

# The Voice of Telfair County

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Chamber of Commerce  
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# Train Trestle T-Shirts

## Lumber City Womans' Club Shirt Sale

Small - X Large: \$12 | 2X Large 7 Up: \$14  
Colors: White or Blue

Shirts can be purchased from:

Bank of Lumber City  
21 Main St.  
Lumber City, GA

City Hall  
33 Main St.  
Lumber City, GA





**You are invited to a  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

**McRae-Helena Telfair County  
Boys & Girls Center, Inc.**

**17 Collins St.  
McRae-Helena, GA**

**Saturday**

**August 5, 2017**

**12 Noon**

**For more information:  
Frank Cray (404) 406-2396  
Chamber of Commerce (229) 868-6365**

**Ribbon used in Ribbon Cutting Ceremony donated by  
CJs Flowers & Gifts of McRae-Helena**

We're breaking ground!  
**Telfair County Jail  
Ground Breaking Ceremony**

Please join us as we celebrate the start of  
construction for the New Jail!

**Friday, July 28, 2017  
9:30 a.m.**

**DANNY DAWSON &  
Danny Dawson Band**

LOCATION  
165 E. Oak St.  
McRae-Helena, GA 31055

For more information:  
Telfair County Board of Commissioners  
(229) 868-5688

Little Ocmulgee State Park

# Splash to School Party

JULY 29, 2017

Bring donations of school supplies worth at least \$5 and get in free to the Splash Pad at Little O after hours. Supplies will be divided between Wheeler and Telfair County schools. Examples of items accepted are book bags, packs of paper, boxes of pencils, boxes of crayons, facial tissue, hand sanitizer, etc.

Hosted by Friends of Little Ocmulgee State Park

80 Live Oak Trail | McRae-Helena, GA 31037

For more information: (229) 868-7474



# Telfair County Schools



All Telfair County Schools will host Open House during the following hours on  
**Thursday, August 3rd.**

**Telfair County Pre-Kindergarten 9:00 am until 11:00 am**

\*On Tuesday, August 1st at 6pm, PreK will host an Informative Meeting for **PARENTS ONLY**.\*

School Supply Lists for Pre-Kindergarten Students are teacher specific and will be given to parents at Open House.

**Telfair County Elementary School, grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade 1:00 pm until 3 pm.**

\*for the 2nd consecutive year, T.C.E.S. **WILL NOT** mail open house postcards home to students\*

School Supply Lists for each grade are currently published on the website: [www.telfairschools.org](http://www.telfairschools.org)

**Telfair County Middle School grades 6th through 8th--9:30 to 11:30 am**

School Supply Lists for each grade are currently published on the website: [www.telfairschools.org](http://www.telfairschools.org)

**Telfair County High School grades 9th through 12th--9:30 to 11:30 am**

School Supply Lists for High School Students are teacher/course specific and will be given either at Open House or on the first day of school.

For more information about Open House, please log onto the Telfair County Schools' Website: [www.telfairschools.org](http://www.telfairschools.org) or contact your child's school:

Telfair County Pre-Kindergarten: 229-868-5414

Telfair County Elementary School: 229-868-7483

Telfair County Middle School: 229-868-7465

Telfair County High School: 229-868-6096

**Employment Opportunities**

**Husqvarna Outdoor Products**

263 E. Oak St.  
McRae-Helena, GA  
(229) 868-5641

Applications can be obtained from the  
front guard shack.

**Telfair Forest Products**

Apply in person at:  
11 West Industrial Blvd.  
Lumber City, GA

**Telfair State Prison**

229-868-3288 or 912-381-9940  
**Walk In Interviews Welcome**  
Applications can be obtained from  
Telfair State Prison  
170 Longbridge Road  
McRae-Helena, GA

## TELFAIR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **\*Assistant Deputy Clerk/Records Retention Technician**

The purpose of this job is to provide administrative, financial and secretarial assistance in maintaining records housed for the Telfair County Board of Commissioners. Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, providing complete support and assistance to the County Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Commissioners as requested; and coordinating, collaborating and assisting in the Commission office; and performing tasks as assigned.

