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## 5th annual re-entry job fair brings hope to those seeking second chances

by Taniqua Pennix  
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Gainesville resident David Nelson said he's had several challenges in his life, but the opportunity to earn a paycheck gives him motivation to keep pushing.

"It's been a while, so I'm looking forward to drawing a check again and living," Nelson said.

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This is now the fifth year the Partnership for Strong Families and the Alachua County Library District have hosted this job fair. They said they are providing hope and opportunity to those seeking second chances.

Cherie Kelly with the Partnership for Strong Families said the employers at the job fair are open to everyone.

"This really is for anybody who maybe had some barriers to getting back into employment, and we've employers here with opportunities that know that, and are willing to take a look at individuals individually for people," said Kelly.

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COVID issues, and now I'm going to have a chance to find some new work," he said.

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Linda Cue with the Alachua County Library said the success rate of their job fair is high, and it benefits employees and employers alike. "It gives us motivation to do it for another year," she said.

Hope was in the air as people filled out applications and spoke with different employers.

"I have a sneaking suspicion somewhere that I'm gonna be working by the end of the week. I'm a believer," said Nelson. He said everyone at the job fair was helpful, and he looks forward to jumping back into the workforce.



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## Two killed in motorcycle accident on State Road 200 in Marion County

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*A man and woman, aged 38 and 31, are dead following a head-on collision with a pickup truck Thursday evening in Marion County.*

MARION COUNTY, Fla. — A man and woman died Thursday evening in a head-on collision with a pickup truck, according to Florida Highway Patrol.

The Weirsdale couple, 38 and 31 respectively, were traveling south on State Road 200, according to a report. At 9:10 p.m., a pickup truck, which was headed north, entered the southbound lane to pass traffic.

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Officials closed the roadway north of SW 147th Lane for cleanup and to investigate, according to the report. The road was reopened to traffic at 3 a.m. on Friday.



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