

# CORDELE · CRISP

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

June 2016

### Leadercast Cordele



Ron Cruz, Chairman of the Cordele-Crisp Chamber and President & CEO of Pridgen Brothers welcomed everyone to the event Leadercast Cordele.



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Rev. Ray Sullivan welcomed everyone to First Baptist Church Cordele.  
What a great venue! Thanks FBC!

The Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce along with First Baptist Church Cordele and Crisp Regional Health Services sponsored the 1st Annual Leadercast Cordele event held May 6th at Cordele First Baptist Church. This event is the world's largest one-day leadership conference, broadcast LIVE from Atlanta and simulcast to hundreds of locations around the world. This year marked the sixteenth year of the annual leadership conference..

The theme of this year's conference was "Architects of Tomorrow," focusing on visionary leaders who imagine and build a future that is rich in innovation, collaboration and full of hope. A future where problems are solved, questions are answered, and confusion gives way to clarity.

The conference equipped attendees to create their own visionary path. Key speakers - visionaries in their own fields - inspired the more than 130 people who attend locally, and the more than 100,000 people who attended the event live in Atlanta or at hundreds of other simulcast locations in more than 20 countries. Among the keynote speakers were:

- o Kat Cole-Group President, FOCUS Brands, Inc. (including Cinnabon®, Moe's Southwest Grill®, Auntie Anne's®, and more)
- o Steve Wozniak-Co-founder of Apple, Inc.,
- o Nick Saban-Head Football Coach, The University of Alabama
- o Andy Stanley-Leadership Author and Communicator
- o Rorke Denver-Navy SEAL Commander and Author

For years, Leadercast[DW1] has brought people together and equipped them to become better leaders, managers, community members, and employees

Ron Cruz, chairman of the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce stated that "the Chamber was very pleased with the event excited to offer this great leadership event in our community. We know that those who attend

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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."**

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networking. In addition, they will return back to their jobs motivated to become a better leader, manger in their business and community."

"Leadercast has provided us the ability to invest in our leaders in the hospital stated Rob Thorne, CRH Human Resource Director. The event itself is a wonderful opportunity to network with other leaders within our great community."

Special thanks to our planning committee who made this event a success: Christy Duke (Chick fil A - Cordele), Douglas Dean (Lawson-Reid, LLC), Elliott Martin (Crisp Regional Health Services, Kimberly Reid (Lawson-Reid, LLC), Patti Deal (Planters First Bank), Rob Thorne (Crisp Regional Health Services), and Ron Cruz (Pridgen Brothers).

We would also like to thank those who helped make the day possible. Thank you First Baptist Church Cordele for hosting the event in your facility. It was an awesome venue!!

We would also like to thank our sponsors. We could not have done this without your support!

**Platinum:**

Colony Bank  
Crisp Regional Health Services  
First Baptist Church Cordele  
Marvair  
Planters First Bank

**Gold:**

Pridgen Brothers  
South Georgia Technical College

**Silver:**

Cordele Inland Services  
Crisp County Power Commission

**Bronze:**

Ameris Bank  
Ag Technologies  
Lawson-Reid, LLC  
South Georgia Banking Company  
State Farm (Mike & Curt Browning)

We look forward to hosting the event in 2017. Please put May 5th, 2017 on your calendar now and plan to attend.

We're social!!!



## ConGRADulations to ALL of our Graduating Seniors



### New Members

**Amber Roberts Holloway**

1801 Quail Run  
Cordele, GA 31015  
229-406-2818

**Gwenette Doster  
Fountain of Youth Wellness  
Therapies**

701 Schley Avenue  
Cordele, GA 31015  
229-313-1581

**Michael Silcox  
Action Equipment Inc.**

313 North 7th Street  
Cordele, GA 31015  
229-273-7369

**James R. (Dickie) Dowdy, III**  
431 Williford Crossing Road South  
Cordele, GA 31015

**WALB Visits Cordele**

**Renewals**



WALB gave an update on the growth of Cordele Intermodal Services during the 6 o'clock news televised live from the Cordele Community Clubhouse



"Behind the scenes" at WALB On the Road in Cordele!



