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2012 New Year's Greetings from Elvin Hill Elementary

The faculty, staff, and students of EHES would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Our New Year's Resolution is to provide an engaging curriculum, which is differentiated, in order to meet the individual needs of all students, in a caring and loving environment.

Congratulations to Lauren Ruston for receiving a grant from Target to provide funds for a field trip to the Alabama Theater. Again congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Stephen Kearley, and Ms. Geneva, from our Lunchroom, who is Staff Support Person of the Year.

Finally a huge thanks to the many students from our local

communities who made the pre-parade performance at our annual Christmas Parade a foot – stomping, hand-clapping, joyful experience for the performers as well as the huge crowd, gathered to watch the pre-show performers. Congratulations to the dancers from our local schools that were selected by audition, to perform on live TV, at the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Florida on Jan. 2, 2012. This opportunity is one that these families will always remember. Six routines were performed by the girls for pre-show, half-time, and grand finale'.

Parents, please mark in on your calendar. Our annual Open House is January 19th at 5:30. We would love to see you all. January 16th is a holiday, no school. Happy New Year, 2012.

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Happy New Year! I'm writing this article on December 15th. Given this year's crazy weather, I have no idea if you'll be reading this as a gentle snow covers our city, or if you're getting ready to cut your grass for yet another time. But one thing is for certain: We made it through another year, and that's enough to be thank God for right there.

This year, 2012, may be a significant year for you if you believe all that silliness about the world ending in December. I hope you don't buy into that. But, if you do, let me know and I'll be glad to see what kind of handtools or automobiles you won't need much longer. Maybe we can work out a deal. Seriously, 2012 already holds a lot of promise to folks in town. With the recent purchase of several of our once-vacant buildings, more businesses will continue to call Columbiana home. In the last three weeks of the day that I'm writing this, we've had six new businesses open, and four of those have been ribbon-cutting events sponsored by Stacy Walkup and the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce. January is always the month that business licenses renew, and we're sending out more renewal notices than we've ever sent before. Another sidewalk project has just been completed, and we'll soon move to another place in the city to start replacing sidewalk, in keeping with our city's sidewalk master plan. Let me know if you'd like to take a look at it. We should have it on the city website before long. Speaking of the website, it will soon have a complete renovation to make it much easier to use.

I like trying new approaches to solve problems, and most of the time, those approaches work. I'm working with a large corporation here in town to develop an innovative way to assist them in bringing many more jobs here over the next few months. I also had the pleasure of working with the Alabama Youth Swine Association to bring their annual competition to town. Some of you may not appreciate the hard work and talent that goes into an event like this, but we all can appreciate that over a thousand people came to town that day, had a good time, bought their meals here, made last-minute purchases here, filled up their gas tanks here, and are probably planning on doing it again next year. Oink, oink!

I've just found out that the Karl C. Harrison Museum of George Washington and the Shelby County Museum and Archives will be showcased even more than in the past with a new "Museum Trail" that will kickoff shortly. Many new visitors and tour groups are expected to take this trail, resulting in very positive and very economic impacts in our little city. More on that as we receive information.

Hate to end on a "down" note, but I need to address an issue that's starting to grow. That issue is unpaid bills for sewer and garbage collection service. The council has placed much stronger emphasis on collections of these debts, and a couple of the options are not pleasant. Please, please, please...if you have an outstanding debt from your current or prior address that is over three months old, call City Hall. Do it now! Settle up with the city for what you rightfully owe. We appreciate it very much.

OK, it's the end of the article, so let me give a quick, first-of-the-year pep talk that might stay with some folks longer than it took me to type it: Be thankful! Respect everybody! Do your share of whatever needs doing! Don't litter! And most of all, pray for each other! I'll see you around town. Allan.



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2nd Annual Director's Invitational Art Exhibit

We are excited to once again invite the Shelby County public school visual art teachers to submit pieces of their work for our 2nd Annual Director's invitational Art Exhibit. The opening reception is Sunday, January 15, 2012, from 4-6pm. The exhibit will run through February 23, 2012. Admission for the exhibit is free. We invite everyone to stop by the gallery on Mildred Street to view the work of our dedicated and hardworking art educators. untartyartsCouncil.com

For more information on participating Artists visit our website www.shelbycountyartsCouncil.com or call our office (205) 669-0044.



