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WELLSTAR COBB HOSPITAL ENTRANCE REOPENS

A ribbon cutting and grand opening was held March 8 in celebration of the completion of WellStar Cobb Hospital's Main Lobby renovation. The major renovation and expansion of the hospital not only made a significant impact to the inside, but the outside front entrance, as well. You will notice as WellStar works toward our goal of a smoke free campus, the smoking hut housed directly in front of the main entrance has been removed. Even the landscaping was redesigned to make way finding around the campus easier and safer. Not only is the entrance more aesthetically pleasing, but provides improved retail services to support our visitors and employees needs. The Cobbuccino Café was relocated to the Main lobby to more efficiently serve the entire hospital. The Café will have a full menu of Starbucks Coffees, an array of food choices and seating. The Volunteers Gift and Floral Shop received a complete redesign as well and soon to open is a Retail Pharmacy serving patients and employees. While WellStar Cobb Hospital still has several additional projects well underway, the team thanks patients and visitors for their patience during this phase of the campus renovation.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR SC CITIZEN OF YEAR

Nominations are being sought for the South Cobb Citizen of the Year, an award created by the South Cobb Rotary in 1986 and co-sponsored by the South Cobb Area Council of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce.

The choice for a recipient is not limited to a resident of the South Cobb area. Selection is not limited to members of the Cobb Chamber or the South Cobb Rotary Club. Rather, the South Cobb Citizen of the Year

is to be made to a citizen who has demonstrated through definable, exceptional deeds, that he or she has made the South Cobb area a better place to live and work.

To nominate someone for South Cobb Citizen of the Year, request a form from the Cobb Chamber at <http://bit.ly/g2rHWc> and return to "South Cobb Citizen of the Year Award," Nancy Arnold, First Citizens Bank, 3270 Florence Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127 or call Nancy Arnold (770-943-1400).



Smyrna resident, Anna Grace Ebert, 8, participated in READING Paws at the South Cobb Regional Library in Mableton along with READING dog, Nemo and handler Marna Burns. The free children's program is a one-on-one storytime used to enhance children's love of reading and to encourage literacy through the use of therapy animals. (Photo by Erika Ruthman/CCPLS)

STAR STUDENTS, TEACHERS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

STAR Students were honored in Marietta for their academic achievement, including

Avery Elizabeth Thomas of Whitefield Academy, Natalie Harrell of Pebblebrook and Jiby Mepurathu Yohannan of South Cobb.

The Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program honors Georgia's outstanding high school seniors and the teachers who have been most instrumental in their academic development. To obtain the STAR nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on the test date on the three-part SAT taken through the November test date of their senior year and be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average. The local STAR recognition banquet was held Feb. 28 in Marietta, sponsored by the Metro Marietta Kiwanis Club.

South Cobb High School STAR Student Jiby Mepurathu Yohannan picked Victor Burrell as his STAR Teacher.

Yohannan selected Burrell, his sophomore AP Statistics teacher, because, "he has always been there to motivate me and he put forward the effort to see that can succeed."

Yohannan, the son of Yohann Matthew and Susan Yohannan of Powder Springs, plans to attend Georgia Tech and major in biochemistry. He is President of the Health Science Students of America, member of the Science and History Club, an Eagle Ambassador, played varsity tennis and was Senior class representative to the Magnet School Advisory Council.

Whitefield Academy STAR Student Avery Elizabeth Thomas selected Jeff Horner as her STAR Teacher.

Miss Thomas is the daughter of Allen and Linda Thomas of Smyrna.

She selected, Horner, her AP European history teacher, because "AP European History was one of my all-time favorite classes and I especially loved learning from Mr. Horner."

Miss Thomas is undecided about a major and will wait until after April 1 to make her college choice. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a National Merit Finalist, and has also been named to the Headmaster's List all her semesters at Whitefield. She played on the Varsity Soccer team for 2 years and was a member of the color guard in 2008.

Pebblebrook High School STAR Student Natalie Harrell picked Christopher Gagnier as her STAR Teacher.

Miss Harrell is the daughter of John and Laurel Harrell of east Cobb. She selected Gagnier, her AP Microeconomics teacher because, "I took his class a junior and loved his course. He was also very helpful in sponsoring the Model UN Club."

A vocalist in the Performing Arts Program, Miss Harrell is looking at Northwestern or Boston University and will major in vocal performance with a second major in French or history. "I'd love to be an opera



Pebblebrook STAR Student Natalie Harrell and her STAR Teacher Christopher Gagnier.



South Cobb High School STAR Student Jiby Mepurathu Yohannan and his STAR Teacher Victor Burrell.



Whitefield Academy STAR Student Avery Elizabeth Thomas and her STAR Teacher Jeff Horner.

singer," she said. She has performed in many shows including the Pirates of Penzance and Showcase.

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Comments By Cathy



SPRING BREAK FUN CAN BE FOUND IN ANTIQUE SHOPS

By Cathy Shattles Lipsett
 Editor/Publisher

The quiet dignity of a remembered past announces itself as soon as you walk into an antique shop. There is a clean mustiness, the patina of age, the anticipation of treasures. There is a certain similarity in all antique shops, yet the differences are more noticeable. Each shop has its own personality, its own smell, its own interpretation of the past. Antiques form the connection between past and present, between sentimental and practical.

