

ON THE MOVE

Construction

Safezone LLC, a local firm specializing in the manufacturing and installation of hurricane protection systems, impact glass and metal fixtures, has named **Bill Bibo** senior project manager for the firm's new contract glazing division. Bibo has more than 20 years' experience in the field of architectural glass and contract glazing, the finishing process that provides glass with its protective properties, improves thermal performance and applies fire protective or fire resistive components. With Bibo's appointment, Safezone has introduced a new line of commercial grade fenestration products and glass for new construction and retrofit. New products have been selected based on their energy-saving and environmentally protective features.



Katherine Wilson has joined **Westcoast Structural** as an administrative assistant. Wilson's responsibilities will include accounting, payroll, customer service, ordering project supplies and telephone reception.

Wilson holds a degree in business administration from Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach. Formed in 1998, Fort Myers-based Westcoast Structural Concrete Masonry is a concrete and masonry subcontractor, specializing in commercial construction. The company, which has 80 employees, offers several methods of concrete and masonry construction including concrete block and tilt wall.

Banking

Miller Couse, Chairman and CEO of **First Bank** in Clewiston, announced the appointment of **Carey Soud** to President. Couse also said that he was not retiring but would be busier than ever as he assumes responsibility of Chairman for the Florida Bankers Association and will continue as Chairman and CEO of First Bank. Soud joined First Bank in August 2004 as a commercial lender after working for many years in the citrus industry of Southwest Florida. A graduate of Liberty University, he received his MBA from University of South Florida and is a CPA. Carey and his wife, Julie live in LaBelle and have three children, Matt, Kristin and Jason. The family attends Riverside Church in Fort Myers.

First Bank also announced that **Dennisse Ojeda** has been named assistant branch manager of its Fort Myers office. Ojeda will manage the in-branch operational activities of this office. She has over 10 years of banking

experience, primarily in deposit operations and investment services. Most recently, she was employed by SunTrust as a financial and investment services representative.

Insurance

Gulfshore Insurance Inc. announced that **Diane Sweeney** has been awarded the Associate in Insurance Services designation and diploma by the Insurance Institute of America. A Personal Lines Account Manager, Sweeney has been with Gulfshore Insurance for two years. Earning the AIS designation requires completion of the Delivering Insurance Services course and national examination, which covers continuous improvement principles, process management, organizational structures, and tools to measure progress. To earn the AIS designation, a student must also be the holder of an Institute designation such as ARM, AIC, or AAL.

Education

Hodges University announced several new appointments in their School of Allied Health. **Dr. Valerie Weiss** has assumed the role of Program Chair for the Health Studies program, and **Dr. Anna Marie Avola** has been appointed the Program Chair for the Medical Assisting program. Also, the University welcomed **Dr. Danielle Webster** to the full time faculty in the Health Studies program. All appointments and changes are effective immediately.

Engineering

David Plummer & Associates announced that **Mr. Vijay Kornala, P.E.**, has received his certification as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer. Earning a certification as a PTOE demonstrates Kornala's ability to excel in traffic operations, including traffic operations analyses, operational effects of geometric design, traffic safety, traffic control devices, and traffic engineering studies. Kornala is a Transportation Engineer in David Plummer & Associates' Fort Myers office. He is a registered Professional Engineer, with a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering.



Johnson

EnSite, formerly DBS Consulting, has hired **Shellie Johnson, AICP**, as planning manager. In her new role, Johnson will assist both public and private developers with implementing growth management plans and obtaining development entitlements for privately owned property. Johnson has more than 13 years experience in land planning.

Her background includes directing planning efforts ranging from due diligence and project plan review, to adoption and implementation of regulation and policy.

EnSite, formerly DBS Consulting, Inc., was established in July 2005. From conceptual planning to construction, the company provides an array of services including land planning, site design, civil engineering and landscape design services for commercial, institutional and residential projects throughout Southwest Florida.

Scouting

Newly elected members were installed and current members of the **Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.** were rededicated at its annual meeting held April 19 in Sarasota at the Gulfcoast Event and Conference Center on the Searcy S. Koen Regional Girl Scout Campus of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. Officers

of the Board of Directors currently serving a two-year term ending April 2009: **Linda Getzen**, President, Sarasota; **Susan Atherton**, First Vice President, Longboat Key (Manatee Co.); **Ann Carrasquillo**, Second Vice President, North Fort Myers; **Nancy Gorski**, Treasurer, Sarasota; and **Beverly Duff**, Secretary, Fort Myers. **Sandi Stewart** of Sarasota, CEO of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc., serves as a member-without-vote on the Board of Directors. Members-at-Large of the Board of Directors are involved with committees and task groups and play a major role in research and planning for Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc. Newly elected members-at-large serving a two-year term ending April 2010: **Renee Armstrong**, Cape Coral; **Bonny Eads Dery**, Naples; **Beth Dilley**, Sarasota; **Mary Disher**, Port Charlotte; **Cecelia Hill**, Punta Gorda; **Frances Robine**, Cape Coral; **Edwina Sanders**, Fort Myers; **Patrice Weston**, Port Charlotte; **Vicki Wilkes**, Port Charlotte. ■



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

AdSource wins Small Business of the Year Award

AdSource, a full service multi-media advertising agency, has been named Bonita Springs Small Business of the Year by the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Darren Robertshaw, chairman of the chamber's board of directors said AdSource won the award based on its customer relations and community service. The chamber received 13 applications. The applications were sent to a panel of judges outside of Southwest Florida.

This was the first time the company had applied for the award.

"I'm humbled and honored," said Mary Shallies, President of AdSource. "Being in business in Bonita Springs, Florida is a wonderful thing. It was our fourth-year at this location and I felt the business was well tuned. It was the right time to apply."

Priority wins public relations awards

Fort Myers-based marketing, advertising and public relations firm Priority Marketing won three awards from the Florida Public Relations Association at the 2008 Image Awards.

Priority Marketing won an Award of Distinction in the Printed Tools of Public Relations category, for its creation of the iRox Name and Logo Development for the Florida Department of Transportation. The firm also received an Image Award and Judges Award in the Public Relations Programs category for the 2008 Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Event Publicity Program. The Image Award is presented to the top-scoring entry in each category, while the Judge's Award recognized an outstanding entry that achieves maximum results for a minimum amount of money.

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