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Telfair County Receives Award For Small Community Deal Of The Year By The Georgia Economic Developers Association

ATLANTA (November 16, 2020) – The Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) recognized the Development Authority of Telfair County and Telfair County Chamber of Commerce for an "outstanding achievement in the location of business in Georgia" at its Annual Awards luncheon on Monday. Telfair County was recognized because of the Guidoni USA project, which announced in November of 2019. Bert Brantley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governmental Affairs at the Office of Governor Brian P. Kemp, presented the award on behalf of Telfair County to Paula Anderson, President of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce, Debbie Bullard, Development Authority of Telfair County and Daniel Say, Guidoni USA representative.

The project will create 455 jobs and invest more than \$96 million to establish a manufacturing plant Telfair. Guidoni USA is a manufacturer of ornamental rocks that plans to import raw product from Brazil through the Port of Savannah. This project located in an existing building that was vacant for only six months.

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The Chamber Welcomes New Member

The Buccaneer Club 19 S. First Ave. McRae-Helena, GA (229) 868-7901

Telfair County Chamber of Commerce



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This international company will have a significant impact on the region and plans to support numerous satellite industries. Community leaders worked together seamlessly to present a dynamic and aggressive incentives package that showcased Telfair County as the top location for Guidoni USA's new facility.

About the Award

This is now the thirteenth year that GEDA has recognized the major projects from the previous year. In what has become a major portion of the Annual Awards Ceremony – GEDA recognizes recipients in three categories:

- SMALL a county with population under 25,000,
- MID-SIZE a county with population 25,00 100,000,

LARGE – a county with population over 100,000,

The Deal of the Year Awards recognize outstanding achievement in the location or expansion of businesses in the state of Georgia that meet community economic development goals and involve significant community program support, such as financial or permitting assistance, workforce development, state financial support, etc.

About GEDA

The Georgia Economic Developers Association is a nonprofit association of professionals, volunteers and supporters. The association provides networking and professional development opportunities for its members and supports public policies that promote quality job creation and sustainable economic development throughout the state. For more information, visit www.geda.org.

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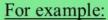
Fernanda Kirchner-Project Manager, International Investment, Georgia Department of Economic Development; Debbie Bullard,
Development Authority of Telfair
County; Paula Anderson-President,
Telfair County Chamber of Commerce; Daniel Say-Project Manager,
Guidoni USA; Eric Smith-Local
Manager-Georgia
Power.

50/50 Christmas Ca\$h Raffle

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



Cash winning will be determined by number of tickets sold.





- *If all 1500 tickets are sold, the winner will receive \$1,500 in cash;
- *If 1000 tickets are sold, the winner will receive \$1,000 in cash;
- *If 500 tickets are sold, the winner will receive \$500 in cash;
- *If 250 tickets are sold, the winner will receive \$250 in cash:

Drawing will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Winner will be contacted after the drawing.

Tickets can be purchased from

Matt Singleton; Eric Smith, Larry Wells; Lee Cannon Ruthie Jackson; Laura Smith; Sherry Beasley, Paula Anderson Telfair County Chamber of Commerce Holly Diana Floral, CJ's Flowers & Gifts, Joys Florist



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

Historic Calendars for Sale

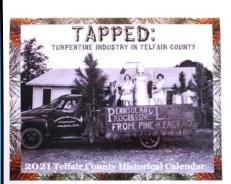
Pioneer Historical Society's Historic Calendars for Sale

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.



Christmas Events

Join Us For Christmas Night Out

McRae-Helena, GA December 3, 2020 | 6 p.m.—8 p.m.

Join us for the annual **CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT** from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at participating McRae-Helena locations where you can visit with friends, hear live entertainment, visit with Santa, and Anna, Elsa & Olaf, enjoy refreshments and SHOP, SHOP, SHOP!!! So come out and support our local businesses!!

