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MACC Sets Building Goals, Presents Special Events

By Randy Grider

It has been a busy March with the Mentone Arts & Cultural Center--and we plan an even busier one coming up this month!

Let's touch on a few of the highlights:

- We set a goal of starting construction for the first phase of building the Mentone Arts & Cultural

and special events.

- We have increased our public visibility with articles in the Fort Payne Times-Journal and appearances on My Town Live on W.O.L.W. This has resulted in a surge in post interactions and likes on the Mentone Arts & Cultural Center Facebook page. Many thanks to Katie Poe and Angela Wilson.

- We are working with the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association to create a high-quality promotional video. This video will be a huge asset in helping promote the Center. Among those who are participating in the video are actor Sandra Lafferty, Alabama Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter, Alabama State Council on the Arts



Center in the spring of 2018. This phase will include the auditorium, classroom/office, and bathrooms as well as a wing that will be "dried-in" to house the stage and electrical infrastructure. Currently, the price tag for this phase is approximately \$800,000. This is an aggressive, but achievable goal. With the completion of the first phase, the Center will be opened to the public for performances, educational programs,



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Valley Head Junior Beta Goes to Nationals

*"When you go above and beyond,
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The VH Junior Beta club will be competing for the championship at the National Junior Convention at Disney World in Orlando, FL after placing in 9 categories at the State Junior Convention. In order to move on to the national convention, a team must be in the top three in the state.

The club sent 39 students, comprised of grades 4th-8th, to the state convention in February. The club entered 36 different categories, competing against schools across the state of Alabama. Individual and club categories earning a spot at the national

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Rhododendron Festival Plans Being Finalized

By Anna Mae Horn

April 1st is the deadline for vendor applications. As always, there will be a nice variety of hand crafted items including woodwork, jewelry, pottery and much more. You will find unique one-of-kind items to help you make your own personal style statement.

Music is another highlight of Mentone festivals. This year's line up for the Rhododendron Festival is looking terrific.

Favorite locals such as Matty Croxton, Larry Joe Hall, Jay Chadwick, Terry Hutcheson, James Roberts & David Lusk, Trey Headrick, Amy Snider & Cherie Ree, Marc Womack, Jeff & Hayden Young, and Ryan Keef will be playing on the brow along with many others. At the former Mentone Springs Hotel site, a variety of entertaining activities are being lined up including the Clog Wild cloggers, Campfire Girls, and Sharon Dunn and Big Tuna Hot Club.

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MENTONE MATTERS

By Mayor Rob Hammond



An act of the legislature allowed for a community development district to be formed within the town of Mentone. The Mentone Community Development District has been formed. Property owners within the zoning districts either Central Business or Business 1 can join the development district (see zoning map at mentonealabama.gov). The district has a separate board of governors. Wine and beer will be able to be sold in restaurants once the ABC board in Montgomery licenses

the businesses. Restaurants selling alcohol must abide by state law, ABC regulations, and the alcohol ordinance of the Town of Mentone. At present the law does not provide for alcohol sales for off premise use. Hopefully this can be addressed in this session of the legislature.

Congratulations to Representative Nathaniel Ledbetter who was recently elected by his colleagues to serve as Republican majority leader of the House of Representatives. He is the first freshman who has been elected to serve in this capacity and the first person from DeKalb County to be so honored.

Our survey is still available online (mentonealabama.gov) and in Town Hall. If you haven't completed it yet, please do. It's part of a comprehensive plan to boost economic vitality within the community.

Don't forget about Community Cleanup Day on April 1st. Meet at 9 am in the parking lot of the Mentone Inn. Electronics can be dropped at Town Hall between 9 and noon for recycling. Volunteers will meet at the Mentone Inn Pavilion after the community cleanup for a community cook out. See you there!

From The Editor

It seems our community has been dealt more than it's fair share of devastation over the past six months. Most recently with the tragic accidents that claimed the beautiful lives of a mother and daughter. These tragedies are most heartbreaking, very difficult to understand, and unavoidable - as life's circumstances often are.

It's hard to sometimes fathom the tremendous changes that come so abruptly into our lives. However, our local communities have a way of gathering around those who are torn apart, wrapping them in love and consolation, and helping hold them together. Something is to be said for those kinds of communities. It is an honor to be part of one.

Our local communities come together to support one another, raise funds for our local organizations, and to simply enjoy each other's company. I am looking forward to all the

springtime activities and the upcoming festival. Then, the camps will start filling up. It's gonna get busy around here.

Anna Mae Horn, Editor



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Little River Canyon Preserve Hike & Clean Up Earth Day, April 22 at 11am

Join The Friends
of Little River Canyon Preserve
We will take a short hike to Martha's Falls and
pick up trash along the way.
Regular tennis shoes are all that is required. See
recently-constructed steps to the falls!
Gather at the Canyon Center
4322 Little River Trail, NE (Highway 35)
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For more information
call Marsha Merrell, 256-634-0206.

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MAPA NEWS

By Ray Padgett, MAPA President

The Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA), is dedicated to the preservation of

all things Mentone – our environment, buildings, heritage, culture and most of all Mentone's people. We thank the late Zora Shay Strayhorn who gave us her work "Mentone Alabama: A History".

For those of us who knew her, Zora was a unique, intelligent and very interesting personality. She was a transplant who loved everything Mentone and decided to record some of its heritage. In 1986, she published her efforts to document part of Mentone's history. Her little history book was edited by two other transplants, Jean and Dr. Charles McGehee. Without her work, much of this history may have

been lost.

Zora's book is sold by MAPA and in stores around Mentone. All proceeds from the book go to MAPA. Let's all give a toast of THANKS to Zora Shay Strayhorn for her contribution to helping preserve Mentone's history.

Zora's book makes a great gift. Give a friend a little slice of Mentone history.

MBA Mix: AWAKENING THE MOUNTAIN



By Charlotte Gentry
MBA President

Seeing the redbuds and other harbingers of spring presenting their colorful array of blossoms, we know the time for "open windows" has come. The closed up days of winter are gone. It's time for an "airing out" and spring cleaning.

In much the same way, we see the shops in the Mentone village opening up after the cold of winter. The porches are being swept, the leaves are being removed from flower beds, and new stock is being added. The efforts to keep the pollen off of everything will, of course, take the place of leaf-raking.

Most visitors to Mentone realize many of the shops are generally open only on weekends. To make it easier for folks to know what kind of businesses exist and when they are open, former Mentone resident and MBA's founder and first president, Robert Hoffman, still provides a list of "Daily Openings." He generally updates this at least once a month and posts it to the MyMentone.com website. We appreciate Bob's continuing interest and support for the small business community of Mentone.

Speaking of "spring cleaning," the month of April is also when the MBA holds its annual election of officers. Current officers are: Charlotte Gentry, President; Lisa Schad Vice-President; and Sharon Habin, Secretary. If you are a member of MBA and

would like to nominate a member for office, please email Lisa Schad (lisa.schad@gmail.com) with your nomination before the meeting. MBA meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm, so our April meeting will be on the 10th at the Mentone Realty office. We'll have coffee and light refreshments of some sort.

If you are not already a member of the MBA and you do business in Mentone or have an interest in our town's businesses, we'd love to have you join us. There is no charge for membership. MBA's goal is to be a resource for businesses to help them thrive and grow as our town grows.

Last month's MBA meeting included a discussion of the newly-formed "Alcohol District" in downtown Mentone. Town Councilman Ray Padgett informed the MBA that the survey and legal description of the "district" were completed and the next step was for the town council to approve it and the ordinance governing alcohol sales in Mentone. Only restaurants in the district would be eligible to apply for alcohol licenses under the current verbiage in the Alabama law. The Mentone Town Council was to meet the night following our meeting. Minutes of that meeting and copies of the official ordinance regarding alcohol sales in Mentone may be obtained from the Town of Mentone.

Find a condensed version of the ordinance on pages 19 and 21.

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Rhododendron Festival Plans Being Finalized (cont'd from page 1)

For nighttime entertainment, Mentone Realty, The Mentone Inn, the Mentone Farmers Market and the Wolves Den will sponsor music and food underneath the Pavilion behind the Mentone Inn. There will be a Southern Fish Fry (\$10) each night along with terrific music. Jerry Bloom is lined up for Friday night and Will Dooley and Friends take the stage Saturday night. Bring your own S'mores fixin's, lawn chairs, and a blanket to truly enjoy this free music!

There will also be a Sacred Harp singing throughout the day on Saturday at St. Joseph's-on -the- Mountain Church. This event is a come and go as you please event. You can join in and sing or just stop by to see why people travel from all over the country, and even farther, to be a part of this event.

Raffle tickets are on sale now for beautiful local artwork. Only \$2 for your chance to win. See a festival committee member or stop by Kamama and see Ray Padgett. These tickets will also be available at the MAPA tent during the



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Rhododendron festival.

Right now is also a great time to pick up your Miss Rhododendron Pageant application packet. This will be held the weekend prior to the festival, so you won't miss out on any actual festival activities to be a part of this.

Mentone will be a hub of activity throughout the festival weekend. Lots of other activities will be happening in town including a 5k and 1 mile fun run/walk. Be sure to read through this issue of *The Groundhog* for details on this, the Sacred Harp singing, and more. We look forward to seeing you at the festival . . . and good luck on the raffle!

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Description of Art/Items _____

Electrical - Show number of outlets needed: ☐ 110V Electricity (\$25) ☐ 220V Electricity (\$50)

Water - ☐ Water (\$25)

Vendor Special Needs _____

Handicap Accessibility Needs _____

Number of Spaces _____ Amount enclosed _____

This year's Rhododendron Festival will be held all over Mentone, but the artists will be located primarily at Brow Park. Show hours will be 9am-5pm Saturday and 11am-4pm Sunday. You may set up your space on Friday, May 19, 12-5pm, or Saturday, May 20, 6:30-8:30am. Please be ready for the show to start at 9am. If you participate in the show, you MUST set up for both days. Cars MUST be moved to specified vendor parking area after unloading. You may break down beginning at 4pm on Sunday--no earlier.

If you require water or electricity, please indicate on the application. **There is an additional charge for electricity and/or water. To avoid outages, electricity is reserved for food vendors and artists who require it to show and demonstrate their art or craft. (i.e. not for lighting or fans). No generators will be allowed.**

You will be notified of your acceptance no later than April 15. We reserve the right to limit the number of vendors within a category. Spaces will be assigned the week prior to the show, but please check in with the information tent when you arrive as space numbers can change. No spaces can be reserved from show to show. We reserve the right to deny your application.

If you are an artist and this is the first time you have applied for the Rhododendron Festival, please provide photos of your work or a current website or Facebook address. Your application will be declined if there is no way to view your work. **ALL ART MUST BE HANDMADE BY THE ARTIST. NO READY-MADE MERCHANDISE IS ALLOWED.** The Rhododendron Festival is strictly an arts and crafts festival; therefore, no political or religious organizations will be accepted. Please contact **RhododendronFestival@gmail.com** if you have any questions. Thank you.

Send completed application form to:
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Rhododendron Flower Power Run



Team F.I.T. is excited and looking forward to being a part of the 2017 Rhododendron Festival in Mentone this year.

Team F.I.T. will host its 1st Annual

Flower Power Run and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk. The race will open at 7am at Mason Park (across from Kamama's) for same day registration. 5k will begin at 7:50am. 1-mile fun run/walk will begin after the 5k runners have cleared the first mile. Registration is going on now; you may download a form from Team F.I.T.'s event page on facebook. We encourage you to come dressed in your most psychedelic race outfit and have some fun with US.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to SPED of Dekalb County. Special Education is close to our hearts at Team F.I.T. These students have to put forth tremendous effort in all that they do. We would like to honor these wonderful students and the teachers that do so much to help each child attain daily and even weekly goals. Therefore, to any and every one that knows or has a special needs child....This Race is for you!

Our Mission Statement:

As a group of hard working, God-fearing people, our mission statement is simply to do our best. We all have goals that we want to attain and we must put forth all our efforts to do so. Always thinking positive and encouraging others to put forth maximum effort. Simply stated, if you want it, you must WORK for it.

