

CORDELE · CRISP

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 2016

Fireworks On The Flint



Monday, July 4, 2016

9:30 PM

Georgia Veterans State Park
2459 US Highway 280 W,
Cordele, Georgia 31015

Parking Fee \$5

For more info: (229) 273-1668

Special thanks to the
Fireworks Sponsors:
City of Cordele
Cook Industrial Electric
Cordelia Manor Independent &
Personal Care Home

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Crisp County Power Commission
Friends of Georgia Vets
Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club
Lake Blackshear Homeowners Association
Williams-Pitts Oil Co

Watermelon Days Festival

The 2016 Watermelon Days Festival was once again a GREAT success! Thanks to the volunteers and sponsors who make this festival fun and successful for our visitors and the community!!

Thanks to the following sponsors!

PLATINUM

Advanced Disposal Services
Ag Technologies
Ameris Bank
Cordele-Crisp Tourism
Cordele Dispatch
Crisp Regional Health Services
Flint River Pottery
Griffin Lumber & Hardware
Helena Industries
Norbord Georgia
Impact Sports & Fitness
South Georgia News
State Farm (Mike & Curt Browning)
Sunbelt Ford of Cordele
Woodard Nursery
WSST DT51

Gold

Ag Georgia Farm Credit
Captain D's
Cordele Evening Lions Club
Cordele Lions Club
Cordele Lioness Club
Cordelia Manor Independent & Personal Care Home
Crisp County Lions Club
Daphne Lodge

info@cordele-crisp-chamber.com

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!!!



Calendar

July 4th
9:30 p.m.
Fireworks Extravaganza
GA Veterans Memorial State Park

July 7th
1:15 p.m.
Atlanta Legislative Fish Fry Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

July 13th
9:30 a.m.
Tourism Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

July 25th
12:00 Noon
Executive Board Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

Flint -Ag & Turf
Hardee's of Cordele
Johnson Electronic Systems
Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club
Marvair
Michelle Smith, Attorney at Law
Regions Bank
South Georgia Banking Company

Silver
16 East
Arabi Gin
Colony Bank
Cook Industrial Electric
Cordele Metal Works
Harris Waste Management
Lawson-Reid, LLC
Leger & Son, Inc.
Planters First Bank
Wells Hardware

Bronze
Ag America Empowerment Agency
City of Arabi
Cordele Main Street
Darton State College
Michelle Smith, Attorney at Law
Mike Fraser's Auto Repair

July 26th
8:30 a.m.
Board of Directors
Crisp Regional Hospital

New Members

Shellie Garret
Independent Scentsy Consultant
152 Goff Road
Warwick, GA 31796
229-322-4548

Katie Schrader
**Katie Schrader Integrative Health
Coach**
2675 Culpepper Road
Cordele, GA 31015
229-322-4199

Candice Morey
Wiregrass Pump & Process, Inc.
510 East 9th Avenue
Cordele, GA 31015
229-886-0041

Georgia Vets 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 13th 2016. 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.

Renewals

Charles Kerr
Communities Empowering People
Crimson & Clover Boutique
Denny's of Cordele
**Empire Dance & Performing Arts
Studio**
First Presbyterian Church

to volunteer please call (229) 273-1668

We anticipate over 400 participants this year from all over Georgia and the surrounding states!!

SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE!

Platinum sponsor \$1000 you will receive the following:
Name on all Triathlon t-shirts (at least 400)
(Font size will be significantly BIGGER than other sponsor levels)

Name listed as corporate sponsor in all advertising (Radio, TV, Newspaper)

Name listed on Chamber's website as event sponsor and in newsletters

You may include a brochure or item (s) in the "goody bags"

Your banner will be put up at the event (you provide the banner)

You will have a 12' x 12' space available for a display at the event

You will receive 4 t-shirts

Gold sponsor \$500 you will receive the following:
Name on all Triathlon t-shirts (at least 400)
(Font size will be smaller than Platinum but bigger than Silver)

Name listed on Chamber's web site as event sponsor and in one newsletter

You may include a brochure or item (s) in the "goody bags"

Your banner will be put up at the event (you provide the banner)

You will receive 2 t-shirts

Golden Corral Family Steak & Buffet

**Hutchins Clenny Rumsey Huckaby,
P.C.**

Marvair, Airexcel, Inc.

