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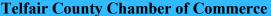
Michelle Delaney, Field Representative for the Office of Congressman Austin Scott, 8<sup>th</sup> District, GA, visits Telfair County, GA.

On September 30, 2020 Michelle Delaney, Field Representative for the Office of Congressman Austin Scott met with Paula Anderson, President of Telfair County Chamber of Commerce, Neal Stanley, Chair of the Telfair County Board of Commissioners, Johnny Burkett, Mayor of Lumber City, Mike Young, Mayor of McRae-Helena, Melissa Jones, City Manager of McRae-Helena, and Glenn Giles, Police Chief of McRae-Helena.

Following the meeting, Mrs. Delaney was given a tour of the new Telfair County Public Safety Facility in Milan and the Guidoni, USA facility in McRae-Helena followed by a delicious lunch at Southern Star Grill.

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#### **Big Bend Paddlers**

#### **Big Bend Paddlers Annual Membership**

Big Bend Paddlers is a group organized under the guidance of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce

- Goals
  - ◆To provide organized paddles
  - ◆River and landing clean-ups
  - ◆To enjoy the river and its natural beauty
- Membership Benefits
  - ♦ Discount on paddles
  - ♦ Social functions
  - ♦ Fellowship with other paddlers

#### Membership Dues

- 1. Individual
  - a. \$10 (by cash/check/money order)
  - b. \$11 (by PayPal)
- 2. Family
  - a. \$20 (by cash/check/money order)
  - b. \$21 (by PayPal)

Membership Applications can be downloaded from <a href="www.telfairco.org/bigbendpaddlers.html">www.telfairco.org/bigbendpaddlers.html</a>



## The Big Bend Paddlers Kick-Off Paddle

that was scheduled for September 26, 2020 (Mobley's Bluff to Jacksonville)

has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 7.

Registration information can be found at www.telfairco.org/bigbendpaddlers.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



www.telfairco.org

#### **Historic Calendars for Sale**

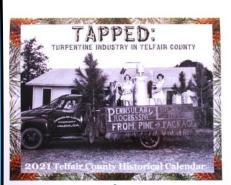
#### Pioneer Historical Society's Historic Calendars for Sale

Did you know that Telfair County, at one time, was the world turpentine capital? It's true? The Peninsular-Lurton Company was the largest gum turpentine company in the world with gum-buying plants in Helena, Pearson, Ocilla, and Savannah. This is just one of the many interesting things that can be learned from the new 2021 Telfair County Historical Calendars now on sale.

This is the fifth in a series of calendars depicting the history of Telfair County in calendar format. This years' calendar is entitled "Tapped: Turpentine Industry in Telfair County" Many interesting photographs relate the turpentine story of Telfair County which was at one time the gum turpentine capital of the world.

The calendars are \$15.00 each and may be purchased at Ryals Drug Store, Smith's Pharmacy, and the Telfair County Public Library. They may also be purchased from members of the Pioneer Historical Society or by calling Mary Della Bell (706-830-0457) or Robert Hendricks (229-315-9045). These calendars make great Christmas gifts. Get yours today!

All proceeds from the sale of these calendars will be used to further the mission of the Pioneer Historical Society which is to preserve the history of Telfair County and to promote the arts among its people.

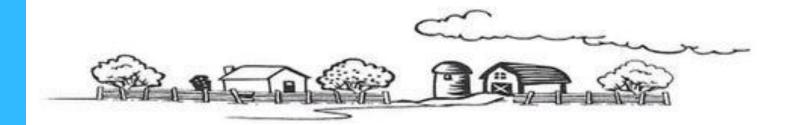


These funds will also be used to support the Telfair Center for the Arts and the Telfair Museum of History. We ask your support by purchasing one or more calendars. The calendars will be on sale through December as supplies last.

#### **Photo Caption**

Charley Grimsley and his daughter await entry into the Pine Tree Festival around 1950. In the truck bed is Miss June Dyal (Bradfield) and Martha Ann Fain.





# Country Farm Crafters' Bazaar

Saturday, November 7, 2020 (if rain, then November 14) 9:00 – 2:00 pm

## **Telfair County Farmers' Market**

139 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue McRae-Helena, GA 31037

Contact 229-860-0370 for more information

## 50/50 Christmas Ca\$h Raffle

\$2 donation per ticket for a chance to win 50% of total ticket sales!!!



All remaining proceeds will go towards Telfair Co. Chamber of Commerce projects.

#### **Christmas Events**



Jingle Bell Walk December 3, 2020 5:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

'Tis the Season for Jingle Bells, Friends, Family, Fun & Shopping!

