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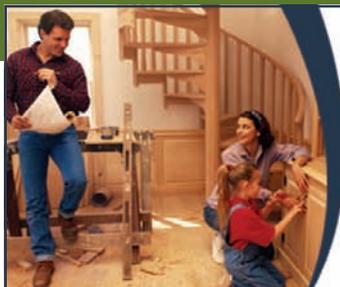
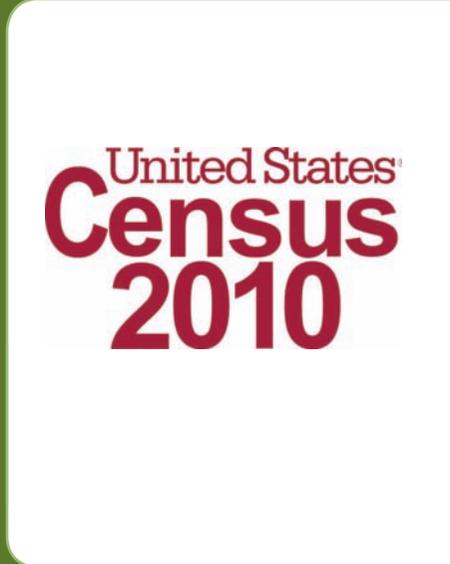


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DRUG FREE MESSAGE

"Set clear rules for your children about all drug use. This includes talking to them about not sharing medicine and always following the medical provider's advice and dosages. The abuse of prescription and over-the-counter medications by our children is a growing problem!"

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.

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COLUMBIANA SCHOOLS

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CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Cornerstone made history this month at the National History Day Competition which focused on Innovations in history. CCS competed against public and private schools at Central High School in Phenix City, Alabama. Bethany Webb's project on computers won first place in Senior Individual Exhibit, Wally Morris's project on body armor took first place in the Junior High Division and Lyric Peete's project on Jazz took second place in the Junior High Division. These three students will advance to the state competition at the University of Auburn in Montgomery in the spring.

Cornerstone students also spelled their way to success in the AISA State Spelling Bee. Paytin Boyd took first place in 4th grade, Jim Vick took first place in 6th grade, and Lyric Peete took second place in 8th grade.

Bethany Webb, a senior at CCS, was just named a National Merit Finalist.

Cornerstone Chargers Basketball Varsity Boys and Girls have made it to the Elite 8 after both teams won the Regional Championships.

Thanks to all those who make the Michael English concert a success and we look forward to our next fundraiser, the 5th annual CCS Shoot, Scoot and Serve. If you are interested in clay shooting to support Cornerstone, please call the school office at 669-7777.

Open enrollment is currently underway for grades K3-12.

ELVIN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Student Council supervised a fundraiser called "Helping Hands for Haiti". Our school raised over \$600 to donate to the Red Cross Haiti Fund, to help the unfortunate victims of the earthquake. Elvin Hill Elementary School is also participating in the Relay for Life activities.

Thank you to the students, parents and faculty members who ran the Mercedes Marathon in February. The fourth grade enjoyed their field trip to the Water Festival on February 12. The fifth grade learned as they explored the McWane Center. First graders visited the beautiful Alabama Theater.

Learning is lifelong, diverse process. Our field trips are educational and expose our children to activities that enrich their academics.

March 12 – Spring Picture Day

March 16–19 – Spring Break!

March 22 – No school. Teacher workday and training day.

March 31 – Kindergarten welcomes Miss Annie.

COLUMBIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Congratulations to the sixth grade scholar's bowl team for finishing third at the county tournament. Sixth grade team members were Landon Bentley, Nathan Brom, Daniel Creekmore, Faith Kendrick, Matt Gibson, Marjorie Head, Kelli Roper and Trey Sullivan.

Congratulations to Kayla Dunphy for a third place finish in the state art show. Kayla was a part of a county record five winners at the state level.

Congratulations to Mr. David Rice for being named our Fred Faculty Member for the month for doing so many things to help students and fellow teachers be successful.

Congratulations to Ms. Carla Hilliard for being named Fred Staff Member for the month of February. She does so much "behind the scenes" work for our CNP and promoting it to our students.

Thanks to Ms. Marcia Murrah, Ms. Elizabeth Burttram, Ms. Andrea Jacobsen and Mr. David Rice for putting together an excellent science fair.

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ADMINISTRATOR SPOTLIGHT 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 is held the week of March 15. 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.

