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NEW SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE BUILT ON BELMONT HILLS SITE

A new elementary school promised for Smyrna will be located on the Belmont Hills development near Campbell High School.

The school district has identified property between Ward Street and Atlanta Road, immediately north and east of Campbell High School.

The new school was approved by voters in 2008 as part of the school capital projects program funded by a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. The new school would open in the fall of 2013. The 18-acre site is contiguous to both the Belmont Hills redevelopment area and the back entrance of Campbell High School, and is less than one mile from the Smyrna Village Green.

As part of the school construction project, the school district has offered to purchase the Smyrna Commons apartment complex that was recently acquired by the City of Smyrna's Downtown Area Development Corporation. The apartment complex would become vacant once all leases run their full course and expire by early 2012. The SDADC had purchased the complex as part of right-of-way acquisition for construction of a future Atlanta

Road-Ward Street connector that is part of the Cobb County's 2011 SPLOST referendum. The 7.5-acre parcel to be obtained by the school district would border the new road and will be converted to playing fields and open space that could be used by the new elementary school as well as Campbell High School, and also could be made available for community use after school hours (see Parcel 3 on the attached map).

"This is an excellent proposal that would seem to serve the entire community well," said Tim Stultz, a member of the Cobb County Board of Education who represents the Smyrna area. "I am looking forward to opening a new, state-of-the-art school that will fit perfectly with the eventual redevelopment of the area. We hope, in fact, that a school of this quality will help spur redevelopment sooner than it may otherwise occur. I am also proud of the fact that we are partnering with the City of Smyrna to help improve the area. This new school and the entire development will benefit this community for decades to come."

The school board was to vote on the proposed \$7.8 million land acquisition at its regular meeting on Feb. 17.

YOUR SALES TAX IS WORKING IN SPLOST

By Carol Thompson

Cobb's new courthouse is gorgeous - isn't it?

...And we built it. We, meaning all of the people that pay sales tax when they shop in Cobb County -- this includes our residents and our non-residents which represent 30% of the monies collected. We built this seven story Superior Courthouse for \$63 million, we added 1,152 beds to the County jail (required by Federal law) for a

cost of \$110 million, and we are widening and improving several congestion spots through out the County. Completed: the Stilesboro Road improvements for \$15.1 million.



Under construction is the Windy Hill/Macond Road Connector (\$27 million), completion date is August 31, the Barrett Parkway widening from four to six lanes, \$27 million estimated, expected completion - December 2012; Big Shanty Road improvements which will provide an east-west reliever for Chastain Rd and Barrett Parkway. Being done in three phases the County has partnered with Georgia Department of Transportation and Town Center CID, to complete this \$18 million project. Phase 3 will be finished this month, and Phases 1 and 2 will be completed in April of 2012.

The point is, all of these projects, and many more, were paid for by the monies raised in our 2005 SPLOST which expires in December 2011. The Cobb SPLOST is and has been critical in keeping our property taxes low -- Cobb is the lowest taxed

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Breaking ground at The Crossings at Four Corners are, from left: Paul Xhajanka of Kroger; Sen. Doug Stoner; Mike McNabb; Hugh Robinson of Tri-Land Properties; Smyrna Mayor Max Bacon; Pete Woods; Melleny Pritchett; and Wade Lenenicka. At left, with plans for the re-development are, from left, Bacon, Xhajanka, McNabb, and Robinson.

THE CROSSINGS AT FOUR CORNERS REDEVELOPMENT BREAKS GROUND

New life is coming to the Four Corners area of South Cobb Drive and Concord Road in Smyrna. A different style of groundbreaking was held Feb. 8 complete with the traditional shovels and hard-hats livened up by the addition of a backhoe knocking down a former bank drive-through.

"A lot of folks told us this day would never happen; but it's finally happening," said Smyrna Mayor Max Bacon, about the new 93,000 square foot Kroger with a gas station will anchor a remodeled shopping center called The Crossings at Four Corners. "We've been working on this for the past three to four years. There won't be anything like it around here."

Eight acres of the project will be home to a 96,000 square foot Kroger, the company's largest grocery store in the area. In addition to the new Kroger, the redevelopment of The Crossings at Four Corners will include the installation of a traffic light at the north property line of the project and South Cobb Drive, the renovation of 60,000-square-feet of retail space and the development of eight outparcels available for lease or sale; as well as a 25,000 square foot pad available for a new anchor tenant, located adjacent to Kroger.

The project is being built by Westchester, Ill.-based Tri-Land Properties, Inc.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY IN SMYRNA

Keep Smyrna Beautiful and the City of Smyrna will host an Arbor Day Tree Ceremony and light lunch on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. at Smyrna's Arboretum by the Community Center. Native trees planted in honor of individuals and their donors will be recognized. This is a free event that is open to the public; however, reservations are required. Call Keep Smyrna Beautiful at 770-431-2863 if you are interested in attending. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held

"Our primary business for the last 25 years is acquiring old run-down centers and redeveloping them," said Hugh Robinson, executive vice president of Tri-Land.

"We're thrilled to bring The Crossings at Four Corners to the residents of Smyrna and the surrounding region," said Robinson. "The project will breathe new life into the South Cobb Drive corridor, bringing great new retailers to the market."