WALB personalities were greeted by many locals, including the Big Cow from Cordele Chick fil A.

**Ag Technologies, LLC**

**Allsouth Outdoor Advertising, Inc.**

**Arabi Feed & Grain**

**Bethel CME Church**

**Betty's Custom Framing**

**Brannen Motor Company**

**Carter Appraisal & Real Estate Services**

**Cordele Concrete Products**

**Cordele Properties**

**Cordele Recreation Parlor Inc**

**Crisp Area Board of Realtors Inc**

**Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity**

**Crisp County Community Council Inc.**

**Drexel Chemical Company**

**Easter Seals Southern Georgia**

**Fairfield Inn & Suites**

**Flint-Ag & Turf Division**

**GFA Peanut Company, LLC**

**Helena Industries, Inc.**

**Holiday Inn Express**

## **This Is Your Life**

**June 16, 2016**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Lake Blackshear Resort**

**Tickets \$25 dollars  
(can be purchased at the chamber)**



The Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce & the Watermelon Days Committee announces that Judge John Pridgen has been selected as the 2016 This Is Your Life honoree. The recipient of this prestigious award is selected for going above and beyond the call of duty in service to Crisp County for numerous years!

The "This Is Your Life" event is scheduled for June 16th at 7:00 pm at the Lake Blackshear Resort. Tickets are \$25 dollars and can be purchased at the chamber.

Judge Pridgen has served as a Superior Court Judge in the Cordele Judicial Circuit since 1999 and as Chief Judge of the Circuit since 2005. He began practicing law with the firm of Davis, Pridgen & Jones in 1976. He was elected as District Attorney for the Cordele Judicial Circuit in 1986 and served in that capacity until his appointment to the Superior Court bench by Governor Roy Barnes in 1999. Judge Pridgen has previously served as President of the District Attorneys Association of Georgia, as Chairman of the Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia, and as President of the

**Insure Logic, Incorporated**

**Jean Rogers, Superior Court**

**Lake Blackshear  
Homeowners' Association**

**Lynne Brown Estate Sales, LLC**

**Mike Brannon**

**Personal Finance Service**

**Phillips Appliance**

**Purchasing Alliance Solutions,  
Inc.**

**Phoebe Regional Specialty  
Clinic**

**Rags to Riches Boutique**

**Railway Freight Cordele**

**Randy Yawn**

**ResCare HomeCare**

**Salt Lick Sausage Company**

**Split Ends Hair Salon**

**Southwest Georgia Rehab, Inc.**

**Stella Jones**

**The Breeze Way**

**Woodvale Apartments**

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also served on numerous committees of the Council of Superior Court Judges and also on the Georgia Supreme Court Technology Commission.

Judge Pridgen has also been very active in the community volunteering in his church, the Touchdown & Dugout Clubs, Cordele Little League and a variety of other organizations for many years.

Born in Macon, Georgia, Judge Pridgen grew up in Cordele, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.B.A. degree in 1972 and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1975. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Cordele. He and his wife, Jan, have been married for over 40 years. They have three children and five grandchildren.



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

### **Business After Hours/New Member Reception at Colony Bank - Cordele**



- 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!**

Looking for an inexpensive way to promote your business???



**67th Annual  
Watermelon Days Festival**

**June 3rd - 25th, 2016**



For a list of events, pick up a brochure at one of our local members, the chamber or visit our facebook page [www.facebook.com/WatermelonDaysFestival/](http://www.facebook.com/WatermelonDaysFestival/)

**Fireworks On The Flint**

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!



**Sailplanes to visit Cordele**

**47th Annual Glider Competition**

**June 4th -11th**

**Crisp County Airport**



For more information: Monica Simmons



**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

**DIGITAL EDUCATION:  
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE  
FOR BUSINESS**

**Wednesday, June 29, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

With the increasing uncertainties in business operations, planning and preparing for what used to be unusual events has become a crucial aspect of any size organization.

