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COLORFEST FILLS THE MOUNTAIN

By ANNA MAE HORN

Everywhere you look in Mentone on the third weekend of October will be filled with the spirit of Colorfest. Local vendors are decorating for the occasion. Silvia Constantino of Hummingbird at Loom got an early start on decorating her store for the Pumpkin Patch Jubilee as soon as fall arrived. All local businesses are encouraged to join in the fun. Don't forget, there will be a cash prize for the best patch! Judging will take place during Colorfest.

Cash will also be awarded for the top 3 scarecrows in Scarecrow Holler. There is no fee this year, and the competition is open to everyone! While you are at Colorfest, be sure to stroll through the holler, which is a trail just inside the pines when you leave the old Mentone Springs Hotel site headed to Brow Park for Colorfest 2016. Call Lisa Schad at 256-635-8855 for more details.

Colorfest GO! Scavenger Hunt will be held throughout town during the weekend. (You might even be able to collect some Pokemon too!) Game forms will be available at the MAPA tent at Brow Park and must be returned



there by 3pm on Sunday. Cash prize awarded for the winner of this as well! This is always a favorite activity, and it's a great way to get to know the local merchants. Game forms will have a clue about an object hidden at a Mentone business. Business owners will have a special treat for you, that means that everyone wins something!

Start your Friday afternoon with relaxing pontoon rides launching from Desoto Falls and boating north along the Little River surrounded by the colorful fall foliage. Rides will also be available through the day on Saturday and part of the day on Sunday.

The old Mentone Springs Hotel site will feature Friday and Saturday night music as well as daily activities for the kids. There will be carriage and pony rides. Delight will fill the children while they visit the balloon man and enjoy the Children's Festival. Don't miss out on anything. Be sure to pick up a schedule of events from one of our local businesses or from the MAPA tent at the entrance of Brow Park and the 2016 Colorfest.

More Colorfest Details start on Page 9.

Home Tour This Month!

By Sandra Padgett

This year, the Tour of Homes sponsored by Little River Arts Council will be very exciting! This event always happens on the weekend after Colorfest which falls on October 22 and 23 this year. The hours on Saturday will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday it will be from noon until 3 p.m.

The beautiful towns of Mentone and Cloudland will be featured. Homes along both the Eastern Brow and Western Brow of Lookout Mountain are featured. Camp Juliette Low in Cloudland will once again welcome visitors to an open house, and we have three homes on the morning side of the mountain (East). On the evening side of the mountain (West), we have five homes. Each home is unique in architecture and gives a window into the joy of life on our magic mountain.

The cost is only \$10 a person to tour all the homes, and you can take both days to finish the

tour at your own leisurely pace. Tickets can be purchased at Mentone's Town Hall on both days. A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the Home Tour. The auction will offer the opportunity to make bids on and win a variety of local art, gift certificates, and gift items from local businesses. This combined annual event raises money for Little River Arts Council, whose mission is to promote and support art in our region.

Join us for this fun event where you will meet great people and be welcomed like family!



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MENTONE MATTERS

By Mayor Rob Hammond



ALDOT is spending 5.3 million dollars to resurface Alabama 117 from US 11 to the Georgia line. The costs of repairing the rock wall and replacing some guardrails are included in the contract. ALDOT District Engineer Curtis Lowe has been working for several years to get the wall repaired and was able to accomplish this by including the repair in the Highway 117 resurfacing project.

Curtis Vincent, ALDOT North Division Engineer, told me last week that the Federal Highway Administration should shortly return documents back to ALDOT concerning the

Mentone bridge replacement project. Hopefully, the end to this bureaucratic process is close to an end. I reported to Mr. Vincent that recently a school bus and a tractor-trailer hit mirrors on the bridge. He assured me he has a sense of urgency in seeing this project completed.

Many thanks to Harriett O'Rear for her vision in beautifying Mentone and her dedication in seeing projects through to the end and maintaining them. Our rock MENTONE signs along with the columns and fence at the pull-out are a part of her legacy. She also worked on several public flower beds over the summer. Her service to the community is much appreciated.

FLOWER BED MAINTENANCE

Mentone Community Church, as a service to our community, has taken on the responsibility of planning, planting and maintaining the flower beds at several Mentone public areas--the three rock "Mentone" entrance signs, library, post office, and fire department. Master Gardener Norah Gamble will direct the project and is asking for volunteers and invites everyone to help out. Call Norah at 256-635-8944 or meet at the FIRE STATION at 8AM on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st.

From The Editor

Colorful leaves, cool nights, shorter days, it's here... fall! It brings in festivals, the home tour, Harvest Festival, and, of course, costumes, trick or treating, and rolling yards. When I was young, we mostly made our costumes out of whatever was available, only purchasing what was necessary. One year, I used Daddy's bandana, Mama's apron, bought some really dark make up, and went as Aunt Jemima. Everybody said I made them want some pancakes for breakfast. When my kids were little, it seemed most people bought their costumes. Now, it feels like the trend is coming full circle with more creative hand made costumes being seen each year. I am getting very excited looking at costumes for the grandbaby I have this year--mostly because I won't have any of the fuss of getting her dressed for trick or treating! My daughter is looking at options to coordinate with the baby, like a cute cupcake and a baker or a kangaroo and her joey. Some costumes now even incorporate wagons into the idea for little ones-- simply genius!

A few years ago, I heard that Moon Lake still has a Harvest Festival, and I was tremendously excited! Now that our youngest daughter attends, we get to be a part of it. One of the favorite games for adults is the Cake Walk. Everybody loves homemade cakes and Ms. Gail's delicious homemade cookies. That is a one of a kind recipe! There is so much friendship and a terrific community atmosphere at Harvest Festival and Colorfest, and all of Mentone's events, that it is simply refreshing

and encouraging. Sometimes, it feels like we are nicely set apart from the rest of the chaotic world.

Anna Mae Horn



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Mentone Arts and Cultural Center Moving Forward

By Ray Padgett

Progress for the Mentone Arts and Cultural Center (MACC) project continues in the right direction. During the past months our volunteers applied for grants and obtained more donations. The most significant grant awarded was from the Alabama Council on the Arts. Their grant for our project was for \$50,000.

Each of our architects made in-kind donations: Don David for \$12,000 and Clay Birchfield for \$6,000. Additionally, we had significant donations from The Poarch Band of Creek Indians (\$5,000), Dan Chambliss (\$1,500 with a matching donation to follow), Elizabeth Hunter Harrison (\$1,000 with a matching donation to follow), and Linda and Charlie Munoz (\$1,000). Each donation brings us closer to our goal. We know that many others in our community will step up to the plate to help make the dream of the Mentone Arts and Cultural Center a reality and we thank you.

In the very near future, hopefully before Colorfest, MACC will have a great new promotional sign constructed on the proposed

center site. Construction of this sign directly reflects Mentone community support for the MACC project. A future Mentone resident, Eric Smith, wanted to help as soon as he heard about our project. Eric is founder and Creative Director of Iron Spirits located in Atlanta. Eric volunteered to design, construct and install a promotional sign for the center. However, we must build the sign structure first. MACC Board members and architects (Don David and Clay Birchfield) met with Eric and agreed on a general theme.

Community volunteers and friends donated time and material needed for the sign structure: Don David and Clay Birchfield collaborated on the structure design, Kevin Worthey donated the poles and arranged for them to be set, Dixie Salvage donated 2x4's and 2x6's, Daniel Millican donated 7x7's, Lowe's donated bolts and screws, Jonathan Glenn and Mario Garcia agreed to construct the structure, and Bobby Browder mowed the sign site. Our plan is for Eric to install the four sign panels before Colorfest. This is what I call broad-based community support. Thank you all.



