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Company News

• Acadian Ambulance Service has entered the Dallas and Houston markets with its acquisition of NorthStar EMS. The expansion will add 150 full-time employees, 30 ambulances and 10 wheelchair vans to Acadian's Texas operations. Porter Taylor, who most recently served as Baton Rouge operations manager, will serve as vice president of operations for the Dallas area.

• Chris and J'an Lemoine have purchased the Fresh Healthy Vending franchise in the Baton Rouge market. Fresh Health Vending machines are stocked with such items as soy milk, yogurt, fresh fruits and vegetables.

• MESH Design has released an iPad application for Lee Michaels Fine Jewelers. The app, for use primarily by the jeweler's sales team during bridal consultations, walks customers through the five Cs in properly selecting the best diamonds: color, cut, clarity, carat and confidence.

North Oaks Orthopedic Clinic has changed its name to the North Oaks Orthopaedic Specialty Center, relocated from Ponchatoula to 530 W. Pine St. in Hammond and changed its phone number to (985) 230-2663. Drs. Bryan Dudoussat, Gregory Kinsett, Brian Ladner and Judson Penton specialized in different fields, from traumatology and sports medicine to upper extremity care for the hands, wrists, elbows and shoulders.

The Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel celebrated its grand opening on Oct. 27 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that included Gov. Bobby Jindal (top photo). The 256-room hotel, which was converted from an unfinished Jimmy Swaggart Bible College dormitory, also features 63 suites, 13,000 square feet of meeting space, fitness center, courtyard-style outdoor swimming pool and an upscale restaurant and bar. Pictured in the bottom photo are (from left): Peter Dunn, general manager, Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel; and Vicki Poulos, brand manager, Renaissance Hotels.

• Stirling Properties has become affiliated with the Retail Brokers Network, an international real estate network with more than 60 affiliate offices in the U.S. and Canada.

• Tin Roof Brewing Company has launched its Bandit Blonde Ale on draft in the Baton Rouge market.

Accreditations/Certifications

• Animal Health Clinic of Baton Rouge has received American Animal Hospital Association accreditation. The certification recognizes animal hospitals whose standards go above and beyond state regulations in the areas of patient care and pain management, surgery, pharmacy, laboratory, exam facilities, medical records, cleanliness, emergency services, dental care, diagnostic imaging, anesthesiology and continuing education.

• Henry Louth of Tipton Associates has become the firm's eighth licensed architect after earning his NCARB certification and license to practice.

Appointments/Memberships

• R. Keith Colvin, special counsel with Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre, has been voted president-elect of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys.

• Michael Jones, professor of marketing and supply chain management at Southeastern Louisiana University, has been elected president of the Atlantic Marketing Association.

• Shawn Usher, president/CEO of Sparkhound, has joined the LSU E.J. Ourso College of Business Dean's Advisory Council. Usher will serve on the council's marketing and public relations committee.

• Taylor Porter law firm has been selected as the Louisiana member of the MSI Global Alliance, an international association of independent professional firms. MSI membership enables firms to source reliable local expertise from