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## Pick Up Your Chamber Community Guide Today

The Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the new *Gadsden County, Florida: Community Guide* is ready to distribute to our residents, business owners and visitors. The Chamber has begun distributing the guide among Gadsden County member businesses and regional welcome and visitor information centers.

Visit the Chamber office located at 208 North Adams Street in Quincy, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to obtain your copy today.

Contact Michelle Burdick, the vice president of membership, via email ([michelleburdick@tds.net](mailto:michelleburdick@tds.net)) or by calling (850) 627-9231 to request community guides to display visibly at your business location. The Chamber will deliver large quantities.



*The Chamber thanks our partners and staff who have generously given their time, resources and talents to make this book a true representation of the county we love.*

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## Welcome New Members

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### Buy Rite Drugs

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# Member Spotlight



**WORKFORCE *plus*** Express at the 3rd  
Annual Gadsden J.O.B.S. Fair

## **WORKFORCE *plus*:** **Providing Employment to the Community**

The current economic situation in Gadsden County is slowly increasing its negative outlook as more businesses lay off long time employees and downsize important services. Residents and business owners are looking for creative ways to avoid spending their decreasing funds. All Gadsden County residents are directly impacted by these events especially when family and friends suddenly become unemployed. Countless people are unprepared to pay their monthly bills from their small savings accounts and just as many do not have retirement funds to draw upon. More importantly, after working for a single employer for years, someone may not know what to steps to take to look for a new position.

The Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce encourages residents and businesses alike to pursue an introduction with **WORKFORCE *plus***. A long time member of the Chamber,



Quincy Farms Resource Fair

**WORKFORCE plus** offers a one-stop shop for advisory, educational, training and employment opportunities at no charge for either individuals or businesses. Persons who are unemployed, underemployed, considering a career change or looking for additional training should take advantage of the resources available through **WORKFORCE plus**. Businesses can readily access local workforce solutions and statewide services such as training and tax incentives along with wage and labor market information while reaching out to hire qualified employees matched to their business needs. **WORKFORCE plus** also provides

employer/employee transitional lay off assistance. By staying connected with area residents and businesses, **WORKFORCE plus** operations are constantly improved and enhanced based on today's needs while planning ahead for tomorrow with community-wide involvement on the issues that impact everyone.

"We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the Gadsden community," says Kimberly A. Moore, the chief executive officer of **WORKFORCE plus**. "We remain committed to delivering services in a way that provide a positive impact to the livelihood of our businesses, education system and families alike."



Kimberly A. Moore,  
CEO, **WORKFORCE plus**

**WORKFORCE plus** has assisted Gadsden County since 1997 by matching businesses with the people in our community who need and want competitive jobs. A variety of programs and services are readily available at the Gadsden office located at 1140 West Clark Street in Quincy.

Trained staff work one-on-one with jobseekers to provide personalized guidance and services by matching individuals with prospective employers. Skills and aptitude levels are assessed to help in planning for updated education, training or certification that will broaden chances for employment. Jobseekers can use **WORKFORCE plus** computers, fax, telephone and copy services to write and submit resumes, view job listings, file for unemployment and even search for financial aid for education. Work preparation and career development advice enables individuals to compete for jobs that may have previously been unobtainable. Not only does **WORKFORCE plus** offer resume and cover letter guidelines, practice professional interviewing techniques and invite job fair participation, their team also provides hiring and salary information by industry and area in addition to training in salary negotiations.



G\*Stars Award Reception

**WORKFORCE plus** doesn't stop there. Through the First Connect Program, **WORKFORCE plus** assists youth, ages fourteen to twenty-one, by providing leadership and job readiness training, assistance in obtaining a GED, academic services for tutoring and study skills, work experience activities, career exploration, assessments and other support services.

Retired seniors and veterans, including disabled veterans, are finding themselves

looking for jobs to make ends meet for their families. **WORKFORCE plus** has set up special assistance and job training services for veterans as well as a senior employment program for ages fifty-five and older.

**WORKFORCE plus** also works with local community groups such as the United Way of the Big Bend to help families learn money management skills to use their income wisely. Both organizations work together to educate residents about how to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC).

The Chamber appreciates the continuous efforts and dedication put forth by **WORKFORCE plus** to provide employment to our community. Gadsden County residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to take advantage of **WORKFORCE plus** programs by contacting them at (850) 875-4040 or [wfp@wfplus.org](mailto:wfp@wfplus.org). Additional information can also be obtained online at [www.wfplus.org](http://www.wfplus.org).

