

The Voice of Telfair County

A Publication of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce

Let your **PASSION**
for **TELFAIR COUNTY**
be **Seen**

Telfair County Chamber Banquet to be held February 25, 2016

The Chamber invites you to attend the 2016 Chamber Banquet for a night of **Denim, Dinner & Entertainment.**

The Banquet will be held **February 25; 6:30 p.m.** at the **Telfair Co. Recreation Building.**

This year's theme is **"Let Your Passion for Telfair County Be Seen".**

Entertainment will be provided by **Deanna Johnson, a 2015 "The Voice" Contestant.**

During the Banquet, the 2016 Man, Woman and Business of the Year awards will be announced.

We are looking forward to a fun night, delicious food and special entertainment. So put on your **favorite denim outfit** and join us as we celebrate our passion for Telfair

County. See you there in your jeans, overalls or denim skirts.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber is located at 9 East Oak St, McRae-Helena, GA.
Phone: (229) 868-6365
email: rogers@telfairco.org

Telfair County, GA
February 2016

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Deanna Johnson to Entertain at the 2016 Chamber Banquet

DeAnna is an upcoming country folk singer/songwriter. She has been most influenced musically by Dolly Parton and The Civil Wars.

She likes the songs that tell a story and speak to the heart. She has a love for music and enjoys performing and entertaining, whether it be to a crowd full of people or just for a few family and friends.

DeAnna was born in December of 1995 in the small South Georgia town of Hazlehurst where she

has lived her entire life.

Being from a small town has helped her have a strong foundation and a love and appreciation of a close family. She has always loved music and recently began a serious pursuit of entertaining. She has performed at various local festivals and in several local churches.

She has donated her talent in helping a local battered women and abused children shelter by performing both at their banquets and fundraisers.

DeAnna strives to develop her talent as much as she can. She has appeared on NBC's "The Voice" during Season 5 on which she made it to the "Blinds" but didn't get a chair turn. She worked hard and returned to "The Voice" during Season 8 on which she not only got a FOUR CHAIR TURN, but then proceeded in the competition making it into the Top Ten. During her stay on "The Voice" she was exposed to music industry giants who have given her invaluable advice and personal guidance in developing her talent.



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**Let your
Passion for
Peaches to
the Beaches
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Become an
official
vendor!**

12th Annual Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale

March 11-12, 2016

**Let Your Passion for Peaches to the Beaches Be Seen
by Becoming an Official Vendor**

Do you have a Passion for the Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale? Then, become an Official Vendor Today!

Vendors can officially participate three ways:

1)RENT Official Space from the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce's Official Site located at the Telfair County Recreation Complex.
\$30 per 15'x15' space
(After February 10: \$40 per space)

2)RENT an Official Yard Sign to be placed at your choice of location.
\$30 per official yard sign

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Note: After February 10, we cannot guarantee that your listing will be included on vendor/site maps, website, listings, etc.
Official Yard Signs available while supplies last.

3)RENT an Official Site Banner to be an official site (for locations with 6 or more vendors).
Note: After February 10, we cannot guarantee that your site will be included on vendor/site maps, websites, listings, etc.
Official sites also 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. on both days of the event. Official Site Banners available while supplies last.

To become an Official Vendor, contact the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is located at 9 East Oak Street, McRae-Helena. Phone: (229) 868-6365 or email rogers@telfairco.org

2016 Administrative Professional of the Year Award

The Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Administrative Professional of the Year.

Deadline to submit nominations is March 31, 2015.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the

Chamber Office located at 9 East Oak St., McRae-Helena, GA. or call (229) 868-6365 or email rogers@telfairco.org.

Award will be presented to the winner at the 2016 Administrative Professional Luncheon to be held on April 27, 2016.



Dianne Wright
2015 Administrative Professional of the Year

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Telfair County Farmers Market

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

Saturdays
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information:
Jennifer Ellington, Market Manager
(H) 229-868-2241
(C) 229-860-0370
Email: jmelling@windstream.net



Tribute to John Denver Coming to the Telfair Center for the Arts

Save the date and make plans to attend the Tribute to John Denver to be held at the Telfair Center for the Arts on May 14, 2016.

Telfair Center for the Arts
119 College St.
McRae-Helena, GA 31055
(229) 868-7114
<http://telfaircenterfortheartsphs.webs.com/>



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Ocmulgee River Water Trail

The 200 mile Ocmulgee River Water Trail is a premier destination for paddlers and river enthusiasts that provides a variety of recreational activities.

