



## Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce

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### Don't Forget to Vote on New Chamber Board!



### New Community Book for Meriwether!

The last Community Book was published in 1999, so you can imagine how outdated some of the information is (not to mention the pictures!). For any community, the Community Book represents the community in a way that no other document can. It showcases education; healthcare; economic development; government and services and the county's history. Most important it reflects the people of the community and Meriwether County has much for which to be proud. The book is widely distributed to those looking to relocate; industry prospects; those interested in starting small businesses and tourists. Since we are still using the book from 1999 it is also one of the best investments you can make for your advertising dollars. SouthComm has worked with communities all over the southeast for over twenty years. I invite you to view their website at [www.southcom.com](http://www.southcom.com) for a sample of their work.

***Entrepreneurs Flourish in Meriwether... this is the new slogan for our Entrepreneur Friendly Community initiative.*** As you may recall, this initiative was launched a few months ago. The team, led by Sally Estes, has worked hard to target small business owners throughout the county and conduct interviews with them. Over twenty-five small businesses have been interviewed and the team is working now to consolidate the information from this process. The next two steps will be the production of a small business resource guide and conducting a small business expo. The team includes Ben Teasley; John and Ellen McEwen; Bobby Moreland; Fred Woolfolk; Pink Elliott; Linda Cawley; Lori Quinlan; Gail Long; Linda Seymour; Pat Turner; Virginia Hill; Linda Jones; Robert Trammell, Sr.; Susan Godbee; Kip Purvis and Carolyn McKinley. Watch for more information or contact team leader Sally Estes, 706.672.1263

### U. S. Chamber of Commerce – Institute for a Competitive Work Force...

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke spoke at this recent national summit in Washington, D.C. He urged community business leaders to invest in education and workforce development to help overcome potential obstacles to economic growth, including the imminent retirement of the baby boom generation; the rapid advance of technology and increasing globalization. U. S. Chamber President Tom Donohue warned the conference attendees of a labor crisis caused by the impending retirement of 77 million baby boomers; an education system in which one-third of ninth graders don't graduate in four years; and a skills gap caused by fewer graduates having the high-tech, digital and other skills needed for jobs in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



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## Did You See It?

# GeorgiaTrend

The December edition of Georgia Trend painted a beautiful picture of Meriwether County in written word and photographs. Showcasing the legacy of FDR, the article's title was ***Embracing Past and Future, Making the Most of FDR and KIA***. With emphasis on Roosevelt's Little White House and County Tourism as its foundation, the article showcased a variety of activities underway throughout the county as illustrations of progress. Profiled in the story were Roosevelt Warm Springs; Greenville Better Home Town program; work of the Meriwether County Development Authority and the Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce. County Commission Chairperson, Charles Neely was quoted in the article as saying "We need some industry to give our landowners tax relief. Our county's working together well toward one goal, to get new industry." It is rewarding to see the unification of our county reflected in this journal.



### ***Congratulations Wanda Crowder and her fantastic team of volunteers...***

Our Candlelight Tour Run held in November was the most successful ever!! With over 100 runners; a fantastic team of volunteers; great support from local law enforcement and governmental officials and the generous support of our many sponsors...we had a wonderful race. All the runners were so gracious and complimentary about the hospitality of our community and the organization of the run. Special thanks to our state and local government and safety entities for their support including: ***Meriwether County Sheriff's Department; Meriwether County Emergency Management Services; Georgia State Patrol; Warm Springs Police Department; Roosevelt Warm Springs – Police Department; City of Warm Springs; Warm Springs Volunteer Fire Department and Roosevelt's Little White House.*** We also thank all of our sponsors, including: ***FDR's Warm Springs Welcome Center; Faye C. Perdue – State Farm Insurance; Warm Springs Trading Company; Meriwether Bank and Trust; Big Chic; Georgia LP Gas Company, Inc.; Cato Heating and Air Conditioning; Jones Body Shop; The Bulloch House Restaurant; AngioDynamics, Inc.; Taylor-Foster, Inc.; Quality Auto Parts, Woodbury; F & M Bank and Trust Company; Roosevelt Warm Springs; Woodbury Pharmacy/Radio Shack; Dobco; G & S Metal Consultants, Inc.; Crawford Grading and Pipeline; Georgia-Pacific Wood Products, LLC; Sheriff Steve Whitlock; Hill's Funeral Home; Georgia Power; Abbott, Jordan & Koon, LLC; Nana's Porch; J. Smith Lanier & Co.; Trammell Camp, LLC; Roosevelt's Little White House; West Georgia Technical College; McCoy Grading, Inc.; Meriwether County Development Authority; The Manchester Star-Mercury; Thomaston-Ford-Chrysler; Southern Belles Soap Company; Wilson's Fine Furniture; Custom Truck and Body Works; Cotton Pickin' Fair; Warm Springs Medical Center; and Hudson Orchard.***

***Our goal is to serve you, our members, so please let us know how we can help...706.655.2558***

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