

# BUSINESS BRIEFS FROM ACROSS THE REGION



**Blumenthal**

The **Carolina Thread Trail's** governing board has elected **Phillip Blumenthal** as board chair. Blumenthal succeeds **Ruth Shaw**, who has chaired the board since the project's launch in 2007. Blumenthal is director of the Blumenthal Foundation and Wildacres Retreat.

**McCull Partners** recently facilitated the closing of two transactions in the dental-practice sector, acting as financial adviser to Children's Dentistry and Family Orthodontics and Dentistry for Children in their sale and recapitalizations with Beecken Petty O'Keefe & Co., Genspring Family Offices and members of the management team. The merged companies will operate as Dentistry for Children Management Inc.

**Richard and Jane Carter**, owners of Mooresville's American Classic Antiques, recently purchased **Ye Olde Mantel**, a two-story specialty mall of antique and retro furniture, decor, accessories and vintage collectibles. Ye Old Mantel is housed in a 150-year-old building at 106 N. Broad St. in Mooresville. The shop features items from more than 15 dealers and has an upstairs art gallery featuring the works of Ed Collins, a Mooresville artist.

**Asterisk Creative** has launched the following websites: for **Best Sweet Inc.**, [www.bestsweet.com](http://www.bestsweet.com); for the **Bradford Clinic**, [www.bradfordclinic.com](http://www.bradfordclinic.com); and for **Hinson Electric**, [www.hinsonelectricinc.com](http://www.hinsonelectricinc.com).



**Asti**

**Martha Asti**, Wingate University's vice president for academic affairs, has been elected to the **American Council on Education Internationalization Collaborative Advisory Council**. She will serve a three-year term.

**Eric Dudley**, president of interactive marketing agency WebsiteBiz, was a featured panelist at the recent Entrepreneur Advisors Symposium at The Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte.

**Patricia Heard** of Charlotte, executive director of the United Way's BRIDGE jobs program, has been chosen as president-elect of the **Association of Social Work Boards**.

**Pease Associates Inc.**, a 72-year-old engineering and architecture firm based in Charlotte, has been acquired by **LaBella Associates**, a full-service engineering, architecture, environmental consulting, and planning firm. With the merger, Pease Associates will operate as Pease Engineering & Architecture.

**Escape Hair & Skin Studio** recently donated 239 books to the **Charlotte Community School for Girls** to help the school create a library.



**Wittmann**

**David Wittmann** of Delta Transitions has been named the memberships chair for 2011 for the **International Coach Federation's** Charlotte area chapter.

**Nick and Nancy Vona** of Charlotte have purchased the **EmbroidMe** franchise store at 16131 Lancaster Highway. EmbroidMe provides full-service, custom embroidery and screen-printing for apparel, promotional products and gifts.

**Motorsports Management International**, a Mooresville-based motorsports representation firm, has designed and developed the following website relaunches for Charlotte-area clients: [www.dennyhamlin.com](http://www.dennyhamlin.com), [www.kaseykahne.com](http://www.kaseykahne.com) and [www.jamiecmurray.com](http://www.jamiecmurray.com) for NASCAR drivers **Denny Hamlin**, **Kasey Kahne** and **Jamie McMurray**, respectively; [www.tonystewartracing.com](http://www.tonystewartracing.com) for **Tony Stewart Racing**, the World of Outlaws racing team owned by NASCAR driver Tony Stewart; and [www.cagnazziracing.com](http://www.cagnazziracing.com) for **Cagnazzi Racing**, a National Hot Rod Association drag-racing team.

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*Dynamic Strategic Planning*, a guidebook to a new type of strategic planning by Charlotte consultant **Buck Lawrimore** of Lawrimore Communications Inc., has been accepted for distribution by Amazon.com's Kindle eBook system.

**Rembe Inc.** has launched an informational website, [www.rembe.us](http://www.rembe.us), to assist its clients and visitors with learning more about combustible dust explosions and how to protect their plants and equipment through the use of Rembe venting and isolation technologies.

Employees from **Foundation Financial Group**, with offices at 10735 David Taylor Drive, recently gave **Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina** a helping hand, volunteering during the food bank's holiday season. Foundation Financial Group also gave a monetary donation.