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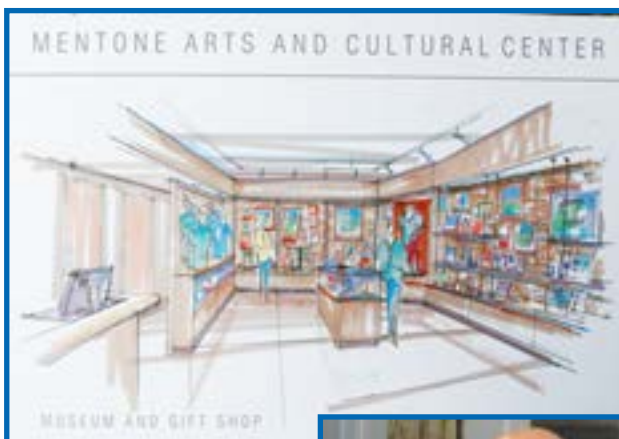
By Ray Padgett

Imagine a public gathering place for our community and visitors: an arts and music education and performing arts center, a museum featuring early Mentonians and Native Americans, a showcase for local artists and musicians as well as renowned traveling exhibits, a center for art and music related business conferences, an amphitheater, a community storm shelter when needed, and a high-tech visitor information center--all located on Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama. This is the vision of the Mentone Arts and Cultural Center Board.

The Mentone Arts and Cultural Center will be the foundation and the catalyst for sustaining the financial and emotional importance of what Mentone has been referred to for generations – an Art and Music Colony. The Center will build on what is already a solid and talented core of creative individuals, and it will provide a vehicle for continuation of this creative talent and for attracting more artists and musicians to help guide future generations.

This facility will increase tourism numbers and extend the stay of Mentone's visitors. Parents will not simply drop their kids off for camp, but stay for classes and events provided at the

Center. It will be a creative outlet for young and old, rich and poor, and the talented and not so talented; it will enrich their lives and provide financial opportunities for everyone in this picturesque north east corner of Alabama.



The Mentone Arts and Cultural Center Board is composed of a broad base of community organization volunteers--Mayor of Mentone, President of Mentone Educational Resources Foundation, President of Little



River Arts Council, President of Mentone Business Association, President of Lookout Mountain Camps Association, Director of DeKalb County Tourism, President of Mentone Area Preservation Association and four at-large

members chosen for their area of expertise and their commitment to Mentone. These and other volunteers have worked for over three years to bring this project to its present state.

All legal, financial, architectural, and business plans were finally completed early

this year. Information packets are available that tell folks about our vision and foundation for an Arts and Cultural Center located in Mentone. However, even before we finished our plans, many friends and neighbors began contributing money and property.

Early major financial contributions were: \$100,000 donated by Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Sennett, \$10,000 donated by Ann Benton, \$18,000 grant from Alabama Council on the Arts, \$18,500 grant from MAPA, \$5,000/year for 5 years committed by Sandra Padgett, and \$4,000 donated by Jet Polymer, Inc. Major in-kind donations and property include facility site (3 acres) from Phil and Marsha Hurt, architectural services by Don David and Clay Birchfield, and commitment of a bronze sculpture of Sequoyah (with his Native American alphabet) by Carl McCleskey and Betsy Scott. Many others contributed property, and over fifty smaller

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CONGRATULATIONS, MENTONE!



Readers of Birmingham Parent Magazine nominated and voted for their favorite places. Mentone won Honorable Mention for two categories: "Favorite In State Vacation" & "Favorite Mountain Retreat." Congratulations Mentone! Many thanks to those who voted for our special town and to everyone who helps make Mentone a favorite place for a lot of people.



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MENTONE MATTERS

By Mayor Rob Hammond



There have been many questions about a bill passed in the last session of the legislature that could possibly allow alcohol sales in Mentone. State law now requires a municipality to have a population of over 1,000 to vote on the wet/

dry issue. However, in some dry areas of the state, legislation can create certain community development districts where alcohol can be served (Example: Terrapin Hills Country Club formed a community development district before Ft. Payne became wet). A Mentone community development district would be different because several different legal entities would be involved rather than one entity such as a country club or marina.

Since this is all new, the town is exploring all legal avenues to make this work for Mentone. When the end of this process is reached the town hopes to have a much clearer picture of what we can do and how we can do it. The council appreciates the hard work and support of Representative Nathaniel Ledbetter and Senator Steve Livingston on this issue.

From The Editor

I can't believe half the year is gone already! Where does the time go? Seems like we just watched the New Year's ball drop, and now it is time for July 4th fireworks. A few days before Independence Day, we were in Henagar and, of course, saw the potato festival sign. We begin to talk how many potato fields there use to be, how that was the first job that most kids on Sand Mountain ever had, and how incredibly big there fireworks show always is. As we pulled in the Jack's parking lot, I was telling my 11 year old daughter about the first time she saw fireworks (at six months old). She said, "I bet I thought they were pretty and sparkly." I said "No, you thought they were loud and scary! You screamed the entire time." Of course, I didn't have the choice of leaving with her because the crowd was too large. She thought it was hilarious that they had scared her because she really enjoys seeing them now. I can't believe how fast she has grown. Here she is, almost a teenager and babysitting her little niece that is about the size she was then. My how times change!

I guess times are always changing. Kids grow up; the world becomes a different entity from one generation to the next. During this time of celebrating our independence, I always think about the fact that changes like that don't happen overnight, nor do they happen by themselves. It took many people who wanted to make the area they lived in a better place. These citizens stayed informed, shared the news, and took action to achieve their goals. This is still vital in today's society as well. If you see an area where your community can be improved, look into feasible ideas for change or talk to others and give their opinions some serious consideration. Be the change. If you aren't that aggressive, then search out someone who is working toward the same goals you have and give them your support in the background. Stay informed. When new things are happening, give your ideas in the planning stages. There is always room for

improvement, so there is always room for ideas.

Mentone is a wonderful place with several organizations that have terrific ideas for improvements. No matter where your passion lies, you can find something to be involved in. Others with the same passion who would love to hear your ideas and accept your involvement. MAPA has the overall welfare of Mentone in mind and the preservation of the special culture and heritage of this community. MBA desires to promote business in the area in a way that is good for business owners and the overall economy of the town. LRAC specializes in improving appreciation for the arts. MERF focuses on helping educate our children and stimulating our senior citizens with fun things today. Moon Lake PTO helps the school in specific. The Rhododendron Garden Club shares tips and ideas on maintaining the exquisite natural beauty around us. There are knitting groups, dulcimer players, writing groups and more. A new healing arts circle is being formed. Mentone is filled with folks who enjoy helping others, sharing their knowledge, and making a difference. So, Mentone will continue to change and grow in all sorts of wonderful ways.

~Anna Mae Horn





MAPA NEWS

By Ray Padgett

Thirty-five years ago a handful of Mentone citizens formed the Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA). MAPA was instrumental in many preservation and non-preservation related projects over these three decades--restoring the rock wall on Hwy. 117, building a sidewalk and a gazebo, creating and producing festivals, providing financial aid to the local Boy Scouts, elementary school, and recently helping build an Overlook on Hwy. 117. This group of people began a fledgling monthly community newspaper that documented and preserved Mentone stories, characters, events, births, deaths, and the loss of Mentone's greatest icon, the Mentone Springs Hotel. Preservation of Mentone's heritage is the real testament to the legacy of MAPA.

After the loss of the Mentone Springs Hotel, Mentone suffered both financially and emotionally. However, Mentone is now on the cusp of some important and positive changes. Our hope is that the Mentone Arts and Cultural Center will be the catalyst that builds on and repairs the loss of the hotel. While a new bridge is coming, MAPA plans to work with Mentone officials to preserve and use the existing historic bridge as a pedestrian bridge with hopes of a sidewalk connecting downtown with the new Center.

The MAPA Board believes everyone's voice is important and if you are so inclined, let it be heard. Write your story, submit it to The Groundhog Editor and become a recorded part of Mentone history. Most importantly, lend your voice to help guide changes in a manner that protects and embellishes Mentone's heritage for coming generations to enjoy.

MAPA thanks everyone for their support and invites you to become a member. The MAPA Board meets at 06:00 P.M. the second Wednesday of each month at Kamama Gallery. Volunteer!



Join MAPA Today!
Help us preserve
Mentone's history
and impact its future.

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Couples - \$30 a year

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MBA news: Does It Even Matter?



By
Charlotte
Gentry
MBA
President

The coming months will bring changes that should be of interest to residents and visitors alike to Mentone. Not only is this a national election year, but it is also election time for the Town of Mentone. July 5th is the date Mayor Rob Hammond will publish the beginning of qualifying to run for mayor and all seats on the town council. Forms will be available from the town clerk's office at Town Hall in Mentone. Qualifying ends at 5:00 pm CDT, on July 19th. Election is August 23rd, 2016. The qualifying fee

for candidacy in the mayor's race is \$50, for the council \$25.

One of the town government's largest tasks will be preparing ordinances relating to future alcohol sales in Mentone. Part of this planning is already underway. MBA officers attended the June council meeting and were informed of the necessity for a Community Development District to be formed by property owners. This district would be in the areas currently zoned as Business/Commercial. Further details of the structuring and guidelines for this district will be presented at a future meeting.

Does any of this matter to you personally? It should. The MBA is made up of small business owners and others interested in the business of Mentone. While alcohol sales won't directly impact most of the small businesses here, there will be residual effects for years to come. What will the town of Mentone look like 10 years from now? What improvements to the town's infrastructure would you like to see take place?

These are matters in which you can make a difference.

How can you be involved? Attend town council meetings. Get involved with MBA. Of course, this is not the only issue about which we are concerned. It is, by far, the one that could have the largest impact on our town's history. Join us at our next monthly meeting, which will be on Monday, July 11, at 7pm CDT at the pavilion of Mentone Inn. If you are a business owner, or if you are interested in the future of Mentone, we encourage you to be a part of the MBA. There is no cost to join. We meet every 2nd Monday of the month. We send out email updates on meeting times and any calls to action that might arise. Also, please visit our Facebook page for upcoming news and announcements.

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This Old House: MERF Community House - July



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.

Summer is here and camps are in full swing on the mountain. Love hearing the joy of campers singing and having exciting new adventures. MERF seniors will have fun interacting with some of the campers this season. The senior lunch bunch crew has already gathered twice. Once at the MERF house for delicious cake, strawberry lemonade and BINGO fun provided by the Mentone Market. Both Barbara Scott and Barbara Blalock won Bingo and a free lunch at the Market. Many more won a second piece of Chocolate or Coconut cake! Yum! Then the first "BYOL" (buy your own lunch) was hosted at Kamama Café on Wednesday, June 15th. Thanks to the staff we had great homemade potato chips and BLTs. More BYOLs will happen throughout the summer, so let Sarah know if you want to be notified and like our Facebook page for updates.

Thanks to everyone for the great response

to MERF's new t-shirt, pictured elsewhere. The front has our "Leave Me in Mentone" leaf and the back is the cover of the book written by Moon Lake Elementary School students. The fun design was created by the kindergartners and the second graders along with Ms. Paula. Can you see all the creative ways to spell "Mentone"? Short sleeve and long sleeve shirts in adult and youth sizes are available at DeSoto State Park country store, Little River Hardware and from Sarah. You'll look cute, and you'll support MERF's programs.

Did you notice that I have had a little plastic surgery with a face lift? Thanks to Walt Pullen, I now have rails coming up the wonderful, but treacherous, rock steps to the front door. Walt takes good care of me and the grounds around me. Thank you for keeping me beautiful, functioning and safe!



Sadly, the MERF senior lunch bunch crew said good bye to Steve Harris who passed away on June 13th. Steve always had a smile, a story and a willingness to help others. We are thankful to have called him our friend. RIP

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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contributions of money from \$10 to \$2,000 have already been made.

On June 4, we held an event to introduce the Mentone Arts and Cultural Center project to the public. About 75 people attended, including our State Senator, Steve Livingston, and some local press. Folks in attendance enjoyed tasting some great local wine and hors d'oeuvres while listening to Sally Spring perform some of her songs (including "Mentone, Alabama"). Board members gave a presentation informing attendees about the project. Our thanks go to Taylor Theakston (14-year-old Fort Payne High School student) for creating an iMovie and PowerPoint Presentation about the project and Mentone.

