

CORDELE · CRISP

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 2017

Green Tradition Continues with Keep Crisp Beautiful's Christmas Tree Recycling Event Set for January 7th

Keep Crisp Beautiful wants to "chip" in and help you get your house back in order after the Christmas holidays. We have made at least one household decision free, easy, and eco-friendly during this holiday season.

Bring One for the Chipper, allows Crisp County residents to bring their trees to local drop-off center at Williams Field on Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 9AM-11AM. Crisp County residents can start the year off right by making a simple choice that benefits the environment.

Christmas tree recycling programs like Bring One For The Chipper support eco-friendly holiday efforts that have a greater influence.

According to the National Christmas Tree Association (www.realchristmastrees.org) 98% of real Christmas trees are grown on farms throughout all 50 states and Canada.

Real trees are a renewable, recyclable resource. On average, for each tree harvested, three seedlings are planted in its place. An estimated 40-45 million Christmas trees are planted annually throughout North America, absorbing carbon dioxide, producing oxygen, and supporting local economies. *Chipper* trees will be recycled into mulch for playgrounds, public beautification projects, and wildlife habitats.

Since 1991, "Bring One for the Chipper," has collected over 6 million trees for beneficial reuse.

For more information about Bring One for the

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Mission Statement

Chipper, please call (229) 273-1669



**Chamber Annual Dinner
January 26th
7:00 p.m.
Lake Blackshear Resort &
Golf Club**



Monica Simmons, President of the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce announced today that tickets for the 68th Annual Dinner could be reserved by calling the chamber, 273-1668. The Annual Dinner will be held on January 26, 2017, reception 6:00 dinner at 7:00 p.m. at The Resort at Lake Blackshear. Members of the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce can purchase tickets until Jan. 20th for \$35 each (reserved table of 10 - \$350). After Jan. 20th the cost will be \$40 each (reserved table of 10 - \$400).

As in the past, we will recognize the accomplishments of the past year, the outgoing board members, Volunteer of the Year,

"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!!!



**2017 Officers & Directors
Executive Committee**

Chair

Kimberly Reid - Lawson & Reid, LLC

Chair Elect

Patti Deal - Planters First Bank

Organizational Improvement Vice-Chair

Don Davis, South Georgia Banking Company

Community Development Vice-Chair

Bambie Hayes

Public Affairs Vice-Chair

Marlene Kimball, Century 21 Smith, Branch & Pope

Tourism Division Vice-Chair

Eli Tinsley - Planters First Bank

Treasurer

Matthew Mackey - Access Corp

Past Chair

Ron Cruz - Pridgen Brothers

Crisp County Power Commission Rep

Rusty Slade - PlantersFirst Bank

Cordele City Commission Rep

Wesley Rainey

Crisp County Commission Rep

Wallace Mathis

Agri-Industrial Development Rep

Bob Evans - Colony Bank

Board of Directors

Amber Herrington - Colony Bank

Anna Hurt - Crimson & Clover

Ben Rambo - Cordele Inland Service

Ben Wright - Rainwater, Gibbs & Wright

Denise Ruff - Comfort Inn & Suites

Douglas Dean - Lawson & Reid, LLC

Heath Hamilton - National Realty Company

Kristen Stokes - Crisp Co. Board of Education

Marcus Payne - Impact Sports & Fitness

Mary Beal - MLB Consultant

Melody Godfrey - Melody Godfrey

the Exceedingly Excellent Teacher, and the incoming Board of Directors and Officers for 2017.

We will also present awards to the small, medium and large business of the year.

For reservations or more information, call the chamber 273-1668 or email us at info@cordele-crisp-chamber.com

Click below for more information on Small, Medium, and Large Business of the Year!

[Small Business of the Year](#)
[Medium Business of the Year](#)
[Large Business of the Year](#)

Exceedingly Excellent Teacher
[Exceedingly Excellent Teacher Nomination Form](#)

Deadline to submit nominations is Jan. 20th.

"The Powers of Crisp County"



You are cordially invited to attend the
29th Annual Atlanta Legislative Catfish Fry
Wednesday, February 15, 2017—5:00 p.m. Reception
5:45 p.m. Dinner at the
Georgia Railroad Depot— Atlanta, GA

We need many volunteers (super heroes) to attend and put on this event.

Let us know ASAP if you can help and also if you need a ride!