## Upcoming Chamber Events

The Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate in our listed upcoming events. Please note RSVPs may be required for these events.

### March 5

**9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Business Hours**

Buy-Rite Drugs  
704 US Hwy 27, Havana

### March 6

**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. FREE Lunch & 94.9 FM Live Broadcast**

**Noon Ribbon Cutting by Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce**

**1:00 p.m. Grand Prize Drawing**

**Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting** - Pharmacist Wayne Glover, store manager Shelley Jernigan, district manager Gracy Jacobs and the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce invites Gadsden County to come and join the fun of celebrating the official grand opening of their new building in Havana.

**Grand Opening sales begins on March 5.** Catch these savings and more!

1. Buy 1 Get One FREE on all dollar items
2. Plenty paper towels 2 for \$1
3. Tide \$4.99
4. Sather candy 3 for \$1
5. Bud's Best Cookies 2 for \$1
6. Faygo Soda 12 pack \$1.99

First 50 customers on March 5 receive a FREE gift.

Transfer your prescriptions from another pharmacy and receive a \$5.00 gift certificate for any other store purchase (limit one per patient).

Register to win an IPOD and CD Boombox. The drawing is scheduled for Friday, March 6 at 1:00 p.m. Registrants do not need to be present to win.

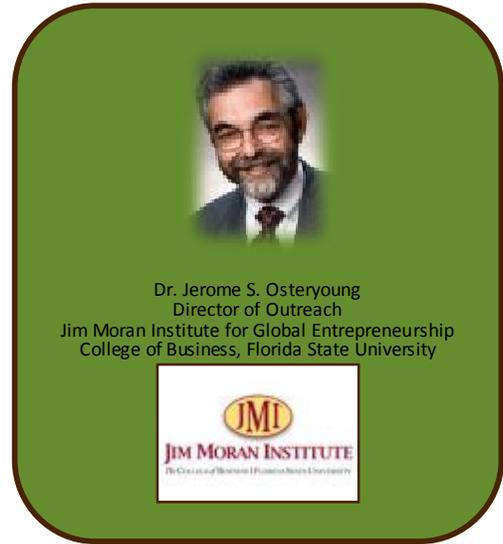
Buy Rite Drugs is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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☆☆EVENT OF THE MONTH☆☆

**March 10**  
**3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
Tri-Eagle Sales  
545 River Birch Road, Midway

**Speaker Series** - Dr. Jerry Osteryoung  
Join us in welcoming Dr. Jerome "Jerry" S. Osteryoung as he speaks to Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce members and strategic partners about how the current economic crisis will continue to affect Chamber members and other businesses within Gadsden County. Dr. Osteryoung will also offer his suggestions on how to weather this difficult period.



RSVPs requested by 2:00 p.m. on March 5. Call (850) 627-9231 or email [gadsdencc@tds.net](mailto:gadsdencc@tds.net) to attend.

Dr. Osteryoung is the Director of Outreach of the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship in the College of Business at Florida State University. He was the founding executive director of the Jim Moran Institute and served in that position from 1995 through 2008. Dr. Osteryoung is also the Jim Moran Professor of Entrepreneurship (Emeritus) and Professor of Finance (Emeritus) at FSU where he was on the faculty for thirty-four years.

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**March 11 & 25**  
**8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**  
Gadsden Historical Society/Women's Club  
304 W. King Street, Quincy

**Go Gadsden! Leads Group Meeting**  
***Presentation by AFLAC (March 11)***  
***Presentation by WORKFORCE plus (March 25)***

The Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to invite you to participate in our member benefit: the Go Gadsden! Leads Group. This leads group was created to give members access to additional opportunities for building more relationships to obtain new business referrals. Guests are welcome but RSVPs are requested.

Go Gadsden! meets on the second and fourth Wednesday morning of each month. Call (850) 627-9231 or email [gadsdencc@tds.net](mailto:gadsdencc@tds.net) by 2 p.m. on March 9 to attend or obtain more information.

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**March 18****11:00 a.m. to Noon**

Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce  
208 North Adams Street, Quincy

**Identity Theft Awareness Workshop for Business Owners - FREE Seminar**

Are your dedicated employees putting your customers at risk? Business owners and managers, as well as individuals in the community, are encouraged to attend this free seminar. Not only will participants receive tips on preventing their own identity from being stolen but business owners will be given refreshers on laws requiring them to protect their customers' private information.

