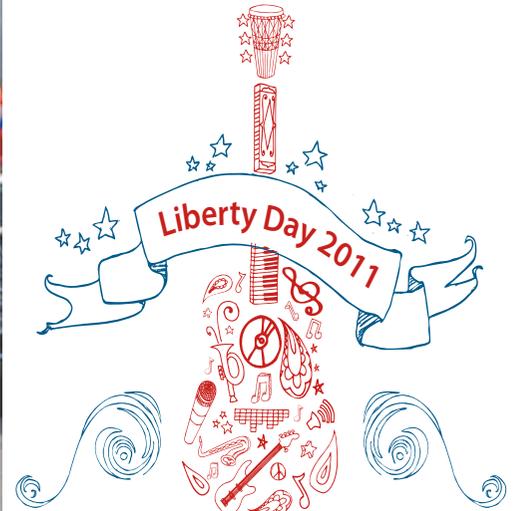




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STORM SHELTERS

WITH THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF SEVERE WEATHER IN OUR AREA, IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT STORM SHELTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA. HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE SHELTERS:

- SHELTERS ARE OPENED WHENEVER A TORNADO OR SEVERE STORM WATCH IS ISSUED BY THE NWS AND AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF COLUMBIANA AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.
- LOCATED BEHIND COLUMBIANA FIRE DEPT. AND SOUTHEAST SHELBY RESCUE BUILDINGS. THE SHELTER IS A NO SMOKING FACILITY AND IS EQUIPPED WITH RESTROOMS AND BENCHES. THEY ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE (NO STEPS). NO PETS ARE ALLOWED UNLESS THEY ARE IN PET CARRIERS.
- THESE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY TESTED AGAINST WINDS AN EF 5 TORNADO. THE COMBINED CAPACITY IS 150 SEATED PEOPLE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL ARE TYPICALLY ON SITE IF WEATHER BECOMES SEVERE.

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ELVIN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Summer News from Elvin Hill Elementary

In keeping with Shelby County School's Beliefs, Elvin Hill students are joining in the Helping Hands Across Alabama Mission to bring some joy and peace back into the lives of those so devastated by our Alabama tornadoes.

We believe that everyone can learn, and that community involvement is vital, and a part of that learning process. Our entire community has been involved in reaching out to those who were victims of the storm. Elvin Hill students are now involved in helping out Phil Campbell Elementary. Their school grounds, school, and playground were destroyed by the storm. Our students want to help rebuild their playground. Since Field Day is a fun day for our students, we turned it into a "Fund" day as well. All donations collected were sent to Phil Campbell in hopes that our community and school involvement will bring some joy and hope to others.

The Dream Makers Dancers sent a truck-load of water to the volunteers in Tuscaloosa. Our staff helped out one of our own who lost everything in Birmingham. The giving never stops. Learning is a lifelong process, and we learn in giving and reaching out to others. Our school is full of kindness and compassion for others. We appreciate each student, faculty member, community member who has reached out to support our own school, as well as others. A special thanks to all of our Career Day Speakers and Jan Smith for organizing this event, to the CMS Band for their performance, to Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Rogers for heading up our wellness activities during Wellness Week. A big congratulations to all of our honorees on awards day.

Good luck this summer to our Travel Dance Team as they head to Tennessee to perform. They have quite a reputation, and have just received a second invitation from another big show in Tennessee to open a show up there as well as Country Tonite Theater in Pigeon Forge.

Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you in August. Our school is such a wonderful place to spend the day. There is a unique and innovative approach to learning and there are activities for everyone from dance, art, karate, to

Thanks to the Shelby County Reporter for keeping us in the news.

COLUMBIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Richard Scott, seventh grade English instructor, recently attended a teacher-leadership conference focusing on the English Language Arts curriculum from a national perspective. He was one of twelve teachers selected nationwide to serve on the Praxis Middle School English Language Arts National Advisory Board.

Congratulations to Teresa Whiting, who conducted her internship CMS, for being recognized by the University of Montevallo as UM's best secondary education graduate student.

