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Word from the President

The Annual Banquet was **OUTSTANDING!**

Approximately 300 were in attendance. The entertainment was provided by Gloria Caves, and the speaker was JoAnne Lewis. They both did an awesome job. I don't believe that I have ever eaten a better steak. Lon Hamilton at Southern Star Grill and his staff did an awesome job on the food.

Lana Rogers and the Telfair County Y-Club and Sherry Beasley and the Telfair County FBLA assisted Lon in the preparation and serving

of food. Rick Cliett showed his photography skills by taking pictures during the Banquet. C.J. Flowers and Gifts decorated with red carnations and ferns. It was beautiful.

Other assistance was provided by Mike Harrelson and his staff at the Telfair County Recreation Department, Little Ocmulgee EMC, Telfair State Prison, Danny Jones and the Directors of the Chamber.

*Woman of the Year-
 Montine Johnson

*Man of the Year-
 Earl Merritt

*Business of the Year-
 Three Rivers Home Health Services, Inc.

*Chamber Director of the Year-
 Debbie Bullard.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Paula Rogers

Peaches to the Beaches Annual Yard Sale

**Peaches to the Beaches
 Annual Yard Sale
 March 12 - 13
 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

Telfair County is proud to announce that they will again be an official participant of the Annual Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale. The official site will be at Fat Boys Camo in Helena, GA. Space at this location can be reserved for a fee of \$30.00 for every 15' x 15' space.

Individuals locating in other areas through Telfair County along the Golden Isles Highway can be

Designated as an official vendor by renting an Official Peaches to Beaches Vendor sign from the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce for the cost of \$30.00

Advertisement through the Golden Isles Parkway Association, encourages travelers to stop and shop at the locations displaying an **"Official Peaches to the Beaches Sign"**.

For more information on Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale or to rent a space or sign, contact the Telfair County Chamber of

Commerce at (229) 868-6365 or email at rogers@telfairco.org.

This event brings visitors from all over the State of Georgia and from other states. In addition to shopping at the yard sales, these visitors make other purchases at Telfair County businesses: gasoline, snacks, meals and hotel rooms.

**2010
Telfair County
Chamber of
Commerce Members**

Allgood Pest Solutions
Altman Eye Clinic
AmeriGas
American Nail & Tantini Saloon
Ann's Fashions & Flea Mart
Bank of Lumber City
Bowen-Cooper Jewlers & Gifts
Brooks Auto Parts
Bryant K. Barrows, D.M.D., P.C.
C.J. Flowers & Gifts
Citizens Bank & Trust Co
City of Helena
City of Jacksonville
City of Lumber City
City of McRae
City of Milan
City of Scotland
Coca Cola Bottling Co.
Cook Petro, Inc.
Curry Companies
Deanna Jones
Debbie Bullard
Edison McDonald
1st Franklin Financial Corp
Friends of Little Ocmulgee State Park
Georgia Power Co
Griffins Warehouse
Guy Bland
Heart of Georgia Technical College & Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center
Heart of Georgia United Way
Jeff McGhee
June Bradfield
Lawrence Allgood
Little Ocmulgee EMC
Lon Hamilton
Lowe's Funeral Home
Lumber City Drugs
M&J Shoe Hospital
Martha Ann Mullis
McKinnon, Inc.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Addison Clark Jones Memorial Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored in part by the McRae Jacyees, will be held Tuesday, **March 23, at the McRae Jaycee Building from 2-7 p.m**

This blood drive will be held in Memory of Addison Clark Jones, infant daughter of Seab and Karla Jones and sister of Ryleigh Jones of Milan. Addison was born on December 22, 2009 with several heart defects and

was given platelets, blood transfusions and fresh frozen plasma during her 17 days of life. Please come out and give in Memory of Guardian Angel Baby Addison, so that other babies and individuals can be helped through blood donations. Mark your calendars to come give the Gift of Life. For more information contact Shelly Hamilton Schlenz with the McRae Jacyees at gaproudmama73@yahoo.com



Relay for Life

Please Join Us as We Continue to Plan for the 2010 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Telfair County

Next meeting will be held Monday, March 8, 2010 6:30 pm Telfair County Chamber Office 9 East Oak Street * McRae, GA

Come and help make this year's Relay for Life Outstanding!

www.relayforlife.org/telfairga

Administrative Professional Assistants Day Luncheon & Professional of the Year Award

The Administrative Professional Assistants day Luncheon will be held Wednesday, **April 21 at 12 o'clock noon at the McRae United Methodist Church Social Hall.**

Tickets will be available beginning March 5 at the cost of \$10 each. You may reserve your tickets by calling the Chamber at (229) 868-6365 or (229) 860-0203 or by email at rogers@telfairco.org.

