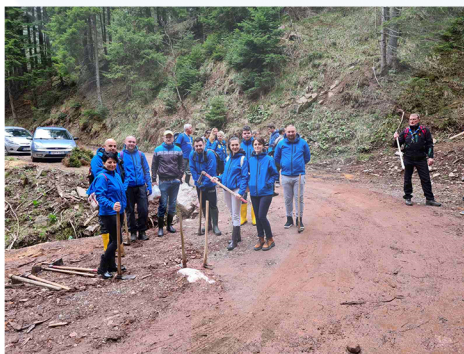


"One of the key values of our company is caring for the environment and its improvement, so we are happy to participate in such activity" commented Vildana Mahmutovic, Environmental and Social Management Manager.



AFFORESTATION

Everyone contributes to the preservation of the environment. Eastern Mining is happy to be involved in the activities that contribute to improving the quality of the environment in the local community.



Afforestation on Monday, May 3, was organized by the Association of Scout Detachments "Zvijezda" Vares in cooperation with JP Forest company Ze-do canton d.o.o. Zavidovići - PJ Vares.

3,000 seedlings were planted, in an extremely well organised event, which we leave as a gift to future generations.



CLEANING ACTION ON PONIKVA

As part of our values, we at Eastern Mining like to contribute to the environment in which we work and operate in preserving and raising awareness of the importance of environmental protection. Eastern Mining employees joined the latest action organized on Saturday, May 8, by the Association of Scout Detachments "Zvijezda" Vares.



A well-coordinated team, full of energy with smiles on their faces, successfully cleaned the picnic area in Ponikva, which is one of the favourite picnic areas in this area. We are very proud of all successfully implemented activities we have taken part in so far. We look forward to all future activity to improve and protect the environment.

Our message to all the community - let's not throw garbage, let's plant flowers!

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NEWSLETTER

INTERVIEW WITH ROZALIJA MUTIC

Cultural heritage, tradition, and its preservation represent wealth and luxury and give importance to a country and its people. Culture and tradition have been built and developed over the centuries with the arrival of different people to this area. Tradition is an important part of the past that we still carry today, and it testifies to who we are and where we came from. Today we live in a dynamic society that brings with it everyday changes and we can conclude that certain traditional values are being neglected, losing their significance and authenticity. There is an increasing need to preserve the tradition and culture of the past as it slowly disappears and disappears.



With the desire to get to know the culture and tradition of this area better, we visited the village of Pogar. There we were greeted by Rozalija Mutic – the guardian of tradition, culture, handicrafts, and everything that was once made by hardworking housewives of this area. From an early age, Rozalija has been involved in handicrafts – she has completed a course in sewing and tailoring, she is engaged in making handicrafts, crocheting, embroidery, knitting. One word, what can be done with hands, this hard-working woman does.

She was born, raised, and has spent her entire life in Pogari, dedicatedly working on her ethnic room for more than a decade. Entering Rozalija's ethnic room, you step into the world of antiquities, traditions, and memories from the past and you can forget the present for a moment. She has a love for handicrafts and antiques since childhood, when as a girl, she observed her grandmothers and mother, in whom she found role models. A lot of effort, love, energy, and will is woven into the furnishing of this ethnic room. Carefully chosen folk costumes, decorative items, and dishes from ancient times leave you speechless and in all this Rozalija's love of antiques is felt. It was her wish to leave you speechless by entering a

small museum, this has come true. This is our first visit to her room, and we will be very happy to come back again to feel the spirit of antiquities and remember how our ancestors once lived.



We talked with Rozalija Mutic, about tradition and its preservation:

I would like to thank you for your time and for talking to us as a part of our „Living history project“. Firstly, can you tell us something about yourself?

My name is Rozalija Mutic and I am 67 years old. I was born in Pogar and have lived here my whole life. I completed a sewing and tailoring course and now also have additional handicraft skills such as crocheting, embroidery, knitting, and weaving. Anything that can be done with my hands, I do.

How long have you been doing handicrafts? Who did you learn from?

