

CORDELE · CRISP

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 2016

Ribbon Cutting



SafeAire Ribbon Cutting

Farmer's Appreciation Dinner



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The 16th Annual Farmers Appreciation Dinner was a great success. We had over 195 guests in attendance, of which over 40 were farm families. All enjoyed a great seafood buffet, many door prizes, and entertainment by Kountry Cuz Band.

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Mission Statement

"The Mission of the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce is to support, maintain, and promote members businesses and quality of life in our community."

Connect with us!

We're social!!!



New Members

Lori C. Hobbs

Crisp County Health Department

111 East 24th Avenue

Cordele, GA 31015

229-276-2680

229-276-2683

3302

Angie Jacobs

Farmer's Insurance

604 Fleming Road

Cordele, GA 31015

229-273-0226

229-273-0229

Melisia Weathersby

Weathersby Cleaning Service

155 Reynolds Drive

Arabi, GA 31712

229-406-2412

Marcus Wesley

The Lords Mission House

We would like to thank our many sponsors:

16 East, Ag Georgia Farm Credit, Ag America Agency, Agri AFC, LLC Cordele and Arabi, Ag Technologies, Akin Insurance, Ameris Bank, Arabi Feed & Grain, Arabi Gin, Arabi Peanut, BASF, Bayer Crop Science, Cape Insurance Agency, Colony Bank, Crisp County Board of Commissioners, Cordele Metal Works, Cordelia Independent & Personal Care Home, Cook Industrial Electric, Cordele Kiwanis Cub, Cordele Lions Club, Crisp Co. Farm Bureau, Culpepper-Wade Oil, Denham, Edwards & Foshee Agency, Dupont Crop Protection, Flint-Ag & Turf, Helena Chemical Sales, Helena Fertilizer Terminal, Hutchins Clenny Rumsey & Huckaby, PC, Kauffman Tire, Impact Sports & Fitness, Lake Blackshear Resort, Lawson & Reid, LLC, Leger & Son, Marvail, Lyle Farms, LLC, Michelle Smith, Attorney, Mike Fraser's Auto, Monsanto, North Florida Rock Lime, PlantersFirst, R.W. Griffin Industries, South Georgia Banking Company, Turner County Stockyard, Triangle C.C., Valent Corp, Wells Hardware & Supply, Whiddon Crop Insurance, Williams-Pitts Oil, Woodard Nursery, Woodmen Life, WSST- 51.

Also thanks to the following for providing the great door prize(s) for the event:

16 East Restaurant
Adams Drug Store
Ag Georgia Farm Credit
Ag Technologies
Agri-AFC-Arabi
Angie Jacobs Farmers Insurance
Arabi Gin
Chic-fil-A
Cook Industrial Electric
Crisp Co. Farm Bureau
Crisp County Power Commission
Daphne Lodge
Edward Jones/Ricky Smith
Farmer's Furniture
Flint-Ag & Turf

P.O. Box 142
Bonaire, GA 31005
478-302-9483

De Chappell
**Victory Financial Plans & Services,
LLC**
3302 Frontage Road, Suite A
Cordele, GA 31015
229-513-3693
229-513-3696 Fax

Renewals

16 East Restaurant

Adventist Community Service

A.J. Rivers

Big Tex Trailer MFG., Inc.

Carter Burger's

Comfort Inn & Suites

Cordele Glass & Mirror, Inc.

Cordele KOA

Cordele Tire Company Inc.

Crisp Regional Health Services

Daphne Lodge

Dr. John Watford

Dr. Rick Weidner

Flash Foods

Ford Family Dentistry

Frank Olson

Hutchins Clenny Rumsey & Huckaby
P.C.
Impact Sports & Fitness
Kauffman Tire
Keep Crisp Beautiful
Lake Blackshear Resort
Parker Chevrolet
Planters First Bank
Riley's Deli
SAM Shortline Excursion Train
Smoakies BBQ
South Georgia Banking Company
State Farm Insurance/Mike & Curt
Browning
Sunbelt Ford of Cordele
The Cove
Three's Company
Two Magnolias
Walls Factory Outlet
Wells Hardware & Supply
WSST 51

Special thanks to the Ag Committee:
Mike White, Chairman, Cindy Stone
(FSA) who presented the "Tribute to
Farmers", Sallie McHugh (Crisp County
High School FFA) Kimberly Reid & Doug
Dean, (Lawson & Reid, Attorney's), Dan
Jones (Crisp County Farm Bureau) Rusty
Slade (Planters First Bank), Josh Pitts
(Ag Technologies), Justin Lanier (Crisp
County Extension). Also, special thanks
to Crisp County 4-H & FFA students who
assisted with the program and to
Kimberly Reid and the Kiwanis Club,
Chamber Ag Committee and Crisp
County Farm Committee for providing the
plaques to recognize the Top Producers
for 2015: Sam & Shelia Crenshaw
(Watermelons), Walt Harpe (Soybeans)
Crisp Farms, Inc. (Cotton), Barry Farms
Inc. (Peanuts) Southern Comfort Dairy,
Inc. (Innovation Award)