[The following duties are normal for this job. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.]

Major Duties: Drafts follow-up correspondence to notify departments, companies, and/or individuals of actions approved by the Board of Commissioners, as directed by the County Clerk or Deputy Clerk; assists in keeping up-to-date information on various proprietary subjects as required and answering inquiries by Commissioners, staff and the general public; assists in coordinating employee health-related seminars as requested; performs other related administrative work as directed; answers telephone; greets visitors; assists with mail processes; and assists public in locating information; processes and monitors solid waste payments to ensure accuracy and timeliness; provides information and assistance, as needed; codes solid waste payment documents; maintains office inventory files; performs related duties as directed; assists and coordinates with solid waste billing and receivables, trash container requests from the public, and coordinates and disseminates information to solid waste contractor; maintains archived and inactive records as directed; maintains, retrieves, accesses, compiles, and maintains destruction records; performs the destruction of records as assigned by the County Clerk; coordinates/performs the movement of records to the records storage locations for the Commission office; and coordinates the destruction of outdated materials and keeps track of charged-out materials.

Minimum Qualifications: Knowledge and level of competency commonly associated with completion of specialized training in the field of work, in addition to basic skills typically associated with an Associate's Degree; sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/internship or having had a similar position for one to three years; must be a certified Notary Public and/or have the ability to obtain certification; must be willing to attend and successfully complete courses, as directed, and obtain certification as a County Clerk during employment.

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**\*Code Enforcement Officer**

The purpose of this job is to investigate alleged violations of county ordinances and state law reported by other county departments and the general public. Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, enforcing compliance with codes and ordinances, performing on-site inspections and investigations, issuing citations, and performing additional tasks as assigned.

[The following duties are normal for this job. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.]

Major Duties: conducts initial surveys of buildings, structures, and land to determine if they are sub-standard and in violation of applicable codes and ordinances; inspects existing structures for violations of safety and sanitation regulations, or when adopted codes and ordinances require an inspection; maintains files of inspections, re-inspections, consultations, phone conversations, inspection notes, and other required reports; compiles status reports on specific assignments as requested; inputs inspection reports, investigation notes, and consultation data into computer database; Issues citations for code violations; Responds to telephone inquiries from citizens, builders, owners, utilities, public officials, and property managers related to code interpretations and enforcement; participates in professional development activities; Operates testing equipment; maintains data as required by regulations and management reports; and performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent; one year experience in code compliance or enforcement required; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this position; must possess a valid driver's license; must be able to complete the curriculum required for the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement (GACE) Certification as a Code Enforcement Officer.

Applications may be obtained and **MUST BE MAILED** to:

The Telfair County Board of Commissioners, 91 Telfair Ave., Suite A, McRae, GA 31055, ATTN: County Clerk.

Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8–5. Phone: 1-229-868-5688 for additional information.

**CLEARLY MARK ENVELOPE:** Assistant Deputy Clerk or Code Enforcement Officer.

The deadline for completed applications is Friday, August 4, 2017 at 3:00 PM. Resumés with work history, experience and/or education may be attached to completed applications, but will not be accepted in lieu of a completed application.

Email requests for an application may be sent to: [telfairco@gmail.com](mailto:telfairco@gmail.com) or [tcacctg@gmail.com](mailto:tcacctg@gmail.com)

Telfair County is an Equal Opportunity Services Provider and Employer



# Educational Opportunities

## ADULT EDUCATION

MORE THAN A GED!

- GED Preparation & Testing
- Basic Computer Skill Building
- Remediation for Test
- COMPASS AND ASSET Test Preparation
- Work Ready Test Preparation
- SAT Preparation



The goal is to meet all of your education needs!