Ginger Forsythe was named Teacher of the Month for May for her excellence in instruction, leadership in technology, and long hours devoted to helping her sixth grade students.

Grace Burrtram, Rhonda Mack, and Jason Mayfield all earned Greater Shelby County Education Foundation mini-grants to aid in their classroom instruction for the following year. Mayfield was awarded a laptop from the county for his lesson on creativity submitted to the county's "Iam21" technology contest.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SOFTBALL TEAM! 5TH CONSECUTIVE CLASS 1A TITLE!!



Members of the Cornerstone Christian School softball team hold up five fingers May 7 to mark the Chargers' fifth consecutive Alabama Independent Schools Association Class 1A championship. Team members include (Back, L-R) head coach Mark Armstrong, Hollie Odgers, Jana Kelbie Armstrong, Kailey Goodwin, Destiny Dillard, Lyric Peete, Karah Goodwin and assistant coach Joey Miller; (Front, L-R) Hope Finley, Lorin Rodgers, Ashley Carden, Allie Toney, Addie Smith, and Laura Beth Franklin

The Chargers beat Ashford Academy in the championship game May 7th with a score of 4-1. Jana Kelbie Armstrong led the Chargers in the title game with a game clenching 3 run homer.

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Liberty Day 2011

The 26th annual Liberty Day Celebration presented by M & F Bank begins on Friday night, June 24 and continues on Saturday, June 25. Several special events are planned for Liberty Day in 2011.

Back by popular demand, Total Assets will be performing on Friday night. Liberty Day vendors are encouraged to contact Columbiana City Hall at (205) 669-5800 for information regarding booth rental. Applications and vendor information is available on the City's website at www.cityofcolumbiana.com. Vendor space is limited and locations are assigned on a first come basis.

The annual Liberty Day Parade will be on Saturday afternoon on Main Street.

If you, your organization, or company would like to participate, please contact

Stacy Walkup with the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce at (205) 669-9075 or email soshelby@bellsouth.net

Theme is "Red, White and Boom!"

The Liberty Day Parade is sponsored by the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce and the Columbiana Merchants & Professionals Association.

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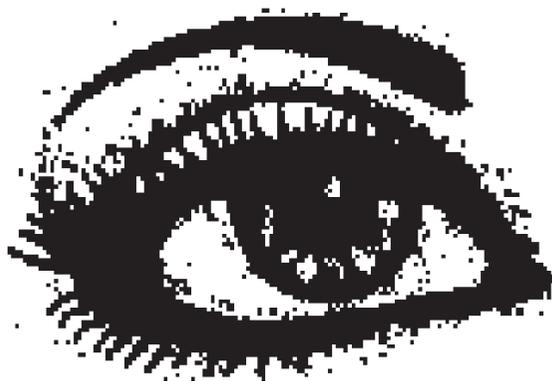
The 26th annual Liberty Day Celebration presented by M & F Bank begins on Friday night, June 24 and continues on Saturday, June 25. Last year over 8,000 attended the Liberty Day events and Fireworks Show. The weekend activities begin on Friday night at 6 PM with a Main Street block party featuring music by TOTAL ASSETS, food and entertainment. The enthusiasm and activities continue all day Saturday and concludes with a spectacular fireworks show on Saturday night.

Unsupervised teens are more likely to engage in risky behaviors. Even if you are not able to be at home, check in frequently via phone, e-mail or text messages.

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

DRUG FREE MESSAGE



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Mayor of Columbiana
J. Allan Lowe

I grew up on a small farm in Shelby. I graduated Shelby County High School in 1983, and enrolled in Auburn University two weeks after my high school graduation. While still a student at Auburn, I enlisted in the Alabama Army National Guard, just like my dad. I wanted to serve my country and others, just like my dad. I graduated Auburn in 1988—with a year break from college to complete military training—with a BS degree in Accounting.



J. Allan Lowe
Mayor of Columbiana

I was engaged to marry my wife, Scarlott, when the Persian Gulf War began, so we moved up the wedding. I was deployed a few weeks after that, and served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq for about a year. Scarlott and I lived at 206 Mildred Street for the first five years we were married, then moved about a block up the street, where we have lived since then.