To date, we have received more than \$200,000 in donations and commitments, with receipt of \$29,000 toward the \$50,000 3-to-1 matching grant.



MAPA NEWS

By Ray Padgett

Who Planted the Tree?

By Ray Padgett

MAPA's mission is to protect and preserve our local heritage. While we generally think of art, music and culture when we mention MAPA's mission, our mission also includes preservation of local geography, wildlife, and plant life.

Mentone has an incredible variety of native plants that enrich our life with seasonal color and beauty. This article is about a unique and rare tree that was brought to Mentone and planted about 100 years ago (according to our local forester). It is a non-native species, once thought extinct. This Dawn Redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*) was planted right outside the current Mentone town limits on Alabama Highway 117--East of Moon Lake Elementary School.

The Dawn Redwood was known only as a fossil until 1941, when it was discovered growing

in a remote valley of the Szechwan province of China. Seeds were collected, and the species is now worldwide. This species has been growing and reproducing for 50 million years. It is now considered a living fossil.

Mentone's Dawn Redwood is located behind the house that was part of the Kirby family's



Windy Hill Farm--recently Windward Farms Restaurant and then Sassafras Boutique. Our goal is to identify the person who planted this magnificent, ancient tree. Without actually boring into the tree, it is impossible to determine its age with accuracy. It is 11 feet in circumference at three feet above the ground and is maybe 75 feet high. It would be much taller, but at some point the top was broken off. Our best guess is that the top was broken by the one of the severe ice storms in the 1960's or 70's.

If you know of anyone who may be familiar with the farm house and possibly who planted this fine old Dawn Redwood tree, please let us know. The story of how this tree came to Mentone and who planted it would be a nice part of Mentone history.

Colorfest is fast approaching and we are still looking for volunteers. The Colorfest Planning Committee meets every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 P.M. at Kamama Gallery. We 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 our members and volunteers for the success of our mission and the benefit of our community.



This Old House: MERF Community House - October



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.

The cool temperatures and the leaves sparkling and falling make Mentone and Lookout Mountain the perfect place to be in the fall. Senior lunches, tutoring, piano lessons, family reunions and fall fundraising have kept the MERF house busy and full of joy.

In case you haven't heard the laughter and joy at the MERF house on Wednesdays, senior lunches have begun. From now until November 16th, a great meal and fellowship will be offered at the MERF house from one of MERF's many supporters and friends. The meal is served at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays so join us for great food, fun fellowship and toe tapping entertainment.

October brings MAPA's Colorfest again to Brow Park in Mentone. Stop by the MERF booth to say hello and to pick up some great "Leave Me in Mentone" gifts for you, your friends and your family! MERF will have mugs, baseball caps, ornaments, long and short sleeve

tees, and sweatshirts. Christmas will be here soon, so shop local. All proceeds will benefit MERF and its programs. These items are also on sale at DeSoto State Park country store, Little River Hardware, Kamama Art Gallery (mugs and ornaments only), Moon Lake Trading (mugs and ornaments only) and from Sarah.

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

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By Barb Stoll

It's Ghouls and Goblins Time Again!

Hi folks, it's that time of year again. Time for pumpkins, candy corn and scary thrills. You can almost feel the chill in the air! Your Community library has just the thing for a thrilling time. Check out the following with a slant towards all things hair-raising.

Books

Insidious - This is the next heart-pumping thriller in the FBI series featuring agents Dillon Savich and Lacey Sherlock, from #1 New York Times bestselling author Catherine Coulter. This thriller has poisonings, serial killers, murders, and senseless killings. With breakneck speed and unexpected twists and turns, *Insidious* will leave you breathless at the shocking conclusions. How perfect for a cold Halloween night.

Lady Midnight: The Dark Artifices,

Book One - We have had many requests for teen novels and this one by Cassandra Clare fits the bill, and just in time for Halloween! Cassandra Clare was on the #1 New York Times Bestseller list for more than 3 years with the series *The Mortal Instruments* and *The Infernal Devices*.

Lady Midnight begins the Shadowhunters Universe series. In a secret world where half-

angel warriors are sworn to fight demons, parabatai, is a sacred word. A parabatai is your best friend. Parabatai can be everything to each other--but they can never fall in love. Emma Carstairs is a warrior, a Shadowhunter, and the best in her generation. Shoulder to shoulder with her parabatai, Julian Blackthorn, she patrols the streets of Los Angeles, where vampires party on the Sunset Strip, and fairies--the most powerful of supernatural creatures--teeter on the edge of open war with Shadowhunters.

The darkly magical world of Shadowhunters has captured the imaginations of millions of readers across the globe. Join the adventure in *Lady Midnight*, the long-awaited first volume of a new trilogy from Cassandra Clare.

DVD's

Along our thriller theme come some spooky movies. Now let's face it, no Halloween would be complete without some monsters and vampires!

The Twilight Saga - Yes, we now have the three beginning movies: *Twilight*, *New Moon*, and *Eclipse*.

The epic vampire series about Bella, Edward, and Jacob returns with formerly deleted scenes (yippee!) added back in. Relive the moment Bella and Edward first met, and watch Jacob transform from a lovelorn teenager to a fearsome shape-shifting wolf in these new extended versions.

Alien - Okay, talk about a quintessential Halloween scary movie, and we have all four of them! Now you can watch the original *Alien* movie, *Aliens*, *Alien 3*, and *Alien Resurrection*.

In 1979, the most terrifying sci-fi movie monster of all time burst onto the big screen, shocking audiences around the world. Now, experience all four chapters of the chilling *Alien* saga. From the legendary first film that introduced Ellen Ripley (Sigourney Weaver), the iron-willed warrior destined to battle humankind's greatest threat, to her shocking rebirth in *Alien Resurrection*.

Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice

- And for those who prefer some thrills with a bit less of the scary, we have our two titans of justice. Batman/Bruce Wayne (Ben Affleck) and Superman/Clark Kent (Henry Cavill), meet in the most anticipated showdown of our time. Fearing the actions of a godlike super hero left unchecked, Gotham City's formidable vigilante takes on Metropolis' revered savior while the world wrestles with what sort of hero it really needs. But as Batman and Superman go to war, a separate danger arises--one that may threaten all of humanity.

So there you have it folks, chills and thrills for a howling good October right here at your local Moon Lake Community Library. Stop in, share a scary story, and check us out. Until next month, have a screaming good Halloween and October.

WHERE THE LIGHT ENTERS

Everyone is invited to attend "Where the Light Enters: Spiritual Poetry From Eastern and Western Traditions" with national best-selling author and part time Mentone resident for over 25 years, John Lee.

The 13th century poet Rumi says, "There is a field beyond right doing and wrong doing. I'll meet you there." Meet John Lee for this presentation of some of his favorite poets from different countries around the world and from different historical eras. Although they produced profound observations about human spirituality, many of them and their works have remained mostly obscure or hidden from modern popular culture.

After touring nationally and internationally, best-selling author, John Lee, is now back in Mentone. He is the author of 26 books including three books of poetry and creative writing, as well as two on spirituality. John has taught creative writing classes nationally and was professor of Religious Studies for seven years at Austin Community College in Austin, TX. He was also a professor of Literature at the University of Alabama and the University of Texas. Additionally, John is a trainer and a life coach; he is a pioneer in the fields of self-help and creativity, among other issues. He has been featured on Oprah, 20/20, Barbara Walter's *The View*, CNN, PBS, and NPR. He has been interviewed by Newsweek, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, and dozens of other national magazines and radio talk shows.

