



FROM THE PUBLISHER

Coweta County — this place more than 115,000 people now call home — is poised for more dynamic change and growth.

We continue to be one of the fastest growing counties in Georgia and the 66th fastest growing county in the U.S.

With the growth in population, there are greater demands for services. That creates a challenge in both the public and private sectors.

This year we have seen more firemen, policemen and deputies added. More will be needed. A new library is being built on the booming east side of the county. The public library in Newnan is being renovated, and library services in other parts of our county are being improved. There's a push to again make the Carnegie Building in downtown Newnan a library. All these projects are needed to enhance quality of life.

We have had a \$17 million expansion at the Summit YMCA, a state of the art facility catering to our growing population. We've had more retail and commercial ventures come to our community. More will be opening this fall — like a Dillard's department store and a Barnes and Noble bookstore.

Major new road projects are underway in the county — particularly on busy Interstate 85 — to aid our growing traffic issues. Between now and 2009 every mile of the interstate in Coweta — from below mile marker 34 south of Grantville to mile marker 56 near Palmetto — will be widened and refurbished.

There's good news about jobs as well. Our economic development



players tell us more than 2,000 jobs were created in Coweta within the past year. The outlook is even brighter.

Before the end of this year, we could land a major European manufacturer for the 1,700-acre megasite near Moreland. We could have announcements of additional Chinese manufacturing investments. If all goes well with the Kia plant to be built down I-85 near West Point, Coweta County could gain spinoff industries.

Indeed, more jobs are on the way. That means more people can work closer to home, and our tax digest can become more diversified and not so skewed toward residential property. It's a positive economic signal for the community.

Health care is a critical issue. Piedmont Newnan Hospital plans to build a new facility, although it will be five years or more before that is operational. A 50-bed psychiatric hospital is also planned.

As the change keeps coming to our community, The Times-Herald and its sister publication, Newnan-Coweta Magazine, continue to change. Our mission is simple: To be the number one source of news, information and advertising about the people, places and

things in Coweta County.

On Sept. 9, The Times-Herald will celebrate its 142nd birthday. The newspaper dates back to Sept. 9, 1865. We converted the newspaper from a twice-a-week publication to a daily newspaper on Oct. 1, 1997. Since becoming a daily it has been full speed ahead in

seeking to fulfill our mission.

Two years ago The Times-Herald bought Newnan-Coweta Magazine, which had existed in our community for 10 years. We have expanded the magazine's size, broadened its content, and converted our annual Newcomers Guide into this publication — Coweta Living.

This year we will begin expanding our Internet editions of The Times-Herald and Newnan-Coweta Magazine with more news, information and advertising posted in these online products. Again, we are changing as technology dictates to deliver local news, information and advertising to a broader cross section of people who want local news online.

In the months and years ahead, as more people discover Coweta living, we pledge to continue to upgrade and expand our publications, both in print and online. Let us know how we can best meet your local information needs.

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