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South Cobb Principal Ashley Hosey cuts the ribbon to dedicate the new South Cobb High Cafeteria.

## SOUTH COBB DEDICATES NEW CAFETERIA

Students at South Cobb High School returned to school to find a new \$4 million cafeteria ready for them.

"This \$4 million cafeteria will be a source of pride for our students, our school and our community," said Principal Ashley Hosey.

The dedication was held Jan. 3, a teacher work day prior to students returning from winter break. Among those attending were Superintendent Fred Sanderson, former principal Dr. Michael Johnson, elected officials and school personnel.

The cafeteria is the first phase of a huge SPLOST building project, the largest in the



Food Service Staff gathers at the cafeteria dedication.

school's history. Also under construction is a three-story Ninth Grade Academy, and new chorus and orchestra building. Work is expected to be completed by Fall of this year.

The new cafeteria has five food service areas along one wall: Soup/Bakery, Pizza/Deli, World Fare, Grille and Dining.

Stephanie Crocker, area Supervisor for Food Nutrition, said "this facility gives us a lot of flexibility to showcase fresh fruits and vegetables and educate students to make healthy food choices."

Homemade soups and wraps and entree salads are available at the Soup/Bakery window. The Deli serves homemade subs made to order. A variety of pizza selections are available daily and World Fare offers both chicken and beef nachos and tacos and oriental rice bowls. The Grill has baked chicken tenders and fries plus hamburgers and chicken sandwiches. The Dining window offers mom's home cooking with chicken parmesan and macaroni and cheese.

Daily menus area available on the Cobb School's website.

## CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH AT SC LIBRARY

February is African American History Month. Children ages 5 and older are invited to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special storytime, Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the South Cobb Library (805 Clay Rd., Mableton). For information on this free event call, 678-398-5834.

Children are also invited to celebrate African American History Month with a storytime, Feb. 3 at 3:30 p.m. the South Cobb Library For information call 678-398-5834.

Join the library staff for a special program celebrating African American History Month, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. in the Central Library's large conference room (266 Roswell Street, Marietta). A special steel-drum performance, dancing, art, and readings from Langston Hughes' works will delight attendees. For information on this free event call 770-528-2320.

Celebrate Rosa Park's Birthday Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. with a family storytime, songs, and crafts at the Powder Springs Library.

## 'MURDER GOES SOUTH' BRINGS BESTSELLING AUTHORS TO SMYRNA

New York Times bestselling author Erica Spindler, is the featured author at the "Murder Goes South" Southern mystery book festival for readers and writers Jan. 28-29.

Spindler is a New York Times and international bestselling author whose books are published in 25 countries. Her book "Bone Cold" won the prestigious Daphne du Maurier award for excellence. She will speak at dinner on Friday, Jan. 28.

"In addition to Erica Spindler, we have eight other established southern mystery writers whose various works capture the history, beauty and tradition of the south," stated Linda Evans, co-chair of "Murder Goes South".

Other confirmed writers include: Georgia Adams, Glynn Marsh Alam, Carla Dameron, Mitchell Graham, David Hunter, Lee Lofland, Cathy Pickens, and William Raw-

lings, Jr., whose latest book is The Mile High Club.

The event brings together mystery writers and readers from Georgia as well as other parts of the southeast for a collection of discussions, workshops, readings by the authors and book signings "These talented storytellers not only create a great form of entertainment for all of us to enjoy, they also help to preserve the wonderful culture we have."

The event will be held at the Smyrna Community Center, 100 village Green Circle in the Smyrna Village. Registration for the event is \$50 for both days and \$30 for one. Sisters In Crime-Atlanta Chapter and FoxTale Book Shoppe of Woodstock are also sponsors. For more information visit [www.friendsofsmyrnalibrary.org](http://www.friendsofsmyrnalibrary.org) or [www.murdergoessouth.com](http://www.murdergoessouth.com).

## LIVING WELL WORKSHOP SET JAN. 27

A Living Well Workshop will be held Jan. 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the South Cobb Government Service Center, 4700 Austell Road, Austell.

