



Meriwether Messages

Week Ending April 25, 2014

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Saturday - April 26, 2014 - 10:00 - 6:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting at 1:00 PM

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Fantastic Shopping and Yummy Refreshments!

Then be sure to walk across the street to the

Spring Open House AT High Cotton Antique Mall



Welcome New Member:

Held the first weekend in

May and October, the festival features exhibitors who continue the spirit of craftsmanship, skill, talent and vision that many area farmers, homemakers, craftsmen and students began in Gay. The Shady Days in Gay Festival is held at 18785 Georgia Highway in the city limits of Gay. You are invited to bring your family and meander throughout this town and enjoy some of the most wonderful exhibits; live entertainment and great food. Make sure to bring the children because there is a great kid's area and admission is free. The hours are Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Kris Price at 706-977-8548; or email at info@shadydayingay.com. Be sure to visit their web site at http://www.shadydaysingay.com

Georgia Department of Economic Development-Tourism Product Development Team to give report of findings and recommendations - The public is invited to attend a special presentation on **May 6, 2014, 6:30 p.m., to be held at the Meriwether County Courthouse in Greenville.**

The purpose of this presentation is for the **Georgia Department of Economic Development –Tourism Product Development Team** to give a report of their findings and recommendations from their recent consultative trips to Meriwether County. During those trips they toured many tourism sites and many sites which have the potential to be developed into stronger tourism attractions. The group was very enthusiastic and encouraged about the wealth of potential we have in our county to turn tourism into an economic boon for the area.

The presentation is expected to include both short and long term recommendations and will ultimately provide a “road map” for our county leaders and citizens to develop tourism into the industry that it can be for Meriwether County.

You are encouraged to be present for this very important and historic occasion.

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Political Forum Scheduled for May 1st. The event will be held at the Unity Elementary School in Luthersville (172 N. Main Street, Luthersville, GA 30251). The principal participants in this event will be the two candidates vying for the seat of County Commissioner District 1. The seat is currently occupied by incumbent Emmitt Clark (D) who will be facing opposition from Shirley Hines (D). The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the public is invited.

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*Mark your calendar.....*Ribbon Cutting and Business after Hours at **Meriwether Steak Co. on Thursday, May 8th at 5:30 p.m.** Located at 1651 Whitehouse Parkway in Warm Springs (formerly Oscar's); the restaurant is receiving rave reviews and has already developed a loyal following.



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Callaway Gardens to host Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, with conductor Jere Flint, –Friday April 25th–gates open at 5:00 p.m.; concert begins at 8:00 p.m.

Performance pieces include the Star Spangled Banner; Night on Bald Mountain; Sabre Dance; Armed Forces Salute; Tribute to Henry Mancini; West Side Story and many others.

The event will take place at Callaway Gardens’ Robin Lake Beach (enter through Beach Gate on U. S. Hwy. 27). Bring a picnic, or order one prepared by Callaway Gardens’ culinary team, before Wednesday, April 23rd, to enjoy a wonderful evening. Some food and beverage options will be available onsite.

Tickets: Online, advance purchases \$20 per adult; \$25 per adult at the gate the date of the event. Dress is casual. For additional information, visit www.callawaygardens.com/aso or call 1-800-CALLAWAY (800-225-5292). Tents and umbrellas are not permitted. Tax included, non-refundable, no rain date.

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Greenville U-Save-It Pharmacy – Mother’s Day special – begins May 1st and runs through Mother’s Day.



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Congratulations Angiodynamics!! |



Angiodynamics was recently recognized as a nominee for the Georgia Manufacturer of the Year Award. This award is sponsored by the Technical College system of Georgia. Over 100 companies were nominated and recognized at the awards luncheon, held in Atlanta. Three awards are given to manufacturers in the small, medium and large categories. Angiodynamics, under the leadership of Bruce Maloy, Director of Operations has grown from its early beginnings in 1996, with 20,000 square feet and twenty employees, to its current size of 60,000 square feet and 100 full time employees. Angiodynamics is a leading provider of innovative, minimally invasive medical devices used by professional healthcare providers for vascular access, surgery, peripheral vascular disease and oncology. Congratulations to Bruce Maloy and his entire staff for this prestigious nomination.