The groundbreaking brought together
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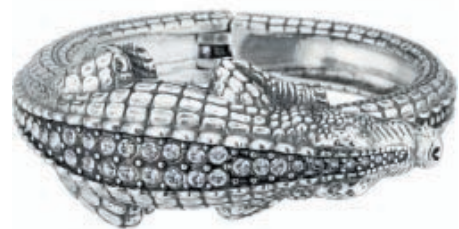
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FEBRUARY IS NEWSPAPER OWNERSHIP MONTH

By Cathy Shattles Lipsett
Editor/Publisher

February is the Lipsett month for new beginnings. Specifically, it is our month for starting new ventures in newspaper publishing.

The Bright Side Newspapers for Smyrna/Vinings and for Mableton/Austell are not the first newspapers Allan and I have owned. We bought our first weekly newspaper several decades ago in Camden County, Georgia. Our second venture in weekly newspaper ownership was in another metro county, included outside partners, and was not as hands on or as long-lasting.

Our third newspaper ownership and publishing venture is the *The Bright Side* Smyrna/Vinings. We started publishing it in February 2005 and the Mableton/Austell edition was started in 2006. This has been a very rewarding endeavor both personally and professionally.

Owning and publishing a weekly newspaper before the age of personal computers, internet, digital cameras, and cell phones was much more labor intensive. Previously, we had a large staff with reporters and both front and back shop employees. Owning and publishing *The Bright Side*, in this age of instant communication, means we can keep our employees to just the two of us (with assist from contract sales help). Publishing good news simplifies things as well. We no longer cover every meeting of city councils, commissioners, school boards and other commissions and committees. We rely on some coverage by us personally with most of our news supplied by folks in our community.

We also don't sell subscriptions. We go by direct mail into 20,000 homes with each edition. We distribute by postal carrier and rural route. We are gratified that so many people want to receive the paper; more than we can afford to send the paper to. However, for those not on our mailing lists, we have copies available at various locations throughout the community. The routes do change as the post office changes the routes. I try to stay on top of the changes, but sometimes one route is dropped and another picked up. I continually make adjustments to our mailing list.

The number of pages changes from month to month depending on the amount of advertising sold. Our advertisers are the

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representatives from the City of Smyrna including Mayor Bacon and Councilman Mike McNabb, who took leadership roles for the city on the project; Hugh Robinson of Tri-Land Properties, the property owner and re-development specialist; Paul Khajanka, Real Estate Manager for The Kroger Company; and State Sen. Doug Stoner, who spearheaded the push for the traffic light and traffic improvements.

The new Kroger store will offer a fuel station, bakery and deli products, a floral department, a wine shop and drive-thru pharmacy. The former retail center, The Crossings, was built about 1971 and was the home of a Winn-Dixie. Tri-Land bought the property in 1996 and had tenants until last year.

backbone of the newspaper. Without them we would not have the ability to print and distribute the newspaper each month. We are also online with the full newspaper and with updates to news and the calendar throughout the month. We can be found online at www.brightsidecobb.com. I hope our readers will mark this page and refer to it often during the month. We like having an online presence but we will continue to publish a print edition as well.

Why do I keep using the terms owners and newspaper? There is not some big outside corporation that has ownership control. Allan and I don't "work for" the newspaper; we own it. Well, we do work at producing it, but it is a creation that we started; that we are responsible for. We publish *The Bright Side* as part of the public relations and advertising firm we started in 1992. We are newspaper journalists; we're not trying to be a glossy magazine and we're not just an online newsletter. We are a monthly newspaper with news and advertising and a very impressive circulation. We charge for advertising but not for news. We would love to give everyone free ads but then we would no longer be in business.

There are other Bright Side publications in Cobb County owned by our friend Carol Thompson. Carol started the original Bright Side nearly two decades ago. She owns her publications and we own ours but we can create an advertising buy for a customer in combination with the two companies that will reach more than 100,000 homes in Cobb County.

As we begin our seventh year of publishing the Smyrna Vinings *Bright Side*, we want to say thank you to the advertisers, community "reporters", and readers who have given the paper life during the past years. We look forward to a bright future as we continue to be a newspaper of choice in Southern Cobb.

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Children waiting to be adjusted in a poor, unfinished church



Dr. Conte with the head priest.

THE SPANISH ISLAND

By Dr. Derek Conte

519 years ago, the Spanish sent three ships west into oceans unknown to find a quicker trade route to the Far East. The ships were manned by 77 men of all sorts: adventurers, mercenaries, even criminals awaiting sentence. The success of the trip was remote with no guarantee anyone would ever return from the journey alive but, after 31 days at sea, the Genovese captain finally sighted land. It was an island so lush, green and rich that Christopher Columbus was moved to call it, "the Pearl of the Caribbean". He also called it the "Spanish island", and so it became known as "Hispaniola".



Dr. Derek Conte

Of course, Hispaniola today is comprised of two countries, Haiti, to the west and, to the east, the Dominican Republic, the site of the most recent chiropractic mission trip by Chiromissions, led by Dr. Peter Morgan. I joined this trip myself because I missed that feeling of excitement and revelation I experienced in Tibet last year and, to be sure, working with the Dominican people, I got it in spades.

5,000 years before Columbus' journey, Hispaniola was populated by the Arawak and other tribes from Central and South America. They eventually blended to become the peaceful Taino people, which Columbus first encountered and called, "Indians", because he believed he'd actually landed in India. On Columbus' second trip back in 1493, he found the Taino population diminished, partly due to disease and partly to attack by a cannibalistic, warrior-tribe known as the Carib. To support the booming agriculture the Europeans brought with colonization, African slaves were imported to assist the Taino in the fields.

Ultimately, all these populations: White, Black, Taino/Carib, all mixed and became today's Dominican people.

