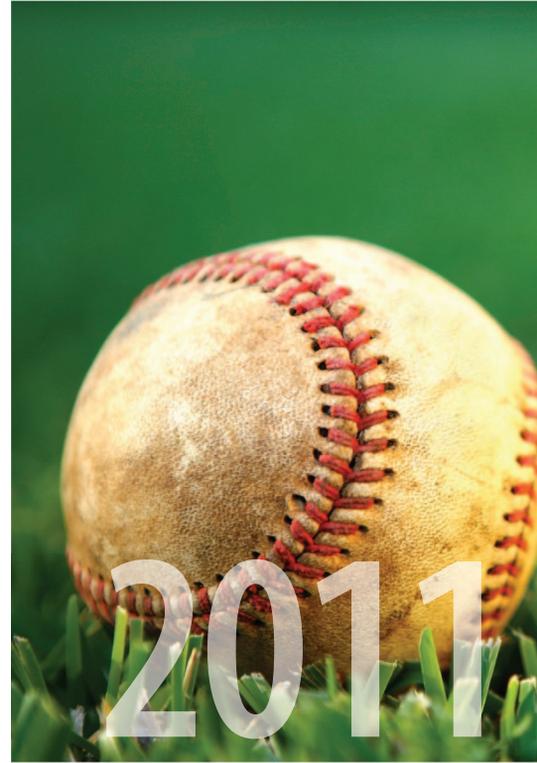




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COLUMBIANA SCHOOLS

ELVIN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We welcome James Spann to our school	April 1
Kindergarten Registration – 12:00 – 6:00 pm	April 5
Kindergarten Registration – 7:00 – 11:00 am	April 6
Good luck EHES Choir at the Elementary Choral Festival	April 7
Welcome to Miss Annie, also the Kona Ice Truck	April 8
Cap and Gown Photos for K and 5th , Class pictures	April 13
No School, Weather Day	April 22
Good Citizens Luncheons	April 25-26

Last month, the students adorned the halls of EHES, by dressing up as their favorite book character on Read Across America Day. Students paraded the halls all day carrying their favorite books, dressed as their favorite characters. Guests, such as our own Mayor Lowe, spent time reading to the students. We thank our Community Volunteers for helping to make this day so special. Second grade enjoyed a wonderful trip to see “Beauty and the Beast”.

The 5th grade, visited the Briarfield Iron Works, located here in Shelby County. Of Course we all enjoyed our Spring Break! The Mobile Dairy Cow was a fun experience for all of our students.

Congratulations to the Community Ed Dance Program located at EHES. EHES students Gaylon Beasley, Gracie Driskell, and Katelyn Lucas won an audition, and have been invited to perform at the Outback Bowl on New Year’s Day, 2012.! They will be joined by several other dancers from other schools who auditioned as well.

We want to thank our PTO, our SGA, our After School Daycare, our After school programs : Dance, Karate, Art, and Good News Club, for the added support they give to our school!

COLUMBIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following students who auditioned and made the Shelby County, All-County, Honor Band: Kaitlin Bosshart, Nathan Brom, Rachel Owen, Kelli Roper, Olivia Snyder, Julie Smith (a sixth grade student and yet placed first in the county for her chair), and Elizabeth Stancil.

During late February, CMS recognized the hard work of its counselor, Ms. Robin Merrell, during National School Counseling Week for the hard work with administrative responsibilities and her strong representation of the school.

Congratulations to Ms. Samantha Bailey and our lunchroom staff for another 100 on their inspection report from the Alabama Department of Public Health, the school’s third consecutive 100.

Ms. Barbara Brown is the school’s teacher of the month for March because of the outstanding work she does as chair of special education, the relentless dedication she provides to her students, and the commitment to excellence she demonstrates on a daily basis.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

Police Chief Lamar Vick and the Columbiana Police Department want to warn the citizen of several possible scams.

One scam involves receiving a phone call in which you are informed that you have won a prize, but need to send funds via Western Union (or to send money via wire transfer, check or money order) before receiving the prize. If you receive a call of this nature, hang up! It is a scam!

Chief Vick also warns residents to not give out personal information to any callers. Don’t give your Social Security number, bank account numbers, credit card, debit card, etc no matter how persistent the caller remains. If they claim to be from the Social Security office, your bank, etc., get their name, hang up and call those offices directly to verify the caller’s information and identity. Most of the time, you will find out that the caller was a con artist.

With the warmer weather, another type of scam is occurring. Residents need to be leery of anybody who unexpectedly shows up at their doors with a truck full of asphalt, especially if the person says he’s just finished repaving a driveway down the road and has some leftover asphalt.

If the resident tells the person or people to go ahead with the repaving, the final price usually ends up being as much as three times higher than the initial quoted price.

It is best to contact City Hall to see if the company has a proper business license to work in the city. Even that’s not a fail-proof method to avoid the asphalt scam, Vick said, adding that his department welcomes calls from concerned citizens checking up on such companies.

While Vick can’t recommend a particular business instead of another, he said his department could let citizens know if the police department has had issues with it before.

