

The Voice of Telfair County

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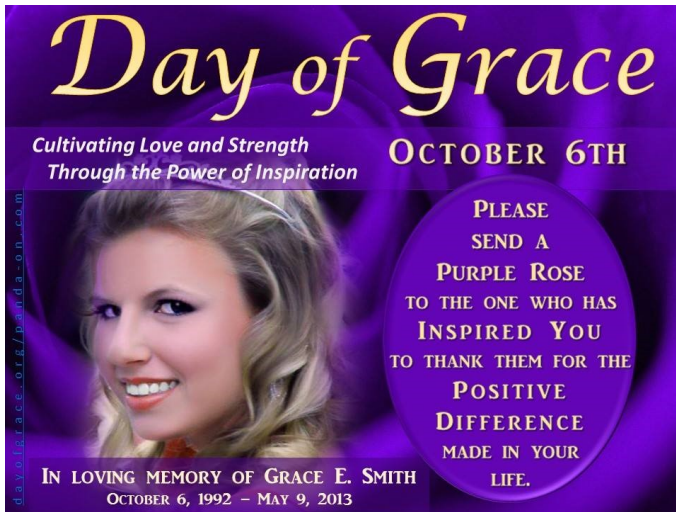
Dixie Jubilee

Southern Gospel, Bluegrass and Celtic on the hill!

October 21, 2017

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Telfair Center for the Arts
119 W. College St.
McRae-Helena, GA 31055



PANDA ON! will be joining "Day of Grace" Inspirational Day 2017

This year marks our Fifth "Day of Grace". Day of Grace, October 6th, is a special day dedicated to honoring and thanking those who have made a positive difference in our lives. "Thank You" is an easy and simple fundamental we often take for granted. But, a heartfelt "Thank You" has the power to work extraordinary goodness in both the giver and receiver

Day of Grace was started because we witnessed firsthand the power of inspiration working in and through our daughter Grace. Although she battled pediatric sarcoma cancer valiantly, Grace passed away May 9, 2013. Through it all her faith never wavered and her smile and zest for life never faded. When I asked her thoughts about being an inspiration to others she replied, "What they don't understand is it

is they who inspire me!" We watched the power of inspiration transform our daughter and our community. Death should not stop, cannot stop, such power. It is in her memory and honor that we continue the work she started.

In the past, we have celebrated Day of Grace, Grace's birthday, by delivering purple roses and getting the family together. But, this year we wanted something more. It is time for something bigger. We thought, "What would Grace want?"

In Grace's honor, PANDA ON! is joining in on all the celebrating. PANDA ON! is a home-based company Eric and I dedicated to our other three surviving children. PANDA ON! means to Move Forward when life sucks, to See Light in the face of darkness and to Find Hope in devastation and doubt. PANDA ON! is a message of love and encouragement to those who are facing difficult times. We have many products but nearest and dearest to our hearts is PEP, our Purple-Eyed Panda Bear. Like our other products, he comes with an encouraging tag and a "Whisper in Your Ear Card", which is a special card filled with extra love and lots of encouragement.

This year to commemorate our fifth Day of Grace, PANDA ON! will join forces with Day of Grace by visiting Navicent Health, Macon Medical Center, October 5th, to give our "PANDA ON! Love Package" including PEP, our Purple-Eyed Panda Bears, to all the children on the Pediatric Floor. We are expecting many smiles and laughter as Eric dons our PEP costume to give away free hugs and love to everyone.

There are several ways for you to get in on all the fun and help us celebrate Day of Grace. You can donate a PEP to be given to a child. You can also purchase our "2017 SnowPEP Event Tee". With the purchase of this super-comfy tee shirt you are donating a PEP to be given at our Day of Grace Event.

We have also set up the Grace E. Smith Memorial Scholarship in Grace's honor. This scholarship was established in 2014. A \$1000.00 scholarship is given to a Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Georgia, student pursuing a degree in the medical field. So far, we have awarded this scholarship to three recipients. We look forward to announcing this year's Grace E. Smith Memorial Scholarship recipient on Day of Grace. Lastly, on October 6, please plan to say, "Thank You!" to the person who has inspired you by sending them a purple rose through your local florist. In a world that seems so out of control sometimes, a simple act of kindness, like saying thank you to our loved ones, reminds us of the power within us to make a positive difference.



To learn more about Grace's story please visit dayofgrace.org. To learn more about PANDA ON! and how you can participate or to donate to the Grace E. Smith Memorial Scholarship please visit, panda-on.com.

1st Annual Telfair County



Business *Greatest*
HALLOWEEN
COSTUME CONTEST *Ever!*

**LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH A
HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST**

The Telfair County Chamber of Commerce announces the 1st Annual Telfair County Greatest Halloween Costume Contest Ever. This event is sponsored by the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce.

The Contest is open to all businesses, churches, schools, or civic organizations located in Telfair County. Judging will be on group participation, originality and creativity. Entry fee will be \$10 per team entered and must be registered by October 23, 2017 at 12 noon. Judging will take place 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on October 31, 2017.

The 1st Place Team Winner will receive a \$100 Telfair County Shop at Home Check.

