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IMAGES OF A SUCCESSFUL COLORFEST

For more than 30 years, the Annual Colorfest has drawn thousands of people to Mentone's little village causing it to come to life with artists, musicians, local chefs and visiting patrons. They come to drink in the cool, crisp mountain air, admire the glory of the fall foliage, and enjoy the festivities. This year, Colorfest had a very successful year.

The Friday night Fish Fry, bonfire and live music by David Lusk was well attended and enjoyed by all. Saturday morning, the weather was perfect for One World Adventure's Color Craze 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run. Winners received their medals and the festival kicked off in full swing. A glorious display of arts and crafts from over 70 premier artists and craftsmen filled Brow Park, which offered the most spectacularly breathtaking bluff views. There were thousands of visitors and locals



milling around town. After hearing from visitors, vendors and local businesses, we believe this was the BEST Colorfest we have had!

Exciting, down-home mountain music filled the air with the "Sounds of Mentone" – 2 days of a steady stream of music from some very talented local musicians that included Taylor Poff, Marc Womack, Ryan Keefe, Jerry Bloom, Jordan Brown, Jared Cushen, Jess Goggans, Silvia Constantino, Lisa Crow, Larry Joe Hall, Terry Hutcheson and David Lusk.

This year we added a stage at the Children's Festival that allowed singers and musicians from area schools to participate. These young performers included Hannah Blansit, Taylor Henderson, Bri Wells, Abigail Goolesby, The Fowler Sisters, The Inputs, Moon Lake Chorus, Curtis Strange and winners of the Singing with the Stars competition, Kenadie Lee, Payton Sells and Tatum Campbell.



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Sad News for Mentone

Linda Brown passed away on September 19, 2014. It is a great loss for Linda's family and a great loss for Mentone. Linda gave unselfishly to her community. She served as a council member, mayor, election official, board member of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Department, and board member of the Mentone Community Library. She was active in her church and garden club, and supported any cause she felt would help people and the community.

Linda was devoted to Bobby, her husband of sixty years, her children and grandchildren, brothers and sister, and extended family. She was a great cook and her house always looked like it was ready to be featured in Better Homes and Gardens.

Linda worked as the office manager at Camp Laney for many years. She always came to work in a great mood. She was incredibly organized and kept everybody straight! Linda had a great sense of humor and helped create a fun work environment. She enjoyed working with the counselors (if they showed up in the office and their personal appearance needed some attention, she informed them of the need for improvement before they left!). She became close to the young men who worked year round.

Over the phone Linda was wonderful with the camp parents and got to know many of them. She knew all the vendors and service people who worked with the camp and they enjoyed visiting with her in the office.

Linda's love of life and people was contagious. Her community spirit and energy are unequalled. The best way to celebrate Linda's life would be to continue these legacies.

Mayor Rob Hammond

From The Editor

Colorfest 2014 was an event to remember. The weather was perfect, scenery was beautiful, artist and craftsmen were the most and best ever, music filled the air on The Brow and downtown, food was abundant, decorations were everywhere, the Echota Tribe was represented, politicians were dunked, pumpkins were rolled and we even had vintage Groundhog newspapers for sale. Most agreed this was Mentone's biggest and best-attended festival in recent memory. Mentone citizens and visitors have a group of dedicated, hard working volunteers and many community minded sponsors to thank for everything but the weather. They amaze me!

Mentone, Alabama is home to only three or four hundred, yet with mostly local money and community volunteers it supports art, music and language education; art and music shows and festivals; cultural history education and preservation; a community newspaper; business cooperation; and fire protection. In fact, because of the excellent rating of our local volunteer fire department, our area saves millions on home and business insurance. Last, but certainly not least, our local Boy Scout troop volunteers for just about everything.

Mentone neighbors working together make our town a great place to visit and live. The

diverse, creative and friendly-natured folks who inhabit the Mentone area give it an unparalleled spirit. This spirit is what makes Mentone such a great place to live.

Thanks to all the volunteers who make Mentone an exciting and safe place to work, play, worship or just kick back and enjoy life.

Ray Padgett,
For the MAPA Board



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This Olde House: MERF Community House - November



My boards may be a little creaky and my paint a little flaky but I am full of life. I continue to open my doors to the young and the wise so my walls are full of joy, laughter and learning.

MERF has the fortune of enjoying the presence of many in the community house as they participate in programs and events offered by MERF. Grateful for the joy of having Linda Brown support MERF and be an active volunteer and participant in many events especially book club, ballroom dancing and after school tutoring. Mentone has lost a giving and active community member. The MERF board is thankful for her life and for her giving life to her daughter, Carol Hazell Brown that was a long time board member and treasurer before retiring to help take care of her mother. Rest in peace Linda. Thank you for enriching the learning and living of our community in Mentone.

Thanks to Steve and Kelly Leavitt for bringing a special presentation of the Throat Singers from the Republic of Tuva, called Alash (www.alashensemble.com) to the Moon Lake Elementary Students. The kids were fascinated with their style of singing and their unique instruments. Ms. Paula had prepared them for the different sounds and presentation. The Leavitts were surprised at the transformation of the Moon Lake Gym from the first time they saw it during MERF's Taste of the Mountain and Art Auction as a Parisian sidewalk café. It is amazing to see the many talents on this mountain.

In this season of leaves changing colors, we know change is good. The MERF board constantly strives to seek the best ways to accomplish the mission of "enriching the learning and living of the community by identifying needs and coordinating resources". So in June, MERF made some changes. The new MERF officers are Kristen Emory as President, Bill Berry as Vice President, Kathy McMunn as Secretary and Roland Hendon as Treasurer. Sarah Wilcox is the Executive Director. The MERF board is also supported by Walt Pullen, Lea Long, Joyce Smith and Linda Lawton. At a recent brainstorming dinner, the board discussed resurrecting some former fun classes

such as Spanish and ballroom dancing and starting classes such as ACT prep, cooking, CPR and GED. Cannot wait to see what might come to fruition. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah at merf.mentone.com.

Thanks to everyone that came by MERF's booth at Colorfest. Hope you are enjoying your "Leave Me in Mentone" shirts, caps and fleeces. Thanks to MAPA for putting on another wonderful Mentone Festival!

In this season of Thanksgiving, MERF is more than thankful for all of our volunteers, supporters, program recipients and the wonderful Mentone community.

MERF's Sue Henry scholarship applications are due December 1st for any Mentone/Valley Head resident needing financial assistance with spring semester in college or a technical school. Applications are available by email MERF.mentone@gmail.com or from Kristen Emory.

MERF: Mentone Educational Resources Foundation is a local non-profit with the mission "To enrich the learning and living of the community by identifying needs and coordinating resources." If you would like to support our programs, tax-deductible donations can be mailed to POB107 Mentone, AL 35984 or contribute online at www.crowdrise.com/MERF. Contact us at merf.mentone@gmail.com or 256-634-4673.



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MAAC Home Tour & Silent Auction Exceed Previous Years



Thanks to the owners of nine incredible homes and a lot of fall sunshine, the Mentone Area Arts Council Home Tour and Silent Auction topped the six previous years in both participation and income. More than 300 people purchased tickets for the weekend event. Many donated to or bought from the Silent Auction held online and at Town Hall.

MAAC wishes to thank those who opened their doors during this event:

Cindy and Wayne Beard
Poppy and Richard Buchanan
Gregg Frith
Lynn Johnson
Jan Newhoff and Mike Keracher
Nancy and Andy Krenkel
Kathy and John McFarland
Sandra and Ray Padgett
Sally Cook Williams

Thanks also go to the owners and managers of historic buildings that welcomed visitors:

Mentone Inn
St. Joseph's On the Mountain Episcopal Church
Sallie Howard Chapel
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Camp Juliette Low

In addition, MAAC wants to thank those who contributed art, antiques, plants, gift certificates, books, etc. They include:

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The income from the Home Tour and Silent Auction will be used for an overlook area at the rock Mentone sign coming up the mountain on Hwy. 117. Construction will begin when we get final permission from the State of Alabama.



Harriet Rex of Raleigh, North Carolina, won the week stay at Camp Juliette Low in the Mentone Area Arts Council Silent Auction, a part of the Home Tour.

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Member Highlight: Jeff Rymer of Southern Style Log Furniture

By Joyce Hoffman
MBA Member

We're going to highlight another of our MBA members this month and are planning more in future months in *The Groundhog*. This month we highlight Jeff Rymer of Southern Style Log Furniture on the South side of Highway 117 just down from the flashing light. He's been in that location for about 5 years, and you'll find him there on weekends year around. When not there, he's working in his shop/home in Cloudland, Georgia, with his brother Tim. With Tim's help, Jeff puts together some really amazing furniture, usually made from cedar logs. They do everything from beds to swings to tables and chairs, plus some unique smaller items. You can see examples of his work on his website at www.SouthernStyleLogFurniture.com.

So, how did all this woodworking start? Well, Jeff says he was born in Cleveland, Tennessee, and has had the "building bug" since he was about 18. He had always tinkered with wood and hoped that someday he might make a living with woodworking. When he got out of school, however, he needed to get a job that started paying right away, so ended up in the auto business in Michigan for about 18 years. Near the end of those years, he began to get a strong urge to get back down south, spend more time with his parents, and maybe again do something with wood. His "opportunity" came when the bottom fell out of the auto industry, leaving him without a job and deciding that was a perfect time to return to Cleveland.

In Cleveland, Jeff had a close friend named Jerry Wilson that also shared a love of doing things with wood. Although Jerry is more of an artist than a builder, they shared a common interest in making use of various types of wood found around them. Jerry told Jeff about this great little town named Mentone on Lookout Mountain in Alabama and how he thought Jeff's furniture might work great for some of the log homes around Mentone. Jeff had been to several places, like Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and Helen, Georgia, looking for a location to try opening a furniture shop, but had decided that they were a little too crowded and commercial for him. When he visited Mentone, he was immediately impressed with the slower pace, friendly people, and artsy-craftsy feeling in the town.

