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ELVIN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Summer News from Elvin Hill Elementary

During the summer break, teachers spend a lot of time in their classrooms preparing for the next year by attending classes, furthering their own education; and in professional development classes, to improve their teaching skills and strategies. Several of our teachers have volunteered on mission trips, and offered donations and assistance to the tornado victims.

The vision of the Elvin Hill School is to prepare our students for the future, and become a model of excellence in our community, district, state, and beyond. We appreciate the community support that helps us to achieve our goals. In turn, our school supported the hard hit Phil Campbell community by donating money for a new playground at the elementary school. Teaching and reaching go hand in hand. It is not all about the pages in a book.

Congratulations to three of our staff members who received funds for their classrooms or schools by receiving grants from the Shelby County Education Grant Program; Jenny Lespi, Mary Kay Park, and Vice-Principal, Melody Byrne.

The total amount of grant money received was \$1,500.00. Teachers write their needs or ideas in the form of a grant and submit it for judging.

As you think about next year, remember Elvin Hill offers a lot of other school related activities, including; Daycare, Tutoring, Good News Club, Community Karate for all ages, Community Dance and Baton classes for all ages. There is something here for everyone. Register in August.

Thank you to the Shelby County Board of Education After School Dance/Baton travel team. They were invited to perform at the Country Tonite Theater, The Tennessee Shindig, and the Nashville Palace over the summer. The team has also been invited to perform at the 2011-2012 half time show for the Outback Bowl. Way to go dancers! This program is offered at Elvin Hill School for students in and near our community.

Stay safe, have a wonderful summer with your children, and we will see you at Meet and Greet in August.

COLUMBIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

News from Columbiana Middle School

Columbiana Middle will hold its registration for the upcoming school year daily from 7:30-11 a.m.

July 19-21. Sixth grade registration will be July 19, seventh grade registration is July 20, and eighth grade registration is July 21.

Makeup registration will be from 1-3 p.m. August 2.

ADVERTISE IN THE COLUMBIANA NEWSLETTER

Call Matthew Allen at the Shelby County Reporter
Telephone (205) 669-3131

SHELBY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year at Shelby County High School will be held in the Charles Dickinson Gymnasium according to the following schedule:

July 18

Seniors 4:00-5:30

Sophomores 6:00-7:30

July 19

Juniors 4:00-5:30

Freshmen 6:00-7:30

July 25 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Students new to the SCHS community and other students unable to attend an earlier registration session.

For further information visit the SCHS website – <http://www.shelbyed.k12.al.us/schools/SCHS> —and click the “Registration Guide and Forms” link.

Summer Reading lists are also available on the SCHS website.

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South Shelby Chamber Hosts Microsoft Office Tips & Tricks Event

July 14, 2011
1:00-3:00pm
Hampton Inn Suites in Eagle Point

An informative technology event featuring step-by-step demonstrations designed to help you get the most from Microsoft Office in your day-to-day work. FREE to chamber members. \$10.00 for non-members. Register by calling the South Shelby Chamber at 205-669-9075 or emailing helen@southshelbychamber.com.

16TH NOVELLA CLUB ANNUAL ANTIQUES, ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

August 6, 2011

8:00am to 4:00pm

**Shelby County Exhibition Center
Space available indoor or outdoor.**

**For Info contact Peggy Wood 205-669-9073 or
pwood409@yahoo.com**

**Deidee Vansant 205-441-2173 or
Heidee@att.net**

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.

The Yard of the Month:

June Yard of the Month is:
Donny and Patsy Copeland on 47 South.

July's Yard of the Month is:
Grady and Marsha Parsons on Hwy 28

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

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

When you hear music lyrics or see TV shows or movies discussing drug-related topics, use these teachable moments to introduce the subject with your children in a natural, unforced way.

Visit www.shelbycountydrugfreecoalition.org for more information.

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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Know your city!

City Clerk
Gina Antolini

Town you were born in: I was born at NAS Hospital on Agana, Guam. My dad was a career Navy man, as was his brother. I definitely earned the term, "Navy brat," by living in Glenview, Illinois, Jacksonville, Florida, San Jose, California, Pensacola, Florida (something of a second home), Rota, Spain and Columbiana, before graduating at SCHS in 1979. I lived in the area, in Birmingham, while working full time and attending college at Birmingham Southern until 1988, when I moved to Connecticut to work for American Airlines.



Gina Antolini
City Clerk

How long you have lived in Columbiana: Collectively I have lived in Columbiana 24 years. My father's family has been here much longer. My daughter is the third generation of SCHS graduates, not too bad for a military family!

Public Service: I come from a family of public servants. I began my public service at the age of 23 with the State of Alabama working for Examiners of Public Accounts, and subsequently worked for the City of Meriden, Connecticut for 7 years and the Town of Woodbridge, Connecticut, after my daughter was born. Including the 7 years I have been with the City of Columbiana, I have 16+ years of public service, having had the good fortune to work in various departments and the opportunity to work 7 years in a union environment which has been beneficial in my HR role with the City.

