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MARCH 2011

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SHELBY COUNTY SPRING BREAK

MARCH 14-18, 2011

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COLUMBIANA SCHOOLS

ELVIN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2nd Grade will see Beauty & the Beast	March 8
5th Grade will visit Briarfield Park	March 11
Good Citizens Lunches for 1st, 4th and 5th	March 22
Good Citizens Lunches for K, 1st, and 2nd	March 23
Mobile Dairy Cow Demonstration	March 22
Spring Break	March 14-18
Teacher workday	March 21

Congratulations to Mrs. Joyce Etrass for recently being named the University of Montevallo's Alumni of the Year in Education. We are very proud of you, Mrs. Etrass.

The fourth grade enjoyed a wonderful adventure to Children's Theater. Our field trips make it possible to enrich our students with diversity.

Congratulations also to our students who participated in the Mercedes Marathon in Birmingham. There is a long training period and finally the marathon. The students worked so hard for this achievement.

After we get back from Spring Break, we will begin SAT testing and ARMT testing.

The 5th grade Science State Testing will be April 4-6.

Elvin Hill faculty would like to thank our wonderful PTO that provides so much for the teachers and students. The Student Council, under the leadership of Caitlin White, Nikki Phillips, and Chase Glover, collected donated items to surprise our Senior Citizens at the Columbiana Senior Citizens Center, on Valentine's Day. Community Service and involvement is a part of our beliefs at Elvin Hill School. It was great to see so many EHES students in the Cowboy Parade! "Ye Ha!" Have a wonderful and restful Spring Break!!

COLUMBIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following students for representing CMS at the county scholar's bowl competition. The sixth grade team consisted of Jackson Bailey, Caleb Crim, Faryn Fryer, Merritt Harmon, Joseph Pennington, Samantha Slaughter, Julie Smith, and Kane White. The seventh grade team consisted of Landon Bentley, Nathan Brom, Daniel Creekmore, Marjorie Head, Matt Lipscomb, Trey Sullivan, and Kendal Swanson. The eighth grade team consisted of Owen Barnes, Kyle Cofer, Justus Martin, Margeaux Souter, Zac Scott, Adriane Tharp, and Sarah Thompson.

Congratulations to Breanna Bittle for finishing third in the state in the National Career Develop Association's middle school poetry competition.

Landon Bentley represented CMS well at the county spelling bee, finishing third overall.

Coach Mike Bentley was selected as CMS Teacher of the Month for January because of the way he manages his classes and handles all responsibilities with a high degree of professionalism.

Crystal Smith was selected as CMS Staff Member of the Month for January because of the support she gives lead teachers in the special education department.

FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

On February 6, 2011, Governor Robert Bentley, the only Shelby County native elected governor, returned home to Columbiana to help celebrate Shelby County's 193rd birthday. He attended morning services at First Baptist Church and then proceeded down to the courthouse. There I issued the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Columbiana seeks to recognize and honor her sons and daughters who place the needs of the community, the state and the nation above individual needs and comfort; the City of Columbiana gratefully acknowledges these individuals in a manner that would befit the recipient of our appreciation for the dedication that has been demonstrated for the common good; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bentley, who has been blessed by The Lord Our God with a family that stressed hard work, providing for those in your charge, leading by example and displaying a Christian love by giving back to the community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bentley and his family earned and maintained the respect of fellow residents of Columbiana during his youth as he enjoyed living, learning and working in Columbiana and was thus imbued with the strong work ethic, sense of responsibility and pride of citizenship that is the hallmark of all our community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bentley has proven his commitment to the common good as a veteran of the Armed Services of the United States, a physician dedicated to restoring health and wholeness of all people and as a public servant with a proven and respected record of honesty and integrity while working to improve the quality of life for all Alabamians as an esteemed member of the Alabama Legislature and now as the Governor of the Great State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bentley has been blessed by God to have by his side a loving wife, Dianne, whose strength, comfort, faithfulness to him and to the God who brought them together many years ago and whose choice to instill Christian values in their children, has allowed him to achieve so much for so many;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Allan Lowe, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Columbiana, Alabama, do hereby proclaim

FEBRUARY 6, 2011 AS

ROBERT BENTLEY DAY IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA.