Workshop participants will be informed about how to decrease individual exposure to identity theft and minimize a company's risk of violating federal identity theft legislation. The seminar will also clarify how businesses can avoid becoming recipients of fines up to one million dollars and ten years in jail.

Each workshop has limited space to allow time for a personalized question and answer session however, companies can schedule an in-house seminar at their place of business or at the Chamber.

Call (850) 627-9231 or email [gadsdencc@tds.net](mailto:gadsdencc@tds.net) by 2 p.m. on March 12 to attend.

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**March 26****8:00 a.m.**

Capital City Bank  
4 East Washington Street, Quincy

**Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting**

Attendance for the Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting is limited to the 2009 Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Board members only may RSVP to [michelleburdick@tds.net](mailto:michelleburdick@tds.net).

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## Upcoming Community Events

The Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce invites you to email your upcoming events for our online events calendar and e-newsletter. Please send detailed information to [gadsdencc@tds.net](mailto:gadsdencc@tds.net).

**March 13****8:00 p.m.**

Quincy Music Theatre  
118 East Washington Street, Quincy

**Lucky Friday 13th Bluegrass Concert**

Quincy Music Theatre presents *Lucky Friday 13th Bluegrass Concert* featuring Rebel Records star David Davis & The Warrior River Boys and Tallahassee's own Bottom Dollar Boy\$.

All tickets are \$10. Advance purchase at <http://www.qmtonline.com/tickets2.htm> or take your chances at the door.

Call (850) 875-9444 for more information.

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**March 21 & 22**

**Gates open at 10:00 a.m.**

River Landing Park  
Chattahoochee

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chattahoochee Challenge - SE Divisional Championship Race**

Florida Outdoors Racing Association and the City of Chattahoochee present the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chattahoochee Challenge at River Landing Park along the banks of the beautiful Apalachicola River. Bring your lounge chair and family to watch the boat races all weekend long.

Daily admission is \$5 for adults and children over 6; children under 6 admitted for free. Free parking. Food and beverage vendors are available on site.

For more information call (850) 663-4475.

Sponsored in part by EJCDC and Gadsden TDC.

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**March 26**

**Noon**

Gadsden Historical Society/Women's Club  
304 W. King Street, Quincy

**The Savvy Senior**

Capital Health Plan proudly presents The Savvy Senior, a series of lunch and learn programs for older adults who want to learn more about creating and maintaining health, happy, and active lifestyles. Communicating Effectively with Your Physicians is presented by Mary Goble, RN, BSN, the director of the health promotions department at Capital Health Plan. Anna Johnson is one of the most familiar faces in Tallahassee as the former morning host for WCTV's "Good Morning Show." There is no charge; just bring your lunch. Drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to (850) 523-7333.

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**March 28**

**9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Alpha UPKUDO  
1412 Florida Georgia Highway, Havana

**Warrior Challenge 3 - Fundraiser for St. Jude's Hospital**

Alpha UPKUDO will host the Warrior Challenge 3 in children's point sparring. Spectator tickets are \$5 each. A portion of the proceeds goes to benefit children with cancer at St. Jude's Hospital. Anyone wishing to sponsor a child to compete (\$45 fee) or donate to St. Jude's Hospital can bring their donation to Alpha UPKUDO located at 1412 Florida Georgia, Havana, Florida 32333.

For more information, call (850) 514-4334.

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## **Chamber and FAMU Continue Certification Classes**

The Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce and Florida A&M University are pleased to continue their partnership to offer the Construction Management Development Program (CMDP) certification classes in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation

(FDOT). The classes, which enable small businesses to competitively place bids for statewide contracts, offered in Quincy by the Chamber began February 2, 2009.

“These classes give our local small businesses the opportunity to survive and possibly grow during an increasingly difficult economic period,” said Michelle Burdick, the Chamber’s vice president of membership. “We’re pleased to continue working with FAMU on this project to give these businesses the chance to compete for state contracts that would normally be out of reach.”

Successful completion of the classes qualify the businesses to become certified with the FDOT and be eligible to compete for any government contract within the state of Florida. The collection of certification courses include instruction in business management, construction accounting, construction mathematics and estimating, contracts, specifications, and law, plan reading for FDOT construction and scheduling for FDOT construction. Areas of additional advising may include project planning methods, bidding and estimating, job costing and scheduling, and contract negotiation and plan reading.

