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MENTONE ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER TO HOLD INTRODUCTORY EVENT ON JUNE 4

Saturday, June 4, will mark an important milestone toward the realization of the Mentone Arts and Cultural Center (MACC)--and YOU are cordially invited to be a part of this exciting moment at Kamama Gallery! From 2:00 until 4:00 on that afternoon, the MACC project will be officially introduced to the public--to those who actually live in Mentone and to those who simply love Mentone.

Refreshments will be available along with renderings of the MACC facility--which will rise from the gently rolling landscape alongside Alabama Highway 117, east of Moon Lake Elementary School. As a multi-use facility, the building's interior will provide space for exhibits and performances, conferences and education, and tourist information. Its exterior garden of plants and sculptures will draw from, and enhance, the region's natural beauty.

With a unique design inspired by ideas from Auburn University architecture students, this showcase for local talent and repository of local heritage will preserve, display, and foster the rich tradition of creative arts in the Mentone area. The building's auditorium will provide an ideal venue for performances of music, drama, and dance--and its classroom will allow instruction and practice in a wide variety of enriching topics.

Enthusiasm for the MACC vision will continue expanding and intensifying through the support of Mentone's residents, visitors, and friends--and YOU are encouraged to learn more about this exciting endeavor on June 4 at Kamama Gallery. Tax-deductible gifts are welcome as the project progresses, but your simple presence and personal input at this introductory event are vital!



Miss Rhododendron Pageant Winners

Congratulations to our 2016 Miss Rhododendron- Ms. Megan Aislinn Kelley! Megan is 18 and just recently graduated from Valley Head High School. Megan enjoys reading, painting, drawing and listening to music. She was a member of the Beta Club and FCCLA. Her future plans are to attend college and pursue her dream job as a medical assistant. Megan was awarded a Leadership Scholarship from Northeast Alabama Community College that will cover all tuition and fees for one year. Congratulations Megan!

We would also like to congratulate our other Miss Rhododendron Pageant winners. They are: Teen Miss Rhododendron - Erin Ransom Claire Tucker; 1st alternate - Taylor Elizabeth Theakston
Mini Miss Rhododendron - Kylie Laine Peterson; 1st alternate - Emma Campbell Crawford
Tiny Miss Rhododendron - Oakley Dupree; 1st alternate - Harper Hughes

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Vann McCary Scholarship Winners



St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church is very proud to announce the winners of the Vann McCary Scholarship, 2016. This scholarship was created by two families who have a deep commitment to the area around Mentone and its people. It is available, once a year, for four years to those who wish to further their education post high school. St. Joseph's has pledged to serve and support the community and this scholarship fund is one of the ways we look forward to upholding that mission.

Our congratulations go to all the Valley Head High School seniors and their families. This year's 2016 Vann McCary Scholarship recipients are Sierra Chambers and Kenzie Willingham. We look forward to keeping them in our thoughts and prayers throughout the upcoming years.

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MENTONE MATTERS

By Mayor Rob Hammond



The summer season is upon us. When the camps open in June, our population more than doubles. Additionally, we have more people staying at their second homes and more people visiting Mentone. There will be a lot more people walking, jogging, and cycling around town. Folks enjoying these activities should avoid the bridge on AL 117 if possible. As you drive, cycle, walk, or jog, please be aware and "share the road."

With the passing of Jimmy Wright in May, Mentone lost one of its best citizens. Jimmy served his country in the Korean Conflict and was an active member of the American Legion. He served the Mentone community in many different capacities. I had the pleasure of serving with him on the town council. Jimmy was dedicated to his family, and was a good friend and neighbor to many. He will be missed.

From The Editor

What a delight to be a part of a community that has such magical events! The Rhododendron Festival was wonderful. I met lots of new people- some local folks, a few vendors, and several visitors that were in town for the weekend. It was very serene to drive through town on my way to the library book sale and hear music and laughter coming in my windows from every direction and to see smiling faces- both familiar and new- enjoying the community spirit that was in the air. It was inspiring to sit on the edge of the brow with a gentle breeze and hear the delightful music under the pavilion; to walk through the village and the shops and hear music in the air from... somewhere. I never did determine exactly, as I kept getting distracting by all the magnificent items on display, but I certainly did enjoy the melodies.

Mentone is a uniquely charming town on any day, but the creative energy of the festival activities has left me invigorated! Some of the hand-crafted items at the festival inspired me to try some things on my own. At the very least, it will give me some funny stories of the attempts! The community spirit re-ignited my belief in mankind- at the heart of it all, people are good. It is nice to see such diverse peoples come together and arrange an event that

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!
THANK YOU!!!!

The Annual Mentone Clean Up is a great way to see big impact in just 3 hours of focused trash pickup each year. Thank you to all the volunteers that picked up trash along the road side on Saturday April 2, 2016 !! You make our community great!!!

Many thanks to our great Sponsors:

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Special thanks to David Mays for smoking the meat for the picnic
Larry Joe Hall for the wonderful music while we ate!!
Thank you to everyone that picks up trash all during the year!! Take Pride & Take Part !!!

entertains and enlightens a wide variety of folk who enjoy themselves with complete strangers. I truly appreciate all the effort that was put into organizing this event. Where else do you receive a smile and a friendly hug from someone you met the day before who feels like a kindred soul? The spirit of Mentone is remarkable and very much alive- handed down through the ages to the next generation of inhabitants.

~Anna Mae Horn





MAPA NEWS

By Ray Padgett

Once again, Mentone has been a proud and privileged host of neighbors and visitors during the Rhododendron Festival. Community members have come together to give many the joy of celebrating our area's local talents- music, art, crafts, and food. Mother Nature was on her best behavior on Saturday and Sunday, and Rhododendrons were on beautiful display about town.

The Festival is truly a group effort. Area sponsors make the event possible and MAPA is most grateful for their support. Be sure to look at the banners in this issue and let these sponsors know that you enjoyed the festival they helped make possible. The North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, as always, was available for miscellaneous chores and made some delicious barbeque. Local Boy Scout members did a fabulous job with parking, trash pickup, chairs, and many other necessary tasks. Thanks to the boys as well as the adult sponsors of this fantastic organization. We look forward to seeing these young gentlemen as future leaders of our community.

Obviously, without organization, there would be no event; we would simply have chaos. MAPA

appreciates all the committee members who dedicated countless hours, immeasurable energy, as well as blood, sweat, tears, and money to make sure the 2016 Rhododendron Festival went as smooth as possible. Thanks to a dedicated group who spend months meeting, discussing, planning, and ironing out details, many, many people were able to have a fabulous weekend. If you know someone who worked on this committee, please extend your personal thanks for their efforts. This core team of volunteers strive to make each festival a little better than the last. Through a conscientious effort, this festival went very smooth, for the most part. After each festival, the committee gathers a final time to discuss the needed improvements for the next event. This leads to improvements and good organization which leads to more enjoyment and a better presentation as a community. Of course, the more volunteers there are, the more improvement we will see and the more tasks that can be accomplished.

If you have ideas or have any contribution you can make, be sure to attend a MAPA meeting soon; it won't be long until this same dedicated group starts working toward making Colorfest a success. MAPA appreciates each and every person who loves Mentone enough to help with the festival in any way. A genuine "Thank you!" to each person who helped. Anyone who would like to be a part of the process is welcome. There are many needs; a task for every talent. MAPA was delighted to see a good crowd each day of the festival and appreciates everyone in attendance.

Once again, the MAPA Board thanks

everyone for their long-term support of MAPA, its events and its publication of The Groundhog. Our MAPA Board meets the second Wednesday of every month, 6:00 P.M. at Kamama Gallery. Visitors and members are encouraged to attend. MAPA is a community organization and needs everyone's ideas, energy and input.



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MBA news: What Will the Future Bring?



By
Charlotte Gentry
MBA
President

You may or may not be aware, but with the passing of HB69, relating to Alcohol Sales, Mentone stands to become one of the areas that will be "wet." The impact of alcohol sales on the future of Mentone is something about which the Mentone Business Association wants all business owners and citizens of Mentone to be informed.