When the shop next to the Hitching Post became available, Jeff jumped right in and rented it. For a few years, he continued to live in Cleveland and commute to Mentone on weekends. His friend Jerry often came along and eventually put some of his artistic wood creations in Jeff's shop. He also was available to keep the shop open on those occasions when Jeff got furniture work out of town or wanted to stay in Cleveland for a weekend to finish a project. Then, a few years ago, Jeff found a house in Cloudland, large enough to allow him to do his woodworking and close enough to Mentone to relieve him of his weekly commuting trips.

Since moving closer to Mentone, Jeff has gotten a little more involved in local activities, working with MAPA on occasion and helping form the Mentone Business Association. You'll generally see him helping out at the festivals and volunteering when his furniture business allows him the time. He's staying very busy with the furniture and has had several great out-of-state projects as well as many for local residents. It's very satisfying to be able to make a living from doing something that you really enjoy, and that's definitely the way Jeff feels about his woodworking.

Future plans? Yes, he has some. Long term, he'd like to be able to open shops in other locations, like Gatlinburg, Tennessee and Helen, Georgia, to have more opportunities to show his work. He's becoming fairly well-known in the log furniture business and

has high hopes of seeing his furniture in other southern locations. He'd also like to be able to train others in the business to share some of the discoveries he's made in working the log furniture for as long as he has. For the moment, however, he pretty well has his hands full keeping up with the business here in Mentone. No matter what the future brings, he considers Mentone his home where he's made some really great friends and where he plans to keep his home base regardless of where else he might expand his business.

And that's our MBA member highlight for this month. Our next MBA meeting is the 3rd Monday of November, the 17th, from 6pm to 7pm at the MERF House and you're all invited. As we've said several times, join us, contribute your ideas, and help us help the local businesses to be as successful as possible.



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Mentone Wedding Chapel



Nestled in the woods atop Lookout Mountain, near Mentone, Alabama, this quaint little chapel is surrounded by ferns, forest and flowers. The chapel is a scaled version of traditional Appalachian churches of days gone by. Stained glass windows filtering soft forest sunrays and soft organ music accent an ambience fitting the wedding ceremony. Inside, wooden pews will seat approximately 60 guests.

Linda Patterson, owner of the chapel, said the idea for it began with a bell, and now that bell rings as newlyweds exit the door of the chapel.

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Moon Lake Elementary School Annual Harvest Festival is November 1

Moon Lake Elementary School will host their Annual Harvest Festival this year on Saturday, November 1, 2014. This family friendly event is always a community favorite. Bring the kids down for lots of kids games, local entertainment, tons of raffles, a hula hoop contest and of course, the infamous hay ride! There is no better way to break in the fall season than a good old fashioned hay ride. Bring your jackets and snuggle in the hay with a blanket for a fun ride in the neighborhood. The cafeteria will be open serving BBQ plates, and the concession stand will have all of your favorite concessions available. Doors open at 4pm with free admission, but please remember to help support your favorite class! Raffle winners and class winners will be announced around 7pm. All proceeds from this event go to Moon Lake PTO. Please come out to this family fun event and show your support for our historic "little" school with strong community involvement.



Sweep By McMahan

Isaiah McMahan takes the pitch back and sweeps the left end as the Valley Head 7 & 8 Tigers defeat the Section Lions 14-0. Photo by Dale Crawford

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Happy Thanksgiving everyone!! CHAMPS would like to say "Thank you!" to all who have helped with and supported fundraisers associated with Valley Head students. I know the youth league, band, athletes and others have been raising money. "Thank you" to those who help by volunteering, working, cleaning and everything else it takes to advance our school and help our students. Also, thank you to those who came to our October meeting. Tiger CHAMPS will be meeting the first Monday of each month at 6pm in the new gym. Everyone is welcome to attend. At our October meeting, we recognized several achievements by VHS students. "CONGRATULATIONS" to the following:

- Randy Cook - Spelling bee winner
- FCCCLA - Blue Ribbon for booth at the fair
- All 40 new Beta Club members

We really enjoyed hearing the VHS volunteer band led by recent graduate Dan Smith. This is his 3rd year as volunteer director. The school last employed a band director in the 2009-10 school year. Dan's mother, Lesa Smith, is a bus driver for the school and serves as the school employee sponsor. We are working with the band to start a booster club and to encourage administrators to hire a band teacher that would be more available to the students so that concerts and competitions would be possible. Also, because there is not a full-time music teacher, the school is ineligible for a number of grants and scholarships for the program. Additionally, they are unable to play or march on the football field and all playing must be done from the bleachers and is limited to home games. They are grateful for the opportunity just to play, but a half-time program would be enjoyed by all as well as



Bain Carries

Jr. Walker is in hot pursuit of Eian Bain in the 9 & 10 contest. The Section Lions defeated the Valley Head Tigers 30-0. Photo by Dale Crawford

making a nice impression on guests. Thanks to successful fundraising, the band has been free so far for students, which is a wonderful statement to be made. They do not have uniforms, but have been able to purchase matching t-shirts which does give them a unified look. Some children have no interest in sports or academics--the band provides an incentive for them to stay in school. The students in the band have really enjoyed practicing and playing. They have learned a great deal--about music and about working together. For more details about the band, to help out, or if you have information that could be useful, you can call Lesa at 256-605-5404, text or leave a message for Dan at 256-717-7703, or visit and like the new Facebook page for Valley Head High School Band!

Current Band Members are:

- Jesse Millican - Grade 12, Bass Guitar
- Waylon Burton - Grade 12, Bass Guitar
- Melissa Freeman - Grade 10, Base Drum, Flute
- MacKenzie Jenkins - Grade 10, Bass Drum, Cymbles
- Lukas Boehringer - Grade 10, Guitar
- Savannah Wallace - Grade 10, Bass Drum
- Logan Johnson - Grade 10, Bass Drum
- Abby Otting - Grade 9, Bass Drum
- Hannah Millican - Grade 9, Keyboard
- Hannah Jordan - Grade 9, Keyboard
- Jaymason Woody - Grade 9, Snare Drum
- Angela Huskey - Grade 9, Guitar
- Dustin Brown - Grade 8, Bass Guitar
- Andrew Gentry - Grade 8, Snare Drum

Alumni Band Volunteers: Kaleb McKenzie & Daniel Smith

Employee Sponsor: Lesa Smith



Crashing The Gate

Valley Head's Noah Hulan crashes through the Section line as the 7 & 8 team defeats the Lions 14-0. Photo by Dale Crawford



The Diary of a Chicken Lady

I do not know where to start. I have not written in a long time but for good reason. It's as hard to say as it is to write but here we go....

MY CHICKENS ARE DEAD.

That is right. I just said it, wrote it, out loud in black and white. They are dead. All my babies that I raised from Tractor Supply to the chickens I rescued. Not just dead but MURDERED, MURDERED in cold blood.

Mentone is known to be a dumpsite for dogs and cats that people no longer want. Well, a stray dog came into our lives. My dogs kept him out of the yard, but soon the Yellow Dog made friends with my dogs and wormed his way into our yard. One day I noticed that my two black chickens were gone. No feathers anywhere. No black chickens. I suspected a raccoon or possibly that Yellow Dog?

I put the other girls in the coop and locked them in for safekeeping. If you remember for several years my chickens have roamed free on our three acres with my four dogs keeping watch over the flock. So, being locked up for three days they were acting like what they were, miserable caged birds. My heart ached for them.

They were in prison and I had put them there. I had made them know what it was like to be free. I let them out...Mistake.

I came home the next day to a pile of feathers in the yard. I lost it! I took off my Ugg boot throwing it wildly at my two yard dogs. Right there in my front yard, in my socked foot, I proceeded to pitch one big fit. The kind of fit you hope no one is witness to. I suspect that was likely not the case. While respectfully not making reference to my melt down Tom was suspiciously able to locate my boot with very little effort. In my heart I knew Luke and Max had not killed my chickens but I knew they had let it happen. They had let that Yellow Dog into our lives and let it eat my chickens.

Yes...I cried. I was angry, sad, and could not find my favorite chicken anywhere. I knew she was gone! I loved all my chickens but I had one that stole my heart. She followed me everywhere, met me at the car, rode the mower with me, I bathed and blow-dried that bird, and she even came inside and watched TV with us. This was no ordinary chicken; she did not know she was a chicken. She was Favorite Chicken. She separated herself from the rest of the girls and spent most of her time with me, or waiting for me to come outside to be with her. This was bad, really bad. She was my girl and I was her chick. I cried for Favorite Chicken.

Do any of you have to just go to bed? I don't mean go lay down. I mean get in the bed, pull the covers over your head in the middle of the day and go to bed; with the real possibility of staying there for a few days if you can get out of

work.

Well, that is exactly what I did. I went to bed with the covers over my head. The kids got home from school and I could hear them asking what was wrong with me. Tom told them about the chickens and that I was most upset because Favorite Chicken was dead. I could hear Saddler say, "Favorite Chicken? Favorite Chicken is not dead. She's in the rose bushes." I jumped up, ran outside, calling my girl and she came running! It was special, almost a movie quality reunion. Reunited ya-a-yaah...

But....only for a few days. That murderous Yellow Dog returned and got her. Favorite Chicken was gone.

I went to bed, again.

Some time later I pulled back the covers and got out of bed.

The chicken coop had been moved--towed down the driveway on loan to the neighbors. Mostly for my mental wellbeing, my family decided that we needed to take a break from chickens. While I do miss my girls, I have to say I agree. My dad, Jim, still has the two Trade Day Buzzards (chickens) that I tend to on occasion when he is out of town.

