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## FREE DUMP DAY!

THE SECOND FREE (NO CHARGE) DUMP DAY FOR THE SHELBY COUNTY LANDFILL IS OCTOBER 8, 2011. HOURS ARE 7:30AM TO 3:30PM. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 669-4169.

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# ELVIN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Good News from Elvin Hill School

“Oh the Places You Will Go” is an outstanding theme at EHES this school year. We had a wonderful “Meet and Greet”, and opening of school. Teachers and staff have worked hard all summer to make sure our school is inviting and welcoming. We welcome our new reading coach, Amy Rooker. Amy was a teacher here in the past, and is now back as our new Reading Coach. Don't forget to sign up now for all of our after-school programs: Baton, Dance, Karate, Daycare, and Art. We truly have a school with something for everyone.

Calendar:

▶September 5th – No school , Labor Day

▶September 6th – Dream Makers Dance/Baton Classes begin, but you can still register.

▶September 8th – Girl Scout Night – 6:30 pm 453-9527 (Angela)

▶September 12th- Fall Fundraiser begins

▶September 20th – Fall pictures made

▶September 28th – Fundraiser money due

▶SCHS – Homecoming parade 1:45 pm

The Elvin Hill Choir & the Dream Makers Dance Team will perform at the County Fair in September.

Thank you to our community for all of your support. We appreciate it.

# COLUMBIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

## News from Columbiana Middle School

Progress reports will be sent home Friday, Sept. 16.

Congratulations to the students and staff for their hard work in helping the school achieve Adequate Yearly Progress this year.

The school's PTSO will begin its fundraiser Sept. 1.

On Sept. 2, Kona Ice will be available at the school for students to purchase.

The week of Sept. 12-16 is Spirit Week. Sept. 22 is fall

## Flag Donations

The City of Columbiana received donations to the Flag Fund in the following amounts:

\$40.00 (in memory of Sonya Lefkovitz)

\$50.00 ( in memory of Norman L. Lefkovits)

\$100.00 (in memory of Sonya Lefkovits)

## ADVERTISE IN THE COLUMBIANA NEWSLETTER

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Ages 9-12

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## Get Connected Get Answers Dial 211

The United Way of Central Alabama has a call center available that can provide individuals and families for referrals for resources to assist them with their needs. Over 80 partners and programs are assisted by the United Way here in Central Alabama.

For help dial: 211

### Columbiana Beautification Board Fundraiser Professional Weed Control

In conjunction with the Columbiana Beautification Board, Kellis Vegetation Management, Inc. will be offering one-time professional herbicide applications through October to any business or residence in South Shelby County in exchange for a \$100 donation to the Columbiana Beautification Board. As part of this fundraising project, Kellis Vegetation will provide weed control for gravel or paved areas and will address kudzu or other brush issues for South Shelby County businesses and residents, up to 1/4 of an acre or 350 feet of fence line.

Weed control services for lawns or other ornamental areas are not being offered. For more information or to take advantage of this offer, please call Brandi Kellis at 317-8769.

### AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH

Jackie Eaves  
570 Jonesboro Circle



## Join the 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

### September's Drug Free Message

The September 2011 message from the Shelby County Drug Free Coalition is:

Research shows that children who are not regularly monitored by their parents are four times more likely to use drugs and alcohol. Know where your child is going, who they will be with and what they will be doing. For information on youth substance abuse visit [www.shelbycountydrugfreecoalition.org](http://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. Stencil Handley

*"Cares For Eyes"*

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# FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Looks like summer is about to lose its hold on us. The nights are a little cooler, and I'm starting to see many more people walking and enjoying the weather. Scarlott and I are among those. The Main Street Sidewalk Project has been bid and awarded, and work will soon begin to build a new sidewalk that will link more of the city together for those who walk, jog and roll around town. Soon, the Pitts Drive Sidewalk Project will be let, giving us all a nice, big loop for our children and us to safely stroll.

By the time this article is published, the Shoal Mills subdivision should be ready for residents. This is the subdivision on the Bypass that was built with residents age 55 and older in mind. I understand that applications have already exceeded the number of homes available, so there may be a Phase II in the works shortly that will bring more new neighbors to town.