If you are struggling with ongoing symptoms of chronic illness including fatigue, pain, stress/anxiety, tense muscles, difficult emotions or shortness of breath, the Living Well Workshop will teach you techniques to deal with these symptoms, how to control your health problems and your life. Workshops meet for 2 1/2 hour each week for six weeks.

The Atlanta Regional Commission is working with many partners in Mableton to recreate the community as a healthy place where individuals can live throughout their lifetime. A lifelong community provides a

full range of options to residents, ensuring a high quality of life at all stages of their lives.

Questions or to Register call 404-463-3125.

Goal Two of Lifelong Mableton is to encourage healthy lifestyles by creating an environment that promotes physical activity, social interaction and easy access to healthcare. Too many Americans don't get the preventive health care they need to stay healthy, avoid or delay the onset of disease, lead productive lives, and reduce health care costs.

Offering this free class to residents of the Mableton area is only one small component of the plan to encourage healthy lifestyles in Mableton.



## ROTARY HELPS TO 'BRING ONE FOR THE CHIPPER'

Some 15 members of the South Cobb Rotary spent Jan 8 collecting trees at the Home Depot store on the East-West connector in Austell. A total of 750 trees were received and piled higher and higher for the in-service day to benefit the Keep Cobb Beautiful Campaign. Many of the group also spent shifts working in the community on Gov. Elect Nathan Deal's "Service to Others" day.



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## Comments By Cathy



### JANUARY AND WHAT A BEGINNING TO THE NEW YEAR!

By Cathy Shattles Lipsett  
 Editor/Publisher

Welcome to 2011. This year is off to a rather odd beginning for the sunny south. But then 2010 ended rather oddly as well. We ended the year with a rare white Christmas, with Sunday church services cancelled the next day, and with snow briefly covering our world. In an ordinary winter, that should have been all we saw of snow. After all, this is the South. There are traditions to be followed. We have a little snow, we enjoy it; and that's it until the next winter.

But 2011 is determined to be a year to remember. Not only did we have snow the second week of this New Year, we had ice. Unlike the blizzard of 1993, we don't have commemorative t-shirts, but we aren't likely to forget this week of ice and snow.

When I heard a newscaster refer to three days of school closures as precedent setting, I shouted at the television that she just hadn't lived in the South long enough. I can remember a few times in my youth when schools were closed for that long. But a whole week of school closures and business closures and road closures has to be precedent setting.

It was the ice, of course. We can cope with a little snow; even drive on it if we have to. But ice, especially this much of it, is something much more devastating to our meager winter driving skills. Staying off of the roads was definitely the prudent thing to do.

Thankfully, the electricity stayed on for most homes. For us, the week of snow and ice was Bright Side production week. Normally, during production week, we spend a great deal of our time at our computers, writing stories, designing ads, and laying out the newspaper. Since we do our computer work from our home computers, we were in good shape to keep working. We may have been iced in, but it was pretty much business as usual, except for the part about never leaving the house. From Sunday night until Friday afternoon, we stayed cocooned in our home, reaching out

### 2011 ENCORE SERIES SEASON COMING

The 2011 Encore Series at Jennie T. Anderson Theatre will begin Jan. 27 with a performance of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" by Pebblebrook High School. The show is a musical based on Shepherd Mead's 1952 book of the same name and will be presented by Pebblebrook High School/Cobb County's School of Excellence in the Performing Arts. After the musical opened on Broadway the show won seven Tony Awards and the 1962 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The show runs from Jan. 27 - 30 and Feb. 3 - Feb. 6.

The rest of the season will feature performers such as Chubby Checker, The Four Lads, Lorrie Morgan, Brenda Lee, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers. The Jennie T. Anderson Theatre, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 770-528-8490 or visit ticketmaster.com.

to touch others by phone and email.

We had shopped well on the pre-storm Saturday, storing up the food and supplies to last the week. We had the required bread, milk, eggs, and peanut butter. We were also prepared with lamp oil, firewood, batteries, and sandwich fixings in case we had no electricity. Thankfully, these precautions weren't called for. Our driveway was frozen solid as was the side street that it feeds into. We couldn't go anywhere except on foot and even that was dangerous. No mail delivery; no newspaper delivery; no meetings to attend; just enjoying each other's company and sitting at the computers working.