The best advice the Columbiana Police Department has is for citizens to be cautious. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is! When in doubt, check it out!

Scrapbook or Craft

All Weekend!

Friday, April 29 ~ 6 pm – Midnight

Saturday, April 30 ~ 10 am – 6 pm

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*\$10.00 Weekend Admission Fee
(or \$5.00 if you only participate one day)*

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*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!

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4 *Having a yard sale? Don't forget your permit!*

Many of us get the spring cleaning bug this time of year and want to clean out the garage or our closets.

So, if you are planning on having a Yard Sale in the City of Columbiana, you will need a Permit. Permits are only \$5.00 and are easily obtained at City

Hall. This gives City Hall information as to when and where the event will occur as well as potential street/traffic issues for fire and other emergency personnel/vehicles.

Your permit will have information regarding signage information for the

sale as well. Snipe signs (signs attached to power poles, fences, etc) are not allowed and signage is also not allowed off-site of the event or on the right-of-way. If you have questions regarding Yard Sale Permits, just call City Hall at 205-669-5800.



Do you have unused, expired or unwanted medications?

Please bring them to a drop-off location for free and safe disposal on Saturday, April 30th 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

The Shelby County Drug Enforcement Task Force is participating in the DEA National Take-Back Day on this date.

The Alabaster Target Store is one drop-off location.

Visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback for a complete list of drop-off locations.

DRUG FREE MESSAGE

Free Dump Days 2011!

The Shelby County Landfill has 2 free dump days per year set by the county commission.

The two dates for 2011 are:

Saturday, April 9th

Saturday, October 8th

Saturday hours are from 7:30am to 3:30pm.

For more information on what can be taken to the county landfill visit www.shelbycountyalabama.com

February Yard of the Month:

Randy & Michelle Jones
116 Hidden Springs

March yard of the month:

Magnolia Meadows
Tim Wilson

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City Councilman District 4
Tom Seale

Tom earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Montevallo. He is a graduate of The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University and Leadership Shelby County. His government service includes serving on the Columbiana City Council from 1988 to 1992 and again from 2000 to the present. He is the Mayor Pro Tem for Columbiana and served as Mayor in 2003. His employment background includes 25 years of diversified banking and finance experience and currently serves as the Finance Director / City Clerk for the City of Pelham. He is a certified municipal revenue officer and an advanced certified municipal official. In August 2011 Tom will earn the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk.

Tom serves and has served on numerous civic boards, including the Academy of Fine Arts of Shelby County, Columbiana Water Board, Columbiana Dixie Youth Baseball, Columbiana Planning and Zoning, Columbiana Downtown Revitalization Committee, American Red Cross (Shelby County) and the Regional Planning Commission Finance Committee. Tom is a member of the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce, having served as President in 1997 and 1998.

Tom is lifelong resident of Columbiana. He is married to Brenda Cole Seale and they have two sons who attend Shelby County High School. Tom and his family are members of the Columbiana United Methodist Church and he is an Eagle Scout.

He would like to see Columbiana maintain its charm and appeal and continue to move forward as a "walkable" community with both new sidewalks and the replacement of old sidewalks. Tom is very thankful Columbiana and the Columbiana Water Board has remained in sound financial condition despite the economy over the past several years.



Tom Seale
City Councilman
District 4

Columbiana Beautification Board Fund Raiser 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.



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Arts Calendar

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(Portraits by Dian McCray)

Opening Reception: Sunday, April 3, 2011, 2pm - 5pm

Exhibit dates: Sunday, April 3 - 28, 2011

Fences on Parade

Fences on Parade school art contest sponsored by the Shelby County Arts Council. Judging and awards presented at the Shelby County School System Annual Student Art Show.

Location : Oak Mt Elementary School, Thursday, April 28 5:00pm -7:00pm,

Free and open to the public. 10 Winning Fences will be on tour in Shelby County this summer.

RED MOUNTAIN YOUTH MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP & JUNIOR WORKSHOP

Red Mountain Theatre Workshop for youth is coming up June 20 - 24, 2011 at Shelby County High School Junior workshop: \$75 for ages 5 and 6 Youth musical Theatre Workshop: \$125 for ages 7 - 18 "How to Audition" Free workshop: Saturday, April 9th, 10AM - 12Noon, Shelby County High School Band Room in Columbiana. This high-energy, fun and educational workshop is open to youth ages 5 - 18 years. This workshop is beneficial for youth interested in auditioning for the 2011 Red Mountain Theatre Youth Musical workshop. "Formal Auditions*" Saturday, May 7th, 10AM - 12Noon, Shelby County High School Band Room in Columbiana.

*Junior workshop participants do not have to audition. If your child is 5 or 6 years old and would like to sign up for the summer workshop, please call 205-669-0044.

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.



Arts Council
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Staff & residents of Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation once again shined the spotlight on its administrator, Shannon Bell

For every long-term care facility, there's an administrator who works long hours to keep the facility running smoothly. At Columbiana Health and Rehab, that individual is Shannon Bell.