MACC (cont'd from page 1)

Executive Director Al Head, and others. Much appreciation to AMLTA President Tami Reist for funding the video project, which is valued at \$10,000, and Juergen Beck with Freedom Light Productions.

- Speaking of videos, Fort Payne High School student Taylor Theakston has put together an impressive video that we will use in the USA Today "A Community Thrives" (ACT) grants program. Taylor is a very talented young lady. A component of the ACT grants program is a public vote, which begins on April 12. We will have a link on the MACC Facebook page at the appropriate time, so please get ready to vote. MACC will be competing for grants of \$50,000 to \$100,000.
- We have also started a series of special events and workshops. In March, Kamama played host to the Watters/Felts Project with the proceeds going to the Center. We have three events planned for the next few weeks.

On April 15, Tammy Beane will do a Prehistoric Alabama Pottery Workshop at Kamama from 1-4 p.m. for \$25. All supplies will be furnished. Tammy is one of the foremost authorities on prehistoric pottery and often her works are displayed in museums. This promises to be a fascinating and fun afternoon.

On April 29, Kamama will again host a special event for MACC -- "Behind the Scenes with Sandra Lafferty" from 7-9 p.m. This event will feature an interactive chat with the nationally-acclaimed actor known for more than 50 movies and TV roles including *The Hunger Games* and *Walk the Line*. She will also perform a monologue as Granny Dollar, the legendary Cherokee Indian woman who lived on Lookout Mountain. The cost to attend is \$15 per person.

Starting May 5, MACC will launch a new regular feature called Homemade Jam, a songwriters showcase of local musicians at Kamama from 7-10:30 p.m. Homemade Jam will take place the first Friday of each month using the following format. From 7-9 p.m., the "jam" takes place as performers showcase their musical skills. From 9-10 p.m., each songwriter will perform one original song they have written. At 10 p.m., the audience will vote for the best original song with the winner receiving a \$50 prize. Admission is \$5, participating musicians are not charged.

For more information on any of these events, please call me at 256-674-3366 or Ray Padgett at 256-634-3001. If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to join the MACC Facebook page, where we regularly have updates on MACC-related events.

Finally, we appreciate your support. For more information on how to give, please visit mentoneartscenter.org, call 256-734-3366, or email me at mentoneartscenter@gmail.com.

"Be a Part of Something Amazing."

Randy Grider is the executive director of the Mentone Arts & Cultural Center.

Miss Rhododendron



Presented by the Mentone Area Preservation Association

Friday, May 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. CST
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Sacred Harp Singing – A Local History Alive!

Experience an Authentic Singing at the Rhododendron Festival

By Susan Cheronos

“Sacred Harp” refers to several things. First, it is your sacred instrument from God, your human voice. It is the only instrument used in singing Sacred Harp, which also refers to the style of singing that is done from the songbook, which is also called, The Sacred Harp. It was first published in 1844 and has been in continuous print since then. The oldest song in the book is from 1551 and the newest from 1991, which was the last time the book was revised. The music is still being written today.

Families of singers in DeKalb County are known the world over for their preservation of this living tradition. If you know an Ivey or a Wootten, any of their kin, or many of their friends, you probably know a famous Sacred Harp singer! As this wonderful, rousing style of bold, a capella, shape-note singing has taken hold across the land and around the world, new singers trek from the four corners to sing in their midst; to learn the subtleties of cadence, accent, pronunciation, pace, style, and protocol crafted over generations by the Sand Mountain singers and to co-create this rare and joyous sound.

Because there is an unbroken line of singers now seven generations deep, as well as established annual conventions more than a century old, the singing events are much like they always were. Because singers now join in from all over creation with far-flung accents, new perspectives (not to mention the fashions), the singings are changing. This balance keeps the tradition, while keeping the tradition alive. It lives and breathes as who shows up to sing it. We all need each other, and we know it. You can't even really approximate the Sacred Harp sound without 15-20 people! (If you want a heavenly sound get 30-100+ singers together in a wooden church.) In order for all these different people to make the effort to show up time after time at singings hundreds of



miles apart and join together to accomplish this valuable thing we all adore, we observe some well-entrenched traditions and practices that aid in achieving our common goal. I've often thought that if America were to address her civic affairs the way Sacred Harp singings are conducted, we would all benefit.

All are welcome to sing Sacred Harp. We don't hold auditions, charge admission, have practices or give performances. We get together, and we sing. Occasionally there are “singing schools” and sessions of Camp FaSoLa, where the rudiments of singing this unique style of music are taught. Otherwise, as you participate in the singing, the shape-note system and the other features of Sacred Harp become familiar to you, and you learn as you go.

All are welcome to sing Sacred Harp. One way we assure that all are made welcome is that we bring nothing to the “square” that might divide us. Isn't that charming and quaint? When we sing, sitting, facing each other in four harmonic parts around a hollow square, we are not our political party, our church denomination or any other potentially divisive label. Instead we are Tenors, Basses, Trebles and Altos, and it just doesn't sound right if we don't have all parts.

All are welcome to sing Sacred Harp, and local singers go to great lengths to insure the comfort and ease of travelers. Of a Saturday, and sometimes a Sunday, too, many a singer rises before the sun to help prepare “dinner on the grounds” at personal expense, not knowing how many may come. You never know who will come or from how far. For example, I'm pretty sure we have always had one or more singers from England come to our Mentone singing! Usually, the church that is hosting a singing has members who prepare the noon meal for the singers. Often singers themselves bring a dish. If you're coming from more than 100 miles away, it is understood that you do not contribute to the noon meal. Rides are shared and pallets are laid.

All are welcome to sing Sacred Harp, and each song is led by a different person. This has contributed to the long-term success of this style of singing because it is egalitarian and keeps the singing lively and fresh! Everyone, regardless of age or gender, is given the same opportunity to choose their own song and to lead it at their pace and pitch it, or have

it pitched, right where they think it sounds best. So, during the course of a really good singing, if you have a sharp class and a good arranging committee (like Cindy Tanner, of Henagar), you may sing 100 songs in a day. Some tunes will be led by beloved elders, some will be led by charming children. Friends and neighbors will lead songs you expect and know by heart, visitors may challenge your sight reading abilities calling, from the over 500 songs, an unfamiliar tune. Girls have just

as many opportunities as boys, and women are equally respected. The variety makes for an exciting singing, and the opportunities make for an authentic experience where all feel valued and get to contribute.

On Saturday, May the 20th, this year, you will be able to take part in an authentic Sacred

Harp singing as part of

the Rhododendron Festival. We will be singing from 9:30 until about 2:00 at St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church in downtown Mentone. We will break for a few minutes every hour and will break for an hour from 12-1:00 for lunch. Feel free to come and go anytime! This is not a performance and you don't need to arrive “on-time” or stay longer than you'd like. There will be loaner books on hand if you'd like to sing along, or you are welcome to just come and listen awhile. Lunch will be provided for singers. You can learn more about Sacred Harp at fasola.org. If you have questions about this singing, you can contact Susan Cheronos, chair, at 706-859-1124, or Elizabeth Gentry, vice-chair, at 251-301-1098. There is a monthly singing on the last Tuesday of each month from March-October at 6:30 pm at the Fort Payne Senior Center.



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By Barb Stoll

Welcome to Spring!

Hello everyone and welcome to beautiful spring. The trees are blooming, the birds are singing and your Community Library has wonderful books and DVDs for you to peruse while enjoying the weather. Remember, we are now open an hour longer, until 6 pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Here's what is new for you this month.

Books

Dangerous Games By Danielle Steele -

Television correspondent Alix Phillips dodges bullets and breaks rules to bring the most important news to the world. Alix revels in the risks and whirlwind pace of her work. But her latest assignment puts her at the center of an explosive story that will reshape many lives, including her own: investigating allegations involving the Vice President of the United

States, Tony Clark. Bringing together a cast of fascinating characters in a riveting tale of ambition, corruption, politics, passion, and ultimate justice, this is a book you will want to read.

The Devil's Triangle By Catherine Coulter and J.T. Ellison -

From these bestselling authors comes the next highly anticipated thriller of the Brit in the FBI series, featuring special agents Nicholas Drummond and Micheala Caine in their new roles as heads of the Covert Eyes Team-but will their first case be their last when an enigmatic and dangerous thief known as the Fox appears? From New York to Venice and from Rome to the Bermuda Triangle, Nicholas and Micheala and their team are in a race against time, and nature herself, to stop an obsessed family from devastating Washington D.C.

Humans Bow Down By James Patterson -

The Great War is over. The robots have won. The humans who survived have two choices: they can submit and serve the vicious rulers they created, or be banished to the Reserve, a desolate, unforgiving landscape where it's a crime just to be human. And the robots are not content, they're planning to conquer humanity's last refuge and ensure that all humans bow down. This is an epic, dystopian, genre-bending thrill ride from the mind of James Patterson, the world's #1 bestselling author.

team race against time for answers, and to find them, she will take a chance that could threaten her life, and quite possibly humanity.

The Accountant - Christian Wolff (Ben Affleck) is a math savant with more affinity for numbers than people. Behind the cover of a small-town CPA office, he works as a freelance accountant for some of the world's most dangerous criminal organizations. With the Treasury Department's Crime Enforcement Division, run by Ray King (J.K. Simmons), starting to close in, Christian takes on a legitimate client: a state-of-the-art robotics company where an accounting clerk (Anna Kendrick) has discovered a discrepancy involving millions of dollars. But as Christian uncooks the books and gets closer to the truth, it is the body count that starts to rise.

Secret Life of Pets - Comedy superstars Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart, and Louis C.K. make their animated feature-film debut that finally answers the question: what do your pets do when you're not home? When their owners leave for the day, pets from the building gossip with their friends, satisfy their sweet tooth, and throw outrageous parties. But when a pampered terrier (C.K.) and his unruly new 'roommate' from the pound (Stonestreet) get lost in the urban jungle of New York City, they must put aside their differences to survive the epic journey back home.

So there you have it folks, fun for the whole family. Come by your Community Library and check out what we have for you. Remember we have lots of books and DVDs for sale also. The weather is great so come on by, say hello, and enjoy a beautiful spring.

Mental Health Snippets

By Karole Ohme

"April Showers Bring May Flowers"

"April showers bring May flowers" is an old Mother Nature adage that can be applied to human relationships. Often the rainy times in our interactions with others present us with the opportunity to take a look at the roots of our relationship issues. We can then weed out the negatives and feed and water the positives, allowing our relationships to flower.

When we apply weeding steps to our relationships with others, we are speaking of the need for clear, open and honest communication with each other, as well as a truthful look at ourselves. The Feeding and watering of our relationships include practicing positive attitudes and behaviors such as mutual respect, kindness, loyalty, gratitude, realistic expectations and adaptability--never forgetting how much a sense of humor can be the fertilizer that brings forth the brightest blossoms.

May your rainy days bring forth lovely, lasting relationship flowers!

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DVDs

Arrival - When mysterious spacecrafts touch down across the globe, an elite team--led by expert codebreaker Louise Banks (Amy Adams)--is brought together to investigate. As mankind teeters on the verge of global war, Banks and the

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April 8, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Inflatables, Carnival Games, Carnival Snacks, & Lots of Prizes!

Sponsored by local businesses, summer camps, and local Mentone Churches

THE
RECIPE
CORNER
~
April

By
Tema Flanagan
of The Farm
at Windy Hill



These simple scones, adapted from a recipe by Mrs. Larkin’s Kitchen, are perfectly tender and studded with ripe, juicy berries. They can also be made plain, without the fruit mixed into the dough, and used as a base for strawberry shortcakes.

Berry Scones

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup half-n-half, plus more for brushing on tops of scones
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 7 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter, cut into chunks
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen berries, such as blueberries, chopped strawberries, or raspberries
- Coarse or demerara sugar, for sprinkling on top of scones.

Preheat the oven to 425. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. In a separate, small bowl, whisk together the half-n-half, egg, and vanilla.