The program will open with Sandra Comley reading selected samples of her original poetry from "Life In The Woods" accompanied by Liz Baker playing the dulcimer- which adds exquisite emphasis to Sandra's reading. Connecting art forms to each other and to her life is the base of much of Sandra's writing. She uses her observation of the natural world and how human life fits into it, to build a more sustainable lifestyle, leading ultimately to the "simple life." Poetry documents the challenges and triumphs she faces on her way to the "simple life" and captures the changing shapes and colors of her life in the woods.

Sandra Comley has been a resident of the Mentone area for the past 15 years where she designed and built a live-in sculpture piece. It is a free-form ferro-cement cluster dome. She is a member of the Mentone Writers Group and co-founded the Mentone Area Arts Council (now known as Little River Arts Council). She is a self taught milliner and cordwainer and has her hand in a variety of art disciplines including sculpture, painting, making marionettes, and writing. Sandra has been writing poetry since childhood, documenting the events and observations of life and nature.

While there will be no discussion about "religion," all questions, answers, and comments will be encouraged both during and after the reading. Poets that will be featured include Persian poets Rumi and Hafez, Italian poets St. Francis and St. Catherine, Kabir (Indian), Machado (Spanish), Rilke (German), and Neruda (Chilean). John will also add a few selections of his own poetry.

This reading will be held October 9 at 2 pm in the Moon Lake Community Library. Admission is only \$10. Books will be available for purchase as well. For more information about John Lee, visit his website at johnleebooks.com. Be sure to like the library page on Facebook and sign up for the event. This is sure to be an inspiring event you don't want to miss!



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By
Tema Flanagan
of The Farm
at Windy Hill

Baked Pumpkin Oatmeal

With pumpkin, coconut, dried cherries, and fragrant spices, this autumnal baked oatmeal makes for a flavorful and filling breakfast treat. In honor of fall, this version is made with pumpkin, but you can make baked oatmeal with mashed sweet potatoes or bananas in place of the pumpkin with equally delicious results.

- 2 cups rolled oats

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 1/4 cups pumpkin puree

2 eggs, beaten

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1/4 cup dried cherries

1/4 cup slivered almonds

1/4 cup shredded dried coconut (unsweetened)
- 1/4 cup sugar

1 pinch salt

1 cup milk or coconut milk

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1 tablespoon poppy seeds (optional)

1/4 cup golden raisins

1/4 cup pumpkin seeds

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Grease a 2-quart baking dish. Place the oats, sugar, baking powder, and salt in the prepared baking dish and stir to mix.

In a separate bowl, combine the pumpkin puree, milk, eggs, vanilla, spices, poppy seeds, dried cherries, and raisins- mixing until incorporated. Pour the pumpkin mixture over the oat mixture and stir to mix in the baking dish.

Toast the almonds, pumpkin seeds, and coconut in a dry skillet. Spread the almond mixture over the oatmeal mixture and bake in the oven 25-30 minutes, until the oatmeal is just set in the center. Serve warm.

October Birthdays

- Oct 1 – Ron Logan
- Oct 2 – Kevin Gifford
- Oct 2 – Ben Kirby
- Oct 2 – Avery Burke
- Oct 2 – Brian Brandon
- Oct 3 – Angie Shugart
- Oct 3 – Ansley Blalock
- Oct 3 – Elizabeth Gentry
- Oct 4 – Casey Cox
- Oct 4 – Mandy Corsentino
- Oct 4 – Reegan Shankles
- Oct 5 – Mack Flannigan
- Oct 5 – Sadler Emory
- Oct 5 – Starla Cash
- Oct 5 – Donald Daniel
- Oct 5 – Kathy Peterson
- Oct 5 – Stephanie Haney
- Oct 6 – Tylor Harrison
- Oct 6 – Breanna Blalock
- Oct 6 – Katy Tubberville
- Oct 6 – Casey Hellums
- Oct 6 – Tanya Thomas
- Oct 7 – Christian Henry
- Oct 7 – Maggie Coots
- Oct 9 – Donna Hallahan
- Oct 9 – Audie Beason
- Oct 10 – Jimmy Worthey
- Oct 10 – Sally Muschamp
- Oct 10 – Gayla Smith
- Oct 10 – Allie Rhodes
- Oct 10 – Charles Hammonds
- Oct 11 – Michele Wooden
- Oct 11 – Amanda Wigley
- Oct 11 – Rhett Freeman
- Oct 11 – Sam Harrison
- Oct 11 – Abigail Wallace
- Oct 11 – Caison Allen
- Oct 12 – Ariana Beard

- Oct 12 – Leslie Beason
- Oct 13 – Sadie Long
- Oct 13 – JayDan Haynes
- Oct 13 – Terry Brandon
- Oct 14 – Martha Kirby
- Oct 14 – Tina Langston
- Oct 14 – Olen Crowe
- Oct 15 - Lanita Allen
- Oct 15 – David “Tater” Hopper
- Oct 15 – Pam Manning
- Oct 15 – Casey Cartwright
- Oct 15 – Tony Crow
- Oct 16 – Sarah Blalock
- Oct 16 – Tina Carden
- Oct 16 – Jacey Traffanstedt
- Oct 16 – Glenda Turlington
- Oct 16 – Barry Sadowski
- Oct 16 – Kurt Winn
- Oct 17 - Renae Langston
- Oct 17 – Rose Cox
- Oct 17 – Alisha Lawton
- Oct 17 – Katie Poe
- Oct 17 – Tommy Battles
- Oct 17 – Eddie Coots
- Oct 17 – Andrue Smith
- Oct 17 – Aryan Wallace
- Oct 17 - Andreah Calvert
- Oct 18 – Zoey Kate Baggett
- Oct 18 – Ken Busby
- Oct 18 – Stacy Smith
- Oct 18 – Terry Manning
- Oct 18 – Alisha McElhaney
- Oct 19 – Matt Tillman
- Oct 20 – Harry Hopper
- Oct 20 – Joseph Lee
- Oct 20 – Jamie Shankles
- Oct 21 – Donna McClure
- Oct 21 – Joan Harrison
- Oct 21 – Alex Garrett
- Oct 21 – Bradyn Gregory
- Oct 21 – Alyssa Poe
- Oct 22 – Kendra Cartwright
- Oct 23 – Levi McClure

- Oct 23 – Sandra Padgett
- Oct 23 – Roberta Kirby
- Oct 24 – Kyle Rape
- Oct 25 – Jordan Bain
- Oct 26 – Jeff Harrison
- Oct 26 – Cindy Butler
- Oct 26 – Cheri Williams
- Oct 27 – Teresa Verdon
- Oct 28 – Judah Grisham
- Oct 28 – Robert Worthey
- Oct 28 – Meagan Sutton
- Oct 28 – Matthew Patterson
- Oct 28 – Roger Brownfield
- Oct 28 – Rayford Bethune
- Oct 29 – Jessica Nelson
- Oct 29 – Blake Blevins
- Oct 29 – Dylan Newberry
- Oct 30 – Nell Kent
- Oct 30 – Shannon Wagner
- Oct 30 – Jennifer Collins
- Oct 30 – Emmy Smith
- Oct 30 – Karen Prestwood
- Oct 31 – Charlotte Gentry
- Oct 31 – John Dersham
- HAPPY HALLOWEEN

October Anniversaries

- Oct 1 – Chuck & Cheri Williams
- Oct 5 – Donnie & Connie Bell
- Oct 7 – Eddie & Ashley Manning
- Oct 9 – Nelson & Brenda Kerby
- Oct 10 – Larry & Andrea O’Tinger
- Oct 10 – George & Sandra Boehringer
- Oct 15 – Nathan & Holly Owen
- Oct 17 – Adam & Alex Dupree
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Oct. 1 & 2 - Hunting and Outdoor Show.