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Custom Truck and Body Works goes on trade mission to Mexico:



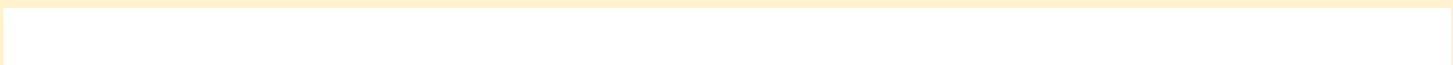
Congratulations on a successful trade mission by Sam Snider, President of Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc., located in Woodbury, Ga.

Mr. Snider recently attended the Georgia Department of Economic Development’s Trade Mission Expo held in Seguridad, Mexico. Mr. Snider met with the Federal Police shown in the attached photo. The General shown in the photo is in charge of the rescue division and was very interested in obtaining information on how Custom Truck and Body Works could supply them with emergency vehicles.

The Georgia Department of Economic Development Trade Division invites industries in Georgia to attend international trade shows with them 4-5 times per year.

Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc. was established in 2006 and employs 70. They custom design and outfit ambulances and emergency vehicles. Mr. Snider stated “the expo was very organized and helpful in advertising and marketing our business to the companies in Mexico. We hope to obtain some contracts with some of the businesses that we talked to”.

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Zumba classes beginning at Trinity UMC in Durand.

Get fit for summer and have fun doing it. Starting Tuesday, May 6, Trinity will be hosting Zumba classes every Tuesday at 7pm. Classes taught by certified instructor and cost is \$30/month. Trinity is located at 25 Palm Lane off Hwy 18 in Durand. For more information contact revangie@bellsouth.net or 706-663-9005

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gets a new location!!!

Come visit Mike Brening and staff at their new location in Manchester – 316 W. Main Street (directly across from

McDonalds). Remember....they can assist you with all your sports, business and church related clothing, trophies, awards and other “stuff” you need. They continue to offer custom embroidery; screen printing and a variety of apparel for all your special events...just call Mike at 706-846-2699 or email him at mjbrening@yahoo.com

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Press Release: The Fox Theatre Institute of Atlanta is hosting a community festival as part of the Theatre Revival Tour: **May 1st 6pm**, Broad Street in front of The President Theatre will be closed for the Festival. This is a free event and it will feature Francine Reed Atlanta Blues Songstress and her back-up band. This is a festival to celebrate the Fox Theatre Institute Grant funding that has allowed for a complete restoration of the historic theatre's facade from the marquee to the top of the tower and spire. The emphasis of the restoration focused on rehabilitating this structure to its original art deco splendor of 1935.

There is still time to have a vending booth or a promotional booth at this festival. This is a free event for the community. Please email Valerie Haskins at coolestmomintheworld@gmail.com for information.

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Obama Extends Review of Pipeline Project

The Wall Street Journal

The Wall Street Journal reports "The Obama administration is indefinitely extending its review of the Keystone XL pipeline, likely delaying a decision on the project until after November's U.S. midterm elections.

Support for Keystone Hits All-Time High in Poll

The Hill

The Hill reports "support in the United States for the Keystone XL pipeline is at an all-time high, according to a new poll released Thursday. The survey from the conservative-leaning pollster Rasmussen Reports found 61 percent of likely U.S. voters at least "somewhat favor" building the oil-sands pipeline."

Labor Shortage Threatens to Bust the Shale Boom

Bloomberg

Bloomberg reports "The processing and refining industries need so many workers to build new facilities in Texas and Louisiana because of the unprecedented rise over the last three years in U.S. oil and gas production, much of it due to shale. Labor shortages, causing delays in construction, threaten to slow the boom and push back the date when the country can meet its own energy needs, estimated by BP Plc to be in 2035."

Health Care Spending's Recent Surge Stirs Unease

The New York Times

The New York Times reports "A surge of insurance enrollment related to rising employment and President Obama's health care law has likely meant a surge of spending on health care, leaving policy experts wondering whether the government and private businesses can control spending as the economy gets stronger and millions more Americans gain coverage."

Have news to share?

Special deals or sales to promote?

Changes in your business?

Added new staff or new product lines?

Special Events?

This is the place to share with the community and it is always free!!!

Send your news to

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or call Carolyn McKinley at 706-655-2558