Add the butter cubes to the flour mixture and toss to mix. Dust your fingers in the flour mixture and, working quickly, break apart the cubes of butter until the pieces are around the size of peas. (Alternately, you can use two knives or a pastry cutter to cut the butter into the flour).

Add the lemon zest and berries to the flour mixture and gently toss to combine without breaking apart the berries.

Make a well in the flour mixture and pour the half-n-half mixture in the center. Using a fork, fold the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients until a dough starts to come together; the dough may be somewhat sticky. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and pat it into a rectangle about 1 1/2 inches thick. Using a knife or bench knife, cut the dough into 12 even squares.

Transfer the scones to the prepared baking sheet. Brush with half-n-half and sprinkle with coarse sugar. Bake for 15-20 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through, until the scones are fully baked and golden. Serve warm or fully cooled.

HAPPY DAY!

- April Birthdays
- April 1 – Michele Kincer
 - April 1 – Angie Miller
 - April 1 - Calvin Lanier
 - April 1 - Kayla Cronnon
 - April 1 – Cayson Hughes
 - April 2 - Milton Chambers
 - April 2 – Ellie Cox
 - April 2 - Jayken Lawton
 - April 2 – Nancy Lawton
 - April 2 – Amanda Patrick
 - April 3 – Ray Padgett
 - April 3 – Jessica Battles
 - April 4 – Jamie Vest
 - April 4 – Mina Blalock
 - April 4 – Sherry Barkley
 - April 4 – Coty Powell
 - April 5 – Kaitlyn Tedder
 - April 5 – Jana Sharp
 - April 5 - Kenny Chamlee
 - April 5 - Steve Rhodes
 - April 5 - Chris Black
 - April 5 – Andi Runnels
 - April 5 – Donna Busby
 - April 6 – Jazz Hazelton
 - April 6 – John Chambers
 - April 6 – Ethel Manifold
 - April 6 – Sydney Ingram
 - April 6 – Jennifer Cruse
 - April 7 – Shannon Chappell

- April 7 – Kansas Lee
- April 7 – Kyle Miller
- April 7 – Dori Reed
- April 8 – Angie Wright
- April 8 – Jackson Rosson
- April 8 – Sharon Coots
- April 8 - Madissen Chitwood
- April 8 - Hayden Knowles
- April 9 – Josh Goss
- April 9 – Justin Kahler
- April 9 – Mickey Smith
- April 10 - Brittany Bain
- April 10 – Newly Ingram
- April 10 – Paul Ethan Blackwell
- April 10- Lindsey Webb
- April 10 – Lisa Moore
- April 10 – Emily McElhaney
- April 10 – Debra Rhodes
- April 10 – Stanford Carson
- April 10 – Conner Barkley
- April 11 – Jorden Beasley
- April 11 – Joey Garrett
- April 11 – Josie Crider
- April 11 – Jerri Ann Tidmore
- April 11 – Austin & Ashton Simpson
- April 12 – Corey Davis
- April 12 – Kyle Coots
- April 12 – Tiffany Baker
- April 12 – Jeff Stephenson
- April 13 – Brian Blalock
- April 13 – Tess Gravitt
- April 14 – Zoey Chambers
- April 14 – Carl Tubberville

- April 14 – Jason Baber
- April 14 – Tucker Wayne Smith
- April 15 – Barbara Busby Rape
- April 16 – Preston Kirby
- April 16 – Danny Hopper
- April 16 – Al Blackburn
- April 16 – Sandy Johnson
- April 16 – Walker Reece Stinson
- April 17 – Ann Cash Harrell
- April 18 – Taylor Verdon
- April 18 – Shan Smith
- April 19 – Butch Manifold
- April 20 – Lane Ingram
- April 20 – Brenda Clinton
- April 21 – Charlene Smith
- April 22 – Thelma Coots
- April 22 – John Paul Verdon
- April 23 – Lauren McGee
- April 23 – Philip Cash
- April 23 – John P. Smith Jr.
- April 24 – Courtney Meadows
- April 24 – Taylee Keith
- April 24 – Adam Dupree
- April 25 – Cooper Kirby
- April 25 – Jennifer Hamilton
- April 26 – Molly Manifold
- April 26 – Eloise Lance
- April 26 – John Moore
- April 26 – Phyllis James
- April 26 – Evelyn McGee
- April 26 – Cindy Carden
- April 26 – Zack Payne
- April 26 – Wesley Flarity

- April 27 – Kaden Johnson
- April 27 – Emily Miller
- April 27 – Kaylee Cartwright
- April 27 – Tommy Stephens
- April 28 – Stacey Bowman
- April 28 – Austin Reed
- April 28 – Alfred Langston
- April 29 – Linda Stephenson
- April 29 – Katie Hester
- April 29 – Dawson Kincer
- April 29 – John Kincer
- April 29 – Ezra Underwood
- April 30 – Mandi Goza
- April 30 – Anita Meadows
- April 30 – Shane McMahan
- April 30 – Jaimee McGee

- April Anniversaries
- April 1 – Raymond & Sharon Coots
 - April 3 – Chris & Jennifer Collins
 - April 3 – Steve & Sandy Tate
 - April 7 –Milton & Gail Chambers
 - April 10 – Nathan & Lacie Keith
 - April 14 – Ronnie & Leslie Bowman
 - April 19 – Corey & Abby Davis
 - April 20 – Josh & Brandi Rosson
 - April 26 – Ross & Jessica VanPelt

What To Do Around Here!

April 2017 Community Calendar

April 1 - Community Cleanup Day in Mentone. Meet at 9 am in the Mentone Inn parking lot. Electronics can be dropped at Town Hall between 9 and noon for recycling. Volunteers will meet at the Mentone Inn Pavilion after the community cleanup for a community cook out.

April 1, 15, 22 - Yoga on the Mountain. Start your morning off right with Dee Brown. Classes are held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at DeSoto State Park. Cost is \$5. To register contact 256-634-8370.

April 1 - Medicinal Plants with the Southern Herbalist. This workshop is designed for both homesteader and prepper alike to learn the art of using medicinal plants in everyday life. This program will be presented by Darryl Patton, well-known herbalist and author of "The Southern Herbalist." Little River Canyon Center; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$20 per participant; pre-registration required by calling 256-845-3548 or email fieldschool@jsu.edu for details.

April 1 - 1st Annual Lookout Mountain Ferment Festival in Mentone. Join us for a celebration of fermentation techniques, food culture, and local terroir. Coffee/pastries and lunch provided. Includes limited-edition screen-printed poster by Paul Halupka signed by Sandor Katz! Registration must be done our website www.harvestrootsferments.com —LIMITED TO 50. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$65 for early bird and must be purchased at www.harvestrootsferments.com. Free lunch and 18x24 silkscreen poster included with admission.

April 1, 15 - 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. True Adventure Sports. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 1 - Night Sky Swing Adventure. This is an adventure of a lifetime. Enjoy the thrill of the swing. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before the adventure. Meet at True Adventure Sports 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 3, 8, 22, 24, 25, 26 - 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. True Adventure Sports. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 4-6 - High Adventure Trip. This is a 3-day adventure including a Wild Cave Tour, Rock Climbing, An Extreme Night Hike and end with a relaxing canoe trip. Price includes all activities, attractions, permits, fees, gear, and guides. 10 a.m. 256-997-9577.

April 4, 29 - 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 a.m. to Noon 256-997-9577.

April 4, 23 - Hiker Series--Never-Neverland/Vizneyland. Join the staff from the JSU Field School, DeSoto State Park, and the National Park Service for this exciting hike in our 2017 hiking series. The Never-Neverland and Vizneyland loops are located in DeSoto State Park. Combined the trail will be around 4 1/2 miles long, with interesting rock formations and small creeks found along the trail. Trail Difficulty: Moderate (some uneven terrain). Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended). Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather. 1p.m. DeSoto State Park Country Store/Nature Center. Free and open to the public; for details contact 256-997-5025.

April 6 - Forest & Field: Enchanted Botany Hike. Join Renee Morrison & Brittney Hughes for a guided botanical walk to "The Pocket" on Pigeon Mountain. The 'Pocket' is a local name for this beautiful hidden spot located in the Crockford-Pigeon Mountain Management Area in Georgia. This will be an easy to moderate hike. The start of the Shirley Miller Wildflower trail has a low boardwalk at first, where you can see wildflowers blooming galore without trampling them. Then where the boardwalk ends there is a short moderate hike to the end of the 'Pocket', where there are 2 waterfalls, a small cave section, and high cliffs to see. Plenty of places to explore much like the Walls of Jericho. 9 a.m. Will try to be back to the Country Store around 4 p.m. Meet at DeSoto State Park's Country Store, will caravan to the parking area. Free, but pre-registration is required. Email renee@galandtrust.org.

April 6 - Lunch and Learn with Donna Feazell. Eat, chat and enjoy a dynamic speaker line-up with Lunch & Learn, sponsored training sessions taught by innovative business minds. Held at the Vintage 1889; \$15 ticket includes training session, choice of a house special lunch with drink. For every ticket, \$5 is also donated towards funding Fort Payne Main Street project initiatives. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 256-845-3380.

April 7, 17, 21 - Afternoon Rock Climbing Adventure. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. True Adventure Sports.

256-997-9577.

April 8 - Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale. This is an event sponsored by the DeKalb County Master Gardeners Club. There will be plants on sale, such as shrubs, annuals, perennials, and more. The sale will be at the VFW Building in Fort Payne. This is a fund raiser for our donation to Auburn Horticultural Scholarships. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

April 8 - Fort Payne Reservoir Clean-Up! The Fort Payne Reservoir/Wills Creek is heavily littered and we need your help! Gloves, vests and trash bags will be provided. Along with snacks and plenty of water. We know how valuable time can be – we hope you join us in helping keep Alabama beautiful! If you're interested in volunteering, shoot us a direct message or email angie@oneworldadventureco.org 9 a.m. to Noon 256-634-8370.

April 8 - Dekalb County Genealogical Society Meeting. Hugh Paul Tumlin will be speaking on the early history of Rainsville, AL. Anyone interested in genealogy is invited to attend this free meeting. DeKalb County Public Library. 10 am.

April 8 - Canyon Spring Fest. Celebrate the season by visiting the Canyon Center for the annual Children's Spring Art Show, baby animals, bunny games, and an Easter egg hunt...a day your kids will NEVER forget! Little River Canyon Center; 10 a.m. to Noon. No fee; call 256-845-3548 or email fieldschool@jsu.edu for details.

April 8 - Community Easter Egg Drop & Carnival. Join the Mentone Community for an Easter Celebration like never before! The Mentone Summer Camps, Mentone Churches and local businesses have come together to create a massive Egg Drop of over 10,000 eggs from a helicopter flying above. There will be carnival games, inflatables, food, fellowship and lots of fun! Mentone Community Church. Bring your family out for a day to remember! 256-634-4210.

April 8 - Sculpt Your Own Flower. Have you ever wanted to actually sit at the gaffer bench and feel what it is like to shape hot glass? It's all about hands on experience in a safe and fun atmosphere with a final product we know you will love. Minimum of 3 people and a maximum of 5 in each class. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations and full payment are required. \$75 per person 256-523-3188.

April 8, 11, 17 - Extreme Night Hike. This end-of-day adventure does not slow down just because it's dark. Intended for a large group team-building exercise, this hike has a bit of bouldering, some scrambling, some spelunking, and a whole lot of required working together. True Adventure Sports. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 10 - Rock Climbing Adventure. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. True Adventure Sports. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 12 - Rappelling Certification Class. This class covers rappelling basics indoor and basics outdoor. You do several rappels before the rappelling test and knot exam. Meet at T.A.S. Training Center. \$165/person Note: You will receive a class 1 rappelling certification photo ID card upon request and successful completion of this class and exams for a card processing fee of \$15.00. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 13 - GPS Basic Training and Navigation Class, Part 1. Learn how to use a map, compass, and a handheld GPS. Learn basic navigation and how to pinpoint a location for quick return, or quick rescue. Also learn how to search by waypoints or coordinates. True Adventure Sports 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 14, 19 - Mountain Bike Tour. This tour explores some beautiful trails and paths atop Lookout Mountain or Sand Mountain. Come have an enjoyable ride without the fear of getting lost. This three hour tour includes a mountain bike rental, instruction, and a guide for safety, direction, and information. Meet at True Adventure Sports 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 15, 29 - 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 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$38 per ornament blown. 256-523-3188.