We discussed the matter in depth at our May meeting. We believe the mayor and town council are looking at the sales of alcohol very seriously and with a great deal of forethought. The MBA is hoping to work as closely as possible with the Town of Mentone in the coming weeks and months to try and help with implementing this new law in our town. We feel it is important that business owners have a strong voice in this

process.

Our town is a picturesque, quiet little place that gains most of its revenue from tourism. The shops, businesses and restaurants are frequented mostly by these visitors to our area. There are many who come here expecting to be able to have a glass of wine with a meal or purchase alcoholic beverages from the local markets. Whatever our personal feelings on the sale or consumption of alcohol, it is going to have a definite impact on the economy and, possibly, on the feel of the town.

If you are a business owner, or if you are interested in the future of Mentone, we encourage you to be a part of the MBA. There is no cost to join. We meet every 2nd Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 13th at 7 pm (new summer meeting time) at Mentone Realty. We'd love to see you there. We send out email updates on meeting times and any calls to action that might arise. Also, please visit our Facebook page for upcoming news and announcements.

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Little River Arts Council Mixes it Up

By Rhea Pirch

Members of the Little River Arts Council met for a Spring Mixer on May 12th at Kamama to celebrate ten years of service, reveal plans, and share ideas on how the Council can continue to encourage and support the arts in the Mentone area this year and beyond.

After an hour of mingling and hors d'oeuvres, Council President Scott Thomas took the stage to brief the cluster of members about plans already in motion for this summer, including concerts that will be held at various venues, including the Fort Payne Rotary Pavilion, the Mentone Inn Pavilion, Kamama Gallery, and the amphitheatre at the Little River Canyon Center. Expanding the venues, Scott said, will hopefully attract larger crowds and in turn, ultimately bring them to Mentone. Four of the concerts will be free, on June 24th, July 9th, August 20th and September 10th, thanks to a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts, and a small fee will be charged for the concert during Camptown Getdown, a celebration of Mentone's mountain heritage, to be held on July 23rd and 24th.

A new perk for members will be added to this year's concerts. Any artist who is a member of the Little River Arts Council is invited to set up a booth, free of charge, at any of the concerts.



Board Members attending the spring mixer-Brad Lackey, Rhea Pirch, Tammy Bean, Scott Thomas, Sandra Padgett and Cynthia Stinson

It is our effort, Scott said, to provide artists an opportunity to share and sell their art when they might not otherwise be able to.

Scott also reminded the group of the annual Home Tour and Silent Auction, to be held on

October 29th and 30th, and of our collaboration with DeSoto State Park to host an art show for member artists in the park pavilion area during Veteran's Day weekend.

The floor was then opened for discussion on how the Arts Council can better serve the community. Several ideas were exchanged, including holding an art day camp for area children starting as soon as this summer, finding artists to lead such a camp and also provide classes for adults and children in the future.

A question arose about the Second Saturday Art Market. Due to low participation in the heat of summer last year, it was decided by the board to cancel the program this year, but remain open to ideas on how the organization can continue to support not only the visual artists but the many musicians, writers and thespians in the area.

The evening wrapped up with an invitation for all to join in and spread the word about the Little River Arts Council through volunteering and sharing the many talents the members possess.

The Little River Arts Council meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Mentone Inn at 5 p.m. All are invited to attend. To find out more information or to become a member, check out the website at LittleRiverArtsCouncil.org.

DeKalb County Graduates New Leaders

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 Leadership DeKalb County graduating class. This class of 24 leaders from across DeKalb County have met

monthly since August 2015 in various locations all over the county to get a more in depth view and gain better knowledge of local and state



governments, tourism, public safety, media, economic development, health & social services and education. The purpose of Leadership DeKalb County, is to provide enhanced educational opportunities designed to promote and build leadership within DeKalb County.

2016 Graduating class (in alphabetical order): Mayor Chuck Ables, Pam Abernathy, Jason Barnett,

Chasley Bellomy, Heather Buckner, Paige Davis, Glenn Horton, Derrick Huskey, Ben Johnston, Laura Kerby, Carrie Lea, Anna Lindsey, Pam Mason, David MdMillen, Cassie Parker, Jeanne Phillips, Kristie Poe, Matthew Pozak, Shane Trotman, Ashlee Vaughn, Darren Westbrook, Lori Wheeler and Kayla Worthey.

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This Old House: MERF Community House-June



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.

Summertime is here, so keep an eye out for Senior Social fun! Again this summer, the senior lunch bunch crew will meet up at local restaurants for a fun outing and enjoy a social or two at the MERF house.

Thanks to the Rhododendron Garden club for working around the MERF house keeping the plants and trees happy surrounded by mulch and beautiful grounds. MERF also appreciates Walt Pullen keeping the yard mowed and debris gathered. Thanks to MAPA for putting on another great festival and MERF appreciates everyone that stopped by our booth and said hello or bought a "Leave Me in Mentone" item. If you missed our booth, MERF items are for sale at DeSoto State Park country store, Kamama, Moon Lake Trading Company, Little River Hardware and from Sarah. Thanks for your support!

An Afternoon with Artists occurred at Moon Lake Elementary School on Friday, May 13th, and it was a blast! Three local artists spent the afternoon with the students so they could learn about and experience both visual and performing arts. Max Mitchell, representing Miracle Pottery, brought a bowl in different stages of the creating process and explained what happened to the clay to make a beautiful bowl. The students also had some clay to quickly make their own creation. Miracle Pottery will

have classes available this summer so check out their website for more information. Scott Thomas, from Scott's Happy Art, brought several of his creative, folk art work including his current project of painting a guitar. The students enjoyed learning that Scott's designs are inspired by the quilts that his grandmother made as he spent many days of his childhood with her. He uses unique tools to paint his designs such as toothpicks from Cracker Barrel. He encouraged the students to create what they love not necessarily what they think others will love. Mickey Luck brought several of his instruments, gave their history, and played them for the students. They learned about the Ukelele, the Dulcimer, and the Fiddle. Some of the students thought his handmade cigar box fiddle sounded better than his professionally made fiddle. The hula dancing to the ukulele was a highlight for all three groups and everyone wanted Mickey to play another song. The artists did a great job of sharing their passions. They enjoyed the afternoon as much as the students. Thank you for taking time to come share with the students. Hopefully, the fall will bring some more afternoons with our artist friends.

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



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By Barb Stoll

Welcome May Flowers!

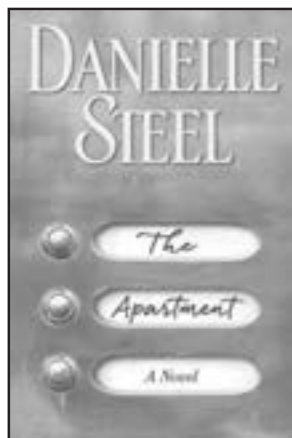
Ahh, there's that smell of summer in the air. Okay, maybe it's just pollen, but the mountain has come alive again, and it is a beauty. It is also a time of change and new beginnings. Here at the library, we have some changes too. Our beloved and long time librarian, Beverly Ashley, is handing over the reins to Brandy Barrett.

We want to send a big, warm 'Thank You' to Miss Beverly for all her wonderful service to the library. Beverly has been our librarian since we first decided to have a regular librarian instead of various volunteers. This would give us one person to provide continuity with records and keeping up with everything that was going on. She quickly became the friendly face that everyone looked forward to seeing. Miss Beverly knew everyone's name, their reading preferences, dvd preferences and would lend a kind ear for those that wanted to talk. Later, she would also become a friendly face at Town Hall and the Water Department. She has become an invaluable asset to our entire community. We will miss you but wish you the best in all aspects Miss Beverly. Brandy has big shoes to fill, but is very capable and will no doubt do a wonderful job. Welcome Brandy!

Also, we would like to thank everyone who visited the library for the Rhododendron Festival this year; we met some wonderful people,

especially the group of students from Covenant College that we hope to see again soon. We appreciate everyone's support of the library through the book sale.

