

The VOICE of Telfair County

The 2014-2015 Telfair-Wheeler Youth Leadership Program met on January 12, 2015 at the McRae-Helena Municipal Court Building. Elected officials from the City of McRae-Helena and Telfair County Board of Commissioners were invited to attend in addition to sponsors of the Youth Leadership Program. Attending were Commissioner Pat Ray-Telfair County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Annie Williams-Telfair County Board of Commissioners, Council Member Fred Crawford-City of McRae-Helena, Mike Durden-Milan State Bank, Becky Attaway-Milan State Bank, Liz McLean-Telfair Enterprise.

The article below was submitted by Christina Byrd, 12th Grade-Wheeler County High School:

In the January meeting I learned a lot about decision making and leadership. Although the merging of Helena-McRae was an awesome idea, there were a lot of problems that the leaders of these cities had to resolve. Helena's city hall was moved to McRae's city hall. Helena's software was kept. Everything was everywhere. By our discussion I realized that a lot of pressure was on these leaders. People look to them to fix these problems. So we as the community need to get involved with the community and see why leaders make the choices they make. We need to know what's going on in our own communities. Pat Ray, County Commissioner, said all votes count and you have to have a desire to help all people. You have to also know how to talk to people. Mrs. Ray also said, "You are who you are, you will be yourself no matter who you are." That really stood out to me. Mike Durden from Milan State Bank said it's very important to know how to reconcile bank accounts. The main thing I learned is that a leader makes mistakes. They are humans as well. Mrs. Anderson said, "A true leader acknowledges the mistake and gets together with others to fix it." I want to be a true leader.

This program would not be possible without the support of the following sponsors:

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CCA-McRae Correctional Facility

Milan State Bank, A Division of Wilcox County State Bank

The Merchants & Citizens Bank

The Telfair Enterprise

Willow Creek Drive-In

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Every citizen of Telfair County
is a
VOICE for Telfair County!

Telfair County
Chamber of Commerce
9 East Oak Street
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Telfair Center for the Arts
119 College Ave.
(GPS use: 903 W. College Ave.)
McRae-Helena, GA

**Gage Harrelson's Southern Drift
And
Nathan Rowe's Mo-Jo**

**February 28, 2015
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

**Both bands play a variety of genres
that appeal to all ages.**

**Advance tickets: \$5.00
Advance tickets can be purchased at
Bowen's Jewelers
or by calling (229) 868-2105**

Tickets at the door \$7.50

**Join
Mean Gene
and
Paula Anderson
for
Community Update**

**January 30
9 a.m.
on
Star 102.7**



VALENTINE DANCE

White Water Creek Band

***February 14, 2015
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m***

***Milan Gym
Milan, GA***

	<u><i>Advance</i></u>	<u><i>At Door</i></u>
<i>Singles</i>	<i>\$10</i>	<i>\$15</i>
<i>Couples</i>	<i>\$15</i>	<i>\$20</i>

Ticket info:

Shirley: (229) 315-1494

Ron: (229) 860-0106

Sponsored by:

City of Milan

Development Authority

Along Hwy 341

Three ways to be an official vendor

- 1) Rent official space from the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce's Official Site: \$30 per 15'x15' space – (After February 24: \$40 per space)
- 2) Rent an official yard sign to be placed at your choice of location: \$30 per official yard sign –(After February 24: \$40 per official yard sign). Note: After February 1, 2015, we cannot guarantee that your listing will be included on vendor/site maps, website, listings, etc. Sign must be returned to Telfair County Chamber of Commerce no later than March 20, 2015. Official Yard signs available while supplies last.
- 3) Rent an official banner to be an official site \$180 per banner : (If 6 or more vendors are set up at your site, a \$180 fee applies and you will be provided with a large printed banner that says "Official Peaches to Beaches Site". Note: After February 1, 2015 we cannot guarantee that your site will be included on vendor/site maps, websites, listings, etc.) Sign/Stamp must be returned to Telfair county Chamber of Commerce no later than March 20, 2015. Official Sites have the option to be an official contest stamp location. Official contest stamp locations agree to have someone available to stamp forms from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days of the event (cannot guarantee this option after February 1, 2015). Official Site Banner/Stamps available while supplies last.



March 13-14, 2015

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Vendors & Spenders Needed



**Vendor & Spender Information
for McRae-Helena, Lumber City &
Telfair County**

Phone: (229) 868-6365

Email: rogers@telfairco.org

www.telfiarco.org

**Telfair County
Chamber of Commerce**

Banquet

Theme

Be the Voice of Telfair County

February 26, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Location

**Telfair County Recreation Building
408 E. Oak St.
McRae, GA**

Tickets \$25 per person

Deadline to purchase tickets:

February 16, 2015

**Tickets can be purchased from the
Telfair County
Chamber of Commerce
9 E. Oak St.
McRae-Helena, GA
Office (229) 868-6365
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Mr. Thompson is also Labor Counsel to the Georgia Employers Association, on the Board of Directors for The Macon Chapter of The Society of Human Resource Managers (SHRM), and serves as Vice Chairman of the Board for the Consumer Credit Counseling Service Inc.