For more information on how to enjoy and explore the Ocmulgee River Water Trail go to:

www.ocmulgeewatertrail.com



City of McRae receives award for 12th Safest City in Georgia

SafeWise is proud to present this award to the City of McRae for their efforts in community safety and crime prevention. McRae was ranked the 12th safest city in Georgia due to its commitment to the safety and security of its residents.

What? SafeWise announced the *20 Safest Cities in Georgia* for 2016.

Where? <http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-georgia-2016/>

How/When? SafeWise released its *20 Safest Cities in Georgia Report* on January 19, 2016. To compile this report, SafeWise analysts considered the most recent FBI crime data from 2014 to rank these cities, which all have a minimum population of 4,000 people.

Who is SafeWise? SafeWise is a community-focused safety organization committed to increasing home and community safety, education, awareness, and preparedness. The SafeWise brand has been recognized by many trusted publications, including The Huffington Post, AngiesList, Mashable, and Homes.com, for their efforts to award law enforcement, neighborhood watch, and civic leaders who go the extra mile to keep their neighborhoods safe. Visit our Georgia State Crime Prevention Center for more helpful Georgia safety resources: <http://www.safewise.com/home-security/ga>



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Show Your Passion for Telfair County

Join the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce

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, events, festivals and attractions.

2016 Annual Membership Rates (Valid January 1 to December 31, 2016)

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

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

Telfair County Chamber of Commerce Meeting of the Board of Directors 2016 Monthly Meeting Schedule

Date	Time
January 12, 2016	5:30 p.m.
February 9, 2016	5:30 p.m.
February 25, 2016 (Annual Banquet)	6:30 p.m.
(Location: Telfair Co. Recreation Building)	
March 8, 2016	5:30 p.m.
April 12, 2016	5:30 p.m.
May 10, 2016	5:30 p.m.
June 14, 2016	5:30 p.m.
July, 2016	No meeting scheduled
August 9, 2016	5:30 p.m.
September 13, 2016	5:30 p.m.
October 11, 2016	5:30 p.m.
November 8, 2016	5:30 p.m.
December, 2016	No meeting scheduled

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.

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Access Loan Company of Telfair
 A.L. Spaulding-Barnes Funeral Home
 ALS Telfair Perlis, LLP
 Altman Eye Clinic
 Bank of Lumber City
 Cedar Lane Supper Club
 Citizens Bank and Trust
 City of Lumber City
 City of McRae-Helena
 City of Milan
 City of Scotland
 Construction Materials Services Inc.
 Crossroads City Antiques & Flea Market
 Curry Management Corp.
 Eastman Pediatric Clinic d/b/a New Life Pediatric
 El Aguila Mexican Restaurant
 Farmers Home Furniture
 First Franklin Financial Corporation
 Georgia Department of Labor-Eastman Career Center
 Griffin's Warehouse-McRae
 Heart of GA School System RESA WIA Program
 Heart of GA United Way
 Hilliard & Milton
 Hofstadter & Associates, Inc.
 Husqvarna Outdoor Products
 Little Ocmulgee EMC
 Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center
 Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge
 Livingston's IGA
 Lowe's Funeral Home
 Lumber City Hardware
 Lumber City Womans Club
 McRae Coca Cola
 McRae Rotary Club
 Milan State Bank
 Milan State Bank
 Oconee Fall Line Technical College
 Padgett Quality Construction, Inc.
 Parker House Inn
 Piggy Wiggly
 Pine Leaf Investments
 Premier Heating & Air
 Robins Financial Credit Union
 Routh Realtors, LLC
 Ryals Drug Store
 Smith Fitting Service, Inc.
 Southern Charm
 Southern Star & Grill
 Stamps-Walker Agency, Inc.
 State Farm
 Stinson's Bar-B-Que, Inc.
 Subway of McRae-Helena
 Susan Evans Realty, Inc.
 Telfair County Bank
 Telfair County Board of Education
 Telfair Enterprises, Inc.
 Telfair Extension 4-H
 Telfair Forest Products
 Telfair Snapshots
 The Cannon Law Firm
 The Housing Authority of the City of
 McRae-Helena
 The Merchants & Citizens Bank

The Security State Bank
 Three Rivers Home Health Services
 Toni's House of Style
 Trinity Therapy Services
 Vaughn Funeral Home
 Wheeler County Bank
 Willow Creek Drive In
 World Outreach Church

2016 Chamber Members

For more information about
 a Chamber Member
 go to
www.telfairco.org
 or call (229) 868-6365

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 Thomas Anderson
 Sarah Bowen
 Betty Brewer
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