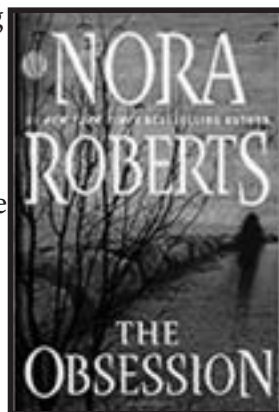
This lovely weather means it's time to get out to your local Community Library and grab plenty of summer time reading. Here are some new additions we have for you to check out. (We also have other works by some of these authors for sale.)



The Apartment: Danielle Steel's novel for 2016 is sure to please. They come together by chance in the heart of New York City- four young women at turning points in their lives. Their shared life in the apartment grounds them as they become a family of beloved friends.

This vibrant, tender and moving tale pulses with the excitement of New York City, as Danielle Steel explores twists of fate, and the way that sometimes, friends can be the family we need most.

The Obsession: The riveting new novel from Nora Roberts has finally arrived. Naomi Bowes lost her innocence the night she followed her father into the woods. Now a successful photographer living under the name Naomi Carson, she has found a place that calls to her, thousands of miles away from everything she's ever known. But the sins of the father can become an obsession, and, as she's learned time and again, her past is never more



than a nightmare away.



15th Affair: Filled with the pulse-pounding intrigue that has made James Patterson the world's #1 bestselling writer, 15th Affair is an emotionally charged story that proves all is fair in love, war, and espionage. Detective Lindsay Boxer chases an elusive, possibly very dangerous suspect...her husband, Joe. For the Women's Murder Club, it's a fine line between love...and murder.

Fool Me Once: You think you know the truth. The truth is- you know nothing. In the course of eight consecutive #1 New York Times bestsellers, millions of readers have discovered Harlan Coben's page-turning thrillers, filled with his trademark edge-of-your seat suspense and gut-wrenching emotion. In Fool Me Once, Coben once again outdoes himself.



Chicken Soup for the Soul, the joy of less: Do you have too much stuff? Are you cramming too many activities into each day? We all want to reclaim control of our lives- reducing the amount of clutter in our homes and on our calendars! These 101 stories, from people who have figured out how to have "the joy of less", will inspire you to improve your own life.

Red (DVD): Frank (Bruce Willis) is a former black ops CIA agent living a quiet life alone...

until the day a hit squad shows up to kill him. Stand back and watch the bullets fly in this explosive action-comedy. It is star studded fun with Helen Mirren, John Malkovich, and Morgan Freeman. You will enjoy this show.

There you have it folks, summer fun for the taking. So get out and enjoy your Community Library. Happy Summer!

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THE
RECIPE
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JUNE

For the next few months, we are inviting local chefs to share some of their special recipes. For June, we are delighted to have a pesto recipe from Fontana Stinson who manages Kamama Cafe..

Kale Almond Pesto
By Fontana Stinson

Kale is known for its many health benefits, so Kale Almond Pesto is a great way to add a deliciously healthy flare to just about any meal or on any dish. It's one of the favorites at Kamama- super healthy and easy, yet very delicious. It can be put on anything. At Kamama, we top our Ahi tuna with it and use it for our ricotta stuffed chicken. We also spread it on our pimento cheese BLT. It goes great with eggs, or you can eat this pesto with crackers or raw veggies. You can even substitute your marinara sauce on pizza with the pesto, which is scrumptious! This recipe was shared with me, so I am passing it on. I hope you fall in love with it as quickly as I did.

- 1-1/2 cup of fresh kale
1/2 cup almonds 2 cloves of chopped garlic
1/2 tsp of kosher salt
- 3 tsp olive oil
2 tsp of lemon juice

Put all ingredients into a blender and blend for about 5 minutes, stopping to check the thickness of the pesto.



The
Times
of Our
Lives

Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington D.C. We would like to congratulate Brooke on her hard work, and we are very proud to have her represent Valley

Head School!
Brooke will spend 6 days in Washington D.C. and in that time will have the opportunity to visit several of our national monuments, including the Lincoln Memorial.

Right: Brooke Moore in Washington D.C.



Right: Emma Harrison - DARE Essay winner from Moon Lake Elementary School



Brooke Moore Selected as SMEC Washington Youth Tour Winner
By David Marks
Counselor-Valley Head High School

Valley Head Junior Brooke Moore has been selected as one of the two to represent the Sand Mountain Electric

June Birthdays

- June 1 – Sible Hopper
June 1 – Kayla Hellums
June 1 – Rebecca Guinn
June 1 - Braden Busby
June 1 – Madie Durham
June 1 – Josh Williamson
June 2 - Skylar Venable
June 3 – Brittney Harrison Coleman
June 3 – Donald Stephens
June 3 – Byron Haynes
June 4 – Lisa Crowder
June 5 – Doris Chamlee
June 6 – Angela Valentine
June 6 – Keegan Johnson
June 6 – Christy Harrison
June 6 - Brayden Harrison
June 6 – Kenneth Aiden Busby
June 6 – Caitlyn Collins
June 7 – Luke Johnson
June 7 – Donnie Goodman

- June 8 – Ethan Harrison
June 8 – Gail Smalley
June 8 – Rachel Lusk
June 8 – David Dean
June 8 – Vince Wright
June 9 – Sydney Vest
June 9 – Denita Manifold
June 9 - Brandon Collins
June 10 – Amanda Gray
June 10 – Michelle Chappell
June 10 – Patty Tucker
June 10 – Joyce Wright
June 10 – Rebekah Weldon
June 13 – Kristi Chambers
June 13 – Taylor Gardner
June 14 – Luke Harrison
June 14 – Jerry Stokes
June 15 – Campbell Smith
June 15 – Brad Wright
June 16 – Sara Langston
June 16 – Kayla Crow
June 16 – Mason Vest
June 17 – Hope Carden
June 17 – Andy Beason
June 17 – Megan Gilreath

- June 18 – Ashley Ingram
June 18 – Ozell Thornberry
June 18 – Josh Smith
June 18 – Carlotta Sharpton
June 19 – Sierra Chambers
June 20 – Keri Miller
June 20 – Brandy Rosson
June 21 – Katherine McDorman
June 21 – Nick Langston
June 21 - Nancy W. Smith
June 21 - Hannah Stinson
June 21 - Betty S Morrison
June 22 – Judy Smith
June 22 – Zachary Potts
June 22 – Nathan Keith
June 23 – Benny Goss
June 24 – Brenda Goss
June 24 – Kenneth Chambers
June 24 – Cecily Cartwright Goza
June 25 – Briley Harrison
June 25 – Stephanie Poe
June 26 – Andrew Crowe
June 27 – Ashtynn Carden
June 28 – Josh Baggett
June 28 – Chris Stokes

- June 29 – Jacob Bain
June 29 – JoAnn Bain
June 29 – Jean Crabtree
June 29 – Jacqueline Tipton
June 30 – Cooper Hilyer

June Anniversaries

- June 1 – Wink & Stacie Painter
June 5 – Alfie & Kristi Chambers
June 6 – Tom & Joyce Tate
June 11 – Ralph & Carolyn Baine
June 12 – Tom & Jacqueline Tipton
June 15 – Michael & Jennifer Owen
June 18 – Phil & Krissy Harris
June 18 – Benjie & Pam Mason
June 19 – Josh & Emmy Smith
June 19 - John & Trish Sprague
June 19 – Matt & Traci Hulkan
June 22 – Andy & Jimmie Sue Beason
June 23 – Rusty & Angela Chambers

What To Do Around Here!