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Christmas had special meaning at Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation

With presents under the tree, and decorations galore, residents and staff at Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation LLC celebrated a joyous Christmas with family and friends.

"The Christmas season is the most wonderful time of year," said facility administrator, Shannon Bell, "and we appreciated cheer that was shared by oh! so many folks". Ms. Bell added that Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation welcomes members of the community to visit the facility throughout the year. The Novella Club of Columbiana shares its tidings of comfort and joy throughout the year and residents are so very thankful for their thoughtfulness.

Once again, First Baptist Church of Columbiana so generously provided a Christmas Party for the facility's residents. The Church shared holiday merriment, food, entertainment with help from its choir and teenage puppeteers and, of course, the real meaning of Christmas came alive with an oral presentation of the Christmas story which is loved by all.

Festivities included visits from loved ones, community friends and holiday entertainment echoed throughout the facility from churches, schools, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, carolers and even Santa Claus!

Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation is a 63-bed skilled nursing facility located on Hwy. 25 in Columbiana. For more information, contact Kay Sertell Wheless at 669-1712.

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Delinquent Garbage and Sewer Bills

The City of Columbiana is in the process of preparing letters to mail to delinquent garbage and sewer customers in an effort to bring the accounts current and to collect revenues needed to support the services provided to our residents. The letters will go out the beginning of January. We ask that you review your billing and make sure that your account is current.

The City of Columbiana is very fortunate to have back-door garbage service and limb/brush pick-up (limited) as well as a very well run sewer system. Please help us to continue to provide service to all of our residents and maintain our equipment by bringing your account current if it is not. Thank you!

Don't Burn Leaves! Compost Them!

Did you know that the burning of leaves leads to air pollution, health problems and even fire hazards? The open burning of leaves produces particulate matter and hydrocarbons in the air, which contain a number of toxic, irritant and carcinogenic (cancer-causing) compounds. In addition, the leaf smoke also contains carbon monoxide. Serious health conditions can be triggered by the burning of leaves such as asthma attacks, allergic reactions, migraines, throat irritations and upper respiratory infections. Exposure to leaf smoke can wreak havoc on people with asthma, lung or heart diseases.

An alternative to burning leaves is to compose them! Composing can serve many purposes in your yard. It can be used as mulch in flowerbeds and around shrubs or added to the garden and/or potting soil as a soil conditioner.

Not lonely leaves can be composed. Many materials around the home can be added in such as: grass clippings, manure, coffee grounds, fruit peelings, vegetable peelings (do not add meat, grease or dairy products to you compost pile because they can cause odors and attract pests).

For more information on composting you can visit the following web site:

www.howtocompost.org or call/visit the Shelby County Extension Office (205) 669-6763 at 1281 Alabama 70, Columbiana, AL. Happy Composting!

Just for Seniors

Columbiana Senior Center at the
Rec. Building
Monday – Friday 9 AM until 1 PM

For More Information call Donna
Higgins at (205) 669-3969

The January 2012 message from the Shelby County Drug Free Coalition is:
Two thirds of youth ages 13 to 17 say losing their parents' respect is the main reason they don't use drugs. Let your children know every day that you expect them to be drug-free.

For more information, please visit www.shelbycountydrugfreecoalition.org.

The Shelby County Drug Free Coalition provides the drug free message each month. The Coalition is a program of Family Connection made up of volunteers who are concerned about and want to reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. Representatives from law enforcement, health agencies, businesses, church and civic groups and Shelby County Schools are part of the Coalition.

DRUG FREE MESSAGE



Dr. Stancil Handley

"Cares For Eyes"

COLUMBIANA
669-4131

Scrapbook or Craft All Weekend!

Friday, Jan. 27 ~ 6 pm – Midnight

Saturday, Jan. 28 ~ 10 am – 6 pm

Columbiana United Methodist Church

*\$14.00 Weekend Admission Fee
or \$7.00 if you only participate one day
(Please note the change in Admission Fee from 2011)*

Door prizes

Share Ideas

Fun and Fellowship

Buy/Sell gently used supplies and tools

*What to Bring: A snack to share,
supplies and tools for your personal projects,
and gently used supplies and tools that you may want to sell.*

Invite a friend to join you!