Jase Roberson will be at the Expo both days along with, Chris Lane, 2012 Bassmaster Classic Winner on Oct. 2nd. Over 123 exhibitors with great hunting, fishing, and outdoor products. Northeast Alabama Agri-Business Center. Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. 256-638-1650.

Oct. 1 - Sculpt Your Own Flower. Sit at the gaffer bench and feel what it is like to shape hot glass. This is a hands on experience in a safe and fun atmosphere with a final product you will love. 3 to 5 in each class. 9am to 10am. Reservations required. 256-523-3188.

Oct. 1 - John Deere Day At Down On The Farm. Enjoy the maze, pumpkin patch, and playground along with free balloons and hot dogs. 10am. 256-638-6200.

Oct. 1, 14 - 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. TAS. 5pm to 7:30pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 1 - Campfire Talk: Amphibian Reproduction. Come and join Dr. George Cline (aka Dr. Frog) as he tells the truer story of how frogs breed. Seating is limited; bring your own camp chair. 7pm to 8pm. DSP's Campfire Ring; Free & open to the Public; Great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

Oct. 1 - Jackson Co Cruise-In. Last cruise-in on the square for this year. Bring all your previous tickets to see if you will be the winner of the roll-around tool chest to be given away that evening. 5pm until 7pm.

Oct. 3, 13 - 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. 10am to 2pm 256-997-9577.

Oct. 4, 25 - Zip Line Adventure. Ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at TAS by 6pm the day before the adventure. Noon to 2pm. 256-997-9577

Oct. 6 - RadioVisions with Phil Weaver, Classical Guitarist. RadioVisions is a series of musical "House Concerts" that are produced before a live audience for syndication to radio networks. Artist reception is at 6pm and the concert at 7pm. The Fort Payne Coal and Iron Building-501 North Gault Ave. \$10 donation, includes an artist receptions. Limited seating, reservations suggested. 256-979-1910 or 256-845-0203.

Oct. 6 - The John Conlee Show. Join us for a night of Country music at the Historic DeKalb Theatre in Downtown Fort Payne with John

Conlee. Doors open at 6pm. Show is 7pm to 10pm. 256-997-0396.

Oct. 8 - The 5th Annual Little River Canyon Half Marathon. Little River Canyon Center. 8am. \$50 fee; pre-registration required. 256-782-5697.

Oct. 8 - Christmas at Eddie's. This 31st annual decorating of Eddie's Garden Center in Henagar is a fun tradition. Over 140 Christmas trees, each with individual themes, and ornaments ranging from western to whimsical, cartoons to retro. 9112 AL Highway 40, Henagar. 256-657-3841.

Oct. 8 - Paperweight Class. Feel the heat, gather from the furnace, sculpt the glass into you own design and take home a couple of nice paperweights. Reservations Required. \$135 per person. 9am to 1pm. 256-523-3188.

Oct. 8 - The DeKalb County Genealogical Society will meet at the DeKalb County Library. Our speaker will be Lee Piklorz, a retired Scottsboro teacher, with a narrative about Betsy Pack Lowrey, the half Cherokee daughter of Col. John Lowrey and the niece of Maj. George Lowrey. Lee brings an exciting approach to Cherokee Indian history. Anyone interested in genealogy is invited to this free meeting.

Oct. 8 - Dutch Oven Campfire Cooking Demonstration. Dutch ovens have been in use for hundreds of years; especially when our country was expanding and families were on the move. Stop in anytime and check out the basics of cooking in a Dutch oven, and sample any food we have coming off the fire! DSP's Campfire Ring. Starts around 4pm to 6pm. Free & open to everyone; Great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

Oct. 8 - The 1st Annual Fiesta Cultural Latina In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Fort Payne Main Street will host this celebration of Latin culture in our community. The festival will feature authentic Latin foods, crafts, dance, and music. Held at the Rotary Pavilion in Downtown Fort Payne. 5pm to 9pm. To volunteer or participate, please contact Beverly Pike at 256-996-2131.

Oct. 9 - WHERE THE LIGHT ENTERS: Spiritual Poetry From Eastern and Western Tradition. National best-selling author & part time Mentone resident, John Lee, will present poets including Rumi, Kabir, St. Francis, and his own poetry. Mentone resident Sandra Comley will open by reading samples of her original poetry documenting challenges and triumphs on her way to the "simple life" and captures the changing shapes and colors of her life in the woods. Admission \$10. Everyone welcome. Moon Lake Community Library at 2 pm.

Oct. 10 - 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. TAS Training Center. 2pm to 4pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 11 - Orienteering Class. Basic yet essential skills for survival navigation are brought to you in map reading, compass reading, and topography. 10am to 1pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 11 - Atop the Mountain Book Club. Adults and teens alike, join Julia Capps and Linda Raughton, in Mentone on Mentone Realty porch for a book review and light refreshments. Read One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus by meeting date and plan to offer your thoughts. We will move inside if the weather mandates. For directions or questions, call 256-635-8775.

Oct. 12, 17, 26 - 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. TAS. 7:30pm to 10pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 15, 18, 26 - Rappelling Adventure. Come experience the thrill of rappelling down the sheer sandstone gems of NE AL. Each trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. 10am to 2pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 15 & 16 - Mentone Colorfest. Come and enjoy the Fall season at the annual Mentone Colorfest. This event is filled with arts, crafts, great food, and live entertainment. Aside from our very talented arts and crafts vendors, you will also be able to enjoy scarecrow holler, a scavenger hunt, a variety of local musicians, a 5K run/walk, scenic boat tours, romantic carriage rides, a children's area and much more. It is held at the scenic Mentone Brow Park on Saturday and Sunday. You can also enjoy evening entertainment with live music and food from 5pm to 8pm on Friday and Saturday nights. Admission is FREE! For more information about the Colorfest, email us at MentoneColorfest@gmail.com.

Oct. 15 - Heil Enviromental Color Run. Enjoy an out and back course starting and ending at Heil. This event is open to the public and perfect for all fitness levels. All participants will receive a white color run t-shirt and custom finisher medal. racesonline.com Registration 8:15 to 8:45, and race at 9am. Early registration is \$30 and race day is \$35.

Oct. 15 - Heil Environmental 4th Annual Harvest Festival. Heil Environmental is hosting the 4th Annual Harvest Festival on their campus. The event is open to the public and tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$1. All proceeds will benefit local charities

in DeKalb County. We hope to see you there. Event is from 10am to 3pm. 256-304-2201.

Oct. 15, 22, 29 - Blow Your Own Ornament. Come design and blow your own ornament with the help of one of our glass artists. No reservations are needed; first come, first serve basis. Ages at least 5 years old. 9am to 12pm. Cost is \$35 per ornament blown. 256-523-3188.

Oct. 15 - 3rd Annual Forklift Rodeo. The Forklift rodeo consists of 2 obstacle courses & basketball shoot. All competitors get a free t-shirt and the winning team will receive \$500 to be donated to the charity of its choice. Trophies going to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. Competition begins at 9am at Heil.

Oct. 15 - Mountain Bike Tour. Explores beautiful trails and paths atop Lookout or Sand Mountain. Have an enjoyable ride without the fear of getting lost. Includes mountain bike rental, instruction, and a guide for safety, direction, and information. Meet at TAS. 3pm to 6pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 16 - Tri-State Paper Crafting. Join us to learn, create and be inspired while crafting with papers, stamps, inks, punches, and die cuts. No experience needed. Kamama Gallery in Mentone AL 1:00-2:30. Reserve by noon Sat. the 15th. Cost is \$5. Email cottagepaper@bellsouth.net or call 205-349-4026.