June 2016 Community Calendar

June 1 - Celestial Navigation . This two-hour class is a basic introduction to navigation by the stars. Learn how to navigate without the use of a compass or GPS with the same rules used for almost six thousand years. Meet at True Adventure Sports. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 2 - GPS Basic Training and Navigation Class Part 1. Learn how to use a map, compass, and a handheld GPS. Learn basic navigation and how to pinpoint a location for quick return, or quick rescue. Also learn how to search by waypoints or coordinates. True Adventure Sports. 10 am to 4 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 3, 7, 15, 27, 28 - Wild Cave Tour. This 2.5 hour adventure is for those of you ready to explore on your knees, on your belly, in the mud and through tight tunnels. Adventure includes helmet, cave lamps plus a fun informative guide. True Adventure Sports. 5 pm to 7:30 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 4 - Official Introduction of the MACC. Mentone Arts and Cultural Center (MACC) will be officially introduced to the public. Renderings of the new facility will be available as well as refreshments. This multi-use facility will provide space for exhibits and performances, conferences and education, and tourist information. This event will mark an important milestone toward the realization of the Mentone Arts and Cultural Center – and YOU are cordially invited to be a part of this exciting moment at Kamama Gallery! 2 pm to 4 pm.

June 4 - The 1st Annual Rhododendron Dash. Due to the possibility of inclement weather, the 5k was not able to take place during the festival. Online registration has been reopened for those who would like to participate. Walk, jog, run or race! All ages are invited. The path follows County Road 648 and County Road 89 in Mentone. Sign in & Race Day Registration begins @ 7:30 am Saturday morning at Mason Park, adjacent to Mentone Town Hall. Registration closes @ 8 am and race begins at 8:30 am. Registration Day of Race \$35 for everyone. Race ends at Brow Park with awards immediately following. Awards will be given in each category! Please email angie@oneworldadventureco.com or call 256-634-8370.

June 4 - Movin' For Mainstreet 5K/Fun Run. The Fort Payne Main Street will be hosting a 5K Fun Run. This will be a fundraiser for Main Street. Race begins at 8 am at the Fort Payne Coal & Iron Building. Prizes will be awarded. 256-997-7481.

June 4, 17 - Rock Climbing / Rappelling Adventure Combo. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing and rappelling is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. 10 am to 2 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 4 - DeKalb County Fiddlers' Convention. Come and enjoy the 108th Anniversary of the DeKalb Fiddlers' Convention. Held at the Rotary Pavillion in downtown Fort Payne. Registration starts at 11 am with contests at noon. Proceeds go to benefit the BWAC and Fort Payne City Schools Arts in Education Program. Admission is \$10. Children 10 and under are free. 256-845-2224.

June 4 - The 13th Annual Latino Festival . Live Mariachi band, pony rides, face painting, authentic Mexican to Tex-Mex food vendors and so much more. Northeast Alabama Community College campus. Free Admission; 12 pm to 4 pm. 256-638-4418.

June 4, 24 - Night Zip Line Adventure. All our zip lines are set up just before the adventure to ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before the adventure. 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 5 - Welcome Lunch. We will be having lunch immediately after the service to welcome our new pastor, Brother John Inman, to Moon Lake Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome to join us.

June 6, 18, 30 - Extreme Night Hike. This end-of-day adventure does not slow down just because it's dark. Intended for a large group team-building exercise, this hike has a bit of bouldering, some scrambling, some spelunking, and a whole lot of required working together. True Adventure Sports. 7:30 pm to 10 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 7 thru 9 - High Adventure Trip. This is a 3 day adventure including a Wild Cave Tour, Rock Climbing, An Extreme Night Hike and end with a relaxing canoe trip. Price includes all activities, attractions, permits, fees, gear, and guides. 256-997-9577

June 7, 25 - Zip Line Adventure. All our zip lines are set up just before the adventure to ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before the adventure. 10 am to 12 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 8 - Canyon Center Creative Kids Days: Canyon Bugs & Plants Adventures in Nature. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to creatively learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more with JSU Field Schools. Your children (ages 5-10) will want to attend ALL of these hands-on outdoor adventures! (Parents/Guardian remain with kids) Meet in Little River Canyon Center lobby; programs on Path to Learning and Orchard \$5 per child (to cover cost of supplies); pre-registration required. 10 am to Noon. 256-782-5697.

June 10 - Knot Class & Application. Introduction and instruction to essential knots and their application for camping, rappelling, rock climbing, outdoor survival, and other applications. 1 pm to 5 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 11 - DeKalb County Genealogical

Society. Will meet at the DeKalb County Public Library. Speaker: Dr. Steve Brewer. Topic: Houses of Cherokee Indian Chiefs: Andrew Ross, Maj. George Lowrey, Sequoyah, as well as other Interesting Cherokee History. Meeting starts at 10 am.

June 11 - Outdoor Survival Adventure. Learn the fundamentals of survival through this hands-on class held in a beautiful location. Sign up for a fun and informative 5 hour adventure, with a survival expert and naturalist who covers survival kits, fire, shelter, water purification and rescue. You will come away with knowing how to be prepared and have the confidence to implement outdoor skills during any emergency situation. * Class is limited to 15 participants - Ages 10 and up. 9:00am-2:00pm @ DeSoto State Park - Playground parking area. Fee is \$30 per person + \$2 for parking per vehicle. **June 11 & 12 - Dixie Long Riders Mounted Shooters Association Competition.** MSA competitions at the Northeast Alabama Agri-Business Center in Rainsville. Free admission for spectators. 256-638-1650

June 11, 23, 28 - Rappelling Adventure. Come experience the thrill of rappelling down the sheer sandstone gems of NE AL. Each trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. 10 am to 2 pm. 256-997-9577. **June 11 - Orienteering Class.** Basic, yet essential, skills for survival navigation are brought to you in map reading, compass reading, and topography. 10 am to 1 pm, 256-997-9577.

June 11 - Powell Vegas 5th Annual Back-Woods Festival. Come enjoy a day of live music, food, horse shoe tournament, inflatable's for the kids, prizes, face painting, dunking booth and more. All proceeds go to the Joe Lee Griffen Hope Lodge in Birmingham, AL. For those of you who are not familiar with the Hope Lodge, it is a place for cancer patients and a family member to stay free of charge if you live two hours or more outside of the Birmingham area. They also provide transportation to the hospital providing treatment. Rainsville City Park. 11 am to 8 pm. 256-717-7441.

June 11 - Blue Grass on the Rim. Jacksonville State University presents the premiere Canyon Concert Blue Grass on the Rim at Little River Canyon. Enjoy top bluegrass performers play authentic mountain music, guaranteed to resonate with die-hard bluegrass purists as well as followers of folk, country, rhythm & blues and rock & roll. You'll hear bluegrass talent from around the country. Doors open at 4 pm – so arrive early and bring lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends, to sit before the new Canyon Concert outdoor stage adjacent to the beautiful Little River Canyon National Preserve. Food vendors will be on hand along with on-site restrooms and the other comforts of home. 256-782-5697.

June 13 - Zip Line & Sky Swing Adventure.

All our zip lines are set up just before the adventure to ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before adventure. 10 am to 2 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 13 thru 16 - Outdoor Survival Camp. One World Adventure offers children ages 7-13 an opportunity to learn valuable and empowering wilderness skills. Camp activities include hiking, exploration, bushcraft, nature awareness and more for your son or daughter. Hiking, exploration, animal tracking, shelter building, primitive survival skills, summer fun, and so much more are all part of your child's exciting summer camp activities with One World. Call to register. 256-634-8370.

June 14 - 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 pm to 6 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 15 - Mountaineering Adventure. This 4-6 hour adventure starts with a rappel into a low light maze where we will stop and anchor part of the way down the rock wall and travel on the rock face mountaineering style to get to our main destination. True Adventure Sports. 10 am to 1 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 16 & 17 - Serious Skills Series: Splash and Pour: Wild Watercolor Class. Taught by artist Starr Weems. Participants in this 2-day workshop will learn the basics of watercolor pouring, an exciting painting technique that involves coating the paper with drawing gum and applying a controlled watercolor spill. This process is both planned and spontaneous, and provides a depth and glow that isn't possible by other methods. Working from field sketches and photographs, participants will create vibrant watercolor paintings to take home. Previous experience not required. Many materials will be provided, and participants will receive an additional supply list upon registration. Participants might bring a portable camp chair for outside work (optional) Starr Weems is an Alabama artist who specializes in watercolor pouring. Her paintings have been exhibited at Kentucky Museum and Huntsville Museum of Art (among others), and her work has been featured in various publications throughout the Southeast. She holds a M.Ed. from Auburn University and has been teaching for 15 years. 9 am to 4 pm both days. DeSoto State Park, Class will meet at the Nature Center, next to the Country Store. \$45 supply fee. Space is limited. Class is for teens to adult. Pre-registration required by May 27th. Call Brittney Hughes at 256-997-5025.