While most people are excited about the project and many are already working and donating time and money, we need help from everyone. If you have time, please volunteer. If you can, please donate money and/or property. You can help by contacting friends, family, neighbors and visitors who may contribute time, property or money; by hosting a fund raiser event; or by contacting foundations or government agencies who may make a donation or grant to our project. If you have expertise in on-line fundraising, then contact a board member and help set up an on-line fundraising project for the Mentone Arts and Cultural Center.

The Mentone Arts and Cultural Center is our vision of a public facility that belongs to the greater Mentone area and will touch residents and visitors in an uplifting and positive manner for generations. If you can help out, please do it, and thanks in advance for considering us.

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By Barb Stoll

It's July 4th-- Let's Have Some Fun!

Well summertime is here folks and it is going to be a doozy! But hey, just think what a great time it is for swimming, BBQing, and watching movies. Considering the kiddos are home for the summer, this month your Community Library has lots of new movies for the kids, and Mom and Dad too. Here's what we have for you this month:

The Good Dinosaur: From the innovative minds of Disney*Pixar comes a hilariously heartwarming adventure about the power of confronting and overcoming your fears and discovering who you are meant to be. In this epic journey into the world of dinosaurs, an apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend.



Bring home this original story full of humor, heart, action and imagination, perfect for the whole family.

Zootopia: From Walt Disney Animation Studios comes a comedy-adventure set in the modern mammal metropolis of Zootopia. Determined to prove herself, Officer Judy Hopps, the first bunny on Zootopia's police force, jumps at the chance to crack her first case -- even if it means partnering



with the scam-artist fox Nick Wilde to solve the mystery. It's big fun for all shapes and species.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs: Forever enchanting and inspiring, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs embodies The Walt Disney Signature Collection's legacy of animation. In this epic story of love and friendship, the kind and beautiful princess Snow White wins the heart of the Seven Dwarfs and triumphs over the evil plans of a wicked Queen.



Muppets from Space and The Muppets Take Manhattan: The Muppets embark on a hilarious extra-terrestrial adventure in hopes of learning about Gonzo's past. In the second movie the Broadway-bound Muppets take Manhattan by storm in this magical musical about breaking into show business. Both of these movies are sure to please the kids!

And now a movie for Mom and Dad:

The Revenant: Leonardo DiCaprio gives an OSCAR-WINNING performance in OSCAR WINNING Alejandro G. Iñárritu's cinematic masterpiece. Inspired by true events and WINNER of 3 OSCARS, *The Revenant* follows the story of legendary explorer Hugh Glass (DiCaprio) on his quest for survival and justice.



After a brutal bear attack, Glass is left for dead by a treacherous member of his hunting team (Tom Hardy). Against extraordinary odds, and enduring unimaginable grief, Glass battles a relentless winter in uncharted terrain. This movie is a blockbuster that is "spectacular in every sense of the word." - Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*

Well, there you have it folks--some great movies for the entire family to enjoy during this great July 4th or anytime. Remember, your Community Library has these and many more movies and great books for you to whittle away the long summer days with. Come by and see us; we love to see our community.

Be sure to say "Hello!" to our new librarian, Brandy Barrett. She has been volunteering for a while at the library, so you may already be familiar with her smiling face. Brandy has two children, Jamison and Autumn, who enjoy reading at the library. Brandy loves everything about the library from the books to the patrons to the atmosphere. Between the library and her family, Brandy tries to find time to read and crochet. She can't wait to see you!

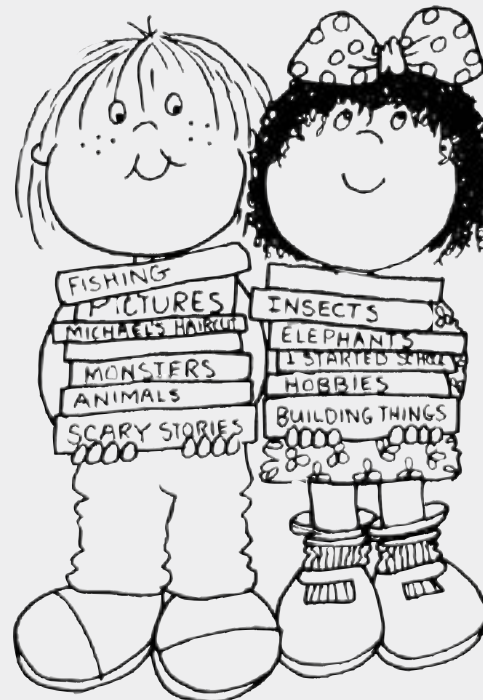
Moon Lake Community Library is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3-6 and Saturday 9am to noon. July 18-22 kids can come each evening from 3-6 for a special fun time! Look up Moon Lake Community Library on Facebook for more details. Have a great 4th of July!

FUN AT THE LIBRARY!

Kids, have you missed the library this summer? You don't have to wait until school starts back to visit! Moon Lake Community Library is hosting a week of reading and fun activities July 18th through the 22nd. We will have story time and snacks each evening. Throughout the week, we will also have arts, crafts, and music. Ms. Paula will stop by on Wednesday and Friday. You all know she will bring some fun stories and art activities. Jess Goggans will be stopping by on other days to play some tunes and teach us a little about music. We will also be making some "musical instruments" so we can play along. We will even have a scavenger hunt one evening! Who knows what else will be going on? We are keeping it a "mystery." Don't miss out! The program will be

from 3 to 6 each evening, Monday through Friday, at the Moon Lake Community Library in Mentone. There are no age restrictions, and you do not have to live in Mentone. Everyone is welcome to come!

Also, we have a new program going on all the time at the library. Reading can you earn you free pizza. Yes! That is correct. When you check out your books, kids, be sure to get your special bookmark from Stevie B's. When you read 10 books, get the librarian to sign it, then take it to Stevie B's for a free buffet. If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call at 256-635-8775, or go on facebook to Moon Lake Community Library. Our regular hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 3 to 6 and Saturdays 9-12. We look forward to seeing you soon!



SUMMER BREAK

VALLEY HEAD HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

VHHS CLASS LEADERS



Congratulations to Mackenzie Willingham, this year’s Valedictorian of Valley Head High School! Mackenzie was also Valedictorian of her sixth grade class at Moon Lake. She is active in the Beta Club and served as the Class President for three years. Mackenzie was chosen to participate in the Sand Mountain Electric Coop Youth Tour to both Montgomery and Washington D.C. Mackenzie is also exceptional in athletics, receiving All Area and All County awards in both Basketball and Softball. She also received special recognition for scoring over 1,000 points in her career. Willingham plans to continue her education at Jacksonville State University to become a flight medic. Wishing you continued success Mackenzie!



Congratulations to Brianna Boozer, Valley Head High School 2016 Salutatorian! As the oldest of seven children, Brianna sets a terrific example for her siblings in academics. She enjoys learning new things and is always looking up new facts on the internet to add to her ever-growing mental collection of random knowledge. Brianna spends most of her free time working on her hobbies which include puzzles of most kinds, doing origami, knitting, crocheting, making bracelets, finding new TV shows to watch, watching movies, listening to music, reading, and finding new hobbies to learn. Ms. Boozer is looking forward to starting at Northeast Alabama Community College this fall to further her education. Best wishes in your journey Brianna!

Valley Head High School Scholarships

Anthony Absher		Dylan Lewis	
FFA Scholarship	\$500	Shorter University	\$30,308
Emily Brown		Tusculum College	\$54,000
G.I. Bill	10 Semesters and Books	Lucas Nix	
		John Parker Scholarship	TBD
Amren Case		Christa Walker	
Aaron Coles Community Scholarship	\$500	Tusculum College	\$40,000
Sierra Chambers		Mackenzie Willingham	
Birmingham Southern	\$60,000	VHHS Athletic Club	\$1,000
Vann-McCary (St. Josephs)	\$500	Vann-McCary (St. Josephs)	\$500
Spring Hill College	\$64,000	Robert Blansit	\$7,750
Shorter University	\$9,600	Spring Hill College	\$92,000
Justin Easler		Shorter University	\$24,000
Jacksonville State University	\$7,200	Gadsden State University	\$8,576
		Berry College	\$46,000

AARON COLES COMMUNITY SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP



shared with others in a way that lifted their spirits a little. He left behind a loving mother (Liz), two brothers (George Coles and Frank Hester III), a sister (Jewely), his grandmother (Sharon Watters), and a community that treasured him. His grandfather (Billy) preceded him in death. The town held a candlelight vigil. Prom night, they had a table in Aaron’s honor. At visitation, the senior class came together as one to say their final farewell. Aaron’s seat was reserved at the graduation ceremony. Perhaps the most adequate gesture of all came on awards day.

The Aaron Coles Community Spirit Scholarship was awarded to Amren Case to recognize the qualities that these young men share. Amren Case is a very deserving young man of this scholarship and plaque. He proudly accepted this award and was honored to be recognized as having the same wonderful spirit as Aaron. This scholarship exemplifies the personality of Aaron Coles; and through it, his legacy continues.

The day before his senior prom, Aaron Coles was enjoying a day of swimming with some of the many friends he has made over the last several years at Valley Head High School. You may know him. He may have held the door open as you walked out of the restaurant. He may have said “Excuse me, sir” as he squeezed by you in the aisle of the store. If you lived right in Valley Head, you may have seen him working in the yard, playing ball, walking through town, or riding his bike to the store to pick up groceries for his mom. One thing is for certain, if you knew him, you remembered him. He may have given you a gentle hug to show his thanks or just to because you needed it. Aaron was the type of thoughtful, polite, mild mannered young man who leaves an impression in today’s world.

On April 29th, his friends saw him slip from this life as he drowned in a tragic accident. The Valley Head community pulled together to comfort each other and Aaron’s family in a way that truly honored his life and his kind heart. Many hugs were shared like the ones he often



MOON LAKE NEWS



Moon Lake School Sixth Grade Who's Who

Best All Around

Autumn Owen & Lane Ingram

Best Manners

Margie Johnson & Shaq Hawkins

Best Technology

Brandon Collins & Andrew Morgan

Most Artistic

Makenna Purvis & Cameron Collins

Most Athletic

Makenna Purvis & Andy Lee

Most Creative

Margie Johnson & Brandon Collins

Most Dramatic

Lillie Gentry & Zeb Kincer

Most Likely to Succeed

Autumn Owen & Lane Ingram

Most Organized

Autumn Owen & Zach Wallace

Most Responsible

Autumn Owen & Dawson Bone

Most Studious

Autumn Owen & Zach Wallace

Most Stylish

Margie Johnson & Pacey Cooper

Most Talkative

Lillie Gentry & Pacey Cooper

Cutest

Autumn Owen & Zach Wallace

Friendliest

Autumn Owen & Andy Lee

Funniest

Makenna Purvis & Ian Thomas

Quietest

Autumn Owen & Dawson Bone

Team Leadership

Makenna Purvis & Zeb Kincer



Dekalb county 11-12 yr old champs. 1st row l-r Gavin Bain, Aaron Hawkins, Pacey Cooper, Eian Bain. Back row l-r Kaden Johnson, Cameron Collins, Skylar Haney, Gentry Grisham, David Hatfield, Jordan Burt, Luke Harrison and Chandler Johnson.



Moon Lake Students at Space Camp and Nature's Classroom

(more pics on page 24)



Once again, Moon Lake fifth and sixth graders were able to go on overnight learning adventures. Ms. Prestwood and her fifth grade students participated in Space Camp in Huntsville. They learned about the history and the future of the space program, trained like real astronauts do for a mission, and performed a simulated space mission. Mrs. Bunch and her sixth grade students shared an adventure at Nature's Classroom. Their experience focused on education in various subjects as well as cooperation, communication, and team building in the outdoors. While they learned about nature, they were also able to have fun hiking, practicing archery, canoeing, and various other challenges.

These adventures were once again made possible largely through the help of the community. These students, along with school faculty and parents, held bake sales, car shows, soup dinners, and the Moon Lake fall festival to help secure funds for these field trips. The students had a fabulous time and represented Moon Lake School well. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!