The JINGLE BELL WALK begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Helena City Hall on Forsyth St. Line up begins at 5:00 p.m. We will walk along Eighth St. and Oak St. ending at Farmers Home Furniture on Pine St. At line-up get a free door prize ticket for a chance to win one of the following: \$20 Shop at Home Gift Check or \$10 Shop at Home Gift Check or a Goody Bag. Drawings will be held at the end of the walk.

Must walk to receive a door prize ticket. Free to participate!



McRae-Helena Christmas Night Out December 3, 2020 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

This event was created many years ago to encourage people to shop local and has became an event that everyone looks forward to each year. So make plans to participate in this event!

Santa Claus will be hosted by Ryals Drug Store.

Businesses that want to be included in Chamber promotions, fees are as follows:

\*2020 Telfair County Chamber Members: FREE \*Non-Chamber Members: \$25

Participating locations will be announced closer to the event.

#### Christmas Parade December 4, 2020 6 p.m.

Entry forms and entry fee information can be obtained from:
Telfair Co. Chamber of Commerce
9 East Oak St. | McRae-Helena, GA
Ph: (229) 868-6365

Email: rogers@telfairco.org



Entry form & rules can also be downloaded from: www.telfairco.org.

#### Deadline to enter parade: 12 noon | December 3

In the event that a local or state agency issues an executive order concerning the COVID-19 pandemic that prevents us from having the parade, we will reimburse the entry registration fee.

#### **Christmas Tree Gala**

# You are invited to the Second Annual Christmas Tree Gala

Sponsored by the

## PIONEER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2019 1st Place





2019 2nd Place

Open December 4 - 6; 11 - 13; 18 -20, 2020 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday & Saturday Sundays 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Other times call Doris Ussery at 229-868-2997)

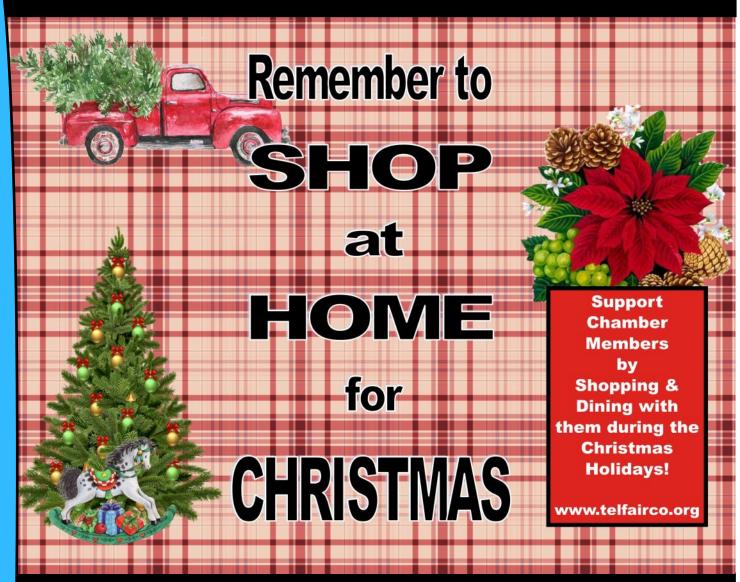
> Telfair Center for the Arts 119 College Street McRae-Helena, Georgia

Come see an assortment of Christmas trees decorated by businesses from the McRae-Helena Area.

During the Pandemic, Appropriate Health Measures Will Be Observed.

Help judge the best decorated tree.

#### **Shop at Home**



#### **Annual Tree Lighting**



#### Telfair County Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Sunday, December 6, 2020

7:00 p.m. Christmas Music by the Telfair County
High School Band Ensemble
7:30 p.m. Lighting of the Tree
Followed by a viewing of the Christmas Tree Gala inside.

Location: Telfair Center for the Arts 119 College St. McRae-Helena, GA 31055

Sponsored by the Pioneer Historical Society and the Telfair Center for the Arts.



#### **Educational Opportunities**

## **Enroll Today!**

#### **Oconee Fall Line Technical College**

560 Pinehill Rd. ~ Dublin, GA Phone: (478) 275-6589 Toll Free: 1 (800) 200-4484

#### **Little Ocmulgee Instruction Center**

140 N. Third Ave ~ McRae-Helena, GA Phone: (229) 868-7834



#### **Employment Opportunities**

#### Coca Cola

Apply online at www.Coca-ColaUnited.com/Careers

#### **Lumber City Nursing & Rehab**

CNAs, PRNs, LPNs To Apply: Lumber City Nursing & Rehab 93 Highway 19 Lumber City, GA 31549 (912) 363-2484

<u>CoreCivic McRae Correctional Facility</u>
"CoreCivic McRae Correctional Facility is currently hiring for Correctional Officers, RNs (Full-time and PRN), and a Maintenance Worker. Go to jobs.corecivic.com to apply. CoreCivic is a Drug Free Workplace & EOE–M/F/Vets/Disabilities."