Oct. 17 - Mountaineering Adventure. This 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. TAS. 10am to 1pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 18 - 'The Pocket' Trail Hike. Join botanist, Brittney Hughes, and Conservation Director, Renee Raney, for a botanical gallivant at one of the most enchanted habitats in the southeast-"The Pocket" on Pigeon Mountain- formally called the Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail. This will be an easy to moderate hike. There are 2 waterfalls, a small cave section, and high cliffs to see. Meet at DSP Country Store. Bring a day pack with lunch, snacks, drinks, and whatever you need to survive the day! \$15 per person (space is limited). 9am to 4pm. 256-447-1006.

Oct. 19 - Bouldering Adventure. Atop Lookout Mountain. We will climb on some of the best boulders atop Lookout Mountain with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. TAS. 2pm to 6pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 20 - Afternoon Rock Climb. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. No experience needed. TAS. 2pm to 6pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 21 - Beginning Wheel Class. Turn pots for yourself. Learn the technique used to make all the wonderful pottery you see featured at Miracle Pottery. Experience a fun and memorable evening to share with friends and family. Founder, Valinda Miracle will lead the class. Supplies included (includes firing your finished piece). Bring a few old towels or rags for laps and hands. Apron if desired. Bring something to snack on if you like and a beverage. \$80. Must buy ticket. 4pm to 8pm.

Oct. 21 - Rock Climbing Adventure. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. No prior climbing experience is needed. 2pm to 6pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 22 & 23 - The 9th Annual Little River Art Council's Home Tour and Silent Auction. The Little River Arts Council will present a two-day fall tour of eight homes and other historic landmarks. Tickets good for both days can be purchased at Mentone Town Hall for \$10 each during tour hours. A Silent Auction will again be held at the town hall in conjunction with the Home Tour. Event hours are 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 11am to 4pm on Sunday.

Oct. 25 - 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. TAS. 10am to 4pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 28-30 Spookapalooza! At DSP Fun for the entire family...snacks, treats, costumes, and excellent slap -your -knee & shiver storytelling! Movies, treats, games, storytelling, & more are in store during this popular annual event. All events are free to the public & great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

Oct. 28 - Nativeamerican Folk Tales & Mask Making. Join storyteller Renee Simmons Raney, Director of Conservation (Georgia - Alabama Land Trust) & author of 'Calico Ghosts' for this fun program. Renee will be telling the story of Brother Leaf and will be hosting a mask making activity for kids of all ages! 5pm to 6pm. DSP Campground. Free & open to everyone. 256-997-5025.

Oct. 28 - Campfire Talk: Owl Prowl. Ever wonder whooo's going "hoot" in the night? Get better acquainted with everyone's favorite nighttime raptor with the Alabama Wildlife Center. Learn what makes these predators unique, meet live owls up close, and much more! Bring your own camp chair or blanket, seating is limited. Great for all ages! 6pm to 7pm. DeSoto Stae Park Campfire Ring. Free & open to everyone. 256-845-0051.

Oct. 28 - Extreme Night Hike. 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. TAS. 6pm to 8:30pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 29 - The 4th Annual RTI 5K Great Pumpkin Run. Come join us as we help abused children in DeKalb and Jackson Counties. All proceeds from the race go to the Children's Advocacy Center. Dress up in you favorite Halloween costume and enjoy the fun. Race begins at 8am in RTI parking lot. You can register online at raceonline.com.

Oct. 29 - The 3rd Annual Pumpkins in the Park. There will be variety of vendors, live entertainment, car show, inflatables, pumpkin contests & lots more! Fun for the whole family! Sylvania Town Park. 9am. 256-638-2604.

Oct. 29 - Spookapalooza Pumpkin Carving Contest. DSP is glad to host the 5th Annual Spookapalooza Pumpkin Carving Contest!

Entries will be judged on overall appearance, creativeness, neatness, and originality. Entries can have any theme or design, i.e., Halloween, nature, fall season, etc. All ages may enter contest. Entries must be turned in no later than 12 noon on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Winners will be announced at the Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground at 6pm. All entries will be on display during DSP's Spookapalooza festivities. Entries may be picked up at the DSP Country Store on Sunday, Oct. 30th. Free and Open to all ages. Call 256-997-5025.

Oct. 29 - Spookapalooza Fun & Games. Join the staff and volunteers of DSP, National Park Service, JSU Field Schools, the Conservation Education Institute & more for a great afternoon of fun & games; Pumpkin Decorating, bobbing for apples, moonbounces, slides, facepainting, rub-on tattoos, & more! 2pm to 3:15pm. DSP Campfire Ring. Free & Open to everyone; Great for all ages! 256-845-0051.

Oct. 29 - Spookapalooza Trick or Treating. Wear your favorite costume if you wish! Candy stations are located through-out the campground. Parents must accompany children at all times. Dress up your pets and bring them along (always on a leash). DSP Campfire Ring. Starting around 3:30pm. Free & Open to everyone; Great for all ages! 256-845-0051.

Oct. 29- Burning Leaf Festival. Everyone is invited to Cloudland Community Park for vendors, music, food, & games. Contact Burmah Green at 706-506-1452.

Oct. 29 Campfire Talk: BATS ALIVE! Vicky Beckham Smith of A-Z ANIMALS presents a fascinating program about those night creatures people either love or hate....Bats! Bring along the family to see Vicki's live collection of bats! Program sponsored by Friends of the Little River Canyon National Preserve, JSU Field Schools, and DSP. Bring

your own camp chair or blanket, seating is limited. DSP Campfire Ring. 7pm to 8pm. Free & open to everyone. Great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

Oct. 29 - Night Sky Swing Adventure. This is an adventure of a lifetime. Enjoy the thrill of the swing. Pre-registration required at TAS by 6pm the day before the adventure. Meet at TAS. 10pm to 12pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 30 - Spookapalooza Critter Show. Join Naturalist Mandy Pearson to meet some live critters! Be sure to bring your own camp chair or blanket, as seating is limited. 9am. DSP's Campground at the Campfire Ring. Gate will be open to the public. If inclement weather, program will be in DSP Nature Center (next to the Country Store). Free & Open to everyone. 256-997-5025.

Oct 30 - Hocus Pocus Halloween Bash. Wolves' Den in Kamama. Movie and complimentary candy and cookies. \$5 dinners. Dress up for judging. 5:30pm. Free admission. Reservations at 256-643-3001.

Oct. 31 - 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 TAS by 6pm the day before the adventure. 10am to Noon. 256-997-9577.

Save The Date!

Creative Spirit Market,
Saturday and Sunday
November 12th & 13th
at DeSoto State Park
Picnic Area.

Hosted by
The Little River Arts Council
and DeSoto State Park

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

COLORFEST HAS FLAIR

BY ANNA MAE HORN



Jewelry by Chris Patterson

Talented people are welcome in Mentone at any time, but Colorfest is a fabulous time to get a look at a wide variety of arts and crafts. Committee members for Colorfest 2016 have had a hard time narrowing down all the talented applicants to a number of vendors that would fit nicely at the brow and still leave room for festival goers to browse all the merchandise. For the festival, a balanced variety of fine quality items will be available from over 70 vendors. Here are just a few of the items you will find.

Local photographer Brad Lackey will have some of his prints available, offering his unique take on many subjects. No doubt that some of these will feature some of our local landscapes. Pam Smith will also be there featuring her fabulous nature photography. She was inspired by a photo safari to Africa in 2002 and seeks to inspire others to value our natural world. Besides several trips to Africa, Pam has taken pictures in The Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, British Columbia, London, The Shetland Islands, and Yellowstone and The Grand Teton National Parks. She also enjoys capturing the natural beauty here in Alabama as well.

Many craftspeople will also be on hand. Mountain Moon Glass from Huntsville will be presenting a varied collection of fused glass items. Mentone locals Dowe Foreman (Nightingale Pottery), with her beautiful hand made and wheel thrown pieces, and Jan Smith, with her very unique and interesting clay mosaics, will both be at Colorfest.

