

Corporate game changers for United Way

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At the heart of our United Way of Northwest Georgia is the support of major local employers who make generous corporate gifts and share the United Way message with their employees. United Way builds stronger communities in the areas of education, basic needs, and health. In the past four weeks, Engineered Floors, Mohawk Industries, Shaw Industries and Textile Management Associates all kicked off their United Way campaigns.

Russell Headrick, 2015 United Way campaign chair for Shaw Industries, led a game-changing kickoff at the trade center. The kickoff featured educational game stations where associates could learn more about United Way and their community partners. More than 600 Shaw associates attended the kickoff along with executive team members Vance Bell, CEO; Randy Merritt, president; Ken Jackson, executive vice president and CFO; and Tim Baucom, executive vice president residential business.

Jennifer Palmer and Jamie Welborn, United Way board members, lead Mohawk Industries' United Way campaign, which included a kickoff event at Ryman Hall with game stations. Brian Carson, president of North America flooring at Mohawk Industries, participated in a practice trike race at the kickoff and spoke at a separate event for 75 United Way Young Leaders Society members about his beliefs on leadership and giving back.

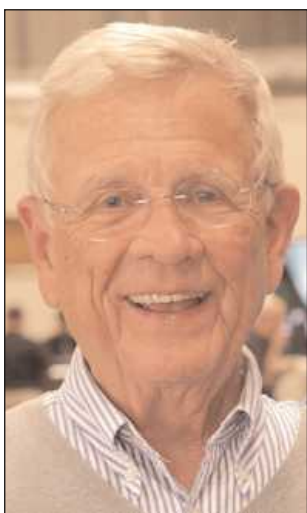
Bob Shaw, CEO of Engineered Floors, energized a room full of his management team about the importance for philanthropy and United Way's role in building a stronger Northwest Georgia as a kick off for their United Way campaign. Over the next two weeks, Joe Young will be coordinating the employee level campaigns at all Engineered Floors plants.

Textile Management Associates finished 24 employee level presentations. Tom Peeples kicked off their campaign with a meeting sharing his passion with his management team. Thank you to Steve Townsend and Terri



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Shaw Industries kicked off its employee campaign at the end of July at the trade center. More than 600 Shaw associates attended to learn more about their investment in United Way. Pictured from left are Tim Baucom, Ken Jackson, Amanda Burt, United Way president; Vance Bell, Russell Headrick and Randy Merritt.



Bob Shaw spoke to a room full of his management team to kick off the United Way employee campaign at Engineered Floors.



Pictured from left are Joe Young, Amanda Burt, Nancy Green, Landon Hair and Bob Ringer — members of the kickoff planning team — who are gearing-up for the United Way Kickoff Block Party and CEO Trike Race on Monday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. at Dalton Green.



Jamie Welborn, left, vice president of product development at Mohawk Industries and a United Way board member, and Brian Carson, president North America Flooring at Mohawk Industries, enjoyed their UW Kickoff in Dalton in August.

America, Coldwell Banker, Dorsett Industries, NPC South, UPS and Wells Fargo.

Join J.T. Finley, 2015 United Way campaign chair, for the United Way Campaign Kickoff Block Party and CEO Trike Race on Monday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. at Dalton Green. Watch local CEOs race to the finish line on tricycles.

Immediately following the CEO Trike Race will be the United Way Kickoff

Block Party with a live performance from Ben Honeycutt, who appeared on American Idol season nine. There will be entertainment for the kids and a host of local food vendors, so bring your blanket and lawn chair. The block party is open to the public; dinner tickets are sold in advance for \$10. Dinner tickets for children can be purchased at the door for \$5. Register today at www.ourunited-way.org.

Strategies' campaign, which was the first business to report results this year. United Way would also like to thank these companies for hosting pacesetter United Way employee campaigns: Allchem, Bank of

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN CABINET 2015	
■ J.T. Finley , 2015 United Way campaign chairman, Maryville Jewelers	■ Bob Hardaway , Shaw Industries
■ Bob Ringer , United Way board chair, Shaw Industries	■ Ben Kinsey , Dalton Utilities
■ Werner Braun , community volunteer	■ Mark Poindexter , Mohawk Industries
■ Tom Bundros , Dalton Utilities	■ Jill Schubert , IVC
■ Curtis Callaway , Shaw Industries	■ Ty Sellers , Shaw Industries
■ Bob Chandler , Shaw Industries	■ Pete Sigmon , Shaw Industries
■ Landon Hair , Marketing Alliance	■ Karen Townsend , Christian Heritage and Champions of Dalton
■ Ted Hogshead , IVC U.S.	■ Michael Wise , JMW Incorporated
	■ Joseph Young , Engineered Floors

Hawkins for coordinating the campaign.

David Pennington IV led Advanced Insurance



Textile Management Associates kicked off its United Way campaign last week with Tom Peeples leading the effort. Pictured from left are Peeples, Terri Hawkins and J.T. Finley, United Way campaign chairman.

Wife accused of stealing patrol car holding husband

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A woman suspected of stealing an Alaska State Troopers patrol car that held her handcuffed husband in the back seat was arrested on suspicion of theft and other charges.

Troopers acting on a tip found Amber Watford, 28, of Big Lake, and Joshua Watford, 38, at a home in Wasilla on Thursday.

An officer had arrested Joshua Watford on Wednesday after receiving a tip that he was in a Big Lake pawn shop. He had been convicted of driving under the influence but had failed to attend court-ordered classes, said troopers

spokeswoman Megan Peters.

After Watford had been placed in the back of a patrol car, a passing motorist stopped and began speaking to the arresting officer. While the officer was distracted, troopers said, Amber Watford got behind the wheel of the patrol car and took off.

Troopers recovered the patrol car an hour later. It had not been damaged. Nothing was missing from the car, including the handcuffs that had been on Joshua Watford's wrists, Peters said.

Troopers launched a search for the Watfords that

included a helicopter and an Anchorage Police Department K-9, but the effort to find them was halted after several hours.

After the tip came in Thursday, the Watfords were arrested on suspicion of vehicle theft and other charges, including hindering prosecution and criminal mischief.

Joshua Watford remained jailed Friday morning. Amber Watford's bail was set at \$20,000, and she was no longer in custody.

Directory assistance did not list a phone number where the Watfords could be reached for comment.

Olivia Baptist Church would like to announce the hiring of former pianist, Phil Noles.

Phil was our pianist for 20 years and has been gone for 15 years, but he is now returning. We are very excited to have him and his family back home with us! Come hear him play.



Service Times:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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