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Warm Springs



Soft Skills in Big Demand

In an increasingly global, technological economy, in addition to academic strength, young people must also be able to work comfortably with people from other cultures, solve problems creatively, write and speak well, think in a multidisciplinary way, and evaluate information critically. Further they need to be punctual, dependable and industrious. "This skill set is the ticket to upward mobility in the new economy," says Ken Kay, president of *Partnership for 21st Century Skills*, a Tucson, Arizona-based coalition of business and education groups that advocates infusing such skills into education.

U. S. Chamber Says Global is Good

According to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, global trade is equivalent to about one-third of our entire economy. Booming U. S. exports generated more than a quarter of U. S. GDP grown in 2007. Trade supports at least 12 million good-paying American jobs. One in five U. S. factory jobs depends on exports, and one in three acres of American farmland is planted for consumers overseas. The U. S. Chamber urges the business community to educate the public and make the case for fair trade in which U. S. goods and services shipped overseas are given the same treatment as those we import. Further it should be acknowledged that trade dislocates some workers in some industries and that these workers deserve education and re-training.



Thank you Sheriff Steve Whitlock

Sheriff Whitlock is working with Carol Lane (Meriwether County School System) and Linda Jones (West Georgia Technical College) to provide WorkKeys Assessments to the Meriwether County inmate population. This assessment process will provide the inmates with information about their skill level in applied math, locating information and reading. Inmates who are interested in increasing their skill level can then participate in remediation training offered at no cost through West Georgia Technical College. This project is a component of the Work Ready Community initiative and is expected to benefit the inmates by helping them to think about and prepare for employment.

Member News:

- **Congratulations Sherrie Mullis, CIC of Meadows Insurance Agency. Sherrie was recently recognized for professional leadership and advance knowledge by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors. Ms. Mullis was recognized as having more than 15 years as a designate CIC. Congratulations Sherrie!**
- **Ty Baxley has joined the staff of JoBar Wireless in Manchester as the new office manager. Contact him at 706-846-2266**
- **Kim Foster has launched a new web site: www.thestudiobykimfoster.com**
- **Congratulations Tab Blackburn of Sports Plus+ Physical Therapy in Manchester. Tab was selected as one of the National Athletic Trainer's Association's 2008 Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer award recipient. Typical traits in those receiving this award include dedication, innovation, loyalty and leadership and Tab certainly embodies those characteristics.**

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**Leadership Meriwether Kicks Off September 10th!
Motorcycle Rally October 18th and 19th!**



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