



MOULTRIE-COLQUITT COUNTY
LIVING HISTORY, GROWING FUTURE

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For generations, Moultrie has played an important part in clothing and feeding the country. However, over time, something else developed in the community's character. The bounty earned from growing crops was sown into programs that has grown great kids through education. The spirit of hard work on the farm became hard work in Moultrie's successful businesses and thriving economy. In the process of feeding and clothing this part of the world, we created a vibrant town full of life and opportunity.

We call the way in which the past permeates the present our living history.

A large, leafy tree stands in a field at sunset. The tree is silhouetted against a bright orange and yellow sky. The field is green and misty, with a line of trees in the background.

**IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT THE
AGRICULTURAL CAPITAL OF THE
SOUTH IS A GREAT PLACE TO PUT
DOWN ROOTS.**



Living history helps guide the decisions we make about our future with the successes and failures of the past. It is the continual preservation of our culture and assets. It is the heart of what makes Moultrie so great. And by the time you finish reading this brochure, we think you'll agree.



RIGHT SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYWHERE.



It's a common misconception that south Georgia is in the middle of nowhere, but Moultrie actually sits in the center of several major cities in the Southeast. It is located just 22 miles west of Interstate 75, a major north-south corridor, and 53 miles north of Interstate 10, a major east-west corridor.

More important, is what Moultrie is not close to: traffic, pollution, outrageous taxes and sprawl. Close proximity to major cities allows Moultrie to be near the conveniences of urban areas without all the ills of the big city.



Through an act of the Georgia Legislature, Colquitt County became the 115th county in Georgia on February 25, 1856. It was named in memory of Walter Terry Colquitt, a minister, statesman and lawyer.

In 1879, a charter was adopted and an area of 50 acres in the center of the county was declared the county seat. It was named Moultrie, after Gen. William Moultrie, a Revolutionary War hero.

By 1900, the county was becoming a farmer's paradise. Land was cleared and development companies began dividing the forested area into farm tracts. Experienced farmers from north Georgia and the Carolinas were invited to come and develop the land. The county's agriculture industry thrives today.





BEST IN OUR FIELD. Moultrie has the most diverse agricultural economy in the state of Georgia and the greatest number of individual crops grown east of the Mississippi River. More than 100 different crops are grown in Moultrie, as evidenced at the farmers' market and roadside stands in the area.



REAPING WHAT WE'VE SOWN.

Moultrie has a strong economy because of its foundation. No matter what happens in the world economy, people always have to eat. Moultrie's alignment with the agricultural and food industry means that so long as food is important, the town's economic base will be strong. In addition to some of America's most productive farms, Moultrie also hosts world-class meat-processing centers and scores of businesses that help serve the agricultural industry.



AGRIBUSINESS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS IN MOULTRIE. In this greenhouse, farm-grade tomato plants are germinated and grown in a carefully controlled setting.



FROM GOOD STOCK. Livestock operations make up an important share of the economy in Moultrie. This Jersey cow at a local dairy that practices environmentally sound waste management and soil conservation supplies milk free of artificial hormones.



HIGH FLIERS. Father and son Brent and Raymond Maul, test one of their new planes. Maule Air relocated to Moultrie from Michigan in 1968 owing to the good weather for flying and the presence of skilled labor for building planes. Maule aircraft are world renowned for their short take-off and landing capabilities.



MORE THAN JUST AGRICULTURE.

The strong work ethic of our citizens has also become attractive to plenty of non-agricultural industries looking for the high-production, low-cost option that Moultrie makes possible. The result has been a diversification of Moultrie's economy to include precision manufacturing and technology applications.

Our business-friendly attitude means we help businesses get the land, agreements, labor and resources they need to be successful.



TESTED METAL. Steel is cast to make fittings for a light fixture in a local factory. In addition to metal manufacturing and fabrication, Moultrie hosts companies that manufacture products ranging from textiles to commercial ice machines.



KEEPING AN EYE ON HEALTH. Dr. Jim Keith reads a CT scan at Colquitt Regional Medical Center. The center has served southwest Georgia since 1939. Today Colquitt Regional pairs old-fashioned care with innovative procedures and facilities including orthopedic surgery, cardiovascular services and an intensive-care nursery.