Jewelry is always a favorite, so there will be several booths with a variety of charm. Chris Patterson offers a wide range of inspiring and fun items--from a pendant cross necklace to earrings that support your favorite team. He

even makes Halloween and Christmas themed jewelry. For vintage lovers, Stephanie Wingard of The Vintage Clover will have new looks inspired by treasured classics. Just to name a couple.

For some rustic art, lighting, and furniture, be sure to find the American Rust booth. If you prefer driftwood furniture, Wayne Hostetter will be returning this year with some fabulous new creations. Also, Three Nails Creations will have quality hand made furniture available.

Of course, there will be a variety of quilts and clothing and hand made knick knacks available. Messie Bessie Bedside Angels will have a booth for their cute, hand painted burlap angels. And Rita Winters will have her high-quality woven apparel available for purchase. There will be a sampling of everything from cute and artsy to fine apparel and everything in between. You just have to see it all for yourself.

Several local organizations will have booths as well. MERF will have caps, t-shirts, ornaments, and other items with their famous "Leave Me in Mentone" logo--most appropriate for the fall, don't you think? The PWNA will be having a plant sale at their booth; and Mentone Community Library will be having books for sale, weather permitting.

Also, be sure you stop by the MAPA tent to say hello and pick up a schedule of events or a Scavenger Hunt game form. Colorfest vendors at Brow Park will be open Saturday from 9 to 5 and Sunday from 11 to 4, when the festival wraps up. Then, like the beautiful autumn leaves, the flair of the festival will slip away until next time.

(More vendor photos on page 13)



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One thing about Mentone and the DeKalb County area that is for sure is that we are blessed with MANY talented folks. May that be artists that paint us a beautiful picture or those who move and sculpt glass into the finest of things. One talent, in particular, I always love to be a part of is the music. (My dad says I was born singing). Living here in the Northeast Alabama region, I have the greatest pleasure of knowing quite a few talented musicians, who are most willing to perform when called upon for our local festivals.

This year's Colorfest is lining up to be a great one! We are opening up on Friday evening at the Mentone Springs Hotel stage at 5 p.m. with folk/traditionalist singer Chris Hale for some fine

COLORFEST MUSIC

By Lisa Crow

banjo picking while you enjoy some local grub provided by the Mentone Market who will be set up near our stage. Then, we are pleased to have back a local favorite--Will Dooley and Friends from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. They truly can play some bluegrass music worth coming out to hear, that's for sure! Bring the kids and come enjoy a peaceful night on the mountain the way Mentone likes to enjoy it.

Saturday, take a stroll back up the North Cool Street and check out our brow stage from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will be having Jess Barker, Larry Joe Hall, Curtis Strange & Dr. Rob, Daniel Hughes, Lisa Crow, Katrina Barclay, and Amy Snider. You want to catch as many of those as you can!

Saturday night, we are going back to the Hotel stage with the local great Terry Hutcheson starting our night off at 5 p.m. Always a good show right there, folks. Mentone Market will be serving food again, so you can eat, hear great music, and smile all at the same time. Following that, we have the local band Permagroove from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Guys and gals, these boys know how to get you up and moving! I couldn't think of a better way to spend my evening that night than under that tent, for sure.

Sunday, we will be back up at the Brow Stage for yet another day of talented locals for your acoustic



pleasure. From 11 to 4, we will have Trey Headrick, Jared Cushen, Dana Owen, Marc Womack, and David Lusk will wind up Colorfest 2016. I'm pretty sure finding a seat under the pavilion could be one of the best ideas of the day.

Hope to see you there!

*Will Dooley (left) and Permagroove (right)
(More musician photos on page 11)*

Alabama State Parks Fund Amendment

By Anna Mae Horn

2015 was a record year for the parks in terms of attendance, but the parks weren't able to use all the funds they generated. State Parks Director Greg Lein said, "We had a record year and the money went out the back door. This legislation slams the back door shut... locks it, and puts a barricade in front of it." About 86.5% of the state parks budget comes from guest fees, with only about \$7.6M of the \$37M annual budget coming from taxes. For the last five years, funds have been transferred out of the budget for Department of

Conservation and Natural Resources to the general fund. This caused much uncertainty for the park system.

Due to much public support, the legislature is proposing an amendment to ensure that future state park funds would not be transferred. The Alabama State Parks Fund Amendment, also known as Amendment 2, will be on the ballot on November 8. A "yes" vote means designated state park funds stay in the state park budget. A "no" vote allows state park funds to be used

for other purposes. There is also a provision in the amendment stating that in the event that guest revenues to the State Parks Revolving Fund exceed \$50M then excess taxes for the following fiscal year would be used elsewhere. Part II of the amendment allows the state to issue bonds for maintaining and expanding state parks and historical sites. It also allows for services of state parks with sleeping accommodations, restaurants, or a golf course to be outsourced if needed. Let your voices be known: **go vote!**



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How To Play

1. Pick up a Colorfest GO Game Sheet at the MAPA table at Brow Park.
2. Find as many businesses as you can by the clues provided on the Game Sheet. (All businesses are within walking distance of the festival)
3. Once you find the business, you must also find a Treasure Item that is also clued on the game sheet.
4. Once you find both the business and the treasure, ask the owner to initial your Colorfest GO Game Sheet.
5. The owner will then give you a small gift of some kind (one reward per team, at the owner's discretion).
6. Repeat steps 2-5 above until you have completed the entire Colorfest GO Scavenger Hunt!
7. Complete the "contact information" on the game sheet and return it to the MAPA table by 3pm on Sunday afternoon. Every player/team that completes the Colorfest GO Scavenger Hunt over the Colorfest weekend will be eligible for our \$50 Cash Grand Prize courtesy of MAPA!
8. If no player completes the entire game, there will still be a winner based on a drawing of those who completed the most finds. You will be contacted if you are the winner!

COLORFEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Brow Park Hours: Saturday, 9am-5pm; Sunday, 11am-4pm

Mentone Springs Hotel Site Tent

Friday, October 14

5pm Food Trucks By Mentone Market, MAPA (til 8pm)
5pm Chris Hale
6pm Bonfire and Concert by Will Dooley and Friends (til 9pm)

Saturday, October 15

5pm Food Trucks by Mentone Market, MAPA (til 8pm)
5pm Terry Hutcheson
6pm Concert - Permagroove (til 9pm)



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Brow Park Stage

Saturday, October 15

9am Boat Rides (til dusk)
10am Jess Barker
11am Larry Joe Hall
12pm Curtis Strange & Dr. Rob
1pm Daniel Hughes
2pm Lisa Crowe
3pm Amy Snider
4pm Katrina Barclay

Sunday, October 16

10am Boat Rides (til 2pm)
11am Trey Headrick
12pm Scarecrow Holler & Pumpkin Patch
Jubilee Winners Announced
12pm Dana Owens
1pm Jared Cushen
2pm Marc Womack
3pm David Lusk

