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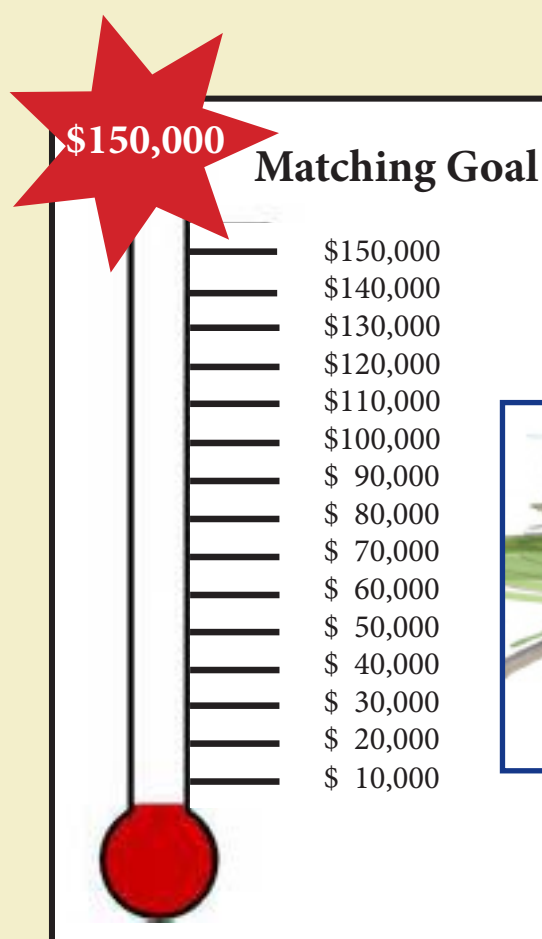
Mentone Arts and Cultural Center Fundraising Status

By Ray Padgett

Great News, Mentone! The Alabama Council on the Arts approved a construction grant for our Mentone Arts and Cultural Center for \$50,000. Thanks to MACC Board Member Hank Willett for his efforts in obtaining this grant. This brings our total cash contributions to over \$200,000. This is a great start toward our goal of \$1.2 million needed for construction. However, the Alabama Council on the Arts grant requires a 3 to 1 match. Please give now to help raise the \$150,000 match requirement.

MACC plans to keep the Mentone community, along with its visitors and friends, current on MACC events and fundraising status. We will include a "Thermometer Gauge" of funds raised to-date in *The Groundhog* each month so everyone can easily see our progress.

Our current goal is to have detailed construction plans completed by mid-winter and maybe begin construction next summer. In order to make this happen, we need everyone's help to raise the remaining funds



needed to begin construction.

Let us know if you can help. Our address is P.O. Box 515, Mentone, AL 35984, and our e-mail address is info@mentoneartscenter.org. If you would like more information, please contact us or drop by Kamama Gallery and pick up a MACC Information Packet. Thank you for your support.



2nd Annual Free Outdoor Movie Night Friday, August 26 Mentone Inn Pavilion

Filmed right here in scenic Mentone, Alabama, *Southern Heart* is a sweet, "feel-good" movie that is sure to make you smile. Join us and see a few old friends who are no longer with us (the Mentone Springs Hotel and Jack Jones, to name a couple) and a few who were just children back in the 90s when this film was shot using local folks as extras. We're inviting any of those who were in the film to join us for the event. Shoot, you or someone you know may have been in it! The clock gets turned back for the night. Dress up

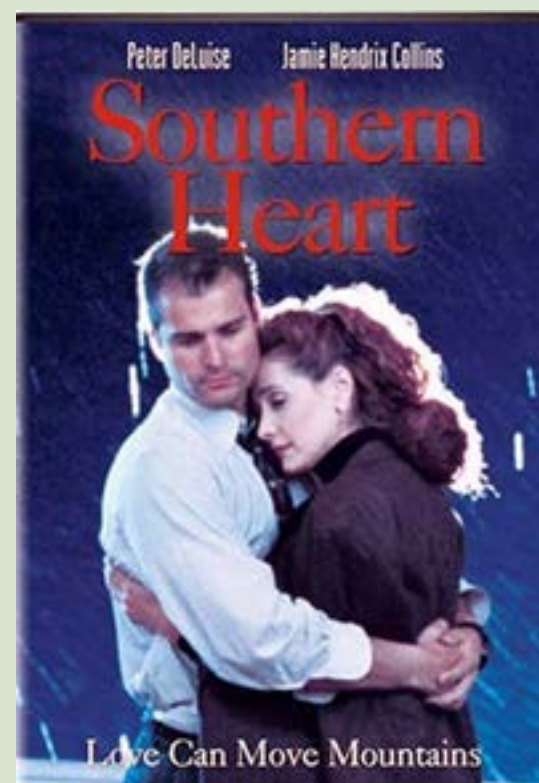
as your favorite character or in 90s fashions if you really want to get into it!

Local filming locations include Mentone Springs Hotel, Mentone Inn, Nippersink Lodge, Log Cabin Deli (now Greenleaf Grill), Cragmere Manna & many more.

FREE MUSIC WITH JERRY BLOOM
5:30-7:30 CDT
MOVIE STARTS AFTER DARK
(AROUND 7:45-ISH)

Limited seating available.
Bring your lawn chairs or blankets.
Free popcorn! sodas/water \$1.00

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MENTONE MATTERS

By Mayor Rob Hammond



Qualifying for mayor and town council ended on Tuesday, July 19. The incumbents were the only candidates to qualify. Therefore, there will be no municipal election in August. The council will continue to work hard to keep your trust and confidence in moving Mentone forward. Hopefully, many of the issues we have been dealing with for years will be resolved in this term. Alabama 117 will be resurfaced through Mentone. Smooth pavement will not make the old bridge any safer. In my mind, it is unconscionable that the ALDOT and the Federal Highway Administration cannot get together and get the bridge replaced. Replacing the bridge is still the top priority.

From The Editor

The World's Longest Yard Sale brings back some fond memories. I recall summer yard sale days at my grandmother's home. My mom and all her sisters gathered at Grandma's house because it was on a main highway. They brought all their treasures--and all their trash that became other people's treasures! My mom and each aunt would rummage through each sister's wares to see what was really a treasure. Without fail, some terrific discussions would follow. "I can't believe you don't want this!" "This is broken, but I can fix it right up." "Where did you get this old, tacky thing? I bet I can put a coat of paint and make it look brand new!" Then, there was the price discussion. "Okay then, pay me for it." "What? This isn't worth anything." "Then, you don't want it? Leave it on the table for a customer to buy." "Nah, nobody will want this. I will take it off your hands." And so it went, all through the day. The ladies all claimed that if they were looking through the sale goods, passersby would think they were customers and that there was something good for sale. I think they just looked for an excuse to take new things home. By the time they all traded out and gave us kids some money to walk to the store a couple of times for colas and snacks, they couldn't have made much money. Of course, we made plenty of memories.

During these gatherings (or any kind of gathering for that matter), grandma always had her fabulous made-from-scratch cake with home made chocolate fudge icing. The cake was good in its own right, but that icing was delicious. It was firm and perfectly smooth on the top of the cake but melted with richness when it reached your mouth. My mother says the original recipe was hers and grandmother simply made it popular with the rest of the family. As an adult, I have attempted to make this mouthwatering cake from my mother's recipe. Of course, my

cakes aren't nearly as tasty as either of theirs. There is one ingredient that I can never find, and I am convinced that it is the missing ingredient for the perfect home made chocolate cake. That simple ingredient is a bag of scratch! My husband says that if we could bag up scratch and sell it like flour, we wouldn't be able to keep up with the orders.

Of course, the kids also had fun making her delectable tea cakes from scratch during these yard sales. As I grew older, I began to realize this was a simple ploy to keep us young 'uns out of the way while our moms were busy trying to conduct their yard sale. Given enough idle time, we would be sure to find some one else's toys that we just had to take home. Of course, the grown ups wouldn't have that, because the car would already be filled with what they had traded the other sisters out of!

~Anna Mae



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MAPA NEWS

By Ray Padgett

The purpose of our Mentone Festivals sponsored by MAPA is to promote Mentone area art, music and crafts and to educate the public about our local heritage. Festivals are one of the main programs used to fulfill MAPA’s mission. All money made by MAPA is used to further MAPA’s mission of protecting and preserving our local artistic and cultural heritage.

Festivals are a huge financial benefit for Mentone area businesses, other non-profits, local Boy Scouts and to the Town of Mentone thru increased weekend spending, taxes, and thru new visitors to our town. Many of these visitors return

again and again and some even build part-time or permanent residences here.

MAPA raises and spends thousands of dollars to produce and promote each festival and hundreds of volunteer hours are spent. All money that remains, after festival expenses are paid, goes directly to projects that better our Mentone community. No volunteer gets paid. They give freely of their time and talents to help preserve Mentone’s heritage.

MAPA assembles an all-volunteer Festival Planning Committee for each festival and begins planning meetings months in advance of each festival. These meetings are open to everyone who would like to volunteer and work on the festival – this is a community wide effort. Many small tasks are required that almost anyone can help with-- make phone calls, assemble packets, put out flyers, greeting festival goers, etc. Some odd jobs don’t even require you to be at all the meetings; just let a committee member know you are available and willing. All help is appreciated and needed. A successful festival is well organized with many workers so that too much burden isn’t placed on

a small group of volunteers. A successful festival brings enjoyment for the residents and visitors as well as income for the vendors, non profits, and businesses in Mentone.

Many Mentone area businesses help sponsor the festival. Additionally, many other businesses as well as the Town of Mentone allow MAPA to use their property for parking and events. MAPA appreciates the financial assistance, donation of property and labor provided by volunteers, property owners, businesses and the Town of Mentone. All of this contributes to the overall success of MAPA Festivals which benefits the entire community.

In addition to events provided by MAPA, many businesses hold music, food and art events on their own property during MAPA Festivals. The MAPA Festival Committee encourages these extra activities; however, the committee cannot monitor and makes no attempt to control the type or timing of these activities. While MAPA receives no direct financial benefit from these events and provides no direct promotional assistance to them, these privately held events add to the overall festival atmosphere.

Colorfest is our next and biggest festival and, as always, is held the third weekend in October; this year that falls on October15th and 16th. The Colorfest Planning Committee meetings have already begun, but you are welcome to join in at any time. We meet every Friday 1:00 P.M. at Kamama Gallery and need your help. Please attend and help if you can.

