



Meriwether Messages  
Week Ending  
August 15, 2014



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**Welcome New Member: Meriwether White Springs, LLC**



Meriwether White Springs LLC’s new water bottling facility is now in the completion stages of their first project in Meriwether County. On Chipley Highway at the old Meriweather (Hotel), there has long been a natural alkaline spring that dates back to the time of the Creek Indians in the early 1800s. Now through the vision of Steven Stewart, a local businessman, the spring water will soon be ready for both local and regional market distribution. The features and benefits of the water speak to the “water with benefits” description on the bottle label. With a pH of 7.5+ the

water is known to increase hydration, boost energy, cleanse/detox your system and balance the body’s pH. The bottled water comes directly from the natural underground source. Most importantly the 100% alkaline spring water speaks to the long history of the Meriwether County’s special resources. Nick Cawood, Business Manager, notes that production is expected to begin before the end of this calendar year. With the historical significance of the water; its high alkaline content and the market driven opportunities for this type product, it is expected to be a huge success. For more information contact Nick Cawood at 706-63-7009

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**Announcing: Georgia Logistics Summit...**Logistics is one of the fastest-growing industries in Georgia with over 9,500 job openings each year. Hear how Logistics and Supply Chain Management affects everyone in our economy at the inaugural West Georgia Logistics Summit, August 20 from 8:30 – 11 a.m. at the Burson Center in Carrollton, Georgia. Jointly sponsored by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce/Carroll Tomorrow and West Georgia Technical College, the West Georgia Logistics Summit will feature a Keynote Address from Page Siplon, Executive Director of the Georgia Centers of Innovation and the Georgia Center of Innovation for Logistics. Siplon is a highly sought-after leader and speaker in the field of Logistics. The summit – including complimentary breakfast – is offered free of charge, but registration is required. Please see the attached flyer and agenda for more information.



Ben Chambers, Marketing Specialist, West Georgia Technical College

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Now Hiring: **Office Manager** - Local company is seeking a full-time Office Manager. Candidate must be a team player, smart, dependable, organized and energetic with ability to multi-task. This role is responsible for customer orders, managing truck scales and other general office duties. A background in customer service and lumber experience a plus. Minimum 2-yr business degree required. Must be proficient in MS Excel and Word. Excellent opportunity and benefits – PTO, BCBS, 401(k) w/ match.

*S. Mark Sanders, CPA* | Chief Financial Officer

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THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 186 IN GREENVILLE is proud to announce we will join forces with the GREENVILLE LIONS CLUB to recognize those who are serving us 24 hours daily. We are speaking of the emergency personnel who work around the clock to come to our rescue in our time of need. That would be our first responders who answer the call to our community. We at the post have served our county during a conflict and here we have our co-partners who are continuing to serve us here in Meriwether County. So on September the 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a luncheon from 11am to 2 pm to show our grateful appreciation to all who are now serving us. This will take place at the American Legion Post 186 where we have plenty room for parking and a dining facility. For more information please contact Dan Morgan at [alpost186@yahoo.com](mailto:alpost186@yahoo.com) .



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**First Baptist Church in Warm Springs** is preparing for another great soccer season. Registration is open until August 15<sup>th</sup>, with practice starting Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup>. The Meriwether Soccer Facebook Page is the primary means of communication with parents, so please go to this site for more information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/meriwethersoccer/>



*Professional Transportation, Inc., to host Job Fair:* If you, or someone you know, is interested in working as a driver to transport railroad crews, please attend the Job Fair at the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department, located at 124 Perry Street, Manchester, GA on August 14, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Applicants must have a valid driver's license; have at least 7 years driving experience with an excellent driving record, be proficient in reading, writing and conversing in English and be able to pass a background check and drug screen. For more information visit their web site at <http://www.professionaltransportationinc.com> or call 1-800-471-2440

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*Wh-h-a-a-t-t? Christmas in August?* Yep – Meriwether Steak Co. is already booking Christmas Parties! You better not cry, you better not pout, you better not wait - call Meriwether Steak Co. at 706.655.2563 to make sure they have your room reserved, because Santa Claus is coming to town! It's going to be a busy season, so make sure your spot is reserved now!



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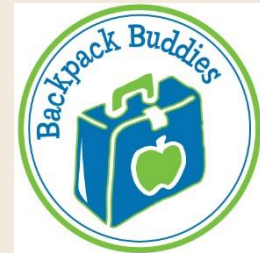
**Back to School Bash was a Huge Success...**with over 1000 people in attendance, the first ever Back-to-School Bash was a great event. Held at George E. Washington Elementary School in Woodbury, the event included over 30 vendors and tons of support from across Meriwether County. *Congratulations to organizers, especially Jennifer Corcione, Executive Director of the Family Connection Partnership.*

Jennifer and her team garnered tremendous support from the community and all the families and children who participated had a great time. All of the school children in attendance are now fully equipped with pencils; glue; notebooks and backpacks!! Shown in photo Amanda Michele Cannon and Amanda Davis of the Meriwether County Department of Public Safety

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*Congratulations Gary Kemp, Chaplain at Roosevelt Warm Springs and his team for organizing the Backpack Buddies*

Program in Meriwether County. Designed for those children who may not have meals available to them on the weekends, school officials have identified about 40 students at Mountain View Elementary School who fall into this target group. Gary and area churches are working together to organize this program and we look forward to further progress....we'll keep you posted.



