

Plantation Place ribbon cutting



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The Murray-Calloway Chamber of Commerce celebrated a new business and new Chamber member, Plantation Place Fine Gifts & Embroidery, located in the University Plaza of Murray on Chestnut Street. Owner Renee Howell's business has a storefront offering customers custom embroidery, bridal registry, invitations and fine gifts.

Revolution Partners group joins Alexander Thompson Arnold

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Registered Investment Advisor, Revolution Partners LLC and Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC (ATA) have completed the registration process to formalize a business alliance under the name RPATA, LLC.

The RPATA partnership will allow professionals in both organizations to communicate directly on behalf of their clients, leverage shared information and technology resources and deliver more convenient, consistent and collaborative wealth management services to families, business owners and professionals.

"One of the things I've learned throughout my 21 years in this business is that although accountants and financial advisors specialize in different areas, when we put our heads together, our ability to develop and maintain meaningful strategies for our clients is dramatically improved," said Brian Fowler, the Revolution Partners CEO and accredited investment fiduciary. "This alliance will enable us to offer our mutual clients deeper, better coordinated tax and estate planning capabilities."

Fowler is a 1993 graduate of Murray State University, having been a member of the University Center Board, a division of MSU's Student Government Association. Additionally, Fowler was sponsored by Rotary Club of Murray to represent western Kentucky as a recipient of Rotary's International Ambassadorial Scholarship program, where he studied at the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, Scotland) and routinely spoke to Rotary clubs across Scotland and northern England.

Fowler said, "I am honored to do business in the Murray community. There are many individuals here who shaped my professional life and mentored me."

As a fee-only registered investment advisor, Revolution Partners uses a team approach to service client relationships and a proprietary service platform to open the

lines of communication between clients and advisors. Revolution Partners routinely incorporates electronic document storage of clients' tax returns, wills, trust documents and estate plans as part of its emphasis on ongoing discovery and secure record-keeping for all financial planning engagements.

Since 2013, Revolution Partners has invested in a platform built to scale modern, professional wealth management services. Revolution Partners' proprietary technology platform is a fundamental part of its service, offering and allowing for a unique collaborative relationship with ATA.

ATA continues its recent investment in the greater Memphis market with the office of Collins Thomas & Associates PC in June of this year. The accounting firm currently has 18 partners and over 150 staff in its offices in Dyersburg, Henderson, Jackson, Martin, McKenzie,

Memphis, Milan, Nashville, Paris, Trenton, Union City, Tennessee, and Murray, Kentucky.

While Revolution Partners has built its business headquartered in Memphis, its client base has roots throughout Tennessee and branching into other states as well. As of Dec. 31, 2015, the firm ranked seventh in percentage growth versus about 500 peer firms nationwide, according to Orion Advisor Services. While continuing to grow organically, the alliance will help Revolution Partners efficiently expand its presence regionally and beyond as ATA continues to enter new markets.

"Our relationship is a natural evolution of ATA's goal in continuing to serve the professional needs of our clients by providing a trusted entity to manage the growth and long-term financial goals of both their personal and business assets," ATA Partner Jason Anderson, CPA from Murray, said. ■



Fowler



Anderson



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WKRECC's 2016 rodeo team members include (from left) Geoffrey Beck, Jeremy Swift, Billy Dixon, Zach Underhill, Phillip Cornell, Hunter Henson and Chris Fuller.

Murray's Henson earns high finish in Lineman Rodeo

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Phillip Cornell and Hunter Henson of Murray represented West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative in dominating the apprentice lineman category at the Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo, finishing first and second overall, respectively.

The rodeo focuses on performing electrical line work in the safest possible manner and was held in Shelbyville. Twenty-six of Kentucky's

electric cooperatives participated.

"We are very proud of our linemen and their dedication to improving their skills," said David Smart, WKRECC President and CEO.

WKRECC also took fourth place overall in the team competition and lineman Chris Fuller finished in third place overall in the individual journeyman Lineman category. In fact, every WKRECC team member placed in an individ-

ual event and brought home a trophy.

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WKRECC is a member-owned cooperative that provides power to more than 31,000 members in western Kentucky. Additional information can be found at www.wkrecc.com. ■

Kentucky's jobless rate drops to 4.8 percent in month of November

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — State officials say Kentucky's unemployment rate dropped to 4.8 percent in November but was slightly above the national jobless rate.

The state Office of Employment and Training says last month's seasonally adjusted rate was down from a revised 5.1 percent rate in October.

Last month's preliminary rate was down from the 5.6 percent statewide rate in November 2015.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate was 4.6 percent last month.

State officials say Kentucky's professional and business services sector expanded by 5,700 jobs in November compared to the prior month.

Other sectors gaining jobs last month included manufacturing, construction, financial activities and educational and health services.

Officials say the trade, transportation and utilities sector dropped 1,500 jobs in November compared to the prior month. ■

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