MAPA encourages everyone who agrees with MAPA’s mission to join MAPA and work with each festival committee for the success of our mission and the benefit of our community.

COLORFEST SPONSORSHIP

Now is the time!! Become a sponsor for the 2016 Colorfest and be recognized in The Groundhog, on the banners at the festival, and in our social media on the web. Last year, more than 15,000 people enjoyed Colorfest. Your sponsorship helps bring a terrific event to Mentone, and thousands of people will see your name as they read about the event, look for details on the web, and stroll through town during Colorfest.

Now is the ideal time to pick an event to sponsor so that your club or business name is associated with one of our terrific events: Children’s Festival, Scarecrow Holler, Sounds of Mentone, or Parking for our guests. It is also a good time for all sponsors to sign up so that festival planners can budget accordingly in order to make this another great event. Without generous sponsors, the festival would not be possible. We do appreciate all of our sponsors and make sure they get the recognition they deserve through several forms of promotion.

Submit this order form or contact us for more information: call MAPA at 256-634-3001 or The Groundhog at 256-465-1107. In order to be recognized in the September Groundhog, we need your sponsorship completed by August 20th, but the earlier the better! We look forward to seeing your logo on our banners and in our ads for Colorfest!



Mentone Colorfest

October 14-16, 2016
Becoming a Sponsor



Thank you for your interest in becoming a sponsor of Mentone’s Annual Colorfest! We are excited to have you be a part of our success this year! As a sponsor, your company name and logo will be included in Colorfest promotion before, during and after the event. Please choose your sponsor package below to join us as a partner and help support our local festival and unique community!

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Yard Sales and UFOs-- Only in Northeastern Alabama in August

The month of August holds two events attracting visitors from near and far to the northeastern part of the state to experience a yard sale of epic proportions and to witness sightings of flying objects. The ultimate shop 'til you drop experience brings thousands of bargain hunters and treasure seekers to DeKalb County for the first weekend in August, and the last Saturday offers a day of free family fun as the town of Fyffe comes together for its annual Fyffe UFO Day Festival.

Set for August 4-7, 2016, the annual World's Longest Yard Sale offers everything from antiques, collectibles, furniture, and dishwares to local fresh produce and homemade jams and jellies as well as food vendors and live entertainment. Many shoppers begin the 690-mile journey in northeastern Alabama, taking the scenic Lookout Mountain Parkway to Chattanooga and following Highway 127 all the way north to Addison, Mich. There is estimated to be more than 1,000 vendors in Alabama alone. Vendors are typically up and running by 8 a.m. and operate

until late in the evening each day of the event. Along with shopping, treasure hunting, and bargaining, there is plenty of sightseeing to do. Visitors can experience a world of nature and a variety of restaurants and lodging that is easy on the wallet. Shoppers are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and sunscreen and to bring plenty of water. For more information, visit WorldsLargestYardSale.com

In 1989, numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects throughout the town of Fyffe led the small community to be known as the UFO Capital of the World. As a tribute, the community comes together each year to host the Fyffe UFO Day Festival. Set for August 27, 2016, the Fyffe UFO Day Festival is considered by many, an unforgettable family outing celebration where the only flying objects spotted over Sand Mountain are colorful hot-air balloons. Now in its twelfth year, the UFO Day Festival offers



tethered balloon rides, arts and crafts, games for children, a 5k run, an antique car and tractor show, an assortment of food vendors, and live music throughout the day. Slated to perform are Bill Henson/Glen Mountain, Dennis George, Deborah Avans Peek, The Sharp's, The LST Band, Jack Martin and Forever Country, Danny Lee, Jeff Martin and Caleb Chisenhall, Still Kickin', Backwoods Revival, Notorious, Willie Underwood, Country Case, and Jamie O'Neal.

Gates open at 9 a.m. with the entertainment getting underway at 10 a.m. Festival goers are encouraged to arrive as early as 6 a.m. to watch the hot air balloons launch and disappear into the sky. Tethered rides for the public are generally offered around 6 p.m. All activities are held at the Fyffe Town Park on Graves Street unless noted otherwise. Parking and admission is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. For more information on UFO Day Festival, visit facebook.com/FyffeUFODays. A variety of cabins, hotels, bed

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OCTOBER 14-16

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This year's Colorfest 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, October 14, 12-5pm or Saturday, October 15, 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. You may break down beginning at 4pm on Sunday. Cars MUST be moved to specified vendor parking area after unloading.

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 October 5. 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. All spaces will be on a first come, first served basis, and 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 Colorfest, please provide a photo of your work or a 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.** Colorfest is strictly an arts, crafts, music and children's festival; therefore, no political or religious organizations will be accepted. Please contact MentoneColorfest@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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This Old House: MERF Community House - August



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.

It's been a toasty summer so far because my heart is warm with laughter, kindness and friendship. Two of the summer camps have enjoyed enriching the lives of the senior lunch bunch crew. Thanks to Cambre Goodwin and the staff at Skyline Ranch for girls, many local citizens received a Christmas letter in the mail as the third session campers celebrated Christmas in July. Helen Coutu said she loved receiving her letter as Christmas is her favorite time of year and she wrote back to the girls that she celebrates Christmas year round with her tree still up. Thanks Skyline campers! And Aggie Bell from Camp DeSoto and the Farm at Windy Hill have invited the senior lunch bunch crew twice for an afternoon of snacks and singing at the Farm. Martha Sprayberry entertained on the piano, and the girls sang some of their favorite songs. The mountain is so joyful with all of the great camps and kids in the summer!

On Wednesday, July 6th, Judy Johnson and her staff at Tiger's Inn served another great

BYOL to 27 of the lunch bunch crew. Nothing better than Chicken and dressing with a homemade dessert! MERF is thankful for the many ways the community enables us to enrich the life of those on the mountain and in the valley. Time together and good food is always a big draw. Look out for notices at the next BYOL soon.

Many other great activities going on in our community-loved that the library has had great kid's events this summer. Read, read and read some more everyone-what a great library Mentone has. School will be starting soon and MERF will gear up for more events. Any volunteers willing to tutor, please contact Sarah. And in case you didn't know. St. Joseph's Episcopal Church has a very active and vital food bank ministry. It's wonderful to hear that many of the churches and our farmers support it with various items. They are always in need of toilet paper so if you want to drop some off during the week, office hours are 9 am-2 pm Monday through Thursday.

Thankful that Mentone knows how to love it's neighbor!

MERF: Mentone Educational Resources Foundation is a local non-profit with the mission "To enrich the learning and living of the community by identifying needs and coordinating resources." If you would like to support our programs,

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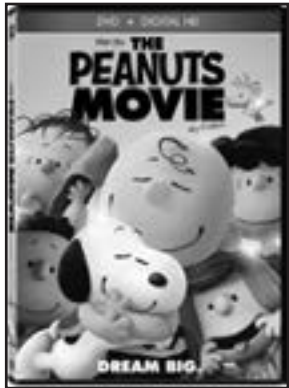
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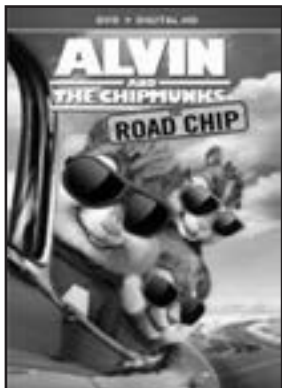
Howdy folks; boy it is hot out there. Good thing it is nice and cool in your Community Library! This is a good time to gather up the family in front of the A/C and watch some fun family movies. Here's what we have for you this month in your library.

For the Kids

The Peanuts Movie - Dream big and laugh along with good ol' Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus and the rest of the beloved Peanuts gang as you've never seen them before. It's a hilarious and heartwarming adventure that proves every underdog has his day. Rated G.



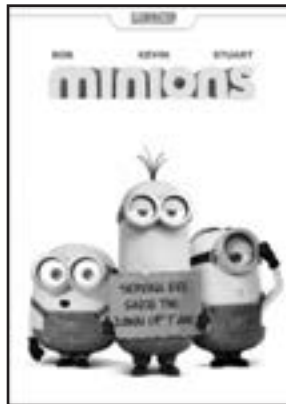
Alvin and The Chipmunks: The Road Chip - Hit the road with your favorite fur balls. Alvin, Simon and Theodore race to Miami on a wild road trip but their jaunt soon takes a nutty detour leading to hilarious highway hijinks. Rated PG.



of Jim Parsons, Rihanna, Steve Martin, and Jennifer Lopez. "A new animated classic!" Rated PG.

Home - From the creators of *How to Train Your Dragon* and *Shrek* comes the hit comedy of the year featuring the superstar voice talents

Minions - Since the dawn of time, Minions have served (and accidentally eliminated) history's most despicable villains. Join Bob, Kevin and Stuart on a new journey to find a new big boss where our three heroes must face their biggest challenge yet: saving all of Minionkind! Rated PG.



in Time, and **TMNT**. Come check out the 4 fearless, fighting, pizza-eating heroes. Movies rated PG.

For Mom and Dad

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 - The family you love returns in the sequel to the biggest romance comedy of all time! This sequel brings back together the entire beloved family of characters. Just when Toula and Ian think they're balancing an independent teenager, aging parents and the rest of the irrepressible clan, the reveal of a shocking secret will bring the three generations of this family closer than ever as they plan a bigger, fatter and "Greeker" wedding!



There you are folks, some fun with the family to wrap up the summer evenings. Come on down to your Community Library and check out all the great movies and books we have for you and enjoy the air conditioning too!

Be sure to stop by Moon Lake Community Library during the World's Longest Yard Sale on Saturday, August 6th, from 9am-noon for

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles - Yes, they are here and we have all 4 film favorites, *The Original Movie*, *The Secret of the Ooze*, *Turtles*



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Ray Padgett Recognized as Bright Light

Congratulations to Ray Padgett for being recognized as an Alabama Bright Light in Mentone by Alabama NewsCenter. His commitment to making Mentone a better place to live makes him a “shining” example. He recognized the diversity and creativity of the people in Mentone as a great asset to the town. In his video, he listed the willingness of citizens to volunteer time, effort, and money to improve the town as an attribute that makes it a great community to live in. Visit alabamaneewscenter.com for the full interview. Why does he stay so involved? Because it makes him “feel good to do something positive for the community.”



