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FRANK M. ASHLEY III, CPA/PFS, vice-president of Chas P. Smith & Associates, PA, CPA'S, Lakeland, was a guest speaker in Orlando at the Florida Institute of CPA's annual FAB expo. His topic was "Investment Policy Statements & Fiduciary Responsibilities."

CARTER, BELCOURT & ATKINSON P.A., Lakeland had two shareholders attend the PKF North American Network's 2006 Firm Management Conference held in Dana Point, Calif. L. Ira Anderson, CPA, and Alan C. Fisk, CPA, are both executive vice presidents.

JOHN C. FRIEND, agency manager for Modern Woodmen of America in Lakeland, was honored as a 2006 Career Development Award qualifier in GAMA International's Distribution Management Awards program. Friend was recognized at the LAMP Celebration of Excellence Recognition Banquet in Orlando March 20 and will be honored in the 2006 July/August recognition issue of the GAMA International Journal.

HIGHLAND CENTER FOR ORTHOPAEDICS has opened an office at 3317 U.S. 98 S., Suite 9, Lakeland. Brian M. Jurbala is the doctor.

SHAWN McDOWELL, a Lakeland private investigator, was elected president of the Florida Association of Private Investigators on June 16. He and Ken Rutledge operate Florida Investigations Inc. in Lakeland.

DENNIS MILLER has been elected a member of The President's Forum (PF) of Leadership Center USA. Miller is the CEO of Demo Sales Inc., Lakeland.

BCI ENGINEERS & SCIENTISTS INC., Lakeland, has been inspected and validated to perform testing of aggregates, asphalt, concrete, mortar, grout and soil by the Army Corp of Engineers. Its main laboratory is in Orlando.

CENTRAL FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL of Polk County received the 2006 Promotional Materials Award for Best Internet/Web site representing an economic development agency from the Florida Economic Development Council at its annual conference held in Orlando on June 27. Tom Patton is executive director of the

CFDC. Gene Engle, a three-time president of the CFDC, was recognized as the Richard McLaughlin Volunteer of the Year for District 6. Engle is a Lakeland real estate broker and developer.

WASILEWSKI COURT REPORTING announces four professional court reporters have joined its reporting staff: Joan L. Pitt, Tami K. Wright, Jennifer Gardner and Kelly Lawton. Susan Wasilewski recently attended the Florida Court Reporters Association Midyear Conference in Destin and has been elected treasurer of the association.

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