Disaster Preparedness and Response: 2016 is a great opportunity to check up on best business practices in preparedness and response, and what the most likely and costly events are predicted to be.

msimmons@cordele-crisp-  
chamber.com

**Watermelon Days Festival  
Ribbon Cutting**



**June 3rd**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Crisp Regional Hospital Park**  
(corner of 3rd Ave. & 3rd St)

**Leadership Crisp**

**Leadership Crisp 2016-17 will begin  
soon!**

Specific objectives of the program include developing your basic leadership skills, working with other leaders, undertaking local government functions and identifying 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



preparedness, training, and response, including:

- Vulnerabilities in keeping operations going during a crisis
- Expected level of education and training for employees
- Most likely threats to your business with current expected outcomes
- Myths, realities of unexpected threats/what should not be feared but usually is
- Political and legal realities of disaster management
- Fear and apathy as primary obstacles in preparedness
- Costs of lack of preparedness and negative outcomes for leadership

Presenting will be Dr. Dallas who has a national/international reputation in toxicology, emergency preparedness and response, with over 30 years of experience, including the response to some of the largest global disasters. He and his team are responsible for the healthcare system exercises and training in emergency response in the state of Georgia, and advise private and public institutions on preparing for large scale events.

**The first 5 members who sign up can view this webinar from their own computer!**

**Sign up today!**

### **REMINDER: Let's Cleanup for our Visitors**

We would like to encourage you to participate in helping keep Crisp County clean and beautiful.

We want to make Cordele look its best for the residents and visitors of our community. We have many events coming up and there will be lost of visitors and vacationers will be coming through our County. We want it to look clean and beautiful so that continue to come back and enjoy our beautiful community.

In our busy day to day lives we sometimes miss small things that would otherwise be noticed. So as a guide we are offering tips to our local businesses to remind them of things they can do to make their properties more attractive to potential customers.

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 8th.**

If you would like more information, please feel free to email Monica Simmons at [info@cordele-crisp-chamber.com](mailto:info@cordele-crisp-chamber.com)

### **Brad Ellis elected to U.S. Pecan Growers Council**

Brad Ellis VP and CFO of Ellis Brothers Pecans in Vienna was recently elected to the U.S. Pecan Growers Council.

U.S. Pecans is an industry effort by pecan growers and processors to promote international marketing of U.S. grown pecans. He will serve as Second Vice President of the Council as the voice of the Southeast growers.

Brad is a third generation pecan grower and an owner of Ellis Bros. Pecans, Inc. Brad a graduate of the

- pick up all trash in parking lots and store fronts
- rid properties of any debris
- have somewhere to put out or throw away cigarettes
- wash store windows
- cut grass
- fill planters with flowers
- Make any necessary repairs to store fronts and lots.

Thank you to our businesses and residents that make the effort to keep their businesses and homes looking neat & clean. It is people like you that help make the community a better and more attractive place to live. Your efforts have made and will continue to make a significant difference in the appearance of Cordele-Crisp County and we appreciate your ongoing commitment!

time agribusiness career with Ellis Farms and Ellis Bros. Pecans immediately following graduation.



### Small Business QuickFacts

- There are 644,743 registered establishments in Georgia (SOS: 5/2/16)
- According to the GA Dept. of Labor, 289,239 business establishments represented GA employment in the first quarter of 2015; of those:
  - 99.8% are categorized as small (fewer than 500 employees)
  - 97.6% employed fewer than 100
  - 94.6% employed fewer than 50
  - 77.7% employed fewer than 10
- GA ranks #1 (third year running, 2013-2016) in US for best state for business (Site Selection 11/15)
- GA ranks #9 in US as the most entrepreneurial state with #1 biggest average of SBA loans

- number of SBA loans  
(NerdWallet 10/15)
- GA ranks #11 (up from #16) for best state for business for costs relating to labor, energy and taxes, labor supply, regulatory environment, economic climate, growth prospects & quality of life (Forbes 10/15)
  - GA ranks #4 in US for best environment for small business and entrepreneurs and earned an A- grade for overall friendliness to small business (Thumbtack.com 7/15)
  - GA ranks #5 in US for top state for business and #2 in workforce (CNBC 7/15)
  - GA ranks #1 (3rd straight year) in US for fastest growth in number of women-owned firms (American Express OPEN 5/15)
  - GA ranks #11 in US as a top exporting state (Trade & Economic Analysis 3/15)
  - GDEcD ranks #1 'best in class' state-level economic development agency in US (IEDC 11/14)