FURTHERMORE, this proclamation is made on the occasion of the recognition of his family's contribution to the founding and early days of Shelby County and let history record this day as a time when Governor Robert Bentley's family and friends gathered around him and his wife, Dianne, to congratulate him on his election as Governor, extend to him our most sincere gratitude for how he has chosen to live his life in a manner that brings great pride to every resident of Columbiana, to charge him with our expectations that he should continue to serve our state with the dignity and leadership he has always shown and most importantly, to commit our support and prayers to strengthen him in his new position of leadership and show him, in no uncertain terms, that we are proud to call Governor Robert Bentley a favorite son of Columbiana.

Given under my hand, in the City of Columbiana, Alabama, this 1st day of February 2011.

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Shopping local invests in your community, in your neighbors and even in yourself! In today's economic climate shopping local can provide a return on your investment. It has been estimated by several studies that 'for every dollar your spend locally, twice as much will be reinvested in the community by a local store than a national store.'

5 REASONS TO SHOP LOCAL

1. Local Business Owners Invest in Our Community. Local businesses are owned by folks who live in our community and are therefore less likely to leave. They are more invested in the

community's future. They contribute to the local non-profits, support our boys & girls programs, local charities and help build strong communities.

2. Reduced Environmental Impact. When you shop local, less transportation is required which has a positive effect on the environment. Less water & air pollution, Less congestion, Less habit loss for animals, Less impact on the community.

3. Public Benefits & Costs. Local stores require comparatively little infrastructure and make more efficient use of public services as compared to big box stores and strip shopping malls.

4. Shopping Local Keeps Dollars Local. Dollars spent locally can have as much as three times the impact on our community as dollars spent at national chains. When shopping locally you stimulate jobs, fund more city services through sales tax, invest in neighborhood improvement and promote community development.

5. Shopping Local Just Makes Cents: Shopping local fuels entrepreneurship which in turn helps families. It promotes competition and provides some product diversity from big box retailers. Overall, shopping locally helps to promote local character and prosperity.

Senior Center Receives Grant

The Alabaster-Pelham Rotary Club has made the lives of seniors in six (6) Shelby County Senior Centers (Alabaster, Calera, Columbiana, Heardmont Park, Montevallo & Vincent) a little happier this holiday season! They have donated funds to each center to purchase items that can enrich the lives of the seniors who attend. The Columbiana Senior Center opted to purchase a Wii Game Station which will help keep seniors active both physically and mentally. Seniors can now participate in activities such as bowling, board games, baseball and other games with the Wii System.

FREE COMPUTER TRAINING FOR SENIORS

If you are age 55 or older and want to learn how to set up/use email & use the Internet, there are FREE classes at the Harrison Regional Library! To sign up of for more details, call Judy or Rick at 669-3910!

DRUG FREE MESSAGE

Set clear rules for teens about all drug use, including not sharing medicine and always following the medical provider's advice and dosages. For information on safeguarding medications in your home, please visit www.shelbycountydrugfreecoalition.org.

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.

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



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Know your city

Former mayor Jim Strickland serves on the City Council representing District 3.

Over the years Jim has served on just about every board the city has to offer . . . the Library Board, the Beautification Board, Park and Recreation, and the Water Board. Presently he serves, on the Columbiana Planning and Zoning Commission and also the Finance Committee and the Public Works Committee.



Jim Strickland
City Councilwoman
District 3

Jim married his high school sweetheart when they were seniors at Auburn University. They moved to Columbiana in 1971 and raised their two children here as Jim managed the family business, Strickland's Department Store. After 27 years in retail and 4 years as mayor, Jim embarked on a second career as a commercial real estate broker specializing in properties here in Shelby County.