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Let the Chamber work for you!

Reasons to Join

- **Savings**
 - ✓ Chamber members could qualify for discounts on commercial property/equipment insurance
 - ✓ Chamber members that participate in the “Drugs Don’t Work Program” may qualify for discounts on worker’s comp insurance premiums
- **Exposure**
 - ✓ Chamber Newsletter Announcements
 - ✓ Brochure/Rack Card Courtesy Display
 - ✓ Referrals
 - ✓ Website Listings
 - ✓ Facebook Announcements
 - ✓ Ribbon Cuttings/Grand Openings
 - ✓ Relocation Guides & Resources
- **Economic Development**
 - ✓ Membership supports the Chamber’s economic development efforts with the State Economic Development offices and local Development Authorities
- **Tourism Development**
 - ✓ Membership supports the Chamber’s efforts in promoting tourism throughout the county for shopping, dining

**Invest in the growth
of your Business
and Telfair County
TODAY!**

**Annual Membership Rates
(Valid January 1 to December 31, 2015)**

□ Churches	\$ 75
□ Civic Organizations	\$ 75
□ Educational Facilities	\$350
□ Financial Institutions	\$350
□ Health Institutions	\$350
□ Individuals	\$ 25
□ Industry Level I (1-50 Employees)	\$125
□ Industry Level II (51-499 Employees)	\$175
□ Industry Level III (500 plus Employees)	\$500
□ Professional Services	\$125
□ Retail Level I (1-50 Employees)	\$125
□ Retail Level II (51-499 Employees)	\$175
□ Retail Level III (500 plus Employees)	\$500
□ Utility Companies	\$250

**For more information about membership contact the
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Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Will Harrelson and the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce
Invite You To The
Grand Opening-Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of

Accounting Solutions & The Batter's Box

Located at
486 Hwy 31
McRae-Helena, GA



Friday, January 30, 2015

5 p.m. - Ribbon Cutting

5 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Grand Opening-Open House

For more information:

Will Harrelson (478) 256-5484 or Chamber (229) 868-6365

(Ribbon used for Ribbon Cutting donated by C.J.s Flowers & Gifts-McRae)

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Homer Smith and the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce
Invite You To The
Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of

Crossroads Upholstery & Furniture Repair

Located at
7 W. Oak St.
McRae-Helena, GA



Friday
February 20, 2015
11:00 a.m.

For more information:

Homer Smith (229) 868-0045 or Chamber (229) 868-6365

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Telfair County, Georgia

Telfair County Farmers Market

139 North Third Ave ~ McRae-Helena, GA
(Hwy 441/280 across from Little Ocmulgee
Instructional Center)

For the Month of February
Saturdays
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information:
Wesley Hicks, Market Manager
(912) 585-5807
wesleyhicks23@gmail.com

The Lumber City Woman's Club
invites you to a

Sunday Luncheon Buffet

\$8.00 per plate

Location: Farm Day Café Building
located on Main Street across
from the Bank of Lumber
City

When: February 1, 2015

Time: 11 am until

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Next Level Boutique

19 W. Oak St.
McRae-Helena, GA
(229) 860-0329



Next Level Boutique is a 2015 Member of the
Telfair County Chamber of Commerce

www.telfairco.org

Accounting Solutions & The Batter's Box`
 A.L. Spaulding-Barnes Funeral Home
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 CCA -McRae Correctional Facility
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 Citizens Bank and Trust Co.
 CJs Flowers & Gifts
 Construction Materials Services
 Community Health Care Systems, Inc.
 Crossroads City Antiques & Flea Market
 Crossroads Upholstery & Furniture Repair
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 Eastman Pediatric Clinic d/b/a/ New Life Pediatric
 El Aguila Mexican Restaurant
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 Krispy Krunchy Chicken
 Little Ocmulgee EMC
 Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge
 Livingston's IGA (Dalamar, Inc)
 Lowe's Funeral Home
 Lumber City Hardware
 Lumber City Nursing & Rehab
 Lumber City Womans Club
 McRae Coca Cola
 McRae Lions Club
 McRae Manor
 McRae Rotary Club
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 Morgan Window & Glass, Inc.
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 Pine Leaf Investments, Inc.
 Pioneer Historical Society
 Premier Heating & Air
 Robins Federal Credit Union
 Routh Realtors
 Ryals Drug Store
 Smith's Fitting Service, Inc.
 Smith's Pharmacy

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 Stinson's Bar-B-Que, Inc.
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 Telfair County Bank
 Telfair County Board of Education
 Telfair County Department of Family &
 Children Services
 Telfair Enterprise, Inc.
 Telfair Forest Products, LLC
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 The Merchants & Citizens Bank
 The Security State Bank
 Three Rivers Home Health Services, Inc.
 Toni's House of Style
 Trinity Therapy Services, Inc.
 Vaughn Funeral Home
 Wheeler County State Bank
 Willow Creek Drive In
 Windstream
 World Outreach Church
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 Telfair County Board of Commissioners

2015 Cornerstone Members
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