Deadline to reserve tickets is Friday, April 16.

Don't forget to nominate your **Administrative Professional of the Year.** Nomination forms can be picked up from the Chamber office or downloaded from the Chamber website at www.telfairco.org.

Nomination forms for Administrative Professional of the Year must be

completed and returned to the Chamber Office by April 1.

Nursing Homes to Host Beauty Pageants

Lumber City Nursing Home will be hosting their annual Ms. Lumber City Nursing Home Beauty Pageant on March 4th at 6:30 p.m. This is a state sponsored event by the Georgia Healthcare Association (GHCA) and their local winner will be entered into the State Ms.

Georgia Nursing Home Pageant. Lumber City Nursing Home won the title in 2008 and placed 3rd runner up in 2009. For more information contact Mia Sellers, Activity Director at (912) 363-2484.

McRae Manor Nursing Home residents will participate in a Beauty Pageant on March 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Sponsorships and judges are needed. If you would like to sponsor a resident or be a judge please contact Von Hulette at (229) 868-6473.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Easy, Important and Safe

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names of genders, ages and races of others living in the household.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share any individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to

2010census.gov



United States Census 2010

United States Census 2010
10 Questions/10 Answers
To Define Who We Are
as a Nation

What: The Census is a count of every resident in the United States.

Who: All U.S. residents must be counted – both citizens and non-citizens.

When: You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. Mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person

Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

How: Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

A Complete County:

The Importance of Census Data

Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.

Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.

Census data determines boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center Helena, GA

*Day Classes (22 hours) Monday-Thursday
Fast Track: 8-10:30 pm at 3 week intervals, if test eligible
Regular Class: 10:30 am -1:30pm

*Night Classes: (8 hours)
Monday and Wednesday
4-8 pm

*Office Hours:
-Monday – Thursday
7:45 -8 am and 1:30 -3 p.m.
-Tuesday & Thursday
3:30 – 5 pm

*Registration: Monday & Wednesday: 8 am – 5 pm
*GED Classes

For more information call
(229) 868-3084

Educational Opportunities

Heart of Georgia Technical College

Excel, Communications, Problem Solving, Time Management classes coming soon.

Tyron Reynolds will be teaching at HGTC. He's the former principal of East Laurens High School Tryon is currently a Work Ready Specialist and High School Liaison for Community Education but will return to the classroom to teach the following courses soon:

- * Beginning Excel—March 1, 3, 5—9 a.m. to 12 noon
- * Art & Science of Communications—March 8, 10—9 a.m. to 12 noon
- * Creative Problem Solving—March 30—9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- * Office Politics—April 13—9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

* Time Management—April 27
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You may register in one of these easy ways:

Phone: (478) 275-6592

Fax: (478) 274-7777

In Person: Porter Regional Business & Industry Training Center, HGTC

Mail: Heart of Georgia Tech;
Attn: Lisa Green; 560 Pinehill Road; Dublin, GA 31021

Internet: [Registration Form—Community Education](#)

Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center Technology Fee Scholarship

HELENA—Six Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center students have received the Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center Technology Fee Scholarship from the Heart of Georgia Technical College Foundation for fall quarter.

Those receiving the award are Haley R. Walker of McRae, Kandice Green of Alamo, Samantha M. Burkes of Rhine, Elizabeth Hames of Helena, Barbara Grant of Glenwood, and Joyce Wooten of Alamo.

The Technology Fee Scholarship is awarded quarterly to students enrolled in a program of study at Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center (LOIC) of the Heart of Georgia Technical College who are in a good academic standing with the college.

The scholarship is also based on financial need and the amount

of funds available for the award.

The HGTC Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization. If you would like to make a donation to support the technology fee scholarship, please contact LOIC at (229) 868-7857, or visit the Foundation website at www.heartofgatech.edu.