June 16 - Afternoon Rock Climb. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing is

all about in the afternoon with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. TAS. 2 pm to 6 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 17 - Night Sky Swing Adventure. This is an adventure of a lifetime. Enjoy the thrill of the swing. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before the adventure. Meet at True Adventure Sports. 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 17 - DeSoto State Park Campfire Talk: Spiders! Join us for a fun campfire talk in the great outdoors! Join Alabama State Park Ranger Mark Jackson to learn about common spiders of Northeast Alabama & how to identify the beneficial spiders from the ones that are dangerous to humans. Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. 8 pm to 9 pm DeSoto State Park's Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground. Free to the Public; Great for all ages! 256-997-5025

June 18 - DeSoto State Park Campfire Talk: Snakes Alive! Learn about the different snake species of NE Alabama, both venomous and nonvenomous, also learn how to tell the difference between the two! Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. 8 pm to 9 pm. DeSoto State Park's Campfire Ring. Free to the Public. Great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

June 18 - Plant Discovery Class. Welcome Summer! Wild edible tinctures - Learn how to identify and make your own medicinal tinctures with plants found on your land. This 5 hour class will cover the different types of tinctures you can easily make at home. You will gain hands-on knowledge of wild edible & medicinal plants that can be incorporated into everyday life. Ages 12 and up. 9am to 2pm @ DeSoto State Park Nature Center. Fee is \$30 per person + \$2 for parking per vehicle.

June 18 - The 8th Annual Freedom Fest 5K & 10K. Don't miss the area's largest fun run/

walk. Registration and starting of race is at Broadway Baptist Church in Rainsville. For online registration, contact info and more, visit the website www.racesonline.com Race begins at 8 am.

June 18 - DeKalb County Lake Grand Re-Opening. Come out and enjoy a day of celebration at the newly revitalized lake!!! There will be food vendors, arts and crafts, and live music! The 120-acre lake will be open for fishing with a purchased fishing permit (\$3)! Come see the improvements made and meet the new lake manager! Come join the festivities in Sylvania, AL from 10 am-3 pm!

June 18 - Third Saturday Downtown Sunset Event and Cruise-In. You can come out and enjoy an afternoon of family fun activities in downtown Fort Payne. This public event will include food, live music, a car show, and more from 5 pm to 9 pm. 256-996-3857.

June 20 thru 23 - Adventure Day Camp.

This camp builds self-esteem and skills in all things adventurous! Activities range from rappelling, rock climbing, kayaking, and thrill seeking hikes. Children will gain valuable knowledge about the importance of preserving our abundant recreational opportunities. Led by trained and certified outdoor instructors. One World Adventure. 256-634-8370.

June 20 - Poisonous Plants of Alabama

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

June 21 thru 24 - Canyon Camp for Children.

Hands-on environmental education, outdoor fun, arts and exploration of the natural world abound in this camp. These camps leave children begging for more JSU Field School fun! Children learn all about Little River Canyon National Preserve and DeSoto State Park...the river, the plants and the animals!

These camps fill quickly so register early. Fee includes lunch and supplies. Ages 6 - 9 years. Little River Canyon Center (and some off-site travel). 8 am to 4 pm. Drop off starts at 7:30 am. \$150 per participant; pre-registration required 256-782-5697.

June 21 - Afternoon Rock Climbing

Adventure. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. TAS. 2 pm to 6 pm 256-997-9577.

June 22 - 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. TAS. 10 am to 2 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 22 - Canyon Center Creative Kids Days:

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

June 23 - The 3rd Annual Singing with

the Stars. Student talent competition plus concerts by The Canyonland Vocal Band, and the Ryan Watkins Band. Held at the Beville Lyceum at NACC. Tickets are \$15 for age 18 and up, \$8 for age 5-18. Sponsored by the DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center. 6 pm. 256-638-4418.

June 24 - Wild Cave Tour. Go beyond where the average tourist explores! This 2.5 hour adventure is for those of you ready to explore on your knees, on your belly, in the mud and through tight tunnels. Adventure includes helmet, cave lamps plus a fun informative

guide. True Adventure Sports. 10 am to 12:30 pm. 256-997-9577.

June 25 - Music for the People. Little River Art Council (LRAC) kicks off its FREE Summer Concert Series at the Rotary Club Pavilion in Fort Payne! STRUNG LIKE A HORSE, The Ain't Sisters, Matty Croxton and More! We will have Local Food Vendors, Artists, and many other fun activities for everyone! It's a mini festival! Our 4 free summer concerts are made possible, in part, by the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Fort Payne Rotary Pavilion. 3 pm to 10 pm.

June 25 - Rainsville Freedom Fest. Enjoy fun for the whole family. Activities include the Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, live entertainment, festival food, arts & crafts and other vendors, free swimming at the city pool. Rainsville Freedom Fest will be at the Rainsville City Park and Tom Beville Enrichment Center. Admission is free. The festival will conclude shortly after nightfall with a big fireworks show. Check back for entertainment lineup and other details. 256-638-7800.

June 26 - Tri-State Paper Crafting. Join us to learn, create, and be inspired while crafting with papers, stamps, inks, punches, and die cuts. This month we will make birthday cards suitable for all. No experience needed. Kamama Gallery in Mentone AL 1:00 - 2:30. Reserve by noon Saturday the 25th. Cost is \$5. To learn more or reserve a spot send an email to cottagepaper@bellsouth.net or call 205-349-4026.

June 27 thru 30 - Art and Nature Camp. This camp brings children closer to nature with guided forest exploration, nature art and craft creation, woodland legends— teaching natural ecology of our hidden landscapes and unique habitats. Led by artists, naturalists, and art educators, the camps explore the connection of art and nature. One World Adventure. 256-634-8370.

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.

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

FREE FOOD for eligible persons and families. Hours: 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 7-8pm.

The Rhododendron Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10 AM at the MERF house in Mentone. (No meetings in June and July) 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.

By Anna Mae Horn

There was plenty of tasty food everywhere you



A big thanks to the MAPA board, committee volunteers, and each person who helped make this year's festival a terrific one. The time, energy, and expense you invested were very appreciated by many. And so the tradition of the Rhododendron Festival



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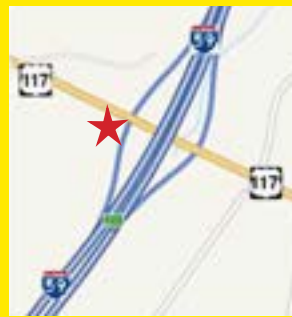


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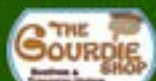
Linda Patterson, owner of the chapel, said the idea for it began with a bell, and now that bell rings as newlyweds exit the door of the chapel.

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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.

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

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May 30 thru June 3 - VBS @ Moon Lake Baptist Church. Registration starts at 5 pm on Sunday with a supper following, and then VBS until 8:30 pm. We ask parents to please come for registration, and you are welcome to join us for supper. VBS will be from 6 pm to 8:30 pm Monday through Friday evenings. Friday will be family night. If you have questions or need a ride, please call John Kincer (256-635-8740) or Carolyn Hendon (256-364-4704). We look forward to seeing you!

June 20 thru 24 - VBS @ Mentone Community Church. From 6 pm to 8:45 pm each evening. If you have questions or would like the bus to pick up your child, call the church office at 256-634-4210.



Little River Canyon National Preserve Searches for Volunteers

Little River Canyon National Preserve depends on volunteers to serve the quarter million visitors that visit the park every year. The volunteers provide information to visitors at Little River Falls, in the beautiful eco-friendly Little River Canyon Center and throughout the park.

