

Meriwether Messages
Week Ending May 30, 2014

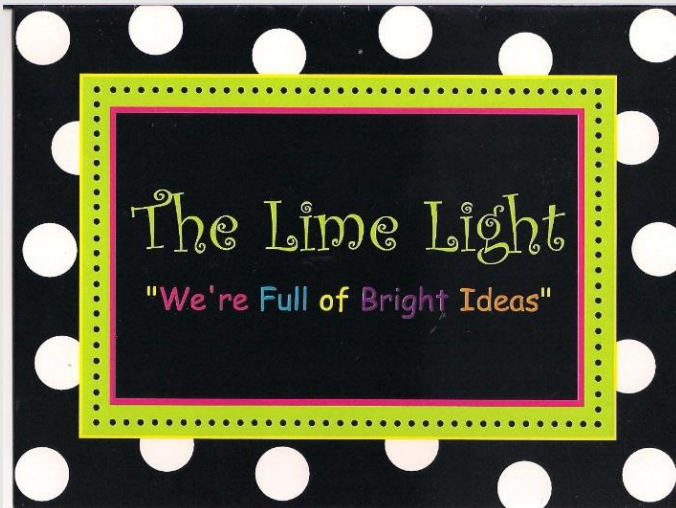


Welcome New Member: Brightmoor Hospice providing an environment of support and encouragement...for both in-home and inpatient hospice.

Brightmoor Hospice draws on their long experience in assisted living and skilled nursing to provide comfort and care for your loved one. A full range of services is offered including medical, emotional, social and spiritual care. Services are tailored to meet specific needs in their inpatient facility, in the home or in a skilled nursing facility. For more information, contact Sherri Gilson, Referral Specialist at 706-616-8406. You can also visit their web site at <http://www.brightmoorhospice.com>



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The Lime Light, 410 Chafin Drive, Manchester is currently accepting K3, K4, and K 5 students for the 2014-2015 school year. If you or someone you know is looking for a fun place to learn for their favorite little student, call or email for more information 706-846-LIME or email at info@the-lime-light.com.

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The City of Greenville is hosting a Down Home Family Day on Saturday, June 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information email at:

greenvilleaffairs@gmail.com or visit their web site at
<http://www.greenvilleca.org>

***** VENDORS NEEDED *****

DOWN HOME FAMILY DAY

3rd ANNUAL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Down Home Family Day is an Annual Festival that celebrates family and community. It is a full day of Fun, Food, Games, Live Music, Car Show and a variety of Vendors. Vendors fee \$25.00 per booth.



For more information contact Robert Moreland @ 706-672-1216, Mary Bray @ 770-468-5343, email greenvilleaffairs@gmail.com, or visit our website: <http://www.greenvilleca.org>

Tourism Update:

- If you missed the community Tourism Team Presentation held in Greenville last week; you can get a re-cap from the local paper. The Vindicator published a summary last week and the Star Mercury included it this week. If you don't take the local paper and have specific questions, please contact the Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce at 706-655-2558 or email meriwetherchamber@windstream.net. You are also invited to participate in the *Together in Meriwether* team which meets monthly.
- Short term actions for the Together in Meriwether team will be to adopt a tourism logo to represent our county's tourism initiative; develop and produce rack cards for those tourism products that are "market ready" and distribute rack cards to the two primary Visitor Information Centers in our area – West Point and Columbus
- Check out this article so you don't make these common Social Media Mistakes:
<http://m.entrepreneur.com/article/22724512> Social Media Mistakes That Entrepreneurs Make

From *Entrepreneur*: <http://m.entrepreneur.com/article/227245>

- **GEORGIA'S TOURISM INDUSTRY IMPACT HITS RECORD HIGH WITH \$53.6 BILLION**
Georgia Tourism, a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD), today announced that tourism demand generated \$53.6 billion in business sales including direct, indirect and induced impact in 2013, up 4.5 percent, according to the U.S. Travel Association and Tourism Economics.
<http://www.georgia.org/news-room/georgias-tourism-industry-impact-hits-record-high-53-6-billion/>
- **SOUTHEAST TOURISM SOCIETY NEWS**
Tell Your Story in a Big Way - STS is preparing a special publication full of hometown tourism success stories. It's called *Tourism Works!* It will be a way to demonstrate the economic power of tourism that you can showcase to your local and state stakeholders and policymakers. It also will be a tool for members of the travel and tourism caucuses in the U.S. House and Senate to use with their colleagues. Learn how you can tell your story at *Tourism Works!*

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ARE YOU PREPPED FOR THE FUTURE?



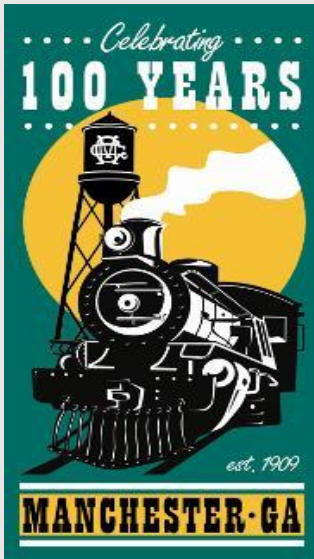
JOIN US AS WE PREPARE
REVIVAL
AT BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Featuring:
Evangelist, Dr. Keith Fordham
Speaking on:
Are You Prepped? What The Bible Says About the Coming Days.

