

CORDELE · CRISP

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 2015

Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park Triathlon

This August hundreds of athletes, of all ages, will participate in the annual Georgia Veterans Triathlon at Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park Saturday morning August 8th 2015. The event will begin at 8 a.m. with participants entering the water at Lake Blackshear for a 400 meter swim. After emerging from the water they will proceed to a designated area to mount their bikes for the next 13.6 miles of their journey before finishing with a 5K run. Awards will be given to the top male and female in a variety of categories.

For more information about sponsorship please see below or to volunteer please call (229) 273-1668

To signup: [REGISTER HERE!](#)

Georgia Sales Tax Holidays

July 31st-August 1st

Remember to SHOP LOCAL during the Sales Tax Holiday!

During the July/August sales tax holidays, the following items will be exempt:

Clothing and footwear with a sales price of \$100.00 or less per item; Computers, computer components, and prewritten computer software purchased for noncommercial home or personal use with a sales price of \$1,000.00 or less per item; and School supplies, school art supplies, school computer supplies, and school instructional materials purchased for noncommercial use with a sales price of \$20.00 or less per item.

The exemption does not apply to:

Belt buckles sold separately; costume masks sold separately; patches and emblems sold separately;

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sewing equipment and supplies, including but not limited to knitting needles, patterns, pins, scissors, sewing machines, sewing needles, tape measures, and thimbles; sewing materials that become part of clothing, including but not limited to buttons, fabric, lace, thread, yarn, and zippers; clothing accessories or equipment; or cellular telephones.

[For more information](#)

Revolving Loan Fund - INNOVATIVE SENIOR SOLUTIONS, CORDELE, GEORGIA

The following article was featured in the U.S. Economic Development Administration newsletter.

In September 2010, two registered nurses, Eshonda Blue and Jessica Wright, approached the River Valley Area Development Corporation for financing of an Adult Day Care Home (ADCH) to be located in Cordele, Georgia. Innovative Senior Solutions (ISS) received an \$18,750.00 loan through the EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) and the company injected \$6,250.00. The funds were used to lease and renovate a vacant house and for furniture and fixtures in Cordele, Georgia for the ADCH.

"The loan that Innovative Senior Solutions received in 2010 from the EDA funded RLF program allowed us to expand our services by opening the first of three Adult Day Health Centers (ADCH)," said co-owners Eshonda Blue and Jessica Wright. "The ADH Centers are a community service that provides seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those at risk of being placed in a nursing home a safe and secure environment that they can attend during the day and remain in the comforts of their home and community. River Valley Regional Commission's role in our growth is invaluable; the financial assistance and support of the agency will be forever woven into the success story that is Innovative Senior Solutions (ISS)."

By 2013, ISS had reached 100 clients and their service area had grown to include providing services in a total of 19 counties. The company that started with Blue and Wright as the sole two employees has grown to employ over 100 people. ISS has gained an impeccable reputation as providing the best home health care in the area, and Blue and Wright have been recognized with several awards.

Piedmont Construction Group Awarded 1st Place during AGC Build Georgia Awards

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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!!!



Renewals

AllSouth Outdoor Advertising

Cool Pool Services

Cordele Properties

Hughston Clinic

Little Caesars

Calendar of Events

August 6th
4:00 p.m.
Keep Crisp Beautiful
Beauty Spot

August 8th
8:00 a.m.
Georgia Veterans Triathlon
Georgia Veterans
Memorial State Park

August 10th
8:30 a.m.
Retail Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

August 18th
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Annual Convention

AMELIA ISLAND, June 2015 Piedmont Construction Group was awarded first place for Darton State College - Cordele Campus, at the AGC Build Georgia Awards Annual Convention held in Amelia Island, Florida on June 9, 2015. There will be a brief presentation of the award to Dr. Jones, Interim-President of Darton State College and the leadership of Cordele/Crisp County on July 22nd at 9:00 am prior to the monthly IDC meeting. The presentation will take place in the boardroom at the Crisp County Power Commission main office located at 202 S. 7th Street Cordele, GA.

2015 Crisp County Cancer STOMP



The poster for the 2015 Crisp County Cancer STOMP event features a yellow background with blue and red text. At the top, it says "CANCER STOMP" in large, stylized letters, followed by "2015 CRISP WALK & FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES". The event date is "SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015" from "9:00am - 12:00pm" at "Georgia Veterans State Park - Cordele, GA". It includes details about a "1-Mile Reflective Walk begins at 9:00am" and "Family Fun Activities begin at 10:00am". The bottom of the poster shows silhouettes of people walking and logos for "Advanced Disposal", "Marvair", and "ADM". A starburst graphic says "Your Support Will Help Save Lives!".

