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CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion opens uptown Chiefland office



(from left) Nature Coast Business Development Council Executive Director David Pieklik, Chiefland Chamber of Commerce Board Member Dr. Bennitt Patterson and Rusty Skinner, chief executive officer of CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, provide a photo opportunity as requested. Moments before this picture was taken the men had greeted each other by shaking hands. When asked to again shake hands, the gentlemen agreed. Hence, a relatively different greeting is captured for posterity as the three men shook hands simultaneously.

Story, Photos and Video

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CHIEFLAND -- Some leaders of CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion came to Chiefland to celebrate the opening of the new uptown Chiefland office with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday (Feb. 22).



In the still photo and the video below, the ribbon is cut on the new CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion office.

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Refreshments were available for guests.



Some of the computer stations where employers and potential employees

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can connect with each other are seen here. CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion can help employers meet training needs for existing employees as well as to attract new workers to jobs.



Part of the lab area, where people can compose a résumé with more privacy than in the main area. There are usually four staff members available to help employers and job seekers.



A large conference room is available.

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Kathy Judkins, who chairs the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion board of directors, is the person who cut the ceremonial ribbon. Judkins is also the deputy director of civic, charitable and government affairs for Sumter Electric Cooperative.

Thomas “Rusty” Skinner, chief executive officer of CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, was present and answered questions with extensive detail. Skinner mentioned that CareerSource keeps in communication with the various economic development interests to help connect employers with workers.

Of course, Cindy LeCouris, career center manager for the office was on hand, and CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion Communications Manager Laura Byrnes was present to help any journalists who did not attend the event.

Before cutting the ribbon at noon, which was provided by the Chiefland Chamber of Commerce, there were tours of the new facility.

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion is located in the Walmart Supercenter plaza (Suwanee Plaza) off North Young Boulevard (U.S. Highway 19) in Chiefland. It is in uptown Chiefland now, where it had once been located in the Old Post Office in downtown Chiefland.

CEO Skinner said the new location is an improvement. CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion is going to focus more on working with the school district in the three counties.

CareerSource Florida is a network of 24 workforce development areas. CareerSource is a business-led nonprofit that connects employers with qualified, skilled talent and career seekers with employment and career development opportunities.

Skinner mentioned that at the end of the day on Thursday, four students would receive two Chromebooks, one Echo and one Echo Dot through a random drawing of the résumés they submitted.

The new facility has 18 computer work stations in the front. There are three offices, three cubicles, a conference room and a lab.

Skinner said this CareerSource has been working in the three counties to help connect graduating high school students with employers.

By providing methods for the students to earn certification in welding, forklift driving and other skills that employers need, this CareerSource is helping to provide employers with the workforce they want. Duke Energy has been very supportive as a partner in this program, Skinner said.

The College of Central Florida is also a strong partner in helping people obtain skills or increase their talent level in the workforce, Skinner said. For instance, a person involved in the health profession as a nurse may earn credits to become a Certified Nursing Assistant, a Licensed Practical Nurse and then continue his or her education to earn other standing.

Individuals seeking to earn their Commercial Driver License (CDL) are finding this vocation is rewarding. There are limits to that, however, Skinner said. For instance, a person must be at least 21 years old to have a CDL. Some insurance companies will not cover a CDL driver until he or she is at least 24 years old.

As for CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, this is the single best source for matching workers with places to work.

The new location of this asset is excellent. As many Realtors know, sometimes the key is “location, location, location.”

CareerSource CLM is the local, business-led nonprofit organization that offers fee-

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free services connecting businesses with qualified, skilled talent and candidates with employment and career development opportunities. Last fiscal year, CareerSource CLM provided services to 26,000 candidates throughout the three-county area and nearly 1,800 businesses.

The Levy County Career Center is open Monday-Friday, except holidays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 352-249-3278 or 800-434-JOBS or visit <https://careersourceclm.com/>.