JUNE 1ST-4TH
SUNDAY AT 11:00AM AND 7:00PM
MONDAY—WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM

200 Bethel Church Road Luthersville, GA 30251

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City of Manchester's Recreation Department will again host the sixth Summer of Champions Sports Camp; a free camp provided to elementary aged children. The camp is staffed solely by volunteers from Manchester and the surrounding areas. Organizers also partner with Meriwether County Summer Feeding Program and Family Connection Partnership

How can you help? This year we hope to partner with business owners and leaders from our community. Of course for monetary donations are always appreciated, that an even greater contribution would be an investment of time. Business owners, community leaders, professionals, etc. are encouraged to volunteer to "Coach for a Day". This year along with sports/athletics there are plans to talk with the kids about the importance of staying in school, working hard, and truly thinking about and planning for the future. Various business and community leaders and their successes will be highlighted over the two weeks. Angie Shirah, Summer of Champions Coordinator

706-741-6459 angieshirah@gmail.com

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Now focused on expanding and improving delivery of care, Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation and Specialty Hospitals is looking to hire energetic and passionate individuals. The positions are located in Warm Springs, GA, though travel to and from Augusta, GA is required.

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The positions provides overall direction, coordination and supervision for organizing, planning, scheduling and implementing activities for maintenance, housekeeping, and operations for the buildings systems, service provider contracts, and shared service agreements for Warm Springs Medical Center.

Four opportunities are available: two level II positions and two level III

positions. These advanced skilled positions work in the maintenance repair and installation in buildings and assigned areas using equipment as required. Applicants must be able to demonstrate, through performance, a knowledge of basic Electrical, plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, and carpentry.

Level II positions require a minimum of 3 years' experience in related fields, with Level III positions requiring 5 years' experience in related fields.

To apply to any of the four positions, applicants should apply directly online via the www.gru.edu/jobs portal. Choose hospital jobs and search for the following requisitions: 10738, 10739, 10740, and 10741.

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Robin Lake Beach now open for the Summer – with lots of exciting activities for 2014, including new **Bumper Boats*** (with squirt guns for more fun); **Aqua Island***, an expansive floating playground; and enormous, inflatable **Water Slide***, new two-person roadster **pedal-power go-karts***. Robin Lake Beach also will continue to offer its traditional activities of swimming, shuffleboard, table tennis, and upgraded miniature golf.

Guests can add some adrenaline to their day on Callaway Gardens' year-round attraction, **TreeTop Adventure***, which features 36 aerial challenges and zip lines. Reservations are suggested. Guests also can enjoy the many attractions unique to Callaway Gardens including the **Birds of Prey** show featuring free-flight hawks, owls and falcons; butterflies flying about in the **Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center**; beautiful horticultural displays in the **John A. Sibley Horticultural Center**; and a bounty of growing vegetables and flowers in **Mr. Cason's Vegetable Garden**. The 10-mile **Discovery Bicycle Trail** takes guests on a leisurely ride by all of these great attractions. A tennis match, round of golf, or time spent fishing by boat in other Callaway Gardens lakes are enjoyable ways to begin or end a great day.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 1-800-CALLAWAY (225-5292) or visit www.callawaygardens.com.

Farmers Market this Summer at Callaway Gardens

Each Friday, the Callaway Gardens Farmers Market will be available 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. featuring a variety of vendors. The fun continues into the evening with great food, drink specials, live music, and beach activities. Beginning May 31, Friday nights will include a Movie on the Beach at dark and beginning June 6 the FSU Flying High Circus will perform on Friday nights at 8 p.m.

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The Georgia Three Rivers Chapter of the American Red Cross is recruiting volunteers and is hosting orientations on May 29 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in Lagrange. Or on May 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Newnan. The organization

is in desperate need of volunteers; especially those with specialized training (bi-lingual, doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, IT, etc...). Please contact Ms. Sarah Wynn for more information

Sarah Wynn

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News from Meriwether County Animal Shelter – The Animal Shelter needs your help. As you know, the shelter continues to transport shelter animals to northern states. But while their animals wait for their ride, the shelter doesn't have enough space for them. You can help by serving as a foster; there is no financial burden and you can choose how many dogs you can care for until their departure date. If you are interested, please call 770-490-8990 or email c.brown@meriwethercountyga.gov

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Thank you Renewing Members:

Bob Oxford
Rock Bottom Landscape
Meriwether County Family Connection Partnership
Cotton Pickin' Fair
Davis Plumbing, Trenching & Electrical
Fowler Family Partnership
Ron Hall
Delta-Sigma-Theta Sorority, Inc.
Sports Plus+ Physical Therapy
1st Franklin
Ellis & Ellis Investment Management, LLC
Crown Technology, LLC
The Bulloch House
AgSouth, ACA
Flint River Academy
MERIWETHER COUNTRY INN
COURT SQUARE CAFÉ

Warm Springs Winery
March of Dimes
John Hardy Jones
Durable Medical Equipment, Inc.
In the Word Ministries
J & G Shoes
Daniel's Big Chic
City of Manchester
Beckham's Pharmacy
Meriwether Ready Mix
Community Action for Improvement
Amedisys Home Health Care
Good Shepherd Therapeutic Center
Three Rivers Regional Commission
McCoy Grading, Inc.
MERIWETHER COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Unemployment Rate Drops Slightly in Meriwether County – from 10.6% to 10.2%. The unemployment rate is still running much higher than the Georgia rate which is at 6.8%

*Send your news; special sales; or community information to
meriwetherchamber@windstream.net*

