

The Voice of Telfair County #TeamTelfairGA

October 2018

Day of Grace ~ Inspirational Day

PANDA ON! with PURPLE ROSES

October 6, 2018, marks the Sixth Annual Day of Grace. This special day of purple roses reminds us to celebrate gratitude, inspiration and love. This year, since the 6th falls on the weekend, please send a purple rose October 5th to the person who has inspired you.



What better way to offer a heartfelt, “Thank You for the Inspiration You Are to Me!” than with a beautiful purple rose. Day of Grace began in loving memory of Grace E. Smith and continues as a tribute to honor all who have inspired us through their words, deeds and attitude.

For more information about Day of Grace, please visit: www.dayofgrace.org/graces-story

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The Chamber Community Update will be on Facebook Live from the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce office @ 6:00 p.m. To watch go to: www.facebook.com/deepproductionstelfair. Special Guests: Laura & Eric Smith with Day of Grace & Panda On!

Chamber’s Monthly Pod Cast by Deep Productions, LLC www.deepproductionsllc.com

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Panda On! Live to Love! Love to Live!



TO MOVE FORWARD WHEN LIFE SUCKS!
TO SEE LIGHT IN THE FACE OF DARKNESS!
TO FIND HOPE IN DEVASTATION AND DOUBT!

DONATE A PEP - OUR PURPLE-EYED PANDA -
TO BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S LIFE!

We are currently working with hospitals and children's facilities, like Ronald McDonald House, to share some PANDA ON! Love and Encouragement with families who

have children battling illness. You are invited to participate. If you are interested in being a part of this awesome PANDA ON! Project, please go to <https://panda-on.com/p/donate-a-panda> and click on the Donate a PEP button.

The more donors we get, the more visits we can make and the more smiles we can see.

Every time someone donates a PEP, we march directly to our Panda Zoo and choose a very lucky PEP to go into a very special box. These special PEPs await their arrival to their new families. These PEPs are given to the children we are fortunate to encounter on our PANDA ON! Journey. These encounters are documented on our Facebook page, our website and our PANDA ON! Community Newsletter.

If you'd like to keep track of all we are doing, please sign up for our PANDA ON! Community Newsletter. We will keep you informed of all the love we are giving away. But, we wouldn't be able to do it without you! Thank you for your Love and for your Generosity!

For more information go to: panda-on.com

Birth to Books Parent Academy

The Telfair County School system would like to invite ALL parents of children ages 0 to 5 in Telfair County to the *Birth to Books* Parent Academy. The *Birth to Books* Parent Academy is an early literacy program that is available this school year. The program focuses on early literacy development for children ages birth to 5 years old. Eligible children will be able to sign up for free books.

Dates

September 24, 2018	6 p.m.	TCES Gym
December 3, 2018	6 p.m.	TCES Gym
January 28, 2019	6 p.m.	TCES Gym
March 4, 2019	6 p.m.	TCES Gym

Childcare will be provided.

Drawings will be held for door prizes. Must be present to win.

Pizza will be served for parents and children.

City of McRae-Helena Color Run

October 20, 2018

229-868-6051

For more information:

(229) 868-6051 or

email colorrun@mcrae-helena.org

Online Registration:

<https://www.racerpal.com/register/colorrnmh>

Runners will start at the Telfair Center for the Arts, race down the Helena Walking Trail and jog through the McRae-Helena neighborhood become more colorful with every mile.

Telfair County Business Fall Decoration Contest

Judging will be on October 24-26, 2018

Theme: Fall Theme (not Halloween)

Entry fee: \$10 per business entered

Must be registered by 12 noon on October 22

This is open to all businesses located in Telfair County, GA.

Entry forms can be obtained from Telfair County Chamber of Commerce
9 East Oak St.
McRae-Helena, GA
(229) 868-6365



Telfair County Business Halloween Costume Contest

Judging will be on October 31, 2018

Entry fee: \$10 per team entered

Must be registered by 12 noon on October 26, 2018

This is open to all businesses located in Telfair County, GA.

Entry forms can be obtained from Telfair County Chamber of Commerce
9 East Oak St.
McRae-Helena, GA
(229) 868-6365
or downloaded from www.telfairco.org



Guidelines for Submitting Information for Chamber Newsletter

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

- ◆ Must be a current 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 and photos in a high quality .jpeg;
- ◆ Information should be submitted to the following email: rogers@telfairco.org.
- ◆ Chamber cannot guarantee what page your information will be on or the size of the item.