Different types of volunteers do different jobs. One of our greatest needs is greeting visitors at the front desk, outdoors at the Little River Falls, and other places as needed. People call and visit the front desk at the Canyon Center for directions and information, and to see the movie. If you like dealing with people this is one of the more rewarding volunteer positions you can take on.

For those who would rather be outside and do physical labor, maintenance assistance is needed all year. The park does not have a trails crew. We need people to hike or walk our trails to report downed trees, spot hazards, and help keep the litter picked up. Resources management is able to train people in exotic plant removal, special habitat care and resources monitoring. Retired teachers who miss the teachable moments work well as educational assistants, and could do educational programs for a few school groups on field trips.

The park provides free uniforms to identify people as volunteers. The park provides specific



safety equipment, and materials. Experienced volunteers and staff provide training and mentor new volunteers to assist them in their duties. Our volunteers are extremely important members of the park family, and for their safety, volunteers cannot participate in dangerous situations such as fire, rope rescue and law enforcement. It is an enjoyable way to gain experience, meet visitors from all over the world, and improve the visitor experience for everyone.

Park Superintendent Steve Black invites you to come enjoy the park, and consider volunteering. For more information, call Larry Beane or Gayal Haag at Little River Canyon National Preserve (256)845-9605. Check out our webpage at nps.gov/liri or follow updates and find park pictures at "lirinps" on Facebook.

Cloudland Park July 2nd Fun Run/Walk & Bar-B-Q

Cloudland Community Park is at the heart of this community atop Lookout Mountain. It is here that the community gathers for family and community events to continue the friendships and bonds that have been formed. There is a pavilion and picnic tables for gathering and eating; a walking track and a tennis court for activity; and playground equipment for the children. Our park is a treasured area that has served us well for many years. However, tender loving care can only do so much maintenance, and our park is in real need of some repairs and improvements.

Cloudland Community is sponsoring a 5K Fun Run/Walk on July 2, 2016, to begin at 8 am at Cloudland Community Park. All proceeds from the Fun Run will go toward needed improvements. Our lovely park is located at 284 Gadsden Ave. in Cloudland, Georgia. Everyone is welcome. Registration fee for the run is \$15 (pre-registered) or \$20 (at the event). This includes a free tee-shirt. More information and registration forms can be found on our website godbois.wix.com/cloudland-park-5k or on our facebook page titled Cloudland Park July 2nd Fun Run. We would love to see you there.

There will be fun activities for children (relay races, apple bobbing, balloon toss, etc.) with prizes for all. There will also be a raffle for a Bar-B-Q grill (\$2/ticket or \$5/3 tickets), and Bingo.

Of course, no community gathering is complete without a delicious meal. Come have lunch. Jeff Mosher will serve his award-winning Bar-B-Q beginning at 11 am. Plates will be \$8 (including sandwich, baked beans, slaw and a drink) or you can get only the sandwich for \$6. You can also preorder Bar-B-Q pork butts (\$30 each), pulled pork (\$8/lb.), or the sandwich plate (\$8). To preorder, call or email Janice Tucker (706-862-2486 – ljtucker@windstream.net). Maggie Johnson (706-862-3040 – maggiemae1409@yahoo.com), or Burmah Green (home: 706-862-2634 – cell: 706-506-1452 – burmahg@windstream.net).

We look forward to seeing everyone and having a wonderful time filled with community spirit!

DeKalb Lake Re-Opens

By Laura Kerby

DeKalb County Public Lake or Sylvania Lake is a local landmark in DeKalb County and has been an often overlooked destination. On August 4, 2014, the lake closed for renovations. During this time the lake has been drained, cleaned, refilled, and then restocked with an abundance of bass and other fish. Improvements such as deepening of shallow areas around the bank for fish breeding, repairs to the existing piers, and upgrades to the campgrounds were also made since the closure almost two years ago.

When choosing a class project to benefit all of DeKalb County, the Leadership DeKalb County Class of 2016 had no trouble deciding on the DeKalb Public Lake. Leadership DeKalb County is an organization in which people from all over the county come together for a nine-month program to learn about the wonderful and ever-changing county we call home. DeKalb County is a diverse county and filled with opportunities. Leadership DeKalb County is the perfect way to explore the beautiful scenery and flourishing businesses of this county while building reliable contacts and lifelong friends. Every year, the Leadership DeKalb class chooses a group project that will better the community in some way. The class of 2016 was not aware of how much they had taken on in this huge project, but the class banded together, went above and beyond, and made more improvements to the lake than originally planned. Three clean-up days have happened where people from all over the county came together and helped make the lake beautiful again. A special thanks to all who came out and helped in any way with the clean-up, especially to the local fire departments who conducted controlled burns.

This project quickly turned into a community effort. Businesses such as PlayCore, Builders Supply, and many others were gracious in donating supplies. Ag departments at schools throughout the county made picnic tables to be dispersed in the park, the Rainsville Technical School masonry department built a new entrance sign, and metal mile markers were designed and installed.

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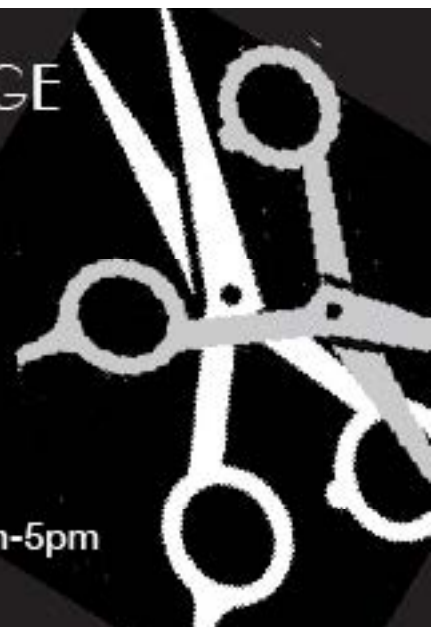
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Welcome To Mentone



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

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LOTS and LAND

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

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)

BEAUTIFULLY PREPARED, RARE DOWNTOWN MENTONE building lot. Ready for your sweet little tiny cabin or cottage. Newly-planted fruit trees & bushes! Part of old stone foundation still in place. Perfect place for a rental cabin! Easy walk to brow park or downtown shops & dining. New landscaping plus old, comfortable trees makes it pretty as a picture! Commercial or residential possibilities! \$39,000 (765396)

DAY SPRING. One seldom hears of lots for sale in this private, gated community with its common areas of massive, dramatic boulders; walking paths & access to E Fork Little River. Lot 14, 3.25 acres. Beautiful hardwoods & level-to-gently-rolling topography. \$40,000. (1027151)

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

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

FRONTAGE ON WEST FORK, Little River. 3.69 acres, lightly restricted, private. Rhododendron, mountain laurel, sandy riverside bank & seasonal creek. Water meter already in place, adjacent lot also avail. Own your own piece on Mentone, riverside! 65,800.(1032896)

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

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. \$20,000 (1011111)



CARPENTER GOTHIC-style cottage, sweetly-situated on a naturally-landscaped yard with wildflower gardens; a carpet of green moss for most of the yard (no mowing!); wet-weather stream; peaceful woods. Built to be energy efficient. Screened back porch to enclose for add'l living area if you choose. Warm, comfortable, cozy & so, so cute! 2BR/1.5BA. \$127,000 (1006846)



GRAND MOUNTAIN ESTATE PROPERTY! 56 acres of lush, wildlife-filled woodland with approximately 1/4 mile of frontage on Little River and a stately brick home, offering some 4000 sq ft of living area. The home and its grounds would be the perfect setting for weddings. (There are approximately 5 park-like acres surrounding the house, the rest of the acreage is wooded and located across the paved road.) There are so many things one could do with a property like this. Future development or preservation property. A family holding from generations back; home designed and built by parents of current owner. Offered for the first time. \$975,000 (1045117)



CASUAL MOUNTAIN ELEGANCE of an "old" downtown Mentone brow-front cottage, expanded and updated. Standing-seam metal roof; vinyl "cedar shake" siding; composite deck; "smart" system to control utilities when you're away; 3 spacious bedrooms; 2 baths. Gorgeous kitchen! Stone, masonry fireplace. Quaint white picket fence. Right at brow park and so close to everything Mentone; festivals, shops & dining. Fantastic price! \$299,000 (1022983)