## **Crisp County named one of six counties of Excellence by ACCG**

Improving the lives of their citizens is a task most counties take seriously, but it can be hard to know where to begin. In an effort to highlight those counties that are taking the initiative and coming up with creative ways to address local concerns, the ACCG, a nonprofit serving Georgia's county governments, in partnership with Georgia Trend, decided to focus this year's Georgia Counties of Excellence awards program on projects that are improving the health of their communities.

"At ACCG we spend a lot of time talking about health and wellness," says Ross King, ACCG executive director.

providing healthy meals to seniors and establishing a county-wide wellness program to helping citizens rebuild their lives instead of facing jail, establishing a mobile healthcare team and finding shelter for the homeless, the following counties have developed innovative ways to help their citizens stay healthy.

### **Crisp County: Linking Healthcare to Local Businesses**

When business and industry leaders in Crisp County were searching for ways to better serve the healthcare needs of employees and to reduce missed work time due to on-the-job injuries, they contacted the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce for help. The chamber didn't have the answers but pointed business leaders in the right direction - Crisp Regional Hospital.

The hospital responded by partnering with a national wellness program to implement Crisp Regional Wellness Works, a program designed to link healthcare to local businesses and grow the hospital's patient base.

That was in 2012. Since then, life in Crisp County hasn't been the same for business or industry, their employees, or the hospital itself.

"The objectives have been to keep people healthy so they don't miss work as often as they have in the past and to make businesses more productive because their employees have a better attendance record," says Tom Patton, Crisp County administrator. As a result, he says, "people will profit from the program as much as industries because they will live longer and healthier lives."

Patton is a strong believer in wellness programs and created one for county employees when he came to Crisp County. But, he says, this is Crisp's first countywide wellness program for businesses. "This is much broader because it reaches out to all of the industries in Crisp and surrounding counties," Patton says.

Crisp Regional hired a corporate health consultant who acts as a liaison between the hospital and businesses on a case-by-case need. The program also offers a 24/7 call center staffed with care coordinators who work hand in hand with employers, employees, the hospital, clinics and worker's comp adjusters to streamline those approvals.

In addition, Crisp Regional expanded its Convenient Care Clinic to include worker's compensation and occupational medicine services. Prior to these services, the only option for many people who suffered injuries was time-consuming and costly emergency-room treatment. An additional benefit of Wellness Works is that it assists and encourages all employees to use the program's preventive health and wellness services.

"The wellness program is also important in the broader sense as it becomes an economic development tool to attract more industry and commerce to locate in Crisp County," Patton adds. "We are talking to two businesses now about moving to Crisp County, and they are very much interested in coming here because of the wellness program."

"Without a hospital like this and the services it offers, it would be much more difficult to attract business. Everything works together: businesses, the county and the hospital," says Crisp County Commission Chairman Clark Henderson, pointing out that "lots of cities and counties in Georgia have lost or don't have hospitals like Crisp Regional."

Crisp Regional Hospital's \$230,000 annual commitment to the Wellness Works program is also paying off for the

from pre-hire through worker's comp, with services such as health education and assisting in making connections with local physicians. As a result, many local employers have changed their worker's compensation panels to include Crisp Regional doctors. - TO

## **Employers In the Know**

Wednesday, June 15

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (lunch is included)

Columbus Technical College - Carl Patrick Hall (P-202)  
928 Manchester Expy Columbus, GA

The Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) and local employer committees will co-sponsor "Employers In the Know" a summit designed to meet the needs of managers, human resource professionals, business owners, and supervisors seeking practical guidance and real world tips for handling the toughest management and compliance challenges, and who want to operate effectively within the legal climate that is affecting the 2016 workplace.