There are three big announcements I am proud to make this month. First, Columbiana Dance Academy is open and registration is now underway. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, who is a fine Columbiana resident along with her husband, Chris and their two children, Bronson and Berkley, is an accomplished ballet performer who has studied and performed in New York and Paris, and had a successful dance academy in Calera until she stopped teaching when her daughter was born. Now, she's ready to give more students the gift of expression through dance, and I'm very happy and thankful that she chose Columbiana as the city to locate her business. Please call 690-0595 to register or for more information. She's a great lady and fantastic instructor, and everyone who knows her feels the same way.

Second, Columbiana has a brand new, delicious place to get a home-cooked meal with some of the nicest folks you will ever meet. That place is Miss Annie's. Located on College Street, between the Shelby County Board of Education and Shelby County High School. I've eaten there several times, and it's always been great food and a very inviting, family atmosphere. Fried green tomatoes seem to be a hit, and their peach cobbler is so good that I had to get something else once, because they had sold all the cobbler. Bad for me, but it's good to know that everyone appreciates good food as much as I do. The South Shelby Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony at Miss Annie's on Thursday, September 8th at 4pm. Plan to join many others and me as we welcome our newest restaurant and wish Miss Annie many years of success...and bring your appetite!

Third, Bernie's on Main Restaurant has undergone some changes recently. Benard "Bernie" Tamburello has decided to take a more active part in Bernie's on Main, and it's definitely a pleasure to see his face around here again. Bernie wants to re-energize the restaurant, tweak the menu a little and give it the friendly and welcoming touch for which he's known in Columbiana. He's also going to hand pick someone to help him keep the quality of food and service up and the prices down, and we're all glad about that. I'll be able to announce that person next month, but it'll be old news by then. So, go by Bernie's, take the family, and meet some friendly new, and familiar, faces when you can.

I continue to talk with senior citizen groups around town and around our community to get their thoughts on how the city can make our senior program more attractive and better attended than it is now. I've gotten some great comments and I'm always eager to hear from anyone regarding this project. As the city waits another couple of months to see if we get the grants we need to renovate the old health department building, I just thought it would be a good idea to get started on developing a more robust senior program so that we can hit the ground running when and if we have a new senior center.

As usual, there's more to talk about than what I've mentioned here, but there's not enough space. So, I'll continue to invite anyone to come have breakfast with me on Wednesdays at PaPaws. Wayne "PaPaw" Raia will have good food and coffee waiting on you, and I'll do my best to provide good company. May the Lord continue to bless us all.

Respectfully,  
Allan Lowe

## WHAT IS CAREGIVING STRESS?

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Care giver stress is a daily fact of life for many care givers. Caregiving often takes a great deal of time, effort and work. Many care givers struggle to balance caregiving with other responsibilities including full-time jobs and caring for children. Constant stress can lead to "burnout" and health problems for the care giver. Care givers may feel guilty, frustrated and angry from time to time.

Caregivers often need help caring for an elderly or disabled care receiver. Sometimes other family members or friends and neighbors are able to help, but many care givers do most or all of the caregiving for a loved one alone. Research has shown that care givers often are at increased risk for depression and illness. This is especially true if they do not receive enough support from family, friends and the community.

Caring for a person at home can be overwhelming. The care giver must cope with declining abilities and difficult behaviors. Basic activities of daily living often become hard to manage for both the care receiver and the care giver.

*For help, call Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation, LLC, 205-669-1712, a 63-bed skilled nursing facility located on Hwy. 25 in Columbiana. For more information, contact Kay Sertell Wheelless at 205-669-1712.*



  
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## SHELBY COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Starting in September, The University of Montevallo's Community School of Music will partner with the Shelby County Arts Council to provide private music instruction in Columbiana. This partnership will allow students in Columbiana, and the surrounding communities, the chance to take private music lessons from professional music instructors at an affordable price.

Lessons will be provided in: piano, guitar, voice, violin and viola and will be available to students of all ages and levels of ability!