"Haiti", the Taino word for "mountainous land", was colonized in the 1600's by the French and quickly became known as the "Jewel of the Caribbean", the richest island there or anywhere else in the world, it was thought. But the French also achieved this on the back of African slavery and finally, in the early 1800's, with the passionate scent of the American and French revolutions still in the air, a slave revolt resulted in the slaughter of virtually every French man, woman and child in the territory and marked the beginning of Haiti's decline, which seems not yet to have reached its nadir.

It is these, and many other populations that chiropractic missionaries go to serve, at their own expense, to heal the sick and to bring the power of chiropractic to the consciousness of the world. On this mission, 49 doctors and students worked in churches in the northern Dominican Republic for a week and adjusted over 7,000 people, from babies to those with crutches and wheelchairs. One 8-year-old child I adjusted, named David, was in a wheelchair with cerebral palsy. When we were finished he tried to speak the first words of his life to thank me and say, "Goodbye". These missions are full of small miracles and I was proud to be among those who served. I will do it again. Looking forward to Cuba!

Dr. Derek Conte is a founder of Chiropractic Specialists on Concord Road in Smyrna. For questions or a consultation, call: 404-784-6008.

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The Noteworthy 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m. on Feb. 26 at Marietta High School.

The 5K is a Peachtree Road Race

Qualifier on a USA Track & Field certified course. That means a good performance in the Noteworthy could yield a runner a better starting position in the Peachtree Road Race. Non-competitors are also welcome to run or walk in the 5K.

Meanwhile, the 1 Mile Fun Run is exactly what it says it is. In other words, non troppo.

For more information, or to register, visit www.cobbsymphony.org.

A TRUST COULD HELP YOU NOW

By Robert Meyring

Trusts are powerful instruments that have many good uses; but Trusts and Wills are also the most misunderstood and exploited instrument in the Trusts & Estates attorney's toolbox. There are scads of lawyers, professionals, and websites that will promise to help write a Will or establish a Trust. A cheap Will is not always an effective Will.



That said, Trusts are effective if utilized correctly such as:

- If you're entering an upper tax bracket this year, congratulations. You'll probably have to pay more income tax, unless you reduce your taxable income before filing your tax return. A Trust could help here.
- When a life insurance policy pays out to beneficiaries under age 18, a Trust must be created by law for management of the Minor's insurance monies.
- If your friend needs to qualify for assistance, like Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) or Supplemental Income, a

Trust can often be the recipient of enough income to lower the reportable income of the applicant to qualify for the assistance.

- If a person receives a lump sum settlement check for disability insurance, often there is a big income tax IRS bill that comes with the check. If the check is paid to a trust for the person's benefit with specific standards, then the tax bill may be deferred or never assessed.

Other purposes include sheltering monies for a surviving spouse; management of monies for surviving children; benefiting a charity; creating a legacy.

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Robert S. Meyring, managing partner of Meyring Law Firm, offers free 10 minute phone consultations at 678-217-4369. Robert Meyring was recently interviewed on WPBA-TV Channel 30. To see the interview go to <http://bit.ly/fhqe1C>.

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CAMPBELL MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCES TO REGIONALS IN HELEN RUFFIN READING BOWL

The fifth annual Cobb County School District Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Competition was held Saturday, January 22, at R.L. Osborne High School in Marietta. Campbell placed second among the thirteen middle schools competing in the Middle School Division. Awtrey and Campbell Middle Schools will proceed to the Regional Competition, scheduled to take place at The University of West Georgia on February 5.

CMS Team Members competing in Saturday's competition were: Karan Pol, Emily McElhaney, Stephen Haddox, Cydni Adams, Ariel Umana, Alix Stamps, Kendra Bradley, Angelica Rivera and Clara Grimaldo. Other team members are Bettye Tillman, Maegann Stafford, Jasmine Garrett, Kadesha Evans, Yamntre Cole, Davin Gayton, Lofty Wright and Deja Milien. Coaches for the team are Mrs. Glenda Spring, Mrs. Anamika Pol, and Ms. Evelyn Thames. Mrs. Denise Magee is the principal of Campbell Middle School.

BELMONT HILLS SETS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Second Annual Belmont Hills Elementary Golf Tournament is coming up on March 28. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the fifth grade class, and their efforts to get to Savannah this May for a once in a lifetime educational field trip. Ninety eight percent of the school's population receives free or reduced lunch.

The tournament will be held at Pine-tree Country Club in Kennesaw. The format will be a traditional scramble with a 1pm shotgun start. Within the tournament there will be long drive and closest to the pin competitions.

We are in need of corporate sponsors and prizes.

For more information contact Jonathan Tabb at 404-345-0150 or jonathan.tabb@cobbk12.org.

pal of Campbell Middle School.

Helen Ruffin was the media specialist at Skyhaven Elementary School in DeKalb County until her retirement in 1992.

FORUM SET FEB. 23 ON SPLOST VOTE

The League of Women Voters of Marietta-Cobb will sponsor a Forum Feb. 23 from 7 - 9 p.m. concerning the upcoming vote on the Cobb County special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST). Attorney Rose Wing, head of Citizens for Cobb's Future, will present the argument in favor of the SPLOST. Lance Lamberton, Cobb County Taxpayers Association President, will present the argument against the SPLOST.

The forum will be broadcast on Channel 23 and subject to Channel 23 policies. This event will be held at the County Commissioners board room, 100 Cherokee St., Marietta.

Please plan to attend this informative and important meeting, Feb. 23. And remember to vote on March 15. Your vote will count.

