

# CORDELE · CRISP

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

June 2015

### Special Thanks to our Watermelon Days Festival Sponsors

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Empire Dance & Performing Arts Studio  
Hardee's of Cordele  
The Lake Blackshear Resort  
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Regions  
South Georgia Banking Company

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#### Contact Information

502 So. 2nd Street

### SILVER

16 East  
Chick-Fil-A  
Colony Bank  
Cook Industrial Electric Co., Inc.  
Cordelia Manor Independent & Personal Care Home  
Cordele Metal Works  
Harris Waste Management  
Helena Industries  
Johnson Electric System  
Leger & Son, Inc.  
PlantersFirst Bank  
Wells Hardware & Supply Company

### BRONZE

Ag America  
Cordele Main Street  
Crisp County Lions Club  
Daylight Donuts  
Darton College  
Lawson & Reid  
Michelle Smith  
Mike Fraser's Auto Repair  
Town of Arabi

## Monday Member Minders

**A new tool for our members!**



This weekly members only online news publication will go out every Monday to remind our contact list of events and opportunities our members have to offer! If you are interested in this new opportunity please see guidelines below for submitting your information!

Monday Member Minder Guidelines:

- Deadline for submission is **2:00 PM** each Friday.
- Submissions are not to exceed **200** words.

**P O Box 158  
Cordele, Ga 31010  
229-273-1668  
229-273-5132 fax**

**[www.cordelecrispga.com](http://www.cordelecrispga.com)**

**[info@cordele-crisp-chamber.com](mailto: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!!!



### New Members

Jamie Guined  
R2H20 Expeditions Inc.  
191 Smokehouse Road  
Cordele, GA 31015  
229-947-3038

John S. Pate, Jr.  
134 South Cedar Creek Road  
Cordele, GA 31015  
229-322-9143

### Renewals

Ag Technologies, LLC

Albany Tractor Company

Ambassador Personnel

American Red Cross

- Content should be sent in via **email**. This keeps your information from becoming pixelated
- We ask that:
  - Documents sent in Times New Roman 12pt font, single-spaced, and use 1-inch margins on all sides. This helps keep everything looking more streamlined.
  - Photos be in jpeg format to ensure the quality of the image.
- You may send your information to Monica Simmons [msimmons@cordele-crisp-chamber.com](mailto:msimmons@cordele-crisp-chamber.com) or Catherine Harrell [cmays@cordele-crisp-chamber.com](mailto:cmays@cordele-crisp-chamber.com)

### Ribbon Cuttings



**Cordele First Baptist Church**

AMG, LLC

Aultman Lawn Care & Tractor Service, LLC

Blackshear Signs, LLC

Carter Appraisal & Real Estate

Century 21 Smith Branch & Pope, LLC

Colony Bank

Communities Empowering People/CEPT Construction

Cordele Motorsports Park/Home of Watermelon Capital Speedway

Cordele Recreation Parlor

Cotton Law Firm, P.C.

Crimson & Clover Boutique

Crisp Area Board of Realtors Inc.

Dexel Chemical Company

Elton Shauf

Helena Industries

Hill Top Apartments

Holiday Inn Express

Hutchins Clenney Rumsey Huckaby, P.C.

Jackson Farms

Lyles Farms, LLC

Marvair Airxcel



**Comfort Inn & Suites**

- Matt Morris
- Patti Deal
- Personal Finance Service
- Pine Hills Country Club
- Randy Yawn
- ResCare Inc.
- Salt Lick Sausage Company
- The BreezeWay
- TitleMax of Cordele
- Woodvale Apartments

**Calendar of Events**

June 1st - 12th  
Watermelon Word Hunt  
Holmes Construction

June 2nd - 26th  
How Sweet It Is  
Photography Competition  
Crisp Regional Hospital &  
Cordele-Crisp Carnegie  
Library

June 4th  
10:00 a.m.  
Watermelon Days Festival  
Kick-Off & Ribbon Cutting  
Cordele Farmer's Market

June 5th  
4:30 p.m.  
Cordele 311 Watermelon  
Quest  
Cordele Main Street

June 6th  
7:00 p.m.  
Watermelon Queen

**Wally Wednesday**

The Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce, in an effort to continue to promote shopping with our local member merchants is excited to announce a new shop local campaign "Wally Wednesday".