It may seem like a stretch that I started thinking about antiques shops in planning a column about how parents can entertain their children during Spring Break. There are so many things to do right here in Cobb County and in our surrounding area to stay busy the entire week. Antiques shops are on my own personal list of things to do.

When our children were in school, we had some wonderful trips during their Spring Break: Sanibel, Hawaii, Ashville, Washington D.C., Kennedy Space Center, and Chattanooga to name a few; but some of our most memorable breaks were spent in our own community. During those at home breaks, we did many of the usual trips to Six Flags, the Atlanta Zoo, Stone Mountain and Kennesaw Mountain. We were making our own personal memories one trip at a time.

The antique shops are also a part of our Spring Break memories. On one trip, walking with my own children through the antique shops in Marietta, they asked interesting questions about the array of old hats and gloves. It was a chance to explain about the custom, in the not so distant past, of ladies and gentlemen always wearing a hat and gloves, not just for church, but for social occasions and even for going downtown to shop. The children and I looked at old kitchen utensils, and talked -- not from my own personal experience -- about life when butter churns, flat irons and washboards were a part of everyday life. With fast-changing technology a part of today's children's lives, it is also an opportunity to talk about rotary phones, typewriters,

record players and vinyl records.

In browsing through antique stores, we can reconnect with those lost treasures of our parents and grandparents. It does concern me when I find items in the antique stores similar to ones we received as wedding gifts. I remind myself that not everything is a true antique. In fact, I the stores I like best have a combination of nice antiques and things that are just old.

In our area we have Vinings Antiques, antique stores in Austell, Marietta, Powder Springs, Kennesaw and Acworth. Not a store, but well worth checking out for glimpses of the past is the Smyrna History Museum.

Take time to stroll through antique stores with your parent and with your own older children. Use this time to pass on or learn about history in a very personal way.

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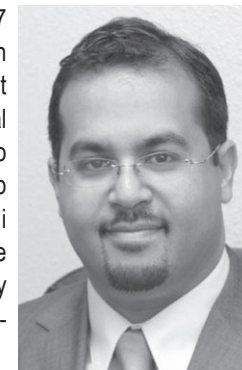
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This event will offer body compositions, blood pressure checks, X-rays, healthy recipes, and a chance to shop with the doctor, fitness activities, raffles free memberships from L.A. Fitness and Gold's Gym along with a host of other programs for children and parents.

The activities will also include a free dance class for families, a local clown, bounce playhouse and much more. This is an event you don't want to miss.

All proceeds benefit Option 2 Change a local 501c3 that assists single parents and their children. Tickets are on sale for only \$5 please come by Back 2 Back Chiropractic at 447 Veteran's Memorial Highway Mableton, Georgia to pick them up. Or purchase tickets online at familyfunfitness.eventbrite.com.

The first 50 families will receive a great surprise from our sponsors. Come enjoy the spring, find resources for parents and enjoy life.



DUO SINKS 1,000 POINTS
Whitefield Academy seniors Erieha Barnes, of Austell, and Briana Jones, Powder Springs, both recently surpassed a major career basketball milestone - scoring 1,000 points. The two seniors and team captains have been a dynamic duo on the Whitefield team for the past four years, leading the team to place 3rd in their region this year.

FIRE CHIEF URGES SMOKE DETECTOR USE

It's almost that time for spring cleaning--a task we all look forward to each year. So while you're divvying up your things among the keep it, donate it, and toss it piles, take a few minutes to check your often forgotten smoke alarm.

Every year, approximately 2,600 Americans die in home fires. Over half of these deaths (52 percent) occur between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., when residents are typically sleeping.

Austell Fire Chief Tim Williams urges everyone to install a smoke alarm in their home and change batteries in the Spring and Fall. "Every Spring and Fall when we change our clocks for the Daylight Savings Time is a great time to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors," he said.

"I can not emphasize enough how critical it is that working smoke detectors are installed on each level of your home. Throughout my career, I have heard dozens

of stories where the difference between someone living and dying was a fifty cent battery."

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Whitefield Chess Team members include, from left, Stephen Hellier, Zachary Justice, West Peterson, Luke Petersen. Kneeling: Laura Scheidegger. Not pictured: Caleb Corliss and Connor Miller.

WHITEFIELD CHESS TEAMS HEAD TO STATE

Whitefield Academy's Lower School fielded two chess teams in the Western Metro-Atlanta Regional chess tournament held at Campbell High School Feb. 13.

The elementary (K-5) team qualified for State by placing 3rd out of more than 25 teams and qualified for the State tournament to be held on March 19th. Team captain Zachary Justice (4th grade) led the team with a perfect score, winning all five of his rounds. Stephen Hellier (5th grade) was the second leading scorer with four points. Caleb Corliss (4th grade), Luke Petersen (4th grade), and Connor Miller (4th grade) each contributed three points. The team was rounded out by West Peterson (4th grade) and Laura Scheidegger (4th grade). The 3rd place finish was a repeat of last year's Regional performance.