AEROBICS

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday

5:15 pm – 6:15 pm

Columbiana United Methodist Church

For information call Shea Williams

@ 612-6012

TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS

Taking care of yourself is your most important step as a caregiver. Caregivers are more likely than those who are not caregivers to be at risk for colds, the flu and also chronic illness such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

On the other hand, when caregivers take time to care for themselves, good things usually happen:

- They stay healthier.
- They feel better about themselves.
- They have more energy and

enthusiasm and can keep giving care.

Here are some important things that you need to find time to do – just for yourself:

- Get some exercise.
- Eat healthy meals and snacks.
- Get enough sleep.
- Make time for an activity you enjoy.
- Get regular medical checkups. This includes dental checkups.

HOW DO YOU THANK A DOCTOR?

For the lives they have saved, for the pain they have eased, for the hours they have labored, how do you thank a doctor? Throughout the year, doctors provide exceptional care touching the lives of family and friends throughout the community. So, for all they have done and all they will do, on Doctor's Day, March 30, we simply say, "Thank you."



Celebrating our Past
Preparing for our Future

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Shelby County Celebrates 192nd

Approximately 300 people attended the 192nd birthday celebration of Shelby County on February 7, 2010. The event coincided with the dedication of the recently renovated Shelby County Museum and Archives located in the old 1854 courthouse in Columbiana.

The keynote speaker for the event was Shelby County Probate Judge Jim Fuhrmeister.



Dr. Stencil Handley

"Cares For Eyes"

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Scrapbook All Weekend

Friday, March 26 ~ 6 pm - Midnight

Saturday, March 27 ~ 10 am - 6 pm

Columbiana United Methodist Church

For more information contact Kathy Corbitt

(205) 919-6089 or e-mail kathycorbitt@aol.com.



The Biggest Tax Mistakes Made In A Recession!

HOW TO KEEP MORE OF YOUR MONEY WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT THE IRS, EVEN IN A BAD ECONOMY!

Dear Worried Taxpayer,

The "R" word (Recession) is bad news ... even for our government! If the economy is shrinking, then that means Uncle Sam is going to be even more aggressive about finding (and collecting) more tax dollars from hard working families like you.

Yes, I know times are tough financially these days. You could be worried about your job. You might be fearful of losing what little savings you have tucked away. Most people tell me the stack of bills at home seems to be getting thicker and thicker and the juggling act of what bills to pay next gets harder and harder.

Do NOT panic. Do NOT make bad decisions out of ignorance. And definitely do NOT let fear of the IRS and a bad economy kill your dreams of a better life. (I have THE solution for you!)

Look, I'm a tax professional. I've been helping middle income families through good and bad times for years. And the thing I want to make crystal clear is this...

If you have ANY hesitation that you might be "missing" something on your tax return... ANY questions about the new tax law changes... ANY sleepless nights worried about the IRS and what might happen if you "do it wrong" ANY sense that this year might NOT be the best year you go it alone—then I recommend you follow your "gut" and pick up the phone and call my office today!

DON'T LET YOUR TAX MONEY GO DOWN THE DRAIN!

What many hard-working people don't completely understand is TAXES are a much more significant part of your overall financial picture than you realize. And if you plan accordingly, and you know what legal deductions that apply to you already in the tax code, AND you can follow up on the hundreds of NEW tax laws just hitting the books this year...

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP MUCH MORE OF YOUR MONEY (INSTEAD OF SENDING A CHECK TO UNCLE SAM) AND POTENTIALLY GETTING A BIG REFUND INSTEAD... BUT ONLY IF YOU KNOW THE TAX SYSTEM AND HOW TO USE IT TO YOUR LEGAL ADVANTAGE!

But here is the problem!

Who has time to read through the tens of thousands of pages of the current tax code and keep up with all the new tax laws Congress is even updating right now in Washington, DC? I know you don't. You have to go to work, raise a family, live life... heck, I do taxes as my profession and I have a staff to help me research the new tax code in order for me to keep up with everything!

Since this is what I do for a living, I have the expertise to know what applies and what doesn't

apply to your situation (**yes, the tax code is so confusing, if you call the IRS hotline and ask a question, independent surveys have proven you will receive the WRONG answer over 43% of the time!**) So why is the IRS so picky and strict with you, the taxpayer, when their own people in their bureaucratic organization can't answer questions accurately about tax forms you are required to file each year by law?

Great question. But save your breath trying to fight Uncle Sam on that one. Better to play by the rules and file all the forms required by law. If you know what you are doing, you can still "win" and pay the least amount of tax owed and hopefully get a refund check this year.

You do NOT want to Play Games With Uncle Sam This Year In A Recession, The IRS Will Actually Go After Even More Of YOUR Money!

There are many very good reasons to hire a tax professional to be on your side.