I have experienced few things better than sitting out in the yard and watching my chickens peck and scratch about. This Chicken Lady is chicken no more and will raise chickens again one day. But not now. Now I have to raise my new puppy--a white, one-eyed miniature poodle named Mike Wazoski, who by all accounts is a hot mess and likely will provide many tales we can share together.

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Remember When . . .

By Angie Carden

The Groundhog did a four part segment of The History of Mentone in 2007. The segments were excerpts from Nelda E. Howe's book, *The History of Mentone, Alabama*. The fourth and final segment was printed in the November issue, and the first paragraph read:

"Mentone was a thriving summer resort from 1884 to 1924. Besides the Mentone Springs Hotel were Windward Inn, Riverdale Lodge, Riverside Hotel, DeSoto Hotel, Chimney Corner Inn, and Nippersink Lodge. All are now closed except the

Nippersink Lodge.

Five miles south of Mentone is DeSoto State Park, established in 1934. Thomas Berry, brother of Martha Berry, donated several hundred acres to the state for park purposes after Milford W. Howard had headed a movement to obtain a park in this area. The park contains 4,869 acres of the picturesque interior of Lookout Mountain. A stone lodge with 150-capacity restaurant, cabins, motel-lodge complex, picnic areas, playgrounds, and swimming pool are available to visitors of the mountain."

The segment went on with her writing of all the camps, churches and the falls. When I was reading the article, I began to think just how gorgeous and

inviting our little town truly is. I have lived here for 42 years and I would never want to be anywhere else!

Anyone interested in past issues of The Groundhog can purchase them for \$.25 per issue. We have issues that date back to the original issue published in April 1983. Please mail your requests to The Groundhog, P.O. Box 387, Mentone, AL 35984 along with your \$.25 per issue requested plus \$2.50 for shipping. All issues will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions, or would like to pick up issues, please call us at 256-465-1107.



The Times of Our Lives

It's A Girl!

Mason and Brittany Daniel Akins are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Stella Mae Akins. Stella Mae was born at 10:49 p.m. on September 3, 2014. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Her proud grandparents are Donald and Margie Daniel, James Akins, and Amy Hansen.



It's A Boy!

Simon Dutton and Heather Daniel welcomed their son, Skylor Wayne Dutton on July 9, 2014. He was born at DeKalb Regional weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. Skylor has one very proud brother, Simon Dutton Jr. as well as three very proud sisters, Mackenzie and Madison Dutton and Kendall Israel. His proud grandparents are Donald and Margie Daniel, Larry and Lisa Beavers, and Kenneth Dutton.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Caleb White, son of Randy and Michelle White and Sherri White on his marriage to Megan McElhaney White, daughter of Kevin and Connie McElhaney. They were married on September 20, 2014, at the Hay Barn in Collinsville, AL.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

We made it through Halloween and Candy! Candy! Candy! Now it's November and the beginning of the Holiday Season. I love Thanksgiving (and not just because of the food)! I love this time of year when families get together and just relax around the table and we all have those delicious meals that, for some reason, we only have one time a year! The air is crisp and smells like Fall, the leaves are still falling, and the grocery stores are full of wonderful holiday items! I have said hundreds of times that I am not a baker, I am a cook! Measuring stresses me out! But the smell and feel of Autumn put me in the mood to bake...or at least in the mood for sweets! I decided to do the simplest recipe ever for pumpkin. I am a huge fan of pumpkin. I love it baked, in a casserole, in a pie, as a shake, and I love pumpkin pie spice in my coffee! So let's make a smoothie :)

Pumpkin Smoothie

Freeze a 15-oz can of pumpkin in a muffin tin, covered with foil. When frozen, add 4 discs to a blender with: 3 c of milk, ½ c vanilla yogurt (can be replaced with half-n-half and 1 tsp vanilla) and ¼ tsp of ground cinnamon. Blend until completely smooth. And if you're in the mood, add a dollop of whipped cream and some crushed graham crackers to the top of each glass and call it Pumpkin Pie!

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Cooking!



THE RECIPE CORNER BY ANGIE CARDEN

November Birthdays

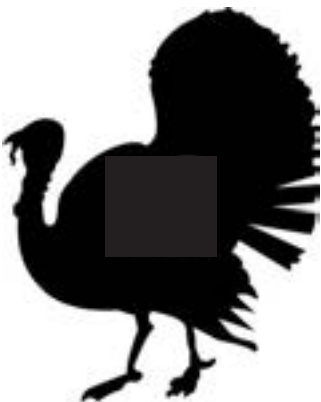
Nov 1 - Easton Bain
Nov 2 - In memory of Gladys Goss
Nov 2 - Michael Potts
Nov 2 - Taylor Brown
Nov 2 - Triston Goss
Nov 2 - J.R. Hurst
Nov 2 - Larry O'Tinger
Nov 3 - Aubrey Shields
Nov 3 - Sandy Hulkan
Nov 4 - Barrett Wilkinson
Nov 4 - Rita Chapman
Nov 5 - Gail Chambers
Nov 6 - Tommy Harrison
Nov 6 - Duane Blalock
Nov 6 - Mike Smith
Nov 7 - Brooklyn Powell
Nov 8 - Michael Harrison
Nov 8 - Toby Crider
Nov 8 - Mary Beasley
Nov 9 - Kowen Worthey
Nov 9 - Laura McKenzie

Nov 10 - Toby Manifold
Nov 10 - Valinda Miracle
Nov 11 - Amber Griffith
Nov 12 - Megan White
Nov 12 - Major Frost
Nov 13 - Addison Prestwood
Nov 13 - Lendell Chappell
Nov 13 - Kim Langston Raley
Nov 14 - Don Brock
Nov 14 - Austin Harrison
Nov 15 - Laura Boehringer
Nov 15 - Rory Quinn
Nov 15 - Lee Carden
Nov 16 - Dink Tillman
Nov 16 - Jeff Wigley
Nov 16 - Johnny Mann
Nov 17 - Jordan Hammond
Nov 17 - Colton Ditmore
Nov 18 - George Boehringer
Nov 18 - Kim Foshee
Nov 19 - Caden Blalock
Nov 20 - Brandi Miller
Nov 20 - Kevin McElhaney
Nov 20 - Angel Carson
Nov 21 - Pam Wooten
Nov 21 - Keith Hadley
Nov 21 - Deedra Battles

Nov 21 - Nancy Brown
Nov 21 - Rachell Givens
Nov 21 - Yvonne Blalock
Nov 21 - Ashley Manning
Nov 22 - Amber Carson
Nov 24 - Pam Baggett
Nov 24 - Hayley Crider
Nov 24 - Sarah Bone
Nov 25 - Billy Tramel
Nov 26 - Krissy Harris
Nov 26 - Heath Kirby
Nov 26 - Renee Pruitt
Nov 27 - Kim Johnson
Nov 27 - Timbo Carden
Nov 27 - Clay Stiles
Nov 28 - Lily Harrison
Nov 28 - Chance Hodges
Nov 29 - Karen Bain Powell
Nov 29 - Brian Blalock
Nov 29 - Kerry Blalock
Nov 30 - Sandy McNutt

November Anniversaries

Nov 1 - George & Kim Raley
Nov 8 - Andrew & Penny Herbert
Nov 14 - Ronnie & Sandy Hulkan
Nov 16 - Dewayne & Melanie Grisham
Nov 21 - Mark & Deedra Battles
Nov 21 - John & Michele Kincer
Nov 25 - David & Barbara Rape
Nov 27 - Loy & Beck Langston



What To Do Around Here!

November 2014 Community Calendar

Nov 1 - United Grocery Outlet 40th Birthday Celebration. Come help celebrate 40 years with the United Grocery Outlet. Receive discounts, goody bags and more. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 256-997-0722.

Nov 1-2 - Bush Craft Weekend With One World Adventure. Bring old school camping back to the 21st century learning outdoor skills and enjoying nature with your family. During this bush craft weekend learn projects-- you can do with your family while camping. Gear list will be sent out prior to the class. Saturday 9 a.m. to Sunday 3 p.m. 256-634-8370.

Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Blow Your Own Ornament. This has become very popular here at Orbix Hot Glass. Come design and blow your own ornament with the help of one of our glass artists. No reservations are needed, it is on a first come, first serve basis. For this we welcome people of all ages (at least 5 years old). 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$35 per ornament blown. 256-523-3188.

Nov 1, 10, 21, 25 - Rappelling Adventure. Come experience the thrill of rappelling down the sheer sandstone gems of NE Alabama. No previous experience necessary. Each trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 1 - Annual Canyon Fest: A Celebration of Arts and Nature. Little River Canyon Field School and Interpretive Center want you to come and enjoy live music, nature and arts activities, arts demonstrations and sales, great food, vendors, children's activities and more. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 256-782-5697.

Nov 1 - Storytime at the Canyon Center: Chickadee's Message by Douglas Wood. Little River Canyon Center staff and volunteers will read aloud unique children's literature every first Saturday of the month. Storybooks will be available for purchase. Little River Canyon Center 11 a.m. to Noon Free and open to everyone. 256-782-5697.

Nov 1 - Moon Lake Harvest Festival. Moon Lake Elementary School will host their Annual Harvest Festival this year. This family friendly event is always a community favorite. Bring the kids down for lots of kids games, local entertainment, tons of raffles, a hula hoop contest and of course, the infamous hay ride! There is no better

way to break in the fall season than a good old fashioned hay ride. Bring your jackets and snuggle in the hay with a blanket for a fun ride in the neighborhood. The cafeteria will be open serving BBQ plates and the concession stand will have all of your favorite concessions available. All proceeds from this event go to Moon Lake PTO. Please come out to this family fun event and show your support for our historic "little" school with strong community involvement. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. 256-634-4113.

Nov 1 - Movie in the Park. Come help raise awareness for those with Autism by joining Donohoo Cheverlet with a movie in the park. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic for an evening with your family under the stars while watching the movie. Free admission to all and free popcorn, cotton candy, drinks and fun. Fort Payne City Park. 5 p.m. 256-273-4986.