The primary (K-3) team finished 4th overall in a strong field of more than 25 teams and also qualified for the State tournament. Team captain Cole Peterson (3rd grade), Jack Krahel (2nd grade), and Zoe Justice (1st grade) ended the day with four points apiece in five rounds of play. Jackson Lewis (3rd grade), Jake Petersen (2nd grade), Jonathan Rhudy (1st grade),

and Cole Peterson (1st grade) each finished with three points. The team was rounded out by Alex Schulte (3rd grade), Will Thomas (3rd grade) and Luke Sinclair (1st grade). This is the fourth consecutive year that the primary team has achieved a top five result at the Regional tournament.

SOUTHERN GOSPEL BENEFIT CONCERT

Disciples in Song will perform a free concert for the community at Austell First United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 27 at 5 p.m. A love offering will be received to benefit the Wesleyan Seminary of Venezuela, founded by one of the singers. Following the concert, everyone is invited to gather for a covered dish dinner.

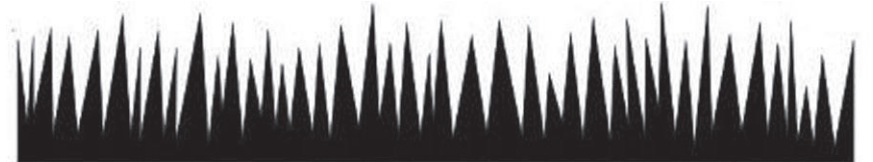
Disciples in Song is a men's vocal ensemble founded 20 years ago that sings both close Southern Gospel harmony and Contemporary Gospel. The group recently performed for an audience of over 800. Austell First United Methodist Church is located at 5705 Mulberry Street in downtown Austell. For further information, visit www.blessaustell.com or call 770-948-1806.

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Darlene Duke, left, is presented with the 2011 Woman of the Year award by Georgia CWU President, Barbara Leath, right, and event chair Carolyn Scott, center, from the CWU Macon Unit.

CHURCH WOMEN HONOR DARLENE DUKE

Church Women United members from throughout the state of Georgia were recognized for their contributions to their church, their denomination and their communities at a luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 12, at Riverside United Methodist Church, in Macon Georgia. Nominees from, Atlanta, Warner Robbins, Athens, Augusta, Thomasville, Savannah, Macon, and Dalton competed for the 13th annual Woman of the Year award.

Darlene Duke, President of the local Cobb County Unit of Church Women United and a member of Austell First United Methodist Church, was named this year's Woman of the Year. Ms. Duke was nominated by her unit for her dedication to the ideals of Church Women United and for her volunteer and professional contributions to her community. As Executive Director for Christian Aid Mission Partnership (C.A.M.P.), Ms. Duke oversees one of Cobb County's largest non-profit social services agencies. Serving over 12,000 persons a year, C.A.M.P. operates a large food pantry program, a clothes closet, financial assistance programs, as well as a number of special programs for children in need. The Atlanta Community Food Bank recently named C.A.M.P. as its largest distributing food pantry in its 700+ network of participating agencies. C.A.M.P. is located in Austell, GA, the lowest per capita income city in Cobb County. Ms. Duke has been the visionary behind expanding C.A.M.P.'s services to meet the growing needs of the community it serves including Powder Springs, Austell, Mableton, Clarkdale, Lithia Springs and East Douglas County. In 2009, C.A.M.P. served as the focal point for flood relief services when historic floods ravaged the Sweetwater

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Journey Transitional Housing, Inc., a non-profit organization will host a 5K walk to raise awareness and financial support for homeless women and children within our community.

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(A fuller version of our calendar for Smyrna/Vinings and Mableton/Austell is on our website: www.brightsidecobb.com)

MARCH

23: COBB FAITH PARTNERSHIP General Meeting, Wednesday, March 23 at Turner Chapel AME Church, 492 North Marietta Parkway, Marietta Lunch will start at 11:45 a.m., and our meeting will start at noon. If you've missed a CFP meeting in the past year, this is one you DON'T want to miss. Be sure to bring a guest or two with you - the one way to experience what CFP is all about is to attend a meeting. For more information, please email us at info@cobbfaithpartnership.org.

23: INTESTINAL/PREVENTIVE HEALTH: Your Key To Better Health 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 Presented by Edward Layne, MD. Class will take place at Emory-Adventist Hospital at Smyrna in the cafeteria. Call to reserve your spot 770-319-2025.

26: SPRING CHICKEN RUN. March 26th to benefit C.A.M.P. - Christian Aid Mission Partnership. This road race will be hosted at Macland Presbyterian Church, 3615 Macland Road, Powder Springs. Register online at Active.com, in store at Big Peach Running Co. or visit www.svcamp.org for information and registration form.

27: CONCERT. Disciples in Song will perform a free concert for the community at Austell First United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 27 at 5 p.m. 770-948-1806.