*All are WELCOME, but to plan for enough tables, **please** contact
one of the following people to let us know if you will be joining us:*

Sue Eddins ~ Kathy Corbitt ~ Jamie Barnes

670-6985 919-6089 529-6916

Or email: KathyCorbitt@aol.com



Columbiana Friends of the Library

Tues. Jan. 10th – 1 p.m. – Join us for our monthly Friends of the Library meeting and help plan programs that will raise awareness of our wonderful library!

Stack and Whack Quilt Class

Wed. Jan. 11th – 9am-2pm – Come by the library to sign up and pick up your supply list.

Budgeting/ Personal Financial Planning

Thurs. Jan. 12th- 6:30pm – Whip those finances in to shape in the New Year. A representative from Regions Bank will show you how to manage your money and start this New Year feeling good about your financial management.

Pre-school Storytimes with Ms. Jennie

Join us every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
Bring your toddlers and enjoy stories, music, & more!

- 2nd – “Snow”
- 9th – “All-Time Favorites”
- 16th – “Buccaneer Pirates Arrrrr”
- 23th – “Going On an Adventure”
- 30th – “Mother Goose”

Adult Knitting Classes

Join the Loose Stitches Knitting group as we knit for charity, share patterns and fellowship! We also encourage those of you who crochet to join us!

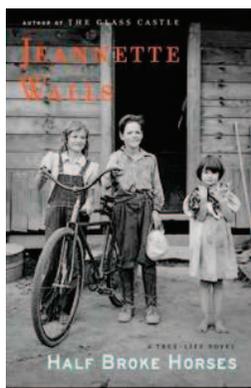
Letter from the Director

By Laurie Hackney

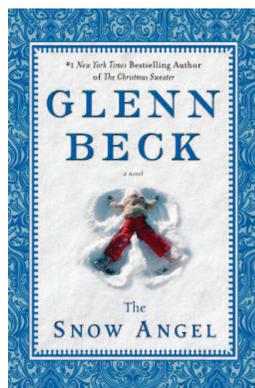
We are all geared up for another great year of programs and events. My head is spinning from all the planning meetings we have held to get ready for this year, and that's just normal programming. We also plan to have an epic Summer Reading program. Don't worry. We haven't forgotten about all the great books and movies you guys have grown accustomed to.

In fact, I have books and movies on order that don't come out for months. You will never be short of material as long as our doors are open. On a less pleasant note, it is tax season. Remember that the library has tax forms available. There will be a table set up in Harrison Regional Library. Happy filing!

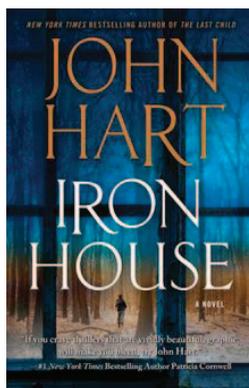
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by Jeannette Walls



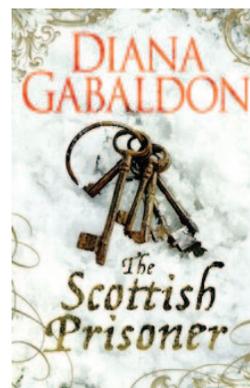
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by Glenn Beck



