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"Telfair County, Georgia: a better place to live, work, play and call home"

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Word from the President ----Telfair Shop At Home Program

The Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that the "Telfair Shop at Home Program is available again for the upcoming Holiday Season." This program is designed to encourage residents to Shop Telfair First, keeping more of our tax dollars at home, where they belong.

Local businesses and industries are the lifeblood of our community. **Last year over \$66,000 Shop at Home Check were purchased and used at Merchants in Telfair County.** Revenue generated from sales tax helps pay for police and fire protection, roads, schools, recreation and a host of other government services that we take for granted each and every day. Simply stated, the more revenue that our community generates from sales tax collections, the amount that our local governments are dependent on property tax collections will be reduced and more services can be offered. One of the best ways that we can continue to improve our community's sales tax collections is by encouraging everyone in Telfair County to purchase goods and services locally, before traveling outside of the community to buy groceries and other goods.

As these Gift Checks are actual checks, payable by the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce, using them is simple: simply present your Gift Check as you check-out with your purchase. Your Gift Check will be honored just like a personal check from your checking account. It's that easy!!!

The Telfair Shop at Home Gift Checks are accepted by many local businesses, throughout our community. List available from Chamber Office or on website: www.telfairco.org.

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2010-2011 Telfair-Wheeler Youth Leadership Class

The 2010 Telfair Wheeler Youth Leadership Class met on November 18 at the McRae City Hall where instructors Joe Elton and Debbie Bullard talked with the students on how to manage stress.

Charles McCann and Jeff Hanner with the Georgia Rural Water Association discussed the role that GRWA has with public wastewater systems. They also gave a demonstration of how the sewer video van is used to video sewer lines for infiltration, inflow and roots. The class then visited the McRae Wastewater Treatment Plant and a Little Ocmulgee EMC power sub station.

Summary on stress by Holly Beasley, a student of this year's Leadership Class.... "Stress, the bane of everyone's existence, is in technical terms defined as the body's reaction to a change that requires a physical, mental or emotional adjustment or response. Sometimes, though, you just don't know what it is that you need to adjust. If you're stressed for time, sometimes you can't adjust your schedule or drop one of your previous obligations. Sometimes you just have to calm down and let it go for a little while. Take a break from your stress. Which leads me to this important question, what calms me down when stress is breathing down my neck?"

The first thing that calms me down is animals. When I say animals, I mostly mean my cats. All animals calm me down to a degree but none quite like my cats. My cats know when I'm stressed or upset. They always come up to me to be loved on, but if I'm upset they want to play, they try to climb in my lap, they do everything they possibly can until I cheer up. They won't give up until they succeed either.

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HGTC NEWS

LOIC Technology Fee Scholarships awarded by HGTC Foundation

HELENA—Eight 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 La’Nora Hamilton of McRae; Michelle Ricks of McRae; Richard Gilbert of McRae; Christine Holliman of Helena; Dalonda Robinson of McRae; Debra Turner of Alamo; Gerry Robin Floyd of Alamo; and Heather Spires Best of Rhine.

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. The scholarship is awarded to students 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 in support of the technology fee scholarship, please contact Jenny Shuman at 478-296-6117, or visit the Foundation website at www.heartofgatech.edu.

HGTC Foundation receives donation from Oconee EMC Foundation, Inc.

The Heart of Georgia Technical College Foundation is a recipient of a grant award from the Oconee EMC Foundation, Inc. The grant is awarded from funds generated through Operation Round Up. The HGTC Foundation will use the contribution to establish a leadership program for HGTC students. The Leadership Connection Program will provide a means for selected Heart of Georgia Tech students to grow and develop their leadership skills. Janet Smith, HGTC Student Life Coordinator, will facilitate the program. Pictured is Alexis Hughes, representing the Oconee EMC Foundation, and Penny Mackey, president of the HGTC Foundation Board of Trustees

Youth Leadership Continued

The second thing that tells stress to hit the road is music. Both playing and listening to music will calm me down. When playing music, I get so focused on hitting the right note on the piano or strumming the right chord on the guitar that I begin to forget what I was stressed about in the first place. When listening to music, I begin to get lost in the beat and start singing along (admittedly a little out of tune maybe) to whatever song I’m listening to. I start having such a good time singing along and being silly that my stress begins to melt away.

These are the things that tell my stress to go take a long walk off a short pier. Do you know what calms yours? If not, I suggest going out and finding that calming activity, because everyone deserves a break from stress every once in a while.”