MBA news: Something Just for Fun in August



By
**Charlotte
Gentry
MBA
President**

It's been a long, hot summer, and by now even the heartiest of politically-inclined folks have about become fed up with all the campaigning, rhetoric and hoopla.

Are you looking for some good, clean fun? You're in luck! Mentone's 2nd Annual Free Outdoor Movie Night is coming up on Friday, August 26, 2016. Yes, it's FREE! And, the movie,

Southern Heart, was filmed mostly in Mentone.

Sponsored by the Mentone Business Association, this film offers a sweet, nostalgic glimpse of Mentone in the 90s, when it was produced. It's a movie the whole family can enjoy, too. We hope to make this an annual event and, quite possibly, have it become a Mentone Film Festival weekend.

The movie will be preceded by a free concert at the Mentone Inn Pavilion featuring Jerry Bloom. You'll be entertained and probably sing along with many of his tunes. Expect the concert to begin around 5:30-ish (Mentone time).

The movie will start after dark, which should be somewhere around 7:45-ish (Mentone time). There is limited seating available, so we suggest you bring your lawn chairs, blankets (in case it turns off chilly after sunset,) and your friends. There will be free popcorn. Sodas and water will be for sale for \$1.

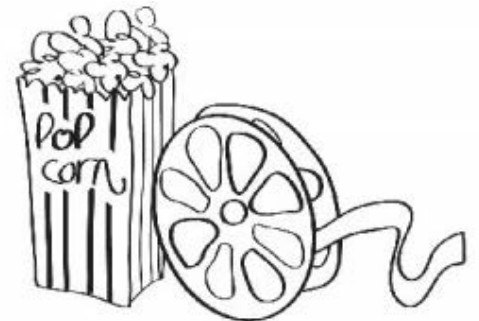
We hope to see some of the original cast members attend this year's showing of Southern Heart. And, we'd love to see YOU there as well. Dress up as your favorite character or in the style of the 90s, just for fun. Whatever you decide to wear, you'll be wearing a smile after seeing this “feel good” movie.

Cynthia Stinson, innkeeper of Mentone Inn, will be offering a “Mentone Movie Night”

special for those who wish to stay at the Inn that night (or weekend) for only \$100 a night, which includes her fabulous breakfast buffet. That is a deal you won't beat anywhere! Other businesses/cabin rentals may offer similar discounts, so be sure and check around.

MBA meets every 2nd Monday at 7 pm CDT. Our next meeting will be on August 8, 2016 at the Mentone Realty log cabin office. Weather permitting, we'll enjoy the porch. If you are a business owner, or if you are interested in the future of Mentone, we encourage you to be a part of the MBA. There is no cost to join. Also, please visit our Facebook page for upcoming news and announcements.

Be sure to visit mymentone.com and click on the “Daily Openings” for the hours of local businesses during the yard sale or any time. It should be the most current listing of open times and a sampling of what each business provides.



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The Times of Our Lives

Highest Scout Honor Achieved



Luke Teverino achieved the highest level in scouting by receiving his Eagle Badge in Marietta George on June 16, 2016. His grandparents, Anthony and Eleanor Teverino, who run Raven Haven Bed and Breakfast, along with his parents Scot and Beth Teverino are very proud of his accomplishment.

Stephens Family Celebrates 4th of July

By Lucie Stephens Holland

Twenty-two members of the Stephens family gathered for their annual 4th of July Family Reunion at their Mentone property to celebrate the nation's birthday as well as a legacy of summering together on the mountain for more than a century.

Six generations of the Stephens-Hamilton clan have called Mentone home at summertime since the early 1900s. The family members, pictured here in their 2016 reunion tee shirts, descend from Chester O. Stephens and his wife, Martha Shorter Hamilton Stephens, who met at a dance at the old Mentone Springs Hotel and married in 1921.

Their children - Chester O. Stephens, Jr., Gerry U. Stephens, and Martha Shorter Stephens Lanier - grew up spending Memorial Day through Labor Day at their cabin on the Little River. One house has now grown to five houses to accommodate the cousins who return to the mountain every year from across the country to share meals, memories, traditions, and fellowship.

Stories told around dinner tables include memories of dances at the Hitching Post in the

1940s, the disappearing finger trick by Shine (Valley Head butcher), shopping for groceries on the wooden shelves of Mr. Bell's unairconditioned store, buying butter and eggs from farms in the valley and vegetables from neighbors on the mountain, shelling beans and peas on the back porch, rising early to feed the horse in the barn and boiling drinking water before the municipal pipes reached the house.

Even though the Stephens family has grown in number and dispersed around the country, they maintain a special bond thanks to their Mentone heritage. If you spot a "MENTONE" license tag on a car from Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio or Alabama, please wave to the Stephens cousins who are carrying the spirit of the mountain wherever they are.



It's A Boy!

John Silas Flanagan was born healthy and happy on June 14 at 7 pounds and 3 ounces. Silas is the son of John Patrick and Tema Larter Flanagan. His paternal grandparents are John Dale and Betty Carol Flanagan of Meridian, MS. His maternal grandparents are Michael Larter and Carol Klein of Chapel Hill, NC.



In Memory of Family and Friends in the Mentone Area

Doyle Gregory

Doyle "Mickey Scapiron" Gregory passed away on July 6, 2016. He was survived by his wife Wanda Gail Gregory; sons Kenny Gregory, Mike (Kandis) Gregory, Mitch (Emily) Gregory, Danny (Cynthia) Gregory and Kevin Gregory; daughter Jennifer Gregory, 24 Grandchildren, and 10 Great-Grandchildren. Services were held at Burt Funeral Chapel in Valley Head and officiated by Bill Jeffery. Mr. Gregory was laid to rest at Head Springs Cemetery.

George Kenneth Kirby

George Kenneth Kirby of Mentone, Alabama, passed away on Sunday, July 17, 2016, twelve days shy of his 82nd birthday. He was the son of George Thomas Kirby and Myrtle Louise Crowe.



He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Florene Dobson Kirby; daughters Pamela Valosen (John) of Atlanta, Georgia, Patricia Riggins (David) of St. James, Missouri, Priscilla Allworth of Newnan, Georgia, and son Brian Kirby (Cecelia) of Acworth,

Georgia; grandchildren; great grandchildren; and sister Martha Kirby Nation. He was preceded in death by his sister, Jean Kirby Houston.

Ken began his career with Southern Railway in 1951 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and also held various positions with Southern in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C. He retired from Norfolk Southern Corporation in Roanoke, Virginia, in 1990 where he held the position of Purchasing Director.

Upon retirement at age 55, Ken and Flo returned to Mentone where they built a new home and farmed for 22 years. Kids, grandkids, and great grandkids enjoyed celebrating many special occasions there and have more fond memories of Mentone than they can count. He was never happier than during those years when he was on his tractor, bulldozer, or backhoe-or cheering on his beloved University of Alabama football team.

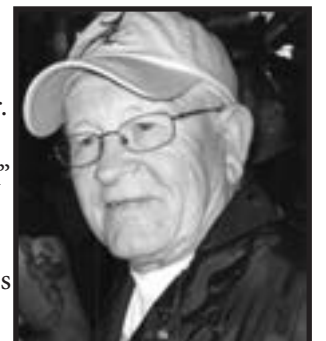
In 2014, he moved to Wesley Woods at Newnan, where he and Flo have enjoyed a new lifestyle and new friends. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend to so many of us who will miss him so much. As one of his nurses said, "he was truly a gem."

Visitation and funeral services were held at Wilson Funeral Home in Fort Payne and Ken was laid to rest at Little River Cemetery in Mentone. If family and friends would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers, the family would be pleased for them

to be made to Mentone Community Church, 90 Summerville Road, Mentone, Alabama, 35984. You can post notes to the online guestbook for the family at wilsonfhinc.com.

Jerry Lane Stokes

Jerry Lane Stokes passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2016. Mr. Stokes was a truck driver and worked for Story Trucking. He was survived by his wife of 45 years, Merle Biddle Stokes, son Chris Stokes (Melissa), daughter Jerri Ann Tidmore (Wayne), two brothers Larry Stokes and Darrell Stokes, a sister Geraldine Hall, grandchildren Amber Stokes, Arabella Stokes, Aly Cooper, Liam Cooper, Kimberly Crockett, Kayla Willbanks and Derek Tidmore, great-grandchildren Kali Lagrone, Austin Crockett, and Baby Crockett, as well as his Little Buddy Scooter. He was preceded in death by his parents C. C. "Bunk" and Pearl Stokes, his aunt Irene New, and a daughter Regina Sue Stokes. Services were held at Burt Funeral Chapel in Valley Head with Bro. Eddie Wilborn, Rev. Edwin Waldrop, and Donnie Miller officiating. Final interment at White Hall Cemetery.



THE
RECIPE
CORNER
~
August

*This month's Recipe Article
is from Tema Flanigan
of The Farm at Windy Hill*

There's something magical about the combination of fresh, crunchy corn and sweet, juicy watermelon. This refreshing salad, which also features fresh mint, lime juice, and a bit of creeping heat from cayenne and red pepper flakes, is just about the essence of summer. Serve it with barbecued ribs or chicken, and you've got a complete meal.

From her forthcoming cookbook, *Corn: a Savor the South Cookbook*, to be published this Spring 2017.

Spicy Corn and Watermelon Salad with Feta, Mint and Roasted Pepitas

Serves 4-6

Ingredients:

8 cups cubed fresh watermelon

1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1/2 cup crumbled feta

Kernels from 1 ear of corn

Juice of 1 lime

Sea salt and freshly ground black paper to taste

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or more to taste

1/4 cup roasted pepitas

In a large mixing bowl, combine the watermelon, cornkernels, and fresh mint and stir to mix. In a separate, smaller bowl, whisktogether the lime juice, olive oil, salt, black pepper, crushed red pepperflakes, and cayenne pepper. Pour the lime juice mixture over the watermelonmixture, and toss to evenly coat. Add the feta and pepitas, then toss gently. Serve cold. Just right for the hot days of August!