Nov 1, 12, 14, 25, 26 - Wild Cave Tour. Go beyond where the average tourist explores! This 2.5 hour adventure is for those of you ready to explore on your knees, on your belly, in the mud and through tight tunnels. Explore in one of NE Alabama's most unique all-weather caves, Manitou Cave, in the heart of Fort Payne. Adventure includes helmet, cave lamps plus a fun informative guide. Meet at True Adventure Sports. 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 3 - Treasure Hunt Adventure. Do you enjoy trying to solve riddles and clues? This 5-hour adventure will take you deep into the heart of Manitou Cave. You will have to solve and follow each clue in order to find the next one, and ultimately the Treasure! True Adventure Sports 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 3 - Celestial Navigation. This two-hour class is a basic introduction to navigation by the stars. Learn how to navigate without the use of a compass or GPS with the same rules used for almost six thousand years. Meet at True Adventure Sports. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 4, 8, 15, 28, 29 - Rock Climbing/ Rappelling Adventure Combo. Nestled in the NE corner of Alabama are some of the best and unique sandstone cliffs in the country. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing and rappelling is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is

needed. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 4, 13, 15, 21, 29 - Night Zip Line Adventure. All our zip lines are set up just before the adventure to ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before the adventure. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 6, 11 - Sky Swing Adventure. This is an adventure of a lifetime. Enjoy the thrill of the swing. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before the adventure. Meet at True Adventure Sports 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 6 - Kamama Music Series. Come and enjoy music with The Glass Jars. Kamama stage and seating provide the audience an intimate listening experience where live music can be fully appreciated. Admission is \$10 and seating is limited. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Dinner at 5:30 and Music starts at 7 p.m. 256-634-3001.

Nov 6 - Marty Raybon in Concert at DeKalb Theatre. Join us for an evening of fine food and great music with Country Music Legend Marty Raybon, lead singer of country group Shenandoah. The Strand Box Office Grill will be hosting a dinner with Marty Raybon at 5:30pm for Dinner & Show ticket holders. This meal will consist of The Famous BANANZA Burger with onion rings or fries and a drink. Also, included with this \$28 ticket will be VIP seating for the show. Dinner & Show tickets are limited to 50 tickets! Standard tickets (\$18) do not include the dinner. These tickets are general admission seating. Tickets will be \$20 at the door.

Nov 7 - Cold Weather Survival Class. True Adventure Sports. Learn how to survive in cold harsh conditions. Learn tips to prevent hypothermia and death. This class covers the basics for emergency cold weather conditions and also covers a few tips on how to stay warm and comfortable for everyday cold conditions. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 8 - Collinsville Historic Turkey Trot. FREE ADMISSION. Turkey tossing begins at 2 pm. "A day of Entertainment" sums up the schedule of events for this historic day. Inflatables, live music, petting zoo, food vendors and arts and craft booths. Ample parking space. For more information contact Jane Simpson at 256.996.8807 or visit the

Turkey Trot Facebook page. Sponsored in part by the Collinsville Historic Association. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 256-524-2788.

Nov 8-9 - Gun and Knife Show. This event will be held at the DeKalb County VFW Fairgrounds in Fort Payne. It will house 350 tables of rifles, shotguns, handguns, knives, edged weapons, modern & antique weapons, and related items. Admission is \$5 per person and children under 12 are free with an adult. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 256-845-7140.

Nov 8 - Guided Archaeology Tour of Cherokee and DeKalb Counties. Come along with JSU archaeologist Dr. Harry Holstein for a guided tour of sites throughout Cherokee and DeKalb counties. Participants will visit the 19th century Cornwall Iron Furnace, a Spanish contact site at Coosa village, a rock shelter in use as early as 3000 B.C., and much more. This will be an unforgettable all-day event. Bring your own food and drinks. Transportation is provided. Space is limited so register early! 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$15 per person (Ages 14 and over); pre-registration required. Call JSU Field Schools at 256-782-5697.

Nov 8, 20 - Night Zip Line & Sky Swing Adventure. All our zip lines are set up just before the adventure to ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before adventure. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 14-15 - Rainsville Holiday Open House. Rainsville retailers will welcome shoppers with a variety of activities such as décor, refreshments, music door prizes and more. 256-638-7800.

Nov 14 - Progressive Women of Northeast Alabama (PWNA) will meet at DeSoto State Park's Mountain Inn Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Special Program of Recognition and Remembrance. Progressive women with an interest in women and children, education, and the environment would be welcome.

Nov 14 - The Winter Excursion. True Adventure Sports. The Winter Excursion is a mystery trip that includes hiking, bouldering, sightseeing, navigation, survival, team building, waterfalls, and just plain fun. You will need to bring a small backpack, compass, flashlight, change of socks, warm clothes, camera, trail mix, water, small first

aid kit, emergency blanket and emergency poncho. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 14-16 & 21-23 - “Blithe Spirit”. Northeast Alabama Community College Theatre presents “Blithe Spirit”. Call 256-638-4418 for more information.

Nov 15 - Mother’s Day Out 5K & Red Light Fun Run. Join FUMC Mother’s Day Out for their 1st Annual 5K & Fun Run. Check in will be in the parking lot of First United Methodist Church. Registration the day of the race will be from 6:45 a.m. until 7:45 a.m. Race beginning at 8 a.m. Fee for the 5K is \$25, and the Red Light Fun Run is \$17 256-845-6221.

Nov 15-16 - One World Backpacking Series: Tent & Hammock Camping. Sponsored by DeSoto State Park and provided by One World Adventure Company. Tent & Hammock camping.....even in the Winter! Winter would be the perfect time to talk about tents and hammocks. We will talk about some different kinds of tents for winter camping, and some simple ways adding some warmth to a cold tent. Most of the class time will be spent talking about hammock camping and how to stay warm. Adults and youth 14 and up. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Desoto State Park. \$110 per person includes meals and all equipment. \$85 per person includes meals (must provide your own equipment). \$65 per person includes instruction (must provide own equipment and food). Upon registration, you will be sent a packing list. To register, call 256-634–8370.

Nov 15 - Paracord Survival Bracelet Workshop: Beginner’s Class. Paracord has a million uses and handy to have around. Since it is so helpful people like to weave paracord into bracelets called survival bracelets. In the Beginner class you will learn how to make 2 types of paracord bracelets. The first bracelet will be an Oat Spike Sinnet bracelet. Once you get the

hang of working with paracord, then we will move on to the Cobra bracelet. This workshop is for 8 years old and older. All ages welcome. All supplies provided. 10 a.m. to noon. DeSoto State Park \$10 supply fee. Workshop is limited to 10 people, so pre-registration is required. 256-997-5025.

Nov 15 - Paracord Survival Bracelet Workshop: Intermediate Class. Paracord is often called survival cord because it has so many uses. This cord can hold 550lb and can be used for making shelters, rafts, fishing and many more things. A survival bracelet typically only has between 7 and 10 feet of paracord woven in to it. We will be making a Survival Belt that has between 40 and 80 feet of paracord woven into it. This workshop is for 8 years old and older. All ages welcome. All supplies provided. DeSoto State Park 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. \$25 supply fee. Workshop is limited to 10 people, so pre -registration is required. 256-997-5025.

Nov 16 - Tri-State Paper Crafting Meet-up. Join us to learn, create and be inspired while crafting with papers, stamps, inks, punches, and die cuts. Take some time out, meet new friends, and relax while doing fun projects. No experience needed. Kamama Gallery from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. To learn more or reserve a spot go to www.meetup.com/Tri-StatePaperCrafters or call 205-349-4026.

Nov 17 - Afternoon Rock Climb. True Adventure Sports. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing is all about in the afternoon with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. TAS 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 17 - Extreme Night Hike. This end-of-day adventure does not slow down just because it’s dark. Intended for a large group team-building exercise, this hike

has a bit of bouldering, some scrambling, some spelunking, and a whole lot of required working together. Headlamp and enthusiastic guide included. Meet at True Adventure Sports. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 18 - Orienteering Class. Basic yet essential skills for survival navigation are brought to you in map reading, compass reading, and topography. Bring your own compass or you may purchase one at our store. True Adventure Sports. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 19 - GPS Basic Training and Navigation Class, Part 1. Learn how to use a map, compass, and a handheld GPS. Learn basic navigation and how to pinpoint a location for quick return, or quick rescue. Also learn how to search by waypoints or coordinates. True Adventure Sports. 10 a.m. to 4 pm. 256-997-9577.

Nov 21–23 - Fall Retreat for Youth/Teen. Fun outdoor adventures and challenging Bible lessons! Invite a friend and come join us! Ponderosa Bible Camp 256-634-4397.

Nov 22 - Native American Tools & Weapons. Join National Park Service archaeologist Larry Beane for a demonstration of how Native Americans utilized natural resources to hunt and gather food, to make weapons, to start fires, and more! Little River Canyon Center; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free and open to everyone. 256-845-9605.

Nov 22 - Native American Pottery Workshop. Join expert potter, Tammy Beane, to learn how pottery was made on Lookout Mountain thousands of years ago. We’ll provide the clay as well as bone needles and paddles to make designs on your pots. Little River Canyon Center; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. \$5 per person 256-782-5697.

Nov 22 - TELLABRATION!! Storytelling in the Canyon. The International Tellebration

is a worldwide event devoted to storytelling. This grass - roots movement is endorsed by the National Storytelling Network. Storytellers from AL, GA, and TN and other states gather for this event. You don’t want to miss it! Little River Canyon Center; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. If you are a storyteller, contact us at 256-782-5697 for information on performing.

Nov 22 - Rock Climbing Adventure. Nestled in the NE corner of Alabama are some of the best and unique sandstone cliffs in the country. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. True Adventure Sports. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 24 - GPS Basics Training and Navigation Class, Part 2. You will learn to find a beacon placed in the woods as a SAR attempt while knowing your position, and the position of your teammates. True Adventure Sports 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Nov 27 - Traditional Thanksgiving Lunch. Come enjoy the traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Kamama Restaurant. Served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reservations Required. 256-634-3001.

Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Day Buffet at DeSoto State Park Come and enjoy a full buffet of all your Thanksgiving favorites. Lunch will be served 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-845-5380.

Nov 28 - Night Zip Line Adventure. All our zip lines are set up just before the adventure to ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before the adventure. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.

Ongoing Calendar

MAPA Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the MERF House in Mentone.

Gluten Free/Diabetic All Natural Cooking classes with Brenda Trace will be held at Little River Hardware at 6pm on Wednesdays. Classes \$10.

Lookout Mountain Parkway Association meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11am. Call to find out how to get involved! 256-845-3957.

DeKalb Quilters meet every 4th Tuesday, 9:30am, Second Baptist Church in Fort Payne.

DeSoto Rescue Squad meets the 1st Saturday

of the month at 9am at the MERF house in Mentone.

Free Square Dance Lessons offered most Thursdays, 6:30pm, at Tom Bevill Center in Rainsville by Duos and Solos Dance Club. 256-638-2780.

Moon Lake Elementary School PTO meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Gymnasium.

FREE FOOD for eligible persons and families. Hours: Tuesdays, 9 AM to noon. New applicants welcome during these hours. Joint effort between St. Joseph’s on the Mountain Episcopal Church (Community

Outreach Ministry) and the Food Bank of North Alabama.

Mentone Fire Department meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm.

Mentone Town Council meets every 2nd Tuesday at 6pm.

The Lookout Mountain Wholistic Center meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month at Rock Ridge Retreat Center in Valley Head at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Mentone Farmers Market open year round every Saturday, 10am-1pm.

Storytime at the Canyon Center every first Saturday of the month. 11am-Noon. Free. 256-782-5697.

NPS Green & Gray Saturday every second Saturday of each month at the Canyon Center. 10am. Free. 256-782-5697.

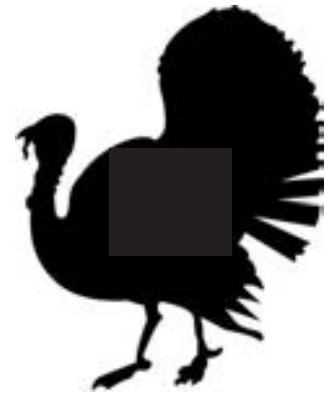
Little River Canyon Center River Rhythms Nature & Art Family Fun Program every fourth Saturday from Jan-Oct. 1pm - 3pm; No Fee. Call Renee Morrison at 256-782-5697.

Valley Head School CHAMPS meet the first Monday of every month at 6pm in the Gym.

The Mentone Business Association (MBA) will meet the third Monday of each month from 6-7pm.



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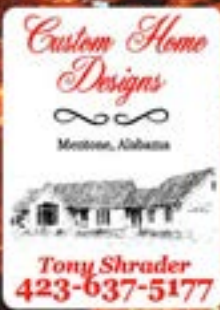
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Colorfest (cont'd from page 1)

The Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama spent Saturday at the Children's Festival sharing education about their tribe. Kids enjoyed pony

rides, pumpkin bowling, glitter tattoos and cookie decorating. The dunking booth took festivalgoers to a new level of "cool"!

The "Taste of Mentone" kept everyone from getting hungry by offering some of the best cuisine in the south! Food vendors filled the need for carnival food with treats such as fried cheesecake, funnel cakes, kettle corn and freshly squeezed strawberry lemonade. The Mentone Business



Association (MBA) introduced a free family-friendly scavenger hunt that led participants all over town in search of clues that offered a treat with each one found. If you completed the game, you qualified for a drawing. The winner of the \$50 cash prize was Stacey Smith from Hayden, Alabama.

Scarecrow Holler returned this year with some very creative themes. Festivalgoers were allowed to vote on their favorite scarecrow and the Moon Lake Beta Club's "Pumpkin Stop" won the People's Choice Award earning money for the club. First place went to Amanda Pope's "Headless Horseman" and second place went to the Wildflower Café's "Restaurateur". Congratulations to these winners and thank you to all who participated.

We also enjoyed some fantastic fall displays set up by many businesses that participated in the Pumpkin Patch Jubilee decorating contest. Those winners were Mentone Market with first place, Art Gallery @ Mentone winning second place and the Wildflower Café taking third place. Congratulations winners and a big thank you to all businesses that decorated!

Colorfest would not be possible without the help of our volunteers and the support of our sponsors. MAPA would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

To our sponsors, thank you for supporting us and making our festival successful. Sponsors: Jet Polymer Recycling, DeKalb Tourism, Skelton

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Worship

The Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis is our minister for these services.

The Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Women on Mission meets at 1PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30pm Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-1001.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 9:30AM. Tony Gunter is the Pastor. All are welcome.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. All are invited to attend! Sabbath School and Song Service: 9:30-10:45AM, Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnel.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Sunday mass in English at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish. Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in English, Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. bilingual, Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in English, Friday at 9:00 a.m. in English and Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in bilingual.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM Sunday. Bible class or Lent/Advent services every Wednesday at 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. Everyone welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church on Highway 11 North of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night Prayer Meeting at 6:30PM.

The Fort Payne Christian Center and Pastors Ken and Elaine Hollman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10AM, Wednesday evening at 6PM. God Bless You.

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), 5760 Gault Ave. NE, Fort Payne, AL. Sunday School 9:45AM; Sunday Worship 10:55AM. Church office: 256-845-4756.

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10AM and 11AM services and evening services are at 5PM on Sundays and Wednesdays. Visitors are always welcome.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, GA, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM, Sunday evening at 6PM, and Wednesday evening at 7PM.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM, Wednesday Bible study at 5PM.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has regular services 10AM each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable.

St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church, 21145 Scenic Highway, Mentone. Everyone welcome to 10:30AM Sunday service of Holy Eucharist. Open for daily prayer and thanksgiving. Supporting our community with outreach. Call for more information, 256-634-4476, <http://stjosephmountain.dioala.org>

Mentone United Methodist Church, 415 Cutler Avenue, Mentone, Alabama invites you to come and worship with us. Each Sunday, our Worship Service is at 11AM and Sunday School is at 10AM. Tony Gunter is the pastor. The service of Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month, the second Sunday is Youth Sunday and Fifth Sunday is a service of music and pot-luck lunch. Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:00PM.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. Rev. Terry Turner is the pastor.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy. 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and everyone to worship service Sunday morning at 11AM GA time; Sunday School 10AM GA time; Wednesday night Bible Study 7PM GA time.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Stames, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School at 9AM (10AM GA time) and Sunday night services at 5PM (6PM GA time).

Summit Church of God invites you to be in service Sunday morning 10:45AM, Sunday night 5PM, Wednesday Bible Study 6:30PM. Pastor Lance Kincer invites everyone.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy - regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with Worship at 11AM. Evening services begin at 5:30PM on Sunday and 6PM on Wednesday. Bro. Whitney Smith invites everyone to attend.

Mentone Community Church, 90 Summerville Rd, Mentone, AL 35984. Pastor Tim Miller; Crosswalk Sunday School K through Adult - 9:15am; Adult Worship Service - 10:30am; JC Kids Worship Service - 10:30am. Van

Ministry for Children pick-up/take home, ages k-12, for all surrounding areas 8:15am. For children pick-up and drop-off van, please call Donna Bunn 706-398-0720. Wednesday small group study - 6:30pm.

Cloudland Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to come join us for services, with Pastor Roger Kvam. Bible Study Sunday at 9AM (EST) and Worship at 10AM (EST).

Since 1889 worshippers have gathered at the Historic **First Presbyterian Church PC** (USA) at 300 Grand Avenue North in downtown Fort Payne. We invite you to join us for worship this Sunday at 10:55AM. 256-845-2915.

New Oregon United Methodist Church located off DeSoto Parkway, would like to invite you to their services. Sunday School for all ages 9:45AM; Traditional Worship Service 11AM. Sunday evening youth activities 5:30PM. Evening Worship 6PM. We have a variety of activities for all ages including Wednesday evening youth activities; knitting ministry for ladies each Tuesday at 9AM; Elderberries for Senior Adults once a month for fellowship and meal. Pastor Jeff Davis, Associate Pastor Keith Davis. Address: 1203 New Oregon Dr., Ft. Payne, AL 35967. Phone 256-845-7446.

The Church of God 7th Day in Hammondville located just off Hwy. 11 N. at corner of Hwy. 117 and Palmer Road. Sabbath School classes at 9:30AM and Worship Service at 11AM. Visitors are always welcome.

Send any changes to The Groundhog at groundhognews@aol.com or P. O. Box 387, Mentone, AL 35984.

HISTORIC CHURCH SEEKS HELP

St. Joseph's-on-the Mountain Episcopal Church, whose origin is an 1870 log cabin, now finds that its present building has serious problems. Its foundation is unsound, its walls admit moisture and vermin.

This small church finds itself facing a repair bill of \$ 200,000. The active congregation of 35 members wants to preserve this Mentone icon for worshippers and tourists but cannot do it alone.

The church asks those who would like to help, please send your checks to St. Joseph's on- the- Mountain, P. O. Box 161, Mentone, AL 35984, with a note that it is for the Church Renewal Fund.

The Life and Legend of Granny Dollar

By Will Dillard



What constitutes a legend? According to the dictionary 'It is a story in which a kernel of truth is embellished to an unlikely degree'. This I believe is a good description of the legend of Granny Dollar.

This is the 4th in a series of articles published in *The Groundhog*. I will attempt to separate fact from fiction and maybe provide some new information to the many Mentone residents who know most of the story.