#### Oconee Fall Line Technical College

www.oftc.edu/about-oftc/human-resources (click on the tab "CAREERS@OFTC")

#### **Telfair Forest Products**

Apply in person at: 11 West Industrial Blvd. Lumber City, GA 31549

#### **Telfair State Prison**

Walk-In Interview Welcome! Applications can be obtained from: **Telfair State Prision** 170 Longbridge Rd. McRae-Helena, GA 31055 (229) 868-3288

#### Wheeler Correctional Facility-Core Civic

All interested candidates can apply at: www.corecivic.com

#### 2020 U.S. Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count.

Candidates must complete an online job application. The application includes assessment questions about your education, work, and other experience.

Apply online at: 2020census.gov/jobs

#### **Georgia Department of Labor**

5016 Park Way Eastman, GA 31023 (478) 374-6994 (478) 374-6996 Fax (478) 374-6832 TTY www.dol.state.ga.us Counties Served: Bleckley, Dodge, Telfair, Wilcox



#### Job Training Unlimited

7 Forsyth St. McRae-Helena, GA 31055 (229) 868-2000 www.region9wib.org Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wednesday: Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## Join today & let the Chamber work for you

#### What is the Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary, membership based, 501(c)6 nonprofit organization of the business community that unites businesses and professionals to build a better community.

The Chamber's **Vision** is to grow a vibrant, friendly community through Economic & Tourism Development and Partnerships.

The Chamber's **Mission** is to advocate for the county by brining all resources together to enhance the quality of life.

#### Who Can and should be a Member of the Chamber?

ALL businesses, industries, professionals and individuals are not only eligible to be Chamber of Commerce members but should be!

#### Why You Should Join

- I. Visibility
  - •Referrals
  - •Listing on Chamber Website
  - •Announcements on Chamber Facebook page
  - •Chamber Newsletter listing
  - •Brochure/Rack Card display at Chamber office
  - •Ribbon Cuttings & Grand Openings
  - •Shop At Home Program
  - •Free Advertisement in Chamber Special Promotions (ex: Christmas Night Out)
- II. Savings
  - •Members may qualify for discounts on commercial property/equipment insurance premiums with participating companies
  - Members may qualify for discounts on workers compensation insurance premiums through Council on Alcohol
     Drugs, Inc. "Drugs Don't Work" program
  - •Chamber members receive a discount on AirMedCare enrollment
- III. Economic & Tourism Efforts
  - •Your business benefits from the Chamber's efforts to Promote and ensure the growth of the community through small business, industry and tourism.
  - •The Chamber speaks on behalf of the community on matters that impact the business community and the community at large.

### Regular Annual Membership Types & Rates (Valid January 1 - December 31)

Type	Rate
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+ employees)	\$500
Professional Services	\$125
Retail Level I (1-50 employees)	\$125
Retail Level II (51 - 499 employees)	\$175
Retail Level III (500+ employees)	\$500
Utility Companies	\$250

In addition to the regular annual membership dues, you can provide additional financial assistance to Economic Development by becoming a "Cornerstone Level Member"

This investment in the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is far exceeded by the return that your business will receive as a result of development encouraged and cultivated by the Chamber's activities.

All Cornerstone Dues will be dedicated to economic development uses, such as prospect development, economic development marketing activities and staff development.

#### Cornerstone Level \$1,000

(annually plus the applicable regular annual membership dues)

#### Chamber Membership is the most inexpensive way for you to advertise your business!

Contact the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce today! 9 East Oak Street | McRae-Helena, GA 31055 Ph: (229) 868-6365 | Email: rogers@telfairco.org

## **2020 Chamber Members**

Air Evac Lifeteam/Air Evac EMS, Inc. A.L. Spaulding Barnes Funeral Home

ALS Telfair-Perlis LLP

Altman Eye Clinic

Bank of Lumber City

Cedar Lane Supper Club

City of Lumber City

City of McRae-Helena

City of Milan

City of Milan Development Authority

City of Scotland

CJ's Flowers & Gifts

CL Tucker Inc. dba Tucker Seed Company

Colony Supply, LLC

CoreCivic-McRae Correctional Facility

Crossroads City Antiques and Flea Market, LLC

Deep Productions, LLC

El Aguila Mexican Restaurant

1st Franklin Financial Corporation

Georgia Department of Labor - Eastman

Career Center

Georgia Power

Golden Isles Healthcare, LLC

Golden Peanut Company, LLC

Griffins Warehouse-McRae, LLC

Guidoni, Inc.