April 15 - RTI's Community Easter Egg Hunt. Your children can have their picture made with the Easter Bunny. There will be separate hunts for different age groups up to 11 years of age, free face painting, and golden prize eggs. Bring your own basket for collecting eggs. Held at the RTI Building. 1 p.m. 256-638-9760 ext 2261.

April 15 - Prehistoric Alabama Pottery Workshop. Join Tammy Beane, nationally known Southeastern prehistoric pottery replicator, to learn how early Native American pottery was made in Alabama. Clay will be provided, along with stamps and paddles to create authentic Southeastern Native American designs on the pottery. \$25 per person. Proceeds go to the Mentone Arts & Cultural Center. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact Ray Padgett at 256-634-3001 or MACC Executive Director Randy Grider at 256-674-3366.

What To Do Around Here!

April 2017 Community Calendar

April 15 - 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 p.m. to 9 p.m. 256-996-3857.

April 15, 20 - 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 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 16 - Easter Sunday

April 18 - Bouldering Adventure--Atop Lookout Mountain. Come experience first-hand what bouldering is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. No prior climbing or bouldering experience is needed. Meet at True Adventure Sports. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 20-23 & 26-30 - NACC Theatre Presents "Shrek the Musical". Everyone's favorite ogre is back in the hilarious stage spectacle based on the Oscar-winning smash hit film. Irreverently fun for the whole family. Wed - Sat 7 p.m. and Sun matinee 2 p.m. 256-638-4418 ext 2218.

April 22 - 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 your 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 a.m. to 1 p.m. 256-523-3188.

April 22 - Earth Day. Celebrate Earth Day with JSU Field Schools at the Little River Canyon Center. We will host hikes, crafts, and a day of fun. Sign-up sheets will be at the front desk for attending hikes hosted by various instructors. Live animal programs, awesome nature hikes, and even an appearance by the Leave No Trace Team (and maybe even Big Foot) promise to make this celebration a blast! Little River Canyon Center. 11a.m. to 2 p.m. No fee; call 256-845-3548.

April 22 - Little River Canyon Preserve Hike & Clean Up. Earth Day, April 22 at 11am. Gather at the Canyon Center. Water, grabbers & bags provided. Celebrate Earth Day in a meaningful way. For more information, call Marsha Merrell, 256-634-0206.

April 22 - Taste of the Mountain and Art Auction. Join us for a night of great food creations provided by Mentone Area Restaurants and for amazing artwork for auction by Moon Lake Elementary School students and local artist friends of MERF. Table of Eight \$200 or Single ticket \$30 Don't miss out on a special evening that celebrates and supports all of MERF's programs enriching Moon Lake students, Mentone senior citizens and the community. 6 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance from MERF, merf.mentone@gmail.com or 256-634-4673.

April 23 - 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 Sat the 22nd. Cost is \$7.50. To learn more or reserve a spot, send an email to cottagepaper@bellsouth.net or call 205-349-4026.

April 26 - Plants of the Pocket. Join Desoto State Park botanist, Brittney M. Hughes, and JSU Field Schools Staff, for this enchanted botany trip to "The Pocket" on Pigeon Mountain. Excellent photo opportunities of unique and beautiful plants. Easy to moderate short boardwalk hike with optional moderate to difficult hike to waterfall. Please make every effort to arrive early or on time so that you do not hold up the group. Meet at Desoto State Park Nature Center on County Road 89; shuttle to site 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10 per person (transportation to site included) Pre-registration required by Monday, April 24, 2017 by calling 256-845-3548.

April 26 - Administrative Professional Day Luncheon. Enjoy a catered lunch, entertainment by comedian Michelle Thomas and door prize drawings. Tom Beville Enrichment Center. Only \$20 per person. Please reserve your tickets in advance. Noon to 1 p.m. 256-638-7800.

April 26 - GPS Basics Training and Navigation Class, Part 2. You will learn to find a beacon placed in the woods as a SAR attempt while knowing your position, and the position of your teammates. True Adventure Sports 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 27 - Orienteering Class. Basic yet essential skills for survival navigation are brought to you

in map reading, compass reading, and topography. True Adventure Sports. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 27-29 - The Jungle Book. Presented by Fort Payne High School Drama Club, The Jungle Book. To purchase tickets, stop by Fort Payne High School, DeKalb Theatre or the cast and crew will be selling tickets. They are \$5 each. Tickets will be available day of the show @ 7 p.m. - Doors open at 6 p.m. April 30 @ 2 p.m. Doors open at 1p.m. Any further questions, please call 256-845-0535.

April 28-29 - The Epic Trip. Starts with a 135ft rappel into Little River Canyon, then a mountainous hike to the river where we will set up camp, find food, go swimming, and learn survival skills. The next morning we will learn a few more survival skills before we hike back to a climbing wall where we will climb our way out. (Private groups are subject to a 4-person minimum) Meet at True Adventure Sports 12 p.m. to 12 p.m. 256-997-9577.

April 29 - First State Bank 5K Run/Walk Fun Run. Join First State Bank for the 6th Annual Relay for Life 5K Run/Walk Fun Run. Participants are encouraged to walk or run in memory or in honor of a loved one. DeKalb Lake in Sylvania. Final registration beginning at 6:45 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. and race begins at 7:30 a.m. 256-845-6101.

April 29 - A MACC Event --"Behind the Scenes with Sandra Lafferty" from 7-9 p.m., at Kamama Gallery. This event will feature an interactive chat with the nationally-acclaimed actor known for more than 50 movies and TV roles including The Hunger Games and Walk the Line. She will also perform a monologue as Granny Dollar, the legendary Cherokee Indian woman who lived on Lookout Mountain. The cost to attend is \$15 per person.

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 AA 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 First Monday of month at 6:00 P.M. 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 to 11:30am. 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.

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.

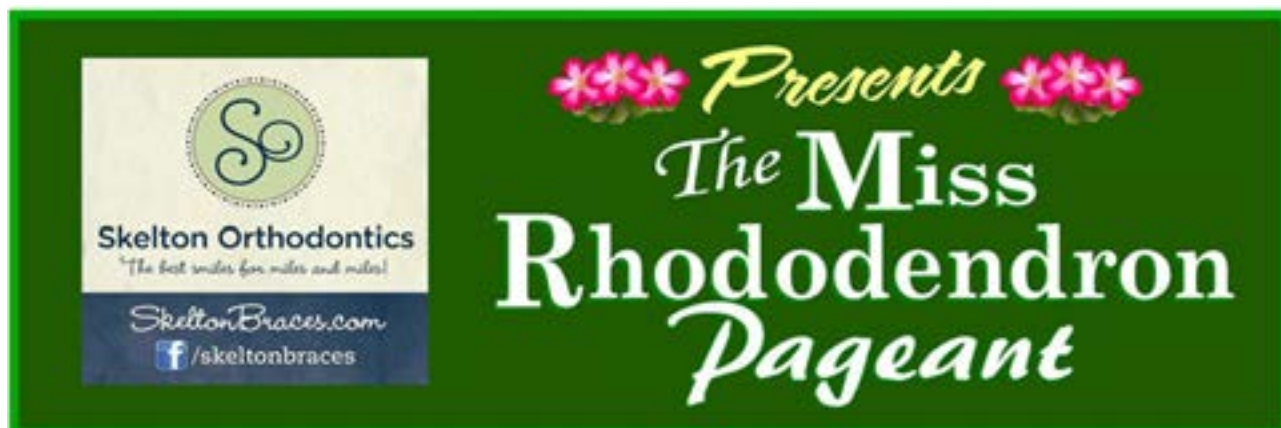
The DeKalb County Genealogical Society meets the second Saturday of every month in the DeKalb County Public Library, 10 AM.

Moon Lake PTO meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend.

JHH & CLC meet at 9am each Friday at the DeKalb County Council on Aging followed by a quilt making class that is open to the public.

Exercise Room open at the DeKalb County Council on Aging Monday through Friday (except for certain holidays) from 8 am to Noon..

Special Thanks to Our Rhododendron Festival



Mentone Wedding Chapel



*Candle Lite Ceremonies
Music • Photographs
Flowers • Receptions
Lodging
Limousine*

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

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

*To arrange your wedding or renewing of your wedding vows, call
256-634-4181*

VALLEY HEAD BASEBALL TEAM HAS A FIELD TO CALL HOME BY MELANIE BLAIR

Rebuilding the baseball program at Valley Head is an important goal for the program leaders. Head Coach Chuck Williams took on the role of head coach with an understanding that he would be allowed to bring in someone with a great knowledge of the game and coaching experience.

Coach Williams asked Josh Strange to be his assistant coach. Josh is from Geraldine and previously coached at Fyffe High School. Together, they are dedicated to improving the baseball program at Valley Head. Both coaches believe that teaching the fundamentals of the game, mentoring the players, and building relationships with the kids, parents, and community are the keys to success.

Without an official field to use at Valley Head, the coaches reached out to the community. An agreement with the town of Hammondville to use their field has allowed for the Valley Head baseball



team to play games at home for the first time in two years.

However, the field is in need of repairs and upgrades such as lighting, new fences, and an expanded size to allow for tournament play. With funding from Superintendent Dr. Jason Barnett, the DeKalb County Board of Education, and local State Representative Nathaniel Ledbetter, those repairs and upgrades are underway.

With dedicated coaches, players, and parents along with the support of the community, the future is bright for the baseball program at Valley Head.

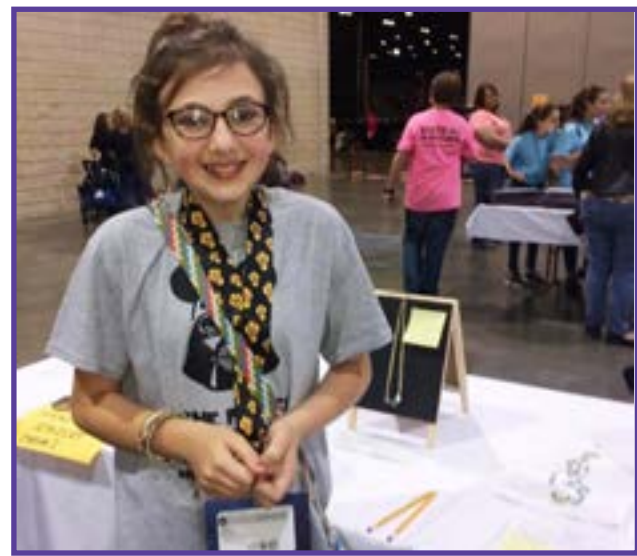
VALLEY HEAD STUDENTS WIN STATE TITLES; HEADED TO NATIONAL COMPETITION

By Sarah Blalock

*"When you go above and beyond,
Beta is your number one"*

The VH Junior Beta club will be competing for the championship at the National Junior Convention at Disney World in Orlando, FL after placing in 9 categories at the State Junior Convention. In order to move on to the national convention, a team must be in the top three in the state.

The club sent 39 students, comprised of grades 4th-8th, to the state convention in February. The club entered 36 different categories, competing against schools across the state of Alabama. Individual and club categories earning a spot at the national convention:



Recyclable Art Division II - Ellie Cox- 1st place
Woodworking Division I - Chance Pearson- 2nd place
Sketching Division I - Lila Jane McElhaney-2nd place
Special Talent Division I - Lila Jane McElhaney- 2nd place



Hand-made Jewelry Division II - Allie Pritchett- 3rd place

Essay Division I - Catherine Gifford- 1st place

Essay Division II - Kylee Elkins- 3rd place

Banners Division II - Club Win- 2nd place

Songfest Division II - Club Win- 3rd place

For the first time in school history, the entire club received a bid to attend nationals through their group performance in the Songfest competition involving both singing and coordinated hand movements. The club also placed in the top eight in

Front Page - Parents greet kids at the hotel.
Far Left - Allie Pritchett just finding out her earrings placed 3rd.

