

Builder Connection

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Holiday party fun



Special to the Chronicle

Thank you to Richard Gelfand (Sherwin Williams — Crystal River Store) for playing a wonderful Santa at our Annual Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 15.

We would also like to thank those companies who were sponsors, without you this would not have been possible! Thank you!

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Welcome back, Donna Bidlack

Donna brings a friendly face to the CCBA



■ The CCBA Welcomes back long time employee Donna Bidlack as executive officer.

January's VIP



Alan Monroe has been selected as the CCBA V.I.P. for January 2008

Alan Monroe has been a dedicated Citrus County Builders Association member for a year and a half and employed at the Citrus County Chronicle for two years. From volunteering on the Public Relations committee to helping out with promotion with the Fishing Tournament and the Home &

Outdoor Show to serving as the Chair of Advertising for the Parade of Homes Committee, Alan enjoys helping out anywhere he can.

Just recently married in October, Alan lives in Citrus Springs with his wife, Casey. They live in a home built by a CCBA member.

Local Designer has been named 2008 Secretary for NKBA

Central Florida Chapter recognizes excellence in kitchen and bath design



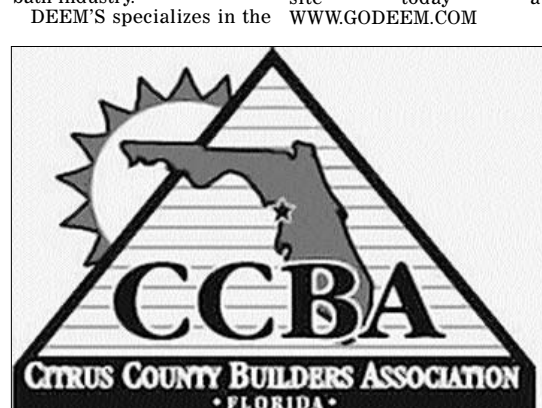
Nichole Gaudette



Deems Kitchens & Bath Showrooms is pleased to announce that Mrs. Nichole Gaudette has been named Secretary of The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), Central Florida Chapter. Nichole, a knowledgeable design professional, brings more than 13 years experience to the NKBA Regional Committee. She is a graduate of the International Academy of Design and Technology and holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design.

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is a non-profit trade association that has educated and led the kitchen and bath industry since 1963. The mission of NKBA is to enhance member success and excellence, promote professionalism and ethical business practices and provide leadership and direction for the kitchen and bath industry.

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Holiday helpers



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Volunteers who helped at the Children's Christmas party were; Back row: Hanna Amundson, Nancy Amundson, Sarah Mann, Danielle Jack, Karen Balzanti, Debbie Wilson, Linda Thompson and Walt Stachowicz. Front row: Brenda Mann, Hailey Amundson and Melissa Sutherland.

New Continuing Education requirements for certified and registered contractors

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation is reminding all certified and registered contractors that they must now complete one hour of laws and rules-related continuing education as part of the 14 hours that is currently required during each licensure cycle.

In addition, with the passing of Senate Bill 1864, the board now requires all general, building, residential, roofing, specialty structure and glass and glazing contractors to complete one hour of continuing education related to wind mitigation methodologies as part of the 14 hours that is currently required. Wind mitigation methodologies courses are defined as those topics listed in Section 553.844(2) (b) 1-5, Florida Statutes.

This change will take effect on Nov. 15, 2007.

Enforcement of these new one hour requirements will begin with the expiration of certified licenses on Aug. 31,

2008 and the expiration of registered licenses on Aug. 31, 2009. Those licenses not in compliance with all the continuing education requirements by the expiration date of their licenses may face non-renewal or disciplinary action.

Continuing Education Providers

Continuing education providers who wish to obtain approval to offer laws and rules-related courses must apply to the Department.

All new courses and existing must be evaluated by the Board and approved as laws and rules-related courses before credit will be offered.

Application information for course providers is available on the Board's Web site, at MyFloridaLicense.com.

The Department will begin accepting applications for wind mitigation methodology continuing education courses on Nov. 15, 2007.

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Bush signs mortgage debt relief bill into law

NAHB achieved a major victory in its bid to address the subprime lending crisis when Congress on Dec. 18 approved legislation to eliminate taxes on mortgage debt. For months, NAHB has lobbied the Congress to approve this measure, noting that it will help struggling home owners to avoid foreclosure. The legislation, which was subsequently signed into law

by President Bush on Dec. 20, provides a temporary, three-year change to the tax code to eliminate any taxes home owners might face when banks renegotiate the terms of a home loan and forgive a portion of the outstanding mortgage debt. The change in the tax law caps untaxable forgiven debt at \$2 million and applies only to principal residences.