AUTHOR THOMAS MULLEN AT SMYRNA BOOK GROUP

Thomas Mullen is the author of *The Last Town on Earth*, which was named Best Debut Novel of 2006 by USA Today, was a Chicago Tribune Best Book of the Year, and was awarded the James Fenimore Cooper Prize. His latest book is the critically acclaimed, *The Many Deaths of the Firefly Brothers*.

Mullen will be joining the Smyrna Book Discussion Group to talk about his novel, *The Last Town on Earth* on Tuesday March 8 at 7 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at Smyrna Public Library.

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TEASLEY TEAM WINS AT LEGO REGIONALS

The Robot Warriors third-grade FIRST LEGO League team at Teasley Elementary School in Smyrna recently won top honors at the FIRST LEGO League Super Regional meet held at Southern Polytech.

The team, coached by Samantha Kasraie and David Monroe, has won two awards and has been chosen to compete in the State Finals scheduled for Jan. 29 at Georgia Tech.

The team members have designed a biomedical device that would allow people with detached retinas to see.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is an 11 year old program developed by the LEGO Corporation and holds competitions around the world culminating in a World Championship (to be held in St. Louis MO this year).

EMORY-ADVENTIST HOSPITAL ACHIEVES HIGH MARKS IN NEW PROVIDER ORDER ENTRY

Last year Emory-Adventist Hospital at Smyrna launched its computerized provider order entry system, or CPOE, an electronic prescribing system for all inpatients. CPOE is designed to reduce medical errors and speed up patient care. Now, Emory-Adventist Hospital has achieved the highest rating obtainable for the Leapfrog CPOE Evaluation Tool, the industry standard CPOE assessment tool.

CPOE systems are electronic prescribing systems that intercept errors when they most commonly occur – at the time medications are ordered. With CPOE, physicians enter orders into a computer rather than on paper. Orders are integrated with patient information, including laboratory and prescription data. The order is then automatically checked for potential errors or problems. Specific benefits of CPOE include:

- Prompts that warn against the possibility of drug interaction, allergy or overdose

• Accurate, current information that helps physicians keep up with new drugs as they are introduced into the market

• Drug-specific information that eliminates confusion among drug names that sound alike

"The fact that Emory-Adventist Hospital received the overall rating of 'fully implemented' for medication checking, the highest rating obtainable, shows the commitment of our doctors and clinicians to patient safety and superior care," said Dennis Kiley, CEO, Emory-Adventist Hospital at Smyrna.

Leapfrog's CPOE Evaluation Tool was developed by First Consulting Group and the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, and provides hospitals with an assessment of the adequacy of their CPOE system alerts for common, serious prescribing errors. The tool requires hospitals to download a series of simulated patients and medication orders, and to input those patient/medication combinations into the hospital's CPOE system.

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Cub Scout Pack 1 Pinewood Derby was held on January 29th at the Scout Hut. Twenty racers competed in the race that featured 40 heats! Winners will be announced at the Blue and Gold Banquet. Pack 1 is sponsored by the Log Cabin Sunday School in Vinings.

JONQUIL GARDEN CLUB: FABULOUS ORCHIDS!

The Jonquil Garden Club extends an invitation for you to join us for new and exciting programs in 2011. Starting the year on an exotic note will be orchid culturist Sondra Nierenberg who will present a program titled "Orchids and their Culture" on Feb. 22. The meeting will be held at the Smyrna Library at 10:30 a.m.

ronment by encouraging conservation and plantings, not only in our own gardens, but in public places as well.

Meetings are held at 10:30 a.m. on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Smyrna Public Library. Anyone interested in gardening, floral and landscape design is welcome to come learn and grow with us. For further information, you may contact Marilyn Parker at 770-949-6640.

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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

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

22: SMYRNA ROTARY. The Smyrna Rotary Club will have Robert "Punchy" Powell speak on February 22. Mr. Powell is a WWII fighter pilot and the author of two books. Smyrna Community Center from 12:15 pm to 1:15 p.m.. He flew 87 combat missions over Europe in P-47 Thunderbolts and P-51 Mustangs, destroyed six German aircraft, scored two probable victories and seven damaged seven enemy planes. Cost: \$15 (includes buffet lunch). To attend, you must RSVP at Info@USAWW1.com.

26: INTOWN ATLANTA PARENTS of Multiples Club (IAPOMC) will hold a huge consignment sale. Check website www.atlantamultiples.com for details. This is a support group for parents of multiples in and around the perimeter with meetings every odd month. Contact Christina at info@intownatlantapomc.org.

MARCH

1: VININGS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, 11:30 a.m. Speaker Ms. Terry Arrington, "Contacts-R-Gold." RSVP 24 hours in advance. www.viningsbusiness.com.

2: SOUTH COBB BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, noon at Mableton Community Center. Speakers Allan and Cathy Lipsett on "Making News: Getting Your Name in the Newspaper."

3: SMYRNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, 11:45 a.m. Smyrna Community Center. RSVP at www.smyrnabusiness.org.

5: DR SEUSS. The Smyrna Public Library will celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday with a visit from the one, the only, THE CAT IN THE HAT on Saturday, March 5. The program presented at 11 and 2 to accommodate our large crowds. Open to all Smyrna Library cardholders and all ages. Registration is required to attend. To register call the Youth Services Department of the Smyrna Library at 770-431-2860 x 3 or email Laura Boynton at lboynton@ci.smyrna.ga.us.

7: FIRST MONDAY BREAKFAST. Governor Nathan Deal will be guest speaker at the Cobb Chamber's First Monday Breakfast on Monday, March 7. General Admission: \$50 Members: \$20 online, \$35 at door. Online Registration Closes: March 3 at noon. Registration at www.cobbchamber.org.