# Scrapbook All Weekend!

(or make cards, cross-stitch, knit, crochet, or do any other craft)

Friday, Sept. 23 ~ 6 pm - Midnight

Saturday, Sept. 24 ~ 10 am - 6 pm

Columbiana United Methodist Church

\$10.00 Weekend Admission Fee

(or \$5.00 if you only participate one day)

Door prizes

New Products 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! Please contact one of the following people to let us know if you will be joining us on Friday only, Saturday only or for the entire weekend:  
Sue Eddins 670-6985 ~ Agnes Pool 305-8375 ~  
Kathy Corbitt 919-6089 ~ Jamie Barnes 529-6916  
Or email: [KathyCorbitt@aol.com](mailto:KathyCorbitt@aol.com)

# What's New At The Library

## Columbiana Friends of the Library

Thurs. Sept. 1st – 6 p.m. – “Armchair Traveler” – Come and see items from different countries and learn some foreign phrases that would be helpful when traveling!

Tues. Sept 13th – 1 p.m. – Monthly Friends of the Library Meeting. Get involved!

Wed. Sept 14th – 9 until noon – Quilt Class for Intermediate Level. Make a Kaleidoscope Stack & Whack Quilt!

## Adult Knitting Classes

Every Tuesday from 10 until noon

## Pre-school Storytimes with Ms. Jennie

Join us every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 6th – Surprise!

Sept. 13th – Let's Go to the Fair

Sept. 20th – Autumn is Here!

Sept. 27th – Brown Bear, Brown Bear

# What's New At The Library

By Jane Bailey - Director

September typically reminds us of changes. Hot, steamy weather slowly changes to a cooler, drier feel. The brilliant green leaves begin their miraculous transformation to shades of orange, yellow and red. Summer is over and a new school year begins and brings with it new pencils, new teachers and new friends. This will also be a time of transition for the library. Columbiana Library will be welcoming a new Director as I begin a new chapter in my life – retirement. It has been my honor and privilege to serve our community for the last 21 years

with the Shelby County Library System, the last 5 ½ years as Library Director. Thank you to all of our wonderful patrons who have made my library career a joy. I know your new Library Director will lead with great passion as they continue to make the library a bright spot in our community.

If you haven't signed up for the Adult Reading Program, “Novel Destinations”, it's not too late! The program will run through September 22nd, so come in and get the details on your chance to

win an Amazon Kindle with cover, a Book Lover's Deluxe Gift Basket, or a \$50 Gift Certificate from Books-A-Million. All this plus weekly drawings for a Novel Destinations Tote Bag filled with goodies! Why should kids have all the fun?

New to the library this month are lots of new Large Print Westerns, a good range of new DVDs for adults and children, as well as hot off the press Young Adult titles and some new children's picture books. Make it a point to stop by soon and check it out!

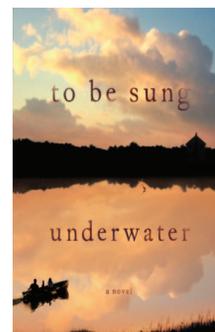
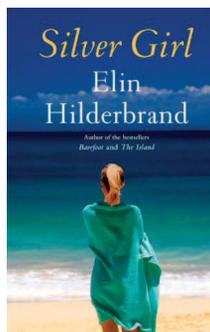
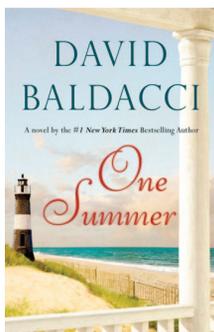
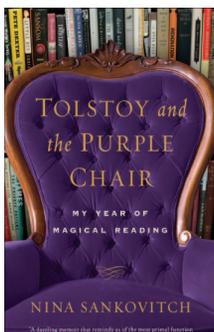
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“Tolstoy and the Purple Chair”  
by Nina Sankovitch

Shelia  
“Sisters Red”  
by Jackson Pearce

Barbara  
“One Summer”  
by David Baldacci

Agnes  
“Silver Girl”  
by Elin Hilderbrand

Retta  
“To Be Sung Underwater”  
by Tom McNeal



## WHAT IS THE YELLOW DOT PROGRAM?

The Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizen during automobile accidents when they might not be able to communicate for themselves. Four (4) items are needed: A photo, a Completed Information Form, A Yellow Dot Decal and a Yellow Dot Folder. This is a FREE program geared primarily toward senior citizens, but anyone may participate. The Yellow Dot is placed in the rear window of your vehicle to alert all First Responders to the vital information in your glove compartment. This will help to ensure that you receive the medical attention you need during the first ‘Golden Hour’ after a crash or other emergency involving your vehicle.

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