August Birthdays

Aug 2 – Logan Goza
Aug 2 – George Raley
Aug 2 – Ginger Lee
Aug 2 – Heather Daniel
Aug 2 – Ashley Hodge
Aug 3 – Halle Hilyer
Aug 3 – Adriana Grace Hall
Aug 3 – Wendy Haynes
Aug 3 – Chance Pearson
Aug 3 – Mary Frances Randall
Aug 3 – Daniel Vest
Aug 4 – Phyllis Stephens
Aug 4 – Savanna Goza
Aug 5 – Hope Martin
Aug 5 – Amanda Pilotte
Aug 5 – Elizabeth Meadows
Aug 5 – Amy Jones
Aug 5 – Matt Hilliard
Aug 6 – Casey Stott
Aug 6 – Dallas Bowman
Aug 6 – Chris Collins
Aug 7 – Samantha Blalock
Aug 8 – Alex Gifford
Aug 9 – Martha Browder
Aug 9 – Carolyn Martin
Aug 9 – Brayden Hughes
Aug 9 – Cynthia Connor
Aug 9 – Decker Jones
Aug 10 – Alex Whatley
Aug 11 – Dianna Carden
Aug 11 – Lila Jane McElhaney
Aug 12 – Kinsley Worthey
Aug 12 – Amber Smith
Aug 12 – Frances McNutt
Aug 13 – Stephanie Potts

Aug 13 – Brittney Barkley
Aug 13 – Cindy Tipton
Aug 14 – Jennifer Ferguson
Aug 14 – Alan Black
Aug 14 – Hannah Manning
Aug 14 – Ryan Hicks
Aug 15 – Michael Langston
Aug 15 – Dallas Gregory
Aug 16 – Ashton Jones
Aug 17 – Sandra Pruitt
Aug 17 - Mattie Belle McGee
Aug 18 – Kinsley Mitchell
Aug 19 – Michael Flannigan
Aug 19 – Lee Pierce
Aug 20 – Carla Warren
Aug 20 – Shane Ingram
Aug 20 – Joseph Goza
Aug 20 – Jesse Jones
Aug 21 – Eddie Langston
Aug 21 – Emma Crawford
Aug 21 – Christina Stokes
Aug 21 – Michele Black
Aug 22 – Casey Gregory
Aug 22 – Haven Downer
Aug 22 – Keith Langston
Aug 22 – Anthony McKenzie
Aug 22 – Hazel Hilliard
Aug 22 – Sinjhin Smith
Aug 22 – Candice Wilbanks
Aug 22 – Heather Williamson
Aug 23 – Slade Carden
Aug 23 – Lukas Boehringer
Aug 23 - Phillip Pannell
Aug 23 – Bandy Johnson
Aug 24 – Dana Pangle
Aug 24 – Tammy Larock
Aug 24 – Nicole Callahan
Aug 25 – Carolyn Coots
Aug 25 – Jason Gregory
Aug 25 – Aubrey Baker

Aug 25 – Georgia Mae Baker
Aug 26 – Brantley Hughes
Aug 27 – Howard Hilyer
Aug 27 – Crystal Lee
Aug 27 – Tamara Hawkins
Aug 27 – Luke Durham
Aug 27 – Jack Chambers
Aug 27 – Charlotte McGee
Aug 27 – Jaymie Ballard
Aug 28 – Larry Gray
Aug 28 – Hunter Izell
Aug 28 – Courtney Roden
Aug 28 – Jase Gregory
Aug 29 – Kayla Worthey
Aug 29 – Donna Willingham
Aug 29 – Susan Cherones
Aug 29 – Isaac Browder
Aug 31 – Wesley Rhodes
Aug 31 – L.C. Bone
Aug 31 – Mark Battles
Aug 31 – Ian Norman

August Anniversaries

Aug 1 – Carolyn & Eddie Coots
Aug 1 – Kirk & Mikhaila Watkis
Aug 6 – John & Amy Kirby
Aug 8 - Beverly & Jim Bates
Aug 11 – Rayford & Cindy Bethune
Aug 17 – Bobby & Sandy Blalock
Aug 20 – Heath & Lindsey Blalock
Aug 24 – Dwayne & Laura McKenzie
Aug 24 – Matthew & Taylor Smothers
Aug 25 – Mike & Stephanie Potts
Aug 28 – Joseph & Mandi Goza
Aug 29 – John & Kim Johnson
Aug 30 – Richard & Christy Harrison

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What To Do Around Here!

August 2016 Community Calendar

August 1, 19 - 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 p.m. the day before the adventure. 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.



August 2, 12, 22, 26 - Wild Cave Tour. Go beyond where the average tourist explores! This 2.5 hour adventure is for those of you ready to explore on your knees, on your belly, in the mud and through tight tunnels. Adventure includes helmet, cave lamps plus a fun informative guide. True Adventure Sports. 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 3 - Treasure Hunt Adventure. Do you enjoy trying to solve riddles and clues? This 5-hour adventure will take you deep into the heart of a cave. You will have to solve and follow each clue in order to find the next one, and ultimately the Treasure! TAS 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 4 thru 7 - The 30th Annual World's Longest Yard Sale. Travel the scenic byways of America for more than 450-miles of yard sales and unique treasure finds. Follow the Lookout Mountain Parkway from Gadsden, Alabama to Chattanooga, TN for the southern portion of the sale. Connect with the U.S. Highway 127 in Chattanooga for the remainder of the route to Hudson, MI. 888-805-4740.



August 4, 13, 18, 29 - Rock Climbing / Rappelling Adventure Combo.

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



August 5, 10, 15, 27, 31 - Rappelling Adventure.

Come experience the thrill of rappelling down the sheer sandstone gems of NE AL. Each trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 5 - Gospel Night With Ole Time Christians.

DixieLand Family Restaurant will be hosting local and big name gospel and bluegrass groups. All of our Gospel Nights will begin at 6 p.m. and with no cover charge or tickets needed. 256-638-1888.

August 5 & 6 - Fairy Houses, Un-natural Hikes & More!

Down the rabbit hole, through the looking glass, into the "Wardrobe" or via Platform 9 3/4...it is FUN to learn about science and nature through enchantment and fairy tales! Join internationally acclaimed storyteller and environmental educator, Renee Simmons Raney, from the Conservation Education Institute for this amazing weekend of discover and unique observation activities at DeSoto State Park. Schedule: Friday Evening Stories and Activities at Campfire Ring 6 p.m.; Saturday Activities: 10 a.m. Un-natural Trail Hike (CCC Pavilion and Indian Falls Trail; possibly Hobbit Trail); 11:30 a.m. Nature Observation through Fairy Houses; 6 p.m. Unique Nature Observation Skills Activity at Campfire Circle. Free & open to everyone. Hosted by the Georgia - Alabama Land Trust & DeSoto State Park. 256-997-5025.

August 9 - Celestial Navigation. This two-hour class is a basic introduction to navigation by the stars. Learn how to navigate without the use of a compass or GPS with the same rules used for almost six thousand years.



Meet at True Adventure Sports. 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 9 - The 2nd Annual Sylvania Wingfest.

Wing fest participants will compete against each other to see who makes the best chicken wings in the area. There will be awards given out at the end of the fundraiser to cooks who place in the top three of the best traditional wing and most unique wing competitions. Tickets are \$10 in advance sale and on sale at Sylvania Pharmacy! They are \$15 day of event. There will be live music, a kid zone, dunk tank and more. Sylvania High School Football Stadium. 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

August 11, 27 - 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.

August 12 - Serious Skills Series: The Science of Glass Workshop.

Hosted by DeSoto State Park. The Serious Skills series is a variety of classes and workshops that provide opportunities to discover a hidden talent or learn a new skill for personal enrichment. Classes are open to local residents, overnight guests and park visitors. Join glass artist Linda Munoz and Kay Stone to learn the science behind glass – is it really a liquid in disguise – and take home two beautiful pieces of kiln-formed glass that you create. Linda and Kay will touch on the chemical and physical properties of glass as an introduction to fused glass design. Participants will make two items which will be fired in a small kiln and will be available for pick up the following day. (Sat., Aug. 13). 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Supply fee is \$20 for a pendant and earrings or two pendants. Ages 12 to adult. Pre-registration required, call 256-997-5025.

August 12 - Zip Line & Sky Swing Adventure at Night.

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 p.m. the day before adventure. 7:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 13 - The DeKalb County Genealogical Society Meeting.

The DeKalb County Genealogical Society will be meeting and Mr. Iven Harvelle will present a program about stocks and bonds relating to Fort Payne's "Boom Days." Anyone interested in learning more about genealogical research is invited to attend this free meeting. DeKalb County Public Library. 10 a.m.

August 13 - Serious Skills Series: Woven Basket Workshop.

Hosted by DeSoto State Park. The Serious Skills series is a variety of classes and workshops that provide opportunities to discover a hidden talent or learn a new skill for personal enrichment. Classes are open to local residents, overnight guests and park visitors. Students will learn how to weave a market style basket with a divider using flat reed with teacher Beverly Ashton from the Dixie Weavers Basketry



Guild (Anniston, AL). The finished basket will measure 7" L x 3 1/2" W x 4" H (without the handle) this class is for ages 12 to adult (please no younger children for safety reasons). DeSoto State Park, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$15 supply fee. Pre-registration required by Monday, August 8th. Space is limited to 12 participants. 256-997-5025.

August 13, 18 - 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 p.m. the day before the adventure. Meet at True Adventure Sports. 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 13 - Campfire Talk: Longleaf Pine Ecosystem - Bringing an Endangered Species Back to Alabama.

Join us for a fun campfire talk in the great outdoors! Campfire Talks are a series of educational and entertaining programs located in the great outdoors. Coordinator for the Auburn University Museum of Natural History to learn about some of the creatures native to the Longleaf pine forests of south Alabama and how a partnership that spans three states is helping bring a federally endangered species back to those same forests. Kay will be joined by two of the more notable species living in the Longleaf pine forests. 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. DeSoto State Park's Campfire Ring. Free and open to everyone, Great for all ages! 256-997-5025.



August 16 - Knot Class & Application.

Introduction and instruction to essential knots and their application for camping, rappelling, rock climbing, outdoor survival, and other applications. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 256-997-9577.



August 16 - Orienteering Class. Basic yet essential skills for survival navigation are brought to you in map reading, compass reading, and topography. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 17, 20 - 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 p.m. the day before the adventure. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 20 - Campfire Talk: Geocaching 101. Join us for a fun campfire talk in the Great Outdoors! Do you want to learn more about Geocaching? Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. This campfire talk will include a lesson on what geocaching is and how you do it. There will be a live demonstration of geocaching and geocaching supplies will be on display. Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. DeSoto State Park's Campfire Ring. Free and open to the Public & Great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

August 20 - 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.