Left - Ellie Cox's recyclable art made from magazine pages, cd cases, a dish rag, and glass bottles.

Below - Chance Pearson's Disney themed woodwork.



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T-Shirt Design, Scrapbook, and Spotlight Your Club. This is a school record since the establishment of the club in 1974, winning 12 total awards.

*“Serving others makes you a winner
There is always a give and take
Beta gave me character
And good grades is what I make”*

Earning a spot at the national convention is one thing, raising the money to send 39 students to Disney World is another. Sponsors Tara Kirby and Christi Black and club members are working to raise funds to eliminate the burden of the individual cost for each student and family. The total cost for the national convention is approximately \$67,000. Valley Head is a Title I school with currently 92% of the students in grades K-12

receiving free or reduced lunch. The cost of the trip is astronomical and none of the students will be able to attend without the continuous support from family, friends, and local/state businesses. Multiple fundraisers are underway, and with hard work and the support of the community, the club will find a way for the kids to compete at the national level--no dream is too big. If anyone would like to make a tax-deductible donation, they can contact either Mrs. Kirby or Mrs. Black at 256-635-6228. You can also make donations at gofundme.com/valleyheadjrbeta.



*“I am a leader to be
I have character, you’ve got
it too
Achieving my dreams,
that’s what I want to do
We go above beyond, so
can you
Yeah, I have Beta in me”*

You can keep up with the club’s progress, and find information on fundraisers

guided turkey hunting trip, a flat screen tv, and a Chromebook.



left to right -

- Mason Vest is ready for Disney World
- Club shirt
- Lila McElhaney calling her mom with the exciting news.
- Autumn Owen, LaShae Jones, Ellie Cox and Kylee Elkins celebrate their bid to Nationals.



by checking out their page on Facebook: Valley Head Junior Beta Club. April fundraisers include: a Parents Night Out on the 29th; Tiger Walk for Beta; and a 10 for 10 Raffle with such items as an Artic cooler, 4 Yeti tumblers, a



Moon Lake is “Cookin’ It Up” in After School

What’s that got to do with STEAM theme?? M is for Math. We use math every day in a lot of ways. Teaching kids how to use math lessons including those dreaded fractions for every day use can make it more relatable. One delicious way to teach fractions is in the doubling of recipes for a large class or halving the amount of ingredients for few students who have special dietary needs. For these teachers, it’s all about teaching these concepts in a way that makes the kids want to interact. Learning is just a terrific side effect.

The 21st Century Grant that funds the after school program will also includes a summer program during the month of June. Planning ahead is a key factor, so sign up is going on right now. The program will be from 7 am to 3 pm for grades K-6 and is scheduled for June 5th -June 9th . Sign-up sheets are in the school office. Sign up is also going on for the new PTO officers and classroom parents. We would love for you to be a voice for the school in the 2017-2018 school term. If you are interested, find Moon Lake on facebook or call 256-635-8775.

Our April PTO meeting is on Tuesday, the 11th, and will feature a Talent Show! Everyone is invited. Everyone is also welcome to help out for Earth Day, April 21st. Students will be digging in and beautifying the campus. They really enjoyed this last year. Help from the garden club and community members was much appreciated. Donations for flowers would



be appreciated. You can contact the school or Moon Lake Trading for more information.

Speaking of beautifying, Picture Day will be April 27th! This will include springtime pictures as well as the Kindergarten and 6th grade graduation photos. This means the school year is almost finished!

Above: Students learning math through cooking in the 21st Century After School Program at Moon Lake



Student of the Month

Grayson Plant is the 4th grade Student of the Month. His favorite subjects are Math and Science. He loves playing baseball and his dogs, Zeus, Jane and Toots. Grayson likes Mentone, especially going to the brow and all of the shops

This Old House: MERF Community House



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

MERF and Mentone said goodbye to a good friend in March with the passing of Linda Lawton. MERF is grateful for her serving on the board for many years. We will miss her wonderful laugh, her extraordinary gift of working with children and families, and her eagerness to help out in any way she can. Thank you, Linda, for making a difference in many lives in Mentone.

Senior lunches will continue until the end of April with the boy scouts ending our fun on Wednesday, April 26th. Thanks to all that have provided meals so far. On Tuesday February 28th, Ms. Paula had a fabulous Family Art Night at the Moon Lake School gym. All the children's artwork was displayed. There were tables for enjoying marble art and a great display of colorful cupcakes and snacks for all to enjoy.

It is amazing how creative the students are. MERF's art auction selection team had a very

hard time choosing artwork for the April auction but they finally narrowed it down and sent them off to Renae Lyons at Keepsake Framing to put the finishing touches on them. Matisse and Grandma Moses would be proud!

Speaking of auctions, have you bought your ticket for MERF's 5th Annual Taste of the Mountain and Art Auction on Saturday, April 22nd in the Moon Lake School gym at 6 p.m.? Tickets must be purchased in advance. Stop by the Little River Hardware to purchase tickets or contact Sarah at merf.mentone@gmail.com. Tickets are \$30 each or \$200 for a table of 8. At

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.merfhouse.org. Contact us at merf.mentone@gmail.com or 256-634-4673.



this time, the following have graciously agreed to provide a taste of one of their delicious menu items: Wildflower Café, Wolves Den at Kamama, The Green Leaf Grill, Mildred's Meadows, The Farm at Windy Hill, JoeJohn's Catering, Paula's Biscuits, Sugarville Bakery, Valley Head Culinary Team, and Lookout Mountain Outpost.

Our local artists that are donating include but not limited to Lydia Randolph, Tim Smith, Brad Lackey at Lookout Mountain Photography, Nightingale Pottery, Appalachian Furniture (Phil Faircloth), Scott's Happy Art, Stacey B. Howell, Emily G's collection, Mountain Modern Woodwork and Orbix Hot Glass studio. If any other food vendors or artists want to join the fun, contact Sarah at 256-635-8193 as soon as possible.

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



MERF's 5th Annual Taste of the Mountain and Art Auction Saturday, April 22, 6pm Moon Lake School Gym

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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.

Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to come and worship with us. On Sunday, Bible Study is at 11:00 AM & Morning Worship is at 11:00 AM; Kidz Connection is at 5:00 PM, Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. Kidz Connection & Youth meet on Wednesday from 5:00 – 6:00 PM & a snack supper is provided. On the second Wednesday of the month, there is a church wide covered dish Fellowship Meal at 6:00 PM.

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

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

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

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

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

Walnut Grove Baptist Church on Highway 11 North of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School

10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night Prayer Meeting at 6:30PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mentone United Methodist Church, 415 Cutler Avenue, Mentone, Alabama invites you to come and worship with us. Each Sunday, our Worship Service is at 11AM and Sunday School is at 10AM. Tony Gunter is the pastor. The service of Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month, the second Sunday is Youth Sunday and Fifth Sunday is a service of music and pot-luck lunch. Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:00PM.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March and June at the morning

worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. Rev. 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 just off Desoto Parkway 1/4 mile south of Fischer Crossroads. We would like to invite you to worship with us on Sundays. Sunday School for all ages 9:45am, Traditional Worship 11am, and

Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Sunday Evening youth meet at 5:30pm. We have Wonderful Wednesdays during the school year with Bible studies for all ages, meal at 5:30pm and classes at 6:15pm. We also have Wednesday morning Bible study at 8:45am, and knitting every Tuesday at 9am. Pastor Ian Conerly. Address 1204 New Oregon Drive NE, Fort 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.



Easter Cantata at 6pm on Palm Sunday at Valley Head Baptist Church with fellowship afterward.

Easter Sunrise Service at Desoto State Park pavilion near the swimming area at 6am. Afterward, New Oregon UMC will host breakfast.

Gravel Hill Baptist Church revival April 2-5. All Welcome.



The Times of Our Lives

In Loving Memory

Julia “Julie” Anne Yates (39) and her 8 year old daughter **Elizabeth “Libby” Lana Patterson** were laid to eternal rest together at the Violet Hill Cemetery after leaving this earthly world all too suddenly on March 21, 2017. On Friday morning, Libby’s school mates honored her joyful life with a few kind words followed by loving wishes, silent prayers, and balloons released to ascend toward the heavens. The following day, Rev. Darrell Haney and Rev. James Grindstaff officiated a touching celebration of life ceremony for both Julie and Libby filled with happy memories that will always be treasured and closed with Elton John’s song “Tiny Dancer.”

Julia and Elizabeth left behind a host of heartbroken family members and close friends. They were survived by their loving Mother/”Nanny” Geneva “Bootsie” Yates; Julia’s older children and Libby’s big sister Emma and big brother Ethan Burch; Julie’s sister Jane (Tim) Britton and her brother Jeff (Lisa) Yates; Julie’s fiancé Clint Phillips; and their Aunt Sue Keith along with several cousins and other extended family. Julie and Libby were preceded in death by their adoring Father/Grandfather Don Yates; Uncles Ralph Keith, Jerry Freeman, and Arthur “Buzz” Freeman; and Aunt Jonnie Faye Baty. The extensive community is saddened as well by this loss of a young woman who was planning a new part of her life’s journey with her fiancé and a precious girl who’s little smiling face made a big impact on everyone she met. Let’s all remember Libby with that smile and by a note she had written on a slip of green paper that was found in her classroom: “I love God with all my heart.”

Mrs. Linda Yvonne Biddle Lawton left this earthly world on February 23, 2017, but only after touching many lives who will always remember her. She was a kind and gentle soul who met everyone with friendship and compassion. Mrs. Lawton spent a large portion of her life being a teacher and counselor. She served for many years on the MERF board of directors. She loved people; she loved nature; and she loved God.

She was survived by her husband Stanley E. Lawton; sons John (Alisha) Lawton, Justin (Tracy) Lawton and Nathan Chelsea Lawton; daughters Jessica (David) Fish, Stevi (Felipe) Valois and Bella Kitchens; sister Rita (Johnny) Wynn; thirteen Grandchildren; a special sister



Baby Love



Adalynn Faye Phillips was born March 9th at DeKalb Regional Hospital weighing 6lbs 15oz and measuring 20 inches. Parents are Bryan Phillips II and Alayna Wright. Adalynn joins two brothers, Carter and Brysen and two sisters, Grace and Ella Grace. Grandparents are Bryan Phillips, Cindy Newsome, Rhonda Holaway and the late David “Rabbit” Wright.



Easton Bryant Ferguson was born at 1:20 pm on March 7th weighing 8lbs 4oz and he was 21 inches long. Parents are Johnny and Zoy Ferguson. Grandparents are Kathy McSpadden, Johnny Ferguson Sr, Anita Hughes, and Terry Evatt. Easton has three big sisters to watch over him; Abigail, Isabelle, and AnnaBelle.

Rebecca Rogers; and a special caregiver Theresa Case. Mrs. Lawton was preceded in death by her parents Calvin and Ruby Biddle. Larry Stapleton, Pastor Wilbur Atwood, and Dr. Bill Berry officiated services at Burt Funeral Chapel in Valley Head. Mrs. Lawton was laid to eternal rest at Bankhead Cemetery. If you wish to honor her life, please consider a donation to the MERF house (help for children) or an animal adoption/ reduce of your choice.



Rhododendron Garden Club

By Mellanie Tuttle

The Rhododendron Garden Club met at the MERF House on March 14, 2017. Hostess Sharon Harris used a collection of blue bottles and vases filled with tulips to decorate the tables. The delicious treat of the day was the savory and sweet rolls created by her husband. President Mellanie Tuttle called the meeting to order, then forgot to look at her checklist, and omitted the Pledge and Meditation. Fortunately, Carol Argo pointed out the omission and gave the meditation "Planting Your Spring Garden" at the end of the business meeting, and it was worth the wait.

The Roll call theme this month was to name a perennial in the yard that could be divided for the Federation Plant Sale. The sale will be April 29 at the Henagar Community Center. Acuba, Lantana, Forsythia, Veronica, Bearded Iris, Yarrow, Hardy Begonia and Lily of the Valley were all mentioned, so look for Mentone varieties at the plant sale.