Tourism



Friends of Little Ocmulgee State Park

The Friends of Little Ocmulgee State Park meeting is held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Ocmulgee State Park Lodge. Everyone is invited to be a part of the Friends Group.

Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge

80 Live Oak Trail
Helena, GA 31037

Little Ocmulgee State Park is located off Highway 441 just outside of McRae/Helena, Georgia. There is a 60 room lodge, meeting facilities and restaurant.

There is a wide variety of activities offered: golfing, putt-putt golf, volley ball, biking, walking trails, SPLASH PAD, beach, fishing, boating, canoeing, pedal boats, tennis courts. Picnic areas are located throughout the park. The Park has a campground with 54 tent, trailer, RV sites; 10 cottages.

For more information visit Little Ocmulgee State Parks' website at www.littleocmulgee.com or contact the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce at (229) 868-6365.

Telfair Museum of History

Located in the historic railroad depot at the corner of Forsyth & 6th St in Helena, GA.

Hours:

September - June
Sundays 2-5 p.m. &
always by
appointments:

For more info:
(229) 868-2664 or 7114

Email:

pahstelfair@yahoo.com

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Telfair County Chamber of Commerce Members

- McRae Lioness Club
- McRae Lions Club
- McRae Manor Nursing Home
- McRae Rotary Club
- Ora Jean Cooper
- Parker House Inn
- Piggly Wiggly
- Pineleaf Investments
- Premier Heating & Air
- Quinton W. Mullis
- Robins Federal Credit Union
- Routh Realtors, LLC
- Sara Bowen
- Sharon C. Creamer
- Smith & Cannon, P.C.
- Smith's Pharmacy of McRae
- Southern Charm Personal Care Home
- Southern Star Grill
- Stamps Walker Agency, Inc.

Membership

Become a member of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce

For Membership Applications and information about the benefits of being a member of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce contact the Chamber Office at 120 East Oak Street, McRae; phone: 229-868-6365 or Email: telfaircounty@yahoo.com or rogers@telfairco.org

Dr Fred A Smith, Jr. Scholarships

HGTC Foundation awards Dr. Fred A. Smith Jr. Scholarships

DUBLIN—Four students enrolled at Heart of Georgia Technical College have received the Fred A. Smith Jr. Scholarship for winter quarter. *The scholarship was established by The Merchants & Citizens Bank of McRae in memory and honor of Dr. Fredrick Augustus Smith Jr. The scholarship is based on*

financial need and is for students enrolled at the Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center located in Helena.

Students receiving the scholarships are Elizabeth Hames of Helena, Samantha M. Burkes of Rhine, Kandice Green of Alamo, and Barbara Grant of Glenwood.

Scholarships create opportunities to change lives. Those interested in establishing a scholarship or donating to an existing

scholarship, please contact LOIC at (229) 868-7857. The HGTC Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

McRae Rotary Club GED Scholarship

The Heart of Georgia Technical College Foundation awarded the **McRae Rotary Club GED Scholarship** for Winter Quarter 2010 to Holly Barfield of McRae.

The scholarship is given in part to fulfill the Rotary International organization's commitment to Adult Literacy and to encourage local GED graduates to continue their education.

The McRae Rotary Club established the scholarship, which will be awarded quarterly, to the HGTC Foundation for Telfair County GED (General Educational Development) graduates who enroll in a credit program at Heart of Georgia Technical College.

To establish a scholarship, or make a donation to the HGTC Foundation, contact Jenny Shuman at (478) 296-6117 or jshuman@heartofgatech.edu or Howard Abney at LOIC at (229) 868-7857.

Telfair County Unemployment

December 2009 Unemployment (GA Dept of Labor)

<i>Telfair County:</i>	Wk Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemploy%
December 2009	4,950	4,280	670	13.5%
December 2008	4,789	4,098	691	14.4%
December 2007	4,327	3,799	528	12.2%

Unemployment for Neighboring Counties:

Coffee	16.9%	Wilcox	11.0%
Ben Hill	15.8%	Dodge	10.6%
Jeff Davis	14.4%	Wheeler	8.8%
Telfair	13.5%		

IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM – March 13, 2010

Helena Masonic Lodge and McRae Jaycees offer Identification Program Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Freemasons of Georgia are providing a child identification program (GACHIP). This is one of the most comprehensive child recovery, identification and abduction awareness programs ever offered to parents. Thousands of Georgia children have already been documented through this program, and local Masonic Lodges, in conjunction with law enforcement, will be offering this program at no cost to families.