August 21 - 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. Reserve by noon Saturday, August 20th. Cost is \$5. 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. To learn more or reserve a spot, send an email to cottagepaper@bellsouth.net or call 205-349-4026.

August 22 - 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 p.m. the day before the adventure. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 24 - 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. 256-997-9577.



August 25 - Healing Arts Circle. Join both professional and non, to learn about and support various creative healing modalities for business and personal health. Meet and greet with dutch style dinner from 6-7:30 p.m. CST at the Wolf's Den at Kamama. Bring business cards/samples. Followed by a presentation on self care for arms and hands by Kerry Breithaupt and Lisa A. Schad, LMT from 7:30-9 pm CST. Hand-outs and hands-on demo and participation. Suggested \$10 offering for presentation. Hosted by Tohi Spa at Kamama. Call 256-635-8855 to reserve a spot and for more information.

August 25 - 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. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 26 - Bouldering Adventure - Atop Lookout Mountain. Come experience first-hand what bouldering is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic

instruction. We will climb on some of the best boulders atop Lookout Mountain. True Adventure Sports. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 256-997-9577.

August 27 - The 12th Annual Fyffe UFO Day. Hot Air Balloon Rides showcase this unique family outing! Arts and crafts, children's games, food vendors, antique tractors, live entertainment, street dance and much more make this event fun for the whole family. 10 a.m. 256-623-2222.

August 27 - Third Annual Dog Daze: A Furry Fun Festival for Dogs and Their Humans.

Hosted by JSU Field Schools.

Bring your dogs and human family to this event where the Canyon Center staff features dog games, storytelling, presentations on all topics canine such as dog adoption, dog advocacy, service dogs, basic medical information and much more! Little River Canyon Center 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free & open to everyone; donations accepted. 256-845-3548.



August 27 - Music On The Mountain. Held

in the Tom Beville Lyceum and on the grounds at Northeast Alabama Community College (NACC), this will be a fun day filled with local artist

booths, food vendors and inflatable outdoor activities. Festival will start at 6 p.m. 256-638-4418, ext 248.



August 27 - "Play It Forward" Casino Night Fundraiser. For one night, you can gamble the night away for a good cause. The Progressive Women of NE Alabama will hold this fun filled event to support its charitable programs including scholarships for women to attend NE Alabama Community College & Snead State. Games include: Roulette, Texas Holdem' Poker, Craps, Black Jack and Slot Machines. Little River Canyon Center. Tickets are \$50 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information or to sponsor a table please contact Angie Shugart @ angieshugart1@gmail.com.



August 30 - Afternoon Rock Climb. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing is all about in the afternoon with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. TAS 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 256-997-9577.



Ongoing Calendar

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

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

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

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

Mentone Town Council meets the 2nd

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

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

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

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

DeKalb Quilters meet every 4th Tuesday, 9:30am, Second Baptist Church in Fort Payne. DeSoto Rescue Squad meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 9am at the MERF house in Mentone.

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

FREE FOOD for eligible persons and families. Hours: Wednesdays, 9 AM to noon. New applicants welcome during these hours. Joint effort between St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church (Community Outreach Ministry) and the Food Bank of North Alabama.

Mentone Fire Department meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm. Mentone Town Council meets every 2nd Tuesday at 6pm.

The Lookout Mountain Wholistic Center meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month at Rock Ridge Retreat Center in Valley Head at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Mentone Farmers Market open year round every Saturday, 10am-1pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY



Moon Lake Community Library hosted a fun week of stories and more in July. We are thankful to all the families who brought their children to our event. A special thank you to Ms. Paula Easter for joining us for a couple of days. The children seemed to truly enjoy the crafts, scavenger hunt, music, snacks, and stories. They certainly made the library a wonderfully lively place all week long!

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Summer Music Continues With Camptown Getdown

By Rhea Pirch



Mentone residents and visitors alike enjoyed an evening of soul and funk infused music Saturday, July 16th, during the first annual Camptown Getdown Concert Event. The free concert was the second of four scheduled in the Summer Music Series, brought to Mentone and surrounding communities by the Little River Arts Council in their endeavor to provide "Music for the People".

The evening started with the stirring sound of Dawn Alta Osborne, from Huntsville, and continued with Soul Karnival, a youthful funk/hip-hop band from Fort Payne, appealing to young and old alike. Next up was Mentone's own

Jess Goggans Band, whose fervent performance of classic and original songs got the audience to their feet and dancing. The headliner, Chattanooga based Soul Mechanic, finished off the night with their funk-inspired rhythms that kept the crowd dancing and clapping to the end. Artist-at-large Brad Bauman, from the Donna Hopkins Band in Atlanta, joined in with each band to share his mastery of the harmonica for all to appreciate.

The concert

was made possible by sponsorship from Mentone Realty and through a grant from the Alabama Council of the Arts and the National Endowment of the Arts.



The next free concert is slated for Saturday, August 20th at the Little River Canyon Center Amphitheatre in Fort Payne, to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. The music starts at 6pm with musician Marc Womack, continues with the acoustics of Jacob Steifel and the Truth, and winds up with the southern rock and roll rhythms of Them Dirty Roses, a band originally from Gadsden who now makes their home in Nashville.

The Little River Arts Council is a non-profit organization open to all artists, musicians, writers, poets and appreciators of art. To find out more about the organization or to keep notified of upcoming events, visit the Little River Arts Council Facebook page or the website at www.littleriverartscouncil.org.

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Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting at 6:30PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. Rev. John Inman is the pastor.

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

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama, invites everyone in the Mentone and Cloudland Communities to services-- Sunday School 10 AM (GA Time) Morning Worship 11 AM (GA Time) Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 5:30 PM (GA Time) Bro. Brian Keith is the pastor.

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

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

Mentone Community Church, 90 Summerville Rd, Mentone, AL 35984. Pastor Tim Miller; Crosswalk Sunday School K through Adult - 9:15am; Adult Worship Service - 10:30am; JC Kids Worship Service - 10:30am. Van Ministry for Children pick-up/take home, ages k-12, for all surrounding areas 8:15am. For children pick-up and drop-off van, please call Donna Bunn 706-398-0720. Wednesday small group study - 6:30pm.

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

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

New Oregon United Methodist Church located off DeSoto Parkway, would like to invite you to their services. Sunday School for all ages 9:45AM; Traditional Worship Service 11AM. Sunday evening youth activities 5:30PM. Evening Worship 6PM. We have a variety of activities for all ages including Wednesday evening youth activities; knitting

ministry for ladies each Tuesday at 9AM. Pastor Jeff Davis. Address: 1203 New Oregon Dr., Ft. Payne, AL 35967. Phone 256-845-7446.

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

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

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

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

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



Nothing To Do But Relax and Have Fun

By Greg Starnes

“There’s nothing to do.” How many times have you heard a child say this?

Adults can be just as annoying. “There’s nothing around. What do you do for fun?” Get a clue. There’s plenty to do and see outside in the country, if you take a few minutes to look for it and appreciate it.

Several years ago I put my house in the suburbs of Anniston up for sale and moved to DeKalb County, Alabama, to pursue a career as a writer. The natural beauty of the region drew me in. Family and friends, however, were puzzled as to why I would choose to settle way out in the middle of nowhere. The nearest town with a stop light is eight miles away. What was there to do? Actually, quite a lot.

First of all, writing is extremely hard and demanding work. (Non-writers will never understand this.) I like to be outside as much as possible. While brainstorming for ideas and phrasing, I want to see trees and fields and wildlife--not concrete, steel and asphalt. Nature provides much more inspiration. Plus, it’s therapeutic. At the end of the day when a hummingbird perches on a clothesline to sit for a spell, a rabbit hops across the front yard or a deer bravely steps out of the woods in the

backyard to nod hello, the troubles of the world seem a distant disturbance.

Just down the road from my house is Little River Canyon. At 27 miles long and 500-700 feet deep, it’s the largest gorge east of the Rocky Mountains. Views from the rim and floor are breathtaking!

There are weekly activities offered for people of all ages at DeSoto State Park and Jacksonville State University’s Canyon Center. Waterfalls scattered throughout the county lure with their soothing melodies of clear water cascading over rock ledges. For action and adventure, some folks take to the water to swim, kayak and canoe, while others stay on dry land and traverse miles of hiking trails, rock climb or zip line over the trees.

In addition, nearly every small town in the 778 square miles of the county comprising Wills Valley, Lookout Mountain and Sand Mountain hosts a festival at some point during the year. UFO Days in Fyffe, the Potato Festival in Henagar, Freedom Fest in Rainsville, Mule Days in Ider, The Rhododendron Festival and Colorfest in Mentone and Boom Days in Fort Payne are just some of the examples of old-fashioned, family-friendly events that draw

people from all over the world.

In fact, tourism is big business. According to tourism.alabama.gov, DeKalb County took in more than \$22 million in travel-related earnings. Mother Nature is still very attractive in northeast Alabama. She’s even prettier in person. And a whole lot of fun to be with.

Nothing to do outside? Honestly.



Good Pickin’ and Shabby Shoppin’

By Anna Mae Horn

Do you love all things vintage? Two weekends in a row during September you will have two terrific chances to shop to your heart’s content. Both events will have delicious food and live music while you shop.

The Vintage Pickin’ Fall Barn Sale is a large open-air shopping event taking place at White Oaks Farm, a 20-acre family farm in Fyffe. There will be talented artisans and antique dealers inside two barns, group tents and single tents. Be sure to participate in one of the workshops that will be scheduled. There will be more than 45 vendors from across the Southeast. Care is taken to hand-select those that customers will like and who have items that includes anything vintage, repurposed, one-of-a-kind antiques and home décor. The show is Saturday, September 17, from 9-5 and you can get your tickets online at vintagepickin.com so you don’t have to stand in line. If you want to get an early start, be sure to check out the Priority Pickin’ tickets. This year, at the customers’ requests, those hours will be on Friday, September 16th afternoon from 4-8 under the lights of the barn. Be sure to find Vintage Pickin’ Fall Barn sale on facebook for more information. Come expecting to have a great time and leave with some amazing items.

The very next weekend in nearby Historic



Attalla, The Cozy Nest and Cotton Belle shops

are getting together to present their first annual Shabby Cow Market. This will be a vintage-themed festival with a wide variety of items that will steal your heart if you treasure handmade jewelry, furniture, home decor, and more. What better place to host the event than Ferguson’s Wedding Venue and Courtyard in the heart of the historic district!