Lunch was provided by Robins Federal Credit Union.



Students receiving a visual demonstration of the Georgia Rural Water Association Sewer Video Van

New Services for Participating Chamber Members

Your Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with Purchasing Alliance Solutions and your local insurance agents to offer your small business a great opportunity to receive a discount on your employee benefits insurance products. Small Businesses who participate in the MemberCare Alliance program have the membership buying power of over 130 Chambers of Commerce. Not only can you receive a discount on your health insurance, but Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia's life and ancillary insurance partner, Greater Georgia Life Insurance Company, is offering personal support to their customers through Resource Advisor.

Resource Advisor offers employees and their family members access to many life resources at no additional cost. Such as, helping employees balance their busy lives, offering support services in times of need, and providing identity theft victim recovery services. The "support services in times of need" includes personal counseling through a toll free, 24/7 telephone number, or in times of need:

- If an employee becomes disabled they will receive 3 face to face sessions with a licensed mental health professional
- If an employee passes away their beneficiaries receive three face to face consultations with a mental health professional, in addition to, three legal and/or financial consultations. Beneficiaries can visit this specialist up to 6 months after their loss. Also there beneficiaries can receive professional assistance in:
 - Getting copies of death certificates
 - Notifying financial institution and creditors, public agencies and utilities
 - Closing accounts and making sure funds are distributed properly
 - Placing a freeze on credit reports to protect against fraud
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To access these and many more free services please go to www.ResourceAdvisor.GreaterGeorgiaLife.com and enter the program name: ResourceAdvisor. Or call 888-209-7840.

For more information on these insurance offerings, please call the Chamber, one of your participating Chamber-member insurance agents, or Purchasing Alliance Solutions, Inc., (the company that developed *MemberCare Alliance of Telfair County* program) at 770-579-1214 or 1-800-782-8254 ext. 3512.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Telfair County

To Do List:

- ❑ Fishing
- ❑ Canoeing/Kayaking
- ❑ Hunting
- ❑ Camping
- ❑ Golfing
- ❑ Walking Trails
- ❑ Historical Trail
- ❑ Museum
- ❑ Biking
- ❑ Statue of Liberty/Liberty Square

Annual Events

- ❑ Peaches to the Beaches Annual Yard Sale
- ❑ Scotland Festival
- ❑ Milan Harvest Fest
- ❑ God & Country Festival & Fireworks
- ❑ Lumber City Farm Day Festival
- ❑ Christmas Extravaganza

Everything you could want and more....

Visit the.....

- ❑ Ocmulgee River
- ❑ Horse Creek Wildlife Management Area
- ❑ Little Ocmulgee State Park
- ❑ Replica of the Statue of Liberty and Liberty Square
- ❑ Telfair County Recreational Department
- ❑ Telfair Center for the Arts

For more information on these attractions and events go to www.telfairco.org or contact the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce at (229) 868-6365 or rogers@telfairco.org

Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center Helena, GA



**KINGSTON ANNOUNCES
MEDICARE PART D
WORKSHOPS IN HELENA,
GA**

**Helena, GA: Medicare Part D
Workshop**

**Wednesday, December 8
9 am to 11 am**

**Little Ocmulgee Instructional
Center
140 North Third Ave. * Helena,
GA 31037
Mobile Computer Lab**

Anyone eligible for this plan is encouraged to attend and bring with them a complete list of all prescriptions they are currently taking. To help expedite the process, participants are encouraged to bring their Medicare Card and fill out and bring the 'Medicare Part D Enrollment Event Worksheet' that can be found at www.kingston.house.gov/PartD. Staff from Georgia Cares, a program of the Georgia Department of Human Resources and Division of Aging Services and Area Agencies on Aging, will also be on hand to answer questions.

To find out more about Medicare Part D, those interested may contact the Medicare offices at 1-800-MEDICARE or visit <http://www.MEDICARE.gov> or contact Georgia Cares at 1-800-669-8387 to find a plan that best suits their needs.

For those who have questions about the training workshop schedule, please call 912-367-7403.

This event is one of eleven that will be held throughout the First District. Go to: <http://kingston.house.gov/PartD/> a complete schedule and locations

The Telfair Shop at Home Program is an added community benefit provided by the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce Membership and costs your business nothing to accept the Gift Checks. And remember, there are no service fees associated with the purchase of Gift Checks. Telfair County Shop at Home Gift Checks...they make the perfect gift that is guaranteed to fit!