After 40 years of mourning, Nancy finds love. When Nancy moved her family back to Alabama after the civil war, probably around 1867, she was 41 years old and mourning the death of Thomas Porter, her fiancé. Research is unclear to determine if she moved back to Sand Mountain or immediately settled on Lookout Mountain. She returned to farming and gave this account of

her life during that time in one of her interviews.

I plowed the patches of all the neighbors for several miles; they done their own hoein' an' made enough to live on.

Madge Cole come to my house with five chillen, her man had been killed in the war and they didn't have a bite to eat. I took 'em in and kep' 'em fer three years. I gave her a piece of garden to tend every year, an' I plowed and she hoed it."

During all of her interviews and many others by people who knew Nancy during this time, there is no research to indicate how she met Nelson Dollar, but after 38 years of mourning the loss of her fiancé, (she states she was 79 when they married in 1905) Nancy finally found love.

It has been reported in other articles about their marriage that Nelson was much younger than Nancy; but based on his birthdate of Nov 2, 1831, he would have been 74 years old. They probably lived a subsistence life of farming but as with most that lived during that time there are not many records of their lives.

They were married for 18 years until Nelson's death on April 26, 1923, at the age of 92 which is remarkable for the time period. Nancy has stated that she sold her cow to buy a tombstone for his grave. At his death, Nancy was 97 and once again on her own and, according to her, alone. Nelson Dollar did have two sons that reportedly did come by to visit on occasion. She stated in a 1928 interview that all of her brothers and sisters were dead.

Interviews with local residents who knew Nancy, who was now called Grandma Dollar or Granny Dollar, have indicated that she once lived in what is known locally as the Oliver Place and also at the Leonard Reece Place, near Cloudmont next to the Tutwiler Place. Local residents would stop by to see her and bring her food.

Shortly after Nelson's death and fearful that she would be sent to the county poorhouse, she walked several miles to the Master Schools property where the boys and staff at the school moved her into one of the cabins on the school property and proceeded to care for her.

In the next article....The Master Schools, Meeting Col. Howard, and life there.



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LOTS and LAND

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8.9 ACRES WITH APPROX 136' BROW FRONTAGE on Citadel Rock Rd, just down the road from the back entrance to DeSoto State Park. Several building sites on property. Beautiful wooded land with large paved road frontage. \$89,000 (692925)

LAKEFRONT ACREAGE. Solitude & nature await your getaway on this lightly restricted 4.33 acres on Full Moon Lake at Laurel Creek. Property is 2 lots sold as one. \$49,900 (387932)

THE RAREST OF OPPORTUNITIES. Almost an acre, right next to the picturesque "red boat house" at DeSoto Falls, w/approx 94' frontage on the prime part of West Fork, Little River, the truly navigable part where you can canoe, kayak or pontoon all the way to Mentone! So much natural beauty, so rarely available to be purchased. \$162,500. (355152)

MENTONE LAND WITH CREEK RUNNING through corner. 4.42 acres in Mentone's West Fork SD. Peaceful, abundant wildlife, myriad hiking/walking areas. Public water available. Restricted. \$36,000 (564362)

10.8 ACRES ON N. BROW. Approx 340' of brow frontage, half the land on top mountain, other half extends down into valley allowing you to choose your view. Awe-inspiring views; interesting rock formations; large trees. \$199,900. (928654)

4.3 ACRES WITH STREAM. Convenient for commuting to Chattanooga, Trenton or Fort Payne. Driveway in place the land is mainly wooded with an easy walk down to the stream. Priced to sell at \$29,900. (810160)

TRANQUIL CREEKSIDE PARADISE, walking distance to downtown Mentone. Inviting, 3.7-acre, wooded lot. Access on both sides of the creek. Public water, underground power. Privacy w/light restrictions & covenants. \$55,000. (564423)



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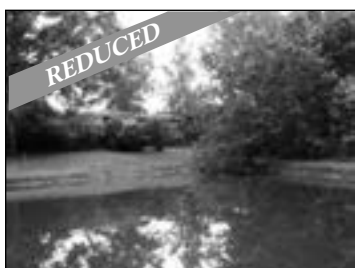
BUILT IN 1836, this is one of the few remaining early DeKalb County homes. Feel the history in its hand-crafted doors; wavy window glass; well-worn heart-pine floors; massive stone kitchen fireplace (there are six in the house altogether); smokehouse w/hand-carved rafter pegs; servant quarters w/stone firepit in the middle of the floor. 3.49 acres w/2 streams & spring. \$139,000 (535973)



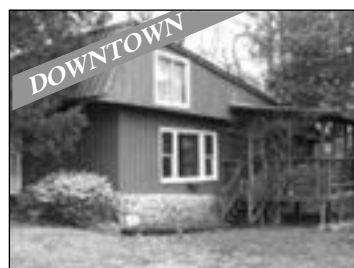
A CABIN WORTHY OF THE MOUNTAIN. Seldom-seen craftsmanship; hand-hewn, Appalachian-style logs w/half-dovetail corners; massive trees for beams & supports; locally-harvested wood (oak, pine, alder, maple to name a few); massive wood-burning fireplaces in LR & wraparound porch; private, wooded lot w/wet-weather stream. Quality furnishings & decor incl. \$222,000 (1005582)



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! Residential or Commercial. Currently a campground w/14 RV sites & 8 primitive campsites; bathhouse; barn; picnic areas; rustic, cabin-style country store/office w/front porch, tin ceiling, lg counter, office & bath; 1BR/1BA basement apt. Multi-use business property, residence or whatever one might envision. 4 acres w/300' frontage on Hwy 117. \$150,000 (479473)



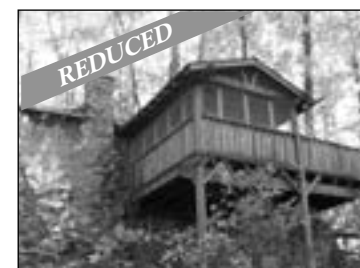
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CABIN & 6.14 ACRES. Enjoy your time in the mountains in this 3BR/2BA cabin w/large front porch, hot tub deck and one level of like-new rustic simplicity. Beautiful stone fireplace; pine floors, walls & ceilings; hand-hewn, wood-beamed entry to kitchen w/oak cabinets, pantry & stainless appliances. Split BR design. Most furnishings included. \$199,900 (562232)



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GET LOST IN THE WOODS ON SUMMERHOUSE MTN! Escape the world in this 1BR/1BA log cabin on a mountain top in Bridgeport. Perfect getaway for the outdoor enthusiast with nearby Russell Cave & access to 44 private acres of beautiful bluff property to enjoy camping, hiking, birding & relaxing! Owner financing available to qualified purchasers! \$56,000 (1004738)



OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE. 3BR/2BA double-wide home w/detached, 2-car garage/shop. Situated on two acres that is part cleared, part wooded, with a small wet-weather stream in the woods. Private backyard for garden spot or additional building sites. Small patio on the front. Public water. Paved road. Corner property. Financing w/acceptable terms. \$53,000 (672984)



COUNTRY CHARM! 3BR/2BA mini-farm on 4+ acres. Fab Master Suite with 12x20 master bath! New windows throughout; new counter-tops; new water heater; new dishwasher; 2 septic systems w/new field lines; 30x30 garage; 14x30 covered back porch; underground electric fence; mature landscaping; pole barn & fenced pasture w/corral! So much more! \$147,000 (1004359)



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The Rhododendron Garden Club

By Mellanie Tuttle

The Rhododendron Garden Club met at the MERF House on Tuesday, Oct 14. Several members were ill or out of town, so the addition of visitors, Dee Kelley and Brenda Cox, were greatly appreciated. Dee Kelley has decided to join the club. Hooray and welcome!

Martha Wood was pretty much a one-woman show: she hosted, called the meeting to order, gave the meditation and the horticulture report. Using beautiful plants from her yard Martha had four table arrangements. The first contained Clare Curtis, Ryan Pink and Sheffield mums; another used yellow narrow leaf sunflowers; the third with reds of *Salvia coccinea*, cardinal flower and pineapple sage and the fourth had purples of *Aster tataricus*, Wild Ageratum, Canothus with tansy foliage. Martha is the Master Gardener in our group and is the go-to person for horticulture. Dianne Kuehl gave the Treasurer's report and a brief business meeting was held.

How to honor Linda Brown was the major topic of discussion. She was one of the early members, Secretary and Historian of this club. She started a Jr. Garden Club and worked with the youth for years. Her meticulous notes for the VFW Flower Show eased the way for the new Secretary to take over. During the last year, Linda's presence was limited at the meetings, but she still wrote the article for *The Groundhog*. The month before her passing, she typed and printed all the information for the Educational Exhibit at the Fall Flower Show. She was a treasure, and we will miss her.

Mellanie Tuttle gave the program on terrariums – the history and how to make one. Dr. Nathaniel Ward, an amateur botanist, discovered a bit of grass and a fern spore growing in a glass jar he was using to house moth cocoons. Realizing the potential, he designed and commissioned a carpenter to build "closely glazed cases" which became the forerunner of present day terrariums. He



placed cases in rooms around his house, (even one on his roof) experimented with plants, light and water and in 1842 published his findings in the book *On the Growth of Plants in Closely Glazed Cases*. The book can be read online and is fascinating. (archive.org/details/ongrowthplantsi00wardgoog)

At his death, Dr. Ward's fern herbarium housed 25,000 specimens. The Wardian cases changed the course of prospecting the world for new plants. Before the cases, plants from foreign lands would seldom survive the harsh conditions at sea. With the enclosed cases, plants could be left on deck to receive sunlight and the condensed moisture kept them watered but protected from the salt spray. In 15 years of using the Wardian cases, the Kew Garden had imported six times as many plants than had been imported in all of the previous century! India's tea trade was started with over 23,000 young plants and over 17,000 germinated seedlings

sent from China. The Wardian case became more stylized and enabled the growth of ferns and orchids in the polluted cities of Victorian England.