This is an indoor event, so bad weather will not deter the activities. This event still has a few vendor spots (as of press time) if you would like to be a part of this spectacular event. They are looking for repurposed or vintage items and some that have a farm or holiday theme. Shabby Cow Market will be from 8am to 6pm on Saturday, September 24th, and Noon to six on Sunday (the 25th). For information, call 256-504-6144 or find Shabby Cow Market on Facebook. This is the first Shabby Cow Market, but it certainly won’t be the last.

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220
TWO CABINS minutes from DeSoto State Park and Mentone. Cabin 1 has approx 640 sq ft. Cabin 2 has approx 432 sq ft. Both cabins have 1 BR/1BA and sold furnished with all appliances. \$114,900. MLS #1036084.



617
TWO FURNISHED CABINS on 6.4 ACRES.... One Price! Minutes from DeSoto State Park and Downtown Mentone. Down Home offers 2BR/2BA. Southern Charm offers Loft, 1BR and 1BA. Space for approx. 7 additional cabins. \$279,000. MLS #1026581.



603
REAL BARGAIN. Lge 3BR/2BA home blocks from downtown Mentone. Screened porch, open floor plan, garage, bonus room, workshop plus storage bldg, fire pit, and more. \$249,700 MLS#1001478



606
West Brow of Lookout Mountain. 3BR/2BA, 2,500+/- sq. ft. main house, rock walls on 2.9+/- Acres. \$329,000 MLS #815966



623
ENJOY LIFE UNINTERRUPTED in this custom-built log get-a-way on 4 secluded acres. Loft BR and 1 BA with wood floors and a front rocking chair porch. Hurry before someone buys the cabin of your dreams for only \$110,000. MLS #564870



602
ENJOY THE BROW VIEW from porch of this 1,800 sq. ft. home w/brand new appliances. Two-story home with vaulted and open living has 3BR/2BA, furnished and gas log fireplace. Enjoy soaking in the hot tub on the beautiful deck. \$279,900. MLS#1048786



602
BEAUTIFUL Mountain Get-Away with gorgeous view year round. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, shake-sided outside w/low maintenance metal roof. Deck. \$239,900 MLS#1000691.



641
BUNGALOW/CRAFTSMAN with 3 bedrooms and 1 bath in Mentone. \$125,000. MLS #1046940



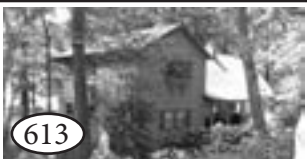
600
UNIQUE!!! Main House, Guest House, Boathouse and approx. 470' of frontage on Little River. \$749,000 MLS #1007556



607
Lake Lahusage in your back door! Bank owned 2BR/2BA cottage AND 2-car garage with apartment potential. \$247,500 MLS #654813



637
MENTONE MINI FARM!!! 2 BR with possible 3rd BR or bonus room, open kitchen & living area, hardwood & carpet floors, floored attic storage, 4-car carport, 3-car detached garage w/apartment, barn and pond. \$115,000. MLS#1045075



613
3BR/3BA HOME on 2.8 acres w/brow view walking distance to town. 2 master suites, each w/access to porches & views. Cathedral ceilings, exposed beams, pine floors, wb fireplace, lge screened porch, open deck for grilling, irrigation system, full-house generator. MLS #1037784. \$350,000.



621
UNBELIEVABLE brow home on 1.95 acres. 4BR/3BA, open living/kitchen area with gas log fireplace, formal DR, lge. pantry, numerous decks and screened porch. Many gorgeous rock formations, a detached 2-car garage/workshop, garden shed, and so much more. \$329,900. MLS#1048899.



909
Secluded, Custom log cabin, 2BR/2BA, wooded lot, 2+ acres, security system, privacy gate, detached storage. \$279,500 MLS #332033



1400
3BR 2BA home in Hidden Lake Sub. Use of 14 acre lake. LRw/hardwoods & FP. Open kit/breakfast, DR w/built-in cabinet, screened front porch, back deck, 2-car garage. Adjoins Little River Canyon. \$220,000. MLS#1025640.



208
CUSTOM HOME. 4500 sqft+ w 5BR/3.5BA, LR, wood burning Isokern fireplace. Master w/sitting room. Pro landscaping, screened porch, courtyard, 2 decks on 1.37 acres, community lake. \$499,900. MLS #1011520.



637
CHARMING RETREAT! 2 BR/2BA vintage log cabin in Mentone. Master suite has private screened porch leading to native rock water fountain. Included are 2 guest cabins connected by decks & walkways. \$197,000. MLS #1046823.



624
Owl's Roost! Adorable cabin on wooded lot, furnished with brass bed and country antiques. \$116,000 MLS #690326



611
2BR/3BA. 3+/- year old roof. Garage apt w/BR & BA. Balcony, gallery w/storage, winter sunsets, downtown location, gas heater in kitchen, garage and apartment. WB fireplace. 2-car garage. Built in 2004. \$289,000. MLS#1029587.



639
ONE STORY RANCH - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on 1.35 acres on County Road 148 in Mentone. \$139,900. MLS#1046824



604
Bear's Lair - Adorable cabin currently in a rental program. 3BR/2 BA with a brow view. \$274,900 MLS#692795



605
One bedroom, one bath cottage on DeSoto Parkway with 2.7+/- acres AND a BROW view! Surrounded by mature landscaping and rock walls. \$299,900. MLS #1018162



107
Incredible View! Brick home on 5 acres features 5000+ sq. ft. with 5 BR/3BA/2HB, decks, patios, beautiful landscaping. Kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances, keeping room w/FP, formal entry, living and dining areas, two levels of patios and decks for entertaining and enjoying the view. \$369,000. MLS #1038938.



908
Little River/Lake Lahusage/Mentone! East Fork of Little River, cottage has FP, wood floors, P&B ceiling in living area, NEW porch, deck, some doors & windows, HVAC, dock, walkway, fence, paint! Most furn. remains! \$215,000. MLS #1019742



910
NEAR LITTLE RIVER CANYON. 3BR/3BA log cabin w/lake, wood floors/walls/ceilings, open living/dining/kitchen, rock woodburning FP, screened porch, deck, Loft/basement/gameroom. \$224,000. MLS #1017450.



610
HANDCRAFTED WOODWORK throughout this 2BR/2BA mountain home. Great room w/ cathedral ceiling, full front & back porches, lge utility room all on a wooded lot. Located in laurel Creek Lakes w/ access to 3 lakes & walking trails. \$174,500. MLS #1017650.



619
LIVE & PLAY ON THE WATER! 200' of frontage on East Fork of Little River featuring 3BR 2BA, rock floors, some carpet, all appliances, WB fireplace, & storage building. Call for more details. \$239,999. MLS #902940.



618
BROW PROPERTY! 2BR/1BA home on 2.3 +/- acres. Lots of wood features inside the house, enclosed porch and more. \$209,000. MLS #1015755.



707
Cabin overlooking the water features pine walls & floors, vaulted 23' ceilings and fireplaces. Enjoy your own relaxing paradise wplenty of Mountain Laurels and rocks. Built to preserve the property's natural beauty..\$459,900. MLS #1019610

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820
RUSTIC CABIN with gas fireplace, kitchen, and sleeping nook, private porch downstairs. Lge BR/BA and sitting area upstairs. Laurel Creek Lakes with access to lakes & walking trails. \$139,900. MLS#1041437



205
MINUTES FROM DESOTO STATE PARK & MENTONE! 2BR/2BA, wood floors, walls, ceilings; fireplace; being sold fully furnished--includes appliances, whirlpool tub & private hot tub on the back deck. Excellent rental potential or your own private retreat. \$89,000 (1041842)



40
LAKE ON THE BROW - one level w/living/kitchen/dining area, 3BR/2BA, office, laundry room. Kitchen w/stainless. Living area w/stone gas FP. Master w/adjoining bath & double closets. Screened porch, covered deck, rock patio. \$209,000. MLS#1041993



401
WHIPPOORWILL FARM. 2BR/2BA rock/log home w/sunroom, FP, updated kitchen. Historic barn, 2-stall stable w/1BR/1BA apt. Screened sleeping cabin, dbl garage, fenced pastures, trails, rock walls/patio, gazebo, outdoor shower, old spring house & fire pit. \$995,000. MLS#1042624



1403
EXECUTIVE HOME w/300+/- of brow frontage. Approx. 7,000 sq. ft. 4BR/3.5BA, open kitchen, living and dining room, hardwood flooring, vacuum system, bonus room, back up generator, dual heating, front & back covered porches, 2-car garage, guest house, shop/barn w/apt, tractor shed, shop vacuum system, 18 acres, gated. \$559,000. MLS#1044145.

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#1032720 - 2.8 acres with travel trailer, water, septic, dock. \$82,500.
#1034997 - Approx. 6 ACRES on middle fork of Little River. \$48,900
#1037600-1037604 - 6.62-8.9 acre brow lots. \$180,000 each.
#1038089 - 6.4 acres on Co. Rd. 89, Lot 8, in Mentone. \$155,000
#1038473 - 7.7 acres of brow property (2.5 acre building area). \$125,000
#1038477 - 6.9 acres of brow property (7 acre building area). \$59,900

#1038482-103485 - 7.1 -7.5 acres of brow property in Mentone (.8 -1.7 bldg, areas).
#1038483 - 7.5 acres of brow property in Mentone (1.2 acre bldg. area). \$69,900.
#1038485 - 7.3 acres of brow property in Mentone (1.7 acre bldg. area). \$69,900.
#1038697 - 7.8 acres of brow property in Mentone (1.9 acre building area). \$69,900
#1038949 - 5.8 acres of brow property in Mentone. \$95,000
#1039769 - 6.32+/- waterfront building lot in Mountain River Estates! \$51,750
#1045110 - 7.9 acres on brow. \$169,000.
#1045206 - 3.3 acres of historic property in the heart of Mentone. \$325,000.
1046423 - 4.3 acres, County Road 89, Mentone. \$34,500.
1046743 - .81 acres, Hunter's Ridge, Mentone. \$19,900.

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Remember When . . .

By Anna Mae Horn

The Groundhog highlighted Leonard Shigley on the front page in August 1984? Mr. Shigley was one of the charter members of the Mentone American Legion post. His story reminded me of many in town who have “retired” in Mentone. I have seen actions and heard comments that tell me that a lot of these “retired” folks have only left their careers officially. Many still remain active in the community. Leaving their offices, plants, and other work places only leaves them more time to do work for the town and the citizens therein. This article was entitled “A Builder, A Community Leader, A Candid Individual.”