GROWING A GREAT FUTURE.

One of our strategies for keeping Moultrie a thriving cultural and economic center is investment in its citizens. Moultrie hosts some of the best educational, cultural and recreational opportunities in the state. Colquitt County High School provides students with a challenging, holistic education steeped in tradition that has produced academic and athletic champions for decades.





STAYING A STEP AHEAD. Football is a community sport in Moultrie as the crowd cheers the Packers toward another touchdown against a nearby rival. The home stands just off to the right overflow with fans, including several hundred season ticket holders.

SCRIBBLE, ACT OUT AND MAKE A LOT OF NOISE.

Moultrie invests in facilities and programs to insure that its young people can excel on the stage, at playing the piano and with a paintbrush as well as in sports.

The Colquitt County Arts Center, Moultrie's cultural destination, provides a curriculum for several disciplines to classes of all ages. The center also plays host to art exhibitions and events and contains one of the richest permanent collections in the region.



SOUNDS GOOD. A young musician gets expert help in playing the piano. The arts center has all kinds of musical instruction, from classical to rock.



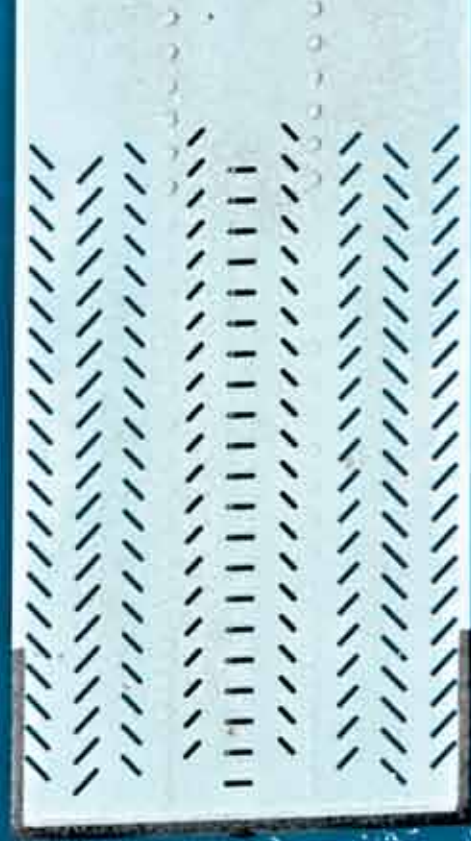
MASTERPIECE. Children paint with watercolors in the art center's studio. The converted historic schoolhouse makes a perfect setting for a visual arts course for all ages and skill levels.



Fredrik Engeland
Buddha
Carved
Memorial Fund Acquisition



ROCKIN' GOOD TIME. A Colquitt County High School student kicks off the Fourth of July celebration with an electric rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner." Downtown Moultrie's mainstreet program is always developing events to boost community involvement.



WORK HARD.
PLAY HARD.

From the highly successful YMCA gymnastics program that regularly produces college competitors to the one-of-a-kind diving well where athletes trained for the 1996 Olympic Games, Moultrie has some of the most diverse and inclusive recreational facilities you'll find anywhere. Numerous Moultrie-Colquitt area students have gone on to pursue college and professional athletics.



POINTING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. Even with the growth and development inevitable in every successful town, Moultrie citizens still maintain a deep love for and attachment to the land. These hunters are enjoying some of the best quail-hunting land anywhere.



LIVING HISTORY.

Life in Moultrie is the small town experience at its best. People stay interested in each other's lives and help where they can. Cotton occasionally blows across the highways during harvest. Every Friday night fills the stadium. Every downtown parade is a big deal.

It's not a smaller life or a sheltered life, but life at a different pace that takes the time to appreciate the things that actually matter.



GETTING STARTED IN MOULTRIE.

Getting started in Moultrie is easier than you think. Available sites and resources for businesses are numerous and updated regularly. You can start by submitting a request for proposal directly to our Chamber of Commerce or by contacting us with your questions.

Our website contains plenty of additional information such as housing, employment and other needs you may be seeking.

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