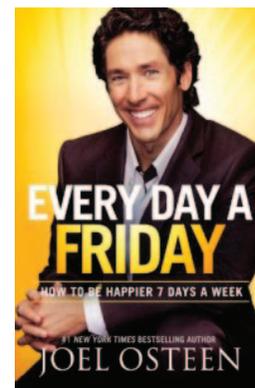
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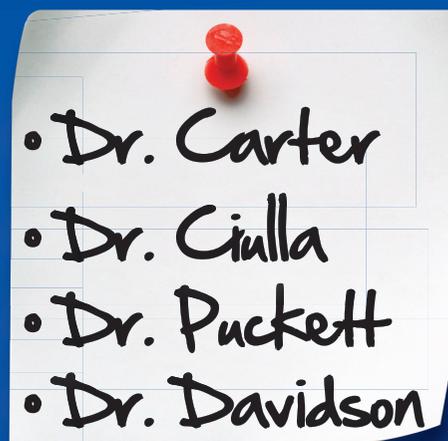
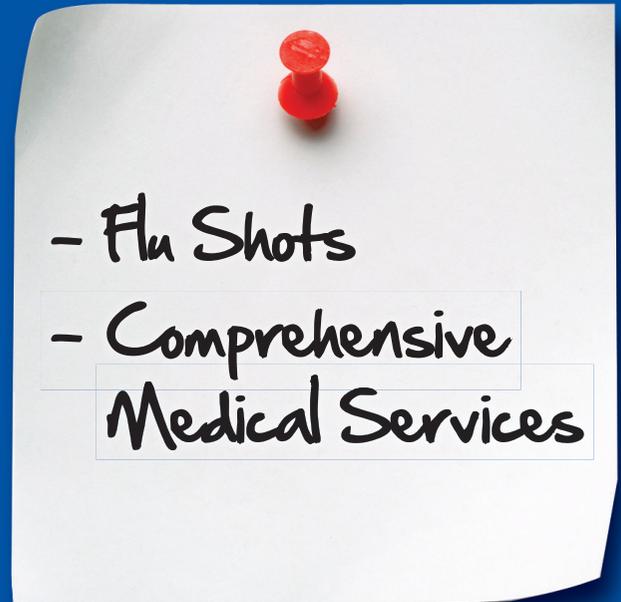
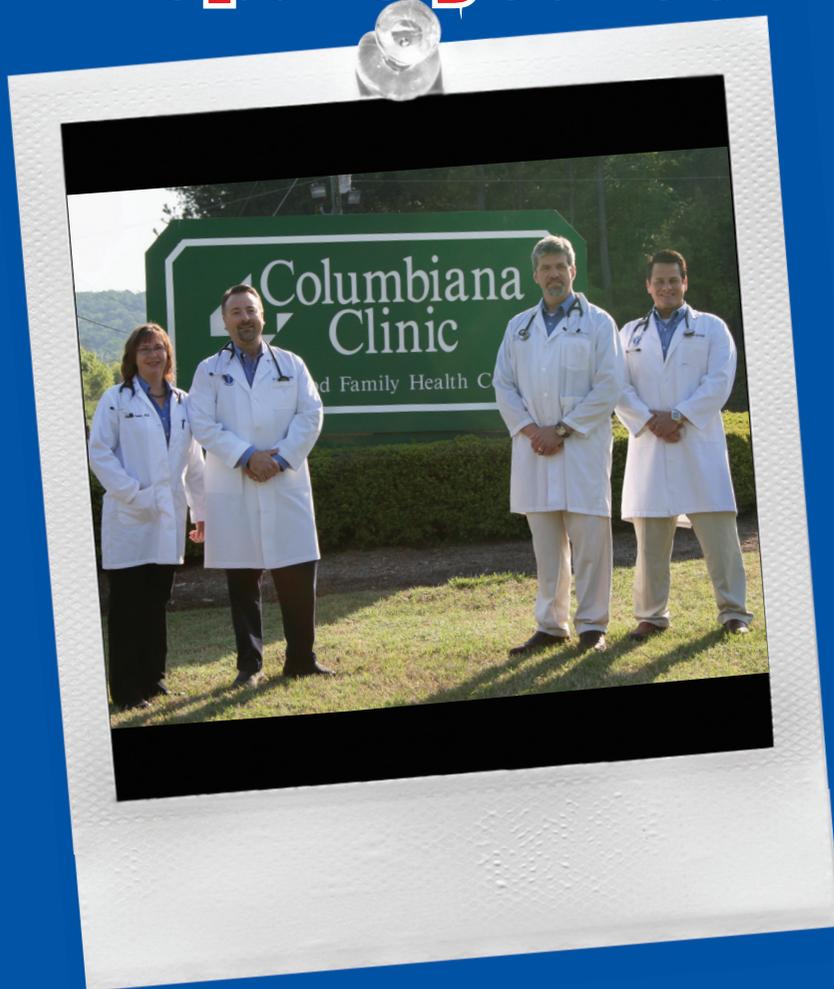
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The Scottish Prisoner
by Diana Gabaldon



Retta
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