30: BUSINESS AFTER HOURS Event Wednesday, March 30 5-7 p.m. Entertainment Design Group, 7115 Oak Ridge Pkwy #150, Austell. Don't miss this event sponsored by the SCBA, Austell Business Association, Powder Springs Business Association and the Cobb Chamber of Commerce!

APRIL

5: YOUTH BOOK TALK. Youth ages 12 and older are invited to share their insights during Book Talk, Open Forum the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the South Cobb Regional Library. The club is for members to share books, stories, poetry, drawings, and music. The next meeting will be April 5. For information call 678-398-5834.

6: SOUTH COBB BUSINESS ASSOC. monthly lunch meeting 11:45 at the Community Center, Lions Club Drive. Guests are welcome. www.sc-ba.org

7: JERRY FARBER SHOW: Thursday, April 7 from 7 – 8 p.m. Delmar Gardens, Smyrna will have one of America's top comedian and entertainers, Jerry Farber performing LIVE! This will be a free event and is open to the public! Jerry is known nation-wide and has graciously chosen to share a little laughter with Smyrna! This will be a 1 hour show, so don't be late! Please simply RSVP with Brittney Stroud by calling 770-432-4444 so we can prepare how much seating to have!

16-17: BIG SHANTY FESTIVAL. In downtown Kennesaw Saturday; April 16, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday; April 17, noon - 5 p.m.

19: STORYTIME. South Cobb Regional Library Family storytime will be held April 9 at 11 a.m. in the South Cobb Regional Library (805 Clay Rd., Mableton). Geared toward ages three and older, books, songs, and music will be shared. For information call 678-398-5834.

19: FREEDOM FROM FIBROIDS: A Health Talk For Women A free seminar sponsored by the Center for Image Guided Medicine at Emory-Adventist Hospital at Smyrna Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Smyrna Community Center 200 Village Green Circle. This seminar is free. Refreshments will be served. To reserve a seat 1-866-202-0731.

30: JONQUIL FESTIVAL/JOG. Be sure to register for the Jonquil City Jog (April 30) at www.active.com and put the entire weekend of April 30 and May 1 on your calendar. The Jonquil Festival is April 30 and May 1 and so is the Market Village Crawfish Boil. www.SmyrnaCity.com or www.facebook.com/CityofSmyrna-Ga / www.twitter.com/SmyrnaNews.

WEEKLY EVENTS

AEROBICS CLASS. Austell First United Methodist Church offers "Firming After 50", a free weekly low-impact aerobics with a focus on adults over 50 years of age. Class meets in the church's fellowship hall every Wednesday night from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. with certified group fitness instructor Cindy Standard. Austell First UMC is located at 5705 Mulberry Street in downtown Austell, just north of the railroad tracks and City Hall. More details can be found at www.blessaustell.com or by calling 770-948-1806.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 61 meets every Monday night at 7:30pm in the Troop Lodge at Bethany Methodist Church at the intersection of Hurt and Hicks Roads. Cub Pack 61 meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Bethany Gym.

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SMYRNA BOY SCOUT Troop 11 meets at 7 p.m. every Monday evening at Smyrna First United Methodist Church. New Scouts are welcome! Please visit our website: www.smyrna-troop11.com.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS)-- A non-denominational adult Bible Study Group meets each Thursday morning, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. at MJ Lmmnz Cafe located at 4426 Floyd Road, Mableton, 150 ft. south of Silver Comet Trail; between Shell & Bel Air Car Wash. The Old and New Testament of the Holy Bible is the focus; an interactive fellowship exploring the attributes of God. All welcome.

FREE TAIJI CLASS for all Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. South Cobb Regional Library: 805 Clay Road, Mableton and on the second Tuesday of each month at The Mable House, 5239 Floyd Road, Mableton.

FREE WEEKLY COMMUNITY MEALS ST. LUKE UMC, 5115 Brookwood Drive Mableton will be serving a free meal every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Entrance on lower level in back of church.

FREE WEEKLY COMMUNITY DINNER - Please join us! Every Monday night at 6 p.m. Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 6216 Love Street, Austell.

LOCKHEED GEORGIA MANAGEMENT RETIREES Association meets Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Windy Hill Senior Center.

REFORMERS UNANIMOUS (RU) is a Christ-centered addictions program that meets every Friday at 7 p.m. at Westside Church located at 4900 Floyd Road, Mableton next to Walgreens. RU helps adults find freedom from addictive behavior. Call Mark Baker at 404-354-8911 for more information or see www.wbcfamily.org.

SOUTH COBB ROTARY: noon, Thursday, Presbyterian Village, East-West Connector

SOUTH COBB TOASTMASTERS Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. South Cobb Recreation Center, 875 Six Flags Drive, Austell.

THE WINDY HILL SQUARE DANCE CLUB Thursday morning 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Windy Hill Senior Center at 1885 Roswell Street, Smyrna.