How does Wally Wednesday work?

- Each week a participating business is chosen to be the Business Spotlight of the Week. All chamber member businesses are eligible.
- The business's picture and information will be posted on social media Wednesday morning.
- Wally will be hidden in the business chosen for the week. The first customer to find Wally will receive a \$25.00 gift card to the store.
- Businesses will be chosen for the spotlight on first come, first serve basis.

How to participate?

- Contact the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce by phone or email.
- We will send you a form to fill out your business information.

· We will contact you the week your business is spotlighted.

This shop local campaign addresses the pressing need - getting more customers. "Wally Wednesday" encourages locals every week to shop local.

So far we have had Wally Wednesday at TJ's American Italian Restaurant, Wells Hardware on 16th & 8th Ave, and Colony Bank.

This week Wally will be hiding.....

Past winners



Gary Aultman - TJ's Italian America Restaurant



Heather Culpepper -Colony Bank

Pageant  
Crisp County Middle  
School

June 6th  
Gates Open 4:00  
&  
Race @ 7:00 p.m.  
Southern Super Series  
Late Model  
Crisp Motor Sports  
(Home of Watermelon  
Capital Speedway)

June 12th & 13th  
9:30 a.m.  
Watermelon Express Train  
Ride  
Downtown Cordele Depot

June 16th  
10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.  
Watermelon Days Puppet  
Show  
Community Clubhouse

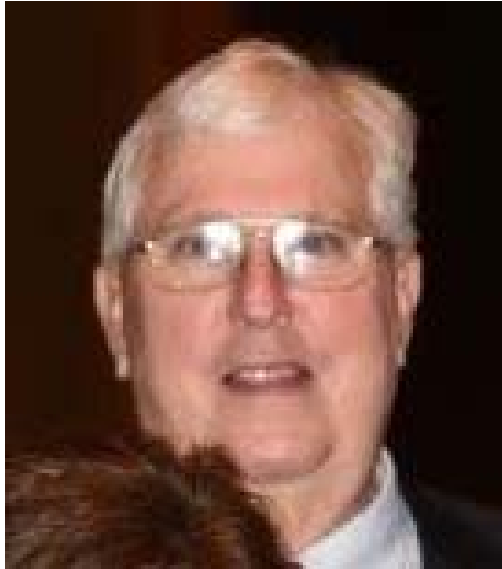
June 17th  
10:00 a.m.  
Watermelon Decorating  
Contest  
Flint River Potter

June 18th  
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
This is Your Life  
Lake Blackshear Resort &  
Gulf Club

June 19th  
7:00 p.m.  
Watermelon Word Hunt  
Holmes Construction

June 20th  
9:00 a.m.  
Watermelon Horseshoe  
Tournament  
Turner Park

June 20th



Wally Summers-16 East

**Badges For Life Blood Drive**



**Sailplanes**

9:00 a.m.  
Shoot for the Blue Coed  
Softball Tournament  
Crisp County Youth Ball  
Complex

June 25th  
9:30 a.m.  
Watermelon Express Train  
Ride  
Downtown Cordele Depot

June 26th  
7:30 a.m.  
Watermelon Walk  
Perry G. Busbee Walking  
Track

June 26th  
9:30 a.m.  
Watermelon Express Train  
Ride  
Downtown Cordele Depot

June 26th  
6:00 p.m.  
Wedding Game  
Empire Dance &  
Performing Arts Studio

June 26th  
7:00 p.m.  
Ex'seedingly" Sweet Talent  
Showcase  
Empire Dance &  
Performing Arts Studio

June 27th  
7:00 a.m.  
Watermelon 5K Run, Fun  
Run & Walk  
Impact Sports & Fitness

June 27th  
9:00 a.m.  
Watermelon Festival  
Parade  
Line up 8:30 a.m. at  
Southgate



**Sailplanes return to Cordele through June 6th**

**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](mailto:msimmons@cordele-crisp-chamber.com)

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

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- Deadline to submit is the 25th of each month by 5:00 PM.