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Located in downtown Manchester at 13 E. Main Street; there will be lots of special deals for you and the family ---40% off everything in jewelry and gifts (excluding Pandora items). It will also be a great way to show your support for this locally owned business and its owner Judy Foster (and be sure to wish Judy a belated Happy Birthday). Join them on Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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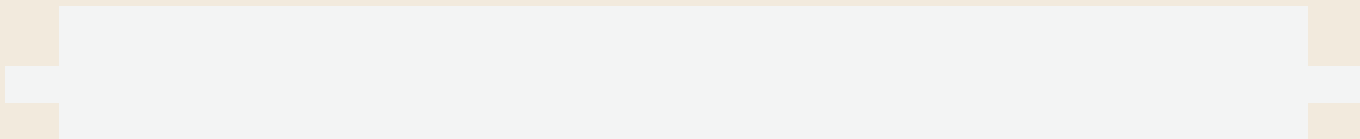
**Meriwether** – this display at the Meriwether Memorial Airport becomes the first satellite Visitor Information Center (VIC) in the county. As some of you recall, one of the recommendations from our tourism consultation was the placement of satellite VICs in various locations throughout the county. With the increasing air traffic at the airport, this was deemed to be the perfect time to launch this project. Thank you to Paul Harman of the Meriwether County Airport Authority, Lisa Thompson City of Warm Springs and Sabra McCullar, Warm Springs Welcome Center for their assistance in getting this display established. We are especially interested in showcasing places to eat and places to shop in the county, so if you have brochures you would like to include, please contact Carolyn McKinley at 706-655-2558 or email [meriwetherchamber@windstream.net](mailto:meriwetherchamber@windstream.net)

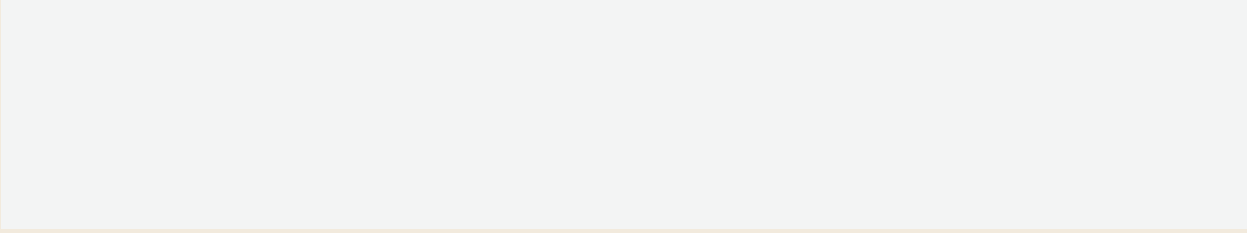


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# NEWS YOU CAN USE

- 1. More App News:** Internet trends for 2014 report that mobile now accounts for 25% of all web usage, almost doubling from 14% a year ago. The majority of people are “multiscreening”, meaning they are accessing the same websites on mobile or desktop, so there needs to be consistent experiences across devices. It is predicted that in the coming year or so, mobile internet will exceed desktop internet usage worldwide.



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2. **Small Firms Hit by Big Changes in Health Coverage:** *The Wall Street Journal* reports that “Businesses with fewer than 50 workers are exempt from the most stringent requirements for larger employers under the federal health-care law. But that doesn't mean they're off the hook entirely. Smaller employers aren't required under the Affordable Care Act to offer coverage for their full-time workers—as larger firms must by 2016 or face penalties, for instance. But many owners of small ventures and startup entrepreneurs are nonetheless facing big changes to how they obtain their own health coverage, as well as to the benefits they're able to offer employees.”

3. **Productivity Rises More Than Forecast, Limiting U.S. Costs**  
*Bloomberg News*

*Bloomberg* reports that “The productivity of U.S. workers rose more than projected in the second quarter, rebounding from the biggest drop in more than three decades and helping to restrain labor costs. Companies that have been relying on wringing efficiency gains from existing staff may take on more employees and increase investment as demand grows. Advances in productivity together with limited labor costs provide more room for the Federal Reserve to keep interest rates close to zero while trimming monthly bond purchases.” The economy added 209,000 jobs in July, as the unemployment rate ticked up to 6.2 percent. It's the sixth straight month job gains have been the 200,000 marker, and continues a strong stretch for the labor market.

4. **Common Core likely to be an issue again in Georgia's upcoming Legislative Session:** in 2010, Georgia's Board of Education adopted Common Core for math and English following its launch by the nation's governors and educators in 48 states. State school officials and governors recognized the value of consistent real-world learning goals and launched this effort to ensure all students regardless of where they live are being held accountable to a common set of standards. The controversy surrounding Common Core and many of the myths being circulated caused Georgia's Legislature to focus on them last year, with some legislators even suggesting that they be thrown out. It appears that it will be a controversial issue again this year, as Georgia House Speaker David Ralston laid out the charge to the newly organized committee to evaluate common core and develop some recommendations for the Legislature to consider. The panel includes legislators, parents and educators. There will be public meetings to allow ample time to voice their support or concerns about common core before the committee submits its report in December.

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