

Katrina Recovery Job Connection**Scholarship in Honor of a Local Hero**

The U.S. Department of Labor has created the **Katrina Recovery Job Connection** dedicated to connecting workers who have lost their jobs due to Katrina's devastation with employers who want to hire them. The web site will assist: (a) individuals seeking new, full-time employment in either their home state or a new state; (b) individuals who wish to assist in the clean-up and rebuilding efforts through temporary employment; and (c) employers who want to list jobs supporting hurricane recovery efforts or want to hire workers impacted by the hurricane. The Katrina Recovery Job Connection is located at <http://www.jobsearch.org/katrinajobs> or through America's Job Bank at <http://www.ajb.org>.

C & A Floorcovering

Several employees of the Dalton Career Center recently toured **C & A Floorcoverings'** Dalton plant in an attempt to learn more about the company, its manufacturing process, and employment opportunities. The information will be used to better serve C & A's employment needs. Those who attended the tour came away impressed with the company's employment policies, manufacturing facilities, and reclamation and recycling program.

C & A manufactures high-performance modular tile and six-foot structured back carpeting for the



Mac Bridger, Roger Skelton, & Hank Millsap

returned to the company is recycled in its entirety and none goes to a landfill, is incinerated, or disposed of in any other way. C & A's patented process recycles any post-consumer vinyl-backed carpet into 100% recycled content secondary backing. For more information about C & A Floorcovering, visit their web site at <http://www.tandus.com>.



The **North Georgia Employer Committee** has pledged to donate \$1,000.00 this year to the **Noah Harris Foundation**. The Foundation was established in honor of Lt. Noah Harris who was killed in Iraq in June of this year. Lt. Harris joined the Army after September 11, 2001. He told his father that people "must serve some higher purpose than yourself in life." Harris, from Ellijay, was a high school state champion wrestler and football team captain and a University of Georgia Cheerleader. He greatly enjoyed giving Beanie Babies and soccer balls to Iraqi children.



Lt. Noah Harris

For more information about the Noah Harris Foundation, contact Lisa Adkisson or Candy Day at the Blue Ridge Career Center, 706.632.2033.

Incumbent Worker Grant

The Northwest Georgia Workforce Investment Board (WIB) was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant by the Georgia Department of Labor (GDL) for a pilot **Incumbent Worker training program**. The funds will be used to train approximately 120 healthcare workers, selected by their employers, in a Supervisor-Management Development certificate program. Coosa Valley Technical College developed the curriculum which can be utilized by all technical colleges in the state if they so desire.

The first class for healthcare workers will be conducted by **Coosa Valley Technical College**. For more information about the project, you may contact Gwen Dellinger, Workforce Development Director, Coosa Valley RDC 706.295.6485 or 800.332.1965 or Karen Howell, Workforce Development Coordinator, 706.277.7466.

Smokefree Air Act of 2005

Visit the **Georgia Employer Committee** web site at www.ga-ec.com for links to free posters for the Act as well as inexpensive 6 in 1 posters for federally mandated posters.

Save a Tree Project



Are you concerned about the environment? Do you want to save a tree? If so, you can receive the **Business Informer by email** in Adobe pdf format. (Adobe provides a free reader which can be downloaded from their web site at <http://www.adobe.com>.)

To subscribe to the electronic Informer, please e-mail Karen Howell at Vandy88@aol.com, telephone or fax 706.277.7466, or write to her at Coosa Valley RDC, PO Box 1793, Rome, GA 30162-1793. You may also register on our web site, www.careerdepot.org. The seedlings will thank you.

Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.
John Muir

Business Resource Mapping

The Northwest Georgia Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has contracted with **Wynn Montgomery**, WynnMill Solutions, LLC, Atlanta, to facilitate a series of Business Services Resource Mapping Sessions in five areas in Northwest Georgia. Sessions were held in Dalton and Blue Ridge in August; and sessions will be held the last week of September in Cartersville, Rome, and Waco.

Montgomery will analyze the results of the meetings and produce a report that notes any gaps or deficiencies in business services in the Northwest Georgia fifteen-county region. The results will be made available to the Northwest Georgia Workforce System to improve and increase Businesses Services throughout Northwest Georgia.

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Tax Incentives for Business: There are three tax incentives available to help employers offset the cost of accommodations for employees with disabilities to make places of business accessible. Information is available at www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/ek97/tax.htm.

Spanish-Language Compliance Assistance Resources: The on-line resources are designed to help Hispanic business people understand and comply with federal employment laws and regulation. The materials are available at www.dol.gov/compliance/news/spanish.htm.

Military Spouse Career Center: The web site is designed to connect military spouses with education options, scholarships, training programs, career planning tips, and employment opportunities. Go to www.military.com/spouse to visit the web site.

Certified Bookkeeper: The American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers have established a national standard for the nation's bookkeepers. For more information, visit www.aipb.org.

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