The modern terrarium should be a miniature landscape with a bottom layer of gravel, grit, pebbles, or stones. Thickness of the layers depends of the depth of the container; ½ to 1 inch will usually

be enough. Next is a layer of sand, topped with a layer of activated charcoal. The pebbles and sand allow for good drainage and the charcoal keeps the water fresh and prevents mold and bacteria from accumulating. The last layer is a pre-moistened mixture of 2 parts soil and one part sand. Soil should be deep enough to support the roots of the plantings. Low light, high humidity plants like ferns, mosses, and baby's tears work best. Add accessories such a rocks, figurines, and furniture to truly make a miniature landscape. Place the terrarium out of direct sunlight. If too much condensation, remove the lid for a little while. If plants are looking dry, add water. My favorite terrarium houses Partridgeberry and mosses. I used Pipsissiwa but it likes a dryer environment so it did not survive. Experiment like Dr. Ward and discover the joys and satisfaction of miniature landscapes.

Excuse us while we brag a little about the successes of the tiny but mighty Rhododendron.

The Garden Club entered the new Scarecrow Contest Category by the VFW and our "Garden Lady Scarecrow" placed second and received not only a red ribbon but money as well. (No fundraisers this year, whoo hoo!) The theme this year for the Flower Show was "At the Hop" so 50's attire was the dress for the day! Lots of poodle skirts, rolled up blue jeans and tennis or oxford shoes. It was fun to be a 'bobby soxer' again! DESIGN Division: In the Novice Class, Marsha Merrell placed 3rd and Peggy Roark placed 2nd. This was Peggy's first design ever. We're looking forward to what she enters next year! Martha Wood received three seconds in design. Mellanie Tuttle had a rainbow of colors, one yellow (3rd), one red (2nd) and one blue (1st). Her entry in the Class OP ART, titled "All Shook UP" also won the Designer's Choice Award and then was given the Award of Design Excellence, which is the top award in the show. HORTICULTURE Division: Martha Wood was the big winner here, receiving six 1st and two 2nd and bringing home the Sweepstakes Award which is given to the person with the most firsts. Marsha Merrell had two 1st, five 2nd, and one 3rd place for her entries and Mellanie Tuttle had two 1st, four 2nd and one 3rd place. The club's Educational Exhibit "Gardening for Pollinators" received the Blue Ribbon and the Educational Exhibitor Top Exhibit Award! Come join us, learn about horticulture and flower design and by the fall you can be ready for the Flower Show adventure!

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PENDING



"THE NUTHOUSE CABIN. Quaint Weekend getaway with open living kitchen design. 2 bdrm 1 bath, covered porch to watch the wildlife. 1 acre wooded with large Rock formations. small shed. located at the end of private drive. complete with furnishings. \$125,000. (22833)



MAINTENANCE FREE vinyl faux brick bungalow. 2 bedroom, 3 bath. Great room with rock, gas fireplace. Eat in kitchen/dining, full semi finished basement. Located on DeSoto Parkway, Mentone. \$169,000. (23036)

SOLD



THE GALLERY in Mentone. Commercial use or residential. 6 room with 2 baths. Landscaped lot. Large Deck, and a workshop. Sold as is. \$48,000 (23097)

REDUCED



CHARMING rock and vinyl home outside of Mentone. Relax in this completely re-modeled 3br, 2ba dining/kitchen combo, large living room, with hardwood & ceramic tile. Amenities include CHA, wood burning stove, and separate workshop for your projects, along with a fenced in garden area. Sit on the front covered porch overlooking the nicely landscaped yard with fruit trees, and enjoy a cook-out on the back patio. A must see! Appt Only. \$169,900. (23091)

NEW LISTING



CHARMING LOG CABIN circa 1920s in Cloudland, GA. Renovated but kept with its original logs, windows, floors & doors. 4 bdrm, 2 bth. Living room with stone FP. 3 french doors leading to the screened porch & large deck, that overlooks stone picnic tables, stone FP, and BBQ chimney. Seasonal view. A must see! \$135,000 (23096)



THE LOONEY BIN Cedar Cabin in the woods, open floor plan with Great rm, eat-in kitchen. Tiled island and counters, Stainless appliances, Loft area, 2 bdrm 2 tiled baths, Tung and Groove walls, FP, Covered Deck w/ Hottub. Furnished, Lovely setting and investment. \$220,000 (22973)

NEW LISTING



LANDSCAPED 1.5 ACRE LOT. Valley Head on the top of Sand Mtn. Storm shelter and Garage/Workshop. Septic, city water, and gravel drive. Ready for Mobile home, or build a cottage. \$25,000

NEW LISTING



1940's VINTAGE Bungalow. 2 bdrm, 1bth. T & G walls, beamed ceilings. Stone gas log fireplace. Heart Pine Flooring, Brow Views, Sun porch, vinyl siding. Old Mentone Charm. \$209,900



SOUTHLAND LOG HOME, on the East fork little River. 5.5 acres. Deck, lighted walkway to lower property. stone patio halfway to river steps and landing to river. 2 bdrm, 2 bths. loft. Vaulted ceiling with exposed beams. fully equipped kitchen with granite counters. stacked stone FP. 2 story with Basement. Separate 30x40 garage, large enough for motor home. Private but with all the comforts. Price reduction to \$275,000. (19919)

SOLD



ON THE RIDGE TOP. 10.4 acres, 3bd, 2bth, hardy board siding home. Open living room, kitchen, dining area. 2 covered porches, storm shelter, with seasonal view of Lookout Mountain. Located in Hammondville. \$145,000. (23057)



.6 ACRE West Brow lot, 1 mile south of downtown Mentone. Wooded with rock formations. Great building lot. Prime location, great sunsets. 5 lots available. \$114,900. (23043)



.75 ACRE WEST BROW LOT, 1 mile south of downtown Mentone. Wooded with rock formations. Great building lot. Prime location, great sunsets. 2 lots available. \$124,900. (23042)



3.8 ACRES located in East fork little River Estates. Nicely wooded with a portion of the historic Dinky Line Railway. 175 ft. on river (Cherokee Co. Mentone). covenants & restrictions. county water and power available. \$53,000



CAPE COD COTTAGE in Cloudland, GA. 2bd, 1.5bt. Living room with stone, gas log fireplace. Enclosed porch. Dining room/office. .62 acres, fenced, outbuilding. \$58,000

CAMBRIA BLEU COMPOUND.

California style in serene country setting. 2 story Herringbone brick home complete with archway entrance. Porches overlooking lake, fields, old home place and the ridges beyond. Inside on main level, walk-in to the foyer that opens into the great room, dining with travertine FP. Gourmet kitchen with high end appliances, granite counters, eat-in bar, cherry cabinets throughout entire house. Master with glamour bath, dressing room. 2 additional bedrooms and bath. Large utility w/ built in cabinets, freezer, w/d. Downstairs suite has 2 bdrms, Den and bath. So many amenities and landscaped naturally with flora and fauna. The Guest Cottage is 2 bdrms, 1 bth, living room with ceramic wood burning insert. Heart pine floors, ceilings, and walls. The old home place on property was built in 1895 when the land was homesteaded. Even the African geese stay and all the wildlife abound! Total of 90 acres. \$974,900 (23094)



LOTS AND ACREAGE

OLD HOMEPLACE next to Shady Grove Dude Ranch. 1.7 acres. Great building sites. Non-restricted. Reduced \$18,500 (21599)

5.7 WOODED ACRES with a beautiful view across from Lake Lahusage. The driveway has been started to build your Mentone getaway! Paved road frontage, city water available, perc tested. Lightly restricted. Seller is very motivated! REDUCED \$49,900 (19865)

1.66 ACRE TRACT with septic, county water, well, and power. Lightly restricted. Cleared and ready to build that cabin in the woods! \$18,000 (22747)

EAST BROW tract located Valley View Forest. Georgous views of

Weiss lake in the distance. Camping shed, hot stove, outside deck, fire pit. Parklike setting, rock formations. \$90,000.

6.1 ACRES with Brushy Creek running through, drive way in place, wooded. \$36,000 (23044)

.67 ACRE with paved rd frontage, wooded, non restricted \$6,500.

NICE LEVEL WOODED PROPERTY. Price was \$65,900. Now \$62,900 (20892)

5 ACRES on the East brow tract overlooking Pleasant Valley. Rock pallacades, wooded. See Weiss Lake in the distance. Private gated area. Joins National Preserve & Forever Wild protected property. \$60,000 (22866)

NICELY WOODED 5 ACRES with stream located on Desoto Parkway, Mentone. Residential or commercial use. Old Homesite, large rock formations. Possibilities are endless. \$90,000 (22824)

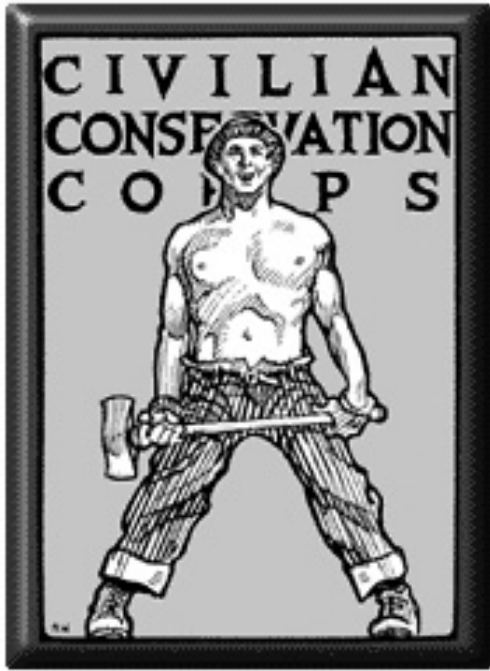
1.8 ACRES on East Fork of Little River. Easy access to river from common trail that runs along the banks of the river. Bluff views. County water available. Gated community. \$115,000 (23022)

36 ACRES on the West Fork little River, 1250 ft on water. 700 ft drive, power and water to this point. Wooded, some clearing, rock outcroppings, and bluff views. One of a kind find. \$255,000 (22995)

9 ACRES located on the east fork Little River with 500 ft on river, and 550 ft on Gilbert branch. Concrete slab, power, well & septic. Privately located. \$138,500 (22148)

Check Out DeSoto State Park's Civilian Conservation Corps Museum!