Jim and wife Beth welcomed his parents and her mother to Columbiana during their retirement years. He is proud to say that his roots run deep in his city with four generations residing in Columbiana. You may see a proud grandpa at the ball field these days! Jim loves his city and especially the Liberty Day Celebration every June which he helped to found over 25 years ago. His hope and dreams for the city include the development of the old Summer Classics property into a venue that will enhance the many civic events that call Columbiana home.

FARMER'S MARKET NEWS

Randy Glenn, Manager of the Farmer's Market, wanted to express his thanks to all of the sixteen producers who participated in the Farmer's Market this year and those who patronized the vendors. The Farmer's Market closed for the season as of the first weekend in November. It will reopen in the spring of 2011.

Scrapbook All Weekend

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 ~ 6 pm - Midnight
SATURDAY, MARCH 26 ~ 10 am - 6 pm

Columbiana United Methodist Church
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6 Arts Calendar

Starch in her Petticoats

Dolores Hydock & Bobby Horton performing
Starch in her Petticoats
Sunday, March 6th, 2pm at Pelham Library
Thursday, March 31, 6:30pm at Montevallo Library

Steve Cole One Man Show

Steve Cole One Man Show
Steve Cole is an art professor at Birmingham Southern College.
Cole will be exhibiting recent drawings and paintings from travel experiences, western landscapes, new England plant life, and drawings from France. Exhibit Dates: March 3 - 31, 2011
Opening Reception: Thursday, March 3rd, 2011, 6:00 - 7:30pm

RED MOUNTAIN YOUTH MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP & JUNIOR WORKSHOP

Give your child something unique - the gift of theatre! Shelby County Arts Council makes it easy for you to give the gift that will be treasured forever - the experience of Red Mountain Musical theatre Workshop for youth ages 5 - 18!
Workshop dates: June 20 - 24, 2011 How to Audition: April 9th, 10am Auditions: May 7th, 10am
Junior Workshop (ages 5 - 6) HALF-DAY: \$75 Youth Musical Theatre Workshop (Ages 7 - 18)
FULL DAY: \$125 Snacks included. Bring a sack lunch. Location: Shelby County High School Auditorium - Columbiana



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Caregiving Tips: Do's, Don'ts & Expectations

DO . . .

- Keep everything as simple as possible.
- Give instructions one step at a time.
- Keep your loved one occupied with simple chores.
- Remember your loved one will follow you around and want to know where you are.
- Maintain a daily, structured routine.
- Minimize distractions, noise and confusion.
- Provide memory aids and cues when possible.
- Be gentle – provide affection and support.
- Maintain a sense of humor and acknowledge small successes.
- Get respite time away from your role as a caregiver.

DON'T . . .

- Expect answers to your questions to be accurate.

Get irritated when asked the same question over and over.

Give your loved one too much responsibility.

Expect your loved one to properly identify people, places or things.

Get upset, raise your voice or scold your loved one.

Take your loved one's behavior personally – it's the disease!!

Argue with your loved one or try to rationalize with them.

EXPECT . . .

Sleep disturbances.

Symptoms to worsen in the evening.

Behavior changes when there are major changes in daily life.

Your loved one to be anxious, frustrated and to deny his/her problems.

Your loved one to have normal feelings such as guilt, anger, sorrow or helplessness

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.

Liberty Day 2011 News

City Hall has begun to gear up for Liberty Day 2011.

Vendor applications went on line early in January and they will be reviewed as they arrive, so if you are a vendor and are interested in participating, please visit the website to get a copy of the 2011 application.

We are anticipating another great event, as we welcome back Total Assets for Friday Night Live and Deputy 5, a Birmingham band, will be our Saturday night headliner.

CGS Events, our entertainment coordinator, is working on music for Saturday as well.