The Times of Our Lives

Baby Girl

Katrina and Britt Heinrich would like to announce the birth of their daughter Vaelyn Jo Heinrich. Born April 28, 2016, at 7:57 pm. She was 5 lbs 8 oz and 20 inches long. She has two older sister's Margaret (Maggie) Heinrich 5 and Adalaide (Addy) Heinrich 7. She is the granddaughter of Sarita Meredith of Mentone, the late Ken Heinrich of Mentone, the late Margaret Hartline of Piedmont, and the late James Hartline of Gaylesville. She is the step granddaughter of Kathy Hartline of Gaylesville.



Congrats Valedictorian

Congratulations to Mr. William Beasley from Mentone for graduating Valedictorian of North Alabama Christian School! William, age 16, enjoys spending time with his family, baking gourmet cupcakes, and crocheting. He is planning to pursue a degree from Escoffier Culinary School. Best of luck, William, on your new journey.



In Memoriam

Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Coots

Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Coots, 85, passed away on June 18, 2016. She was survived by a host of extend family who treasured her. She was preceded in death by her husband John Parker. Visitation and service were held at Burt Funeral Chapel in Valley Head with burial ceremony at Lamar Memory Gardens in Barnesville, GA.

Lenora Jane McNutt Galloway

Lenora Jane McNutt Galloway passed away peacefully on the morning of Friday, June 10, 2016 at the age of 79 in Summerville, Ga. at Oakview Health and Rehabilitation. Jane was born in Licksillet, Al. to Claude and Josephine McNutt. She spent most of her life in Mentone and was a member of Summit Church of God. She cherished her family and friends, and she never met a stranger. She is survived by her brother Ben McNutt, of Albany, Ga.; her children Juanita Galloway (and John McDonough) of Roswell, Ga., Anthony (and Kenna) Galloway of Sharpsburg, Ga., Regina (and Charles) Martin of New Hope, Al., Dowe (and John) Foreman of Mentone, Al.; 8 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. Two sons, Garry and Mark, preceded her in death.



Steve Harris

Mr. Steve Harris, Mentone, passed away on June 13, 2016. Visitation and a service were held at Burt Funeral Chapel in Valley Head and Mr. Harris was interred at Bankhead Cemetery. He was



survived by several cousins--Josephine Blalock, Eleasa Sword, Matthew Sword Sr. (Elena), & Matthew Sword Jr. He was preceded in death by his father (James Harris) mother (Virginia Harris) and sisters (Glenda and Connie). He will also be missed by his Moon Lake Baptist Church family, where he was known as the Candy Man by the kids, and the MERF senior lunch group, where he often left early to deliver for those unable to make the lunch.

Margaret "Nell" Kent

Margaret "Nell" Kent, 92, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2016. Nell has been a permanent resident of Mentone since 1963. She made the yellow block house next door to the post office a welcomed gathering place during her children's teenage years. As life progressed, she stayed active in the Mentone community. Nell Kent was among the first seniors to begin gathering for lunch at the MERF house; she led the singing as Elizabeth Romans played piano. Mrs. Kent was a proud member of Moon Lake Baptist Church.



Neither an inherited eye disease, nor anything else, stopped Nell from enjoying her life. Up until she was in her 70s, she thought nothing of flying to visit her sisters, sometimes as far away as California. She lived alone and took care of her home until she was no longer able to walk. She spent her last two years in a nursing home, but will always be remembered as a true Mentonian.

Ms. Margaret "Nell" Kent was preceded in death by two husbands Henry Edward Reed and Walter H. Kent. She is survived by daughter Eddie (Alfred) Langston, son Joe (Leann) Kent, grandchildren Nicky (Tina) Langston and Ashley (Shane) Ingram, and several nieces and nephews as well as a special companion she met in the nursing home, Jerry Turlington. Services were held at the Valley Head Chapel of Burt Funeral Home and she has been interred in Little River Cemetery.

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The Fourth of July is a time to celebrate our nation's independence and the freedoms that we all cherish. Enjoy family, friends and good food!

Celebrate The Fourth With Some of Our Favorites!

- Strawberry Blueberry Cloud Cake

strawberries (chopped) and blueberries
Twinkies
strawberry glaze
whipped cream

Layer your dish with the Twinkies. You can usually get away with using one box. Pour and then spread the glaze over Twinkies, and add a layer of chopped Strawberries. Top with whipped cream. Add a layer of strawberries and blueberries in the fashion of the flag. This is a perfect NO BAKE patriotic dish that takes less than 10 minutes.

Blueberry, Strawberry & Jicama Salsa

1 cup fresh blueberries
1 cup diced strawberries
1 cup diced jicama
1/3 cup chopped cilantro
1/4 cup finely chopped red onion

Juice of 1 large lime
Tortilla chips, for serving
Salt, to taste
2 tablespoons finely chopped jalapeno pepper, stemmed and seeded

Stir until well combined. Serve with tortilla chips at room temperature or chilled. This salsa is also great with grilled fish or chicken. It is best eaten the day it is made.

Sweet & Rich Home Made Vanilla Ice Cream

(Makes 2 quarts of ice cream)

2 cups sugar
1 1/2 Tablespoons vanilla
2 eggs (optional)
1 pint half & half
5 cups whole milk, approximately

Beat eggs well. Add vanilla, half & half, and sugar. Mix until sugar is dissolved. (You may choose to warm this to melt the sugar.) Chill for about 10 minutes in the freezer.

- Cock of the Walk Coleslaw

2 heads cabbage, chopped in food processor
1 carrot, peeled and chopped
1/4 cup green onions, chopped
1/4 cup vidalia onions, chopped
1/4 cup bell pepper
2 T sugar
1 T black pepper
1 T garlic salt
1 T Lowery's salt
1 T white vinegar
8-10 oz. mayonnaise or to taste
Mix all ingredients and refrigerate for 24 hours.

- July Birthdays
- July 1 – JohnTyler Lawton
July 1 – Marilyn Slaton
July 1 – Patrick Coots
July 2 – Karen Potts
July 2 – Byrum Emory
July 2 – Virgil Battles
July 3 – Nick Black
July 3 – Jared Webb
July 3 – Allison Powell
July 3 – Josh Rosson
July 3 – Craig Hughes
July 3 – Mason Tubberville
July 3 – Reba Coleman
July 3 – Johnnie Lewchuk
July 4 – Jack Carden
July 4 – Bennett (BJ) Browder
July 4 – Deb Smith
July 4 – Ashley Hulgan
July 5 – Sherry Powell
July 5 – Steven McElhaney
July 5 – Chris Underwood
July 6 – Dawson Crow
July 6 – Dustin Burt
July 6 – Corey Powell
July 7 – Jim Blalock
July 7 – Loretta Bain
July 7 – Marcus Crider
July 7 – LaShae Jones
July 8 – Daniel Phillips
July 8 – Kathy Gray
July 8 – Eian Bain
July 8 - Doug Kiker
July 9 – KayLee Tucker

- July 9 – Skylor Dutton
July 9 – Mia Woods
July 9 – Braylie Callahan
July 10 – Steve Lanier
July 10 – Addison McClure
July 11 – Kanissa Smith
July 11 – Brooklyn Carroll
July 11 – Lacie Keith
July 11 – Kori Willingham
July 11 – Dylan Carter
July 11 – Garrett Collins
July 11 – Clare Donohue
July 12 – Charles Gray
July 12 – Cindy Harrison
July 12 – Juliegh McKenzie
July 13 – Jordan Goza
July 13 – Sissy Crider
July 13 – Brody Battles
July 13 – Myles Battles
July 14 – Will Blackburn
July 14 – Dave Vest
July 14 – Jeffrey Hopper
July 14 – Paul Crawford
July 14 – Teena Bain
July 14 – Bella & Ava Harrison
July 14 – Dylan Flannigan
July 15 – Jason Dean
July 15 – Tatum Lanier
July 15 – Paul Zulker
July 15 – Will Battles
July 15 – Chelsea Stephenson
July 16 – Nathan Hargrove
July 16 – Margie Daniel
July 16 – Tricia Shankles
July 16 – Kendall Shankles
July 16 – Johnny Lewchuk
July 17 – Christopher Black

- July 17 – Valerie Burt
July 17 – Justin Battles
July 18 – Loy Langston
July 18 – Lily Cash
July 18 - Kaye Kiker
July 19 – Anna Bobo
July 20 – Becky Langston
July 20 – Lindsay Black
July 20 – Bailee Carter
July 20 – Jeff Clure
July 20 – Craig Hulgan
July 21 – Tonya Hilyer
July 21 – Paxton Harper
July 21 – Brianna Powell
July 21 – Peggy Johnston
July 22 - Jim Bates
July 22 – Linda Clark
July 22 – Ian Hilyer
July 22 – Emily Norman
July 23 – Amanda Smith
July 23 – Taylor Blalock
July 23 – Logan Chambers
July 23 – Emmie Chambers
July 23 – Reid Davis
July 23 – Marc Pardue
July 24 – Phyllis Bailey
July 25 – Rylee Vest
July 25 – Bill Berry
July 25 – Jeremy Webb
July 25 – Kali Haynes
July 25 – Austin Cuzzort
July 25 – Jenny Lewchuk
July 26 – Claire Wilkinson
July 26 – Pam Dean
July 26 – Gracie Carol Butler
July 26 – Megan Smith
July 26 – Maggie Chaney

- July 27 – Dexter Smith
July 27 – Kelley Hughes
July 27 – John David Nelson
July 28 – Debbie Flannigan
July 28 – Kelly Owen
July 29 – Trip Battles
July 30 – Zack Dean
July 30 – Zach Bain
July 30 – Rachel Collins
July 31 – Hunter Battles
July 31 – Matt Lee
July 31 – Paige Wright
July 31 – Gunnar Elkins
July 31 – Koopar Elkins
- July Anniversaries
- July 1 – Casey & Tracy Cartwright
July 2 – Jerry & Merle Stokes
July 3 – Will & Cecily Goza
July 7 – Justin & Jamie Shankles
July 9 – Al & Vickie Blackburn
July 13 – John Paul & Teresa Verdon
July 16 – Josh & Ashley Coffman
July 16 – Gene & Karen Potts
July 18 – Zach & Tamara Bain
July 20 – Charles & Amanda Gray
July 22 – John & Lisa Moore
July 23 – John & Alisha Lawton
July 24 – Jamie & Gequetta Darwin
July 24 – Don & Yvonne Brock
July 25 – Donald & Karen Saferite
July 29 – Heath & Amy Jones

What To Do Around Here!

July 2016 Community Calendar

July 1 - Splish & Splash Pool Party. Join the fun at our Annual Splish & Splash Pool Party at DeSoto State Park! Cool off in our Olympic-size pool, play pool games, watch a movie in the great outdoors, enter for door prizes, and eat home-made ice cream! \$1 per person. 6:30 pm to 9 pm 256-997-5025.

July 1 - Independence Day Celebration in Fort Payne. The City of Fort Payne invites you to a wonderful celebration at the Fort Payne Sports Complex. Gates open at 5pm with free popcorn & soft drinks (while supplies last), inflatables, live entertainment by Dr. Rob & Curtis Strange at 6:15pm and the Russell Gulley Band at 7:30pm. BBQ, shaved ice and more will be available. A fantastic fireworks display will begin at 9pm. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the show. Additional parking is available at Heil parking lot for \$2 or 2 canned goods - All proceeds go to local charities. 256-845-1524

July 1 & 2 - DeSoto State Park Independence Day Celebration. DeSoto State Park offers its annual star-spangled celebration with a parade, homemade ice cream social, and a flag making contest. Make your own homemade flag to be judged in this fun contest. All ages are welcome to participate! Materials & flag-making rules will be available at the campground pavilion in the Improved Campground starting Wednesday, June 29th. Flags MUST be turned in no later than 9 am on Saturday, July 2nd. The Independence Day Parade begins at DeSoto's Lodge and makes it way to the Campground, just in time for the Homemade Ice Cream Social at the Campground Pavilion. Guests are welcome to bring their own favorite recipe for homemade ice cream to share while enjoying summer's favorite treat. 3 pm is parade and 4 pm is ice cream social. 256-997-5025.

