



Meriwether Messages
Week Ending January 31, 2014

Welcome New Members:

1. **Three Sisters Market** is a Farmers Market dedicated to offering locally grown produce to customers to provide the healthiest alternative to fruits and vegetables shipped from hundreds of miles away. Three Sisters Market owners strive to provide the best quality farm-fresh produce from local farmers. The produce is seasonal, with each season offering fruits and vegetables that are healthy and full of nutrition. Most of the seasonal produce can be canned or frozen for use in different seasons and the Market offers those items also. Fresh baked goods can be found here, along with farm fresh eggs and local handmade crafts of all kinds. Located on the Square in Downtown Greenville, GA, (105C W. Court Square) Three Sisters is always looking for local farmers and artisans interested in showcasing their goods. For more information, contact Laura O'Neal at 404-406-6476 or email oneallaura@aol.com www.threesistersmarket.com. Be sure to "like" them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Three-Sisters-Market/>



2. **Chattahoochee Gardens, Inc.**, a landscape management service offers exterior lawn maintenance and landscaping to include weekly care of grounds/gardens and seasonal color. Also offered are interior plant installation and maintenance. This is a sister-owned small business with a philosophy of quality over quantity when it comes to their work. Most of their customers have been with them for an extended period of time and Missy Upchurch, President says, "this is the only type of work environment I have ever known and my sister and I have been in business for about 20 years." If you need

landscaping or any type of lawn management, contact [Missy at 706-315-8844](tel:706-315-8844) or email at missyverison@gmail.com. She would love to hear from you as she is anxious to grow her business in this area.

3. **Gentiva Hospice**, located at 100 Brookstone Centre Parkway in Columbus wants to assure you that when you need to make a decision about hospice care for a loved one, they are there to assist. Under the direction of a physician, the

Gentiva clinical team offers a special kind of caring atmosphere that encompasses medical, social, emotional and spiritual treatment aspects. Getting into a hospice program, when the need arises, can bring comfort to the patient and family. **Contact Kim McClenny, hospice specialist today with any questions that you may have at 706-553-0835.** Kim wants you to know that they are always looking for volunteers to provide relief to the family or just to add another voice of support during a difficult



time. You can also email them at kimberly.mcclenny@gentiva.com or contact their Executive Director, Helen Powell at helen.powell@gentiva.com. For more information visit their web site at <http://www.gentiva.com>

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Mark your calendars for a *Business after Hours and Ribbon-Cutting at the Meriwether Steak Co.* located at 4776 Nebula Road in Warm Springs. Managers Cindy Williams and Christy Collins, along with the Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce invite you to join this great networking opportunity on **Thursday, February 13th from 5:30 p.m. to**

7:00 p.m. Join the group as we cut the ribbon, participate in a grand tour and share lots of surprises.....Watch for your invitation.

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To the Max Advertising thanks all of their clients for supporting their business over the years by allowing them to help you with your signage and advertising needs! They have also recently purchased a T-shirt heat press, thus giving them an opportunity to expand their product line. Give them a call if you have signage or promotional material needs. Gary Maxwell / Neal Browning / Cole Mauldin 706-674-2382 (Office); 706-392-3903 (cell) email: ttnadvertising@windstream.net

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The President Theatre invites you to the hilarious **ETTA MAY**. Etta May will be doing stand- up comedy at the Roosevelt Auditorium February 6th at 7 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at the www.presidenttheatre.com or purchased at Taylor Foster in Manchester or at the Meriwether Steak Co. in Warm Springs This show starts a full season of events including shows in April and May.



Price is \$26.50 per Show ticket

What's the best way to describe Etta May? -- "Minnie Pearl with a migraine". To put it simply, when Etta May takes the stage, she is the reigning Queen of Southern Sass !!!

Etta May won the prestigious American Comedy Awards: "Stand-Up Comic of the Year," and has appeared on Oprah, Comic Strip Live, MTV, and as a guest commentator on "CBS Sunday Morning."

The President Theatre, a 1935 historic building is of art deco/ art modern design. The preserved theatre will be reminiscent of the same design while embracing and incorporating technology that will sustain the theatre well into the future.

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Governor Deal proposes \$547 million in added education funding to restore

instructional days, eliminate teacher furloughs and increase teacher salaries. The Governor also proposed the creation of a new Hope grant which would allow technical college students who maintain a 3.5 GPA to receive full tuition.



The Governor's budget also includes another \$35 million to go toward the deepening of the Port of Savannah and a \$25 million addition for economic development to aid local governments in attracting industry, though details about how the funds could be used were not discussed. The budget is now in the hands of state lawmakers.

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Georgia Chamber of Commerce – President Chris Clark recently announced the launch of a campaign to encourage businesses and governments in the state to increase their purchases of Georgia-made products by 2%. The Georgia Chamber's web site at www.georgia2georgia.com offers more information on this initiative.



Perhaps our community could emulate this initiative by pledging *to increase purchases from local businesses by 2%*. Remember *shopping locally creates jobs and gives our local businesses* more incentive to then invest in the community through local charities, schools and community events. Wouldn't it be great to have a *Meriwether2Meriwether* initiative? Contact your Chamber of Commerce at meriwetherchamber@windstream.net

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Great Week for Tourism in Meriwether County Bruce Green , Director of Tourism Product

Development for the Georgia Department of Economic Development and his team of ten other tourism experts descended on Meriwether County last week for a whirlwind visit covering all seven municipalities and many of our 500+ square miles. Their visit culminated in an overview presentation to county and city leaders which highlighted the many and varied opportunities and tourism assets we have in our county. From historic churches and cemeteries to the legends of the "Cove", the tourism team was treated to a bounty of beauty and possibility all over our county. The team marveled at the tremendous array of opportunity our county has for promoting heritage tourism; eco-tourism; agri-tourism; not to mention the many opportunities for developing new tourism products. The team will return sometime in March to present a more comprehensive Tourism Product Development Strategic Plan to guide our county over the next few years in turning Meriwether County into a tourism destination of choice and thus driving significant economic development. Shown in photo are Bruce Green and Sabra McCullar, Meriwether County Tourism Director.



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Gary Smith serves as the Veteran's Administration representative for the Department of Labor in this area. He is available to assist with employment; resume writing and benefits. Gary works out of the Career Center at Roosevelt Warm Springs each Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. You may contact him at 706-655-5315 or 76-845-4361 or email gary.smith@gdol.ga.gov.

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Have news you want to share?

Special Events?

Deals and Sales?

New Staff?

Or just "hello" to the community?

Let me know... as your Chamber is always working for you!

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