CORDELE-CRISP
Gateway to South Georgia

**Business After Hours,
Ribbon Cutting, and
Open House**



Ribbon Cutting

Insurance
Mulford Roberson, Jr. - Roberson Barber Shop
Pastor Cheryl Goliday - Bethel C.M.E. Church
Ricky Smith - Edward Jones Investments
Scott Braswell - Helena Industries

Calendar

January 7th

9 - 11 am

Bring One for the Chipper
Williams Field

January 10th

10:00 am

Ribbon Cutting
Ag Technologies
185 Fish Hatchery Road

Jan. 11th

9:30 am

Tourism Committee
Chamber Boardroom

10:45 am

Atlanta Legislative Fish Fry
Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

January 12th

8:30 am

Watermelon Days Committee
Chamber Boardroom

January 16th

Chamber Office Closed
Holiday

January 18th

9:00 am

Keep Crisp Beautiful
Chamber Boardroom

January 19th

5:30 pm

Ribbon Cutting/
Open House &
Business After Hours
Lawson & Reid, LLC

January 19 - 5:30 pm
Lawson & Reid, LLC
Attorneys at Law

**Open House/
Business After Hours**
5:40 pm - 7 pm

601 East 14th Avenue
Cordele, GA 31015

New Board Members

Welcome new Board Members!

Mary Beal- MLB Consultants
Scott Braswell - Helena Industries
Doug Dean - Lawson & Reid, LLC
Marcus Payne - Impact Sports & Fitness
Ben Rambo - Cordele Inland Services
Denise Ruff - Comfort Inn & Suites

Tourism Update

THE GEORGIA GROWN TRAIL: 41 ASSOCIATION, INC., is dedicated to the *promotion, preservation, and development of regional AGRITOURISM* in a 10-county corridor traversed by the portion of U S Hwy 341 from its intersection with GA Hwy 74 in Monroe County through Crawford, Peach and Houston Counties until it connects with U S Hwy 41 and the portion of U S Hwy 41 from the northernmost point of Houston County to the Florida state line is dedicated as the Georgia Grown Trail 341/41.

Cordele-Crisp County is represented very well on the Georgia Grown Trail: 41 Association with eight trail stops in our community. Those businesses/organizations are: Historic SAM Shortline, Cordele Historical Museum, Cordele Farmers Market, Stripling's General Store Hwy 280 and Hwy 300 locations, Georgia Veterans State Park, Marview Farms

Attorneys at Law
601 14th Avenue East

January 23rd
12:00 Noon
Executive Committee
Chamber Boardroom

January 24th
8:30 am
Board of Directors
Crisp Regional Hospital

January 26th
7:00 pm
Chamber Annual Dinner
Reception @ 6 pm
Lake Blackshear Resort

New Members

A.J. Rivers
**Historical Awards
Committee**
504 West 15th Avenue
Cordele, GA 31015
229-273-4775

Robert C. Henderson
408 West 7th Avenue
Cordele, GA 31015
229-273-4392

Michael Williford
LRA Constructors, Inc.
P.O. Box 3386
Albany, GA 31706-3386
229-883-8473
229-883-7009

Renewals

1st Franklin Financial
Access Loan Company

Farmers Market.

The trail is represented at all regional and state tourism events by state tourism and/or trail representatives. Over 40,000 brochures have been distributed over the last two years. Brochures are available at all State Visitor Centers, the Georgia National Fair, Sunbelt Expo, all trail stops (over 60 and counting) and many chambers.

The trail promotes Georgia Grown products, camping, corn mazes, farm markets, farm to table restaurants, grass fed livestock, u-pick farms, wineries, zip lines, state parks and much more.

We encourage you to drive the trail to find a true southern experience! Enjoy a week, weekend or just a day exploring the unique Agritourism destinations of Trail 41 & 341

Georgia Grown Hwy 280 Trail

The Georgia Grown Trail: 280 Association, Inc is dedicated to the promotion, preservation, and developing of regional AGRITOURISM in a 15 county corridor beginning at the intersection of US27 North/SR1 in Columbus, Ga to the intersection of US 80/SR26/SR30 each in Blitchton, Georgia. Those counties are Muscogee, Chattahooche, Stewart, Webster, Sumter, Crisp, Wilcox, Dodge, Telfair, Wheeler, Montgomery, Toombs. Tattnall, Evans and Bryan.

The committee is soliciting members at this time. The only criteria is the business/organization has to be an agri tourism, be located in one of the 15 counties and pay \$100 membership fee.

The Tourism Committee is in the process of beautifying the grounds at the Tital Missile. New fence, lighting, landscaping and signage will be completed in the next few weeks

Adams Drug Store

Adventist Community
Services

Agri-AFC, LLC,
Arabi, GA

Akin Insurance
Agency, Inc.

A.J. Rivers

Arabi Gin Company

Ashley's Business Solutions

Benefit Specialists
Group, Inc.