By Brittany Hughes



In November, 1933 a CCC camp was built in the town of Fort Payne and in early 1934 work was started above Fort Payne on Lookout Mountain. The CCC boys then built roads, trails, culverts, a 9-hole golf course, and stone and wood structures such as picnic pavilions, barbeque pits, cabins, and a group lodge.

All the hard work and effort of the Civilian Conservation Corps is still visible in many places throughout DeSoto State Park and the local community today.

DeSoto's CCC Museum was made possible with a \$10,000 state tourism grant in late 2011 and was dedicated on April 19, 2013. The museum is located in the "Contact Station" located at the original entrance to DeSoto State Park on Country Road 618. (2 miles from DeSoto's Country Store)

People of all ages can enjoy a truly unique experience by taking a step back in time to learn about this Depression-era program that developed DeSoto State Park and other parks all over the U.S.A.

DeSoto State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the mid 1930s to early 1940s, and was known as State Park #5.

**Museum is open Saturdays & Sundays
thru the end of November.**

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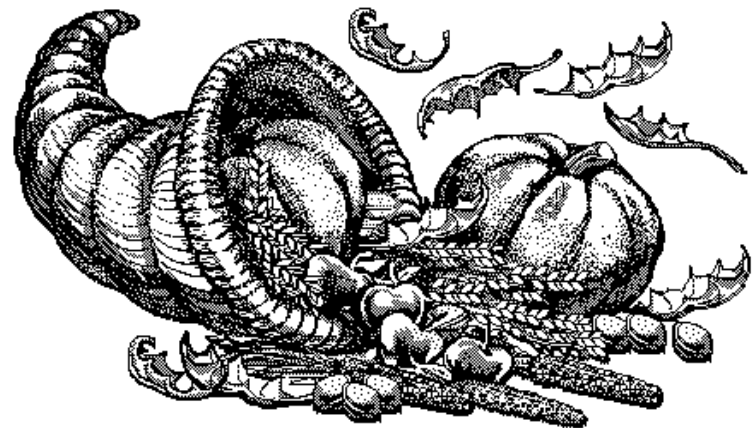
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The Mountain Herbalist

Patchwork Beauty: Food for the Soul and Health for the Body

By L. C. Moon

Along the boardwalk at Desoto State park in mid-September, I could see the first signs of fall beneath my feet as I ran. The melon-colored maple leaves were prematurely and sparsely scattered on the ground. As I left the state park, I saw the red tones setting in on the dogwood leaves. Later that day, I admired the reddening of the leaves of the dogwood on the terrace of the Wildflower Café. These dogwoods I refer to have alerted me for years when I can expect that my time of warm weather will soon come to an end. As much as I know I will miss the blooms of summer and swimming in the river, I am looking forward to the crisp mountain air, bonfires and of course the breathtaking fall color.

Spiritually, medicinally and aesthetically, dogwood beckons its admirers to take notice. Twice a year the dogwood blesses nature lovers with beauty that is food for the soul and indicates the ushering in of a new season. Just as the white blooms in spring reflect the warming of the days, the scarlet foliage of dogwood in the fall is indicative of cooling nights and the colorful grand display soon to blanket the mountains and valleys below.

As I observe the dogwoods, it is interesting to contemplate its symbolism and many practical

uses. The blooms of dogwood are revered to depict the crucifixion of Christ because the blooms are in a cross formation with symbolic bloodstains at the end of each petal and a thorny crown-like image at the blossoms center. Dogwood flowers are also medicinal and were used by the Native Americans to achieve a soothing tonic effect on the body and stomach similar to chamomile flowers. Native Americans, civil war soldiers and homesteaders chewed dogwood twigs for white clean teeth and used the splintered dogwood twigs as a natural toothbrush. The dried bark is the most commonly used medicinal part of the tree, best known to aid in subsiding malarial symptoms.

The fall foliage of sourwood soon follows the dogwood's change in color. The deep green sourwood leaves turn a shade of deep red or deep purple and occasionally bright yellow leaves will scatter along the branches. Sourwood is sometimes referred to as the honey tree because its late summer blooms provide sweet nectar for the honeybees to make a wonderful rich honey. You will find sourwood lining the roadsides and woods of Lookout Mountain often appearing to curve or lean at an angle to one side making it easier to reach its fresh green leaves in the spring and summer. I chew on the green leaves to quench my thirst when I am thirsty and venturing through the wooded trails. I pull off a leaf, check for bugs and chew but I usually do not swallow the leaf. The tart lemony kick instantly activates my saliva glands and a spring in my step. Sourwood leaves have also been used medicinally for stomach ailments and female complaints. The inner bark and sap have been used for mouth sores and skin irritations. Last but certainly not least, another one of my favorite things about sourwood is the hot fires the dry cured wood provides to start a blazing hot fire in a woodstove

or at a campfire. When I am out by a campfire I always scour the area for fallen sourwood limbs or trees.

Sassafras creates the colors of burnt orange, orange/yellow and deep orange/red in early fall, complimenting the red foliage display begun by sourwood and dogwood. In the fall, sassafras leaves are only aesthetically useful; but in the spring the leaves are a wild sweet edible delicacy fresh or dried. They can be ground fine and used as a soup thickener, i.e. gumbo file'. In the fall, the sap settles into the roots of sassafras creating medicinal benefits and a culinary treat. Sassafras is an overall tonic for the body, aids in liver function and has been used as a folk remedy to prevent or treat cold and flu symptoms. Sassafras root was the main ingredient in root beer until the mid 1900's, though it got a bad rap when studies were conducted about the carcinogenic nature of safrole contained within the root. Since safrole is oil based, boiling up the root for a delicious tea is known to be safe and has been helpful to many mountain folks to cleanse the blood. As many natives to Lookout have told me, "Sassafras will help heal what ails you."

Red maple is one of the most sought after for its fall beauty, displaying magnificent bright red, melon as well as yellow leaves. Native Americans used the leaf tea for lung problems as well as female complaints, such as menstruation and menopause. A tea of red maple leaves and inner bark are said to help greatly with hot flashes.

Tulip poplar leaves turn a deep to golden yellow. Poplar is known to be a great wood for craftsman to carve as well. It was known to be used by the Cherokee for canoe building because of its fine grained, long straight trunks and lack of knot producing by low growing limbs. Medicinally the Cherokee were said to use the inner bark of the root and trunk and leaves as a



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Oak comes in a multitude of fall colors though mostly ranging from deep red to a reddish brown. Oak is known to have been a staple of civilizations past and present for building homes, furniture, barrels and medicine. The inner bark of the limbs of both red and white oak are known as a wonderful folk remedy, used as a poultice/compress for skin disorders and rashes such as poison oak, eczema and psoriasis. It is also known to be a styptic (slows bleeding), and the tea is said to counteract poisons such as an accidental ingestion of poisonous plants or snakebite venom.

The trees are God-given gifts for us to appreciate, aid in our healing and use as a muse for art or metaphors for literary works as they are compared to life, love, family, strength and spirituality. The beauty of trees inspires awe and a wonderful feeling in artists and observers but I wondered, "What is it scientifically that causes the beautiful patchwork display?"

I found that when the cool weather ushers in and then fewer hours of sunlight are available, the trees respond by stopping the photosynthesis process of making food, and as a result the production of chlorophyll stops. Chlorophyll is what provides the green color to the leaves. Pigments called carotene and xanthophyll create the yellow and orange color in the leaves. These pigments are within the leaves year round but masked by the chlorophyll and made visible when the chlorophyll production ends. The red leaves contain anthocyanin but this isn't present throughout the year; instead, it is synthesized during the breaking of the chlorophyll.

Anthocyanin pigment is said to protect the leaves during lower temps as well as protect the leaves from sun damage in order to aid the tree in keeping its leaves longer. The longer the tree keeps its leaves, the longer it can acquire nutrients.

I get excited learning and observing the miracle of nature as it beautifully transforms around us here on the mountain. Winter waits its turn but until then I am enjoying the sights and sounds. The leaves continue to sooth me as they swoosh and dance on their branches, then twirl through the air falling gently to the ground. I love feeling like a kid walking barefoot through the new fallen leaves and feeling them crunch beneath my feet, especially before it gets too cold. I hope you are inspired to relax and breathe in the crisp mountain air of fall. I also hope I have helped expand your love for the trees of Lookout Mountain and your awareness of the utility, joy and health they can bring. May your fall bring a bountiful harvest of blessings and beauty. If you have any questions you are welcome to contact me sending me a message on Facebook, via the Wildflower Café and it is wise to tell you to please be mindful to consult your healthcare provider before changing any healthcare regimens.

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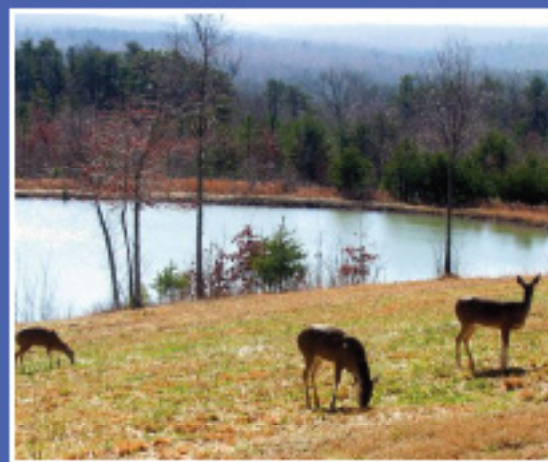
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