



Meriwether Messages
Week Ending December 19, 2014



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Welcome new Members:



Smitty's Café – a local favorite for the folks in Woodbury and surrounding communities. Delicious breakfast; daily lunch specials, plus good ole' fried chicken, burgers, catfish and steaks. Open daily at 7:00 a.m.; closed on Sundays. Located at the end of Main Street and Highway 85 A (12456 Whitehouse Road, Woodbury. Call 706-553-

5241 and welcome owner Rhonda Baker or email her at rbaker2003@yahoo.com

We also welcome JT's Signs – and owner Victor Tuszynski.

Victor's business is located at 326 W. Main Street in Manchester (across from McDonald's). Although signs is his primary business, Victor is one of those entrepreneurial types that does a little bit of everything, including vehicle graphics; banners; trophies;

and custom decals. He also does commercial sign design and repair, offers bucket truck service for lighting and sign repair and he rents U-Haul vehicles. Give him a call the next time you have sign or other marketing needs at 706-741-1344 or email at victorjtsigns@gmail.com





There is always some fun stuff going on at Meriwether Steak Co. This Friday (December 19th) come out and enjoy the Loose Change Band, call for reservations at 706-655-2563. They have great food, great service and a great atmosphere!! What more could you want???

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Come out and try the fudge at Hotel Warm Springs Ice Cream and Fudge Shop – this would be a great Christmas present!!

Hotel Warm Springs Ice Cream and Fudge Shop

FUDGE!

Under \$4.00!!



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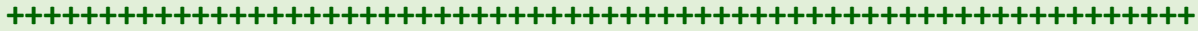
Under \$4.00!!

Give the Sweetest gift in Town! Choose from 18 flavors of our rich creamy fudge, made with real butter.
 Call us at 1-800-366-7616 or 706-655-2114
 Visit us in the heart of Warm Springs at:
 47 Broad Street Warm Springs GA, 31830

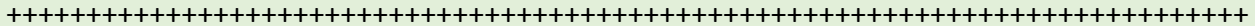


Shop locally for great deals for those on your Christmas list - Manchester Farm Garden and Hardware (1106 A Warm Springs Highway, Manchester)is offering Carhartt accessories for 25% off – Pick up some gloves; socks, belts and hats for all those on

your Christmas list....



Taylor Foster Jewelry & Gifts is offering Antique Chinese Gambling Counters for 30% off – now through Christmas. Located at 13 E Main Street in Manchester, the store will be open this Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for your shopping convenience



Great Deal on PS Data Wireless

Existing customers can refer-a-friend and receive a \$39.99 credit towards their monthly bill. UNLIMITED referrals can be made! It's easy money that keeps piling up on your account. SANTA says "If you are not already a customer, consider signing up today. Visit their web site at <http://www.psdatawireless.com> or call 478-847-6415

“Meriwether White Springs LLC continues to move toward commercial production by year end. As a reminder to the community, the Spring is open to the public each Saturday from 8am to 5pm. You can fill your own container or get a 24 bottle pack. Please feel free to come and enjoy the beauty of the property and the wonders of the spring water. The address is 7490 Chipley Highway, Pine Mountain.”

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Engineering Management, Inc. is seeking well qualified construction inspectors to oversee a variety of water, wastewater, and infrastructure type projects throughout the North Georgia area. Primary responsibilities include performing construction observation on pipelines, pumping facilities, and renovations to water and wastewater treatment facilities. Successful candidates will work closely with the design engineers, local government owners, funding agencies and construction contractor’s team. For more information visit <http://www.eminc.biz/construction-inspector-position.html> or contact