Companies offering services solicited by the FDOT and other state departments include but are not limited to: fencing, guardrail, landscaping/mowing, maintenance, janitorial services, painting, traffic control, architecture, business and financial management, consultants, materials supply, highway construction, asphalt paving, building, construction/modification, steel, concrete, trucking, erosion control, drainage and earthwork. Gadsden County small businesses specializing in these or similar fields should consider taking advantage of the offered courses.

Registration has begun for the second set of two classes: Construction Accounting and Construction Mathematics & Estimating. Classes are scheduled for March 16 through May 8 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Chamber located at 208 North Adams Street in Quincy. Register online at [www.gadsdenfla.com](http://www.gadsdenfla.com) by selecting Community Events from the online events calendar. Participants will be required to submit a completed and notarized program application and needs assessment form prior to attending the first day of classes. All forms can be obtained online under Events/Community at [www.gadsdenfla.com](http://www.gadsdenfla.com) or by calling (850) 627-9231 or emailing [michelleburdick@tds.net](mailto:michelleburdick@tds.net).

For more information on the Construction Management Development Program or Bond Guarantee Program, visit website [www.cmdp-bgp.com](http://www.cmdp-bgp.com). Specific questions can be addressed by calling (850) 561-2040.

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## Congressman Boyd Receives Hall of Fame Award

Congressman F. Allen Boyd, Jr. of the Second Congressional District in Florida was presented the UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center Hall of Fame award by IFAS/NFREC Center Director Dr. Nick Comerford on February 19, 2009. Congressman Boyd was at the Quincy NFREC presenting



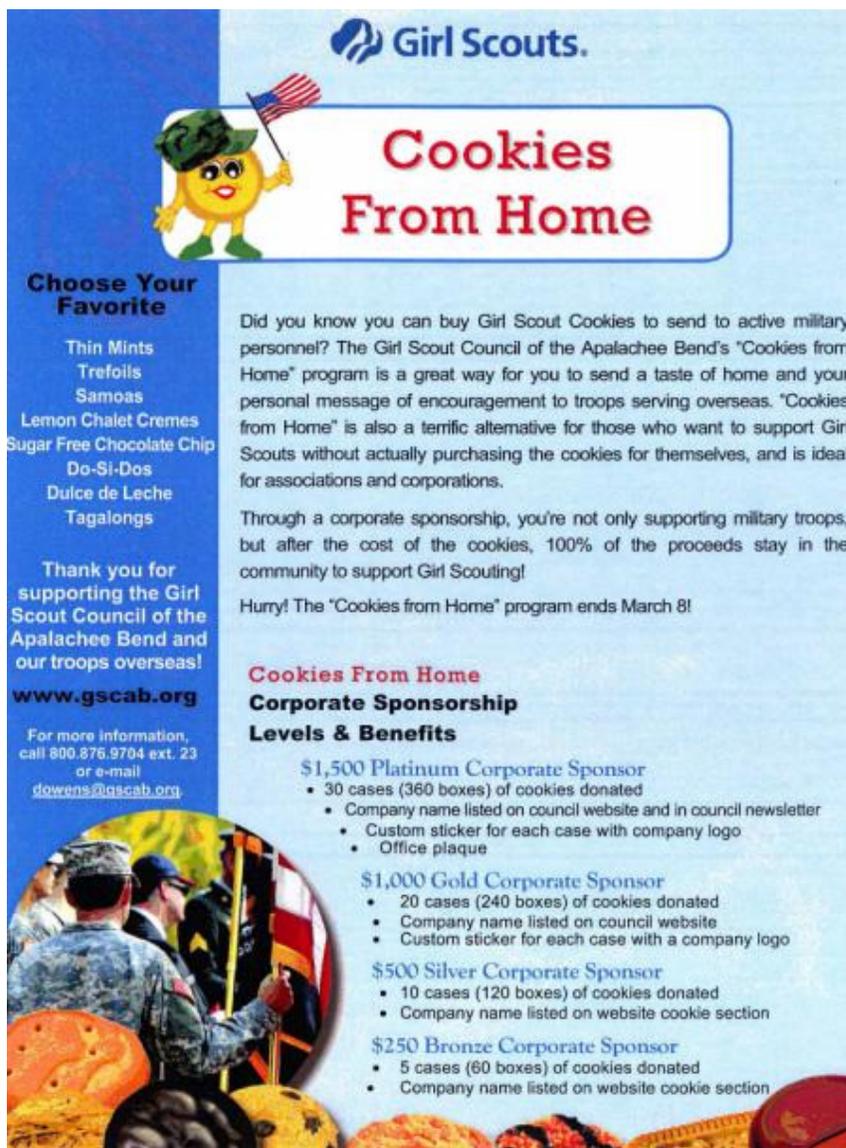
Nicholas B. Comerford, NFREC Center Director, (left) presented Congressman Allen Boyd (right) with the UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center Hall of Fame on February 19.