Best Western
Colonial Inn, Inc.

Big Tex Trailer
Mfg. Inc.

Bobby Shepard

Brad Rigby
District Attorney's Office

Bub Denham

Burger King

Calhoun Produce

Captain D's

Christmas Heating
& Air Conditioning

Crisp County will be hosting a group of 30 Consulate Generals on a VIP Tour in late March. Anyone interested in placing an item in the goody bags should contact the chamber.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2017

January 26th Annual Dinner

Platinum \$750
Gold \$500
Silver \$300

February 15th Atlanta Legislative Fish Fry

Platinum \$3500
Gold \$1000
Silver \$500
Bronze \$250
Supporting \$100

March TBD Farmer's Appreciation Dinner

For each \$50 donated you will receive 1 ticket to attend

*If a company is interested in being the "titled" sponsor, please call for info.

April 26th Professional Luncheon Administrative Luncheon

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

Gold 150
4 tickets, Name on Posters, and Program

Silver 75
2 tickets, Name on Posters, and Program

Coney Ag
Service, Inc.

Cook Industrial
Electric Co., Inc.

Cordele
Community League

Cordele
Dental Associates

Cordele
Electric Supply, Inc.

Cordele
Housing Authority

Cordele Intermodal
Services, Inc.

Cordele Metal Works

Cordele Rotary Club

Country Financial
/Whiddon Insurance

Crenshaw Jewelers, Inc.

Crisp County
High School

Crisp County
Pre-K

Crisp County
Primary School

Crumley's Construction
Company

Tickets to attend are \$13 each

**May 5th
Leadercast**

**June 2nd- 24th (main day June 24th)
Watermelon Days Festival**

Platinum \$750
Gold \$500
Silver \$250
Bronze \$100

**June 15th
"This Is Your Life" Dinner
Tickets \$22 each**

Platinum \$350
Table of 10 Name on Poster, Program, and
Table Topper on all tables

Gold \$ 200
4 tickets, Name on Posters, Program

Silver \$100
2 tickets, Name in Program

**July 4th
Fireworks on the Flint
Sponsors are needed to insure that this
event continues!!**

Platinum \$2500
Gold \$1500
Silver \$500

**August 11th
Triathlon**

Platinum \$750
Gold \$500
Silver \$200
Bronze \$100

**September TBD
Public Safety Dinner**

Platinum \$500
Display Table, Name on sponsor board & on
all tables

Dan Spires, CPA

Daniels & Daniels
Properties, Inc.

David and Monica
Simmons

Denham, Edwards
& Foshee Insurance, LLC

Denny's of Cordele

Department of Family
& Children's Services

Dr. Robert T Hurt, Jr.
Dr. Robert T. Hurt III,
DDS

EBBA Iron

Edward Jones Investment
/Ricky Smith

Farmers Home Furniture

First Baptist Church

GA Cell Tissue
Diagnost

Gardner Electric, Inc.

Gene Ford

Griffin Lumber
& Hardware

Griffin Lumber Company

Gold \$200
Sponsor Board & Table Toppers

Silver \$100
Sponsor Board

Supporting \$50
Name in Newsletter

1 ticket for each \$50 sponsorship

**October 23-31st
Red Ribbon Week**

Platinum \$ 200
Name on Posters, Pencils for all Student &
Program

Gold \$100
Name on Posters, Program

Silver \$50
Name on Posters (smaller print)

Supporting \$25

**If you need additional information
on sponsorships, please call the
Chamber!**

[Click here for Sponsorship form!](#)

**Back The Blue
shirts and yard signs available!**



**Shirts \$10
Yard Signs \$10**

You may pick them up at the

Hall's Cleaners

Hampton Inn & Suites

Hand of Hope Inc.

H & R Block

Hughes & Wright
Funeral Home

Innovative Senior Solutions
Innovative Therapy
Concepts, L.L.C

Insure Logic, Inc.

James W, Hurt
& Associates

Jean Rogers

Jerry Carney

Jerry's Autobody
Collision Repair, Inc.

Johnson Electronic
Systems, Inc.

Judge John Pridgen

J.W. Cannon Farm, Inc.

J. W. Williams Funeral
Home, Inc.

Katz Veterinary
Services, LLC

Kimberly Reid

Chamber located at 502 South 2nd Street during business hours M-F!

2017 Speedfest



Friday, January 27, 2017

Adult GA Ticket: \$10

Kids 6 & Under GA Ticket: Free

PitPass: \$20

Pit Gates Open: 10AM

Gates Open: 10AM

Practice Starts: 12PM

Racing Starts:

10AM - Pits Open. Grandstands Open.