All events BELOW will be held at Crisp Regional Park

June 27th  
9:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Watermelon Days Car & Truck Display

June 27th  
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Antique Tractor & Equipment Display

June 27th  
9:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Watermelon Days Arts & Crafts

June 27th  
10:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Watermelon Days Entertainment

June 27th  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
4-H watermelon Slice Give Away

June 27th  
11:15 a.m.  
Watermelon Chunking Contest

June 27th  
2:00 p.m.  
Sweet Melon & Adult Seed Spitting

**Watermelon Days Festival Ribbon Cutting**



**June 4th  
10:00 AM**

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- 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.

**Watermelon Days Festival Shirts**



Festival shirts will be here and available in June!  
 \$15.00 S-XL  
 \$17.00 2X  
 \$18.00 3X

**Paint Cordele Red Paint Party**

**Cordele State Farmer's Market**

**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!



**First Books**

Sign up to get new books for the kids you serve!

First Book is a nonprofit that provides new books and educational resources - for free and at low cost - to schools and programs serving children in need, from birth to age 18.

Why Do I Need To Register?

First Book is able to make new, high-quality books available to schools and programs like yours thanks to our partners in the





Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00 pm -9:00 pm  
Cordele Main Street Downtown Office

**\$25.00 per person**  
**Deadline to register May 26<sup>th</sup>**



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Contact 229-273-1668

### Farmer's Market Gets New Entrance



### Watermelon Fest 100

**June 6**  
**Southern Super Series**  
**Super Late Model Lyle Farms 100**  
**Crisp Motorsports Park,**  
**Home of the Watermelon Capital Speedway**

publishing industry, who want to be sure the books are going to organizations serving children from low-income families. We take that promise to our partners very seriously, so by registering, you're giving us the information we need to ensure that the books are reaching the children in greatest need.

Chamber of Commerce Members - We want to ask you for your help will bring much needed resources to Crisp County. Please have your employees register at First Book to help us!!

GO TO:  
[www.firstbook.org/crisp](http://www.firstbook.org/crisp) to register today!

### U-SAVE-IT Pharmacy & Gibson's Drugs Combine

Effective Monday, May 18th Gibson's Drugs has closed their business and all prescription files have been turned over to U-Save-It Pharmacy.

**U-Save-It Pharmacy**  
**405 East 4th Ave**  
**Cordele, GA 31015**

### Drugs Don't Work

Are you currently paying worker's compensation insurance?

If you answered yes, continue reading below.

SLM Qualifying 6pm  
Racing begins 7pm.

Grandstands: Adults \$16, kids 6-12 \$8. kids under 6  
FREE.

Pit Pass: Adults \$25, kids under 6 FREE.  
For more info: contact the track - 229-938-8814.

## **Bolting The Premises**

### **THE MISSION OF THIS CAUSE.**

To ease the fear of personal safety using technology for all community members enjoying outdoor events at recreational venues.

### **THE COMMUNITY NEED THIS CAUSE ADDRESSES.**

Lightning Prediction and Warning Systems needed for two areas that are commonly used by community members for outdoor events. Lightning is a common form of inclement weather that effects our area and community. Along with schools, community members and groups use our facilities for exercise, sports, and locally held events like 5k & 10k runs, charity softball\baseball\soccer matches, as well local elementary, middle and high school sporting competition and game events. The two areas needing lightning prediction and warning systems are both common locations our community utilizes daily as well year round. They both are areas that are iconic to not only area locals but visitors to our city and community. Our community offers several special events through the year that draws visitors from all over the United States.

Both areas of placement are located within safe zones within the community and can provide the opportunity for family fun and recreation for all ages to enjoy.