- 1) More net dollars staying in your pocket,
- 2) Peace of mind your taxes are filed correctly with the IRS,
- 3) Your tax preparer handles any IRS correspondence throughout the year,
- 4) Having a workable financial plan which allows you to live your dreams,
- 5) Actually protecting yourself and your family from an IRS audit and any future tax surprises!

But since our economy has gone south, the government has got to make up the difference somewhere. And guess where this "somewhere" usually is? That's right, YOUR wallet or pocketbook! (Our friendly neighborhood IRS buddies will aggressively go after YOUR money first, before they will cut any of their wasteful spending in their particular red tape governmental departments... I promise you!)

So Where Does This Leave You? ...Alone & Vulnerable I'm Afraid!

Unless of course, you call me.

Look, I truly am modest and not a boastful person. But in times like these, I have got to tell it to you straight. You need a tax professional like me or

someone on my expert tax staff to help you in these perilous times we are living in.

Because we understand you don't want to pay "an arm and a leg" to get your tax return in ship shape and ready to file, we are extending you a **Courtesy New Client 20% Discount** as our way of saying thank you for trusting us to help you in this recessionary time. WE CALL IT "THE WORLD'S LARGEST TAX SERVICE COUPON... SEE WHAT I MEAN BY TURNING THIS PAGE OVER!"

Oh, and by the way, **we guarantee you will be completely satisfied with our ability to help you, no matter what your tax situation is!** And I promise we will save you MORE MONEY and MORE TIME (not to mention the hassle factor of allowing us to do everything for you). We want there to be NO RISK ON YOUR PART in trusting us to help you with this year's tax return.

Here's How To Get Started:

Since our tax office is very busy this time of year, it is best for you to pick up the phone and give us a call during normal business hours, or drop us a simple email telling us how best to reach you for an appointment. So, give my office a call right now so you don't miss out.

Our phone number is **205-664-4032**. We do our best to answer all incoming calls live, but if you get voice mail please leave us a short message and we'll get back with you as soon as we can. Oh, and I know email can be a little impersonal, but to help get the ball rolling (and get you in front of the line), emailing us can be a good way to go.

Send to: EZtax873@gmail.com

We really do NOT want you to feel any more pain or frustration or lose any more sleep over your tax situation or dealing with the IRS. We are in the business of helping you sleep like a baby, never having to worry about your taxes again. And not just this year, but EVERY year!

I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Best regards,
Janine Carroll

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What's New At The Library

By Jane Bailey - Director

The Big Read is here! Hopefully you were able to attend our kickoff event last month when we hosted a mock funeral to bury illiteracy. But if not, there are certainly more good things to come. Please join us in March as we continue our journey with *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. Darrell Revel will be appearing as Mark Twain, Ms. Jane will give preschoolers a taste of Tom Sawyer in a story time, there will be fence painting for kids after school and a community book discussion all happening in March at the Columbiana Library! The Big Read is made possible by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. To learn more about The Big Read, please visit the www.NEABigRead.org or www.alabamareads.org. The Friends of the Columbiana Library will be having their Spring Book Sale March 31 through April 2. Come out and support your library! Your purchase fund programming such as the upcoming Summer Reading Program and other library needs. The Friends group will be holding their annual Yard Sale on Saturday, April 3rd, which is also the date of the community-wide yard sale. Speaking of the Summer Reading Program, this year's theme will be "Make A Splash" at your Library. Plans are underway for another fantastic summer of fun in Columbiana, so make plans to attend. Our kickoff will be June 9 at 10 a.m. with Paul Miller of Flow Circus. You won't want to miss this event!

Pre-school Storytimes with Ms. Jane

Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

- March 2 – Dr. Seuss stories!
- March 9 – Tom Sawyer Tales
- March 16 – Blow Wind, Blow
- March 23 – Irish folklore
- March 30 – Funny Stories!

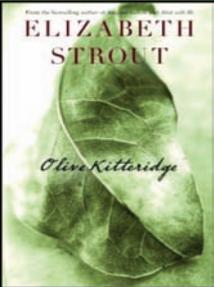
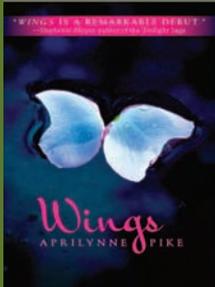
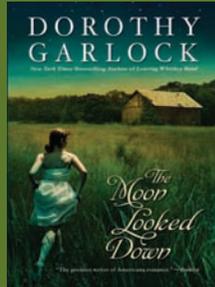
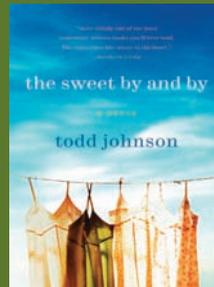
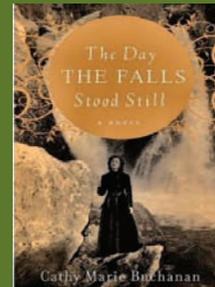
The Big Read: "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain