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

November 2018 Newsletter:
December 2018 Newsletter:
January 2019 Newsletter:
February 2019 Newsletter
March 2019 Newsletter
April 2019 Newsletter

Deadline-October 19, 2018
Deadline-November 16, 2018
Deadline-December 21, 2018
Deadline-January 21, 2019
Deadline-February 18, 2019
Deadline-March 18, 2019

Trail of Fears and Movie Night Under the Stars

MARK TWAIN

September 29, 2018
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

An evening of humor and music with Samuel Clements and Mark Twain

Telfair Center for the Arts
903 W. College Ste.
McRae-Helena, GA

Tickets \$10
www.tcfta.com

Trail of Fears and Movie Night Under the Stars

October 26-27, 2018
Little Ocmulgee State Park
80 Live Oak Trail
McRae-Helena, GA
Dark - 10:30 p.m.
(229) 868-7474

Hunter's Night Out

October 5, 2018
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Lumber City Hardware
208 Third Ave. | McRae-Helena, GA

Lots of sales on multiple items and brands. Vendors will be setup eager to tell you about their products and they might even have some giveaways for you! Over \$2000 worth of Door Prizes will be given away. Food, drinks and lots of family fun

The Weekend-Get-Away Band

October 20, 2018

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

Cemetery Walk

October 26-27, 2018

Hosted by: Pioneer Historical Society
Tickets \$10 Advance | \$15 at cemetery
Tickets Can be purchased at Ryals Drug Store and American Legion Auxiliary Thrift Store or from Peggy Edwards (404) 731-1120

Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat

City of Lumber City

Trick or Treat
October 31, 2018
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Lumber City Methodist Church

Trunk or Treat
October 31, 2018
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Church St.
Lumber City, GA

Milan Small Town Community Churches

Trunk or Treat
Milan Gym
Corner of Lee St. & Pickerton St.
Milan, GA
October 31, 2018
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



City of McRae-Helena

Trick or Treat
October 31, 2018
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Telfair Churches

Trunk or Treat
Telfair County Recreation Dept.
408 E. Oak St.
McRae-Helena, GA
October 31, 2018
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Educational Opportunities

TCES Announces 2018 Lunch and Learn Dates

It is almost Lunch and Learn Season at Telfair County Elementary School

Parents please mark your calendars for the following events, and plan to be your child's lunch dates and learning partners. TCES Lunch and Learn events will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 3rd: 2nd Grade

Wednesday, October 17th: 1st Grade

Wednesday, October 24th: Mrs. Hussey's

Class with the starting time to be announced.

For more information, please feel free to log onto the school website:

www.telfairschools.org/Domain/9

or to the TCES Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/telfairelementary/ or by calling the school at 229-868-7483.

*Dates of these Lunch and Learn Events are subject to change due to inclement weather or curriculum restrictions.

Invitations will be sent home individually with each of the TCES Students a week before their Lunch and Learn Event.

Oconee Fall Line Technical College

[Oconee Fall Line Technical College \(OFTC\) at Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center \(LOIC\)](#)

140 North Third Ave.

McRae-Helena, GA

(229) 868-7834

www.oftc.edu



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Most jobs require education and training beyond high school like what you'll find at OFTC.

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plete.

It's affordable. Students can take advantage of the HOPE scholarship, grants, student loans and payment plans.

OFTC offers over 100 certificate, diploma, and degree programs.

The staff at the Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center in Helena will be happy to assist you in getting enrolled and submitting the necessary financial aid documents Monday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Supervisory Training Program at OFTC

Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) will begin their Supervisory Training Program (STP), a construction-specific training curriculum developed, updated and field-tested by and for contractors, this October in Dublin.

Unit 1 of the STP will begin Monday, October 15 and cover leadership and motivation over a six-week period. The class will meet in room 611 of OFTC's Porter Center in Dublin from 6-8:30 PM.

The cost to participate in Unit 1 of the STP is \$250.

For more information or to register, visit the Continuing Education page on the OFTC.edu website or call 478-275-5988.

Employment Opportunities

Coca Cola

Apply online at
www.Coca-ColaUnited.com/Careers

Husqvarna

Applications can be obtained from
Husqvarna
263 E. Oak St.
McRae-Helena, GA 31055
(229) 868-6737

Lumber City Nursing & Rehab

CNAs, PRN LPNS
To apply:
93 Highway 19
Lumber City, GA 31549
(912) 363-2484

Oconee Fall Line Technical College

www.oftc.edu/about-oftc/human-resources (click
on the tab "CAREERS@OFTC"
Dublin Campus, Sandersville Campus, Jefferson
Campus, McRae Campus