**Entry form and rules can be downloaded from www.telfairco.org
or contact the Chamber at 9 E. Oak St. McRae-Helena, GA or
call (229) 868-6365.**



Questions? Please call the
Telfair County Health Department.
Phone: 229-868-7404

**Telfair County
Health Department
offering a Drive
Thru Flu Clinic
For ages 19 years & up**

Payment Options

Insurance Accepted:

- BCBS
- United Healthcare
- Cigna/Coventry
- Aetna
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- CASH- \$30

*No credit/debit cards
or checks accepted

No appointments needed! Located at the Faith Baptist Church parking lot. Entry will be off of Telfair Ave.
**Shots will be administered from
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2017.**
Save time by downloading and completing your form in advance: www.southcentralhealth.info

**Don't want or need a flu shot?
Please drive through and help with our traffic study.**

Trick or Treat



Lumber City, GA
Tuesday, October 31, 2017
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

McRae-Helena, GA
Tuesday, October 31, 2017
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Haunted Trail & Movie Under the Stars



October 27-28, 2017

Little Ocmulgee State Park
80 Live Oak Trail | McRae-Helena, GA 31037
(229) 868-7474



Admission: \$5 each plus \$5 per car
parking fee.

A night of terror on the short trail at Little O.
Movie Under the Stars will feature a “kid friendly” movie.



Saturday, October 7, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

Telfair Center for the Arts
119 W. College Ave. | McRae-Helena, GA

Registration fees will be \$30 during the pre-registration period. After September 15, registration fees will be \$35. There will also be a new addition this year of a 1 mile fun run! It will start a few minutes after the 5K. Registration for the fun run is \$20 during pre-registration. After September 15, fun run fees will be \$25. All registrants will receive a T-shirt, color packet, and racer's bib.

Register at <https://www.racerpal.com/races/colorrnmh.html>

More information: (229) 868-6051

Support Spay & Neuter

Fall Fun Music and Dance with White Water Creek Band

Tuesday, October 3

Supper served 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. only

Great music, dancing & door prizes until 9 p.m.

Advance per person ticket prices:

\$15 chicken & mushroom or catfish filets

\$20 prime rib- All Prime Rib orders must be placed by 9/28

Tickets at door:

\$20 chicken or catfish

\$25 Prime rib one seating

Above limited menu includes salad/dessert bar and soft drinks.

Tips not included.

For more information call (229) 868-9820

Tickets also on sale at

Cedar Lane Supper Club

or call Ruby Reaves at (229) 315-9049

Proudly hosted by Cedar Lane Supper Club

All proceeds go to supporting our low cost spay & neuter clinic operated by The Rescue Ranch a

501 (c)3.

Zerner Stone

Spay and Neuter Clinic

SAVE THE DATES

Milan Harvest Festival

Milan, GA

Saturday, November 4, 2017

More information

(229) 315-1494

Jingle Bell Walk

McRae-Helena, GA

Thursday, November 30, 2017

5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

More information

(229) 868-6365

www.telfairco.org

Christmas Night Out

McRae-Helena,

Thursday, November 30, 2017

6 p.m. - 8:p.m.

More information

(229) 868-6365

www.telfairco.org

TCHS Band Chili Cook-Off

November 30, 2017 during the McRae-Helena Christmas Night Out.

Entry Form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.telfairco.org/education/telfaircohighschool.html>.

Christmas Parade

McRae-Helena,

Friday, December 1, 2017

Theme: A Starry Night

Entry forms or more information

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3rd Annual

HUNTER'S NIGHT OUT

OCTOBER 6, 2017

7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Lumber City Hardware, McRae, GA

Free Event

Face Painting | Smokey the Bear

Corn Hole Tourney: \$10 to enter your team (\$100 gift card grand prize)

Door Prizes: Bring a canned good item or \$1 to be entered
in drawings (only 1 entry per person)

Vendor Exhibits

www.lumbercityhardware.com

Employment Opportunities

Husqvarna

263 East. Oak St.
McRae-Helena, GA

To apply for a position, complete an
application at the
Security Guard House or
call (229) 868-6737

Telfair Forest Products

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

Telfair State Prison

Positions Available:

Correctional Officers

229-868-3288 or 912-381-9940

Walk In Interviews Welcome

Applications can be obtained from

Telfair State Prison

170 Longbridge Road

Information for additional employment opportunities can also be found at the

Georgia Department of Labor

<https://dol.georgia.gov/find-job>

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.
- ◆ Chamber cannot guarantee what page your information will be shown or the size of the item.

Deadline to submit articles, events or information to be included in the

Chamber's Monthly Newsletter:

October 2017 Newsletter: Deadline September 18

December 2017 Newsletter: Deadline November 17

February 2018 Newsletter: Deadline January 19

November 2017 Newsletter: Deadline October 20

January 2018 Newsletter: Deadline December 15

March 2018 Newsletter: Deadline February 16

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 17, 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
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

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Sarah Bowen
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Ora Cooper
Billy Fred Crawford
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Gerald Ellington
W. Don Holland
Danny Jones
Deanna Jones
Laura Kirk
Martha Ann Mullis
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Jimmy Pruett
Matt Singleton
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Laura Smith
Belinda Thomas
Larry Wells

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Robins Financial Credit Union
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