Also, special thanks to WSST for
covering the event, Larry Abercrombie
(Cordele Trophy), Evelyn & Sonny
Dowell, Joe Ward (J.W. Designs) and
Danny & Teresa Watson (Community

Gene Ford
GTC Studio & Health Food center
Harris Waste Management
Holmes Construction
H & R Block
Jerry Carney
McDonald's of Cordele
Murray Printing Co., Inc.
Overlook Pointe Apartments
Penia Baptist Church
Pettis Tire Company, LLC
Quality Auto and RV Service LLC
**Rainey Family Funeral Services,
Inc.**
RDR Car, Truck & Van Rentals
Sherwin Williams
Sonic Drive In
South Georgia Banking
Sylvia & Steve Cobb
Stewart Financial Group
**Superior Residential & Commercial
Service**
T. J.'S Italian American Restaurant
**Trans Waste
TTL, Inc.**

dinner.

Leadercast

What is LeaderCast? *LeaderCast is a "one day" leadership training event broadcast live from Atlanta to over 100,000 leaders around the globe. It's a movement that is changing the way the world thinks about leadership by building leaders worth following. And, it will be hosted in Cordele on May 6th at Cordele First Baptist Church.*

Who should attend?

Everyone! We'll explore what it means to be a visionary leader and how it can help you achieve your goals. Bring your TEAM...and use this as a team building exercise.

Who are some of the speakers?

Steve Wozniak (co-founder of Apple), Nick Saban (Head football coach for the University of Alabama, Andy Stanley (Leadership Author & Communicator), James Brown (Network Broadcaster CBS Sports & News), Rorke Denver (Navy Seals Commander and Author) and the host will be Tripp Crosby (Comedian & Director). These are great speakers, leaders and motivators.

Who is sponsoring and why?

The chamber along with Crisp Regional Hospital, Cordele First Baptist Church & Chick fil A Cordele are sponsoring this event so our citizens do not have to travel out of town (You are saving travel expense and overnight accomodations, etc).

Join with us on May 6, 2016 as we hear from world renown leaders and build a community that is architecting a new tomorrow! We hope that you will partner with us on this amazing journey.

Wallace Summers

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Wildes Electric, Inc.

Wilkinson Foods International

WSST-DT 51

Calendar of Events

April 2th

7:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Cordele Lions Club Yard Sale
Cordele Lions Club

April 8th

7:00 p.m.

Kiwanis Talent Showcase
Crisp County Middle School

April 9th

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Clothes Collection
Chamber of Commerce

April 13th

11:00 a.m.

Agri Industrial Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

April 18th

10:00 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting
Victory Financial Plans & Services

April 22nd

6:00 p.m.

Relay for Life
Cordele Lions Club

April 23rd & 24th

Railroad Motor Cars



Tickets:
Now are \$75.00 each

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Platinum	\$1,000
Gold	\$750
Silver	\$500
Bronze	\$250
Supporting	\$100

For information on sponsor levels call the chamber 273-1668

Professional Administrative Luncheon

April 27th 2016

Tickets: \$13 each



Sponsorships:

Platinum \$250
Table of 8, Name on Posters, on tickets and Program and Table Topper on All Tables

Gold \$150

SAM Shortline

April 26th
6:30 p.m.
Political Forum
South Georgia Tech. College

April 27th
11:45 a.m.
Professional Administrative Luncheon
Cordele First Baptist Church

April 28th
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Business After Hours/New Member Reception
Colony Bank-Cordele

April 29th
12:00 p.m.
Quarterly Managers Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

Newsletter Guidelines



In order to ensure the quality of our newsletter, the following guidelines have been compiled for those making a contribution.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact Monica Simmons (229) 273-1668 or email msimmons@cordele-crisp-chamber.com

To ensure quality we ask that all content be sent in via email only.

Silver \$75
2 tickets, Name on Posters, and Program

Keep Crisp Beautiful kicks off Great American Cleanup with Downtown Cleanup

Keep Crisp Beautiful, Crisp County 4-H, and the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce set out this past week to clean up Downtown Cordele for the annual Great American Cleanup kickoff. The theme this year was I "Moustache" You to Keep Our Community Clean. The event began with a ceremony followed by a cleanup in Downtown Cordele. Volunteers met back together after picking up 20 bags of trash for refreshments, photo booth, and a dance party!

We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for coming and spending their spring break helping us clean up downtown! The event originally had to be rescheduled so we want to thank all of the hard working volunteers for their dedication to helping keep our community clean!