The Shasta Daisy 'Becky' (*Leucanthemum x superbum* 'Becky') was named Perennial Flower of 2003. Hort. Chairman, Martha Wood, shared that it will stand up to heat and humidity of the South. It is a hardy bloomer and if deadheaded will bloom steadily from mid summer into the fall, so cut often for beautiful arrangements. It is a showy daisy, four inches across with white petals and a golden eye. Its stems are strong and does not need staking to support its 40-inch height, likes the sun but will tolerate partial shade.

February was a busy month for club activities. Members who attended the Jason Powell event were entertained and educated about plants that survived and thrived during the unpredictable seasons of 2016. The frenzy began for the search of "that" plant, but we were strategically placed so had no difficulties getting our selections. Turns were taken getting food so the coveted rose variety did not mysteriously disappear. Its fragrance wafted across the room and several folks stopped by to inhale and admire its beauty.

Our joint project with Master Gardeners and Moon Lake School is continuing to be a bright spot in the week. The raised beds now contain onion and lettuce. The students made seed tapes with radishes and, in honor of Arbor Day, counted annual growth rings in a section of trunk and planted a Shumard Oak to take home. The club hosted a senior luncheon

at the MERF House with a Valentine theme for the table decorations and centerpieces.

A PowerPoint presentation, "Dancing Daffodils" was presented by Brenda Cox. She was the only one wearing yellow (from last month's suggestion). The American Daffodil Society (ADS) and the Royal Horticultural Society are the go-to folks for all things Daffodil. With over 13,000 hybrids of Daffodils, a system of classification has been established with thirteen descriptive divisions based on the number of flowers to a stem, the size and shape of corona ("cup"), and the length of the perianth ("petals"). Daffodils are often called Jonquils, but according to ADS, that name can only be used for Daffodils in Division 7 or 10. Brenda shared that in her family, the daffodil was called a 'Buttercup' so she showed pictures of the actual 'Buttercup' that looks nothing like the Daffodil (thus the need for scientific nomenclature). Some Daffodils are named Jonquils, but no Daffodils are called Buttercups. There are even miniature Daffodils with the same descriptive divisions but the blooms are less than two inches in diameter.



Brenda ended with a question and answer time. Will squirrels and other rodents eat daffodils? No. The bulbs and leaves contain poisonous crystals that only certain insects can eat without harm. Rodents may dig up the bulbs though and deposit them elsewhere. How long do bulbs last? They should outlast most of us. Some bulbs will dwindle and die, but most should increase. How do Daffodils multiply? Asexual cloning or bulb division. Hybridizers pollinate flowers by brushing pollen from one flower onto another but must wait five years to see results!

Are Daffodils difficult to grow? No. They are tolerant of cold (exception *Narcissus Paperwhite*). They can be grown in containers or planted in shade of deciduous trees but will not survive under evergreen trees and shrubs.

Deep rooted ivy or pachysandra may compete for nutrients but Daffodils can be planted with shallow-rooted groundcovers. Fertilize occasionally. Daffodils should be put into the category of "survivors" since 2016 was a difficult year and Mentone is filled with "Dancers" all along the roads and throughout yards.

The next meeting, on April 11, will be the annual visit to Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail. The wild flowers are always spectacular and the trail is easy to navigate, so join us. Meeting time will be 10:00. Water and snacks are provided, and we usually have lunch out after the walk. Several members are planning to attend the Master Gardener Lunch and Learn at the Coal and Iron Building on April 6th. Rumor has it that Richard and Nancy Cobb of the Alabama Wild Flower Society will be bringing actual plants to discuss, and then those plants will be door prizes. (Should have kept that part a secret to increase the chances of taking home a plant. Oh well!)

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of Northeast Alabama Federation of Garden Clubs, The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., District II, Deep South Region and National Garden Clubs.



"Planting Your Spring Garden" (Author Unknown)

Plant Three Rows of Peas – peas of mind, peas of heart and peas of soul;
Plant Four Rows of Squash – squash gossip, squash indifference, squash grumbling, squash selfishness;
Plant Four Rows of Lettuce – lettuce be faithful, lettuce be kind, lettuce be patient, lettuce really love one another;
No Garden is Complete Without Turnips--turnip for meetings, turnip for service, turnip to help one another;
To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme– thyme for each other, thyme for family, thyme for friends.
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conducted under the license at any time the licensed establishment is kept open for business, whether or not the privileges of the license are being exercised.

Privilege License: A privilege license issued by the Town of Mentone to a person or persons to conduct routine business.

Privilege License Fee: A fee charged by the Town of Mentone to a person or persons that has been granted by the Board the privilege of selling alcoholic beverages within the corporate limits of Mentone.

(22) Restaurant: A reputable place licensed by the Alabama Department of Public Health as a restaurant, in which a selection of food, refreshments, and alcoholic beverages are offered for sale for consumption within the building or adjacent outdoor seating areas. In order to be deemed a restaurant, the following criteria must be met:

(a) The facility shall have a kitchen in which food is prepared for consumption by the public. To meet the definition of "Restaurant," the facility's kitchen shall remain open so that patrons may order and be served food from the time the establishment opens until one (1) hour before the establishment's closing time.

(b) The facility shall meet the minimum requirements for an Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board on-premises license.

(23) Sale or Sell: Any transfer of alcoholic beverages for a purchase price or other consideration, and any gift in connection with or as part of, a transfer or property other than alcoholic beverages for consideration.

(24) School: A public or private elementary, middle, junior high, or senior high school.

(25) Wine: All beverages made from the fermentation of fruits, berries, or grapes, without added spirits, and produced in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States, containing not more than 24 percent alcohol by volume, and shall include all sparkling wines, carbonated wines, rectified wines, vermouths, vinous beverages, vinous liquors, and like products.

ARTICLE II. CONTROL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

SECTION 1. LOCATION OF PREMISES

(1) No facility or establishment shall be authorized to be engaged in business involving alcoholic beverages, where the building in which the facility or establishment is located is less than 100 feet from any building in which there is located a public school.

(2) When measuring from a school the closest point on the exterior wall of the closest building of the school to the license applicant shall constitute the beginning point for measurement. The closest point on the exterior wall of the building occupied by the applicant shall be used for measurement purposes if the building is occupied solely by the applicant; otherwise, such measurement shall be made from the closest point of the applicant's occupancy within the building in question. The method of the measurement is a straight line between these defined points.

(3) No business engaged in the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted unless it's within the Mentone Community Development District in the Town's Central Business or Retail Business zone under the Town's zoning ordinances.

SECTION 2. BUSINESSES THAT MAY BE LICENSED

Alcoholic beverage licenses for on-premise consumption are only approved for businesses in the Mentone Community Development District that meet the definition of "Restaurant" as defined in Article 1 Section 4 (22) in this Ordinance or for event venues sponsored by the Town or a 501(c)3 non-profit approved by the Town Council.

SECTION 3. MAINTENANCE OF ORDER, REPORT OF VIOLATION.

It shall be the duty of each licensee and of each person-in-charge at any time charged with the management and supervision of any licensed premises, while the same is open to the public, to maintain order within the premises and to exclude from the premises any person who is drunk and disorderly or who commits any breach of the peace, or who uses or engages in offensive, disorderly, threatening, abusive or insulting language, conduct or behavior with the intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or whereby a breach of the peace might be occasioned. It shall be the duty of each person in-charge of any licensed premises within the Town to immediately make a verbal report to the Town Police Department of each incident involving physical harm to a person occurring on the licensed premises while open for business. It shall further be the duty of each licensee to make a written report of each such incident to the Police Department of the Town and to the office of the Board within thirty-six (36) hours thereof.

SECTION 4. OFFENSES RELATED TO "BROWN BAGGING".

It shall be unlawful for a restaurant licensed by the Town of Mentone (whether or not the business is licensed to sell or furnish alcohol) to allow patrons, customers, invitees, or guests to bring alcoholic beverages into the restaurant for consumption of same there (i.e. "brown bagging"). A fine of \$200 shall be imposed for each offense.

SECTION 5. OFFENSES BY SELLER OR AGENT.

It shall be unlawful for any person or for any employee, servant, or agent of any person to sell, or offer for sale, any alcoholic beverages to any person visibly intoxicated or to any minor person.

It shall be unlawful for any person to serve to a minor or allow a minor to be served any alcoholic beverage in any place where such beverages are sold.

It shall be unlawful for any person who operates any business licensed to sell alcoholic beverages to allow any such beverages to be sold to any minor person, or to be consumed by any minor person, on the premises where such alcoholic beverages are sold.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, or offer for sale, any alcoholic beverage for other than on premises consumption.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, or offer for sale, any alcoholic beverage outside of the Town's Community Development District.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drink, sell, serve, dispense or give away, or attempt to drink, sell, serve or give away, any alcoholic beverage, while upon any street, alley, sidewalk, public easement, or right-of-way.

SECTION 6. MINORS - OFFENSES GENERALLY.

It shall be unlawful to do or perform any of the acts designated as follows:

(1) For any minor person, directly or indirectly, to purchase any alcoholic beverage, or to attempt to purchase any alcoholic beverage.

For any minor person to possess or to consume any alcoholic beverage.

For any person to sell, furnish, give to, or purchase for any minor person any alcoholic beverage.

For any person to hire, employ or permit any minor person to serve or dispense alcoholic beverages of any kind.

For any minor person, directly or indirectly, to falsely represent that he or she is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, by means of which false representation such person buys, receives or otherwise obtains any alcoholic beverage.

For any person, directly or indirectly, to falsely represent that a person is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, by means of which false representation such person aids or abets such minor person to buy, receive, or otherwise obtain any alcoholic beverage.

SECTION 7. AUTHORIZED HOURS.

It shall be lawful for any authorized person in an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverage to sell, offer for sale, or to serve or dispense, or to offer to serve or dispense, any alcoholic beverage for on premise consumption within licensee's normal business hours, unless otherwise restricted by law. This ordinance prohibits alcohol sales between the hours of 12:01 A.M. and 12:01 P.M. on Sundays.

SECTION 8. REGULATION OF CONDUCT.

It shall be unlawful for any Person in Charge of an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages to allow lewd and/or lascivious conduct by employees, guests, invitees, customers or others within the licensed establishment, or for anyone to engage in lewd and/or lascivious conduct within the establishment.

SECTION 9. RECORDS; REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of each person subject to the license fee imposed by this ordinance to keep full and complete records of all purchases and sales of alcoholic beverages. The aforesaid records shall be kept posted currently and shall be preserved for not less than one (1) year following each calendar year. All such records shall be available for inspection and audit at the licensed premises within the Town during regular business hours by the town's duly authorized representative. Failure to keep any of the records required by this section, or elsewhere in this ordinance, or refusal to make any records available to the town's duly authorized representative, shall constitute grounds for revocation of any license issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 10. OPEN CONTAINERS

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

(1) Possess or consume any alcoholic beverages at any public park, municipal playground, municipal recreation facility, school playground, school stadium, or school recreational facility, except as may be otherwise expressly provided by law and/or when approved by the Town Council for special events.

(2) Possess or consume any alcoholic beverage from its original container or an open glass, bottle, cup, can, keg, bag or other receptacle not its original container while upon or along any public street, road or highway in the Town or while in any automobile or other motor vehicle on or along any public street, road or highway in the Town except when approved by the Town Council for a special event.

SECTION 11. DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any alcoholic beverage licensee of the city to discriminate against any person with respect to the sale of any alcoholic, beverage based upon race, color, creed, or sex. This section shall apply to the licensee, manager, to any person in charge of any licensed premises, and to any employee of the licensee authorizing, permitting, or committing any violation hereof.

ARTICLE III. LICENSES SECTION

SECTION 1. REQUIRED; TRANSFER; SUSPENSION; DISPLAY.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in such person's possession any alcoholic beverage within the Town for sale, by such person without having first procured from the Town a privilege license and from the Board a license entitling the applicant to engage in the alcoholic beverage transactions authorized thereby. Licenses issued under this ordinance may not be assigned or transferred.