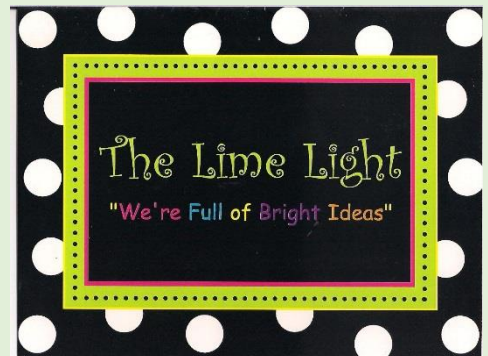
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+ Christmas Break is just around the corner and the New Year is an excellent time to sign your child up for preschool. The Lime Light is currently accepting students between 3 and 5 year olds who would like to start the NEW year off by making NEW friends and learning NEW things. For more information, contact Cyd Brantley, Ed.S by calling 706-846-LIME or emailing info@the-lime-light.com





With 2015 just around the corner, leaders in Meriwether County on Monday, December 15th had an opportunity to hear from our three local elected officials about expected priorities in the upcoming Legislative Session. On hand were Senator Josh McKoon; Representative Debbie Buckner and Representative-elect Bob Trammell, Jr. Organized by the Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce, the pre-legislative Town Hall was convened to create a forum for dialogue exchange and interaction.

As expected, transportation is likely to be one of the more prominent issues in the upcoming session with all three officials commenting about it. Noted was the failure of the T-SPLOST to pass in all but three regions in the state and the resulting shortfall in funding to support crumbling infrastructure on the state's roadways as well as any new transportation funding. In the last few weeks a Joint Study Committee on Critical Transportation Infrastructure Funding has been underway, a sixteen member committee charged with identifying new sources and methods of funding for critical transportation issues. Currently there is a \$900 million shortfall for current road improvements and a \$1.5 billion need for new construction. Several options have been discussed including redirecting the portion of the motor fuel tax that is now going to the general fund and dedicating that to the Department of Transportation. In addition there is expected to be conversation about increasing the motor fuel tax or adjusting the formula and creating a mechanism whereby counties could partner with one another to implement a modified regional T-SPLOST

On a very positive note, however, the officials talked about plans to support a \$5 million bond funding package for the Warm Springs rehabilitation and long-term acute care hospitals (Georgia Regents Health) to enable service delivery and infrastructure improvements to bring the facility up to code and to add bed capacity by making some of the rooms private.

Representative Buckner noted her plans to work on an assessment study to evaluate the pay structure; healthcare benefits and retirement options related to both current state employees and retirees.

Tom Donohue: Better Regulations Can Promote Jobs and Good Government.

Santa Barbara (CA) Noozhawk

Santa Barbara (CA) Noozhawk publishes **U.S. Chamber of Commerce** President Tom **Donohue's** Examiner commentary, in which he writes that "one of the best government reform efforts would be to modernize our regulatory system," arguing that it "is increasingly opaque and driven by political agendas, lacks basic accountability, often employs flawed data and questionable science, ignores congressional intent, and too often prevents citizens from effectively weighing in on proposed rules." **Donohue** notes that the **U.S. Chamber of**

Commerce supports “regulatory reform that adheres to four commonsense, bipartisan principles,” accountability, transparency, allowing “meaningful participation by stakeholders and citizens,” and a “safe but swift” permitting process. **Donohue** adds that regulatory reform “will remain a top priority for the **Chamber** in 2015.”

House Republicans filed a \$1.1 trillion spending plan Tuesday, capping weeks of negotiations with Senate Democrats to avoid a shutdown this week and put more of the government on firm footing through Sept. 30. A House vote could come Thursday but the current stopgap measure will need to be extended a few days to allow time for the Senate to act and the huge measure to go to the White House for President Obama's signature.

Senate clears tax break package.

The Hill

The Hill reports that “The Senate cleared a \$41.6 billion package of tax breaks on Tuesday, sending the legislation to President Obama in one of the last substantive moves of this Congress. By a 76 to 16 vote, the Senate passed a measure that would extend more than four dozen tax breaks for both businesses and individuals just through 2014.”

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