7: VININGS VILLAGE CIVIC CLUB March Madness Party, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. The VININGS FISH Company, a brand new restaurant in Vinings Jubilee. For further information, e-mail us at viningscivicclub@gmail.com or visit our new website: viningsvillagecivicclub.org. Members and Guests are welcome.

8: FAMILY NUTRITION SEMINAR. 7 P.M. March 8. Registered dietitian Jenny Fox in an informative seminar about proper nutrition for the whole family. Class will take place at Emory-Adventist Hospital at Smyrna in the cafeteria. Registration is required, please call 770-319-2025.

8: AUTHOR TALK. Smyrna Reading Group will hear the author of The Last Town on Earth, Thomas Mullen, discuss his book on Tuesday March 8 at 7 p.m. at Smyrna Public Library.

12: REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION. The Cobb County Republican Party Convention will convene at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12 at the Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District Conventions. Registration will open at 9 a.m. Cost \$20. For further information contact us at the Cobb County Republican Party at 770-272-0458 or contact@cobbgov.org

13: ATLANTA FREETHOUGHT, Regular Meeting at 1 p.m. every 2nd Sunday. 4775 N. Church Lane, Smyrna (a mile inside I-285, just

off Atlanta Rd). Our historic building was a church in Smyrna/Vinings for 141 years. Meetings/programs are free and open to the public. Speakers on March 13th will be Dr. Richard Jakiel and Pixie Bruner of the Atlanta Astronomy Club, speaking on "Ancient Astronomical Knowledge." Call 770-432-3049 or visit our website, www.atlantafreethought.org.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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.

BOY SCOUT TROOP ONE meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. New Scouts Welcome! 2845 Log Cabin Drive, Smyrna (off Atlanta Road).

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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.

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

RECOVERY INTERNATIONAL Self-help support group for stress, anxiety, depression, etc. Meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4300 King Springs Road SE, Smyrna, in the old rectory next to the church. Contact Alicia Garcia at 678-665-5233 for more information.

SMYRNA BUSINESS EXCHANGE. Every Thursday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Smyrna Community Center. 770-795-5079.

SMYRNA ROTARY: noon Tuesday, Smyrna Community Center

SMYRNA KIWANIS, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Piccadilly Restaurant, South Cobb Drive, Smyrna

SMYRNA GOLDEN K KIWANIS: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Windy Hill Senior Center, 1885 Roswell Street, Smyrna.

SMYRNA OPTIMIST: 7 a.m. Friday, American Legion Post 160, 160 Legion Drive, Smyrna.

TOASTMASTERS: Interstate North Toastmasters at 3100 Cumberland Boulevard. We meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Visit our website: interstatenorth.freetoasthost.net.

VININGS ROTARY: 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Vinings Club, Overlook III, 2859 Paces Ferry Road.

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.

THE GALLERIA WORLDSPAN Wings Toastmasters Club Tuesdays 12 to 1 p.m., Building 300, main conference room.

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 160 Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday and serves breakfast from 8:am to 11a.m. on the 2nd Saturday of each month and the AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, Unit 160 Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday each month. **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**, Squadron 160 meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tues-

day each month. All of these meetings are at 160 Legion Drive, Smyrna. For more information, access AmericanLegionPost160.org or call 770-436-2501.

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

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

CCC MOPS is a non-profit support group for Mothers of Preschoolers and infants which meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Cumberland Community Church in Smyrna. Please visit www.cumberlandmops.com for more information.

CUMBERLAND VININGS OPTIMIST CLUB: Meeting for breakfast the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Vinings Club, 2859 Paces Ferry Road NW

CHEMOCHIC, a free program sponsored by the Georgia Cancer Foundation for women experiencing Chemotherapy treatment for any type. This empowerment class teaches how to combat the side effects of cancer treatments. ChemoChicSM classes are offered on the fourth Thursday of every month from 1-3 p.m. at the Cancer Wellness at Piedmont at Piedmont Hospital. Led by cancer survivor Rudi Caruthers. Reservations required. To reserve a spot, contact Rudi Caruthers at 770-333-3314, or via e-mail at chemochic@charter.net.

COLON CANCER SUPPORT GROUP. All colon cancer survivors are invited to join the colorectal support group at the Cancer Support Community (formerly The Wellness Community) on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6 – 8 p.m. Family and Caregivers are welcome. 5775 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Building C, Suite 225. For additional information call: 404-843-1880 or visit www.cscatlanta.org

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.

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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/momsclubofsmyrnaeast for more. The Smyrna-Northeast chapter includes zip code 30339 and zip code 30080 east of Atlanta Road. Please visit www.momsclubofsmyrnaeast.com for more. Smyrna-West chapter includes zip code 30082. Please visit www.momsclubofsmyrnawest.com for more. Smyrna/Vinings-West chapter includes zip code 30082 in the Nickajack & Russell school district. Please email momsclubofsmyrnaviningswest@yahoo.com for more information.

NAVY LEAGUE ATLANTA METRO COUNCIL. The Atlanta Metropolitan Council, Navy League of the United States is looking for new members! 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 Information contact Frank Campbell, 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. Those new to Cobb County, or just looking for new friends and activities, are invited to join in.

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. Website www.NOWAMOM.org, or call the information line at 678-404-0034.

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.

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

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

VININGS VILLAGE CIVIC CLUB meets the first Monday of each month September through June at 7 p.m. at various locations around Vinings. For further information, e-mail us at viningscivicclub@gmail.com or visit our new website: viningsvillagecivicclub.org. Members and Guests are welcome.