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Telfair Forest Products

Apply in person at:
11 West Industrial Blvd.
Lumber City, GA 31549

Telfair State Prison

Walk in Interviews Welcome!
Applications can be obtained from:
Telfair State Prison
170 Longbridge Rd.
McRae-Helena, GA 31055
(229) 868-3288

Wheeler Correctional Facility-Core Civic

All interested candidates can apply at
www.corecivic.com

Georgia Department of Labor

5016 Park Way
Eastman, GA 31023-6152
(478) 374-6994
(478) 374-6996 FAX
(478) 374-6832 TTY
www.dol.state.ga.us
Counties Served: Bleckley, Dodge, Telfair, Wilcox

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Job Training Unlimited

7 Forsyth St.
McRae-Helena, GA 31055
(229) 868-2000
www.region9wib.org
Office Hours:
Monday: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Looking to the Future

Jingle Bell Walk

December 6, 2018
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
www.telfairco.org

McRae-Helena Christmas Night Out

December 6, 2018
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Telfair County Lighted Christmas Parade

December 7, 2018
6 p.m.
Theme: Celebrate the Music & Melodies of Christmas
To place an entry in the parade, contact:
Telfair County Chamber of Commerce
9 East Oak St.
McRae-Helena, GA 31055
(229) 868-6365
www.telfairco.org

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
- ⇒ Discount on AirMedCare enrollment

◆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.

<i>2018 Annual Membership Rates (January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018)</i>	
<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>

Telfair County Chamber of Commerce Meeting of the Board of Directors

2018 Monthly Meeting Schedule

Date	Time
January 9, 2018	5:30 p.m.
February 13, 2018	5:30 p.m.
March 13, 2018	5:30 p.m.
April 10, 2018	5:30 p.m.
May 15, 2018	5:30 p.m.
June 12, 2018	5:30 p.m.
July, 2018	No meeting scheduled
August 14, 2018	5:30 p.m.
September 11, 2018	5:30 p.m.
October 16, 2018	5:30 p.m.
November 13, 2018	5:30 p.m.
December, 2018	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
 Larry Wells, Chair | Jana Williams, Past Chair
 Laura Smith, Secretary
 Lee Cannon, Director | Ora Cooper, Director
 Ruthie Jackson, Director | Laura Kirk, Director
 Matt Singleton, Director | Eric Smith, Director
 Bo Yawn, Director

Access Loan Company of Telfair County
 ALS Telfair-Perlis LLP
 Altman Eye Clinic
 American Legion Auxiliary & Thrift Store
 Bank of Lumber City
 Cedar Lane Supper Club
 City of Lumber City
 City of McRae-Helena
 City of Milan
 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
 Deep Productions, LLC
 El Aguila Mexican Restaurant
 Farmers Home Furniture
 1st Franklin Financial Corporation
 Georgia Department of Labor - Eastman
 Career Center
 Georgia Power
 Golden Peanut Company, LLC
 Gorday Farms, LLC
 Griffins Warehouse-McRae, LLC
 Hilliard & Milton, LLC
 Hofstadter and Associates, Inc.
 Huddle House 226
 Husqvarna Outdoor Products
 Jason's Fast Lube, LLC
 Job Training Unlimited, Inc.
 Little Ocmulgee EMC
 Little Ocmulgee Instructional Center
 Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge
 Livingston's IGA
 Lowe's Funeral Home
 Lumber City Hardware
 Lumber City Nursing & Rehab
 Lumber City Womens' Club
 Martin Trucking, LLC
 McRae Coca Cola
 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 Dental Associates
 Oconee Fall Line Technical College
 Panda-On
 Parker House Inn
 Piggly Wiggly
 Pioneer Historical Society
 Premier Heating & Air
 Rhett Knight Farms, LLC

Robins Financial Credit Union
 Rockin G Timber
 Routh Realtors
 Ryals Drug Store
 Smith Fitting Service, Inc.
 Southern Charm Personal Care Home
 Southeastern Immediate Care
 Southern Star Grill
 Stamps-Walker Agency, Inc.
 State Farm Insurance
 Stinson's Bar-B-Que, Inc.
 Subway
 Susan Evans Realty, LLC
 Telfair County Bank
 Telfair County Board of Education
 Telfair County Department of Family
 & Children Services
 Telfair County Extension/4-H
 Telfair County Farm Bureau
 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

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 Thomas Anderson
 Guy Bland
 Sarah Bowen
 Betty Brewer
 Debbie Bullard
 Lee Cannon
 Ora Cooper
 Billy Fred Crawford
 Rose Crawford
 Gerald Ellington
 W. Don Holland
 Ruthie Jackson
 Danny Jones
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