Scarlott, my wife, grew up in Arab, Alabama. She comes from a military family, so she handled both my wartime tours of duty with strength and grace. She is a real estate agent with Lowe and Associates Realty, and she also substitute teaches at the local schools when she's not carrying our children to their many, many practices and performances.

We have a son, Caleb, who is 15, and is part of a Christian/heavy metal band, and a soon-to-be Junior at SCHS. My 13-year-old daughter, Caroline, is quite good at competitive horse riding, and has taken national honors in competition. Both our children have very different interests, and excel in them. Scarlott and I are very proud of them.

Our family has been blessed with loving families and friends. My experiences in other countries and during several crises has given me a perspective that I wish others could have. Namely, we have it GREAT in Columbiana. I've been around entire villages and regions where the people didn't know if they would have enough food or shelter to last the next few days. Many feared they would be dead before long. Many did die. Here in Columbiana, many get worked up because their neighbors are jerks, or because they think the city league coach is an idiot...and sometimes their right. It's just hard for me to get spun up sometimes at what some of us consider tragedies or injustices when our little city has very little wrong with it. I was asked to include in this article something that not many people may know about me.

Well, since I retired from the military in 2006, I have focused most of my free time on my long-time passion of woodworking. It's therapeutic, and I love to create furniture and projects from scratch. If I were a billionaire, I'd spend all my time in my workshop.

If any of you aren't completely bored with this short biography, you're welcome to have breakfast with me at PaPaw's most every Wednesday morning around 8am, and I'll be happy to bore you some more. I'll pay for the coffee.

Coffee with the Mayor

June 16, 2011

Shelby County Museum and Archives

8:00am!

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6 Arts Calendar



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Don't miss our Summer Art Camps this summer:

“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)

It's not too late to sign up for...

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

*To schedule your private audition, please call 205.669.0044

**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.

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VSA Arts of Alabama Exhibit

Artist's Reception: Friday, June 24, 2011, 6:00 - 7:30pm.

Exhibit dates: June 13 - July 28, 2011.

*For more information, 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.

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Dates and times are subject to change

Social Security Administration Announcement

For several years the Social Security Administration has sent a contact team to Shelby County on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Due to federal government budget constraints the Social Security Administration will no longer be able to provide this service.

Shelby County is working on designing kiosks for the County Administration Building in Columbiana and at each License Office, Columbiana, Pelham and Inverness, that will allow residents to perform some limited Social Security Administration functions and requests at a computer terminal. There will also be forms at these kiosk locations that residents can complete and file with the Social Security Administration at their convenience. More information will be made available when these Shelby County kiosk locations become operational and when forms will be available. Please remember though the kiosks will be limited in their functions.

The Social Security contact teams will continue to visit Clanton, on the 4th Wednesday of every month and are open from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. They are located in the Clanton Department of Human Resources, 500 Airport Road, Clanton, AL 35046.

The Social Security Administration toll free number is 1-800-772-1213.

The Social Security Administration District number in Birmingham for public inquiries is 1-866-592-3734.

The Social Security Administration website is: www.socialsecurity.gov The current online services that are available are as follows: Apply for Retirement, Apply for Disability, Apply for Medicare, Estimate Your Future Benefits, Request a Replacement Medicare Card, Apply for Extra Help with prescription drug costs, check the status of your application, appeal a disability decision, find answers to Frequently Asked Questions, download forms and publications; and also start or change direct deposit, change your address and request proof of income letter.

What's New At The Library

Columbiana Friends of the Library

Tues., June 14th at 1 p.m. – FOL monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome!

Thurs., June 16th – 10 till 3 – FOL monthly used book sale!

Adult Knitting Classes

Every Tuesday from 10 until noon

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!