In this year's half-day "Employers In the Know" crash course, attendees will:

- Meet and hear from Commissioner of Labor Mark Butler, recently voted as one of the 100 most influential Georgians, as he shares valuable information on current GDOL initiatives and programs.
- Receive information from a Labor Law expert including practical tips on how to avoid DOL investigations, costly Wage and Hour litigation, and other legal hot topics.
- Learn about the Unemployment Insurance System in Georgia and get an accelerated course on Tax, Benefits, and Appeals information.
- Discover how to use Social Media to make their business more profitable and get a better understanding of its benefits.

\$40 early bird registration (ends one week prior to event date)

\$50 after early bird registration ends or at the door

For more information: [isaac.williams@gdol.ga.gov](mailto:isaac.williams@gdol.ga.gov)

**Ameris Bank Announces Shawn Gleason as Cordele Business Banker**



Ameris Bank Market President Cal McMillan is excited to announce that Shawn Gleason has been promoted to business banker in Cordele, Ga. In this role, Gleason will work directly with business owners to grow business deposits and loans, and further develop commercial relationships.

In making the announcement, McMillan stated, "With Shawn's extensive experience, we are confident that he will do an excellent job finding the right solutions to help our clients succeed." He continued, "I feel certain that new and existing customers in Cordele will truly enjoy working with Shawn."

Gleason previously served as the assistant banking center manager for Ameris Bank in East Albany. Prior to joining Ameris Bank, he worked at Bank of America as an assistant manager. Gleason also served in the U.S. Navy as an avionic technician third class.

"Ameris Bank's customer focused approach to community banking is truly unique -I am proud and eager to join the great banking team in Cordele," Gleason stated.

Gleason earned a degree in business administration from Darton College. He also graduated with honors from the U.S. Navy Avionic Technician School. Gleason resides in Leesburg and enjoys spending time with his family, including his two children, Kalyn and Ian, and grandson, Phineas.

**Planters First Bank now has a new look!**



The new brand identity comes with an official name change from PlantersFIRST to Planters First Bank or PFB.

The legacy of the Bank is of great importance. As the 8th oldest financial institution in the state of Georgia, preserving that history is just as important as designing a fresh look to appeal to new audiences.

"Planters First Bank or PFB, as we like to call it now, is starting a new focus. We are continuing to concentrate on improving the Bank's performance and market penetration in our communities, but we are focused on expanding our services into new areas of the state. As we continue to build our commercial banking and mortgage service lines, we expect our brand to resonate in communities both great and small. We are ready to grow," says Heath Fountain, CEO of Planters First Bank.

PFB has recently opened a new mortgage office and commercial lending office in Warner Robins. Customers and the community will begin seeing the new brand on statements, receipts, the website, our Free Mobile Banking App, and our Face Book page. New signage at our branch locations will take place over the next several months.

## Winshape Camp

WinShape Camps is where thousands of campers come together each year to experience the life-changing, memory-making, adventure-taking awesomeness that will impact their lives forever.

Whether you like soccer, science, or anything in between, there is something for everyone at WinShape Camps for Communities! Come be a part of this incredible adventure where we combine sports, recreation, arts, Bible study and worship into one incredible week. WinShape Camps provides a professionally trained staff to help create the most meaningful, unforgettable and fun-filled day camp experience you'll find anywhere... right at home in your own community!

**June 13-17**  
**First Baptist Church Cordele**  
**(137 Kelly Road)**

Cost is \$204 (10% discount for siblings)  
A \$50 deposit is required, then payments can be made online before camp.

[Register here](#)

Volunteers needed: If you are an adult or teenager who has completed 10th Grade go to  
[www.winshapecamps.org/volunteer](http://www.winshapecamps.org/volunteer)

## Cordele Kiwanis Memorial Day Running Celebration

M E M O R I A L D A Y

Races: 7:35 AM - 8K (4.9+ Mil.) 8:50 AM - 5K (3.1+ Mil.)  
9:35 AM - 4K (2.5+ Mil.) 10:13 AM - 3K (1.86+ Mil.) 10:43 AM -2K (1.24+ Mil.)

Location: Crisp County Recreation Department - 1205 North 5th St. Extension - Cordele, GA 31015.

