

LOCAL BUSINESS BRIEFS

From staff reports

Randy Walker has been recognized as Regional Champion for Allstate Insurance Co.'s southeast region. The designation is awarded to Allstate agents for high standards in customer satisfaction, customer retention and profitability. Walker's agency is at 2519 E. Ozark Ave., Gastonia.

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Southside Constructors Inc., headquartered in Belmont, has completed a 21,000-square-foot Suzuki dealership for Donald Craig in Orlando, Fla.

The two-story, state-of-the-art facility includes administrative, finance, service offices, sales areas, parts desk and storage, as well as a service building with 10 bays and three wash bays.

The Orlando project is the third completed for Donald Craig Suzuki. The others are in Charlotte and Mooresville.

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Johanna Giese of Gastonia, an Independent Sales Director for Mary Kay Inc., was recognized at the company's annual seminar, held July 17 through Aug. 2 in Dallas, Texas. Giese, who began her Mary Kay business in 1988, was recognized for the National Court of Sales, Circle of Achievement Unit award and a Double Star award.

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Jason L. Glass, M.D., a family medicine physician, has joined Carolinas HealthCare System.

Glass's practice, West Lincoln Family Medicine, 4429 W. N.C. 27 in Vale, offers family medicine and gynecological services for all ages. Other services include immunizations, X-rays, laboratory testing and minor surgeries. Maurice Canaday, M.D., will be seeing patients temporarily until Glass begins on Aug. 13.

Dr. Glass attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed his residency at the the U.S. Naval Hospital in Bremerton, Wash. He is board certified in family medicine and is affiliated with the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians.

For referrals or appointments call 704-748-2245.

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The owners and staff of Douglas R. Harris Jewelers Inc. will attend the Southern Jewelry Travelers Association – Atlanta Jewelry Show today through Aug. 12 at the Cobb Galleria Center in Atlanta, Ga. Douglas and Lou Anne Harris have owned and operated their jewelry business for more than 25 years. Staff members Debra Holland, Sheri Nelson and Heather Rice are also attending the show which includes educational seminars such as "Diamonds & Diamond Simulants", "Internet Marketing Strategies" and "Future of the Diamond Industry."