12PM - Track Opens for Practice.

6PM - Practice Ends.

6:30PM - Track Closes.

*Tentative Schedule. Subject to change

Grandstand Ticket Information:

General Admission:

Adult \$10.00

Child \$5.00

To purchase Friday Grandstand Tickets,

Click [Here](#)

For 3-day reserved seats, scroll down to

Sunday.

Pit Admission:

Adult: \$20

Kids 6 - 12: \$10

*Pit Pass available race weekend only.

Weekend Camping Options:

Full Hookups/Dry Camping

Full Hookups/Dry Camping \$100.00

Lake Blackshear
Baptist Church

Lawson & Reid, LLC,
Attorneys At Law

Leger & Son

Lin Barnes

Lynne Brown Estate
Sales LLC

McDonalds of Cordele

Melton Culpepper, Jr.,
Attorney at Law

Michael Brannon

Mike Fraser's
Auto Repair Inc.

MLB Consultant

National Realty
Company of Cordele

Paul Mechler

Perlis Realty
Company, LLC

Purchasing Alliance
Solutions, Inc.

Quality Inn

Railway Freight Furniture

Rainey Used Cars

3Day/3Night \$150/\$80

2Day/2Night \$100/\$40

1Day/1Night \$60/\$25

**Limited Number of Full Hookups Available.
Plenty of Dry Camping Available.

**To secure camping for SpeedFest
Weekend, call 229-938-8814.

[For more information](#)

Upcoming Events and Member Updates

Rainwater, Gibbs
& Wright, LLP

Renee Fraser

Rep. Buddy Harden

Rhonda Hayes

SafeAire Heating
& Cooling

Sakari & Company, LLC

Sheriff Billy Hancock

Smoakies Bar-B-Que

South Georgia Roofing
& Remodeling, Inc.

South Georgia
Technical College

Summerco, Inc.
/Summerco Realty
/Prime Time Location

Sunbelt Ford, Cordele

Sunoco Cordele

Synergy Solutions

The Cordele Dispatch

T. J.'S Italian
American Restaurant

Town of Arabi

TTL, Inc.

PERINATAL CAMP



If you are pregnant or planning a pregnancy in the near future, this class will describe how to maintain a healthy pregnancy, as well as prepare for the delivery of your baby. Taught by nurses and certified lactation consultants, you learn about physical and emotional changes of pregnancy, development of your baby, delivery options, what to expect on your special day, as well as the benefits of maternal-infant bonding and breastfeeding.

Registration

We recommend you and your primary support person attend a perinatal class at Crisp Regional Health Services before your delivery. Dinner and a unit tour will be provided for both you and your support person during the Perinatal Camp.

Join us at **6 pm, January 17, 2017** in the Crisp Regional Hospital Conference Room to learn more about what to expect when you are expecting.

To reserve your seat please call Stacey Tabor @ 229-276-3009

(A reservation is necessary for us to adequately prepare meals)

**Crisp Regional Hospital
902 7th Street North
Cordele, GA**



*No children please, as this is a classroom setting

**Starring Susu & Sonny Burt
benefitting Crisp Area Arts Alliance
at Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club**

**A REVIVAL PERFORMANCE of
LOVE LETTERS.** a play by A.R. Gurney
Have you ever known someone who touched every part of your life? Have you loved someone across time and distance? Share in the story of Melissa and Andrew as they grow together through the power of the pen.



LETTERS

Dinner & a Play!

Monday, January 30, 2017 at Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club
Dinner served from 6:30 to 7:15, play begins promptly at 8:00pm
Tickets \$30 each...available at Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce and Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club

for more information call 229.273.6242

Union Compress

Wallace Summers

Walls Factory Outlet

Wells Hardware
& Wholesale Supply

Wendy's of Cordele

Willcox Realty LLC

Newsletter Guidelines



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

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

You may send to 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


DADDY
daughter
DANCE
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February 3, 2017
7 - 9 pm
First United Methodist Activities Center
302 12th Avenue East

TICKETS \$15.00 PER PERSON

Photographer on site starting at 5:00 pm
(Additional fees for photos)

Purchase Tickets:
Judy's Small World - 802 East 16th Avenue
Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce - 502 South 2nd Street
For more information: 229-271-1054 ext. 3 or
crispfamilyconnection@gmail.com

streamlined.

- We ask that any photos emailed in be in jpeg format to ensure the quality of the image.



No Experience Necessary!

Empire Dance
Performing Arts Studio

New Year...New You
Sign up for Adult classes!
Classes start January 9th!

** Adult Ballroom/Swing * Adult Ballet*
** Adult Jazz & HipHop*

229-805-5577

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