Flexible Hours Available

Two Locations  
 Telfair County  
 140 N. Third Ave.  
 McRae-Helena, GA 31037  
 (229) 868-3084  
 Monday & Wednesday

Wheeler County  
 203 W. Forrest Ave.  
 Alamo, GA 30411  
 (912) 568-1751  
 Tuesday & Thursday

### **Requirements for listing an event, article or information in the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce monthly newsletter:**

- ♦ Must be a 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 or high quality .jpeg;
- ♦ Information should be submitted to the following email: [rogers@telfairco.org](mailto:rogers@telfairco.org).
- ♦ Chamber cannot guarantee what page your information will be shown on or the size of the item.

### **Deadline to submit articles, events or information to be included in the Chamber's Monthly Newsletter:**

March Newsletter: Deadline February 17	August Newsletter: Deadline July 13
April Newsletter: Deadline March 20	September Newsletter: Deadline August 18
May Newsletter: Deadline April 18	October Newsletter: Deadline September 18
June Newsletter: Deadline May 19	November Newsletter: Deadline October 20
July Newsletter: Deadline June 20	December Newsletter: Deadline November 17

## OFTC to Offer Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge Program

We are excited to announce a new program offering to our line up at OFTC: an Associate Degree in Nursing Bridge program. This new program will allow licensed LPN's or paramedics to bridge over and become an RN. We would love for you to share this info if it's something you are interested in.

OFTC – Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) will offer an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Bridge Program beginning Fall 2018, pending Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) approval.

The bridge program offers a smooth transition for licensed practical nurses or paramedics who want to continue their education to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

With the RN shortage in central Georgia at an all-time high, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects employment growth for RN's to grow nationally by 16% from 2014 to 2024, which is faster than the average for all occupations. The BLS estimates that RN employment growth will be even higher in Georgia at 20%.

“This bridge program will be a great way for college graduates to advance within their profession,” shared Tammy Bayto, Dean of OFTC’s Allied Health Programs. “In addition, it will help fill the nursing shortage as well as assist the local economies within OFTC’s 11-county service area.”

### OFTC’s ADN Bridge

When Albany State University, formerly known as Darton College, decided to discontinue their ADN Bridge Program which was held on OFTC’s Sandersville Campus, OFTC was presented with the opportunity to take on the program; and since they already had a “pipeline of practical Nursing and Paramedic graduates from current programs, beginning the ADN Program was the logical next step,” Bayto said.

While the new ADN Bridge Program is set to begin in August of 2018, pending SACSCOC approval, OFTC will accept students into the college this fall who need the required prerequisite courses. “To compete for the program,” Bayto said, “a student is required to take 30 hours of core curriculum, have one year of experience as either a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Paramedic, and have current CPR certification.”

Like the bridge program offered by Albany State University, OFTC’s Bridge Program will require students to attend class once a week, allowing students the opportunity to work full-time jobs and maintain familial obligations. “This convenience makes the program appealing to not only our service areas but to those within a three to four hour distance from the Sandersville Campus,” Bayto said.

After core classes are complete, a student can expect to complete the ADN Bridge Program in one year and be prepared to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam to become licensed Registered Nurses.

Rural Georgia faces multiple issues that negatively impact the health of its residents, Bayto shared, “such as failing infrastructure, poverty, unemployment, limited education and lack of transportation,” to name a few. “Having a mechanism for growing our own healthcare professionals who want to live and work in the area will be a tremendous asset for our community in addressing all of these issues, and more.”

For more info about OFTC’s ADN Bridge Program, visit [OFTC.edu](http://OFTC.edu) or contact our Admissions Office at 478-553-2064.

### 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.

#### 2017 Annual Membership Rates (January 1 to December 31, 2017)

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

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

#### Telfair County Chamber of Commerce Meeting of the Board of Directors 2017 Monthly Meeting Schedule

Date	Time
January 10, 2017	5:30 p.m.
February 14, 2017	5:30 p.m.
February 23, 2017 (Annual Banquet)	6:30 p.m.
(Location: Telfair Co. Recreation Building)	
March 14, 2017	5:30 p.m.
April 11, 2017	5:30 p.m.
May 9, 2017	5:30 p.m.
June 13, 2017	5:30 p.m.
July, 2017	No meeting scheduled
August 8, 2017	5:30 p.m.
September 12, 2017	5:30 p.m.
October 3, 2017	5:30 p.m.
November 14, 2017	5:30 p.m.
December, 2017	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.