Housing Study Shows Cordele Among Cities With Most Affordable Homeowners' Insurance in Georgia

A housing affordability study by SmartAsset ranks the cities with the most affordable homeowners' insurance and Cordele ranked among the top. The ranking was completed by applying a city's average insurance rate to its median home value.

Young Professional
Networking
The Cove at Lake
Blackshear

August 19th
9:00 a.m.
Keep Crisp Beautiful
Chamber Boardroom

August 26th
10:00 a.m.
IDC Meeting
Crisp Co. Power
Boardroom

August 26th
12:00 Noon
Ambassador Meeting
Darton College

August 28th
12:00 Noon
Quarterly Manager
Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

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!

Rank	City	Avg. Closing Costs	Annual Property Tax	Annual Homeowner's Insurance	Avg. Annual Mortgage Payment	Median Income	Homeowner's Insurance Index
1	Waycross, GA	\$2,116	\$703	\$351	\$3,442	\$25,639	97.76
2	Fort Valley, GA	\$2,123	\$778	\$366	\$3,568	\$24,661	97.60
3	Cordele, GA	\$2,129	\$662	\$378	\$3,697	\$23,422	97.47
4	Blakely, GA	\$2,129	\$705	\$378	\$3,664	\$23,532	97.47
5	Forest Park, GA	\$2,130	\$805	\$380	\$3,704	\$28,922	97.45

Cordele Ranks #2 in Georgia's "Safest Cities From Severe Weather"

The state of Georgia is no stranger to severe weather, though the biggest event occurred in 1893. The Sea Islands Hurricane swept through Georgia with a storm surge of 16 feet in August that year, claiming the lives of as many as 2,000 people. Though 122 years have passed, the Sea Islands Hurricane still holds the crown for the worst natural disaster in the state.

1. Milledgeville
2. **Cordele**
3. Grovetown
4. Winder
5. Conyers
6. Vidalia
7. Thomasville
8. Jesup
9. Cusseta
10. Peachtree City

Innovative Senior Solutions to hold Career Fair



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.

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

Innovative Senior Solutions

Career Fairs



Thursday
August 6th & September 17th
 9:00am — 12:00 pm

Location: Innovative Senior Solutions
 Adult Day Health Center
 721-A Felder Street Americus, GA

Career Launch:
CNA & PCA Training Program Calendar

CNA Classes: July 20 / Aug. 17 / Sept. 28
 PCA Classes: July 20 / Aug. 17 / Sept. 28

- CNA Class Cost \$660.00
- PCA Class Cost \$250.00
- CNA Training 5 Weeks
- PCA Training 2 Weeks

ISS Employment Benefits

- Travel Pay
- Competitive Pay Rates
- Flexible Job Hours
- Job Training
- Independent Work Environments

Now Hiring:

CNA's, PCA's, Activity Assistant for Adult Day Center, CNA Team Lead, and Community Relation Specialist (PR & Marketing)

- *Please bring a valid drivers license, resume, and come professional dressed.*

For more information please contact:
 Donna Whitt, Director of Community Relations
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Public Safety Dinner

Sept. 24th
 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Public Safety Appreciation Dinner
 Lions Club

AGC Georgia 2015 Prestigious Build Georgia Awards

AGC BUILD GEORGIA GENERAL CONTRACTOR
 FIRST PLACE AWARD WINNING PROJECTS

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.

Young Professional Networking

August 18th

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

The Cove at Lake
 Blackshear

Fall Clothes Collection

September 19th

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Cordele-Crisp
 Chamber of
 Commerce
 (Drive-thru)

BEWARE OF FAXED "INVOICES"!

Small business owners must be ever vigilant when it comes to "invoices" that



**JCI Contractors, Inc.
Crisp County Primary School**



**Piedmont Construction Group, Inc.
Darton College - Cordele Campus**

GC Georgia members participate in the prestigious AGC Build Georgia Awards competition to celebrate their firm and projects demonstrating construction excellence. Winning projects represent the best the construction industry has to offer by both general contractors and specialty contractors who must demonstrate in award submittals their ability to meet the following criteria:

- Exceptional project safety performance
- Overcoming the challenges of a difficult project
- Innovation in construction techniques and materials
- Excellence in project management and scheduling
- Dedication to client service and customer care

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fax. It is important to never assume that it is in fact a legitimate invoice. Always read the correspondence in its entirety and alert your employees to do the same. Many of the so-called invoices are in fact solicitations presented in the form of an invoice. Often they will have a disclaimer stating that in small letters or hidden within the text.

For more information and tips, call your local BBB at 706-324-0712 or email us at info@columbus-ga.bbb.org.

**Crisp Academy
receives Southern
Association of
Independent Schools
Accreditation**

Crisp Academy earned this accreditation from the Southern Association of Independent Schools recently through a on-site review by a team comprised of diverse educational leaders representing SAIS.

Congratulations Crisp Academy!