The Helena Masonic Lodge and the McRae Jaycees will provide the equipment and with the help of the Telfair County Sheriff's Office,

Helena Police Dept. and other agencies; give each parent or guardian a kit containing DNA samples, Tooth imprints, digital fingerprint cards, video and audio ID, as well as a photo pocket ID for each child. Only parental permission slips are retained by the Masonic Lodge. Parents will take ALL of the child's information with them. Families will then have a complete "Amber Alert" packet for their children.

The Jaycees and Masons are also offering this program to local Alzheimer's Patients, so that their family members can have the peace of mind of having this valuable information in the event that their loved one were to go missing.

This program will be offered at the McRae Jaycee Building on Saturday, March 13th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. For more information, contact any member of the McRae Jaycees, local law enforcement, or any member of the Helena Masonic Lodge.

SCOTLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Scotland Fire Department is proud to announce that on November 18, 2009 the City of Scotland's Volunteer Fire Department was rated through ISO to be classified as a Class 6 beginning on April 1, 2010. In March, 2009, William Ricky Widener, was appointed as Fire Chief and the Fire Department was classified as a Class 10 and out of compliance with the State. Chief Widener had to work with a consultant to get the Fire Department back in compliance. In May, 2009, Chief Widener, received a certificate stating the Fire Department was back in compliance and rated as a Class 9. After working with the

consultant and City of Scotland's Volunteer Fire Firefighters for many months, he said that the Fire Department was ready for an ISO inspection with a field representative who met with Chief Widener in October and preformed the ISO inspection. Chief Widener wants to thank his Volunteer Fire Fighters for all their hard work and thank City of Scotland Citizens for there support.

Volunteer Fire Fighters are: LS Johnson, Mike Smith, Kenneth Stout, Terry Moon, Chris Fowler, Thomas Ashley, Cleveland Roberson, Randy Widener, Wesley Brew, Willie Lemon,

Arthur Moore, John Manchie, Eluid Salzar.

Telfair County Library

815 West College Street
McRae, GA 31055
229-868-2978
www.orlds.org
www.pines.public.lib.ga.us

Hours of Operation:
Monday 10:00 – 7:00
Tuesday 10:00 – 5:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 5:00
Thursday 10:00 – 5:00
Friday 10:00 – 5:00

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State Farm Insurance
Stinson's Bar-B-Que
Telfair County Bank
Telfair County Board of Commissioners
Telfair County Schools
Telfair Enterprise
The Merchants & Citizens Bank
The Pink Pig
The Security State Bank
Thomas Anderson
Three Rivers Home Health Services, Inc.
Tom K. Smith Law Offices
Toni's House of Style
Triad at Lumber City
Trinity Therapy Services
Vaughn Funeral Home
Vergilene McDonald
Wheeler County Bank
Wilbur Grant
Willow Creek Drive-In
XPress Shop

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“Striving to make Telfair a better place to live, work, play and to call home”

What is the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce

The Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of the business community. It unites business and professional individuals, creating a central agency that lends itself to improving businesses and building a better community.

The Chamber is the main voice working to improve the

ECONOMIC STATUS of the county. The Chamber maintains Telfair County’s information at the Resource Center in Atlanta.

What does the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce DO?

The focus of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is the community’s economic well being. The Chamber works to increase wealth and prosperity by facilitating growth of existing businesses and fostering new ones. The new wealth can be directed toward establishing and improving civic, educational and

cultural facilities to create the proper business climate for attracting more business and industry.

The Chamber tirelessly works to encourage growth throughout all of Telfair County-growth that will lead to creation of more jobs and more people moving to

Telfair County to live and creating new customers for your business. In addition, the Chamber is Welcome-Visitor Center promoting tourism within Telfair County.

Telfair County Chamber of Commerce 2010 Cornerstone Members

CCA McRae Correctional Facility
Georgia Power
Little Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation
McRae Manor Nursing Home
Robins Federal Credit Union

**We're on the Web!**

See us at:
www.telfairco.org