July 2 - Annual 4th of July Car Show. Hosted by the Jackson Co. Cruisers around the Courthouse square in Scottsboro. There will be trophies and door prizes, and a chance to win the roll-around tool chest to be given away at the October car show. Registration will be from 5 until 6 and the trophies given away at 7:15. Live music by Sugar Truck, and food and fun for the entire family. All proceeds go to the "backpack for kids" program for the Jackson County Schools.

July 2 - Blow Your Own Ornament. 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 am to 4 pm Cost is \$38 per ornament. 256-523-3188.

July 2 - Rock Climbing Adventure for Beginners: Ages 7-Adult. Great fun for beginners! Experience the hype that is

Cherokee Rock Village with professional climbing instructors. \$50 to register call 256-634-8370.

July 2 - Stars and Stripes Celebration. Please join us for an Independence Day Celebration with food, games, fireworks, music and more. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy. Crossville Town Park. 4 pm. 256-528-7121.

July 2 - 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. 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 2, 4, 16, 18, 30 - Rappelling Adventure. Come experience the thrill of rappelling down the sheer sandstone gems of NE AL. Each trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. 10 am to 2 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 4 - The 33rd Annual Sand Mountain Potato Festival. Sand Mountain is well known for its rich diversity of agricultural products, including potatoes. Celebrate our heritage with live music, arts and crafts, entertainment, games and fireworks. Event begins at 10 am and culminates with a beautiful fireworks display at dark. 256-657-6282.

July 5 - 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. 10 am to 2 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 5 thru 7 - High Adventure Trip. This is a 3 day adventure including a Wild Cave Tour, Rock Climbing, an Extreme Night Hike, and ends with a relaxing canoe trip. Price includes all activities, attractions, permits, fees, gear, and guides. 256-997-9577.

July 6 & 7 - Nantahala Kayaking & Zipline Adventure: Ages 14-18. The ultimate summer getaway for teens! Led by trained instructors of One World Adventure. Cost is \$210. To register, contact 256-634-8370.

July 7 - Healing Arts Circle Forming: First gathering. Meet and gather with fellow healing artists to discuss and plan ways to support each other and our community through the healing arts in Mentone. Please bring business cards and samples. Feel free to write down your interest and skills if you want to exchange with other family and friends. Light snacks and water provided by Tohi. This is a free event from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Kamama Gallery. Contact Lisa at 256-635-8855.

July 7 - Essences of Creation by Elan. Introduction to the power and process of essences. Elan O'Brien, a resident of Mentone

for over 15 years, makes essences from sacred sites, including the ocean, much like Bach Flower Essences. 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Kamama Gallery. \$11. Contact Lisa at 256-635-8855.

July 8 - 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 am to 4 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 8 - Oostanaula Day Paddle: Ages 12 - Adult: Pile in with One World Adventure for a day on the water. We will paddle 13 miles from Armuchee to Rome on the Oostanaula River. Meet at Bruce's Foodland. \$60 pp. To register, call 256-634-8370.

July 8 - Bushcraft Days: Survival Bracelets & Rock Sling: Ages 10-Adult: Part of One World Adventure classes at DeSoto State Park. Learn about cordage weaving and take away skills and a true rock sling. \$20 pp. For more information, call 256-634-8370.

July 9 - Outdoor Survival Adventure: Ages 10 - Adult: A 5 hour class at DeSoto State Park that covers Fire, Water, Shelter and Wilderness Safety. Fee \$30. To register, call 256-634-8370.

July 9, 15, 19 - Rock Climbing/ Rappelling Adventure Combo. 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 am to 2 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 9 - Serious Skills Series: Native American Pottery Workshop. Hosted by DeSoto State Park. Join expert potter Tammy Beane to learn how pottery was made on Lookout Mountain thousands of years ago and create your own pinch pot style pottery. Clay is provided as well as bone needles and paddles to make designs on your pots. Workshop is make & take, a handout will be provided on the firing techniques discussed in the workshop. 10 am to 12 pm & 1 pm 3 pm. DeSoto State Park CCC Pavilion in the picnic area. \$10 supply fee. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited in each class. Fee due day of workshop. 256-997-5025.

July 9 - Hats Off Magic Show. Here's your chance to see a fun-filled, family oriented magic show. You will laugh, be amazed and leave feeling that perhaps magic truly does exist. Event will be held at the DeKalb Theatre in downtown Fort Payne. 6 pm You can buy your tickets at universe.com/hatsoffmagicshow. For more details, find us on facebook at Madison Hagler Magic.

July 11 thru 14 - Outdoor Survival Camp.

One World Adventure offers children ages 7-13 an opportunity to learn valuable and empowering wilderness skills. Camp activities include hiking, exploration, bushcraft, nature awareness and more for your son or daughter. Hiking, exploration, animal tracking, shelter building, primitive survival skills, summer fun, and so much more are all part of your child's exciting summer camp activities with One World. Call to register. 256-634-8370.

July 12, 21 - Afternoon 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. Adventure includes helmet, cave lamps plus a fun informative guide. True Adventure Sports. 5 pm to 7:30 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 13 - Canyon Center Creative Kids Days: Canyon Wildlife. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to creatively learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more with JSU Field Schools. Your children (ages 5-10) will want to attend ALL of these hands-on outdoor adventures! (Parents/Guardian remain with kids). Canyon Center (Meet in lobby; programs on Path to Learning and Orchard). \$5 per child (to cover cost of supplies); pre-registration required. 10 am to noon. 256-782-5697.

July 13 - 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 pm to 9 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 14 - Treasure Hunt Adventure. Do you enjoy trying to solve riddles and clues? This 5-hour adventure will take you deep into the heart of a cave. You will have to solve and follow each clue in order to find the next one, and ultimately the Treasure! TAS. 3 pm to 8 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 15 - Rappelling Adventure: Ages 12-Adult. Experience "Chicken Rock", an 80' Rappel but great for beginners. One World Adventure will guide you over the edge with supportive guides. \$45 pp. To register call 256-634-8370.

July 16 - Paddle to Nickajack Bat Cave (Evening paddle). Ages 12-Adult. Paddle to experience the amazing site when thousands of bats emerge from Nickajack Cave. To register, contact 256-634-8370.

July 16 - Paperweight Class. This class is designed for those who really just want see what molten glass is all about. Feel the heat, gather from the furnace, sculpt the glass into you own design. It is ultimately about the experience, some experimentation and a couple nice paperweights to take home or to the office to show your friends. Please join us for some in-depth discovery. Reservations

Required \$135 per person. 9 am to 1 pm. 256-523-3188.

July 16 - Picnic in the Park. Come enjoy a great afternoon of food, fellowship, and entertainment at Geraldine Town Park. Food, Fun and a whole lot more! 12 pm. 256-659-2122.

July 16 - Third Saturday Downtown Cruise-In. You can come out and enjoy an afternoon of family fun activities in downtown Fort Payne. This public event will include food, live music, a car show, and more from 5 pm to 9 pm. 256-996-3857.

July 17 - Serious Skills Series: YES, I CAN! Pressure Canning Class. We are offering this class to participants that attended the canning workshops held in DSP this year, as well as folks that already have experience (prerequisite: hot water bath canning). We will be canning meat as well as soup. Taught by Mary Alice Stout. Bring a paring knife and a brown bag lunch. Workshop is limited to 7 participants, so pre-registration is required. 10 am to 4pm at Desoto State Park. Fee: \$20 per person. Call 256-997-5025 or email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov for details.

July 17 - Tri-State Paper Crafting. Join us to learn, create and be inspired while crafting with papers, stamps, inks, punches, and die cuts. No experience needed. Kamama Gallery in Mentone AL 1:00-2:30. Reserve by noon on Saturday the 16th. Cost is \$5. To learn more or reserve a spot, send an email to cottagepaper@bellsouth.net or call 205-349-4026.

July 18 thru 21 - Adventure Day Camp. One World offers your child an opportunity to learn valuable and empowering skills. Camp activities include rock climbing, rappelling, kayaking, bushcraft, nature awareness and more for your son or daughter. Call to register. 256-634-8370.

July 18 thru 22 - Summer Fun at Moon Lake Community Library. Join us every evening for story time, snacks, and crafts. There will also be some art, music, a scavenger hunt, and more. This is a free event. All children are welcome to attend. Monday through Friday from 3 pm to 6 pm each evening. Find us on facebook or call for more information 256-635-8775.

July 19 - Back to School Bash Immunization Clinic. School shot given for all ages up to 18. No appointment needed. Please bring a copy of shot record and insurance card (BCBS/Medicaid). 7:45 am to 3:30 pm DeKalb County Health Department. 256-845-1931.

July 19 - Full Moon Paddle: Adults: Experience Little River at Dusk and watch the full moon rise over the treeline and light up the water. \$20 pp. To register, contact 256-634-8370.

July 20 - Afternoon Rock Climb. 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 pm to 6 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 21 - 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. 10 am to 2 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 22 - 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. Adventure includes helmet, cave lamps plus a fun informative guide. True Adventure Sports. 10 am to 12:30 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 22 - Rock Climbing Adventure for Beginners: Ages 7-Adult: Great fun for beginners! Experience the hype that is Cherokee Rock Village with professional climbing instructors. \$50 To register, call 256-634-8370.

July 22 - Bushcraft Days: Solar Ovens: Ages 10-Adult. Learn how to cook with the sun and take home your own Solar oven. At DeSoto State Park. \$20 pp. For more information, call 256-634-8370.

July 22 - Campfire Talk: Salamanders of Alabama. Join us for a fun campfire talk in the Great Outdoors! Hidden among the nooks and crannies of the outdoors is a treasure trove of interesting creatures, and salamanders are one of them. There are over 40 of these secretive creatures in Alabama. Join Jacksonville State University's Dr. George Cline and learn what species we have here in Alabama and how to identify them. Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. DeSoto State Park's Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (In case of inclement weather, will be located in Nature Center). 8 pm to 9 pm Free & open to the Public. Great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

July 22, 23 - 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. True Adventure Sports. 7:30 pm to 10 pm. 256-997-9577.

July 23 - Herbal Class: Adults: A five hour class at DeSoto State Park that teaches you some amazing herbal concoctions. For more information, call 256-634-8370.

July 23 - Campfire Talk: Voices of the Night, Frog Calls of Alabama. Join the one-and-only,

"Dr. Frog" George Cline from Jacksonville State University for an unforgettable evening of romance and songs from the amphibian voices of the season. 8 pm to 9 pm at DeSoto State Park's Campfire Ring in the Campground. Free & open to the Public. Great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

July 25 thru 27 - Art & Nature Camp: Ages 7-13. This camp builds self-esteem and skills in all things adventurous! Activities range from rappelling, rock climbing, kayaking, and thrill seeking hikes. To register, contact 256-634-8370.

Jul 25 thru 27 - Hike Tallulah Gorge & Raft the Chattooga River: Ages 14-18. A teen trip that is unforgettable in the NW Georgia mountains. Cost is \$350. To register, contact 256-634-8370.

July 29 - Hike & Swim to Desoto Falls Basin: Ages 10-Adult: Meet up for a guided hike to the basin of Desoto Falls. Cost is \$10. To register, contact 256-634-8370.

July 30 - Rappelling Adventure: Ages 12-Adult. Experience "Chicken Rock", an 80' Rappel but great for beginners. One World Adventure will guide you over the edge with supportive guides. \$45 pp. To register, call 256-634-8370.

July 30 - Bushcraft Days: Journal Making & Plant Walk: Ages 10-Adult. Learn about native and invasive plants and the many ways to benefit from them. Make a canvas journal to record your findings. \$20 pp. To register, contact 256-634-8370.

July 30 - Poisonous Plants of Alabama Class. This class is a brief overview of many poisonous plants in Alabama. There are many types of poisonous plants, learn how to spot them and what to do if you are affected by them. True Adventure Sports Training Center. 2 pm to 4 pm. 256-997-9577.

Ongoing Calendar

The Little River group of Alcoholics Anonymous is adding another meeting. They will meet every Saturday and every Tuesday night at 6pm at St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church, Mentone, AL. Both meetings are Open AA Discussion Meetings. Anyone who thinks they might have a problem with alcohol is welcome. The meetings are also open to members of Al Anon. Questions? call 256-634-3060.