We cooked nutritious Southern comfort food: baked ham, home-made macaroni and cheese, fried chicken, peas with ham, eggs and grits, and ham biscuits. Well, you get the idea that the ham we baked on Monday provided many meals throughout the week.

I'm sure folks will be telling their stories of the extreme winter week of January 2011 for many years to come. Those from "up north" will be telling how unprepared Southerners are for ice and snow. Southerners will be proud of surviving and thankful that this is an aberration from the norm. Hopefully, Mother Nature will be kinder to us for the rest of the year. I don't know about you, but I could use some boring weather for a while.

### DOVE BROTHERS QUARTET AT AUSTELL FIRST BAPTIST

The Dove Brothers Quartet and the Wright Family will be performing Feb. 13 at the Austell First Baptist Church, 5991 Love St., Austell, at 5 p.m. A love offering will be taken.

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**CHRISTMASTIME COPS AND KIDS**

The Cobb Fraternal Order of Police assisted some 150 children in shopping for gifts for themselves and their families in the annual Christmastime Cops and Kids program at Target in Austell in December. Cobb Police Officer Laura Quibell and her husband, Austell Police Officer Ryan Quibell shop with Claudia, a 7th Grader at Garrett Middle School.



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**JANUARY**

**NOW – FEB 28: SCAA GALLERY**, Mable House Arts Center. The Roswell Fine Arts Alliance exhibit will be in the Gallery January 19 - February 28. Call the Mable House Arts Center for hours: 770-819-3285

**26: COBB FAITH PARTNERSHIP'S** First General Meeting of 2011, January 26. Turner Chapel AME Church, Marietta. Lunch 11:45am, and meeting at 12Noon. For more information, please email us at info@cobbfaithpartnership.org.

**28 – 29 MURDER GOES SOUTH**, sponsored by Friends of Smyrna Library, January 28 and 29 at Smyrna Community Center. Tickets Now on Sale. www.friendsosmyrnalibrary.org

**29: LIONS CLUB SUPPER**. Austell Lions Club will be having a Ham and Egg Supper on Saturday, January 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. It will be at Austell First United Methodist Church on Mulberry Street in Austell. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. For information call 770-948-5992.

**FEBRUARY**

**2: SOUTH COBB BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**, noon at Mableton Community Center.

**3: SMYRNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**, 11:45 a.m. Smyrna Community Center.

**7: FIRST MONDAY BREAKFAST**. Speaker: Cobb County Commission Chairman Tim Lee; State of the County Atlanta Marriott Northwest. 7:30 a.m. Registration at www.cobbchamber.org. General admission: \$50 Member: \$20 online; \$35 at door. Online registration ends February 3 at noon. 770-980-2000.

**13: CONCERT**. Dove Brothers Quartet and the Wright Family will be performing February 13 at the Austell First Baptist Church, 5991 Love Street, Austell at 5 p.m. A love offering will be taken.

**13: ATLANTA FREETHOUGHT**, Regular Meeting at 1 p.m. every 2nd Sunday. Speaker on February 13th will be Mark Braverman, speaking on Israel and the Palestinians. 4775 N. Church Lane, Smyrna. We're a nonprofit educational organization and meetings/programs are free and open to the public. Call 770-432-3049 or visit our website, www.atlantafreethought.org

**15: GARDENING PROGRAM**. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m. at the South Cobb Regional Library, The Master Gardener Volunteers of Cobb County will present a one-hour program titled "Starting with Seeds". The program is open to the public. For more information, call the Cobb County Extension service at 770-528-4070.

**16: SOUTH COBB AREA COUNCIL**, Coach George E. Ford Center, 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, February 16. General Admission: \$30 Members: \$10 online; \$20 at the door Online Registration Closes: Feb. 14 at noon Registration at www.cobbchamber.org. 770-980-2000.