Long-Term Care Administrators Week was held the week of March 19. Staff and residents salute Bell in continuing to provide leadership for the delivery of quality, resident-

centered care and a supportive work environment.

Long-term care administrators are licensed professionals who must maintain licensure through continuing education in their field. The growing complexity of the long-term care environment makes them more valuable than ever when it comes to meeting the skilled nursing needs of older Americans.

Caregiving Tips:

Your loved one's greatest need is to have the support of you!

1. Keep communication open AND be a good listener.
2. Show empathy; commit to your loved one emotionally and physically.
3. Take care of yourself and develop your own support system....eat well, exercise and treat yourself gently.
4. Don't ever make your loved one feel like it is their fault for being sick.
5. Blessed are the flexible for they cannot be broken. You will wear many hats.
6. You need to be motivator/coach; this may be different every day. Take your cues from your loved one.
7. Be eyes, ears and voice when your loved one is overwhelmed.
8. Go with your loved one to medical appointments and take notes to reaffirm doctors orders.
9. Be prepared to be the one that takes the anger on bad days.
10. Be honest and look for humor wherever you can.
11. The best medicine . . . verbalize your love and support for your loved one. Be creative – write it, say it or show it by your actions.

Columbiana Health and Rehabilitation is a 63-bed skilled nursing facility located on Highway 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 Kay Sertell at (205) 669-1712.

Columbiana Friends of the Library

Fri. & Sat. April 1-2 – Friends of the Columbiana Library Annual Yard Sale! Come and get the bargains you have waited for all year! Sale is being held on East College Street across from the Board of Education. Don't miss it!

Tues. April 12 – 1 p.m. – Monthly FOL meeting

Thurs. April 14 – FOL Monthly Outdoor Book Sale at the Library!

Wed. April 20 – 9 till noon – Nine Patch Shuffle Quilt Class

Quilts for Kids

Sat. April 9 – 9 till 1 – Alabama Chapter meets at the library to sew quilts that go to children in need. Become a part of this worthy organization!

Adult Knitting Classes

Every Tuesday from 10 until noon

The Loose Stitches knitting group knits for fun, pleasure, & charity. Our current project is handcrafting baby items for preemies at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. We share patterns, stories, and help each other learn new techniques. Become a part of the fun and join us any Tuesday!

Pre-school Storytimes with Ms. Jane

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

5 – "Spring is Coming"

12 – "Bunnies, Eggs and the Story of Easter"

19 – "It's Easter!"

26 – "Eric Carle Books"

What's New At The Library

By Jane Bailey - Director

Spring has sprung and that means that Summer is right around the corner! Plans are already in the works for our annual Children's Summer Reading program, "One World, Many Stories"! With soaring gas prices, our library programs will make the perfect "stay-cation" destination. Again this year, we will have several fantastic entertainers that will take us on reading road trips. Fridays will be our craft days; we will start out the summer with a Library Flat Stanley

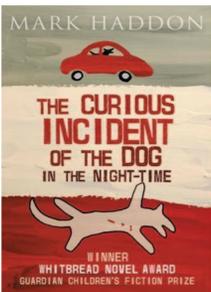
project and then make crafts from other countries each week. We'll also have weekly stories from other cultures and movies. So, get your passports ready for "One World, Many Stories"!

It is so important to keep children reading and learning over the summer break so that they don't loose skills they have acquired during the school year, but it's also equally important for

adults to read. The library will not be leaving you out this year! In August and September, the Columbiana Library will have its very first Adult Reading Program with "Novel Destinations" as the theme. Adult programs for these two months will be centered around a travel theme. There will be a very nice reading incentive for some lucky winner at the end of the program, so be watching for details and get ready to READ!

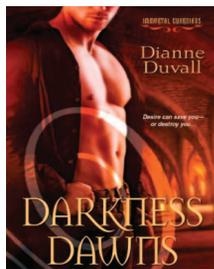
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"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time"
by Mark Haddon



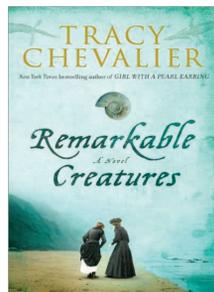
Shelia

"Darkness Dawns"
by Dianne Duvall



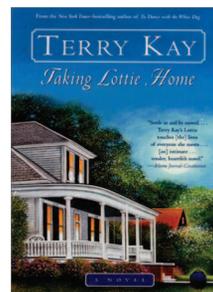
Barbara

"Remarkable Creatures"
by Tracy Chevalier



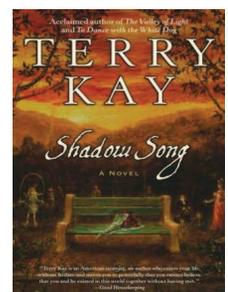
Agnes

"Taking Lottie Home"
by Terry Kay



Retta

"Shadow Song"
by Terry Kay



Quote of the Month

"At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better."

— President (then Senator) Barak Obama

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