AL-ANON family and friends support group. Meets every Tuesday at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph's on the Mountain Church in Mentone, AL. Same time and location as the AA Meeting. Come join us and help us grow!

Ballroom dancing lessons offered at DeKalb County Council on Aging on Monday nights from 6pm to 8pm. 256-845-8590.

Line dancing lessons offered at DeKalb County Council on Aging on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm. 256-845-8590.

Mentone Town Council meets the 2nd

Tuesday every month at 6pm in the town council room. Everyone is welcome.

MAPA Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at Kamama Gallery.

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 Beville Center in Rainsville by Duos and Solos Dance Club. 256-638-2780.

FREE FOOD for eligible persons and families. Hours: Wednesdays, 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.

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

The Rhododendron Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday at 10:00AM at the MERF House. 'Green thumbs' and 'brown thumbs' welcome! For more information, call 256-634-4403.

Valley Head Band meets on Tuesdays 4-6 pm at Smith Nursery at the top of Sand Mountain off of Hwy 117. 256-605-5404.

Scrabble club will meet the first Monday of the month from 11-1 at Kamama Gallery and Cafe. Call Kaye Kiker 205-609-8100 or Clare Donohue 954-292-8130 with questions.

The DeKalb County Genealogical Society meets the second Saturday of every month in the DeKalb County Public Library, 10 AM.

Yoga on the Mountain: Start your morning off right with Dee Brown. Classes are held from 8-9 am each Thursday and Friday at DeSoto State Park. Cost is \$5. To register call 256-634-8370

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



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Erica Alonzo



Leighton Blackwell



Blake Blevins



Brianna Boozer
Salutatorian



Isaac Browder



Emily Brown



Amren Case



Sierra Chambers



Christian Clayton



In Memory of
Aaron Coles



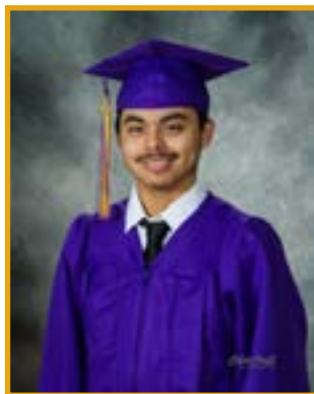
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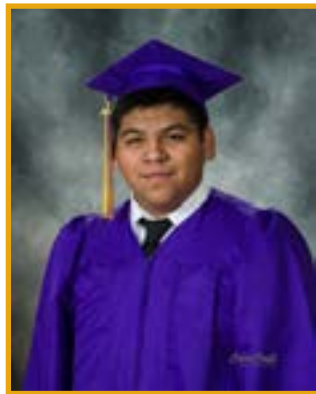
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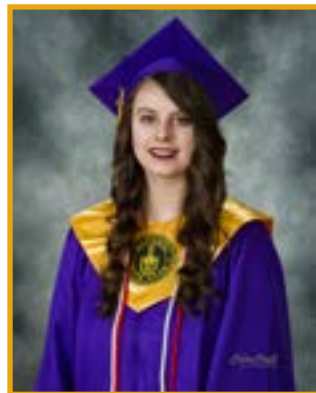
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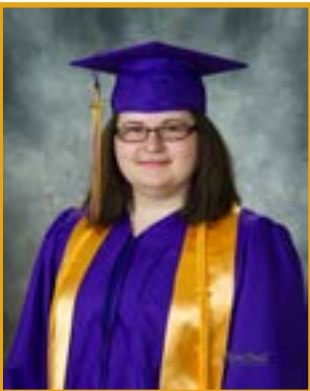
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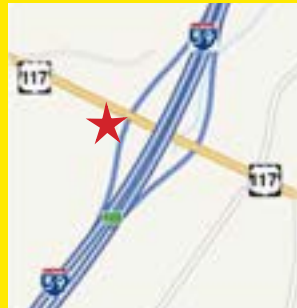
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Worship

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 Bunnell.

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. John Inman is the pastor.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy. 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Rodney Blaylock 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, invites everyone in the Mentone and Cloudland Communities to services-- Sunday School 10 AM (GA Time) Morning Worship 11 AM (GA Time) Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 5:30 PM (GA Time) Bro. Brian Keith is the pastor.

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. Pastor Jeff 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.

Gravel Hill Baptist Church, 14701 Hwy 11 South, Ft Payne, AL 35967 has Sunday School 10 AM & Worship Service at 11 AM each Sunday. All welcome! Wednesdays at 6PM we have supper and a brief devotional time together. Pastor George Moses.

Greater Vision Ministries Church of God, 38623 US HWY 11, Hammondville, AL 35989. Come as you are . . . LEAVE CHANGED! Sunday School 10 am, Sunday Worship *10:45 am, (*Nursery & Kid's Church). MidWEEK re-charge Wednesday 6:30pm. Loving God & Serving Others. Pastor Tim Coppock. 256-601-0679.

Menlo Presbyterian Church (ECO) invites everyone to attend services with us. Sunday School at 10am (EST) and Worship Service at 11:15am (EST). Dr. Roger Kvan is our pastor. We are located at 70 North 6th Ave., next to the park in Menlo, GA.

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

Vacation Bible School

Gravel Hill Baptist Church will be having VBS Saturday, July 9th, from 10AM to 3PM.

Lea's Chapel will be "Submerged" in VBS July 10th through the 15th from 6PM to 8PM each evening.

Masons Help Local Citizen

By Anna Mae Horn

While recovering from back surgery, Patricia Shavers was having a very difficult time even going in and out of her home. Home health services come out to help with various things such as therapy and social services. She expressed to the social worker the difficulty she had in entering her home due to the uneven stones in the pathway. Put in place to keep the feel of the mountain around the cabin, the stepping stones had now become an obstacle. Soon, members of the Valley Head and Fort Payne Masonic lodges were at her home building a handicap accessible ramp out of the graciousness of their hearts. They provided materials and labor- all for the simple joy of helping a neighbor in need. In addition to the Lodges providing all the materials, Barry Blalock, Mike Howell, J.R. Bledsoe, and Donnie Wagner gave unselfishly of their time and energy to install the new ramp. Not only did this ramp give Patricia access to her home, but it also allowed her 95 year old father to come inside her home for the first time! Before the surgery, Patricia would visit her father, but since her travel was restricted she could not visit him;

he was unable to visit her because his walker would not traverse the stone path and steps. As a WWII veteran who has been a Mason since coming home from war, he was now on the receiving end of the kindness passed on through generations of members.

Patricia wishes to express her gratitude to all the Masons for their generosity. It is a testament to the kind of people living in this area. It is the reason she calls Mentone home. This experience has confirmed her belief in the basic goodness of people. In her time of need, complete strangers happily stepped in to help. She made a profound observation: "When you turn off the television and electronics telling about all the bad things happening in the world, you can see all the people that are helping other people. Living here in Mentone is like living in a time gone by for the rest of the world. Mentone might be a little piece of Heaven right here on Earth. We have a paradise--in nature and in citizens. Turn off the TV, kick back, feel the breeze, listen to the birds, and thank goodness for wonderful people like the Masons!"



"Play it Forward" Fundraiser Event

By Angie Shugart

The Progressive Women of NE Alabama are a dedicated group of women from DeKalb, Jackson, and Marshall Counties that work to raise awareness about issues that women face. They desire for women to achieve their fullest potential despite their economic status. Therefore, they strive to raise money each year to award scholarships to women who demonstrate the need and are working toward achieving a college degree.

The PWNA Education Committee works with the administration at Northeast Alabama Community College and Snead State Jr. College in recommending and promoting our scholarship opportunities to deserving women.

Over the past 4 years, the charitable organization has raised almost \$20,000 towards scholarships and has done so

by giving of their time unselfishly. All of the funds raised to date, through selling cookbooks, t-shirts and plants, have gone to further the PWNA mission, which is to educate women on issues that affect their lives.

This year, the committee is planning a "Play it Forward" Casino Night Fundraiser on August 27th at the Little River Canyon Center. Tickets are \$50 per person and include \$500 in play money and raffle tickets. Prizes will be raffled at the end of the night. The more you play, the more chances you have to win.

We hope you will come out to support this fun event for a worthwhile cause. To purchase tickets online, visit our page on EventBrite (eventbrite.com/e/play-it-forward-casino-night-fundraiser-tickets-25882575480). If you would like to inquire about your business or organization sponsoring a gaming table or for more information about the event, contact Angie Shugart, Fundraising Committee Chair, at angieshugart1@gmail.com. PWNA appreciates the support received by the community and looks forward to seeing everyone at this event.



I AM Original Poem by Doug Kiker

I am from George and Erma, Gladys and Irving;
or a life totally different from what I imagined.

I am from toes and bare feet hurting in the hot sand
as I put out soda in Daddy's corn field.

I am from wishing to be somewhere else,
to being from somewhere else.

I am from wishing I could "know it all",
to knowing there is no such thing.

I am from wishing that I could "arrive",
to realizing that the fun is in the trip.

I am from "oh no! Why are you here?"
to "Good to see you, got anything to read today?"

I am from the history class, wishing it were over;
to knowing that history will never be over.

I am from a free country and not even knowing it,
to realizing that "freedom" is a very special thing.

I am from Ward, Alabama to Mentone Alabama,
and when I am no longer in this world,
I want to be known as from Mentone.

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NEW LISTING

SECLUSION AND TRANQUILITY are nestled in this 2 story luxury 3BR/3BA Heritage Log Home. Located on 20 acres of breathtaking views and woods on the East Brow of Lookout Mountain, Cloudland, GA. This fully furnished home features vaulted ceilings in the great room and kitchen/dining room, both of which have handcrafted rock fireplaces. Fully equipped kitchen with granite and concrete countertops, stainless steel appliances, and eat-in bar. Amenities include 4 CHA units, laundry room, and separate potting shed/workshop. The detached 2-car garage has a full upstairs 1BR/1BA and extra storage room. An ideal mountain escape! Craftsmanship and attention to detail makes this property one of a kind. Appointment only. \$825,000. (23208)



PENDING

SOUTHLAND LOG HOME on the East fork little River. 5.5 acres. 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)



8.75 ACRES with 200 ft on West Fork Little River. Hardwoods, hollies, and easy access to river. Level to rolling terrain. \$89,000 (23183).



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! \$115,000 (23096)



HIGH ROAD, Cloudland, GA. 5.5 acres with stream and small waterfall. 3bdrm, 2bth, ranch style home. Living room, new flooring, kitchen with built in pantry, CHA. Guest cabin with 1 bdrm, 1 bth. 3 bay garage/workshop. 2 wells. \$148,000. (23152)



REDUCED

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. \$40,000



COTTAGE ON LITTLE RIVER CANYON. What a peaceful setting and private. 2 bdrm with sleeping loft, 2 baths. Great room with Rock Fireplace. Covered front porch and grilling deck. Adjoins on the back side Wildlife management and in the front the canyon preserve. Private access. Appt Only. \$150k (22865)



3.77 ACRES located at Canyon View Forest Subdivision. Wooded and joining the bluff of Little River National Preserve. \$60,000



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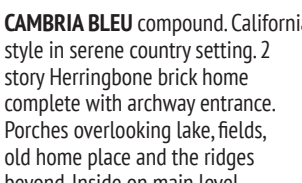
NESTLED AMONG LARGE ROCK FORMATIONS is a quaint 2 bdr, 2bth cottage with open living/dining room with gas fp. Sunroom/office off master suite. Screened front porch multi level decks, outdoor shower, garage workshop. Quiet and Serene this setting makes for a great getaway or home. \$148,900 (23164)



HISTORIC DINKY LINE Railway runs through the property. 3.8 acres on the East Fork Little river. 175 ft on water with a deep swimming hole, and rapids. Lightly restricted. County water and power available. Located on Lookout Mtn Mentone area. \$46,000



ONE OF THE BEST VIEWS on Lookout mountain, Cloudland GA. 2-BR 2 bath Log Home on Brow with dramatic rock outcroppings & pastoral view of Shinbone Valley. Cathedral ceiling, solid wood floors, rock FP. Lots of windows & built in storage. Screened porch and patio on brow. HVAC. 2-car garage, 2-car carport, workshop, etc. \$259,000



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)



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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, per tested. Lightly restricted. Seller is very motivated! REDUCED \$49,900 (19865)

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3 County Road 66. (23186)

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Remember When . . .

