

### 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 <u>oneallaura@aol.com</u> <u>www.threesistersmarket.com</u>. Be sure to "like" them on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/Three-Sisters-Market/</u>



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 every 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 <u>Missy at 706-315-8844 or email at</u> <u>missyverison@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>http://www.gentiva.com</u>

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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 <u>Thursday, February 13th from 5:30 p.m. to</u>

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

**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: ttmadvertising@windstream.net

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.presidentheatre.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."

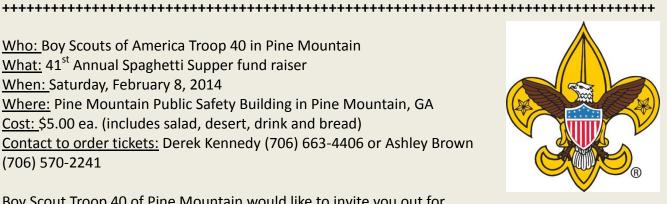
The President Theatre, a 1935 historic building is of art deco/ art modern design. The preserved theatre will be reminiscent of the same design while embracing and incorporating technology that will sustain the theatre well into the future.



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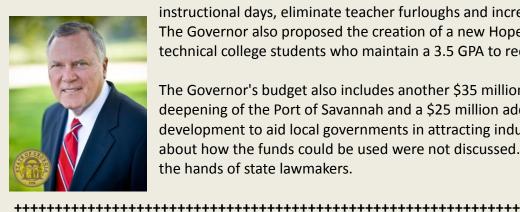
Who: Boy Scouts of America Troop 40 in Pine Mountain What: 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Spaghetti Supper fund raiser When: Saturday, February 8, 2014 Where: Pine Mountain Public Safety Building in Pine Mountain, GA Cost: \$5.00 ea. (includes salad, desert, drink and bread) Contact to order tickets: Derek Kennedy (706) 663-4406 or Ashley Brown (706) 570-2241



Boy Scout Troop 40 of Pine Mountain would like to invite you out for

supper!! We invite you to be our guests at our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 5 'til 8 PM. The Public Safety Building located behind the First Methodist Church at 301 East Chipley Street will be transformed into the most popular dining venue in Pine Mountain. This supper is Troop 40's main fundraiser. It helps Scouts to attend summer camp, purchases troop equipment, pays for awards and badges and keeps the lights on at the Hut. Please show your support and enjoy a great spaghetti supper!.

# 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.

<u>Georgia Chamber of Commerce</u> – 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 vour Chamber of Commerce at meriwetherchamber@windstream.net 

### You're Invited to an Elegant Bridal Showcase



at the Banquet Hall of Alvaton Sunday, March 16, 2014

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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.



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.

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! merwetherchamber@windstream.net

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