You may send to Monica Simmons msimmons@cordele-crisp-chamber.com or Catherine Harrell cmays@cordele-crisp-chamber.com

- Deadline to submit is the 25th of each month by 5:00 PM.
- Submissions are not to exceed 250 words.
- We ask that any documents be formatted in Times New Roman 12pt font, be single-spaced, and use 1-inch margins on all sides. This helps keep our newsletter looking more streamlined.
- We ask that any photos emailed in be in jpeg format to ensure the quality of the image.

Goody Items Needed!

We are in need of your goody items for our newcomer baskets and upcoming events!

You may drop them off at our office ANY time!

Hometown: Although I lived in six towns before our family moved to Cordele, I consider Cordele, Georgia as my "hometown" since I moved here in the 8th grade, and graduated from Crisp County High School, and Georgia Southwestern State University where I played basketball for the Hurricanes on an athletic scholarship.

Bob serves on several boards in the community:
Cordele Rotary Club, Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce, Cordele/Crisp Industrial Development Authority, Darton College Board of Trustees just to name a few. Bob is a strong advocate for Cordele & Crisp County, giving much of his time to help make our community a better place to live work and play. Monica Simmons stated that "Bob Evans is the communities biggest supporter and cheerleader....he always sees the best in people. He has been a great mentor to me personally since I've been employed with the chamber. I admire him for his faithfulness to God, Church, family, community, his job and anything that he's involved in...he gives 100%. He even persuaded Ameris Bank to donate the original bank building to the Chamber for their new office! Our community is blessed to have such a great man who works tirelessly for Cordele/Crisp County."

8:00 AM---5:00 PM

SATURDAY VOTING: MAY 14, 2016

9:00AM---4:00PM

ADVANCED VOTING:

GOVERNMENT CENTER ANNEX:

MAY 16, 2016---MAY 20, 2016

8:30 AM-4:30 PM

**ELECTION DAY : MAY 24,2016
ALL REGISTERED VOTERS VOTE IN
THEIR ASSIGNED PRECINCTS.
7:00 AM-7:00PM**

ABSENTEE BY MAIL:

Deadline to mail or issue an absentee ballot: May 20,2016

THESE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE ELECTIONS OFFICE BY MAY 24, 2016.

UOCAVA BALLOTS HAVE UNTIL MAY 27, 2016.

YOU MAY CONTACT THE REGISTRARS OFFICE AT:

**ELECTIONS SUPERVISOR
210 S. 7TH ST. ROOM 103
CORDELE GA, 31015
229-276-2611
perkinsb@crispcounty.com**

Business of the Month



SafeAire

Key Club Leadership Training



Safe Aire began in 1964 by C.H. "Red" Carr which has grown in to a team of more than 50 technical, service, and support personnel, SafeAire serves residential, commercial, and industrial customers throughout Southwest Georgia. . SafeAire has been designated as a "Trane Comfort Specialist™" - an honor earned by only a select group of dealers who meet Trane's stringent standards of professionalism and technical expertise.

Customer satisfaction is at the forefront of their business and it goes well beyond the equipment we sell and service. It's clear during every phone conversation, meeting, service call and project that we put our customers' needs first and work hard to exceed their expectations.

For more information contact them at: 229.883.5100

A Letter from Keep Crisp Beautiful

To the Valued Businesses and Organizations of our Community,

Keep Crisp Beautiful is looking for individuals and organizations to adopt a spot or highway during our Adopt-A-Spot/Highway drive. This program is extremely vital to our community as it makes a significant difference in the appearance of our roads and highways. We cannot do this alone, we need YOUR help!

This program is NO COST to you! To adopt is very simple just fill out the information sheet included and return to KCB, Then set up a day to go out and pick up litter at your adopted spot! KCB provides gloves and trash bags! Also, your group or organization will receive recognition with a sign in the spot/highway of your choosing.



Keep Crisp Beautiful will once again host their annual "Spring Clothes Collection" this April but this year they will be doing things a little different. KCB will hold this event for as a drop off for one week. Donations may be dropped off, at the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce, in the drive thru, at 502 S 2nd St, April 18th-22nd. Volunteers will be available, from 9:00-11:00 to assist you, with unloading your donations, and you will be provided, with a tax form.

We all have clothes that we do not wear anymore. KCB wants to keep these clothes out of the landfill, and from collecting dust in the bottom of your drawers, and back of your closets. Now is the perfect time to clean out your closets, and bring your old clothes to our annual Spring Clothes Collection!

For more information, about the Spring Clothes Collection, please call Catherine at (229) 273-1669, or email at cmays@cordele-crisp-

Per GADOT the governor's office of highway and safety reported there were 15 fatal crashes because of "hitting other objects on the roadway" which resulted in the loss of 20 lives to roadway debris in Georgia. The Georgia Department of Transportation spent almost \$14 million to pick up litter on state highways alone (This does not include local government, nonprofit and corporate cleanup efforts). The Georgia Department of transportation annually removes litter from 1,245 interstate miles and 18,000 state route miles! This is why this program is so important!

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If you have any questions please contact Catherine at 229-273-1668.

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