One Blood, Inc.

Pruitt Hospice of Cordele

Rhonda Hayes

Tommy Kimbrel

Turton Investments

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

major issues and concerns important to Crisp County. This unique program is designed to stimulate continued participation in leadership roles in Crisp County.

To register for the class or to nominate someone, call or email the chamber for the information sheet, nomination form and registration form. The class is open to residents of Crisp County and to anyone who is employed within the county.

The first session will be a one-day retreat which will be held on Sept. 10th at the Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club. Subsequent meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month September thru April and will be held in a variety of locations in the county.

The participation fee is \$250, however, some partial scholarships will be available.

Deadline to register is July 18th.

If you would like more information, please feel free to email Monica Simmons at info@cordele-crisp-chamber.com

Address Change!

**M.D. Whitest Medical Institute
401 North 15th St
Cordele, GA**



This project **DOES** make a difference!!! Soldiers stationed all across the world are excited to receive these care packages. Did you know that our military can be written up & receive disciplinary action if they do not protect their skin from sunburn? We **CAN** make a difference... is there any reason why you couldn't partner with us? Let's make more smiles happen!

This Summer our Mary Kay unit has joined forces with **SOLDIERS' ANGELS**, a non-profit organization that sends Care Packages to our troops.

Soldiers receive many toiletries, but few sunscreen products. We have put together a **SUNCARE PACKAGE** that will be shipped directly to **SOLDIERS' ANGELS** to be distributed to our soldiers immediately.

SUNCARE PACKAGE- \$40.00

1 Broad Spectrum SPF 50 Sunscreen
2 Mary Kay Lip Protectors Broad Spectrum SPF 15
1 After-Sun Replenishing Gel

Your donation is greatly needed and appreciated. Payment may be check (payable to your Consultant), cash or debit/credit card. Your consultant will provide you a receipt for your taxable donation.

Our unit goal is 1,000 Suncare Packages. Together, let's make a beautiful difference & protect those that protect us daily.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OPERATION SUNSCREEN!

To make your donation please contact:

marykaydirectors@aal.com

Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball

The French Quarter may have Bourbon Street but our Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball is going to be hard to beat. It's time to Jazz It Up, break out your vintage and thrift fancy finds and join Pruitt Health Hospice for an awesome time, all proceeds to benefit Camp Cocoon, a grief camp for children that have experienced loss.

July 9th, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Pinehills Country Club
15 Aberdeen Circle, Cordele GA 31015

Proceeds benefit Camp Cocoon

Please Contact:
Mary Purvis, (229) 271-0300,
mpurvis@pruithhealth.com

Tickets: \$25 per couple
\$15 single
Tax Deductible

Formal attire and masquerade mask requested.



pruithcares.org

Crisp County Pre-K

Mohla Warren
Director of Early Learning

802 East 24th Avenue
Cordele, Georgia 31015



mwarren@crispschools.org

Phone: (229) 278-8410
Cell: (229) 822-8778

Pre-K Registration 2016-2017

Registration is being held at Crisp County Pre-K located at 802 East 24th Avenue. The registration process will take about one hour. We suggest you bring something to entertain your child while waiting. We will do our best to keep the wait time to a minimum. Please park in the front parking lot and come to the office. The child you are registering must be in attendance for the registration process. Your child must be 4 on or before September 1, 2016. You must call 229-278-2410 and ask to speak with Jane Ramsey to set up an appointment. We are open daily from 7:00 – 4:00.