HazMat issues to area farmers and other interested parties. Congressman Boyd was honored for his twelve years of dedicated service in the integration of Science into all aspects of Agriculture and Development in North Florida.

Congressman Boyd is a member of the House Appropriations and Budget Committees, including the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, Financial Services Subcommittee and the Subcommittee on Defense of the House Appropriations Committee. These committee memberships have provided him the opportunity to ensure support for a secure food supply and a robust agricultural economy in Florida and throughout the nation. As a businessman and fifth generation farmer in Jefferson County, Congressman Boyd knows first-hand the issues that these and his other constituents face.

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## Support Your Local Girl Scouts & Military Troops



The flyer features the Girl Scouts logo at the top left. A central graphic shows a Girl Scout cookie character in a green uniform and hat, holding a small American flag. To the right of the character, the text "Cookies From Home" is written in a large, red, serif font. Below this, the flyer is divided into several sections. On the left, a blue vertical bar contains the text "Choose Your Favorite" followed by a list of cookie flavors: Thin Mints, Trefoils, Samoas, Lemon Chalet Cremes, Sugar Free Chocolate Chip, Do-Si-Dos, Dulce de Leche, and Tagalongs. Below the list, it says "Thank you for supporting the Girl Scout Council of the Apalachee Bend and our troops overseas!" and provides the website "www.gscab.org" and contact information: "For more information, call 800.876.9704 ext. 23 or e-mail rdowens@gscab.org." The main body of the flyer has a light blue background. It starts with the text: "Did you know you can buy Girl Scout Cookies to send to active military personnel? The Girl Scout Council of the Apalachee Bend's 'Cookies from Home' program is a great way for you to send a taste of home and your personal message of encouragement to troops serving overseas. 'Cookies from Home' is also a terrific alternative for those who want to support Girl Scouts without actually purchasing the cookies for themselves, and is ideal for associations and corporations." This is followed by: "Through a corporate sponsorship, you're not only supporting military troops, but after the cost of the cookies, 100% of the proceeds stay in the community to support Girl Scouting!" and "Hurry! The 'Cookies from Home' program ends March 8!". Below this is the heading "Cookies From Home Corporate Sponsorship Levels & Benefits" followed by four sponsorship levels: \$1,500 Platinum Corporate Sponsor (30 cases, 360 boxes), \$1,000 Gold Corporate Sponsor (20 cases, 240 boxes), \$500 Silver Corporate Sponsor (10 cases, 120 boxes), and \$250 Bronze Corporate Sponsor (5 cases, 60 boxes). Each level lists specific benefits like company name listing, custom stickers, and office plaques. At the bottom of the flyer, there is a circular inset image showing a soldier in military uniform standing next to a large, round, decorated cookie. The bottom edge of the flyer is decorated with various types of Girl Scout cookies.

**Girl Scouts.**

**Cookies From Home**

**Choose Your Favorite**

- Thin Mints
- Trefoils
- Samoas
- Lemon Chalet Cremes
- Sugar Free Chocolate Chip
- Do-Si-Dos
- Dulce de Leche
- Tagalongs

Thank you for supporting the Girl Scout Council of the Apalachee Bend and our troops overseas!

[www.gscab.org](http://www.gscab.org)

For more information, call 800.876.9704 ext. 23 or e-mail [rdowens@gscab.org](mailto:rdowens@gscab.org).

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Hurry! The "Cookies from Home" program ends March 8!