CHARMING BUNGALOW WITH SCREENED FRONT PORCH; lots of old-fashioned flowers & plantings; big shade trees; deep lot; private back yard; woods; small stream. 3BR/1BA; nostalgic knotty-pine kitchen; DR; enclosed back porch w/laundry & storage. Original heart pine floors. New siding. Detached shop w/metal roof & new siding. In-town location for commercial/residential/rental uses. \$100,000 (1043685)



THE MOST EXCITING PIECE OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE TO HIT THE MARKET AT MENTONE IN QUITE A WHILE! Downtown. Almost 5000 sq ft, currently used as a coffee bar, restaurant, spa and art gallery. Large gallery rooms, one with a stage for music. This is the perfect place for a restaurant and club. Could readily be transformed into office spaces or shop fronts. There's also a small farm stand building on the property. Great parking in private lot and on the street. Zoned B-1, Retail Business District, allowing for a number of commercial or retail applications. \$425,000 (1044234)



HENAGAR AREA. Country living in a low-maintenance, one-level, 3BR/2BA brick home situated on 2 acres! Spacious living room. Natural wood cabinets & lotsa counter space in KIT. Metal roof. Covered deck for outdoor entertaining. Attractive landscaping; paved drive; and quaint split rail fencing. Nice detached shop with electricity (separate meter from house) for the tinkerer or car enthusiast. \$105,000 (1042289)



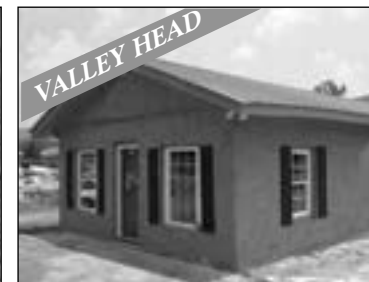
ATOP SCENIC LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN. This 3 bedroom, 3 bath ranch-style home has a spacious living/ dining area. Updates include gas log fireplace, hardwood floors, new carpet and updated bathrooms. One-level. Single carport. Nice storage building and fenced back yard. Level lot. Great starter home or home for someone who doesn't want to deal with alot of steps. \$125,000 (1045164)



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



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



COMMERCIAL/RETAIL BUILDING, with new CH/A, new paint, windows, flooring, fixtures in bathroom & kitchen area, much more! Drive-thru capability. Connected to Valley Head sewer system. T.120 internet available. Large showroom, storage area, office space, kitchenette & bath. So much potential for any type business! Valley Head needs a florist shop, bakery, lots of things! Here's an economical place to get going. \$39,900. (562362)

Mentone Music Makers

By Greg Starnes

Music is like a medicine. Maybe it is medicine. It certainly is a tonic with the power to soothe and heal, and DeKalb County is blessed with an abundance of sterling musical “physicians”.

The most popular is the country music super group and Country Music Hall of Fame member, Alabama. The boys from Lookout Mountain have won numerous awards, including Artist of the Decade. But they are not the only nationally recognized pickers from these parts. Sand Mountain boasts an Alabama Music Hall of Fame member of its own in former Ider resident Gene Ivey. In fact, Mr. Ivey not only played a number of instruments, he also made them. He was so adept at his craft, hand making more than 270 instruments, that the Alabama Arts Council recognized him as a Master Folk Artist. Some of his fiddles are on display at the Smithsonian Institute.

The first fiddle Mr. Ivey played cost the grand total of 69 cents. He started making them “just to see if I could do it.” Before his death in 2014, a coveted Gene Ivey original cost upwards of \$2,500. But no matter the extent of his fame, he loved to share and always had time to teach-encouraging people of all ages and talent levels to come to his home and learn. In his typical laid-back style, he never charged for a lesson, but would have his students gather around him and watch, to “see how this goes”. Once they learned a bar, he would then advance, and before long everyone was on the same page with a new song, and then another and another.

After his wife’s death, he told a friend that sharing music was the only reason he had to live. He especially loved children, often giving them ice cream. Prior to passing away, Mr. Ivey took Wilma Fletcher aside and said, “Now when I’m gone, keep the music going and keep the group together.” She didn’t let him down.

Wilma approached Mentone Realty owner, Charlotte Gentry, and asked if Mr. Ivey’s former students could gather on the front porch of the rustic log cabin office. Charlotte replied, “Of course. This is what Mentone is all about. It’s a place to get together, play, talk and be creative.” And so, a new tradition was born, the students agreed to meet at the central location of the inviting porch every Friday afternoon at 3 o’clock, rain or shine. During periods of inclement or cold weather, Charlotte graciously allows the pickers into the office. The music generally lasts about two hours.

Attendance varies from week to week, but anyone is welcome to participate. It is not restricted to Mr. Ivey’s students, nor are there any age or talent level restrictions, though several of the regulars are proficient with more than one instrument. If you can play, you are encouraged to join the fun. If not, sit a spell and listen to the smooth tones wafting through the clean mountain air.

Many tourists pause, wave and take pictures.



Some even venture onto the porch and make requests. One man, while driving by with his window rolled down, heard the music, doubled back and asked if he could stay a while. When told that he could, he went back to his vehicle, retrieved his guitar and ended up playing for a half hour.

Wilma, a respected piano teacher, plays four instruments: piano, fiddle, accordion and organ. Charlotte joins in when business allows, playing mountain dulcimer.

Gwen Williams also plays dulcimer. Elijah, Jenalee and Bethany Roberts play guitar, fiddle and mandolin, respectively. John Baty plays guitar, fiddle and banjo, and Glenda Justice plays guitar.

Russ Hare plays guitar, and also plays the last fiddle Mr. Ivey ever sold. Similar to Ivey’s other fiddles, it is constructed of curly maple on the sides and back, with the top made of spruce. “Everyone else passed on this fiddle,” Russ says, “because compared to the others, it was uglier. But it plays better.” It features a one-piece back, which is unusual. Russ learned Ashokan Farewell from Mr. Ivey, but is otherwise self-taught.

Mickey Luck, a retired professor, having taught at Missouri, Alabama and Mississippi State, was not an original member of the group, but heard about it and decided to investigate. He approached Wilma and was told he was most welcome to play. He went back to his car and retrieved his fiddle. He also plays 5 other instruments. The first thing he did when he moved to Mentone

was start a dulcimer group. He plays at three different places during the week and says, “If I practice enough and live long enough, I’ll get good.” He’s fantastic.

Along with guitar and Dobro, I also play mandolin, ukulele, banjo and harmonica. I was fortunate to play with Mr. Ivey on two occasions, and believe me, when you’re around greatness, it rubs off and you can’t help but get better. There is always something to learn. I took guitar lessons from several people (I taught myself how to play the other instruments), but the man most responsible for teaching me how to sound professional was professional entertainer Tommy Doss. We had great times, and I finally reached his level of expertise. Since then, I play by ear. He goes by T. Edwin Doss these days and is still touring and recording. In fact, he recently won the Grand Prize in the Dallas Songwriting Contest.

Being a writer, I’m very interested in pursuing songwriting, just to see if I can do it. Who knows? I may be great at it. A friend of mine, Victoria Camp, one third of the rapidly rising all-female country group Sweet Tea Trio, advised me to “polish [my] amazing natural talent for writing into some songwriting.” She told me about the NSAI, the Nashville Songwriters Association International, and I’m seriously considering joining it. It would be very cool to hang out with Nashville insiders, just as it is very cool to hang out with the talented musicians in Mentone.

Gene Ivey said that when he first came to the area “bluegrass was just a form of finding some interesting something to do and entertain.” Indeed. Whether it’s bluegrass, gospel, country, folk, or a little Southern and classic rock, there’s no telling what you’ll hear on any particular Friday afternoon. Sure, there are favorites that are played every week. But there’s always something new being added. Let’s everybody gather ‘round and “see how this goes”. It’s an effective prescription to ward off the blues. Join us at Mentone Realty to “keep the music going.”

