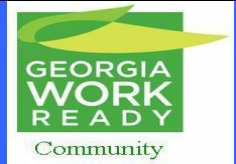




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July 2011

Word from the President ----

Wednesday, July 13, 2011 will be another important day for the economic well-being of our community and surrounding area.

As most of you are probably aware, the McRae Correctional Facility is currently under contract with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to house 1,750 low security, non –U.S. Citizen, adult males. The contract will be expiring soon and McRae Correctional Facility has submitted a proposal to be re-awarded the contract.

The first Town Hall meeting was held in February and Telfair County did an outstanding job by showing support for this facility; 400+ were in attendance.

We are again asking that you show your support for McRae Correctional Facility by attending the 2nd Town Hall Meeting on July 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Telfair County Recreation Building located at 408 E. Oak St. McRae, GA.

Help us spread the word about the Town Hall Meeting.

I encourage everyone to attend.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve all of Telfair County.

Paula Rogers

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God and Country Arts & Crafts Festival and Annual Fireworks Show July 2, 2011



Festival: 10:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Co-Ed Softball Tournament
10:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Kids Amusement Park
10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Opening Ceremony 10:00 a.m.

Brittany Bazemore	10:00 a.m.
Patriotic Dog contest	11:30 a.m.
(contest registration	10:30 – 11:15 a.m.)
Three Legged Race	12:30 p.m.
(adult & child age 12 & under teams)	
Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest	1:00 p.m.
(all ages)	
BeDazzled Performing Arts	1:30 p.m.
Flag Relay	3:00 p.m.
(ages 12 and under)	
Hula Hoop Contest	2:30 p.m.
(all ages)	
Uncle Sam & Betsy Ross	
Costume Contest	3:30 p.m.
(contest registration	2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)
Sugar Creek Jamboree	4:30 p.m.
Jane Horton	5:30 p.m.
Sugar Creek Jamboree	6:30 p.m.
Caves & Company	7:30 p.m.
Eric Smith	8:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Flag Ceremony	9:00 p.m.
Eric Smith-God Bless the USA	9:25 p.m.
FIREWORKS SHOW	9:30 P.M.

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**CONGRESSMAN KINGSTON
ANNOUNCES CONGRESSIONAL DAY
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Representative of Congressman Kingston
to be in McRae & Lumber City

Congressional Day Office

July 13, 2011

McRae

10 a.m. – 12 noon
Telfair County Chamber of Commerce
9 East Oak Street
McRae, GA

Lumber City

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
City Hall
33 Main Street
Lumber City, GA



U.S. Small Business Administration

DISASTER NEWS

Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses
SBA Disaster Assistance - Field Operations Center East –
101 Marietta Street, NW, Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30303

Georgia Deadline to Apply for SBA Working Capital
Disaster Loans Due to Drought is July 26

ATLANTA - The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding small businesses that July 26 is the filing deadline for federal economic injury disaster loans available in the entire state of Georgia because of drought and excessive heat that began on July 1, 2010.

SBA article continued.....

“When the Secretary of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops, the Small Business Administration issues a declaration to eligible entities affected by the same disaster,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA’s Field Operations Center East.

Under this declaration, the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. Except for aquaculture enterprises, agricultural producers, farmers and ranchers are not eligible to apply to SBA, but nurseries are eligible to apply for economic injury disaster loans for losses caused by drought conditions.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with a 4 percent interest rate for eligible small businesses and 3 percent for non-profit organizations with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA’s website at www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Those affected by the disaster may apply for loans from SBA’s website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>.

Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than July 26, 2011.

For more information about the SBA’s Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at www.sba.gov.

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Maps can be obtained from the
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SAVE THE DATE

**SFY 2012 CHIP Program
Application Workshop**

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Office of Special Housing Initiatives will hold our annual FY 2012 Applicants Workshop on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at the Edgar H. Wilson Convention Center, Macon CentrePlex, 200 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217.

The purpose of this workshop will be to provide CHIP applicants with a broad overview of application requirements and the criterion that DCA will use to evaluate application competitiveness. The application deadline date is December 15, 2011.

For more information: Michelle Lewis (404) 679-0659 or michelle.lewis@dca.ga.gov

Should you have questions please contact Michelle Lewis at (404)-679-0659 or michelle.lewis@dca.ga.gov

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For places to visit and more information go to:
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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.

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Oconee Fall Line Technical College

Sandersville, Heart of Georgia Technical Colleges Become Oconee Fall Line Technical College on July 1

Sandersville/Dublin - Sandersville Technical College and Heart of Georgia Technical College in Dublin have consolidated their administrations and will officially join together on July 1 as Oconee Fall Line Technical College.

This is the latest in a series of mergers over the last two years involving several colleges in the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). The mergers have been designed to save on college administrative costs while improving the student learning experience.

Like all of the previous mergers, Oconee Fall Line Technical College students should see little or no interruption to their classes and studies, since no campuses, buildings or classrooms were closed as part of the consolidation. Instead, the emphasis is on enhancing student access to the shared program resources of both colleges. The colleges have been working together since last fall to guarantee a smooth transition for their students and employees.

“The TCSG has proven that combining some of our colleges is a sensible and cost-effective business practice that makes the best use of taxpayer and tuition dollars while at the same time improving education opportunities for our students,” said TCSG Commissioner Ron Jackson. “The merger of the administrations of Sandersville Technical College and Heart of Georgia Technical College is another positive step that ensures the very best technical education programs and improved job prospects for students in the areas served by these great colleges.”

Dr. Lloyd Horadan, the president of Sandersville Technical College since 2005, will lead Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) and will maintain offices at both the Dublin and Sandersville campuses. Beth Crumpton, the executive vice president of Heart of Georgia Technical College and the college’s interim president since last October, will now report to Horadan as the provost of the OFTC South Campus in Dublin.

“Our faculty and staff have worked diligently over the last few months to make this merger successful,” said Horadan. “The world in which we live is constantly changing, and our new college has a wider range of credit programs, providing a greater depth to our academic and professional disciplines and a competitive edge for our graduates as they seek

employment.” “We are committed to the personal and academic success of every single student,” continued Horadan. “You’ll see, hear, and feel this commitment all across OFTC.”

Last year, Sandersville Technical College enrolled 1,776 students in certificate, diploma and degree programs, and Heart of Georgia enrolled 2,973 in those programs.

The creation of the Oconee Fall Line Technical College means that the TCSG has now merged 15 colleges into seven since 2009. Combining the colleges saves the state about \$6.5 million annually, mainly through reduced personnel costs resulting from the elimination of duplicate positions in higher-level management.

With this latest merger, there are now 25 TCSG colleges offering a wide variety of technical education, workforce training and adult education programs on the same campuses and at the same locations that were once 33 colleges. Enrollment throughout the TCSG has surged by almost a third over the past few years, growing from 146,000 students in 2008 to more than 191,000 students in 2010. TCSG colleges offer more than 600 certificate, diploma and degree programs. Georgia technical college tuition is among the lowest in the southeast and most of the cost can be paid for using the HOPE grant or scholarship, the federal Pell Grant, and other forms of college financial assistance.



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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.



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For more information visit Little Ocmulgee State Park's website at www.littleocmulgee.com or call (229) 868-7474.



Telfair County Summer Youth Fest

July 16, 2011

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Telfair County Recreation Complex
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