E-mail your organization's calendar news to news@brightsidecobb.com. Deadline for the MARCH issue is MARCH 3 with publication on MARCH 14. 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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OLIVIA BOGGS TO SWIM AT UGA

Olivia Boggs of Smyrna, signed a National Letter of Intent to swim for the University of Georgia next fall. Boggs is considered one of the top five prospects in the state. She was the 2010 Georgia Long Course Championship in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and was runner up in the 100 freestyle event. Boggs is a two time Scholastic All American and has qualified for the United States National Championships in the 100 and 200 Breaststroke events. She is a senior at Woodward Academy and will graduate summa cum laude in May. Pictured, top row, from left, Laurie Davidson, Woodward Swim Coach; Kevin Greaney (Woodward Swim Coach); Ron McCollum, Woodward Academy Headmaster; Dave Chandler (Woodward Academy Athletic Director; Bottom row, Caroline Boggs, sister; Stephen Boggs, father; Olivia Boggs; Beth Boggs, mother. Miss Boggs is coached by Doug Gjertsen of Swim Atlanta.



FLUELLEN SIGNS WITH TUSCULUM

On February 2, Campbell High School Senior Trey Fluellen signed a letter of intent for a football scholarship at Tusculum College in Tennessee. Trey is pictured with his family and Campbell High School staff at the signing are back Row, from left, Coach James Thigpen, Campbell High School Principal Dr. Grant Rivera, Head Football Coach T. K. Dodd, Administrator and Athletic Director Audra Saunders, Coach Mike McCloud, Coach Sundae Dunavin; front Row: Tyson Fluellen, Tangie Fluellen, Trey Fluellen, Tabious Carter, Tristan Carter, Chimere Love.

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'MURDER GOES SOUTH'

Bestselling Mystery Author Erica Spindler, right, spoke to more than 70 fans at the Friday dinner. Here she chats with Bob Sprinkle and Trish McFadden. Saturday's session featured author talks and workshops on various crime aspects, including Rusty Adams with the US Customs at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport with his beagle dog, Linus. There were attendees from as far away as Sarasota, Fla. and Baton Rouge, La.

DR. SEUSS CELEBRATED AT SMYRNA LIBRARY

We're having a party! We're making a fuss! We want YOU to celebrate with us!

The Smyrna Public Library will celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday with a visit from the one, the only, THE CAT IN THE HAT on Saturday, March 5th. Our "Seuss Spectacular" will include Dr. Seuss Stories, songs, and a meet and greet with the Cat! Bring your cameras and your books to be autographed! We're offering the program at 11

and 2 to accommodate our large crowds. This program is open to all Smyrna Library cardholders and is for all ages. Registration is required to attend, so sign up soon before the programs become full!

To register to attend, please call the Youth Services Department of the Smyrna Library at 770-431-2860 x 3 or email Laura Boynton at lboynton@ci.smyrna.ga.us.

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DR. NANETTE COOK EXPANDS MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr. Nanette Cook has expanded her medical and weight loss practice to include obstetrics and gynecology at 4480 Cooper Lake Road, Suite 220, Smyrna.

Dr. Cook has practiced for eight years in Cobb County after two years in DeKalb. She is a Magna Cum Laude graduate from Spelman College and Medical College of Georgia and did her residency at Eastern Virginia Medical School, earning the "Most Compassionate Resident Award."

"Our number one priority is the patient," Dr. Cook said. "I know it sounds like a cliché, but we focus on providing excellent customer service where each patient is given the amount of time and attention that they need. We strive to make their visit with us as pleasant an experience as we can."

She opened the weight management practice in 2007 and incorporated the gynecology portion this year. She has been practicing Obstetrics and Gynecology in Cobb County for the past eight years. A native of Phoenix, AZ, she also grew up in Texas. She is married and has two young children, ages 4 and 7.

Dr. Cook and her staff strive to provide quality healthcare to women in a nurturing environment.

In advice to her patients, she says, "First and foremost I tell patients to make sure they feel extremely comfortable with their gynecologist as they should feel like they can share anything with him or her. Secondly, they should never be afraid to ask questions or even seek a second opinion when indicated. I feel that with proper



guidance, patients should and need to be their own advocates."

The OB-GYN practice offers annual Pap Smear screening, in-office tubal ligation, "band-aid" hysterectomy, infertility evaluation and treatment, fibroid treatment, pregnancy confirmation, endometriosis treatment, medical weight loss and family planning.

"I love what I do and I value my relationship with patients," she said. "I believe the key to providing good healthcare starts with listening to the patient. I strive to make my patients feel valued and well cared for from the time they enter my office to the time they leave. My staff and myself make every effort to personalize each patient's care."

For more information call 770-431-2322 or visit the website at www.cookgyn.com.

SPLOST VOTE IS NOT A TAX INCREASE

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county in the region. The Cobb SPLOST allows our County to function with cash. The loss of this revenue would force the county to raise property taxes, incur costly deferral of maintenance, and rely on debt (borrowing) or all of the above to keep pace with our growth. Bottom line SPLOST funds provide a vehicle for our community to pay as we go instead of putting debt off on our kids and grand kids.

