



THE COLUMBIANA BUGLER

July 2014

Community Calendar

July

- 1 City Council Meeting at 6 p.m. at Columbiana City Hall
- 4 Happy Independence Day!
- 5 Farmers Market
- 7 Beautification Board Meeting at the Columbiana City Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Planning and Zoning Meeting at the Columbiana City Hall at 7 p.m.
- 8 Lions Club Meeting at Bernies on Main 12 p.m.
- 10 South Shelby Chamber Luncheon at Columbiana United Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m.
- 11 Music on Main presents the Randy Glenn Band
- 12 Trade Days and Farmers Market
- 15 City Council Meeting at 6 p.m. at Columbiana City Hall
- 19 Farmers Market
- 19 Shelby County Arts Council 'Shelby County Shindig BBQ Cookoff' at the Shelby County Arts Council
- 22 Lions Club Meeting at the Columbiana United Methodist Church at 6 p.m.
- 24 Merchants and Professionals Monthly Meeting at 8 a.m. at the Jeanette Niven House
- 26 Farmers Market

For more information regarding Farmers Market or Trade Days, please contact Randy Glenn at 205.305.8632.

For further information and a complete list of events, please visit cityofcolumbiana.com



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Isn't it great to live in Columbiana? This fact was reaffirmed to me during my recent illness. As I struggled with my health, phone calls, cards, visits and prayers were much appreciated. On a daily basis Columbiana's citizenry was asking how can I help you? People came by prepared to cut grass, feed animals, cook or assist Ann and I in any way they could. For this, I am very grateful.

How can you remain ill when this many people are pulling for you to recover? My point is – Columbiana is special and if you live here you are special. I dare say the outpouring of offers to help would not have been nearly as abundant in any other city. Ann and I truly thank you for each kindness we were shown. It reminds us of why we live in Columbiana and it lets me know that most of us understand: We are all in this together! What a great place to live. Thank you!

Mayor Stencil Handley
Mayor@cityofcolumbiana.com



Photos from cover

Clockwise from top left:
Mad Scientist at the Summer Reading at the Columbiana Public Library

Columbiana Clean Up Day
Summer Vegetables from R & S Farms
Ribbon Cutting for renovation

and new technology at the Columbiana Public Library
Shelby County Shindig Poster

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Local Columbiana Artist: Scott Vaughn Owen

Columbiana's Scott Owen is on exhibit as the new artist at the SCAC for July.

How did you start as an artist?

I started out as a little kid. My mother always encouraged my art. Christmas and birthdays she gifted me with paper, pens, and other drawing supplies. In college I started my own sign business. When I started, sign making was an art form. It was done by hand. It was art. This is where I started as an artist. 5 years ago, I started truly painting with acrylics, oils, all types of mediums. Taylor (my wife) encouraged me to place items into an art show at the Shelby County Arts Council. 3 of my pieces placed, and one won best of oils. I still run a Sign Graphics in Columbiana. In my spare time, I paint and work on art.

Who or what inspires you?

My family inspires me. My wife Taylor is my muse and cheerleader. She saw something in me that no one else but my mom saw. She saw talent and encouraged me.

How do you come up with a piece of art?

Art comes from within. It is a deep thing. It is a bearing of your soul. I want my art to tell a story. I don't paint things I see – for instance still life. It is a creative process. In the sign business, I work for my customers. The customer tells me exactly what they would like to see. As an artist, when I do artwork, it is totally creative and comes out of my head. It is an enjoyable, therapeutic process. The enjoyment comes when you let it all out of your mind and it spills onto the canvas. Afterwards, you stand back and think – where did that come from? My father once asked me, "Where do you go in your head to get that stuff out?"

What does your art say or mean?

Art is not meant to be understood. We all look at art with different backgrounds and mindsets. Nobody ever sees the same things. If my artwork provokes an emotion, I have been successful. My art is not



'decorator' art. I don't start considering who wants my art. I don't do it to sell to a market. I would be cutting myself short. In the painting 'He Won't Bite', this very small dog thinks he is huge. The size of this large painting (7.5 feet tall by 5 feet wide) is how large the little dog thinks he is. To take in this large painting you must back up – just as the dog intends you to.

Why be an artist?

It is my intention upon leaving this planet, that whatever is inside of me (paint, sculpture, whatever) be all out of me. I want to leave this world with nothing left in me. Do what you love, love what you do – the rest will take care of itself.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army of Shelby County is recruiting advisory council members from the South Shelby County area. The Salvation Army of Shelby County advisory board is made up of men and women in our community that want to be an integral part of helping those in need. The Salvation Army provides counseling, food, help with utilities as well as spiritual help for adult and children in need. Meetings are held monthly in person or via conference call. If you are interested in more information, please contact Susie Kelley 205.281.5014 or Lt. Brian Leonard at 205.296.9531.