Courses: All courses accurately wheel measured and approved by ARAC.

Purpose: Remembering Americans who died in military service. All proceeds utilized for Kiwanis service to children.

Entry Fees: Pre-registration postmarked by May 9, 2016 = \$14.00 per race and \$62.00 for five races. After May 9, 2016 = \$18.00 per race and \$82.00 for five races. Registration open for all races until race time for each race. Cordele Kiwanis is a Section 501(c)(3) entity. Donations may be IRS tax deductible. Make check payable to Cordele Kiwanis Club. Mail check and registration to P. O. Box 334 - Cordele, GA 31010.

Awards: T-shirts guaranteed on race day to all pre-registered post marked by May 9, 2016. Shirts available on race day as supplies last with sizes not guaranteed. Registered runners who do not receive a shirt on race day will be mailed a shirt. **ALL REGISTERED RUNNERS WILL RECEIVE A SHIRT. EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES ONE SHIRT.**

Excellent awards in the 8K of the type we would like to win: Overall male and female - Masters male and female - Grand Masters male and female - Great Grand Masters male and female. If a Great Grand Masters should post the best overall time that person will receive the Overall Award etc. No duplication of awards. Age grading for the top 10 age graded places will be available for pre-registered 8 K runners who indicate on the pre-registration form they wish to be age graded. Age grading is in addition to traditional awards. Awards three deep in five-year age groups for 8K including ages 9 and under to 100 and over males and females.

**8K AWARDS CEREMONY IMMEDIATELY AFTER 5K BEGINS**  
(Awards to be saved for winners running another race during the awards ceremony.)

5K through 2K finishers receive only points awarded in the Run and See Georgia Grand Prix and the Clover Glove-Black Bag Series. Participants who register for and complete all five races will be eligible to run a value added 5 K. Earn up to 120 Grand Prix points plus appropriate Clover Glove-Black Bag Points. Finishers in 5K through 2K may fill out their cards and turn them in at the finish line. Value added racers get instructions for this race before leaving the race site.

Olympic runners to slowest walkers welcome. This includes all ages.

**A RUN AND SEE GEORGIA GRAND PRIX RACE - 4-H CLOVER GLOVE-BLACK BAG SERIES**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT - Benny Wade - P. O. Box 334 - Cordele, GA 31010**  
**(229) 273-2981 E Mail: [bennybwade@gmail.com](mailto:bennybwade@gmail.com).**



## Loop The Lake

Featuring one of the most beautiful 5K, 10K, & Half Marathon courses in the South, this race is a scenic loop around Lake Blackshear, beginning at at the entrance of the Lake Blackshear Resort and Golf Club.

Loop the Lake offers a TON of Amenities! CHIP TIMING; COOK-OUT; STEEL DRUM BAND; TSHIRTS; DOOR PRIZES and much more! ([www.loopthelake.com/v2/amenities.html](http://www.loopthelake.com/v2/amenities.html))

The event was originated by Dr. Edward Hellman, spine surgeon with The Spine & Scoliosis Center at Georgia Sports in Tifton. Loop the Lake is an annual event that benefits GraceWay Recovery Residence in Albany and Ruth's Cottage/The Patticake House in Tifton. Every dollar from race registrations and sponsorships goes directly to the charities.

GraceWay Recovery Residence, ([www.GraceWayRecovery.com](http://www.GraceWayRecovery.com)) based in Albany, provides a home like environment for women seeking long-term recovery.

**Saturday, June 11, 2016**

### **RACE LOCATION:**

**Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club  
2459-H US Highway 280 West Cordele, GA 31015**

630 AM- Check in Opens  
7:30 AM- 10K & Half Marathon  
8 AM- 1 Mile & 5K  
11 AM- Course Closes

**For more information: [staff@gracewayrecovery.com](mailto:staff@gracewayrecovery.com) or [raceloopthelake@gmail.com](mailto:raceloopthelake@gmail.com)  
Tel: 229-446-4550**

To raise awareness for the epidemic of addiction. This event raises money for GraceWay Recovery Residence for Women in Albany, GA, a non-profit, faith-based, addiction recovery community.

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