MONTHLY OR MORE **ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA** Caregivers Support Group- free 3rd Thursday of each month- 6:30 p.m. 4005 S. Cobb Drive, Smyrna. It is facilitated by a local physician. Call 770-431-7055 or email woodlandridge@caravita.com for details.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 264, 6251 Ivy Road, Mableton meets every third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Bingo--Mon, Tues, Friday 8 p.m., Sat. 5 p.m. and Sun. 4 p.m.

AUSTELL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

meets the third Tuesday of each month at noon at the Treadmill Mall Complex

AUSTELL CITY COUNCIL meets the first Monday of each month for its regular meeting.

AUSTELL COMMUNITY TASK FORCE meets every 1st Monday at 7 p.m. at the South Cobb Recreation Center, 875 Six Flags Drive, Austell. www.austelltaskforce.org.

AUSTELL LIONS CLUB meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at Bailey's Diner, 4093 Marietta St. in Powder Springs. Start time 6:45. For information, call Chuck or Denise Cook at 770-948-5992.

BLIND & LOW VISION SUPPORT Group (Pride) meets from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. on the

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third Friday of each month. Contact Gloria Fisher, LCSW, for more details: 770-432-7280

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, The Star Group to help patients and their families feel more hopeful and less alone through the mutual sharing of thoughts, feelings, and concerns related to living with, and surviving cancer. Fourth Thursday of each month at Noon. (A light lunch is served) WellStar Cobb Hospital Magnolia Room Group leader: Raymond Coffman Please call 770-732-3780 to RSVP.

CBMC'S AUSTELL FELLOWSHIP Luncheon (AFL) and business networking group meets regularly at high noon on the first, third and fifth Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 3845 Austell Road (just north of the East-West Connector across from South Cobb Hospital), Marietta. Contact Gary at 404-303-1000 or <http://atlanta.cbmc.com/ContactUs.aspx> for more information.

COBB-MARIETTA RETIRED Educators meet monthly at Windy Hill Senior Center, 770-801-5320, for fellowship, service and support of community projects.

DIABETES SUPPORT Group meets at Smyrna Primary Care Center Community Room, 562 Concord Road, Smyrna on the third Thursday, each month except December, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Free parking and no cost or registration required. Information regarding various topics is presented through out the year. For more information call 770-793-7818.

FREE MONTHLY DINNER. Leland-Qwest UMC, 81 Veterans Memorial Highway, SE, Mableton, sponsors a free community dinner on the last Wednesday of each month from 6 - 7 p.m. All are welcome. (Enter on left side of the church on the lower level).

GENERATIONS: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren offered by Cobb Senior Services. This program provides support and information regarding services in the community. The program meets at the South Cobb Recreation Center every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Dinner and child care is provided for the grandparents and children during the free meeting. Please RSVP to Margie Castillo-Carbaugh at 770-528-5364.

"HOBO SUPPER" Second Thursday of each month, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Community invited--Clarkdale UMC Austell--Powder Springs Road, Clarkdale, Georgia. For \$5 you get a Drink, Beans (3 kinds), Mashed Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, Onions, Pickles, Beets and a large variety of homemade desserts to choose from. Community invited.

MABLETON IMPROVEMENT COALITION (MIC) is a nonprofit citizens group formed to promote quality growth and redevelopment in the 30126 zip code. MIC's Board of Director's meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., generally at the Mable House Arts Center in Mableton. Everyone is welcome. Visit www.mableton.org to confirm meeting location.

MEMORY SCREENING. Woodland Ridge Assisted Living, 4055 South Cobb Drive in Smyrna, holds free memory screenings the first Monday of each month 10 a.m - 4. www.nationalmemoryscreening.org. Call for info 770-431-7055

THE MOMS CLUBS of Smyrna are non-profit support groups for at-home mothers. Smyrna-East chapter includes zip code 30080 west of Atlanta Road and the Vinings Estates neighborhood. Please visit www.freewebs.com/momclubofsmyrnaeast for more. Smyrna-West chapter includes zip code 30082. Please visit www.momclubofsmyrnawest.com for more. Smyrna/Vinings-West chapter includes zip code 30082 in the Nickajack & Russell school district. Please email momclubofsmyrnaviningswest@yahoo.com for more information.

NEWCOMERS OF COBB COUNTY. We meet each month on the third Tuesday 10 a.m. 770/234-5068 or Email: newcomersofcobbcounty@yahoo.com. Those new to Cobb County, or just looking for new friends and activities, are invited to join in. The NEWCOMERS CLUB OF COBB COUNTY holds a wide variety of social activities throughout the month.

PEBBLEBROOK JR FALCONS Association Quality Recreation * Life Skills * Civic Action Programs 2nd Sunday Monthly Meetings at 5 p.m. 6th Grade Academy at The Barnes Center Coaches & Volunteers always needed and welcome.

RIVER LINE HISTORIC AREA COMMITTEE meets usually every third Thursday of the month at the Mable House Arts Center. The committee deals in a variety matters to further the recommendations of the River Line Master Plan. Visit www.mableton.org to verify to verify meeting dates, times, locations and for more details about what the committee is working on.

SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL, Alpha Lamda Chapter, Mableton, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m. Call Vivian Woods at 770-948-4754 for information.