It began... “Meet a man who tried to retire — in a halfhearted way. Now, in some ways he’s busier than ever. Leonard Shigley is still a builder. He is commander of the Mentone American Legion post. He is captain of the Rescue Squad. He represents these two organizations on the Centennial Committee. He is completing a term on the DeKalb County Republican Committee.”

This immediately caught my attention and brought to mind several individuals that I know and many that I have heard of, including Mr. Shigley, who enjoy spending the best years of their life in service to the community they live in. Mr. Shigley didn’t spend all of his life in Mentone, but he did spend most of it here.



“Leonard is a member of two of Mentone’s most established families. His mother, Willie Brown, and Raymond Brown’s father were brother and sister. His father, the Rev. Ernest Shigley, was a Methodist minister and a

builder, member of a pioneer Mentone family.”

“Born in Mentone, Leonard attended Moon Lake Elementary School

and moved with his parents to Brent in Bibb County, where his father was minister of a Methodist church. He attended Brent High and met Mae MacMillan, whom he married while the family lived at Brent. Returning to Mentone he worked at the Belcher Lumber Company Sawmill at Battelle. Later his father and Frank Green bought a sawmill, and Leonard eventually purchased his father’s interest. In 1943, Leonard entered the armed forces. After basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida, he went to Fort Meade, Maryland, with Company I of the Seventh Army. Port of debarkation was Shanks, New York. ‘The most depressing feeling of my life,’ he said to the Groundhog interviewer, ‘was watching the Statue of Liberty go out of sight across New York harbor.’ ...he was wounded four miles behind the lines [in Germany] at 2:00 a.m. on May 13, 1945. He received multiple machine gun and shrapnel wounds in the left lung and shoulder. After treatment at three field hospitals, and in Paris, he was sent to the military hospital at Augusta, Georgia. Since returning to Mentone in November, 1945, this has been his home. He engaged in logging for one year, farming for three years, and then turned to carpentry which has been his profession essentially since that time... Shigley is a fourth generation carpenter-builder. Much of his love for carpentry and skill as a carpenter comes from his father. ‘It’s my calling. It’s my talent. I’m perfectly satisfied to be a builder.’ One of his customers expressed amazement at the versatility of Leonard’s building abilities. ‘I have seen him lay a neat wall of blocks, install a full set of plumbing, do intricate wiring — in addition to the usual

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.6 ACRE West Brow lot, 1 mile south of downtown Mentone. Wooded with rock formations. Great building lot. Prime location, great sunsets. 5 lots available. \$90,000. (23043)

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

3 County Road 66. (23186)

VALLEY VIEW FOREST East Brow view 6.7acres \$31,915



Healing Arts Circle

By Lisa Schad

Our first gathering was held on July 7 in the Wolf's Den (formerly Twiggs Cafe) at Kamama. The meet and greet merged with a delicious dinner prepared by Fontana Stinson as we learned about each other and our interests in healthy ways to support our healthy lives and livelihoods in the Mentone area. We had a nice mix of lay folks and professionals sharing our healing stories and interests.

Lindsey Whitaker of Harvest Roots shared some samples of Kombucha and Sauerkraut. She explained the importance of natural probiotics and how these foods help our digestion and health.

Faye Henry gave us all a mini gong massage--bathing us in healing tones from her small portable gong. This was a nice introduction of how sound vibrations can provide healing and balance.

Rand Hall spoke on behalf of Barbara Stoll, who could not attend, as to her Jin Shin Jyutsu practice which uses an ancient Oriental art for harmonizing life energy through gentle, hands-on application.

I gave a tour of Tohi, my spa and massage studio, explaining how I use many tools, such as tuning forks, essences, crystals and aromatherapy combined with touch as a palate to "paint" a picture of health with each client.

Two ladies, new to the area, joined us as lay people interested in learning more about the healing arts community in the area. They, along with Faye and myself, stayed for Elan's class about essences, in which she shared her personal healing story and how that led her to co-creating with essences, particularly from the ocean.

So with the success of our first gathering, we have scheduled another for the fourth Thursday of this month, August 25, from 6-7:30 pm CST at Kamama. All are welcome for this meet and greet and dutch style meal. Post meeting, from 7:30-9 pm CST, Kerry Breithaupt and I will offer a mini class on self-care for your arms and hands. There will be handouts and hands-on demo and participation. Suggested \$10 offering.

To enhance the discussion of healing arts in

Mentone, I interviewed Kerry Breithaupt, LMT, NMT, who has been a resident and massage practitioner and instructor in Mentone.



LS: Tell us about your practice and how it is a healing art?

KB: I am a licensed Massage Therapist and certified Neuromuscular

Therapist. My style integrates many massage techniques. I often incorporate hot stones and stretching.

Healing art for me is customizing or tailoring massage to my client. Being attentive to their needs and being available to their emotions, body, mind and spirit are imperative to my practice. Over the many years of my experience, I have found clients benefit from a more customized/personal treatment plan, than just a textbook massage. For example, if need be I can spend an hour just on a clients neck.

When we do a couples massage, they are there together but each one has different needs. The art of that is being intuitive to adapt to each one while maintaining the connection between the two as a couple. I find I accomplish this by accessing their bodies' posture, their fascia, their muscles, and the ebb and flow of their entire system, and merge that with their specific areas of concern or discomfort.

I listen and hear clients; honor their direction, their thoughts, and their feelings; and hold space for their healing journey. Compassion and non-judgment are imperative. I encourage folks to follow their own intuition. Massage is much more than touch.

LS: What attracted you to Mentone? Or why did you relocate here with your practice?

KB: I started camping here with my children 32 years the ago. The beauty of the area and the

calming peaceful atmosphere are very nurturing. Once I got involved in the community, I knew there was more for me here by connecting to people with diverse backgrounds, many of whom practice a variety of healing modalities. I have been a practitioner for 20 years, and in Mentone since 2008. This community nurtures both me and my practice, as I hope I have done for them in return. They have also nurtured my spiritual journey.

LS: What is your vision for healing arts in Mentone?

KB: I would like to see that we have a co-op or association of practitioners from a diverse or wide genre of modalities. There is a match for every person at any given time. Other modalities included in a treatment plan could include chiropractic, acupuncture, acupressure, energy medicines, reflexology, sound, color, aroma therapies, and the list goes on an on. All of these trigger different responses for relaxation and healing to occur.

Research supports the benefits of massage and other healing modalities. I believe these should no longer be considered alternative, but rather mainstream. This type of health care has been practiced since the beginning of time. Cradle to grave appropriate nurturing touch serves us all and is vital to our health and well-being.



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LOTS and LAND

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

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9.5 ACRES WITH A BEAUTIFUL POND; hardwoods. Adjacent to DeSoto State Park. Build a dream cabin overlooking a picturesque pond. Convenient to Mentone. Possibilities for more than one cabin? Maybe a compound for multiple tiny cabins? This location would be ideal for rentals! Buy it, dream it, build it! \$125,000 (1040913)

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



YEAH IT'S SMALL, BUT WHO WANTS THE IN-LAWS TO VISIT ANYWAY? Join the Tiny House revolution in this open floor plan home & workshop tucked into 2 wooded acres surrounded by private hunting land. Add'l power meter & concrete pad for a 2nd residence, a place to park your camper or whatever! Sold fully furnished (incl John Deere riding mower), all you need is your toothbrush! Just listed at \$73,900. (1049483)



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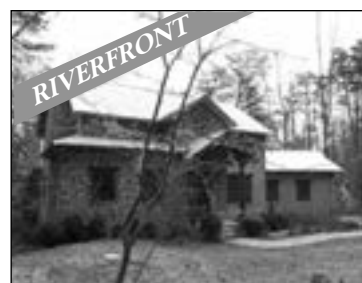
MULTI-USE PROPERTY WITH HOME, 3.31 ACRES & GUEST QUARTERS (office, classroom, business?) 2BR/2BA w/mtn stone flpce;lg sunroom. Guest house w/kitchenette & full bath. Various outbuildings, woods, partially-fenced grounds. Build add'l cottages or a shop for antiques, woodworking, what-have-you. If gardening is your thing, the land has great drainage & sun exposure for crops/fruit trees, etc. In area of future arts ctr. \$152,500 (1041985)



30.89 ACRES OF GORGEOUS WOODS, with year-round stream; filled with mostly hardwoods; wildflowers; wild blueberries; blackberries; abundant to get lost in by 2 miles. Quiet, yet having some 268' of frontage on paved County Road 89 N. Nice spot for a future pond. Unrestricted. Priced at \$115,838 (\$3,750/acre) (1039175)



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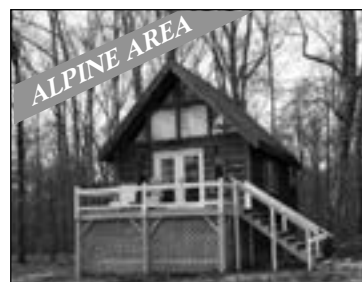
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GRAND MOUNTAIN ESTATE PROPERTY! 56 acres of lush, wildlife-filled woodland w/approx 1/4 mile of frontage on Little River plus a stately, 4000 sq ft brick home. The home & grounds would be the perfect setting for weddings. There are so many things one could do with a property like this! Future development or preservation property. A family holding from generations back; designed & built by parents of current owner. \$975,000 (1045117)



13.34 ACRES, 3 PONDS, OLD FARM HOUSE, SHOP & OUTBUILDINGS. Fruit trees of all sorts. Great garden areas. The old house needs a good bit of TLC. Best feature is the stone fireplace. Nice front porch, too. Ponds are stocked & owner says there's good fishing in all of them. Catalpa, chestnut & fruit trees; blueberry bushes. Three wells, one of which is clear, freestone water w/working pump. (Public water has been run to the house). \$85,000 (1040912)



WHERE DO WE START in describing this place? One might look upon it as a writer's sanctuary, w/main cottage & guest lodge. It might be seen as a family compound, w/places for folks to gather & then head off to their own private sleeping areas. Maybe a home & detached art studio (great view from the front deck!) 2.93 acres. Main cottage is 1BR/1BA, woodburning flpce, large decks. 3 other buildings: Guest cabin; "bunkhouse;" laundry house w/office. \$189,500 (1041186)



WALNUT COTTAGE. Downtown Mentone. 2BR/2BA. From the studs to the rafters & everything in between, this is a new house. Hardwood floors, appliances, fixtures & exterior. Great Mentone getaway or home. Beautiful landscaping, screen porch, fenced back yard & new deck w/pergola. \$148,000 (1023749)

SAGE ADVICE: Gardening in August

By Susan Seago



What can you do in the garden in August? First of all, try to keep plants watered. It is hot and still dry. Although there has been some rain recently, the ground needs a lot more. Watering should only be done twice a week, allowing the garden to get at least an inch each time. And, while sprinklers sound great, much water is lost to evaporation as the sprinkler moves back and forth, shooting the water into the air. The best methods for deep watering are hand watering, or better yet, drip watering. This can be an easy and inexpensive fix so you do not have to stand outside in the heat to water. The water gets to the base of the plants and, with mulch or pine straw over the plants, will not evaporate into the air but will quench the thirst of those lovely perennials, annuals, and shrubs. Most of us here in Mentone have large shade

trees in our yards. Trees need about 500 gallons of water a day. My suggestion is to water your smaller plants directly so they get the first water. The trees will take the rest. The trees have deeper roots so they are getting the water deeper in the ground.