Christmas Night Out Participating Locations

Allie Lynn's

Holly Diana Floral (229) 868-2112 20 Telfair Ave. | McRae-Helena Boutique clothing & accessories

Air Evac Lifeteam | AirMed Care Network

Ryals Drug Store (229) 868-6735 12 S. Second Ave. | McRae-Helena Anyone that purchases a new membership will be entered in a drawing for a Ryals Gift Card.

C.J.'s Flowers & Gifts

101 S. Third Ave. | McRae-Helena (229) 868-7745 Christmas Sales

Crossroads City Antiques and Flea Market, LLC

60 W. Oak St. | McRae-Helena (229) 868-7135 Store Discounts | Refreshments

Georgia Native Cattle Company

Holly Diana Floral (229) 868-2112 20 Telfair Ave. | McRae-Helena

Holly Jolly Market (229) 868-2112

Holly Diana Floral

20 Telfair Ave. | McRae-Helena
Meet & Greet with Anna, Elsa, Olaf
Bedazzled Dancers at 6 p.m.
Sons of Midnite at 7 p.m.
Free Gift purchase for first 20 customers inside Holly Diana
Flora plus sales, door prizes, Christmas Cacti. Get a peak at
Luna, your favorite employee and Holly Diana mascot.
Over 20 vendors outside with food, sweets treats, coffee, hot
chocolate, wood crafts, boutique clothing and accessories, children's smocked clothing, local handmade jewelry, handmade
crafts, paper goods, art work and more.

Merry Christmas

Make My Day Custom Designs

Holly Diana Floral (229) 868-2112 20 Telfair Ave. | McRae-Helena Selling glitter tumblers, wood signs, and t-shirts

Pioneer Historical Society

Holly Diana Floral (229) 868-2112 20 Telfair Ave. | McRae-Helena Free Cookies by Colonial Recipes and Cider

Provisions & Paper

Holly Diana Floral (229) 868-2112 20 Telfair Ave. | McRae-Helena Paper goods, stationery & other customer provisions

Ryals Drug Store

12 S. Second Ave. | McRae-Helena (229) 868-6735 Visit with Santa, snow, coloring contest, vendors, McRae Methodist Church Children's Choir, Gage Harrelson & Rebecca Howell Sales

The Nook Boutique

Holly Diana Floral (229) 868-2112 20 Telfair Ave. | McRae-Helena Boutique clothing and accessories



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)

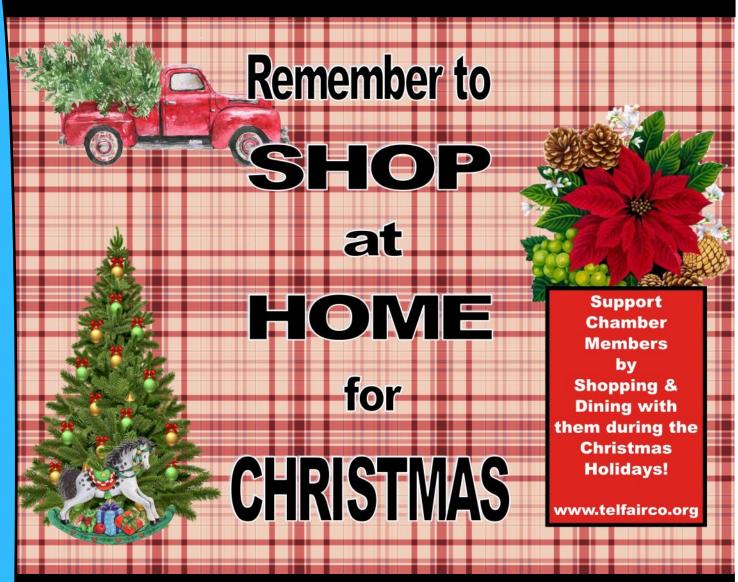
> Telfair Center for the Arts 119 College Street McRae-Helena, Georgia

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)

Туре	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 Buccaneer Club

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:

January 2021 Newsletter: Deadline December 20, 2020
February 2021 Newsletter: Deadline January 20, 2020
March 2021 Newsletter: 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

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