### **HOW WILL THIS CAUSE USE THE \$25K TO ADDRESS AN UNMET NEED?**

The \$25,000 would help cover all the expenses needed for two Lightning Prediction and Warning Systems to be installed along with all the material costs, technological software, software training, and in-service teaching opportunities to all local leaders in charge of local events. This would include but not

Through our Drugs Don't Work Program we can help you save 7.5% annually on your worker's compensation insurance.

### **5 Simple Steps To A Drug Free Workplace**

STEP 1. Implementation of a substance abuse policy, which the program will provide.

STEP 2. Substance Abuse Testing must be enforced under the following categories:  
Pre-Employment  
Reasonable Suspicion  
Post Rehabilitation  
Post Accident

STEP 3. Employee Assistance Resources such as counseling and recovery groups, which are available at no cost through the program.

STEP 4. Employee Education  
- 2 hours the first year; one hour thereafter  
- Training is easy through newsletters, seminars, and/or videos that the program will provide.

STEP 5. Supervisor Training  
- 2 hours the first year; one hour thereafter  
- Training is easy through newsletters, seminars, and/or videos that the program will provide.

Is substance abuse a major issue for my

be limited to: Parks and Recreation, Schools, Law Enforcement Agencies, Church Group\Activity Leaders, Hospital\Therapy Services, Special Needs Groups, and many local Civic Organizations whose groups utilize our local facilities for specially held events and celebrations. Many of these groups enjoy our outdoors due to the annual mild climate that our region offers. However, storms do occur, especially in the spring and summer in our area which often cancels events that many have spent months planning and organizing. At least with systems in place and if a storm approaches, they can safely continue their scheduled event before and after a storm without canceling the entire event.

#### HOW MUCH OF A LASTING IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY WILL THIS CAUSE HAVE?

Providing as many measures for predicting inclement weather is a huge part of community safety. High tech equipment allows for human error to be eliminated from the equation of when its time to vacate the premises before its to late with fast approaching weather. It allows for outdoor activity to continue under specially preset and monitored conditions and provides enough fair warning to clear the area so that everyone remains safe and not get caught in the storms path. When inclement lightning is in the area, we can all "Bolt the Premises" and be assured that not one single person is in danger of being struck by lightning.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

[Click here to vote](#)

This will go directly to a "login to Facebook" screen if the person you are not already on Facebook.

This goes directly to the voting screen.

Click the small checkbox to vote all 10 of your daily votes.

Then, click the VOTE button and its done.

A share screen then comes up, and anybody anywhere can help us vote and win!

business? YES!

- 60% of the world's production of illegal drugs is consumed in the U.S.
- 74% of current illegal drug users are employed!
- One third of employees know of the sale of illegal drugs in their workplace!

Does substance abuse affect my bottom line?  
YES!

- 38-50% of all Workers Comp claims are related to substance abuse.
- Substance abusers have 300% higher medical costs and benefits!
- Drug and alcohol abusers are 1/3 less productive and 3.6 times more likely to injure themselves or a co-worker.
- Substance abusers are 2.5 times more likely to have absences of 8 or more days each year.

Benefits of a Drug Free Workplace:

- 7.5% discount on workers compensation premiums every

Ends June 3rd.

For more information contact  
Mike Browning  
State Farm Insurance  
719 East 16th Ave  
Cordele, GA  
(229) 273-4822

- year
- Reduced absenteeism
- 300% decrease in medical costs
- Increased productivity
- Higher morale among employees
- Decrease in employee turnover
- Cut Workers Comp claims in half
- Reduce theft and other forms of crime in the workplace

### Ambassador 101



### First Friday



Scan here for directions!

# Free Family Event

**Cordele Historic Museum**

105 East 9th Avenue

Friday, June 5th

4:30pm till 6pm :

**Ninny's Delight Food Truck**

Bouncy House

Mini Putt Putt

Bean Bag Toss

Non-Profit Yard Sale

6pm till 8pm :

*Silent Auction*

**DISCO NIGHT**

*Dress Up in Favorite Disco Outfit & Win a Prize*



**Come join us for entertainment & delicious food!**



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