SMYRNA STITCH-IN GROUP meets on the first Mondays of the month at the South Cobb Library - 805 Clay Road - Mableton GA in the large meeting room. If you like to cross stitch, do crewel work, needlepoint, etc. and meet women in the area, please come join us. If you have any questions, please contact Nadine Amy at theamys@bellsouth.net

SOUTH COBB BUSINESS ASSOCIATION meets the first Wednesday of each month at 11:45 at Mableton Lion's Club Park Community Center. www.sc-ba.org

SOUTH COBB KIWANIS: An effort is underway to bring a Kiwanis Club to South Cobb County. Under the aegis of the Smyrna Club, a group has been meeting twice monthly at the O' Charley's on the East-West Connector, and are working towards a goal of 25 members. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Charles Lollis at 770-739-8381.

SOUTH COBB LIONS CLUB meets the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month at The South Cobb Community Center. 620 Lions Club Drive in Mableton at 6:30 p.m.

SOUTH COBB SENIORS Friendship Club meets on the 1st Monday of each month 10:30 a.m. at the Lions Club Drive Community Center, Mableton. Newcomers are welcome to come and join the fellowship and lunch, guest speakers and the love of others.

E-mail your organization's calendar news to news@brightsidecobb.com. Deadline for the APRIL issue is APRIL 7 with publication on APRIL 18. Calendar items are accepted from civic groups, non-profits, schools and church organizations and run as space is available. Due to the increasing number of calendar listings, please keep announcements brief. Do NOT send calendar announcements in flyer format. For more information about submitting calendar items or other news, contact us at 770-426-9388 or by e-mail to news@brightsidecobb.com. Find updated calendar items on our website at www.brightsidecobb.com.

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SOUTH COBB ROTARY ESSAY WINNERS HONORED

South Cobb Rotary honored and gave cash prizes to winners of the Garrett Middle

Crocker, Russ Fitzgerald, Marla Blackstone and Terry Richard.



Garrett First Place Winners, from left, Jo'de Cummings, Karen Mirando and Imani Bryant.

Eight Grade winners include: Jo'de Cummings, 1st place; Quantavius Jones, 2nd place; and Analeigh Nebriage, 3rd place.

Seventh Grade winners include: Karen Mirando, 1st place; Nicholas Harripersaud, 2nd place; 3rd place, and Hannah Easley and Kayla Sea.

Sixth Grade winners include: Imani Bryant, 1st place; Adanze Nnyagu, 2nd place; and Cindy Emenalo and Alaina Tate, 3rd place.

School Essay Contest in February.

The club has been a part of the Garrett Essay Contest Program since its inception in 1976. Students who are good writers find greater success in meeting academic and career goals. Writing has been coined as the litmus test of thinking and problem solving. These are skills that are important if students are to find success in the workplace. Winning students were honored at the Feb. 17 meeting and first place finishers were given the chance to read their work to the club meeting.

The Essay committee includes Frank

FESTIVAL SEASON COMING TO SMYRNA

Spring is in the air and that means that the event season begins in downtown Smyrna. Register for the Jonquil City Jog coming April 30 at www.active.com and put the entire weekend of April 30 and May 1 on your calendar.

The Jonquil Festival is April 30 and May 1 and so is the Market Village Crawfish Boil. Info at www.SmyrnaCity.com.

LIBRARY OFFERS ZOO ATLANTA PASSES

The Cobb County Public Library System has Zoo Atlanta Family Passes available to check out today. Each of the 17 Cobb County library branches has one pass. When individuals check out the Zoo Atlanta Family Pass DVD from a Cobb County library and return it to the same location, they will get a receipt. They can then use the receipt for zoo admission. The receipt is good for two adults and two children and has to be redeemed within a week.

"We are very pleased to offer this wonderful opportunity to Cobb County residents," Jonathan McKeown, Associate Director of Central and Outreach Services said. The pass may be checked out once per year, per card, per household. The pass is not valid for fee-based events or programs and may not be combined with other discounts or promotions.



WRESTLING CHAMP

Matt Owens, of Mableton, a student at Whitefield Academy, recently placed in the Georgia State Wrestling Tournament held in Gwinnett County. Owens finished 4th in the 125 pound weight class. He is the son of Sharon and Bryan Owens.



RAGSDALE HONORED FOR SERVICE

Judy Ragsdale, Administrative Assistant at WellStar Cobb Hospital recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Cobb County Board of Commissioners honoring her 40 years of service at a luncheon held in her honor. She was acknowledged for her kindness, caring and compassion that touched patients, family, and staff as well as Clergy in the community through the years. Ms. Ragsdale has worked in the Pastoral Care Department assisting the Chaplain and was liaison between the hospital and local churches to make certain ministers were notified of a patients admission. Chaplain Raymond Coffman, Manager of Pastoral Care noted, "Judy has a unique ability to make everyone she encounters feel valued and special. Her pleasant and positive nature will be missed by all whom she encountered." From left are Phillip Owens, Director of WellStar Pastoral Care; Judy Ragsdale, and Raymond Coffman, Chaplain of Wellstar Cobb Hospital.