The next suggestion is to wait until September to plant anything new. There's a greater chance in the heat and dry conditions that newly installed plants will not live. Even with watering, they are trying to produce new roots while being under a lot of stress with very warm temperatures and little rain. (FYI, I have noticed that the natural rainfall revives plants much quicker and better than our chlorinated water.) If you have a well or a rain water collection system, your plants are probably looking much healthier than others in your neighborhood. Your water bill stays lower, too.

Try to water early in the day. The garden will use the water as the day gets warmer. A lot of early afternoon/evening watering can cause root rot and encourage pests such as mosquitoes. If you use a drip system, install a timer at the

faucet. Instructions are easy to understand and will allow you to be away from home while the system is on. Set it to run early in the morning, anywhere from 4 to 7 am. A two-hour time limit is good.

While you are striving to maintain your landscaping right now, it's a good time to plan for any new plants you want this fall. Fall is really the best time to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials. The ground is cooling off and there is usually more rain to help establish good roots. Contact your local garden shop for suggestions and to order your desired garden plants. Stay cool!



Remember When ... (cont'd from page 17)

skills.' Others who have had houses built by him state that once the construction is finished, he does not lose interest. He expects any flaws to be pointed out and wants to be called in connection with any changes or revisions. For some summer people he looks in on the houses during the winter. "

"Twice he has departed from his calling as builder. For almost four years in the sixties he was maintenance supervisor for the DeKalb County Schools. From 1964 to 1966 he was Mentone town policeman... The Shigleys are members of the Mentone Wesleyan Church. Mae was manager of the Moon Lake School cafeteria for 32 years. She is now a volunteer worker at Baptist Medical Center of DeKalb County in Fort Payne."

As the article continued, the interviewer asked about some of Mr. Shigley's civic activities. Mr. Shigley talked about his position as Commander of the American Legion Post at Mentone that was founded in 1948. "We have an election of officers coming up in late July. One of our main goals is to double our membership.

We have a very good meeting house on the road behind Blackburn's' store. We need some money to improve the plumbing. Once this is done, it would be a good meeting place for various groups. As for the activities of the Post, we are interested in civic matters and are really trying to be alert about legislation that involves veterans' interests."

They also discussed the Mentone Rescue Squad... "GROUNDHOG: Our Mentone Rescue Squad has a good reputation. Tell us something about its activities. SHIGLEY: Our building adjoins the Legion Hall. The Rescue Squad should be called for lost persons, water rescue, persons trapped or lost in caves and on cliffs, persons injured. We are as well equipped as any Rescue Squad in the state. Our equipment includes two boats and motors; one van; one four wheel drive weapons carrier; a truck with generator which lights up a large area; several generators to assist when power is off; a variety of small emergency equipment. We are members of the Alabama Rescue Squad Association. GROUNDHOG: Some communities have arranged a single number to which all emergencies are directed. One number is dialed

for fire, police, ambulance and all emergencies. Is anything like that in the offing? SHIGLEY: This has been discussed at the regional meetings. We may have it in the future."

I had to pause momentarily and appreciate the fact that our community was already considering what later became the 911 emergency system. It takes forward thinkers like this to help a community care for its citizens. When asked what we needed as a community, Mr. Shigley's response: "The more good solid citizens we get here — the better off we are." The interviewer then asked if he was "afraid of growth, that there will be too much change?" Mr. Shigley, intelligently replied: "There are signs of growth, but nothing that big. Natural growth is nothing to be afraid of."

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Rhododendron Garden Club

By Mellanie Tuttle

The Rhododendron Garden Club met at Mellanie Tuttle's home at 10:00 on Wednesday, July 13 so that members and five guests could make hypertufa pots. An informal business meeting was held during lunch. Mellanie Tuttle provided drinks and a dessert, and Mary Shurrett served a yummy trifle. President/ Horticulture Chairman, Martha Wood, shared an excerpt about seeds that could be an article on its own. "Seeds know how to wait" and the fact that one million orchid seeds would have the weight of a paperclip were just a couple of the fascinating tidbits from the book *LabGirl* by Hope Jahren.

Natural tufa is a soft, porous, limestone rock made of calcium carbonate and formed by evaporation of water. The Romans used tufa as building material until smoother marble became the stone of choice. English farmers carved out the tufa to make water and feed troughs for their animals. Then, folks started using the old troughs for alpine and succulent plants. As the numbers available declined and value increased, some brilliant person came up with the idea to replicate the troughs with a cement mixture and hypertufa was created! The hypertufa creations can be moved more easily: they weigh about one fourth of similar ones made entirely of concrete. Being very alkaline (lime in the cement), the pots must be rinsed several times or given a vinegar bath if acid-loving plants are to be used



in them.

With great anticipation, each person claimed her space, readied the mold pot, donned mask and goggles, and prepared to start mixing Portland cement, vermiculite and peat moss with water until it was the consistency of cottage cheese. Then the mixture was applied to the plastic lined containers and hypertufa mixture added until the proper thickness was reached. At least an inch for smaller pots and up to two inches for troughs or larger containers were the recommended thicknesses. Making hypertufa is not an exact science; measurements in recipes, thickness of layers, the amount of time before removing the foundation structures and curing times vary. Each 'expert' seems to have their

own agenda and never the twain shall meet! The humidity in the workshop seemed to be about 200%. Two days later the pots looked as wet as when they were made! Fingers crossed that the finished product will turn out well. At least we all tried and had a great deal of fun making the attempt. How many tries did Edison make before he got the light bulb all figured out?

Next month, the meeting will be back at the MERF House on August 9 at 10:00. The program will be about getting ready for the Fall Flower Show at the VFW. There is still time to get container plants, terrariums and dish gardens readied for those blue ribbon entries. The Grower's Choice Award is a lovely rosette of dark green ribbons and could be yours! We welcome visitors and hope for new faces next month.

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World's Longest Yard Sale

In 2013, my husband and I purchased our Mentone cottage and quickly began discovering the exciting events Mentone offers throughout the year. However, the most unusual and enjoyable event we discovered was The World's Longest Yard Sale- running over 690 miles and passing right through Mentone, Alabama. For a couple of years, we were happy attending the sale. I always found at least one or two items I had to have.

Last year, things changed. We decided, after 50 years of marriage, we had a lot of unnecessary items at our house needing to be offered for sale. With my husband's truck loaded to the brim, we searched for a place to set up our sale items.

Fortunately for us, Gail Gaylord, with a home next to the Post Office on Highway 117, had a cancellation for a vendor spot in her front yard. Excitedly, we took it and wondered what was in store for us. The first thing in store for us was the rain so heavy that we couldn't even set up our table and tent. Thankfully, the following days brought forth beautiful weather. Early our first morning, we "opened for business" and settled down to see what would happen. It happened - the crowds came and came, and they bought and bought.

Selling our items was fun, but the best part was the many people we met and the conversations we had. Many of the shoppers wore hats and tee shirts proclaiming, "I survived The World's Longest Yard Sale". It seems that there are die hard people returning year after year who come from near and far to participate in the sale.

There was one



shopper, Faye Ming, whom I got to know and now count her among my friends. Faye is 71 years old and comes each year, by herself, to Mentone from California in her van equipped with a bed, chest of drawers, cooler for a refrigerator, a toilet and even more surprising, a breathing machine. She allowed me to see her "rig" and photograph it. Oh, did I say, she has Texas long horns mounted on top? She said her

By Nancy Haukohl

California cousin added those because her Texas cousins refused, saying that was tacky. She drives across the country alone, stopping in camp grounds for hook ups and shower facilities. She is absolutely delightful, and during the past year we have talked on the phone many times and exchanged Christmas cards.

When I asked Faye why Mentone is her yearly destination, she quickly replied, "To get J. Bird's barbecue!" Barbecue is the reason Faye drives from California and, therefore, how I met her.



J. Bird set up his barbecue stand in Gail Gaylord's yard and Faye had to pass by my table to get to the barbecue stand. His barbecue is fantastic. There are also many other places in Mentone to get good food--Wildflower, Kamama's, The Green Leaf Grill, Helena's and The Mentone Market.

If you are looking for a brass bed, china, iron pots, jewelry, furniture, silver, pictures, quilts or junk, then The World's Longest Yard Sale is for you. If you enjoy meeting nice, interesting people, then come with your friendly attitude and go home with a new friend or two. See you at the sale on August 4th-7th in Mentone, Alabama!

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GOOD NEIGHBORS

By: Doug Kiker

It was in the middle of the night, when our neighbor got an awful fright.
FIRE!!! That dreaded enemy—it can destroy a barn, no matter how tight.
The red flames of fire, crackling and popping, eating away. It was quite a sight.
The fire was winning even though he put up a fierce fight.
The cows and chickens, rabbits and mules, were led to safety, the number one rule.
But, when all was said and done, the fire had won.
What a terrible price. Feed, seed, tools all gone up in smoke.
It was enough to give anyone a stroke. But no, farmers are strong folks.
He started rebuilding the very next day, and would you know it, neighbors donated tools and hay.
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Linda Patterson, owner of the chapel, said the idea for it began with a bell, and now that bell rings as newlyweds exit the door of the chapel.

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