**20-25 SCHOOLS CLOSED**. Cobb Schools closed Presidents Day and Holiday Week

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**AEROBICS CLASS**. Austell First United Methodist Church offers free weekly low-impact aerobics class 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.

**COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS)**-- A non-denominational adult Bible Study Group meets each Thursday morning, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. at MJ Lumnz Cafe located at 4426 Floyd Road, Mableton. 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.

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

**SOUTH COBB TOASTMASTERS** Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. South Cobb Recreation Center, 875

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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**  
**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.

**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.

**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).

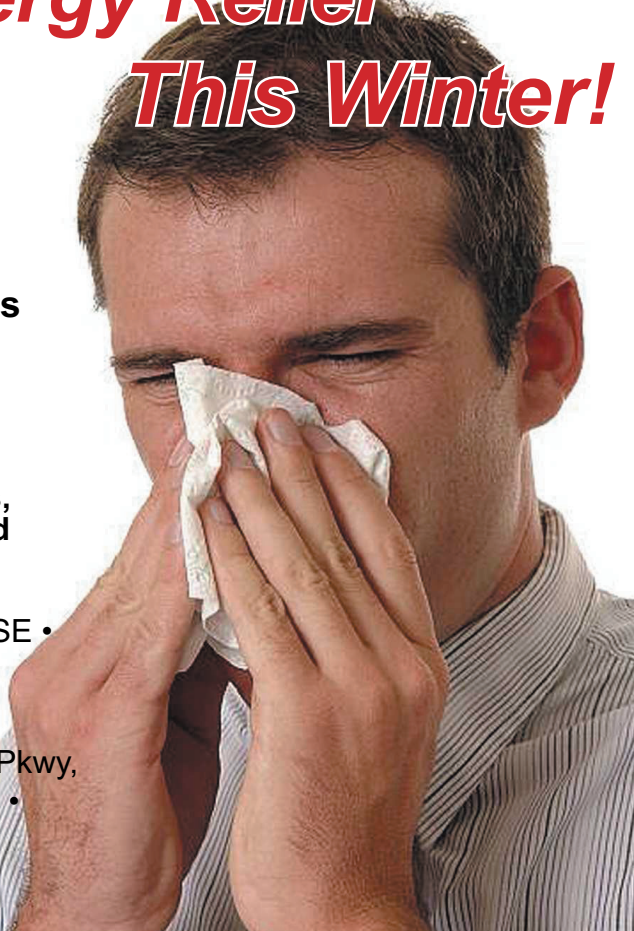
**GENERATIONS**: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren offered by Cobb Senior Services. This program provides support and information regarding services in the community. The program meets at the South Cobb Recreation Center every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Dinner and child care is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

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**"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.

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**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](http://www.mableton.org) to confirm meeting location.

**THE MOMS CLUBS** of Smyrna are non-profit support groups for at-home mothers. Smyrna-West chapter includes zip code 30082. Please visit [www.momsclubsofsmynawest.com](http://www.momsclubsofsmynawest.com) for more. Smyrna/Vinings-West chapter includes zip code 30082 in the Nickajack & Russell school district. Please email [momsclubsofsmynavingwest@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubsofsmynavingwest@yahoo.com) for more information.

**NAVY LEAGUE ATLANTA METRO COUNCIL.** The Greater Atlanta Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Navy Recruiting District HQ, 2400 Lake Park Drive, Suite 410, Smyrna. Membership is open to all civilian and retired military with an interest in supporting our men and women of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. For additional information contact Frank Campbell at [Campbellfc@comcast.net](mailto:Campbellfc@comcast.net) or 678-234-2310.

**NEWCOMERS OF COBB COUNTY.** We meet each month on the third Tuesday 10 a.m. 770/234-5068 or Email: [newcomersofcobbcounty@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**NORTHWEST ATLANTA MOMS OF MULTIPLES:** (Formerly known as Cobb Parents of Multiples Club). Monthly meeting the second Monday of every month (except December) at 7 p.m. at North Metro Church in Marietta. A parent's club for families with or expecting

twins, triplets, quads, etc. We also offer monthly play-dates, Mom's Nights Out, and special family events throughout the year. Website [www.NOWAMOM.org](http://www.NOWAMOM.org), or call the information line at 678-404-0034.