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SOUTH COBB LIONS CLUB HELPS LIGHTHOUSE

South Cobb Lions Club President Ronald Kirby welcomes Christina Lennon, Director of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, to the February 21 meeting and presented a donation for \$3,550. The Lighthouse helps residents of Georgia to get eyeglasses, eye surgery and hearing aids.

‘BULLIES, THE MUSICAL!’ FEATURES PEBBLEBROOK STUDENTS MARCH 27, 31

The Cobb community is invited to Bullies, the Musical!, a theater production starring students from the Pebblebrook High School Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts. The anti-bullying play focuses on how students can find common ground via the musical tale of a fifth grade talent show. Two performances will take place March 27 at 2 p.m. and March 31, at 7 p.m. at Temple Kol Emeth, 1415 Old Canton Road, Marietta; tickets are complimentary courtesy of the CCSD Prevention/Intervention Center.

Robin Seidman, local playwright and Cobb County teacher, in collaboration with author and CCSD prevention/intervention specialist Jeff Dess, developed Bullies, the Musical! to address the important and sensitive topic of bullying behavior.

The pair approached Robert Adams of Pebblebrook’s magnet program to produce and direct the show, so that it could be performed for elementary and/or middle school students in Cobb County.

“Our goal is to increase awareness of bullying in a unique way,” said Seidman. “Our hope is to make this play available to all schools and communities, as part of a comprehensive systemic strategy in the area of bullying behavior. While the approach is light-hearted, the issue is serious. The consequences of bullying behavior can have long-lasting effects on both the bullies and their targets/victims.” Reserve tickets online at bulliesmusicalatkke.eventbrite.com or call 770-973-3533.

Bullies, the Musical! will act as a catalyst in creating conversations around bullying behavior, bystander strategies, and mutual respect.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Freeman Poole Senior Center

Here's what is happening at the C. Freeman Poole Senior Center 4025 South Hurt Rd, Smyrna. Call 770-801-3400 for more information or reservations. Activities limited to adults age 55 and above.

Cherry Blossom Festival -- Tuesday, March 22, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. After a fabulous lunch at Marco's Fine Italian restaurant a guide will join us at Central City Park for the Cherry Blossom Festival. Included is a tour of St. Joseph's Cathedral and the Woodruff House. Bring your camera as there will be beautiful pictures to be taken. Cost: \$59 Senior Council Member / \$64 Non-Member. Deadline: March 15. Price includes motor coach transportation, admission fees, snacks, tax and tips. No refunds after payment deadline date. Full refunds will be given if the trip is cancelled.

AARP Driver Safety -- Wednesday, March 23, 11 a.m. Cost: \$12 AARP Members; \$14 Non-Members.

The Joy of Interior Plants -- Thursday, March 24, 1 - 2 p.m. Free; Registration required. Emily Harper with Extension Services will facilitate an educational seminar on interior plants; how to plant them, take care of them and enjoy them. Registration required.

Bingo Bash -- Monday, March 28, 1 - 3 p.m. Cost: \$3 / \$4 Non-resident.

Blood Pressure Check -- Monday, March 28, 12 - 3 p.m. Free. United Home Care will be on site to check your blood pressure.

Caregiver Support Group -- Tuesday, March 29, 3 - 4 p.m. Free. Are you a caregiver for either a spouse or a parent? Take this time for yourself by joining us for an informal support group. We will be sharing ideas, issues and solutions with each other while having resources available for you. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by The Court at Vinings Place.

Live Falcon Show -- Thursday, March 31, 1 - 2 p.m. Free; Registration required. This will be a one-of-a-kind seminar. Richard Krause will show the results of his falconry training and efforts and what his falcon can do on command. If you are interested in falconry, you will not want to miss this one.

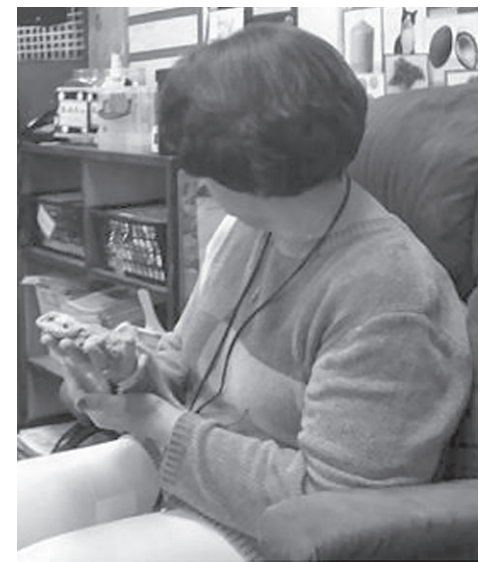
Game Day Tuesdays -- Every Tuesday, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Free. Cribbage, Disc Throw and Farkle. Test your game skills and join in on the fun. Just show up and get started!

Creative Card Stamping -- Every fourth Wednesday, 1 - 3 p.m. Cost: \$5 payable to instructor. Create a variety of unique, hand-crafted greeting cards using stamping and embossing techniques.