(2) Licenses issued by the Town shall be deemed to terminate, by operation of law, when there is a change in ownership in a licensed establishment, or when a licensed establishment is leased, rented,

SOUTHERN PROPERTIES

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311 Gault Ave. N., Fort Payne



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. \$199,000. MLS #1017671.



3.3 ACRES of historic property in the heart of Mentone. Starting at \$325,000. Call for details. MLS #1045206.



FURNISHED CABIN on Parkway! Minutes from DeSoto St. Pk. and Downtown Mentone. Approx. 864 sqft with 2BR/2BA, wood-burning FP, wood floors/walls, fully equipped kitchen, W/D, CH&A, 5-person hot tub. \$135,000. MLS #1026581.



CUSTOM CABIN w/vaulted great room and kitchen, oak flooring, and wood burning fireplace in this 2BR/2 1/2BA home. Sleeping porch w/FP. Secluded w/ gated entrance near downtown Mentone. \$247,500. MLS #1051679.



TWO Residences on the Brow with 45 +/- acres! Rock walls, walkways and patios. Call for more details. \$495,000. MLS #815966



CUSTOM log cabin, 2+ acres. 2 fireplaces, log/wood walls, floors & windows, lge. loft, sleeping porch, kitchen w/6-burner gas range, detached storage bldg, additional small cabin. \$305,000. #332033.



ENJOY THE BROW VIEW from porch of this Two-story home with vaulted and open living has 3BR/2BA, furnished and gas log fireplace. \$268,900. MLS#1048786



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.



Vintage bungalow, completely remodeled, zoned Commercial/Residential w/250' on Hwy 117. Bright & sturdy 1940's-era, 3BR/1BA gem. Wood walls; period trim details. Updated with new electrical, plumbing, floors & cabinets. \$125,000. MLS #1046940.



LIKE-NEW CABIN. 3BR/2.5BA on 11+/- acres. Living area w/wall of windows and wb fireplace. Open kitchen & dining area. Screened porch & a deck accessible from 3 rooms. Workshop/Storage room below. \$283,500. MLS #1056091.



TWO-STORY Mentone cabin w/2 BR/2BA,, loft, dining area & lge. living. Screened front porch, 9' ceilings, pine floors, & fresh paint! Sleeps 10 comfortably. Great rental investment. \$169,900. #1062659.



UNBELIEVABLE brow home on 1.95 acres. 4BR/3BA, open living/kitchen area, formal DR., numerous decks and screened porch. Many gorgeous rock formations, a detached 2-car garage/workshop and more. \$323,900. MLS#1048899.



3BR/3BA HOME on 2.8 acres w/brow view walking distance to town. 2 master suites, each w/access to porches & views, lge screened porch, open deck, irrigation system, full-house generator. MLS #1037784. \$350,000.



2 BR/2 BA with full appliance package, storage building, screened front porch, back deck. TOTALLY remodeled with an addition within the last 5 years to include windows, doors and wiring. FURNISHED! \$149,900. MLS #1056385



GORGEOUS 11.27 acre lot with fabulous view of the valley. Included is a 2BR/1BA mobile home with a screened porch and deck. 2 rock bluff points with trails for easy access. \$144,900. MLS #1052557



UNIQUE CABIN with a VIEW in Valley View Forest. 3BR/3BA, Den and Formal living area with lots of rustic features. Open kitchen and Den. Living area w/rock FP and built-ins. \$269,900. MLS #1054116.



THE HISTORIC CRAGSMERE MANOR, on 5+ acres serves as rental lodging and/or event hosting. Perfect setting for large or small groups, 6BR/4BA, Large kitchen, dining, and living area, covered pavilion. \$775,000. MLS#1053226.



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.



Furnished Cabin on Parkway! Minutes from DeSoto St. Pk. & downtown Mentone. Approx. 650 sq ft w/loft BR and downstairs BR, 1 BA, wood floors/walls, fully-equipped kitchen, W/D, CH&A, 5-person hot tub. Currently in rental program. \$125,000. MLS #1059325.



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.



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



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.



In the heart of Mentone, this updated 3BR/2BA home features hardwood floors, custom cabinets, FP & storage space. New carpeting upstairs. Barn w/storage & workshop. \$219,900. MLS #1051222.



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



GATED COMMUNITY! 3BR/2BA in cul-de-sac of Hidden Lake Sub. Access to 14-acre lake. Living w/hardwood floors & FP, open kitchen & breakfast, formal DR, screened front porch, back deck, 2-car garage. Property adjoins Little River Canyon Preserve. \$215,000. MLS #1025640.



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



DOWNTOWN MENTONE. Enjoy sunset from this brow side cabin. Open design living/dining w/wall of windows, vaulted ceilings, wide plank floors & gas FP. Kitchen has stainless, granite & breakfast bar. Main level Master BR/BA. 2BR, bath & loft upstairs. \$255,000. MLS #1055545.



Golden Opportunity! Let the tenants pay your mortgage. 5 apartments, large retail space and storage building located on Hwy 117 just minutes from downtown Mentone. Sitting on 1.5 acres, totally fenced. Appointment only! \$187,500. MLS #1013991.



Water Front Vacation Home. 2BR/2BA 1-1/2 story cabin located in the Laurel Lake subdivision, Mentone. Open floor plan. Master Suite has its own entrance to a large screened in back porch that could serve as a whole new living area in pleasant months. \$174,500. MLS #1017650.



LESS THAN ONE MILE from downtown Mentone. 3BR/2BA house w/new range, microwave and dishwasher, instant heat hot water, front porch, above ground pool with decks, 2 out buildings, hobby greenhouse. 1.35 acres. \$139,900. MLS #1060570.

LOTS AND LAND

#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. \$35,000.
 #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.
 #1021165 - 2 ACRE LOT offering lake and brow footage. 59,900.
 #1026589 - Build on the water's edge....approximately 100' of waterfront on West Fork Little River. \$162,000.
 #1027934 - Lot on River Lane. \$29,900.
 #1032720 - 2.8 acres with travel trailer, water, septic, dock. \$82,500.
 #1034997 - Approx. 6 ACRES on middle fork of Little River. \$48,900

#1038089 - 6.4 acres on Co. Rd. 89, Lot 8, in Mentone. \$138,000
 #1039769 - 6.32+/- waterfront building lot in Mountain River Estates! \$49,950
 #1045110 - 7.9 acres on brow. \$149,000.
 #1046743 - .81 acres, Hunter's Ridge, Mentone. \$19,900.
 #1053367 - 9.93 acres in Mentone. \$45,000.
 #1056358 - 3+ acres on Brow Property. \$369,000.
 #1057228 - 5 acres overlooking Little River Canyon. \$69,999.
 #1057429 - 4 acres in Valley View Forest. \$79,900.
 #1058121 - 2.07 Acres in Laurel Creek Lakes, Mentone. \$24,500.
 #1059301 - 5 Acres in Gaylesville. \$135,000.
 #1061651 - 1.5 acres in Eagle Rock Subdivision. \$89,000.
 #1061943 - 5 acres on Hwy 117 just before the Georgia Line. \$40,000.



One of the most photographed landmarks in Alabama....The iconic "Red Boathouse" sits on Little River less than 500' from Desoto Falls. One-acre w/186' on the navigable part of the river. Mid-century all-wood cabin w/living & dining area, 3BR/2BA, eat-in kitchen, rock FP, & screened porches. \$389,000. MLS #1054645.

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or abandoned, or when possession is otherwise surrendered to another party or parties. Provided, however, that an applicant for a new license at a currently licensed establishment may be allowed to operate the establishment for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. In such case, the original licensee shall continue to be responsible for the conduct, operation, and any Town tax liabilities of the establishment until a license is issued by the Town in the new Licensee's name.

(3) Upon the temporary closing of the licensed establishment for a period more than thirty (30) days the Town's license to sell alcoholic beverages shall be immediately returned to the Town Clerk, or designated representative, to be held pending the reopening of the business. If the establishment remains closed for twelve (12) months or greater, for any purpose, the license shall be deemed terminated by operation of law.

(4) The City shall have the right to revoke any privilege license issued by the Town for any violation of this ordinance or the regulations of the Board, after notice and opportunity for a hearing before the Town Council.

(5) Every privilege license issued by the Town to sell alcoholic beverages shall be conspicuously and constantly exposed under a transparent substance in an area visible to the public on the licensed premises.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE; PAYMENT.

Each applicant seeking the consent and approval of the Town Council for any license issued by the Board shall make application to the Town Council as required by this article. Said application shall be upon an appropriate form supplied by the Town Clerk or duly authorized representative, and shall be signed and verified by oath or affirmation by the licensee, if a natural person, or in the case of a partnership, association or unincorporated enterprise, by a partner, limited liability company (LLC) or managing member thereof, or in the case of a corporation, by an executive officer thereof. The Mentone License Application shall include the following:

The name and address of the applicant., the business address (E911) and legal description of the real property at which the business is located. Signed and dated by the applicant.

A completed copy of the ABC Board's Licensing Pre-Application Packet (Form LCD-1)

SECTION 3. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.

Applicant shall present application to the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk shall review application for completeness and cause such application to be published by posting at Town Hall and on the Town's web page.

The Town Clerk shall present the application at the next meeting of the Town Council. No initial application shall be approved except by the Town Council in a regular meeting, If no discrepancies in application are found then council will approve application for submission.

The Town Clerk shall provide Certificate of Approval for applicant to the Mentone Community Development District.

(5) Upon notification of Board approval of the applicant for a State license and meeting all requirements of this ordinance, then the Town of Mentone shall issue a Town license to the applicant.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC NOTICE.

Upon receipt of an application, the Town Clerk shall cause notice to be posted, as provided in Section 3(2) above, stating that the application, will be considered at the next regular meeting of the Town Council, which said notice must be posted as aforesaid at least six (6) days in advance of the next regular meeting of the Town Council. The notice shall contain the common E911 address and legal description of the proposed establishment.

SECTION 5. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION; REVOCATION.

Any determination by the Board to suspend or revoke a license issued by the Board shall be recognized and given full force and effect by the Town such that any license granted by the Town permitting the licensee to engage in the same conduct or business shall thereby be suspended or revoked effective simultaneously with the Board's decision.

SECTION 6. REPORTS OF BUSINESS DONE AND TAX DUE.

Normal sales tax is the only tax due for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Town of Mentone. Alcoholic beverage taxes are paid with other normal sales tax.

SECTION 7. ALABAMA RESPONSIBLE VENDOR ACT.

ALA. CODE {28-10-1 through 28-1 0-8 (1975) are not part of this ordinance.

ARTICLE IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. VIOLATIONS DECLARED MISDEMEANOR.

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, unless otherwise provided herein, upon conviction or adjudication of guilt shall be sentenced to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION 2. INSPECTION.

It shall be unlawful for any licensee to refuse the Town or any of its authorized employees the right to completely inspect the entire licensed premises at any time during which the premise is open for the transaction of businesses.

Any licensees upon the request of the town's authorized representative shall present all records reasonably requested for inspection at the Town of Mentone upon the providing of reasonable notice. Reasonable notice shall be not less than fourteen (14) days.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this ordinance arc severable. If any part or provision hereof is declared unconstitutional, void, or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other parts and provisions hereof shall not be affected by such declaration and shall remain in full force and effect as though the unconstitutional, void or invalid provision had not been included in the ordinance as originally adopted.

SECTION 4. CONFLICTS WITH STATE STATUES AND REGULATIONS.

This ordinance shall be deemed cumulative with and supplemental to all statutes and regulations of any administrative body of the State of Alabama regarding the subject matter hereof and to be subordinate to same and in no manner intended to supersede any such statutes or regulations of the State of Alabama. Any provision hereof in conflict with any provision of any state statue or regulation shall be construed to be in harmony with the same where possible, and otherwise, to be superseded by the provisions of such state statue.

SECTION 5. CONFLICT WITH ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN.