**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.

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

**SMYRNA FIRST MOPS** offers fellowship with other mothers of all ages and stages. We welcome women from throughout the community, so you don't have to be a member of Smyrna First United Methodist Church to join us! We typically meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at SFUMC. For more information, check out [www.smyrnafirstmops.com](http://www.smyrnafirstmops.com)

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

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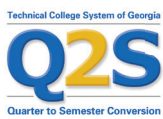
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**Freeman Poole Senior Center**  
Here's what is happening at the C. Freeman Poole Senior Center 4025 South Hurt Rd, Smyrna. Call 770-801-3400 for more information or reservations. Activities limited to adults age 55 and above.

**Bingo Bash** -- Monday, Jan. 24, 1 – 3 p.m. Cost: \$3 / \$4 Non-resident. Blood Pressure Check, Monday, Jan. 24, 12 – 3 p.m. Free. United Home Care will be on site to check your blood pressure.

**Caregiver Support Group** -- Tuesday, Jan. 25, 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. Sponsored by The Court at Vinings Place.

**AARP Driver Safety** -- Wednesday, Jan. 26, 12:30 – 4 p.m. Cost: \$12 AARP Members; \$14 Non-Members.

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

**Treat Yourself Tuesdays** -- 2nd Tuesday of the Month, Tuesday, Feb. 8: O'Charley's E-W Connector & Austell Rd. 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Cost: On your own; Registration required. Treat yourself to a lunch outing once a month with other seniors at local area restaurants. Get to know other people and enjoy the social gathering. This will be a fun time!

**Valentine's Day Meet & Eat** -- Thursday, Feb. 10, Cost: \$6 / \$8 Non-resident. 12 – 2 p.m. You won't want to miss out on this delightful afternoon with Bill Gleeson entertaining. Come ready to dance! A delicious lunch will also be served.

**Wellness Seminar** -- Friday, Feb. 11: Diabetes Seminar, 1– 2 p.m. Free; Registration required. Be a fan of your health and stay informed. Emory Adventist will facilitate this very educational seminar on diabetes.

**Monday Movie Madness** -- Monday, Feb. 14: Valentine's Day, 1 p.m. Cost: \$1 / \$2 Non-resident; Ticket required. Starring: Ashton Kutcher, Jennifer Garner, Jamie Fox, Queen Latifah, and Julia Roberts. Stories criss-cross, collide and boomerang in this look at a day in the life of love; proposals, flowers that don't get sent, a big fat secret that's finally told and I'll show up and surprise him; fights, kisses, wrong

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**Bunco** -- Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1 – 3 p.m. Free. Join us for a fun, easy game of dice that promises to be a good time and a chance to win prizes!

**Caregiver Support Group** -- Tuesday, Feb. 22, 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. Sponsored by The Court at Vinings Place.

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## BUYERS SEEK HANDMADE AT CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Some 65 juried exhibitors were expected for the 2010 Christmas House Arts & Crafts Show, but due to various health and family issues, only 61 were able to participate. That did not, however, diminish the quality of the show as evidenced by sales of more than \$47,000 – a new record.

"I think people know they can count on quality items at good prices, and plan to return each year as part of their Christmas buying" said Sharon Foster of Dallas. Stephanie Watson of Kennesaw said, "(The Christmas House) is the epitome of what Christmas means - laughter, heartfelt handmade items, music, excitement, food (from the Tea Room) and merriment."

Outgoing Chair, Deborah Karwisch, couldn't be more pleased. "It's nice to end on such a high note. In the eight years I've been involved with the Christmas House Arts & Crafts Show, the number of exhibitors has more than doubled and sales increased every year."

The South Cobb Arts Alliance event is run entirely by volunteers and Karwisch credits much of the success to the hard work of her core committee. "My sincere thanks to my committee, the SCAA volunteers, and to Cobb County Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs for their unwavering support over the years."

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