H&H Pawn, LLC

Hilliard & Milton, LLC

Hofstadter and Associates, Inc.

Holly Diana Floral

Jason's Fast Lube, LLC

Job Training Unlimited, Inc.

Joy's Florist & Gifts

Little Ocmulgee EMC

Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center

Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge

Lowe's Funeral Home

Lumber City Drugs

Lumber City Hardware

Lumber City Liquor

Lumber City Woman's Club

Martin Trucking, LLC

McRae Coca Cola

McRae-Helena Estates, LP

McRae Lions Club

McRae Manor

McRae Rotary Club

McRae United Methodist Church

Mediacom Business

Medical Wellness Center of Georgia, LLC

Milan State Bank

Ocmulgee Title & Abstract

Oconee Fall Line Technical College

Oconee Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, LLC

Panda On

Parker House Inn

Patriot Gas Company

Piggly Wiggly

Pineleaf Investments

Pioneer Historical Society Premier Heating & Air

Robins Financial Credit Union

Routh Realtors

Ryals Drug Store

Security State Bank

Smith's Pharmacy

Southern Charm Personal Care Home

Southeastern Immediate Care

Southern Star Grill

Stamps-Walker Agency, Inc.

State Farm Insurance

Stinson's Bar-B-Que, Inc.

Subway

Susan Evans Realty, LLC

Telfair County Bank

Telfair County Board of Education

Telfair County Department of Family

& Children Services

Telfair County Recreational Complex

Telfair Enterprises, Inc.

Telfair County Extension/4-H

Telfair County Farm Bureau

Telfair Forest Products, LLC

Telfair Snapshots

Terminal 3

The Cannon Law Firm

The Harrell & Roberts Agency

The Merchants & Citizens Bank

Three Rivers Home Health Services

Toni's House of Style

Trinity Therapy Services, Inc.

Vaughn Funeral Home, Inc.

Walt Thigpen-BOLD Rentals

Webb Swamp Logging, LLC

Wheeler County State Bank

Windstream

World Outreach Church

Xpert Air & Refrigeration, LLC

#### **Individual Members**

Howard Abney

Paula Anderson

Thomas Anderson

Sherry Beasley Guy Bland

Sarah Bowen

Betty Brewer

Debbie Bullard

Wendell Bullard

Lee Cannon

Ora Cooper

Billy Fred Crawford

Rose Crawford

Gerald Ellington

Don Holland

Ruthie Jackson

Danny Jones

Deanna Jones

Laura Kirk

Jimmy Pruett

Matt Singleton

Eric Smith

Laura Smith

Neal Stanley

Belinda Thomas Larry Wells

Bo Yawn

#### **Cornerstone Members**

City of McRae-Helena McRae Correctional Facility Robins Financial Credit Union Southern Star Grill



#### Guidelines for submitting information for Chamber Newsletter

Requirements for listing an event, article or information in the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce monthly newsletter:

- \*Must be a current member of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce;
- \*Information must be submitted according to the schedule listed below;
- \*Information will be accepted on a first received basis and as long as space is available;
- \*Information should be submitted in a Word Document, Publisher Document and/or photos in a high quality .ipeg;
- \*Information should be submitted to the following email: rogers@telfairco.org.

Chamber cannot guarantee what page your information will be on or the size of the listing.

Deadline to submit articles, events or information to be included in the Chamber's Monthly Newsletter:

December 2020 Newsletter:

January 2021 Newsletter:

February 2021 Newsletter:

Deadline November 20, 2020

Deadline December 20, 2020

Deadline January 20, 2020

Deadline February 20, 2020

#### **Chamber Board of Directors' Meetings**

#### 2020 Chamber Board of Directors

All regular monthly meetings of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are held at the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce Office located at 9 East Oak St., McRae-Helena, GA unless otherwise indicated.

#### **2020 Monthly Meeting Schedule**

November 10, 2020 6:00 p.m.

December, 2020 No meeting

January 12, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Bo Yawn, Chair 2020
Lee Cannon, Past Chair 2019
Sherry Beasley, Chair Elect 2021
Laura Smith, Secretary
Ora Cooper, Director
Ruthie Jackson, Director
Laura Kirk, Director
Matt Singleton, Director
Eric Smith, Director
Larry Wells, Director