Plans are to continue the children's carnival on Friday and Saturday nights, food vendors on Main Street for Friday Night Live and then on Saturday. We are hoping to provide a good mix of arts and crafts vendors for Saturday and all of the activities traditionally accompanying the day.

Please make your plans to join us on Main Street as we celebrate Columbiana's Liberty Day and check out the website for the most current information regarding the activities for the celebration!

Columbiana Friends of the Library

Mar. 8th – 1 p.m. – Friends of the Library meeting – join us and help plan our future!
 Mar. 9th – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Quilting Class
 Mar. 17th – 10:30 a.m. – FOL Daytime Book Group meets at the United Methodist Church Parlor to discuss “Mr. Pettigrew’s Last Stand”

Pre-school Storytimes with Ms. Jane

Join us every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
 1st – “Dr. Seuss Stories”
 8th – “Let the Wind Blow”
 15th – “Irish Folklore”
 22nd – “Let’s Go to the Farm”
 29th – “Funny Tales”

Adult Knitting Classes

Our knitting group just keeps on growing! If you would like to learn to knit, or if you already know how and just enjoy being around others who share your passion, come out and join us for fellowship and fun!

Quilts for Kids

Sat. Mar. 12th – 9 a.m. – Alabama Chapter for Quilts for Kids meets at the library to work on quilts going to sick children in our area. Interested? Call 669-5812 and speak with Agnes or Shelia.

What's New At The Library

By Jane Bailey - Director

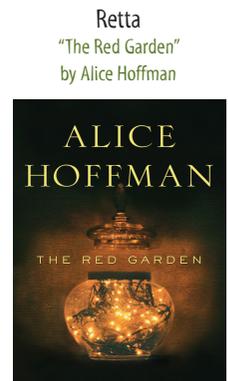
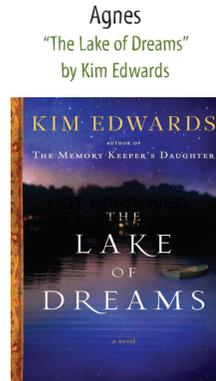
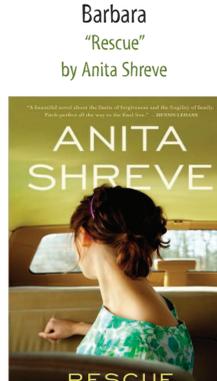
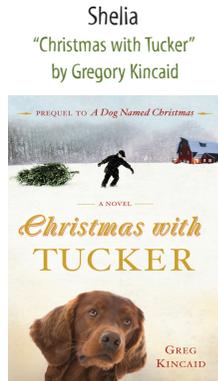
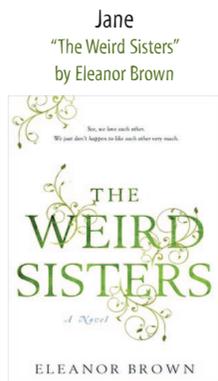
With the rising gas prices and unemployment in our area, the library is the perfect place to come for inexpensive or free entertainment. Every month the Columbiana Library offers programs designed to enrich our lives and enlighten our minds. There are author visits, special speakers, storytimes, knitting, quilting, crafting, public computers, movies, books and much, much more. If you haven't been by the library in awhile, please drop in and pick up a calendar of

events. Have a suggestion for a program you'd like to see? We'd love to hear your ideas! The library is here to serve you, so make it yours.

Try BOOK SWAP @your library! Across from the circulation desk is a collection of gently used, nice condition books that you may swap for one of your personal books in good condition from your own library. Trading or exchanging books is a great way to try a new author without

costing you a dime! What a great way to recycle and you don't even need a library card!

I'd like to extend a special thank you to all who made the Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale a success. We appreciate everyone who attended and all those who helped with the sale. We'd love to have you as a Friend! Simply ask at the desk the next time you come in and help to make your library a better place!



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