



Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce

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Welcome New Members:

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Give Bryan a call if you need financial planning.

TLC Ministries
P.O. Box 203
Manchester, GA 31816
706-741-2837
Ted (Tex) Texer

Ted is new to the area and plans to offer ministry services to youth in the community.

Thanks Renewing Members:

Dr. Abel Aguilar

First Baptist Church,
Warm Springs

March of Dimes

Tracy Sims, Principal
Unity Elementary School

Upson Regional Medical
Center

Georgia Chamber of Commerce - Legislative Briefing:

On October 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., the Georgia Chamber of Commerce will conduct a Legislative Listening Session at the Workforce Development Center in Greenville. Georgia Chamber legislative lobbyists will be on hand to discuss the 2007 legislative session and what can be expected in 2008. Representative Carl Von Epps and Senator Seth Harp have both been invited as well as other Georgia Chamber members interested in attending. Each of you should receive a personal invitation in the mail in the next few days, so please plan to attend. This is your opportunity to get your issues on the table with these influential lobbyists. Refreshments will be provided, sponsored by AngioDynamics of Manchester. For more information, contact Jeff Cain, Legislative Committee Chairperson, 678-918-8290



Entrepreneur Friendly Community Georgia™

The Entrepreneur Friendly Community team has met to identify small businesses in the Meriwether County area who might be interested in participating in an interview. The purpose of the interview is to find out how the community can better serve the needs of the small business owner. From this information a plan will be developed and implemented to include, but not limited to, a small business resource guide and a small business expo. If you are interested in more information, contact Sally Estes, Team Leader 706-672-1263



A Drugs Don't Work Seminar was held on September 26th, with Chuck Wade, President, Council on Alcohol and Drugs presenting. The Chamber is now offering this service as a member benefit, so if you are interested in a 7.5% discount on your worker's compensation insurance contact 706-655-2558

Georgia Trend Selects Meriwether County...



Georgia Trend, a business publication with a distribution of over 55,000 has selected Meriwether County as one of its featured counties for the December, 2007 edition. Georgia Trend has won numerous national and regional awards for journalistic excellence. This is a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful county and communicate to a large business audience all the exciting things underway. If you are interested in purchasing an advertisement in the publication or have ideas you'd like to share, please contact Lori Quinlan, Chamber President at 706-846-4200.

**Watch Next Month
for:**

Update on Work Ready
Community

Plans for Candlelight Tour
Run

Community Map
Information

Community Magazine

Lori Quinlan, President
Greg Schmeig, Pres. Elect
William Moran, Secretary
Patty Threadgill,
Treasurer



Meriwether Country Cruisin'

Our motorcycle rally, originally scheduled for October 20th, has been postponed until the spring. We have received some really good ideas about how we can make this a big event for our county and we've decided to postpone it to allow sufficient planning time for this event. Contact Kim Cushman, Site Manager, Little White House if you are interested in learning more about this 706-655-5870

Want to "Go Green"?

From the U. S. Chamber of Commerce-whether it's the feel good factor or consideration of the bottom line, going green is a growing business trend. "Green" is a term used to describe products and solutions designed to reduce energy use, minimize the use of, or impact on, natural resources or both. According to a Wells Fargo/Gallup survey, 89% of the small business respondents consider it very important or somewhat important for America's small business to protect and improve the environment. So what can you do?

- Reduce your paperwork by invoicing electronically
- Buy recycled paper and supplies
- Use ceiling fans to reduce air-conditioning costs
- Reduce your hot water temperature by two degrees and insulate the tank
- Use energy-saving light bulbs



Cotton Pickin' Fair:

The Cotton Pickin' Fair in Gay, Georgia will be held this coming weekend, October 6th and 7th. If you have never been, you will be amazed at the vast variety of crafts, food, furniture, jewelry, clothing and entertainment. If you've been before, then you know what a wonderful event this is for you and your family. Join the festive crowd this weekend in Gay, Georgia. While there, check out the tasty fried green tomatoes at the Meriwether County Chamber booth.

New Look for Chamber Web Page

The Board of Directors has recently approved a proposal to update the Chamber's web page. We want the site to be user friendly, easy to update and communicate information about the Chamber and the community. Watch for more information.

Credit Card Capability

The Chamber can now take credit card payments (Visa and MasterCard) for memberships, membership renewals and registrations for special events. With the new web site, we will also be able to take on-line payments for all of these things, making it even easier for you our members.

***Our goal is to serve you, our members, so please let us know
if you have suggestions...706-655-2558***