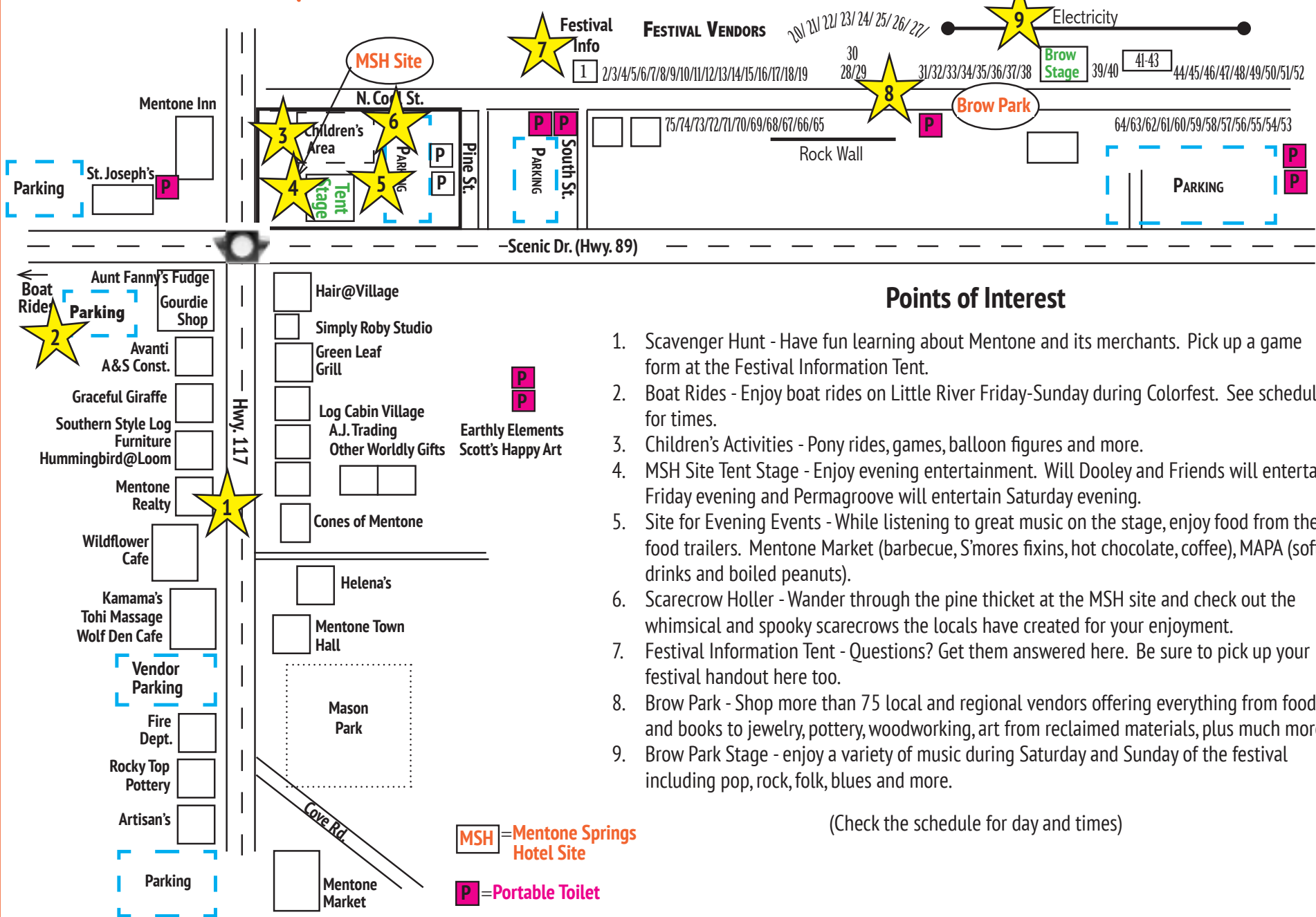
Special Events

Boat Rides from DeSoto Falls
Friday, 1 til dusk
Saturday, 9am til dusk
Sunday, 11am-4pm
Scarecrow Holler
Starts at Mentone Springs Hotel Site
Scavenger Hunt
Scavenger Hunt will be held all over town during festival hours. Game forms will be available at the MAPA tent at Brow Park and must be returned to the MAPA tent by 3pm on Sunday.

Ongoing Activities/Events:

Taste of Mentone - Mentone Chefs'
Brow Park/Featured Specials at Individual Restaurants
Farmers Market
Mentone Inn Square

Map of Mentone Town Center & Brow Park Vendors



NOTE: This is not intended to be a complete map of the Town of Mentone. It only highlights venues for activities, events, food, music, and arts/crafts vendors during Colorfest.



Enjoy The
SOUNDS OF
MENTONE



Colorfest Delights the Palate

Festival food is always delightful! It fills the air, our stomachs, and our souls. There is something peculiarly enlightening about eating at a festival while strolling between vendors or sitting under the pavilion and listening to delightful music. Visitors will not be disappointed at the 2016 Colorfest.

Friday night and Saturday night, Mentone Market Food Truck will be at the old Mentone Springs Hotels site starting at 5 pm each night. They will be serving up Brunswick stew, chili, barbeque, and hot dogs. They will also have the makings for s'mores! Get your hot boiled peanuts and soft drinks from the MAPA trailer. Nothing like a Friday and Saturday night with food, music, and a bonfire.

Of course, we can't have a festival in the south without sweet tea and funnel cakes, but there will be much more as well. Brow Park will be filled with food both Saturday and Sunday. As usual, North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department will be serving the fabulous barbeque everyone has come to expect. There will also be deli sandwiches, chicken fingers, corn dogs, and more. From roasted corn and fresh squeezed lemonade to kettle corn and shaved ice--there will

be something to satisfy everyone's appetite.

For dessert, there will be a range of delectable delights including donuts, baked goodies, and gelato throughout the brow festival area. Take a seat under the pavilion and listen to free live music while you eat.

The Taste of Mentone is always the talk of the town. The Wildflower restaurant will be set up on the brow to serve their mouth-watering food. Local restaurants will be happy to serve up their specialty dishes, so look for the "Taste of Mentone" sign out front.

Also, be sure to stop by the farmers market. They are open every Saturday morning where County Road 89 crosses Highway 117 at the blinking light. Local residents have their freshly harvested fruits, vegetables, honey, breads, and more. Roger's Real Homemade has been known to have everything from hummus and salsa to peanut butter banana muffins and white chocolate-fruit-and-nut granola bars with everything in between! There are always several vendors, and you can't miss the tents. If the weather cooperates, they are usually open extra hours for the festivals. So, be sure to stop by if the tents are up.



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Moon Lake Elementary School “Dot Day”

National Dot Day is always celebrated by Ms. Paula at Moon Lake as she encourages all the students to make their mark. It doesn't matter how little, how big, or what it looks like, just make it in the best way you know how. The 2nd and 6th graders put on the program for the September PTO meeting. They wore their “dotted” tie-dye shirts and sang the dot song!

For the October 4th meeting, the first graders will host the program. Program starts at 6pm. (Officers and class reps should be there at 5.) There will also be a faculty vs students basketball game. Parental and community involvement night will be on October 13th starting at 5pm. Everyone is invited to both events!



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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 just off Desoto Parkway 1/4 mile south of Fischer Crossroads. We would like to invite you to worship with us on Sundays. Sunday School for all ages 9:45am, Traditional Worship 11am, and Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Sunday Evening youth meet at 5:30pm. We have Wonderful Wednesdays during

the school year with Bible studies for all ages, meal at 5:30pm and classes at 6:15pm. We also have Wednesday morning Bible study at 8:45am, and knitting every Tuesday at 9am. Pastor Ian Conerly. Address 1204 New Oregon Drive NE, Fort Payne, AL 35967. phone 256-845-7446.

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

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

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

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

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LEVEL WOODED LOTS in Crestline Park Subdivision in Mentone. Lot 24. 1.27 acres. Great area to build that getaway cabin in the woods. \$25,000 (23184).