Professional affiliations: I am a member of the Alabama Association of Municipal Clerks and Administrators and currently serve as the Vice-President and a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks-having served 2 years on the Public Relations Committee. I also serve as the President of the Shelby County City Clerks group, a member of the Alabama Historical Records Advisory Board and the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce Board.

Not too many people know what a City Clerk does and I admit I didn't either before I came to work for the City. By state law, the City Clerk is the custodian of records for the city (personnel, ordinances, minutes, etc.) and has a tremendous amount of legal responsibility for the Mayor and Council (insuring that they are informed and operate according to various laws, including the Open Meetings Act). I also serve as the City Treasurer, prepare the initial budget, manage purchasing and IT, perform all day to day HR functions, maintain the City's website, serve as the Liberty Day Coordinator and manage the administrative office at City Hall. Another legal responsibility of the City Clerk is the managing of city elections and absentee balloting, so as you see, the City Clerk is at the heart of most of the activity here in Columbiana and although you may only see me on Liberty Day or at the South Shelby Chamber meetings, I am always working, mostly behind the scenes, at City Hall, to serve the citizens.

Goal for 2011: My goals in serving Columbiana are simple. I am always looking for ways to be more efficient in the office, to manage the public funds in the best way possible, save money where I can to provide more service to the residents and do everything in my power and abilities to continue to improve our lives here in our city.

Fun Fact: Wow! I guess besides being born on Guam, I would say that the fun fact about me would be that most people see me as very serious and actually I am an extremely funny person and love to laugh, even at my own expense. I am at my most relaxed when I am watching sports, ideally baseball (Barons, locally), but I love most sports and if I am not at work, then I am most likely at a baseball or hockey game!



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6 Arts Calendar

Don't miss our Summer Art Camps this summer:



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“Art on a Green Shoe String”

Come explore themes of recycling in art with us this summer! This week is full of drawing, painting, ceramic sculpture, mixed media, photography, music, and more!

Ages 5 - 8

July 18 - 22, 2011 8:30 - 12:00pm

Ages 9 - 12

July 25 - 29, 2011 8:30 - 3:00pm

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The Shelby County Arts Council is a not for profit, 501c3 organization. The attached picture is Rhonda Wharton, SCAC board member, standing and Susan Dennis, arts and education director, seated.

A BIG Thank you!

The new Queen and her Court wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making the 2011 Ms. Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation pageant held on May 13, 2011 a huge success.

The crowd was the biggest ever and in these economic times, we truly appreciate everyone for their support for the pageant and its contestants said Shannon Bell, facility administrator. Of course, the pageant could not have happened without the expert help of Charlon McCombs Couch and Tina Turner Johnson both members of the Dazzling Diva Chapter Sweet Potato Queens of Shelby County. Sincere thanks goes out to Columbiana Community members Marsha

Parson, Community volunteer, Gregg Rushton, Real Estate Appraisals, and Laurie Edwards, Personal Banking Officer M&F Bank who all served as pageant judges. Tim Driskell, served as Emcee, Glenda Howell, pianist and entertainment, Jamie Hillman, crowned the new queen, Gail's Florist, Frank Couch, photography, Travis Gandy (Snap Fitness), escort, Lane Copeland, coordinator, Shelby County Board of Education, Amy Porter, SunCrest Home Health, Pam Dunn and Kristin Mims, Comfort Care Hospice/ Home Health, Debra Bradley, Emerald Day Spa, Ginger Brazier and staff from Oh Hair!

Special thanks goes out to Wanda Coleman and Wes Walker for providing food and

refreshments for the staff during pageant preparations.

Last, but certainly not least, warmest thanks goes out to residents, staff and family members who enthusiastically volunteered to pitch in in every way imaginable from bathing to make-up application to manicures to dressing, primping and that lasting spritz of perfume.

Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation is a 63-bed skilled nursing facility located on Hwy. 25 in Columbiana. The facility provides residents with access to extensively trained professionals in nursing care, physical, occupational and speech therapies. For more information, call (205) 669-1712.

Scrapbook or Craft All Weekend!

Friday, July 29 ~ 6 pm - Midnight
Saturday, July 30 ~ 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

Coupon Swap

What to Bring: A snack & coupons to share, supplies 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 ~ Agnes Pool ~
Kathy Corbitt ~ Jamie Barnes
670-6985 305-8375
919-6089 529-6916
Or email: KathyCorbitt@aol.com

2011 SALES TAX HOLIDAY!!

The Columbiana City Council passed Resolution 05-11-02 which allows the city to participate in the Sales Tax Holiday, as provided for in Sales Tax Holiday Rule 810-6-3-.65 and Code of Alabama 1975, §11-51-210(e). Under this Act, certain items purchased in local businesses will be exempt from City sales tax during the holiday weekend (beginning Friday, August 5, 2010 at 12:01 a.m. and ending at midnight on Sunday, August 7, 2010).