This ordinance shall be deemed cumulative with any other ordinance of the Town and shall be read in pari material. In the event of a conflict between ordinances of the Town, the provisions of this ordinance shall supersede prior ordinances of the Town wherein are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 6. POLICY AND PROCEDURES.

Policies and/or procedures may be adopted to aid in the administration of the provisions of this ordinance, although they shall not in any event conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption, approval and publication according to law.

ADOPTED sitting in regular session this ____ day of _____, 2017__.

MAYOR

TOWN OF MENTONE

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

TRANSMITTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor of the Town of Mentone, Alabama on this the ____ day of _____, 2017__.



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Welcome To Mentone



Stop in and see us at our log cabin office in the heart of Mentone. Best coffee around!

LOTS and LAND

NEW LISTING! OH MY GOODNESS! COOL Street! Wouldn't that be an awesome address? Just under a half-acre lot with a downtown location & fabulous brow views! The great thing is, it isn't perched on the edge of the mountain, yet it still offers that "WOW!" view! Design it right, and those gorgeous sunsets can come right into your cabin! Mentone's Brow Park is steps away across the road. A unique opportunity. \$87,500 (1062252)

BROW-FRONT LOT WITH STUNNING SUNSET VIEWS; a panorama of the valley & mountains beyond. Ready for your mountain getaway on the brow! Just a mile from downtown Mentone along the parkway. Quaint split-rail fence. Seven lots available. Lot 14 offers 0.68 acres; approx 90' brow frontage. \$107,500 (1055392)

READY FOR YOU TO BUILD YOUR DREAM CABIN! 2.75 unrestricted acres with underground utilities, & septic tank! Just minutes from downtown Mentone; tucked privately into the woods! \$35,000 (1054586)

2 WOODED ACRES with a tiny little rustic "cabin" (no plumbing). Build your getaway cabin here amongst the hardwoods, picturesque boulders, wild turkey, deer...most any kind of wildlife found in these hills. Restricted. \$39,700. (1034503)

4.33 ACRES ON SMALL LAKE. Property consists of two lots being sold as one on Full Moon Lake in Laurel Creek Lakes, Mentone, \$45,000 (1048869)

2.2 UNRESTRICTED, WOODED ACRES Mentone. Corner property; excellent areas to walk, bicycle or keep a few chickens. Public water & power at the road. \$18,000 (1011111)

RARE PRIVATE CAVE PROPERTY. Yes, you can buy wooded acreage. Yes, you can have a brow-side view. Yes, you can have abundant wildlife. BUT, where else will you find 44 acres of hardwood mountainside with forever views, several level building sites AND a registered cave? Tally Cave, Lkt Mtn, in Valley Head & Mentone, has been recognized, explored & mapped by cave groups across the SE. This special piece of earth is looking for a special caretaker to own and preserve it. Don't let it get away. \$119,000 (785767)

3-ACRE LOT IN NORTHBEND, a woody mountain subdivision located right across from the brow, approximately one mile from Mentone's beautiful Brow Park. Light restrictions. Underground utilities; public water. This mostly-wooded lot provides you with a place to build your getaway haven, yet so convenient to everything in Mentone. \$24,000. (960201)

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WHITETAIL CABIN, an updated, charming, 2BR/2BA cabin on 4 lots (approx 1 acre) adjoining Comer Scout Reservation along DeSoto Pkwy. Original heart-pine floors and T&G interior retain the character of yesteryear. New kitchen, baths, flooring, cabinetry, appliances, CH/A, deck & screen porch. Many more upgrades. Fruit & nut trees. Garden areas. 2 small outbuildings. Room to build add'l cabin. \$148,500 (1062364)



THE VIEWS, THE SPACE, THE LOCATION... it's all here. Lovely frame & stone cottage on the brow at Mentone. Over 3000 sq ft; 3BR/4BA; lg bonus room for 4th BR, office, exercise or play room. Main-level Master Suite with wall of windows to enjoy the view. Huge kitchen is a dream for those who love to cook & entertain: granite counters, commercial gas cooktop, double wall ovens, wine cooler, disposal, compactor, gas fireplace, enormous pantry. Large dining room opens onto brow-side screen porch & decks. New wood floors & ceiling; new paint; new windows in MA BR & Living. Partial basement. Detached 3-car garage w/efficiency apartment & shop. Wrought-iron gated entry; circular, paved drive. \$495,000 (1062816)



3 ACRES, 2 BARNs, CREEK FRONTAGE & a 2BR/1BA cottage. Land is mostly pasture, some woods. Barn w/garage area, shop & stalls; small animal barn inside fenced pasture. Young fruit trees. Approx 116' on creek. Charming wood fence at entry, stone sidewalk & foundation. Well & public water. Unrestricted. Sure, it needs some TLC, but there's alot to offer in a small pkg such as this one and it's been reduced to only \$69,900. (1053845)



PRIVATE PRESERVE ON 64.26 ACRES WITH GREAT VIEWS! 3BR/3BA w/pine plank floors; wood-burning fireplace in living area; spacious kitchen w/gas range & lots of cabinetry! Main-level Master BR & bath. Sunroom w/deck access. Full basement, mostly finished, w/large rooms, work areas & garage. Quaint red barn; equipment shed; workshop w/studio apartment overhead w/pine floors & lots of potential. Yes, there's work to be done, but the privacy, views, woods & space offer much for the person wanting privacy & elbow room! 10 miles from downtown Mentone in Cloudland, GA. Only \$250,000 (Co-brokerage with Georgia-licensed company, Lookout Mtn Preferred Realty, Angela Wood) (1060014)



SCENIC ROAD 3BR/3BA rancher w/spacious living/dining area & a huge den w/full bath. Upgrades include gas log fireplace, HW floors, new paint & updated kitchen. Large lot with room for a pool or garden. Minutes away from shopping, medical, dining in Ft. Payne. Atop beautiful Lookout Mtn. \$105,500 (1062373)

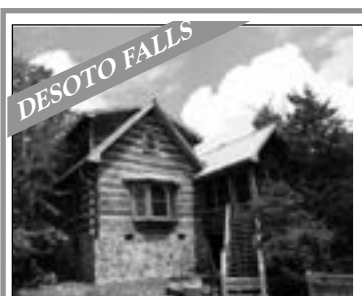


CASUAL MOUNTAIN ELEGANCE of an "old" downtown Mentone brow-front cottage, expanded and updated. Standing-seam metal roof; vinyl "cedar shake" siding; composite deck; "smart" system to control utilities when you're away; 3 spacious bedrooms; 2 baths. Gorgeous kitchen! Stone, masonry fireplace. Quaint white picket fence. Right at brow park and so close to everything Mentone; festivals, shops & dining. Fantastic price! \$299,900 (1022983)

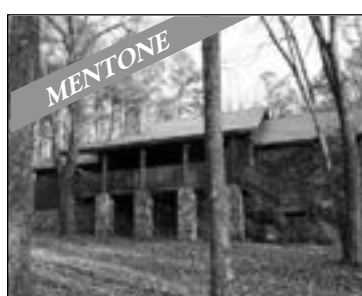
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THE RAREST OF OPPORTUNITIES. Near the picturesque "red boat house" at DeSoto Falls, this beautifully-wooded lot offers approx 94' of frontage on the prime part of West Fork, Little River; the truly navigable part where you can canoe, kayak or pontoon all the way to Mentone! So much natural beauty, so rarely available! These properties stay in families forever! Start your own DeSoto Falls Cottage history. \$162,500 (355152)



HOW DOES ONE PUT A PRICE ON SOMETHING SO SPECIAL? To be right there at DeSoto Falls. To hear it, to see it, to be able to experience it from your private back deck. It's an amazing thing. To be able to fish most any time or put in a kayak most any time from the public launch at DeSoto Falls Lake. Nothing compares. Then there's the log cabin home with its heart pine floors; 3BR/3BA; library; wood-burning mtn stone fireplace; large kitchen; hand-made doors...the list goes on. Rock formations, woods and a fence separate the property from State Park-owned land. So much beauty. So seldom does something like this come on the market. Asking \$725,000 (1052152)



TIMBERFRAME CABIN on 9.5 private, wooded acres with small pond; gated entry. Surrounded by Park land. 3BR/3.5BA; post & beam interior walls; cedar board-batten exterior; raised, stone hearth & wood-burning fireplace; wide-plank pine floors throughout; full front porch; large screened back porch. No light pollution, no noise. Worlds away, not miles away. \$299,700. (1062482)



Classified Ads

24.4 WOODED ACRES FOR SALE BY OWNER - over 900 ft on the head waters of the Little River. Will build to suite, 6 miles north of Mentone, AL. Brow road Hwy 89 in GA. \$175,000. Contact 706-859-8211.

COX TILE - 706-766-2758 - Sunrooms, marble, baths, shower pan repair. James Pleas Cox, jpcoxtile1@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed



- Little River Canyon Center needs event staff as well as program assistants for environmental education to help with field trips and other educational programs.
- MAPA is looking for people to help with the Rhododendron festival for planning as well as during the event.
- MERF is in need of people to help with tutoring K-6 students in Math and Reading for 1 hour per week.
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MENLO SPRING QUILT SHOW HAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL Year

By Dianne Mealer

The rain was pouring down as Saturday started its sunrise. We had worked all day Friday preparing for the Quilting Show to be opened on Saturday morning, and with the rain falling and the tiredness still with us, we struggled to get to the Lawrence Center early to arrange the food table and open the doors. As 9am approached, we waited for guests to arrive and, lo and behold, at two minutes after the hour, in walked several visitors. Throughout the day, there was a steady flow of visitors who stayed a while and some who



come with a dowry. (I would like to know more about this story, and you will too in the near future.) Also displayed was the lap blanket for cold days and nights in the only transport at that time, which was horse and buggy. My how things have changed over the years! Many of you probably will shudder at the thought of living in those days.

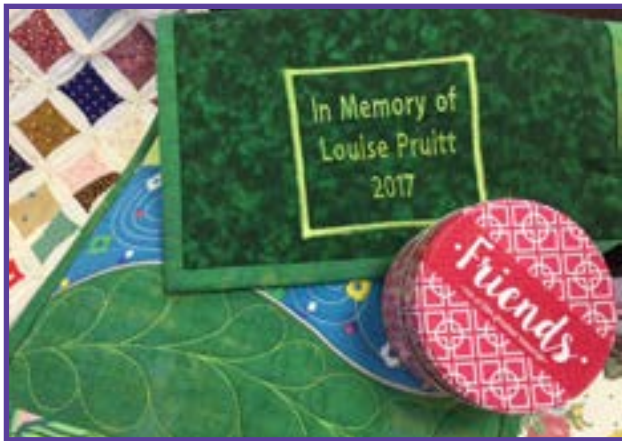
There were many beautiful pieces of handwork, including hand quilting, machine quilting, embroidery, large quilts and small quilts, crochet and hangings. Sue Ann Jones, Ft. Payne, took the blue ribbon in the Hand Quilted Category, with Charlotte King, Jamestown, taking Second Place, and Sue Ann Jones also taking Third Place.

In Machine Quilting, Pat Larren won Blue, Charlotte King won Second, and Jean McGrew won Third.

Vicki Hollopeter took the Blue Ribbon in the Small Category and Mrs. Helen Farley with Creative. All I can say is

beautiful, beautiful, beautiful.

We were pleased and want to thank our visitors, our volunteers, our participants, and our donors for helping to make this year's show a successful Fifth Year. The funds raised from this show will benefit our Veterans Program and new books for our Reading Buddy Program. Thanks again and Happy Spring.



stayed throughout the day.

The Center was arranged artfully in order to paint a picture and view everything from all angles. In the center our tribute was displayed for Louise Pruitt and Paula Walker, two wonderful women, helpers, and quilters. We miss them, and this year was void without them. Honoring those women helped to soothe our hearts and let all know they were remembered.

The Vintage Quilts corner was shining with many old quilts, with one belonging to the Hosmer family. This quilt was made by his Great-Great Grandmother as a dowry quilt, along with several chickens for her marriage in 1861. A time past when going into marriage required that the bride



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