Business Notes

Johnny Rays

Johnny Rays BBQ in Columbiana (108 Mildred Street) now offers inside dining.

First United Security Bank

The Columbiana branch of First United Security Bank welcomes Laurie Edwards Totten as their new Branch Manager.

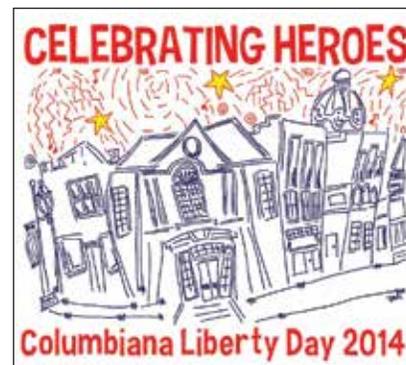
29th Liberty Day Celebrated Heroes

by PHOEBE DONALD ROBINSON

President Columbiana Merchants and Professionals Association

The 28th annual Liberty Day celebrated heroes with Col. Chris Stricklin as the grand marshal. Stricklin graduated from Shelby County High School and received an appointment to the U. S. Air Force Academy. He married his high school sweetheart, Terri Stewart, and the Stricklin's have four children. Stricklin is an Air Force command pilot with over 2000 hours in the F-15C Eagle and F-16 Viper. He has served this nation with honor as a Thunderbird solo pilot and recently as chief of staff of a 790 combat wing in Kabul, Afghanistan. He will soon be deployed to Turkey to be the Dean and Deputy Director for NATO Center of Excellence teaching defense against terrorism around the world. The Columbiana Merchants and Professionals Association has long been a sponsor

and supported the City of Columbiana and Liberty Day. The CMPA provides volunteers and assists with the annual parade. The first Liberty Day was held in 1986 in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty. Columbiana Chamber of Commerce President Jim Strickland, Mike Hill and Interim Director of Music Olin Higgs at First Baptist Church of Columbiana organized the event with patriotic singing on the Shelby County Courthouse steps and fireworks behind. There was one small mishap - Mayor Buck Falkner's car caught on fire! "The day was such a success that Liberty Day became an annual event," said Falkner, mayor 1980-1988. "We moved the fireworks to Shelby County High School's football field the next



year. I remember two ladies from Decatur spoke to me and said we had a wonderful thing here and please continue this celebration." June 27-28, 2014 was Mayor Stencil Handley's administration second Liberty Day. "Liberty Day is a time we can set a day aside to celebrate the liberty that we enjoy in these United States," said Handley.

"It is a good time to socialize with our neighbors, friends and family and appreciate how fortunate we are to have each other and the sense of community and togetherness we have in Columbiana. We are privileged to live in the best country in the world and the best city in that country."

The City of Columbiana would like to thank the 2014 Liberty Day Sponsors

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The City of Columbiana Beautification Board is proud to be the recipient of the Alabama Power Foundation Good Roots grant.

This \$1,000 grant is an Alabama Power Foundation initiative, in partnership with the Alabama Urban Forestry Association.

It has been used to purchase planting and trees for the Robert A. Hume Scout Park in front of City Hall.

In the photo, Lucy Arrington - Business Office Supervisor, Columbiana Business Office



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Summer Reading Schedule

SPARK A REACTION program for teens will take place July 14-17th. For every 500 pages read, teens can enter to win a Kindle e-Reader. We will watch *Back to the Future* (PG) on July 14th and have pizza and games on July 17th. Don't miss the fun!



Between the pages

Columbiana Library News

July Schedule

- ▶ Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. — Storytime with Ms. Jennie
- ▶ Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. — Loose Stitches Knitting Group
- 3 — Lego Build at 10 a.m.
- 4 — Library Closed — Happy 4th of July!
- 7 — Movie at 2 p.m. — Robots (PG)
- 9 — Last day to turn in reading logs for a prize
- 10 — Summer Reading Finale “Be at Your Best” at 11 a.m. — Pizza Party and Prizes

Teen Week (July 13 – 19)

- 14 — Movie at 2 p.m. — Back to the Future (PG)
- 17 — Teen Party — Pizza and Games at 11 a.m. — Kindle E-Reader to be given away

Sign Up for Summer Reading!!

Library Hours

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R & S Farms in Columbiana

Located on a quiet stretch of 47, a bustling farm is producing a bumper crop. Lettuce, spinach, kale, eggplant, zucchini, beans, squash and herbs to name a few.

"It all started with some pumpkins," said Sandra, the S in R&S Farms. A road side pumpkin stand led Robert and Sandra into selling vegetables from their garden. Kelly Burley of Main Street Florist invited them to participate in a farmers market in Mt. Laurel, and their backyard garden turned into a full blow garden. Since then, daily what they pick is sold to their faithful following.