Please give the Columbiana Merchants the opportunity to provide the covered items as you prepare for back-to-school shopping. While not all of the items are available locally, by purchasing the items you can here, it supports our local businesses and hopefully will save you some gas and shopping time elsewhere.

Columbiana Friends of the Library

Tues., July 12th at 1 p.m. – FOL monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome!

Thurs., July 21st – 10 till 3 – FOL monthly used book sale!

Adult Knitting Classes

Are you a knitter or crocheter who's looking for a place to "hook" up with like-minded crafters? Join us at the library where the Loose Stitches group meets to share patterns and work on projects together. Don't know how to knit? We'd love to teach you!

Quilts for Kids

Sat., July 9th – The local chapter of Quilts for Kids will meet at the library to make quilts for children in need. Speak with Agnes Pool or Shelia Gallups for more information about this very worthy project!

What's New At The Library

By Jane Bailey - Director

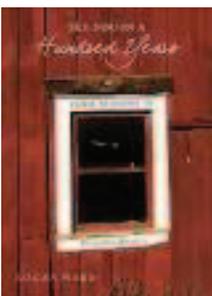
First of all, I'd like to say thank you for your overwhelming attendance for our June programs! For our kickoff with Tommy Johns we had approximately 160 people! Our community children have also mailed their "Flat Stanley" off to friends and relatives all over the country. We've been entertained by the magic of Larry Moore and have been amazed by the drums of Mark Seymour. And of course, there have been great movies, crafts from around the world, and stories galore! We hope that you and your family have been able to join us for some of our programs. The fun is not over yet, the Summer Reading

Program will run through July 14th when we will end with a BIG finish! Thursday, July 14th at 10 a.m., magician extraordinaire, Mr. Russell Davis will be visiting the library. After his program, you may pick up your reading certificate, have a slice of FREE Sanpeggio's pizza and hang out for our end of summer reading prize drawings. You won't want to miss this! The library would like to extend a tremendous THANK YOU to our Library Board, Friends of the Columbiana Public Library, Piggly Wiggly, and Sanpeggio's for their support of our Summer Reading Program "One World, Many Stories".

The library will also be offering an Adult Reading Program called "Novel Destinations" from August 4th to September 22nd. This is for adults 18 & up. Each time you come in and check out three books, you may enter your name in our prize drawing. During this time, we will offer programming especially geared for adults and anytime you attend a program, you may enter your name an additional time. On Friday, September 23rd, we will draw for a Kindle e-reader! There will also be drawings for two more sweet prizes, a Book-Lover's Gift Basket, and a \$25 gift card! The fun never stops @ your library!

Jane

"See you in a Hundred Years"
by Logan Ward



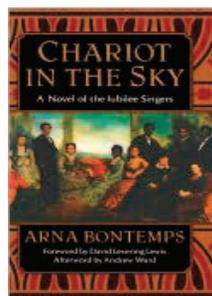
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"Eona: The Last Dragoneye"
by Alison Goodman



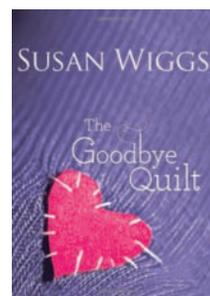
Barbara

"Chariot in the Sky"
by Arna Bontemps



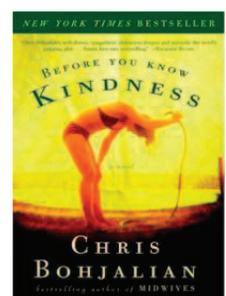
Agnes

"The Goodbye Quilt"
by Susan Wiggs



Retta

"Before You Know Kindness"
by Chris Bohjalian



ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM

FRI. JULY 1ST – 1:30 P.M. – CRAFTS: MAKE A USA DOG TAG!

TUES. JULY 5TH – 9:30 A.M. – STORIES WITH MS. JENNIE

WED. JULY 6TH – 1:30 P.M. – MOVIE TIME: "HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS, PART 1" (RATED PG-13)

THURS. JULY 7TH – 1:30 P.M. – PICK UP YOUR FLAT STANLEY AND SHARING TIME

FRI. JULY 8TH – 1:30 P.M. – CRAFTS: MEXICAN WEAVING MAT

TUES. JULY 12TH – 9:30 A.M. – STORIES WITH MS. JENNIE

THURS. JULY 14TH – 10 A.M. – END OF SUMMER READING BASH WITH THE AMAZING MAGICIAN RUSSELL DAVIS. FREE PIZZA WILL BE SERVED AS WELL AS PRIZE DRAWINGS!

STORIES WITH MS. JENNIE WILL CONTINUE EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AT 9:30 A.M.!

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