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



220
TWO CABINS minutes from DeSoto State Park and Mentone. Cabin 1 has approx 640 sq ft. Cabin 2 has approx 432 sq ft. Both cabins have 1 BR/1BA and sold furnished with all appliances. \$119,000. MLS #1036084.



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



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



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



612
COZY, COMFORTABLE charmer. Open great room w/built-in bookcases & stone fireplace w/gas logs. Kitchen has Corian countertops and custom cabinets. On 2 brow lots w/ storage building and greenhouse. \$399,000. MLS #1024616.



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



211
"Like New" near DSP & Mentone, LR w/ vaulted ceiling, hardwoods, wb fireplace. Custom kit w/stainless appliances (includes w/d). Covered front porch, lge back deck. 1.22 acres. \$188,000. MLS #1021858



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



601
CUSTOM Heritage Log Home, 2.5 acres. 3BR/2.5BA, open floor plan. Stone FP, vaulted ceilings, bonus room, 2-car garage, outdoor fireplace, and more. Located in gated Northbend Subdivision. \$379,000. MLS #1035384



613
3BR/3BA HOME on 2.8 acres w/brow view walking distance to town. 2 master suites, each w/access to porches & views. Cathedral ceilings, exposed beams, pine floors, wb fireplace, lge screened porch, open deck for grilling, irrigation system, full-house generator. MLS #1037784. \$375,000.



632
BEAR CLAUS LODGE! Open floor plan, 3BR + loft/3 1/2BA stone fireplace, beamed ceilings, wood floors, granite countertops, stainless appliances. Covered deck w/ fireplace, hot tub, outdoor kitchen, and more on 2.20 +/- acres. \$329,000. MLS #1035859



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



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



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



722
1.6 ACRES in Lake on the Brow Sub w/120' water frontage!! 3 BR/2BA home, main level master, walk-in basement, screened front porch, storage bldg, workshop & lge back deck. lake privileges. MLS #1037179. \$198,500.



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.



615
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY! Let tenants pay your mortgage. 5 apts, lge retail space & storage bldg on Hwy 117 minutes from Mentone. 1.5 acres, fenced. Appointment only! \$187,500. MLS #1013991.



604
Bear's Lair - Adorable cabin currently in a rental program. 3BR/2 BA with a brow view. \$284,900. 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! \$225,000. MLS #1019742



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



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



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



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



707
Cabin overlooking the water features pine walls & floors, vaulted 23' ceilings and fireplaces. Enjoy your own relaxing paradise w/plenty of Mountain Laurels and rocks. Built to preserve the property's natural beauty. \$495,000. MLS #1019610

LOTS AND LAND
#403694 - 106' of prime brow view with paved road frontage.
#656265 - 7+ WOODED ACRES in Mtn. River Estates. \$41,000.
#665968 - 1 ACRE LOT in Hidden Lake Sub. \$40,000.
#845943 - 200' of water frontage and 169 feet on paved road front age. \$42,000.
#902940 - 3BR/2BA on water. \$239,900
#945265 - 1 ACRE LOT in Hidden Lake Sub. \$50,000.
#1011734 - .69 ACRE wooded lot on Brush Creek. \$27,900.
#1014183 - 1.5 ACRES. Brow Lot on CR 89. \$124,900.
#1016112 - 3.46 WOODED ACRES in Oakwood Sub. \$25,500.
#1016118 - 3.04 WOODED ACRES in Oakwood Sub. \$25,500.
#1021165 - 2 ACRE LOT offering lake and brow footage. \$78,000.
#1026589 - LIBBY LANE. .49 acres West Fork Little River. \$162,000.
#1027934 - 4.42 ACRES on River Lane, W. Fork Sub. \$29,900.



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
BRICK HOME w/hardwood and tile floors. Kitchen w/granite, keeping room w/double-sided fireplace, sunroom. Master suite, master bath w/ jacuzzi tub, double vanity, and tile flooring. \$285,000. MLS #1041482



403
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



104
4-ACRE RETREAT in Mentone. Vaulted ceiling great room, 2-3 BR (or 2 BR w/ office), 2 tile baths, and lge laundry room. Wood walls & floors, fireplace, wrap-around porch, garage/workshop. Convenient to downtown. \$219,000.

#1032720 - 2.8 acres with travel trailer, water, septic, dock. \$82,500.

#1034400 - 1.29 ACRES with gorgeous brow view. \$110,000

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Rhododendron Garden Club

By Mellanie Tuttle

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on May 10 at the MERF House. Finalizing plans for the 50th anniversary and setting up the booth at the Rhododendron Festival were the topics of discussion during the brief business meeting.

"Work Day" was the program for May, so our intrepid members braved the terrain around the MERF House. Beds were weeded, leaves raked, bushes pruned and mulch added around the trees in front. Thanks to Mrs. Lance and Moon Lake Elementary School for the donation of the seven bags of mulch! A couple hours of intense labor can make such a difference in the landscape!

The Garden club of Alabama is sponsoring a Butterfly Day at Huntsville Botanical Gardens on June 21. A cost of \$10 allows admission to the garden. The tour will be guided by a docent. Golf carts will be available for those who are restricted in walking. Reservations should be made with Janice

Knight 256-779-6995 or cell 706-766-3508.

For those of you who would be interested in learning more about the horticulture of our area and becoming a Master Gardener, Mike Keracher, president of DeKalb County Master Gardeners, has announced that the Master Gardeners will be holding classes for new members beginning June 21. The classes will be twice a week for 6 weeks.

The next Rhododendron Garden Club meeting will be held at the MERF House on June 14th at 10am. Dee Kelley will present the program on butterflies. Here's a song to practice (from the CanTeach website). Come join us next month ready to join in on the chorus.

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



The Butterfly Song

(to the tune of "Up on the Housetop")

First comes a butterfly and lays an egg,
Out comes a caterpillar with many legs,
Oh see the caterpillar spin and spin,
A little chrysalis to sleep in.

Oh, Oh, Oh... wait and see
Oh, Oh, Oh... wait and see
Out of the chrysalis, my Oh my
Out comes a pretty butterfly.

DeKalb Lake Re-Opens (cont'd from page 13)

Renovations were made to the campground restrooms. The existing playground was removed and replaced by equipment donated by PlayCore. The main pier was stripped and renovated for safety. The lake is now ready and waiting for family reunions, special events, and 5k events.

A grand re-opening event is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th, from 10am-3pm to showcase the treasure that is the DeKalb Public Lake. The event will feature live music from Justin Chain, Lucas Wooten, Ryan Watkins, Ethan Dendy, Katrina Barclay, and others. Food will be available to

purchase from Mi Casita in Henagar, The Spot in Fort Payne, and the Nana Poppins popcorn factory in Rainsville. Local vendors will be set up selling products as well. Inflatables and snow cones will be available free of charge; entrance and parking are also free. This is a day for the people of DeKalb County to come out and enjoy the lake after almost two long years of closure. Everyone is welcome! Bring the kids and lawn chairs for a day of great fun!!

A final clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th from 7am-3pm. Everyone is invited. Please bring yard cleaning supplies and work gloves. The lake is actually opening to the public on Thursday, June 16th, a few days before the big event. Check

out the "DeKalb Public Lake Re-opening!!!" group page on Facebook for more details. If you would like more information on Leadership DeKalb County, please visit leadershipdekalb.com. A big thank you to the sponsors who helped make this project and event happen: Horizon Bank in Fyffe, Senator Steve Livingston, Representative Nathaniel Ledbetter, Congressman Robert Aderholt, Representative Richard Lindsey, DeKalb Tourism, Newsome Insurance Agency, Rainsville Pediatric Dentist, NRP Restoration, Hudson Company, the Town of Sylvania, and many others. This project would not have been such a success without the support of everyone involved.

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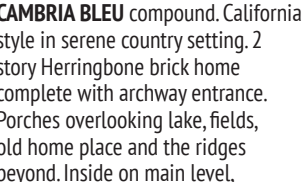
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Miss Rhododendron Pageant Winners



Miss Rhododendron Pageant (cont'd from page 1)

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