You will need to bring the following with you:

- Your child – for speech and language pre-screening
- Proof of Age – birth certificate, passport, hospital record of live birth, green card, pink card or federal I-94 card.
- Child's Social Security Card – you must bring the card
- Current Immunization Record – Form # 3251
- Ear Eye Dental Record – Form 3300 or if the child is not yet 4 years old, it can be presented when the child turns 4.
- Proof of Address – Utility Bill (electric or water), house phone bill, cable or satellite bill, rent, lease or mortgage agreement, current homeowners insurance statement with physical address listed, current property tax statement. NOTE: If you currently live with another family a third-person affidavit of residency is required. This affidavit must be signed in the presence of a notary public (provided by the school) by the parent or legal guardian as well as the legal owner or lessor of the property where the student and parent reside in addition to a current utility statement. If you fall into this category, please make sure they are physically present with you on this date.
- Public Assistance if receiving – Food Stamp Card, Medicaid, WellCare, TANF, or SSL.
- Picture ID – only a legal guardian or parent may register the child for Pre-K

We will not be able to register your child without the above documentation.
If you have any questions, please call our front office or email
mwarren@crispschools.org.

CRISP COUNTY LEADERS GRADUATE FROM THE GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Clint Taylor, Ga Power and Jenny Robbins, GA EMC congratulate Grant Buckley, Executive Director of the Cordele Crisp Industrial Development Council, Bambi Hayes, Crisp Area Director of Habitat For Humanity and Michael Ivey, manager of Technical Services for Crisp County Power. They are joined by Saralyn Stafford, Ga Dept. of Community Affairs & Georgia Academy for Economic Development board member.

The Board of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development announces the Crisp County graduates from the 2016 Region 8 Multi-Day Training Program. Class participants represented 35 professional and non-professional economic development fields, including elected officials, public servants, business leaders, educators, and social service providers from all across the 16 county region in southwest Georgia. The Academy provided each of the graduates an opportunity to gain a unique understanding of the complexities of economic and community development on the local, regional, and state levels.

Crisp County graduates at the May 25 ceremony at South Georgia Technical College in Americus are Bambi Hayes, Crisp Area Director of Habitat For Humanity; Michael Ivey, manager of Technical Services for Crisp County Power and Grant Buckley, Executive Director of the Cordele Crisp Industrial Development Council. They join a growing network of community leaders who are now better prepared to collaborate on economic development efforts within Crisp County and in the region.

Created in 1993, the Academy assembles a cross section of economic development professionals and resources to provide this training in all twelve service delivery regions in Georgia. The Board of Directors of the Academy represent public and private economic development organizations and agencies from across Georgia. Since its organization, the Academy has provided training for thousands of professional and non-professional economic developers around the state, and since 1998 the Academy has been offered annually in all twelve regions of the state. Georgia EMC and Georgia Power provide facilitators for the program, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs provides staff support to this important program.

Georgia EMC's Vice President, Community and Economic Development (CED), Pat B. Merritt, CEcD says, "Our Community Development team is proud to partner with and provide facilitation and presentation services on behalf of Georgia's electric membership cooperatives. Involved since its inception, the team's work with the Academy

economic development progress throughout the Region."In Region 8 CED cooperative members are Diverse Power- Pataula District, Flint Energies, Middle GA EMC, Sumter Electric and Upson EMC."

"Georgia Power has historically played a major role in the State's economic development. The Academy has formalized the opportunity to bring together stakeholders to share best practices, leverage expertise, and build relationships among our communities with the same goal in mind: ensuring economic growth and prosperity for our state. We are proud of the strong partnership that delivers this program in each of our regions every year," says Georgia Power Company Community Development Manager Johnna Robinson, chair of the Georgia Academy board.

"One of the goals for the multi-day regional Academies is to encourage multi-county cooperation," says Corinne Thornton, Director of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development. "Many times the participants discover the issues facing their community are the same as those facing other communities in their region, and can then combine limited resources to address the issue."

The Academy's multi-day program, taught one day a month over a four-month period, includes training in the basics of economic and community development, plus specialized segments on business recruitment and retention, tourism product development, downtown development, planning, and other essentials for community success. In addition, the curriculum features specific leadership skills such as consensus building, ethics in public service, collaborative leadership and other segments needed for effective community leadership in economic development. Local elected officials may receive certification training credits through the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association for completion of this program.

The next Region 8 Georgia Academy for Economic Development will begin in February 2017. For more information on this, please contact Jo Childers at (229) 924-3707 or by email at jo.childers@dca.ga.gov

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