The needs of the 2011 SPLOST have been gathered from 25 public meetings - meetings held to review, discuss and revise the list of SPLOST projects. The four year SPLOST which begins January 1, 2012 and runs through December 31, 2015 is projected to generate \$492,068,482 in revenue for Cobb County and our six cities. The monies stay right here in our collective pockets- none are shared with either the State or the Federal government. Fifty-one percent (\$250,885,000) will be used for transportation improvements. The six cities will share \$129,515,662 (26 percent)

to use on projects they have already determined, \$82,023,000 (17 percent) will be set aside for Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs, \$16,748,420 (3 percent) will be used to revitalize public facilities (including libraries, senior services, judicial and public health buildings) and 3 percent (\$12,898,400) is designated for Public Safety

As citizens, we have the opportunity to continue investing in our future on March 15, 2011 by voting YES. A YES vote for the 2011 Cobb SPLOST is not a tax increase -- it is, in fact, a continuation of our current sales tax rate of 6 cents on the dollar, of which a penny is designated for SPLOST. Our sales tax is the lowest in the region. More information is available at www.cobbsplost2011.org, including a very detailed booklet on exactly where the money will be spent, how and why. If you have questions, read it.

Carol Thompson is Editor of our sister Bright Side Newspapers in Kennesaw, Acworth, and Marietta



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Wednesday Surf + Turf

Join us every Wednesday from 5-10 pm for surf and turf, Southern-style. Sink your teeth into a cooked-to-order filet of ribeye, shrimp corndogs with horseradish-Creole mustard aioli and smashed red bliss potatoes—for only \$22 per person.*

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Windy Hill Senior Center

Here's what is happening at the Windy Hill Senior Center, 1885 Roswell Street, Smyrna. Call 770-801-5320 for details or reservations. Activities limited to adults age 55 and above.

Flamingo Dance Club -- Saturday, Feb. 19, 8 – 11 p.m. Cost: \$7 Members; \$10 Non members. Dance to a live band and the music you love to hear. You may purchase tickets at the door.

Advance Directive Workshop - Tuesday, Feb. 22, 10 – 11:30 a.m. Free. An Advance Directive is your life on your terms. Whether you're 18 or 80, documenting your wishes today means your family won't have to make heart-wrenching decisions later.

Party Bridge Tournament and Luncheon -- Thursday, Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$8 / \$10 Non Residents. Back by popular demand, test your skills against fellow seniors Enjoy a delicious lunch and win some great prizes too. Partner required. Presented by Atherton Place.

An Eye on Health: Cataracts -- Friday, Feb. 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Free. A cataract is the clouding of the lens in your eye. Marietta Eye Clinic will present this talk where we will learn about the signs, treatment, and ways you can prevent age related cataracts which is responsible for 48% of the world's blindness.

Movies for Senior Who Love Movies -- Friday, Feb. 25: You Again. 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$1 / \$2 Non Residents. When a young woman realizes her brother is about to marry the girl who bullied her in high

school, she sets out to expose the woman's true colors. This delightful comedy stars Jamie Lee Curtis, Sigourney Weaver and Betty White.

Luck of the Irish Luncheon -- Friday, March 18, 12 p.m. Cost: \$8 / \$10 Non Residents. Join Windy Hill for some good ol' Irish fun!! It's time for celebratin' and the wearin' o' the green, come and celebrate luck, life and laughter. Enjoy a traditional meal of corn beef and cabbage with traditional step dancing and some singing.

Flamingo Dance Club -- Saturday, March 19, 8 – 11 p.m. (Doors open 7:30 p.m.) Cost: \$7 Members; \$10 Non members. Dance to a live band and the music you love to hear. Non members may purchase tickets at the door.

An Eye on Health: Glaucoma - Wednesday, March 23, 11 a.m. Free. Glaucoma, where fluid gathers in the eye damaging the optic nerve, is the number one cause of preventable blindness and is especially common in seniors. Learn more about it and what you can do to prevent it from our friends at Marietta Eye Clinic.

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4220 Cheltingham
What a Value!
\$339,000

Located in King Valley, a desirable s/t Community, this home boasts 3 finished levels of great space including a cheerful vaulted great room overlooking a private yard.. 3 secondary b/r up are perfect teen suites and secluded from the master on the main. A private yard encourages outdoor activity and the finished lower level is perfect for indoor play.



1132 Oakview Drive
Big Boy Toys
\$156,000

A darling home with 3 bedrooms & 2 baths comes with this 3 car detached garage—perfect for a workshop or the shade tree mechanic. If you're searching for space for heavy hobbies, search no further. The home also offers 2 new baths, hardwood floors and excellent location.



Approved Short Sale

5017 Duxford
Fit for a King
\$325,000

Extra large rooms with volume contribute to the upscale feel of this home. The master bedroom is pure luxury. The kitchen is over the top and three large bedroom suites have pvt bath access. An office, a fenced yard, a s/t n'hood. It's all good.



1486 Forest
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\$250,000

1/2 + acre of privacy just a few miles from 285 and walking distance to the Village. A solid brick ranch with full basement, and loads of possibilities. Why wait? If Forest Hills is your choice, this may be the deal you're looking for.



4353 Cooper Oaks
5 Bedrooms/5 1/2 Baths
\$450,000

Upscale everything! Handsome kitchen with island and stainless appliances, large bedroom suites and a full finished lower level. Guest bedroom on the main. Perfect Yard. Great location right off Cooper Lake near E/W.



3156 Chatley Way
Shows Beautifully
\$190,000

Gleaming hardwood floors cover the main level in the pretty home. The cheerful breakfast area looks over a private 3/4+ acre lot on a cul de sac, and the master suite is smashing. This one won't last. See it today!



304 Mill Pond
In the Treetops
\$94,000

2 BR/2BA condo in convenient location right off of So. Cobb near King Springs. Decks give you a view of the treetops—privacy and peaceful. Fresh, clean and ready to move in. Nice floorplan for roommates, too.