It is all part of our tradition, this was done by our grandmothers, mothers, so as a child I loved handicrafts, but I am mainly self-taught. As I spend a lot of time sewing, after the war, I came up with the idea of creating an ethnic room. I found peace and comfort working on this project.

Where did you get the idea to create an ethnic room? How long have you been working on it?

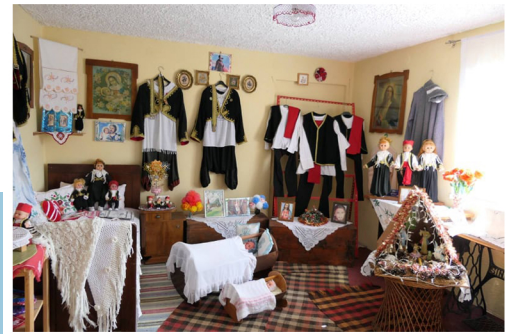
I was a member of the Pogar Women's Forum where we had an ethnic room in the House of Culture. However, 10 years ago I left the Forum and started working on my ethnic room.

Where do you find inspiration for your work? What inspires you the most?

I find inspiration in everything I see. I recently started making flowers out of paper and plastic bags. My inspiration is all around me.

Do you sell your works?

I do not sell anything from this room, but I make new things if I do get a customer request.



Are you familiar with the Mining Project at the Veovaca and Rupice sites?

Yes, I regularly follow and read news about the Project.

In your opinion, what impact will the Project have on the life of this area?

I sincerely hope for a better life. Based on everything I have seen and read I think it will be a lot better than it is now.

What do you think will make the most progress when the mine opens?

I sincerely hope that the young people of this municipality will stop leaving the region and that this project will offer them jobs and a better life with the opening of the mine.

Do you think that Vareš will experience its resurgence?

I am looking forward to it and I would love it to happen.

Do you have a message about preserving the tradition for the end?

Tradition is of great importance to me, but I do not think it is preserved to a great extent. I would like to tell young people to start taking an interest in the tradition of their people, to learn how to make handicrafts and keep them from disappearing.



AN INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL CRAFTSMAN MR. DRAŽEN JOZELJIĆ

As part of our living history project, Mr Dražen Jozeljić talks to us about his craft.

For a start, tell us something about yourself?

My name is Dražen Jozeljić, I was born in 1983 in Očevija where I still live today.

How long have you been in this business?

I have been in this business since I finished school, for 18 years.

How would you describe this craft?

Ironwork is not easy, but when you love what you do, and develop a passion for the job, it is easy to get used to it, and then the job is a pleasure.

Since when has this forge existed?

We are not entirely sure of the exact date this Maidan was founded but according to some local data, it is approximately 600 or 700 years old.



How many generations before you practiced this craft?

Also, unknown data because there have been numerous generations since then. The craft has been passed down from one generation to another. I know that all my ancestors worked in this field, it is hard to imagine how many generations that is.

Can you make a comparison of how it was before and how it is now in terms of your job?

Today, there are tools that make life easier and some machines that have taken over certain jobs, but we still working according to the old system with the help of water and fire. In the past, there was no electricity, so a water hammer was designed, and only later was an electric hammer inserted, but water is the main thing, it does everything.

How important is it for the community for your craft to survive?

Looking at the overall situation, it seems that the state is not interested in this craft surviving, but it would be a great pity for it to disappear. I would not like that, but since there are only three forges in operation now, there is a good chance that they may not survive. And it should be preserved and nurtured because this is our tradition.

Will the forge survive after you at all? Do you have someone to succeed you?

Currently, there is no one to succeed me, but I do hope it survives.

Where do most customers come from? What is most interesting for them to buy?

In my opinion, there isn't anywhere that one of our products has not gone. Lately, Peka-bake, a bell-shaped ceramic or iron dish for baking on an open hearth is our most popular item. In addition, we sell souvenirs, tools and utensils.

Are you familiar with the mining project in Rupice and Veovča?

I am familiar with most of it. I can say that many local people are in favour of the project and that they are very happy with the work you are doing.