- March 4 – 6 p.m. – An evening with Mark Twain (Darrell Revel)
- March 9 – 9:30 a.m. – Ms. Jane's Storytime "Tom Sawyer Tales"
- March 19 – 3:15 p.m. - After school fence painting for kids
- March 23 – 6 p.m. – Community book group discussion

Columbiana Friends of the Library

- March 9 – 1 p.m. – Monthly meeting
- March 31 – April 2 – Spring Book Sale

Monthly Recommended Reads

<p>JANE "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout</p> 	<p>Shelia "Wings" by Aprilynne Pike</p> 	<p>Barbara "The Moon Looked Down" by Dorothy Garlock</p> 	<p>Agnes "The Sweet By and By" by Todd Johnson</p> 	<p>Retta "The Day the Falls Stood Still" by Catherine Marie Buchanan</p> 
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Liberty Day 2010

The 25th annual Liberty Day Celebration presented by M & F Bank begins on Friday night, June 25 and continues on Saturday, June 26. We have several special events planned for Liberty Day's silver anniversary in 2010. Back by popular demand, Total Assets will be performing on Friday night. Sponsorship by our local businesses each year is extremely important to the success of Liberty Day. If your business and/or organization would like to be a part of the continued success of Liberty Day contact Tom Seale at (205) 669-3533 or e-mail at cityinfo@bellsouth.net.



SPRING YARD SALE

The spring citywide yard sale, sponsored by the Columbiana Merchants and Professionals Association, will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2010 from 8am until 2pm on North Main Street. Spaces are \$15.00, which includes advertising and permit fee.

For more info, contact Georgiann at 205-670-5563 or 205-669-0530

SHELBY COUNTY SOIL & WATER 7TH ANNUAL TREE & SHRUB SALE

March 6, 2010 9:00 AM until
Columbiana
Location to be determined

Tree and Shrubs will be \$1 and \$2
Sweet Shrubs, Hydrangea, Pink Spirea, Dogwoods,
Oaks, Magnolias, Mountain Laurels and more.

Fruit Tree will be \$8 and \$9
Plum, Peach and Cherry Trees
Quantities are limited
All trees and shrubs will bare root.

For more information, call Shelby County Soil & Water
Conservation District at 669-7136
Or e-mail kim@scswcd.us

CITY MAKES PURCHASE

The Columbiana Fire Department recently placed into service a new 2010 Pierce fire truck.



MARCH/APRIL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Mar 1 6:30 PM Columbiana Beautification Board, Niven House
- Mar 2 6:30 PM Columbiana City Council, City Hall
- Mar 4 12 Noon South Shelby Chamber of Commerce, Columbiana UMC
- Mar 8 6:00 PM Park & Recreation Board, City Hall
- Mar 9 1:00 PM Friends of the Library, Library
- Mar 9 5:30 PM Columbiana Water Board, Water Board Building
- Mar 10 11:00 AM Severe Weather Siren Test
- Mar 11 7:00 PM Planning and Zoning, City Hall
- Mar 16 6:30 PM Columbiana City Council, City Hall
- Mar 25 8:00 AM Merchants and Professionals Assn, Niven House
- Apr 1 12 Noon South Shelby Chamber of Commerce, Columbiana UMC
- Apr 3 8:00 AM Main Street Yard Sale, Main Street
- Apr 5 6:30 PM Columbiana Beautification Board, Niven House
- Apr 6 6:30 PM Columbiana City Council, City Hall
- Apr 8 7:00 PM Planning and Zoning, City Hall
- Apr 12 6:00 PM Park and Recreation Board, City Hall
- Apr 13 1:00 PM Friends of the Library, Library
- Apr 13 5:30 PM Columbiana Water Board, Water Board Building
- Apr 14 11:00 AM Severe Weather Siren Test
- Apr 20 6:30 PM Columbiana City Council, City Hall
- Apr 22 8:00 AM Merchants and Professionals, Niven House



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March 4 - April 1 (4 Weeks)

Thursdays, 6pm - 8:30pm

Ages: 15 to Adult

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Paris Farzad

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL OF PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

The Shelby County Arts Council is proud to present the Birmingham School of Photography Exhibit featuring Digital Photography Prints by students & instructors of the Birmingham School of Photography.

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