#### Board of Directors

Jana Williams, Chair | Eric Smith, Past Chair  
 Laura Smith, Secretary  
 Lee Cannon, Director | Ora Cooper, Director  
 Ruthie Jackson, Director | Laura Kirk, Director  
 Matt Singleton, Director | Mark Smith, Director  
 Larry Wells, Director



Access Loan Company of Telfair County  
A.L. Spaulding-Barnes Funeral Home  
ALS Telfair-Perlis LLP  
Altman Eye Clinic  
Bank of Lumber City  
Cedar Lane Supper Club  
Citizens Bank  
City of Lumber City  
City of McRae-Helena  
City of Milan Development Authority  
City of Scotland  
CJ's Flowers & Gifts  
CL Defense, LLC  
Colony Supply, LLC  
Community Health Care Systems, Inc.  
Crossroads City Antiques and Flea Market, LLC  
El Aguila Mexican Restaurant  
El Patron Mexican Restaurant  
Farmers Home Furniture  
1st Franklin Financial Corporation  
Georgia Department of Labor-Eastman Career Center  
Georgia Power  
G&M Farms  
Golden Peanut Company, LLC  
Griffins Warehouse-McRae, LLC  
Heart of Dixie Antique Mall & Shoppes  
Heart of Georgia United Way  
Hilliard & Milton, LLC  
Hofstadter and Associates, Inc.  
Huddle House 226  
Husqvarna Outdoor Products  
Jason's Fast Lube, LLC  
Job Training Unlimited, Inc.  
Joe Harvill d/b/a/ Joe Harvill Trucking  
Little Ocmulgee EMC  
Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center  
Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge  
Louise's Catering  
Lowe's Funeral Home  
Lumber City Hardware  
Lumber City Nursing & Rehab  
Lumber City Womans Club  
Martin Trucking, LLC  
McRae Correctional Facility  
McRae-Helena Estates, LP  
McRae-Helena Telfair County Boys and Girls Center, Inc.  
McRae Lions Club  
McRae Manor  
McRae Rotary Club  
Milan State Bank  
Ocmulgee Title & Abstract  
Oconee Fall Line Technical College  
Oconee Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, LLC  
Padget Quality Construction, Inc.  
Panda-On  
Parker House Inn  
Piggly Wiggly  
Pine Leaf Investments  
Pioneer Historical Society  
Premier Heating & Air  
Robbins Express, Inc.  
Robins Financial Credit Union

Routh Realtors  
Ryals Drug Store  
Salvat Internal Medicine  
Smith Fitting Service, Inc.  
Southern Charm Personal Care Home  
Southern Star Grill  
Stamps-Walker Agency, Inc.  
State Farm Insurance  
Stinson's Bar-B-Que, Inc.  
Subway  
Sugar Creek Plantation, LLC  
Susan Evans Realty, LLC  
Telfair County Bank  
Telfair County Department of Family  
& Children Services  
Telfair County Extension/4-H  
Telfair County Farm Bureau  
Telfair County Schools  
Telfair Enterprise, Inc.  
Telfair Forest Products, LLC  
Telfair Snapshots  
The Cannon Law Firm  
The Cleft, Inc.  
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, Inc.  
Vaughn Funeral Home, Inc.  
Webb Swamp Logging, LLC  
Wheeler County State Bank  
Willow Creek Drive In  
Windstream  
World Outreach Church

## 2017 Chamber Members

For more information  
about a  
Chamber Member  
go to  
[www.telfairco.org](http://www.telfairco.org)

Howard Abney  
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Guy Bland  
Sarah Bowen  
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Ora Cooper  
Billy Fred Crawford  
Rose Crawford  
Gerald Ellington  
W. Don Holland  
Danny Jones  
Deanna Jones  
Laura Kirk  
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Matt Singleton  
Eric Smith  
Laura Smith  
Belinda Thomas  
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**Cornerstone Members**  
**McRae Correctional Facility**  
**Robins Financial Credit Union**  
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