**Cookies From Home Corporate Sponsorship Levels & Benefits**

**\$1,500 Platinum Corporate Sponsor**

- 30 cases (360 boxes) of cookies donated
- Company name listed on council website and in council newsletter
- Custom sticker for each case with company logo
- Office plaque

**\$1,000 Gold Corporate Sponsor**

- 20 cases (240 boxes) of cookies donated
- Company name listed on council website
- Custom sticker for each case with a company logo

**\$500 Silver Corporate Sponsor**

- 10 cases (120 boxes) of cookies donated
- Company name listed on website cookie section

**\$250 Bronze Corporate Sponsor**

- 5 cases (60 boxes) of cookies donated
- Company name listed on website cookie section

## Gadsden Arts Center Opens a New Artists Co-op

The Gadsden Arts Center announces a new Artists Co-op, providing artists a space to show and sell art work, and offering the public a wide range of original art for purchase at reasonable prices. Fifteen artists from Tallahassee, Havana, and Quincy have already joined the Co-op, and are busy installing their first exhibitions of art. Co-op artists include Ed Babcock, Sherry Bailey, Roberta Burton, Sandra Childs, Shirley Dyal, Hamp Hutchinson, Benita Ingram, Joanne Ivey, Terri Lantz, Jean Marani, Brenda Martin, James Thigpen, William H. McKeown, Linda Pelc, and Nancy VanLandingham.

“This is a great step forward in our mission to serve the region’s artists”, said Curator of Exhibitions Angie Barry. “Serving artists, and bringing art to area residents and visitors, is what the Gadsden Arts Center is all about. This growth is very exciting, and wonderful to accomplish at a time when so many galleries are closing.”



Gadsden Arts Center, Quincy

The GAC Artists Co-op is located in the newly renovated Fletcher Building, 9 North Madison Street, adjacent to the original arts center on the South side. The Co-op shares this space with Miss Helen’s Espresso Café D’art, the new café and sandwich shop that opened in January and is already renowned for its delicious coffee drinks, chili, and Rueben sandwiches. Free group tours of the Gadsden Arts Center are available in conjunction with a luncheon and Co-op visit. Call 875-4866 to schedule your tour.



Gadsden Arts Center Artist's Co-op

The Gadsden Arts Center is located at 13 N. Madison St., just 20 miles from downtown Tallahassee, and 10 miles from Tallahassee City limits. Gadsden Arts Center gallery and gift shop hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-5pm, and Sunday, 1-5pm. Hours for Miss Helen’s Espresso Café D’art and the GAC Artists Guild Co-op are Monday-Thursday 8am-6pm, Friday and Saturday 8am-9pm. Group tours are available free of charge – call 875-4866 to make your reservation.

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## Miss North Florida USA Prospect from Quincy

Ashley Hall, an eighteen year old native of Quincy is seeking to represent Gadsden County in the upcoming preliminary pageant for Miss North Florida USA in Tallahassee on March 14. Hall was awarded the sole opportunity to compete for the title of Miss North Florida USA as a representative of Gadsden County. In December, she was a runner-up for the Miss Tallahassee USA.

As Miss North Florida USA, Hall plans to carry on values instilled by her family

including her uncle, Sheriff Morris Young, by promoting her platform "For the Love of Me," which is a juvenile delinquent prevention advocate. She will express the importance of loving yourself and earning a good education as well as avoiding lawbreaking. Hall plans to do many more things in future for the youth in our community.

Currently a business student at Ashford University, Hall previously attended East Gadsden High School, Shanks Middle School and St. John Elementary School. During this time, she was an active member in the marching majorettes for six years and was awarded the status of captain for two years. She also won the Gadsden District county declamation contests five years in a row. Hall's hobbies include dancing, acting, modeling, public speaking and composing short stories.

According to the Florida pageant office in Hollywood there has not been a contestant from anywhere in Gadsden County to win a local or state title. The Miss North Florida USA pageant is a community driven organization; the recipient of first place moves on to compete for Miss Florida USA. Corporate support through sponsorship is needed to keep opening doors to leadership training as well as to share in making this annual event a memorable success for the State of Florida. Businesses receive up to a full page of advertising in the Official Pageant Program Book; additional advertising benefits are available.

Businesses or individuals who are interested sponsoring Hall should contact Asari Maurice, the pageant director for Miss North Florida USA, via email ([missnorthfloridausapageant@yahoo.com](mailto:missnorthfloridausapageant@yahoo.com)) or by calling (615) 484-8014. Additional information can be found at [www.freewebs.com/missnorthfloridausapageant](http://www.freewebs.com/missnorthfloridausapageant).

The Miss Florida USA competitions air as specials on the Miss Florida USA Television Network and rank among the most-watched locally produced programming in the state. Miss Florida USA has been a Tel-Air Interests, Inc. production since 1978, qualifying Tel-Air as the longest holding license holder in the Miss USA system. For more information please visit [www.missfloridausa.com](http://www.missfloridausa.com).



Ashley Hall