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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

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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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Photo Left to Right:
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.

Christmas Cash Raffle

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.

For example:



- *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 year's 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.



Drive Thru Christmas Lights

*Friends of Little Ocmulgee State Park
Presents*

Sparkle In the Park

Each weekend

November 26-January 3

Dark until 10 p.m.

\$5 Park Pass Per Car

(Donations Appreciated)

Drive thru event only

www.telfairco.org

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 Diana Floral

Holly Jolly Market (229) 868-2112
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 peek 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.

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



Merry Christmas

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



Remember to
SHOP
at
HOME
for
CHRISTMAS



Support
Chamber
Members
by
Shopping &
Dining with
them during the
Christmas
Holidays!
www.telfairco.org



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.

www.telfairco.org

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

CoreCivic McRae Correctional Facility

"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 Prison
 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.
 Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 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 bringing 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!
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Ph: (229) 868-6365 | Email: rogers@telfairco.org

Chamber Membership is an INVESTMENT in your community

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



For more information about a Chamber Member:

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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 .jpeg;
- *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.

- 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

2020 Monthly Meeting Schedule

December, 2020	No meeting
January 12, 2021	6:00 p.m.