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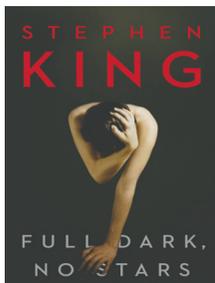
By Jane Bailey - Director

Well, this is it! The 2011 "One World, Many Stories" Summer Reading Program has officially begun! We hope that your family will be able to attend many of the programs that the library is offering this summer. What a great and inexpensive way to beat the heat! We are kicking off June 2nd with Tommy Johns' program "Wherever You Go, There's a Story"! He will take the audience on an imaginary trip to all seven continents as we discover stories that entertain, inspire AND encourage kids to READ! Claudia the Hippo is back and, of course, Roosevelt Rat has been practicing some new

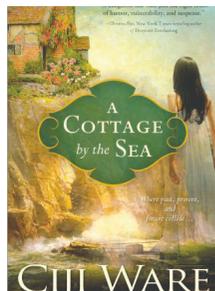
tricks as well. The Magic Man, Mr. Larry Moore will be back with us on June 9th to amaze you with his skills and humor. Then on June 23rd we will be privileged to host Mr. Mark Seymour as he presents "Around the World with Drums and Music". This one man band brings over seventy-five musical instruments and plays them all! This is a summer reading program you do not want to miss! And between all of these big events, we will be having weekly movies, stories, and crafts. Remember this program is designed to keep kids reading all summer. For every 10 books a child reads, they earn a prize. Please

stop by the library to get a complete schedule to ensure that you don't miss a thing! The Summer Reading Program will run through July 14th. Don't fret adults, you can participate in our Adult Reading Program, "Novel Destinations", through August and September and earn a chance to win a really sweet prize (details will be in next month's newsletter). As always, we hope to see YOU at the library!

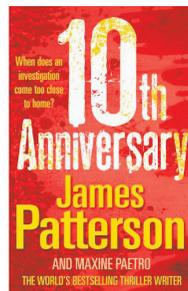
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by Stephen King



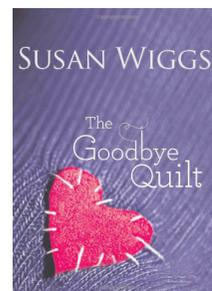
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by Ciji Ware



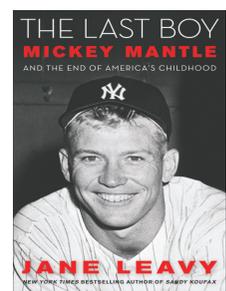
Barbara
"Tenth Anniversary"
by James Patterson



Agnes
"The Goodbye Quilt"
by Susan Wiggs



Retta
"The Last Boy"
by Jane Leavy



One World, Many Stories Summer Reading Program

THURS., JUNE 2ND – 1:30 P.M. – KICKOFF PROGRAM WITH TOMMY JOHNS!

FRI., JUNE 3RD – 1:30 P.M. – MAKE A FLAT STANLEY & SEND HIM ON HIS WAY!

TUES., JUNE 7TH – 9:30 A.M. - STORIES WITH MS. JENNIE

WED., JUNE 8TH – 1:30 P.M. – MOVIE TIME – YOGI BEAR

THURS., JUNE 9TH – 2:00 P.M. – MAGIC WITH LARRY MOORE!

FRI., JUNE 10TH – 1:30 P.M. – CRAFT DAY – MAKE A THAI HANGING OWL

TUES., JUNE 14TH – 9:30 A.M. – STORIES WITH MS. JENNIE

WED. JUNE 15TH – 1:30 P.M. – MOVIE TIME –

FRI., JUNE 17TH – 1:30 P.M. – CRAFT DAY – MAKE EGYPTIAN PAPER BEADS

TUES., JUNE 21ST – 9:30 A.M. – STORIES WITH MS. JENNIE

WED., JUNE 22ND – 1:30 P.M. – MOVIE TIME –

THURS., JUNE 23RD – 1:30 P.M. – BE-AT YOUR BEST WITH MARK SEYMOUR!

AROUND THE WORLD WITH DRUMS AND MUSIC!

FRI., JUNE 24TH – 1:30 P.M. – CRAFT DAY – MAKE A JAPANESE PAPER UCHIWA FAN

TUES., JUNE 28TH – 9:30 A.M. – STORIES WITH MS. JENNIE

WED., JUNE 29TH – 1:30 P.M. – MOVIE TIME –

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