By Anna Mae Horn

Lightning" Goss delivered mail and worked at the water company? In the January 1984 issue of *The Groundhog*, an article entitled "Families in Mentone: The Gosses" featured Arthur "Lightning" Goss, his family, and his service to the community over the years.

"For almost a half century, Gosses have been delivering mail in Mentone - grandfather, father, two sons. Two Goss brothers have also been in charge of Mentone's Water Works. After Arthur Goss worked a rural mail route covering five counties in two states - 300 mail boxes - for twenty-eight years and three months, he retired seven years ago.

When their children were gone from home, Mr. Goss and his wife, the former Flora Edna McSpadden, went together on the mail route. Once over in Dade County, Georgia, his truck skidded off the road in the icy weather. He left Mrs. Goss with the truck and walked four miles for help. Many times they got home well after dark.

Part of the time when he carried mail, Mr. Goss also maintained Mentone's water works. During the winter months, this was a day and night job. Since the place was not winterized, the motors had to be kept running to keep the pump going and the pipes from freezing. There was a small heater in the filter room, but the Gosses have memories of many cold nights at the Water Works.

There was one bad accident during the years Mr. Goss spent working for the town's water

system. He had placed a suction line out into the river during a drought, but had to retrieve it because of a heavy rain. He was working with a grandson in the cold when, suddenly, Mr. Goss was "out like a light." he regained consciousness later in his home. The next day, a doctor told him he had suffered a "cold stroke," similar to heat stroke.

Originally from the Crossville, Alabama area, the Gosses first lived below Fisher Community. For twelve years Alfred Pinckney Goss, Mr. Goss's father, carried mail here. Arthur Goss's mother's family lived near Dalton, Georgia. Arthur Goss had five brothers and one sister. Virtually everyone in Mentone knows H.P., who also supervised the Water Works. Brother Anison lives in LaFayette, Georgia. Granville lives here near Baty's Lumber Yard. His brother Sherman was killed in a grist mill accident. Other family members are brother Avery and sister Melindy Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss met as school children. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1979. For forty years, they have lived in the same home. They raised eight children; twin sons died in infancy.

The oldest daughter, Corinthia died in adolescence. Betty Sue Bell lives in Mentone and Rindy Lou Milligan is in Hammondville. The oldest son Clifford lives in Atlanta. Mary Flanagan lives in Mentone and Issac Sherman is familiar to residents on the star route: he, too, is a mail carrier. Daughter Regena Prestwood is in

Mentone, and youngest son Benny is known to everyone in town as Mentone's postmaster.

Mr. Goss was asked where he got his nickname of Lightning. It seems that when he worked in the Hitching Post's grocery store in the '30s, Arthur Hixson and Fred Huron (who built Riverside Hotel, part of Camp Skyline Ranch today) thought there were too many men answering to the name of Arthur. So, Mr. Hixson told him that from then on, Arthur Goss would answer to the name of Lightning.

He 'just picked up' his knowledge of motors, Mr. Goss says, beginning when he first fixed Clifford's scooter. Today, he repairs mowers and garden tillers in the shop next to his home. He says, 'Most people don't think about it, but if you turn over on a lawnmower, you're liable to get your fingers cut off.' This is exactly what happened to Mr. Goss last year, but he hasn't let his accident slow him down very much.

The Goss home is filled with family pictures, indicative of the love and concern that has radiated throughout the community in service and friendliness."

From the grocery store, to the mail route, to the water department, to servicing small engines- Arthur Goss served the public for many years. He obviously encountered difficult situations over the years, but with a true Mentone spirit, he continued to work hard for his family and be a part of the community. People such as Mr. Goss have helped shape Mentone into the wonderful town we have today.

Conner's Eggs and His Sister Carly

By Kristen Emory

We all know Mentone, Alabama is a special place. We have DeSoto Falls, Summer Camps, Little River, and Conner's Eggs. What? You haven't heard about Conner Cash and his EGGs? How could you possibly live in Mentone and not know the story of how "Conner Got His Eggs". Of course, the chickens came first...Obviously.

It was 5 years ago, and Conner asked his parents for a chicken coop for his 7th Birthday. Not only did Conner get a coop for his birthday, but he also got 3 chickens, hens. -----This will be a good time for me to insert a little bit of Chicken Trivia that some of you may not know. Hens can lay eggs with out a Rooster. If you would like to raise chickens, for fresh eggs, you do not need a Rooster.----- Back to the point. Conner began to learn the responsibility of raising chickens and gathering their eggs. Luckily, Conner has a younger sister, Carly, who likes to help with all the chicken stuff.

Let us fast forward to Christmas 2 years ago. Santa comes to the Mentone Market every year, and Conner and Carly were so excited to see Santa. Conner sat in Santa's lap and gave Santa the biggest surprise. Conner said, "Santa, I would like a bigger chicken coop and more chickens." Santa threw his head back

and with great Ho-Ho-Hoing and said, "Conner, I think a bigger chicken coop would be a mighty fine Christmas gift, but we might want to wait on those chickens until spring. Kevin and Mandy, can you help old Santa out and get Conner some chickens this spring?" Kevin and Mandy, being the wonderful parents that they are, gave Santa their word that they would stock Conner's coop come springtime. Santa delivered and Conner's parents kept their word.

Today, Conner is a chicken mogul with 39 birds, not bad for 12 years old! Do you know how many eggs 39

chickens can lay in one day? The answer...39. I do think Conner has a few roosters and they don't lay eggs. It is possible that Conner and Carly can collect up to 25 eggs a day. That is still a bunch of eggs! Conner and Carly give their eggs to family and friends, and they also sale their eggs to the Mentone Market. At least one day a week before school they come in and deliver their free range chicken eggs. Santa knew what he was doing when he brought Conner that bigger coop. He knew he was helping a little boy and his sister start their own little business, Conner's Eggs!!!!





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4.43 WOODED ACRES, unrestricted. Septic tank to accommodate a 3BR/2BA home, gravel drive, public water & power already in place! Great place for RV, ready to build. You'll not find a better price in Mentone. Now only \$33,900. (311288)

30.89 ACRES OF GORGEOUS WOODS, with year-round stream & mostly hardwoods; wildflowers; wild blueberries; blackberries; abundant wildlife. Level to gently rolling in topography. Only 2 miles from downtown Mentone. Quiet and private, yet having some 268' of frontage on paved County Road 89 N. Nice spot for a future pond. Unrestricted. \$115,838 (1039175)

2 WOODED ACRES with a tiny little rustic "cabin" (no plumbing!) & a whole lot of promise for your future mountain home site. Hardwoods, picturesque boulders, wild turkey, deer...most any kind of wildlife found in these hills. A quiet place to find yourself returning at the end of the day, or as a weekend getaway. \$45,000. (1034503)

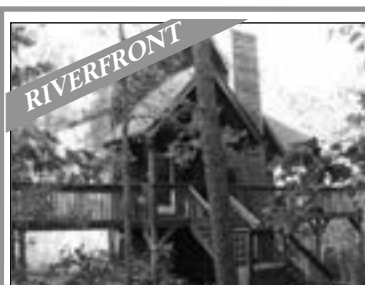
257' RIVER FRONTAGE ON WEST FORK, Little River. 2.83 acres, lightly restricted, private. Rhododendron, mountain laurel, sandy riverside bank. Water meter already in place, adjacent lot also available. Own your own piece on Mentone... riverside! \$50,800 (1032895)

8.9 ACRES WITH APPROX 136' BROW FRONTAGE on Citadel Rock Rd, near the back entrance of DeSoto State Park. Beautiful wooded land with large paved road frontage. \$89,000 (692925)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!



A BIT OF FORT PAYNE HISTORY goes with this one-level brick home on 2.13 private acres, smack dab in town, yet built on the side of Lookout Mtn near its base. Huge stone chimney of the Boom Era lime kiln. Part of the old RR bed on property, too. There's even a quaint 60s-era bomb shelter in the woods! 3BR/2BA; new CH/A; WB Fplce; gated drive. Vintage kitchen; knotty pine walls; HW floors give it a charm newer houses just don't have. \$115,000 (1046963)



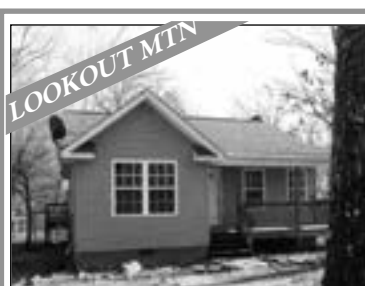
SPACIOUS, IMMACULATE & BEAUTIFUL CABIN on 3.81 acres w/frontage on Middle Fork, Little River. 2640 sq ft; woodburning Fplce; pine floors; high-end windows & doors; pro-quality gas range w/elec convection oven; on-demand hot water; 3BR/3BA+loft 4thBR. Main-level Master suite. Move-in ready! Screened porch, covered and open decks on two sides. Three levels, including a finished, walkout basement guest suite w/den & bar; french doors leading outdoors where the pathway winds down to the bluff areas & an intriguing wet-weather stream bed w/fabulous stones, ledges, & multiple falls; then on to beautiful Little River. Priced quite nicely at only \$249,900 (1019875)



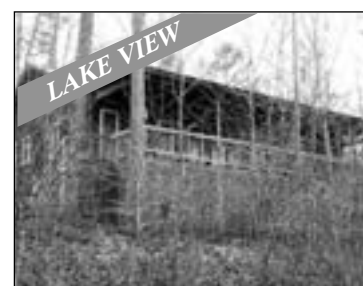
CHARMING BUNGALOW WITH SCREENED FRONT PORCH; lots of old-fashioned flowers & plantings; big shade trees; deep lot; private back yard; woods; small stream. 3BR/1BA; nostalgic knotty-pine kitchen; DR; enclosed back porch w/laundry & storage. Original heart pine floors. New siding. Detached shop w/metal roof & new siding. In-town location for commercial/residential/rental uses. \$89,900 (1043685)



IT HAS THE CLASSIC LOOK AND IT HAS THE LOCATION! Huge wrap-around porch; 4BR/3.5BA; 3300 sq ft; open kitchen w/new appliances, island, & bfast area; formal LR & DR; family room/den w/reclaimed barn wood & antique mantel; HW floors throughout main level. Master suite includes sitting area, walk-in closet & Juliet balcony. Full unf basement w/single car garage, large carport, concrete drive & a peaceful shady backyard. Forest Ave. Ft Payne. \$285,000 (1047778)



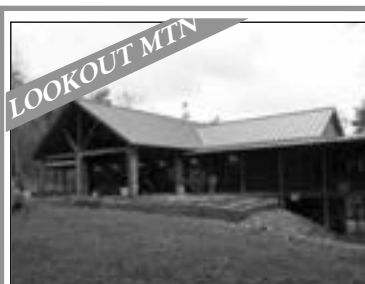
HAVE YOU BEEN DREAMING of a place? A smaller home, perhaps, with a bit of land? This might be what you've been searching for! 2BR/2BA home; 5 acres (on both sides of stream w/waterfall); 2BR/1BA guest cabin; garden spot w/rich, dark soil; workshop; woods; fun & funky "cool huts" (studios? guest quarters? limitless uses!); large creekside "treehouse" for fair-weather gatherings; privacy at the end of a small lane. Lookout Mtn location between Ft Payne & DeSoto St Park lets you be only minutes from scenic natural beauty or needed trips to town. You'll find yourself putting down roots & not wanting to leave this charming little paradise. Public water, but there's also a good well. \$165,000 (1038209)



OVERLOOKING THE RIVER AT LAKE LAHUSAGE! 3BR/2BA cabin. Large front porch affords you a view as well as a place to relax. Inside is a wonderful mixture of convenience & mountain cabin rusticity. 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. Hot tub deck. 6.12 acres. Active rental with great rental history. \$199,900 (562232)



CLASSIC OLD MENTONE SUMMER HOME, owned by same family since 1900. Mountain stone & masonry fireplace in LR. The house has been updated and modernized but the original floor plan and level of craftsmanship is still intact. 3-acre parcel consists of a level yard & some gorgeous, ancient trees. Corner property on W River Rd; offers great walking/biking areas near Camp Laney. \$130,000 (1027048)