For over the last 8 years, the garden has grown to over an acre of a multitude of vegetables. "The newest craze is Kale. We constantly have orders for Kale. Zephyr Squash is another favorite."

Sandra and Robert have fun in this business together. "It is rewarding to see what your labor produces," says Robert.

When asked what lesson Robert has learned farming – "Patience. You can't make it grow. You are just doctoring it along. Another lesson – You can plant the world, put you can't pick it."

R & S gardening season runs from early spring with, among other things, lettuces, kale, collards and cabbage and ends in winter with many of the same vegetables from early spring along with winter squash and pumpkins. To get R & S Farms produce on your dinner table, call or text Sandra at 205-365-8641.



Shelby County Arts Council Schedule

JULY 12

**Celebrating 40 Years of
Muscle Shoals (1973-2013) -
Russell Gulley, 8 p.m. (\$15)**

JULY 19

**Pinterest Party with Ali
Conn
"Sweet Home Alabama" string
art. 6-9 p.m. (\$35)**

JULY 26

**It's Raining Cats and Dogs
- Painting Workshop with**

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ART CAMPS

Wild Wild World of Art

July 14-18- Ages 5-8. 8 a.m. -
Noon (\$130)

July 21-25 - Ages 9-12 - 8 a.m. - 3
p.m. (\$200)

ON EXHIBIT ARTIST:

Scott Vaughn Owens
The Shelby County Arts Council
welcomes local artist Scott
Owens as the new artist to exhibit
his work at the SCAC for July.

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Blueberry Dump Cake

Ingredients:

- 3 cups blueberries
- 1 (20 ounce) can pineapple tidbits in juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 1/2 sticks butter, melted
- 1 cup walnuts or nuts of your choice (optional)

Directions:

► Rinse blueberries and pour into bottom of a 9 x 13 baking dish. Pour pineapple tidbits and juice over the blueberries. Sprinkle with sugar. Sprinkle cake mix over the fruit mixture. Spread evenly. Sprinkle walnuts over the dry cake mix. Drizzle the melted butter over all. **DO NOT STIR.** Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes until top is brown and cake is bubbly.

► Mountain Meadow Farms in Columbiana has both blueberries and blackberries available ('u-pick). Their days and hours of operation are: 6 a.m. - Noon, plus 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Sundays. They are closed on Monday and Tuesday.

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Family & Friends CPR

Southeast Shelby Rescue (located in Columbiana) recently held a class at the Juvenile Detention Center in Columbiana. The purpose of this class is Family and Friends CPR. "We feel it is important to familiarize young adults with emergency services for education as well as career opportunities," said Matt Rush, Captain of Southeast Shelby Rescue.

Music On Main

6:30-9:30 p.m.

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SCHEDULE

July 11-Randy Glenn Band. Shelby County's local favorite with a great following.

Shelby County High School All Class Reunion

Randy McDonald

The 2014 SCHS All Class Reunion will be held in conjunction with Music On Main Street Friday Night July 11th 2014 from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. with the music provided by SCHS Alum member Randy Glenn and his band.

We invite the class of 1964 to join with us as they celebrate 50 years since they graduated. The class of 2014 is encouraged to attend as this will be your first official function as alumni of SCHS. Plans are in the works for a 100 year celebration of the first graduation class of the school which was in the 1914-1915 school calendar year.

Columbiana City Wide Clean Up Day

A Columbiana City Wide Clean Up Day, sponsored by the Columbiana Beautification Board, was held June 14, 2014. Volunteers met in front of City Hall and got supplies. The Clean Up Day lasted until 11 a.m. Special thank you to the volunteers: Tom and Becky Moore, Marrene Wilson, Mike and Nina Atchison, Mayor Stancil and Ann Handley, Walt and Amanda Randolph and Cub Scouts Pack 560, Lyla Cagle, Rhetta Argo, Helen Gibson, Craft and Jennifer Maier, Connie Wheeler and son, Clint, Mike Beatty, Helen Dean, Brandon White, Columbiana Streets Department, Fire Department, SCHS Cheerleaders, Alabama Power, Ouida Mayfield, Phillips Willis



Name the new Columbiana Park

What will the name of the new park be in Columbiana? You decide!

The City of Columbiana is finishing its 'naming contest' for a new recreation area on the old Summer Classics Property.

The top 3 names chosen for a city wide vote are:
Columbiana Commons
Old Mill Square
Old Towne Square

Please vote for your favorite name by stopping by City Hall, by email to Helen Dean at hdean@cityofcolumbiana.com, or by mail to 107 Mildred Street, Columbiana, AL 35051 ATTN: Helen Dean. Voting will end Friday, June 27th, 2014.

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