3218 Millwood Trail
Heritage at Vinings
\$369,000

Teasley School District and Heritage at Vinings is a great combination. This pretty stone and shingle home offers a bedroom on the main, master with fireplace and a \$5K allowance to purchaser to make changes to an all ready pretty home. Don't miss this opportunity.



JUST LISTED

1915 Tristan Drive

Master on Main \$319,000
Popular Paces Green s/d, a John Wieland s/t community in an excellent location with great access to 285/Atlanta Road. Beautiful new kitchen, full unfinished basement for expansion. Large bedrooms up and bonus room too.



2400 Cumberland Parkway

Living is Easy \$174,500
This 2BR/2BA condo is spacious, light and cheerful. The complex is gated and even offers an exercise facility. Perfect for the commuter to the airport. Roommates would work well here, too.

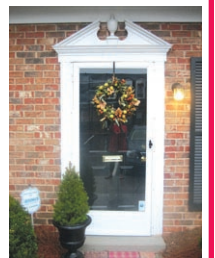


3786 Cliff Crest
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You can be the beneficiary of the owner/designers architectural skills. A dramatic open floor plan is perfect for entertaining, and you'll be proud to do it in this home. Master on Main, 3 car garage, finished lower level with a card room & wet bar. & an excellent location add to the desirability of this property.

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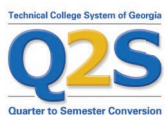
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DADS, DAUGHTERS ENJOY DATE NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A

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Fathers and daughters were encouraged to spend the evening together, enjoying time in the restaurant and participating in activities.

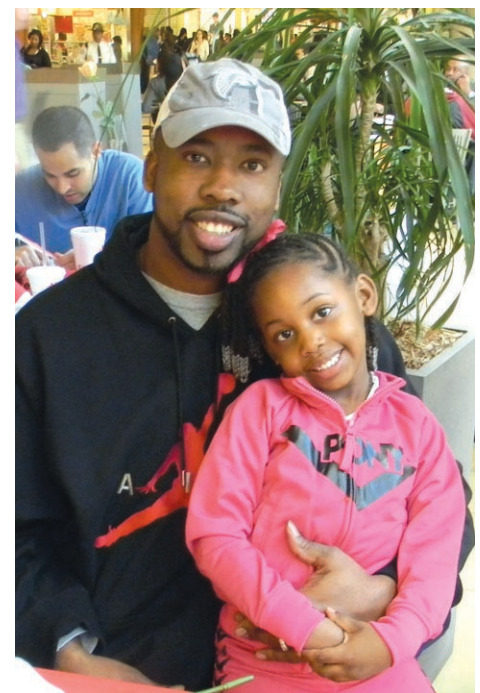
“One of Chick-fil-A’s goals is to promote community connections and enrich the lives of everyone we come in contact with,” said Robin Lomax, Chick-fil-A area marketing director. “We understand the importance of father-daughter relationships and wanted to encourage Atlanta community members to take a break from busy schedules, enjoy their loved ones’ company over a meal and celebrate the significant relationship in their lives.”

Each Chick-fil-A celebrated in its own way. For some, the event was a red carpet affair, with table service, music and dancing, photography and even limousine rides. Christopher Pelaia, Director of Operations for the Cumberland Mall & Akers Mill locations even wore a tuxedo for the event and greeted each guest as they arrived to the mall for dinner. Pelaia said each couple received a special tray liner with questions and conversation topics to get the fun going, even a word search with a Chick-Fil-A and Valentine’s theme was available to work on while waiting for dinner. All daddies and daughters left the Cumberland Mall Chick-fil-A with a booklet called “Continuing the Conversation” that provides additional idea, they also left with a cow toy, a coupon for a return visit and a fresh long stemmed rose.

The event was by reservation only. In addition to Pelaia hosting the event,



Cumberland’s Christopher Pelaia dons a tux.



he credits much of the success to Luisa Gonzalez, store manager and Andrew Schramper, Unit Marketing Director for making it happen. The guests were waited on like a full service restaurant and it really enhanced the experience. There was even a 50 year old dad with a 28 year old daughter who said that Chick-Fil-A is their special get-a-way place and this was truly a special evening.

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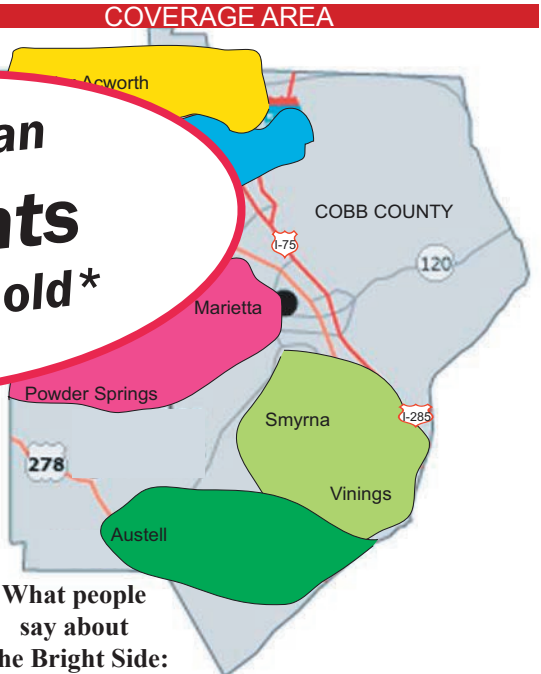
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