OWN YOUR OWN LITTLE CANYON with Johnnie's Creek cascading through the forest below. 36 acres mostly-wooded land (on both sides of creek) & a fabulous, custom-built cypress-sided home. Approx 3600 sq ft of deliciously-designed living inside, tremendous tree-top decks & porches outside! Two woodburning fireplaces (one w/insert); Brazilian cherry floors, windows galore, fab light fixtures throughout. Huge, open kitchen/living area. Tons of cabinetry, commercial-grade gas range, granite countertops; large pantry. A mountain escape, with simple luxury in a residence, hunting lodge or getaway. \$599,000 (1010510)



13.34 ACRES, 3 PONDS, OLD FARM HOUSE, SHOP & OUT-BUILDINGS. Fruit trees of all sorts. Great garden areas. The old house needs a good bit of TLC. Best feature is the stone fireplace. Nice front porch, too. Ponds are stocked & owner says there's good fishing in all of them. Catalpa, chestnut & fruit trees; blueberry bushes. Three wells, one of which is clear, freestone water w/working pump. (Public water has been run to the house). \$100,000 (1040912)

Healing Arts Circle Forming in Mentone

By Lisa Schad

The healing arts have always been a fundamental part of Mentone. The name itself means "musical mountain spring." In 1834, the Mentone Springs Hotel and Spa was built around the healing waters of the Mentone Spring. Upon that, the town was built. In this community, there is also a strong history of the use of natural remedies from the plant world. Both Native American and Western methods of making salves, tinctures, and oils are part of our mountain culture. Throughout Mentone's history, people have appreciated the natural soothing atmosphere in this special place. Some are fortunate to be born here, but a lot of folks feel led to relocate here (like myself) because they are called by the "Magic of Mentone". Even though the Mentone Springs and the "Grand Old Lady" are departed from us, the essence remains. What exactly is it? The waters? The people? Nature? An energy of the land? We each have our own way of defining the "Magic of Mentone" and how we choose to enhance it in our lives. We also respect each other's opinions, beliefs, and customs.

Many in the area believe in the all-natural curative properties of Mother Earth, in the peaceful and healthy qualities of those things which nature has provided, such as native plants, flowers, minerals, and stones. Many believe in the soothing, healing properties of sound, music, and creative expression through various types of art. Some beliefs and customs have been passed down from Indigenous cultures; others are being created as more research is available to support natural health. No matter the origin, the healing arts are important to many area residents and visitors alike. We are a community that recognizes the need for health in mind, body, and soul.

Although my profession of massage therapy falls in the health and wellness arena, I include the use of sound, healing waters, and crystals in creative healing ways within my sessions, as guided. There are many folks practicing what I would call healing arts in their daily lives for physical and spiritual health. Although they might barter an herbal tonic for a sound bowl healing session or massage between family and

friends, it is not their business or profession. While this is acceptable, there are guidelines for sharing your products and services with others through bartering.

I would like to host a gathering of folks interested in meeting like-minded healing artists, professional or not. We can find ways to support our professional practitioners with their businesses in these areas and create healing circles for lay people, all while staying inside official boundaries. We can begin conversations about how to share information on these topics and advance creative healing, for ourselves and our community. We can be of assistance to each other and those who are curious about the healing arts and would like to learn more. How can we do this in a way that is healthy, officially permitted, and fun? Let's get together and figure it out!

On July 7th, I will be hosting a Healing Arts Circle gathering at 6 pm in the Kamama Gallery to gauge the public's interest in this topic. Meet and gather with fellow healing artists to discuss and plan ways to support each other and our community through the healing arts in Mentone. Bring business cards and samples or just write down your interest and skills so everyone can share information. Bring a list of questions you would like answered. If you would like to gather around 5pm in the Cafe for Dutch style dinner, reservations would be helpful.

I would like to encourage you to stay for Elan's presentation "Essences of Creation" which starts at 7pm, but do not feel obligated. Elan O'Brien has lived in Mentone for more than 15 years and makes essences from sacred sites, including the ocean, much like Bach Flower Essences. For those unfamiliar with essences, it is a homeopathic process that utilizes the vibrational essence of a plant in a sacred place at a sacred time. The essences act as key codes to assist each individual who uses them, to be all that they can be. Folks who are interested in the healing arts may also be interested in this introduction to the power and process of essences. However, the gathering that I am hosting will be more like a circle of friends sharing their knowledge of all forms of healing arts.

To initiate this

conversation, let's look at how plants can be used in many forms for use as a therapeutic medicinal--flower, stem, leaves and/or roots in tinctures, hydrosols, essential oils blends and essence to name a few. With the purchase of my house six years ago, I inherited an antique rose in my garden. Recently, I honored this rose by making a hydrosol, which is steaming the petals to release the oils and then creating a water spray with the rose oil in it. This can be used to massage delicate areas, like the face. It can be used to freshen a room or linens. I was quite proud of myself that I successfully followed the YouTube video and ended up with 3 bottles to be used in my massage practice.

Pure rose oil requires many petals to obtain a small amount of essential oil. This means the price is usually too high to be using it as body oil for massage. However, when mixed with other oils, it creates a lovely, light scent that feels very luxurious and brings many nutrients to the skin.

Rose hips used to make tea are reported to serve as a mild diuretic and laxative as well as improving and relieving the symptoms of kidney disorders. Also high in iron, they help with red blood cell production. Rose hips look like buds that have not bloomed, but in fact are the fruit of the rose plant, after it has bloomed. Make your own or purchase it pre-made.

A flower essence is not the aroma of a flower, but the vibrational "essence" of it captured in water and/or alcohol. Generally, the vibrational quality of rose is love. However, protection, rejuvenation, and refreshment have also been associated with it. I often spray or rub a few drops on congested areas of a client--not just their heart areas, but maybe the feet, not feeling especially love, but definitely rejuvenation. There are countless other ways to use Earth's natural treasures to comfort, heal, and energize.

This brings us back to the fact that we each have our own preferred ingredients, customs, and therapies for healing our mind, body, and soul. Just as we each have an opinion about the "Magic of Mentone"--Her 'essence'. Imagine if we could bottle that up! We each define it differently, but most agree it is present. What do you think it is? Nature? An energy of the land? The people? The waters?

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RUSTIC CABIN near Mentone. 1-1/2 story, 2BR/2.5BA home, open floor plan, large vaulted ceilings. Loft guest bedroom overlooking living areas. Lge screened in porch. \$239,000. MLS #1017671.



220

TWO CABINS minutes from DeSoto State Park and Mentone. Cabin 1 has approx 640 sq ft. Cabin 2 has approx 432 sq ft. Both cabins have 1 BR/1BA and sold furnished with all appliances. \$119,000. MLS #1036084.



617

TWO FURNISHED CABINS on 6.4 ACRES.... One Price! Minutes from DeSoto State Park and Downtown Mentone. Down Home offers 2BR/2BA. Southern Charm offers Loft, 1BR and 1BA. Space for approx. 7 additional cabins. \$279,000. MLS #1026581.



603

REAL BARGAIN. Lge 3BR/2BA home blocks from downtown Mentone. Screened porch, open floor plan, garage, bonus room, workshop plus storage bldg, fire pit, and more. \$249,700 MLS#1001478



606

West Brow of Lookout Mountain. 3BR/2BA, 2,500+/- sq. ft. main house, rock walls on 2.9+/- Acres. \$329,000 MLS #815966



623

ENJOY LIFE UNINTERRUPTED in this custom-built log get-a-way on 4 secluded acres. Loft BR and 1 BA with wood floors and a front rocking chair porch. Hurry before someone buys the cabin of your dreams for only \$110,000. MLS #564870



612

COZY, COMFORTABLE charmer. Open great room w/built-in bookcases & stone fireplace w/gas logs. Kitchen has Corian countertops and custom cabinets. On 2 brow lots w/ storage building and greenhouse. \$399,000. MLS #1024616.



602

BEAUTIFUL Mountain Get-Away with gorgeous view year round. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, shake-sided outside w/low maintenance metal roof. Deck. \$239,900 MLS#1000691.



641

BUNGALOW/CRAFTSMAN with 3 bedrooms and 1 bath in Mentone. \$125,000. MLS #1046940



600

UNIQUE!!! Main House, Guest House, Boathouse and approx. 470' of frontage on Little River. \$749,000 MLS #1007556



607

Lake Lahusage in your back door! Bank owned 2BR/2BA cottage AND 2-car garage with apartment potential. \$247,500 MLS #654813



623

MENTONE MINI FARM!!! 2 BR with possible 3rd BR or bonus room, open kitchen & living area, hardwood & carpet floors, floored attic storage, 4-car carport, 3-car detached garage w/apartment, barn and pond. \$115,000. MLS#1045075



613

3BR/3BA HOME on 2.8 acres w/brow view walking distance to town. 2 master suites, each w/access to porches & views. Cathedral ceilings, exposed beams, pine floors, wb fireplace, lge screened porch, open deck for grilling, irrigation system, full-house generator. MLS #1037784. \$375,000.



632

BEAR CLAUS LODGE! Open floor plan, 3BR + loft/3 1/2BA stone fireplace, beamed ceilings, wood floors, granite countertops, stainless appliances. Covered deck w/ fireplace, hot tub, outdoor kitchen, and more on 2.20 +/- acres. \$329,000. MLS#1035859



909

Secluded, Custom log cabin, 2BR/2BA, wooded lot, 2+ acres, security system, privacy gate, detached storage. \$279,500 MLS #332033



1400

3BR 2BA home in Hidden Lake Sub. Use of 14 acre lake. LRw/hardwoods & FP. Open kit/breakfast, DR w/built-in cabinet, screened front porch, back deck, 2-car garage. Adjoins Little River Canyon. \$220,000. MLS#1025640.



208

CUSTOM HOME. 4500 sqft+ w 5BR/3.5BA, LR, wood burning Isokern fireplace. Master w/sitting room. Pro landscaping, screened porch, courtyard, 2 decks on 1.37 acres, community lake. \$499,900. MLS #1011520.



637

CHARMING RETREAT! 2 BR/2BA vintage log cabin in Mentone. Master suite has private screened porch leading to native rock water fountain. Included are 2 guest cabins connected by decks & walkways. \$197,000. MLS #1046823.



624

Owl's Roost! Adorable cabin on wooded lot, furnished with brass bed and country antiques. \$116,000 MLS #690326



611

2BR/3BA. 3+/- year old roof. Garage apt w/BR & BA. Balcony, gallery w/storage, winter sunsets, downtown location, gas heater in kitchen, garage and apartment. WB fireplace. 2-car garage. Built in 2004. \$289,000. MLS#1029587.



639

ONE STORY RANCH - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on 1.35 acres on County Road 148 in Mentone. \$139,900. MLS#1046824



604

Bear's Lair - Adorable cabin currently in a rental program. 3BR/2 BA with a brow view. \$274,900 MLS#692795



605

One bedroom, one bath cottage on DeSoto Parkway with 2.7+/- acres AND a BROW view! Surrounded by mature landscaping and rock walls. \$299,900. MLS #1018162



107

Incredible View! Brick home on 5 acres features 5000+ sq. ft. with 5 BR/3BA/2HB, decks, patios, beautiful landscaping. Kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, keeping room w/ FP, formal entry, living and dining areas, two levels of patios and decks for entertaining and enjoying the view. \$369,000. MLS #1038938.



908

Little River/Lake Lahusage/Mentone! East Fork of Little River, cottage has FP, wood floors, P&B ceiling in living area, NEW porch, deck, some doors & windows, HVAC, dock, walkway, fence, paint! Most furn. remains! \$215,000. MLS #1019742



910

NEAR LITTLE RIVER CANYON. 3BR/3BA log cabin w/lake, wood floors/walls/ceilings, open living/dining/kitchen, rock woodburning FP, screened porch, deck, Loft/basement/gameroom. \$224,000. MLS #1017450.



610

HANDCRAFTED WOODWORK throughout this 2BR/2BA mountain home. Great room w/ cathedral ceiling, full front & back porches, lge utility room all on a wooded lot. Located in laurel Creek Lakes w/ access to 3 lakes & walking trails. \$174,500. MLS #1017650.