In your opinion, will the opening of the mine have any impact on your business?

It remains to be seen, but I think it could have an impact, in event that you need tools, we can certainly make for you.

How do you see the future and life after the mine opens?

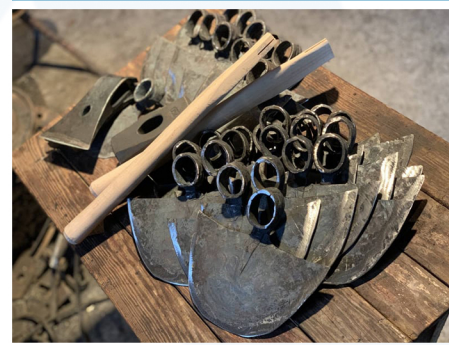
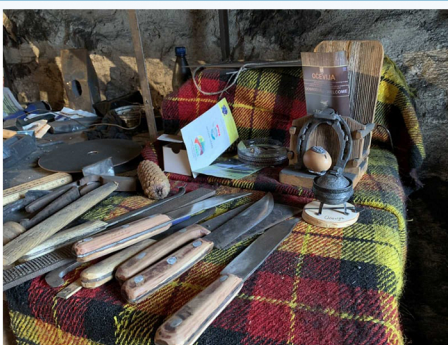
I sincerely hope that life in the municipality of Vares will be better, that progress will be made, and that the employment of all those who really need jobs will start.

Do you think that Vares will experience its resurgence in the future?

I would like to see Vares flourish and become the town that it once was. I think you will succeed in that.

Do you have a message for the end of our conversation?

I would tell all the people of Vares not to leave, to stay in our city because better times and opportunities will surely come.





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THE NEW EDUCATIONAL DIRECTION IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL NORDBAT 2 VARES – A MINER IN UNDERGROUND EXPLOITATION

The initiative for the establishment of a new direction – a miner in underground exploitation in MSS "Nordbat-2" in Vares, was submitted by the company Eastern Mining, and together with the management of MSS "Nordbat-2" in Vares, we undertook all activities necessary for its realization.

After the legal requirements were met, the decision of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports number: 10-34-20064-03 / 20 from 19 February 2021. was adopted, which adopts the proposed revised curriculum for the new professional direction "Miner of underground exploitation" for 3 (three) years, in MSS "Nordbat-2" in Vares.

By introducing a new direction – a miner in underground exploitation, the company gives young people the opportunity to stay and get an education in Vares, and to support them in building their future and prosperity in this city.



Eastern Mining as a socially responsible company whose primary goal is to invest in humanity in support of all students who want to attend this direction, offers the following opportunities:

- scholarship for the 10 best-ranked students, following the criteria of the Laws on Education (GPA, special orders, etc.) in the amount of 100.00 KM (one hundred convertible marks) for 10 (ten) months.
- possibility of paid internship lasting 12 (twelve) months in the company Eastern Mining.
- Scholarship for the Faculty of Related Sciences in the field of employer work, for the selected intern, who shows the best results during his / her professional education and internship at Eastern Mining.

It is important to emphasize that the company operates by recognized world standards in mining. In this way, we want to encourage young people to train and work in modern mining. Our future investments do not only mean investments in the development of the mining sector and mechanization, but it also means investing in humanity as a priority.

What lies ahead in the coming period is the promotion of this direction both in Vares and in neighbouring municipalities. Our goal is to present the new direction to parents and students in the best possible way, both in the media and through other activities.

You are also welcome to our Information Centre in Vares, our doors are open every working day from 08:00 to 16:30 for all additional questions and information that interest you regarding the new direction.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING A PART OF THIS HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN VARES!



RUDAR U PODZEMNOJ EKSPLOATACIJI

Novo stručno zanimanje u školskoj 2021/2022.

Rudarenje nije posao 19. ili 20. vijeka, već 21-og, 22-og...

Ovaj projekat je podržan od Vlade Tajvana i Evropske banke za obnovu i razvoj,
a realizovan od strane Centra za razvoj djece i mladih.