If you, or your business, would like to purchase "Gift Checks," or if your business would like to participate in this exciting program to increase sales, please call the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce at (229) 868-6365 *today!*

**As always it is my pleasure to serve
Telfair County,
Paula Rogers**

**The Telfair County Chamber of
Commerce will host a**

**Ribbon Cutting
December 6, 2010
10:00 a.m.**

**for
Telfair Medical Center
33 South Second Av
McRae, GA**

Dr. Habigaille Cribbe invites everyone to come out and celebrate the Grand Opening of the new office in McRae, GA.

We hope you will join us as we welcome one of the newest businesses of the Telfair County business community.

For more information call the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce (229) 868-6365 or Telfair Medical Center (229) 868-2245.

(Ribbon used for ribbon cutting is donated by C.J.'s Flowers & Gifts in McRae, GA)

**TELFAIR MUSEUM
OF HISTORY**
Located in the historic railroad depot at the corner of Forsyth and 6th St in Helena, GA.

Hours:
September – June
Sundays: 2-5 p.m. & always
By appointments.

For more information: (229) 868-2664 or (229) 868-7114
Email: pahstelfair@yahoo.com

**Walking Tour of McRae's
Historic Homes**

This tour of homes is an easy, self-guided tour of more than 30 of McRae's homes and churches of the New South era. A map of the area notates the relevant sites. Each home is numerically indicated on the annotated map. Homes are referred to by original owner's names and dates of construction.

The Old South Georgia College, which is on the National Historic Register, makes a convenient starting point.

Maps can be obtained from the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce or by calling the PAHS at (229) 868-2664 or (229) 868-7114.

Telfair County Library

815 College Street
McRae, GA 31055
(229) 868-2978

www.orls.org
www.pines.public.lib.ga.us

Hours of Operation:
Monday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

2011 Telfair County Citizens and Business of the Year

The Telfair County
Chamber of Commerce is
proud to again sponsor the
Citizens and Business of the
Year Program.

Each year the Chamber recognizes a man and woman who live in Telfair County that has made generous contributions to the well being of Telfair citizens. The Telfair County Man and Woman of the Year will be selected from nominations submitted.

Also, each year the Chamber selects, from nominations submitted, a business that is located in Telfair County as the Business of the Year.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce or from the Chamber website: www.telfairco.org.
Nominations must be returned to the Chamber by January 1, 2011 by email: rogers@telfairco.org; fax: (229) 868-7970 or by mail: 9 East Oak Street, McRae, GA 31055.

The winners will be announced at the 2011 Annual Chamber Banquet which will be held February 24, 2011.

For more information contact Paula Rogers at (229) 868-6365 or rogers@telfairco.org.



2010 Telfair County Christmas Extravaganza



December 2

Jingle Bell Walk 5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Come join and help us kick off the Christmas Season in Telfair County as we take a walk thru downtown McRae and Helena, GA.

The Walk begins at Forsyth St. in Helena and ends at the Courthouse on Oak Street in McRae.

Walk line-up begins at 5 p.m. on Forsyth St. in front of Helena City Hall. Walk will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Night Out 6 – 8 p.m.

Take a stroll, shop and sample delicious food from the participating McRae Merchants.

December 3

Lighted Christmas Parade Theme: "Candy Lane on Main" 6 p.m.



Parade will begin on Forsyth Street in Helena and travel along Eighth St. and thru McRae along Oak Street, ending at Piggly Wiggly.

For more information contact the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce: Phone: (229) 868-6365; Email: rogers@telfairco.org

Telfair Center for the Arts

Located on 119 College St.
McRae, GA 31055



Check them out on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Telfair-Center-for-the-Arts/105481982817915>



For places to visit and more information go to:
<http://www.exploregeorgia.org/magnoliamidlands>
or call/email the Chamber at
(229) 868-6365; rogers@telfairco.org



**Golden Isles Parkway
Association**
"Peaches to the Beaches
Annual Yard Sale"

For more information go to:
www.peachestothebeaches.com
or call/email the Chamber at
(229) 868-6365; rogers@telfairco.org

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 a Welcome-Visitor Center promoting tourism within Telfair County.

MEMBERSHIP. BECOME A MEMBER OF THE TELFAIR COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TODAY.....

For membership applications and information about the benefits of being a member of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce, contact the Chamber at 9 East Oak Street, McRae, GA or call (229) 868-6365; or email rogers@telfairco.org.