619

LIVE & PLAY ON THE WATER! 200' of frontage on East Fork of Little River featuring 3BR 2BA, rock floors, some carpet, all appliances, WB fireplace, & storage building. Call for more details. \$239,999. MLS #902940.



618

BROW PROPERTY! 2BR/1BA home on 2.3 +/- acres. Lots of wood features inside the house, enclosed porch and more. \$209,000. MLS #1015755.



707

Cabin overlooking the water features pine walls & floors, vaulted 23' ceilings and fireplaces. Enjoy your own relaxing paradise w/plenty of Mountain Laurels and rocks. Built to preserve the property's natural beauty. \$459,900. MLS #1019610



820

RUSTIC CABIN with gas fireplace, kitchen, and sleeping nook, private porch downstairs. Lge BR/BA and sitting area upstairs. Laurel Creek Lakes with access to lakes & walking trails. \$139,900. MLS#1041437



205

MINUTES FROM DESOTO STATE PARK & MENTONE! 2BR/2BA, wood floors, walls, ceilings; fireplace; being sold fully furnished--includes appliances, whirlpool tub & private hot tub on the back deck. Excellent rental potential or our own private retreat. \$92,000 (1041842)



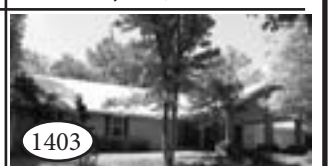
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LAKE ON THE BROW - one level w/living/kitchen/dining area, 3BR/2BA, office, laundry room. Kitchen w/stainless. Living area w/stone gas FP. Master w/adjoining bath & double closets. Screened porch, covered deck, rock patio. \$209,000. MLS#1041993



401

WHIPPOORWILL FARM. 2BR/2BA rock/log home w/sunroom, FP, updated kitchen. Historic barn, 2-stall stable w/1BR/1BA apt. Screened sleeping cabin, dbl garage, fenced pastures, trails, rock walls/patio, gazebo, outdoor shower, old spring house & fire pit. \$995,000. MLS#1042624



1403

EXECUTIVE HOME w/300+/- of brow frontage. Approx. 7,000 sq. ft. 4BR/3.5BA, open kitchen, living and dining room, hardwood flooring, vacuum system, bonus room, back up generator, dual heating, front & back covered porches, 2-car garage, guest house, shop/barn w/apt, tractor shed, shop vacuum system, 18 acres, gated. \$579,000. MLS#1044145.

LOTS
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#392849 - 4.4 acre tract on brow. \$190,000
#403694 - 106' of prime brow view. \$109,500.
#656265 - 7+ WOODED ACRES in Mtn. River Estates. \$39,000.
#665968 - 1 ACRE LOT in Hidden Lake Sub. \$40,000.
#762331 - 1.02 ACRE lot in Hidden Lake Sub. \$40,000.
#845943 - 200' of water frontage \$42,000.
#945265 - 1 ACRE LOT in Hidden Lake Sub. \$49,000.
#1011734 - .69 ACRE wooded lot on Brush Creek. \$27,900.
#1014183 - 1.5 ACRES. Brow Lot on CR 89. \$124,900.
#1016112 - 3.46 WOODED ACRES in Oakwood Sub. \$23,500.

#1016118 - 3.04 WOODED ACRES in Oakwood Sub. \$23,500.
#1021165 - 2 ACRE LOT offering lake and brow footage. \$59,900.
#1026589 - LIBBY LANE. .49 acres West Fork Little River. \$162,000.
#1027934 - 4.42 ACRES on River Lane, W. Fork Sub. \$29,900.
#1032720 - 2.8 acres with travel trailer, water, septic, dock. \$82,500.
#1034400 - 1.29 ACRES with gorgeous brow view. \$110,000
#1034402 - 1.3 ACRES with gorgeous brow view. \$110,000
#1034997 - Approx. 6 ACRES on middle fork of Little River. \$48,900
#1037600-1037604 - 6.62-8.9 acre brow lots. \$180,000 each.
#1038089 - 6.4 acres on Co. Rd. 89, Lot 8, in Mentone. \$155,000

#1038473 - 7.7 acres of brow property (2.5 acre building area). \$125,000
#1038477 - 6.9 acres of brow property (.7 acre building area). \$59,900
#1038482-103485 - 7.1-7.5 acres of brow property in Mentone (.8 -1.7 bldg. areas).
#1038697 - 7.8 acres of brow property in Mentone (1.9 acre building area). \$69,900
#1038949 - 5.8 acres of brow property in Mentone. \$95,000
#1039769 - 6.32+/- waterfront building lot in Mountain River Estates! \$51,750
#1045110 - 7.9 acres on brow. \$169,000.
#1045206 - 3.3 acres of historic property in the heart of Mentone. \$325,000.
1046423 - 4.3 acres, County Road 89, Mentone. \$34,500.
1046743 - .81 acres, Hunter's Ridge, Mentone. \$19,900.

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Menlo Church of Christ Centennial Celebration

On July 10, 2016, the Menlo Church of Christ, located at 122 Bell Street in Menlo, Georgia, will have its annual Homecoming with the noon covered dish homecoming meal served in the nearby Lawrence Center in Menlo. This time, however, the homecoming will be a little more “special” than usual, because it will be not only a “Homecoming,” but also a “Centennial Celebration,” marking the 100th anniversary of the church meeting in this building in Menlo.

According to records, the lot was procured in the year 1915, and the building was started shortly thereafter. In 1916, the masterfully constructed building was completed, and the Menlo Church of Christ congregation has been meeting here ever since.

The Church of Christ world wide has been under the same management for two thousand years, and the congregation has been meeting here for a hundred years--we think that is a pretty good record.

The guest speaker for the homecoming service and the 5-Day Gospel Meeting, which the homecoming will kick off, will be Brother

Andrew Campbell. Brother Campbell is a local evangelist who has been speaking for area congregations of the Church for quite some time now, and we believe you will be in no way disappointed when you come and hear this dynamic young preacher.

On July 10, the Sunday Morning Bible study will be at 10:00 AM, Family worship hour at 11:00. Immediately following the Sunday Morning Worship, we will migrate a couple of blocks east to the Lawrence Center, for the Homecoming Meal. Sunday evening Service will then be convened at 5 pm, EDT. The Gospel Meeting will continue nightly through the following Thursday, July 14, with services at 7 pm each evening, EDT.

If you, or your ancestors, have ever been affiliated with this congregation, we urge you to make every effort to attend this Homecoming and Meeting. Our building has been newly refurbished, and we have a newly installed air conditioning system for your comfort and convenience. Ministers Emerson Blythe and Darrell Kelley, along with the congregation, cordially invite you to attend.

Veteran Honored by French Consul

By Dale Bain

My 94 year old WWII Veteran Dad, Rev. Dolas D. Bain had a very busy 2016 Memorial Day Celebration. On Memorial Day, Dad was keynote speaker at the Trenton, Georgia Memorial Day Celebration. Then, a trip to Atlanta, Georgia the following day where the French Consul General Denis Barbet bestowed the French Legion of Honor upon him and five other WWII veterans. The award was bestowed in recognition of their participation in liberating France in 1944-1945.

The National Order of the Legion of Honor is the highest honor in France. Founded by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, it recognizes eminent services to the French Republic. Recipients of this honor are designated by the President of the Republic, François Hollande. “It is a tremendous honor for me to thank, on behalf of my country, the American veterans

who participated in the liberation of France more than 70 years ago,” said Consul General Barbet. “We wish to give these men their due honor and to assure them that the French people have not forgotten their heroic service. We are forever grateful to them.” My Sister (Veronica Bain Baty), my spouse (Diana Kay Bain), and I were privileged to see Dad receive this high honor. Dad is a semi-retired Church of God Pastor who has maintained a weekly radio/TV broadcast from his home town of Trenton for the past 16-years. Yes, my dad is my hero, and I hope to be able to march in his footsteps in helping my fellow man.





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Rhododendron Garden Club

By Mellanie Tuttle

The Rhododendron Garden Club met at the MERF House at 10:00 on June 14. Dee Kelley provided delicious refreshments and presented the program as well. Treasurer Dianne Kuehl led the brief business meeting. We welcomed back Barbara Blalock; added new member Carol Ennis; and Madelon David joined for the summer. Growth is a good thing! Madelon Houghland's meditations were "Social Security" by Barbara Bolz and "Post Humus" by Patti Tana.

Special thanks were given to Brenda Cox and Dee Kelley for their hard work and expert planning of the club's 50th anniversary celebration. The Boy Scout House provided the perfect venue for guests, members and former members to sample delicious food (sandwiches, mini-cupcakes, cheese straws, homemade mints and ginger ale punch), peruse the scrapbooks, and share stories. Our little club won a 1st Place (small club) for the National Garden Club President's Project Bee Gap and a check (\$200.00). We were honored to have Alabama State Garden Club President Jan Thomas personally present the club with the certificate and check.

Benny Campbell has graced the club over the years with his expertise, so we were delighted by his presence as well. Thanks also to the mayor for coming. Special thanks to the club's first President, Dallyne Jones, for her reminisces. It truly was a special day.

Members were asked during roll call to name herbs in their gardens. One member stated she had Scarborough Fair--parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme; others grew tansy, rosemary, basil, and chives. Our black thumb member shared that she has mint growing in a pot and that is probably due to her husband putting it there! Dianne shared day lily tips from the guest speaker at the Federation June Tea--good ones will multiply; flowers with thicker petals hold up better in the heat; provide lots of water; fertilize with triple 10 or triple 13 in March/October; some will re-bloom; separate in the fall.

Member Dee Kelley gave an informative program on the Monarch Butterfly with special emphasis on its host plants, the Milkweeds. She



Picture from 50th Anniversary of RGC
From left to right: Dallyne Jones, 1st President of Rhododendron Garden Club; Jan Thomas, Alabama Garden Club President; Martha Wood, Current President of RGC

also distributed a handout with detailed info on making a butterfly garden (aces.edu). The Monarch butterfly does not bite, sting, carry disease or eat plants; weighs less than a dime; and can migrate 2000 miles. The Monarchs west of the Rockies migrate to California, those east of the Rockies fly to Mexico. It is symbol of hope and is often released at weddings for good luck.

An adult lays between two and three hundred eggs on the bottom of the milkweed leaf, but only one out of one hundred eggs laid survive to adulthood. Predators include wasps, lizards, and spiders. Dee's yard is planted to provide host and nectar foods for the Monarchs. She even rescues eggs, provides a protected environment for caterpillars and raises Monarchs to the butterfly stage! Lots of milkweed leaves are needed to feed the caterpillars! An egg starts out the size of the writing on a dime, in two days is the size of a sunflower seed and by day four has doubled in size again! If humans grew like the caterpillar in two weeks time we would be the size of a school bus!

The caterpillar feeds exclusively on plants in the milkweed family. A yard should have at least two varieties. The United

States claims 110 species of milkweed so choices are plentiful. The most familiar milkweed in our area is the orange "Butterfly Weed" (*Asclepias tuberosa*) or as Dee called it "Chiggerweed," but others include the Spider (*Asclepias viridis*), Swamp (*Asclepias incarnata*), and Bluntleaf (*Asclepias amplexicaulis*) Milkweed. The plant is named for the white sap that is found in the leaves. To test for milkweeds, tear a leaf and watch for the sticky white substance.

The July meeting will be held at Mellanie Tuttle/Penny Lyday's home on the 12th at 10:00. Members/guests are to bring a sack lunch (drinks and desserts provided), plastic gloves, and wear old clothes because the program is making hypertufa pots. Playing in dirt, so much fun--the look of concrete but about one third of the weight. Address is 19508 Scenic Hwy. If you are not a member but would like to make a pot, call Mellanie at 634-4403.



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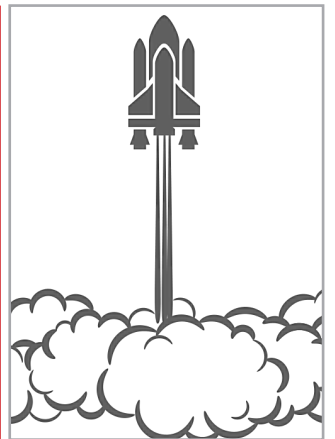
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