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People in business

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Kimberly Martel is the newest sales associate at ERA Stirling Properties' Greater Lafayette Office.



Martel

Martel recently received her real estate license and is a member of the National Association of Realtors and the Realtor Association of Acadiana. She is a graduate of UL.

As part of the ERA team, Martel will offer home buyers and sellers a wide variety of products and services.

Tim Gossen has joined Acadiana Metro Realty as a sales associate.



Gossen

Gossen has been licensed as a real estate salesperson since 1977. In 2000, he received his broker's license. He is experienced in commercial and residential real estate, as well as investments, land and new construction.

He is a member of the Realtors Association of Acadiana, Louisiana Realtors Association and the National Association of Realtors.

Kristin LaFleur

has joined MidSouth Bank's Thibodaux location as retail store manager. In this role, she will oversee the day-to-day operations of the branch and develop new business throughout the Lafourche Parish market.



LaFleur

LaFleur is a native of Schreiver and has a decade of retail management experience. She previously was a store manager for American Eagle Outfitters for six years and worked as a purchasing agent for a local procurement firm.

John "JayCee" Falcon, afternoon host on 99.9 KTDY, received the 2009 National Volunteer Excellence Award from

the American Lung Association.

This award is given to an individual who has made a significant contribution to preventing and controlling lung disease. Falcon was selected for his fundraising efforts for the annual Jeep Jaunt.

Falcon received the award during ceremonies in San Diego, Calif.



Falcon

Dr. David Benson, a board-certified urologist, has joined Dauterive Hospital with a practice on the campus of the hospital in New Iberia.



Benson

A native of Shreveport, Benson graduated from LSU in 1978 and LSU's medical school in New Orleans in 1982. He completed his residency in urology at the Medical College of Georgia in 1987. He has spent the past 22 years in Louisville, Ky, developing a urology practice.

Benson specializes in cryosurgery to treat prostate cancer and the use of Interstim to treat other urinary problems. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the American Urologic Association, American Association of Clinical Urologists, American Brachytherapy Society and the American Thermotherapy Society.

He and his wife Julie have three children, Cooper, Martin and Harris.

Mario Garner has been named chief operating officer for The Regional Medical Center of Acadiana.



Garner

Since 2005, Garner has been the associate administrator for West Houston Medical Center. During his tenure, he help grow its Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Services and Outpatient Wound Healing Center

while also advancing recognition of employee diversity and improving patient satisfaction.

Prior to his work in Houston, Garner was the chief executive officer's administrative intern at the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans. He began his career at HCA-Tulane University Hospital in New Orleans as an administrative resident in 2002.

A native of Lake Charles, Garner earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology from LSU in May 2002 and a master's degree in health care administration in May 2004 from Tulane University. In May 2010, he is scheduled to receive a doctor of education in organizational leadership and higher education administration from the University of Houston.

Chef Joe Lewis has joined Crawfish Town USA in Henderson. He will work with Chefs Colt Patin and Angie Hebert.



Lewis

A native of Lafayette, Lewis has been a chef for 20 years, including stints at Le Triomphe, Oakbourne, City Club and Blue Dog Cafe. Over the past nine years, he has won 10 gold medals, two bronze medals and two People's Choice awards from the Acadiana chapter of the American Culinary Federation. The team he coached this year at the competition won both silver and gold medals.

In addition, the Shreveport chapter recognized Lewis with two third place Best of Show medals in 2007 and two gold medals in 2009.

Lewis will focus on expanding the restaurant's catering business.

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