TELFAIR COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2010 CORNERSTONE MEMBERS

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

TELFAIR COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2010 ANNUAL MEMBERS

Allgood Pest Control * ALS Telfair-Perlis, LLP * Altman Eye Clinic * AmeriGas * American Nail & Tantini Salon * Ann's Fashion & Flea Mart * Badcock Furniture & More * Bank of Lumber City * B and B Automotive * Bowen-Cooper Jewelers & Gifts * Brooks Auto Parts * Bryant K. Barrows, D.M.D., * Cedar Lane Supper Club * C.J. Flowers & Gifts * Citizens Bank and Trust Co. * City of Helena * City of Jacksonville * City of Lumber City * City of McRae * City of Milan * City of Scotland * Cook Petro, Inc. * Curry Companies * Deanna Jones * Debbie Bullard * Edison McDonald * Farmers Home Furniture * 1st Franklin Financial Corp * Friends of Little Ocmulgee State Park * Gabrielle Pitzer * Gene Johnson * Georgia Power Co. * Golden Peanut Co. * Griffin E. Mizell, DDS, PC * Griffins Warehouse * Guy Bland * Harvey's Supermarket * Heart of Georgia Technical College & Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center * Heart of Georgia United Way * Hilliard & Milton * Huddle House * Husqvarna * Jana Williams * Jeff McGhee * June Bradfield * Keely Riggins * Kory Tokar * Lawrence Allgood * Laura Kirk * Little Ocmulgee Electrical Membership Corporation * Lon Hamilton * Lowe's Funeral Home * Lower Oconee Urgent Care Center * Lumber City Drugs * Lumber City Womans Club * M&J Shoe Hospital * Martha Ann Mullis * McRae Coca Cola * McRae Correctional Facility (CCA) * McKinnon, Inc. * McRae Lions Club * McRae Lioness Club * McRae Manor Nursing Home * McRae Rotary Club * McRae Wireless * Ora Jean Cooper * O'Reilly Auto Parts # 1631 * Parker House Inn * Paula Rogers * Piggly Wiggly * Pineleaf Investments * Pioneer Arts and Historical Society * Premier Heating and Air * Quinton W. Mullis * Robins Federal Credit Union * Routh Realtors, LLC * Sarah Bowen * Sharon C. Creamer * Smith & Cannon, PC * Smith's Pharmacy of McRae * Southern Charm Personal Care Home * Southern Star Grill * Stamps Walker Agency, Inc. * State Farm Insurance-Herman Moore * Stinson's Bar-B-Que * Telfair County Bank * Telfair County Board of Commissioners * Telfair County Department of Family and Children Services * Telfair County Schools * Telfair Enterprise * The Merchants & Citizens Bank * The Pink Pig * The Security State Bank * Thomas Anderson * Three Rivers Home Health Services, * Tom K. Smith Law Offices * Toni's House of Style * Triad at Lumber City Nursing & Rehabilitation * Trinity Therapy Services * Vaughn Funeral Home * Vergilene McDonald * Wheeler County Bank * Wilbur Grant * Willow Creek Drive-In * Wind stream * XPress Shop

Check out the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/McRae-GA/Telfair-County-Chamber-of-Commerce/455395060584>



Friends of Little Ocmulgee State Park

The Friends 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
Phone (229) 868-7474

Little Ocmulgee is located off US 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 Park's website at www.littleocmulgee.com or call (229) 868-7474.



"A Friends of Little O Christmas" Saturday, December 11th

Ring in the Christmas season at Little Ocmulgee State Park on Saturday, **December 11th** at the festive "A Friends of Little O Christmas". Activities begin at 6 p.m. at the Visitor's Center down by the lake.



Enjoy the musical entertainment of the Telfair County Elementary and Middle School Chorus's, take an old fashion hayride around the Park, enjoy scrumptious holiday finger foods, check out all the amazing critters in the Nature Nook, and don't forget to sit on Santa's lap!

All activities are free and everyone is encouraged to bring their camera's.

Telfair Center for the Arts Presents "Singing Sensations"

**December 4, 2010
7:00 p.m.**



Old South Georgia College Auditorium
College St * McRae, GA

variety of songs including Christmas favorites from a number of the regions great female vocalists.

Tickets \$7.50.

Doors open at 6:30pm.

All proceeds go to the continuing rehabilitation of the Old South Georgia College as the Telfair Center for the Arts.