Get on the Bus, Gus -- Monday, April 4: How To, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Free; Registration required. Learn how to ride the CCT and MARTA transit system. This will be a very informative and educational seminar.

Get on the Bus, Gus -- Tuesday, April 5: Hartsfield Jackson Airport, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: On Your Own. Ride CCT and the MARTA transit system to the airport. This is definitely a learning experience. Lunch will be at the airport on your own.

Treat Yourself Tuesday -- 2ND Tuesday of the Month, Tuesday, April 12: Steak & Shake, E-W Connector across from IHOP. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



DRAGON VISIT

Socrates the bearded dragon visited the Kindergarten classes at Imagine School in Mableton. The students began studying dinosaurs in the kindergarten classes. They then moved into the study of reptiles. While they were culminating the section on reptiles, the teachers asked Mrs. Newsome, the media and technology person at the school, to bring in her bearded dragon and discuss his eating habits, his habitat, and how to take care of him. The students in the kindergarten classes loved Socrates the bearded dragon and asked him to come back for another visit when it gets warmer. Mrs. Newsome sits in the brown information chair with Socrates as they discuss what he likes to eat.

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CCC MOPS CONSIGNMENT SALE, Cumberland Community Church, Smyrna, March 25: 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. and March 26: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CONSIGNMENT SALE

North Metro Mothers of Multiples Spring/Summer Consignment Sale. Roswell Area Park, Bill Johnson Community Activity Building, 10495 Woodstock Rd., Roswell. Saturday, March 26 from 8:30 - 1 pm: Please Note: Cash or Check only; no strollers please. www.northmetromultiples.org/consignment.

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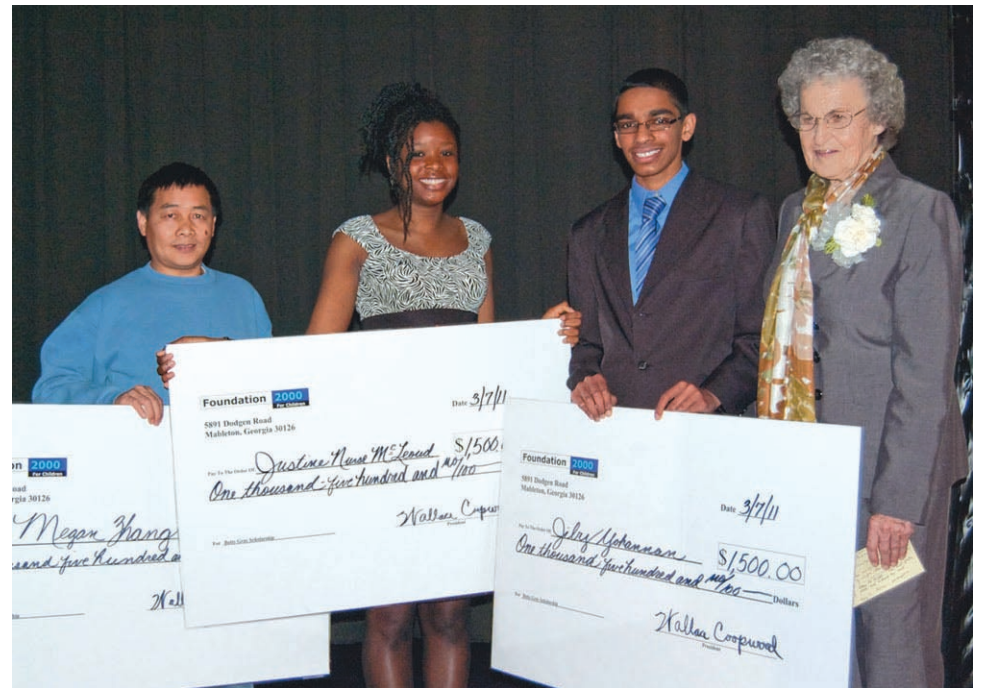
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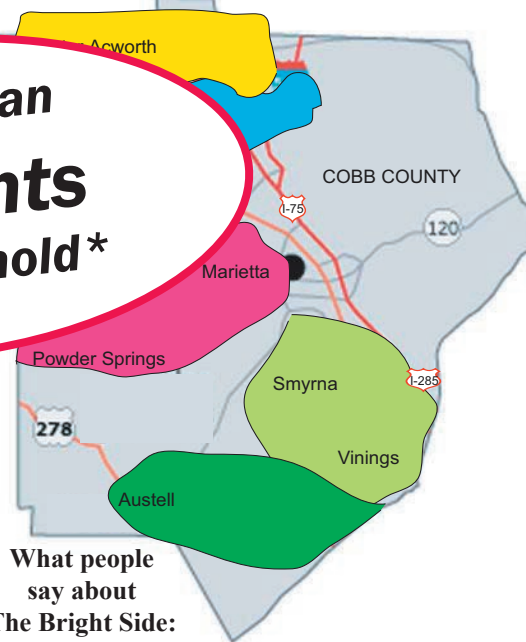
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