TUCKED AMONG THE RHODODENDRONS, Hemlocks, Oak trees is a rustic 1 3/4 story, 3 bdrm, 2bth home. on 3.85 acres Listen to the creek run over the rocks from the screened porch. Open floor plan, wood burning FP. Hot tub. Furnished. Located in Cloudland, GA. Seasonal views. \$182,000



SOLD

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



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



REDUCED

THE SHADOWS, A UNIQUE LOG CABIN. Sunroom, 2 bdrm, 1.5 baths. 2 fireplaces. Living Dining combo, sitting room. Native Landscaped yard. Covered porch. \$169,000. (23143)



CHARMING LOG CABIN circa 1920s in Cloudland, GA. Renovated but kept with its original logs, windows, floors & doors. 4 bdrm, 2 bth. Living room with stone FP. 3 french doors leading to the screened porch & large deck, that overlooks stone picnic tables, stone FP, and BBQ chimney. Seasonal view. A must see! \$115,000 (23096)



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



REDUCED

3.8 ACRES located in East fork little River Estates. Nicely wooded with a portion of the historic Dinky Line Railway. 175 ft. on river (Cherokee Co. Mentone). covenants & restrictions. county water and power available. \$40,000



REDUCED

COTTAGE ON LITTLE RIVER CANYON. What a peaceful setting and private. 2 bdrm with sleeping loft, 2 baths. Great room with Rock Fireplace. Covered front porch and grilling deck. Adjoins on the back side Wildlife management and in the front the canyon preserve. Private access. Appt Only. \$140k (22865)



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



SOLD

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



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



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



NEW LISTING

LAKE WINDMILL ESTATE.. 103 ft. on 13 acre lake on the brow. Wooded, sloped. Build your home here restricted. \$45,000.



THE WHITE COTTAGE. Adorable 2 bdrm 1.5 bath. Completely Remodeled. Walk to the shops and restaurants in Mentone. Living room, updated kitchen, and cute breakfast nook. Established rental property and a great investment. \$128,500 (23209)

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



NEW LISTING



LOTS AND ACREAGE

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

3 County Road 66. (23186)

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

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

SAGE ADVICE:



Fall has arrived! The weather is more comfortable, and there is a coolness to the breeze. Many mornings are now in the low 60's or upper 50's, a great time to work in the garden. There are several fall plants that give color and texture to the landscape. Plant these in your beds to keep them fresh and inviting during the autumn months.

Chrysanthemums are the brightest and most colorful of the fall flowers. They come in a wide array of colors and will come back year after year. Although most are sold as individual potted plants to be placed on porches, steps, along pathways, and on patios, they are perennials so they can be planted in the garden when their blooms fail after the first frost. Snip off the spent flowers and cut stems back to five or six inches, then plant in good soil. They will lose their leaves for the winter but come back next spring. Their first blooms will appear in late May to early June. By July those blooms will fade, so July 4 is a good time to remember to cut them back again. Doing so will assure their blooming again in late September through October. One way to increase the size of the blooms is to snip off every two out of three blooms when they first form. This sends the energy to the remaining blooms so they are larger and prettier.

Pansies are great for the winter garden. They like the cool to cold temperatures, so wait until October 10 or later to plant them. They will need to be deadheaded (the spent blooms removed) every week to ten days to keep them blooming nicely all winter. Use a time released fertilizer when planting to keep them on a good growth pattern. Being heavy bloomers, they may even need more fertilizer in mid-winter. Pansies will bloom well into spring until the temperatures begin to stay in the 80's. Choose from deep, bright colors to muted, pale, antique colors. All are beautiful in the winter garden.

To add some different texture to the winter

By Susan Seago

garden, plant some of the ornamental kale and cabbage. They have colorful foliage of green, white, and purple, even red. Growing in height to at least 18 inches, maybe 24 inches for some species, they look great with pansies planted around them. They also will last well into the spring or early summer.



Evergreen trees and shrubs are rarely noticed in the spring, summer, and fall. However, they truly stand out in the winter landscape. To make your landscape really grand, plant a few of these beauties in strategic areas of your yard. Choose from cedars, cypress, junipers, some hollies, camellias, or nandinas. There are many evergreens from which to choose. Just ask your local garden center for information and advice.

Casino Night a Success!

The Progressive Women of NE Alabama hosted a Casino Night Fundraiser on August 27th at the Little River Canyon Center. We had over 50 attendees and raised \$3,500! All of the proceeds raised at the event will go towards the PWNA Scholarship Fund.

The fundraising committee would like to thank the generous sponsors of this event for helping make it a success: CleBur's Ogun Tractors, Native Inc., Skelton Orthodontics, Section Pharmacy, Fern Cliff Farms, Charter Investment, Pat Dunne State Farm Insurance, People's Independent Bank, Gorham's Bluff, and Raymond James Investments.

The PWNA Education committee awards 5-7 scholarships each academic school year, totaling (on average) \$5,000 annually to deserving women who show the need and desire to further their education. In the past 2 years, we nearly doubled our giving and would like to continue our efforts to increase the amount we give for education. The scholarship is open to all females in DeKalb, Marshall and Jackson counties who are enrolled or planning to enroll in either Northeast Alabama Community College or Snead State Jr. College.

The members also work in a variety of ways on several issues that affect women-including health care, equal pay, domestic violence, and poverty. Donations towards our efforts can be mailed to PWNA, c/o Ruth Morisette, 4081 County Road 166, Fort Payne, AL 35967. Throughout the year, the club also sells cookbooks and holds a plant sale at each of Mentone's festivals. So, stop by our tent at Colorfest to find out more about us and take home a plant!



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LOTS and LAND

19 ACRES beautiful woodland with Laurel Creek running through it. Level to gently sloping. Perfect for someone seeking a true getaway. Wild turkey, deer, bobcat, foxes...just about any kind of mountain wildlife one could imagine has been spotted on this property by the owner. Mountain laurel, rhododendron, cucumber magnolia, wild azalea. Some restrictions. \$60,000

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! Now \$79,500. (1040913)

ACREAGE WITH A SMALL LAKE HIDDEN IN THE WOODS. Lightly-restricted 4.33 wooded acres on Full Moon Lake, Laurel Creek Lakes SD, that also features walking trails and 3 lakes. Two lots being sold as one. Build on one, or both! Could be divided in the future. 45,000. (1048869)

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

REDUCED! WOW! Build your dream home with a view! 3-acre building lot overlooking beautiful Weiss Lake. Already cleared & ready to build upon with mature trees left for shade, utilities at the road. \$30,000 (1051832)

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

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



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)



BACK ON MARKET AT GREAT NEW PRICE!! TINY LOG CABIN in Mentone on a little over an acre. Live life more simply. Wood interior; 1BR/1BA (tile shower); rocking chairs on the front porch (it's being sold fully furnished); metal roof; wooded backyard; lovely front yard w/fruit trees & garden areas; flower beds; quaint "outhouse-look" well house. Public water available. Great rental possibilities, too! Fantastic price of only \$79,900. (1053288)



THREE ACRES, 2 BARNs, CREEK FRONTAGE & a house. Mentone. Land mostly pasture, some woods. Larger barn w/garage, work area & stalls; small animal barn inside the fenced pasture area. Approx 116' on creek. 2BR/1BA house w/screened-in porch & sun room. Country kitchen, utility room. Charming wood fencing at entry; stone sidewalk & foundation. Public & well water. Unrestricted. A lot of potential here. Priced right, too. \$75,000 (1053845)



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! Affordable little getaway for only \$73,900. (1049483)



EXPANSIVE VIEWS & PLENTY OF ROOM INSIDE & OUT makes this Mentone brow-front home a fantastic possibility for your personal family getaway, residence or rental. 4BR/2.5BA; beautiful hickory floors in KI/DI/LR; stainless appliances; 2-car att garage (convert it into a huge den w/brow view?); room for add'l cabin or shop/garage; nicely landscaped; iron & stone fence w/gate; deck; brow-side sitting areas; path for going to lower brow level where there are natural shelves/overhangs to explore. Possibilities for a lower-level cottage, too. Needs a bit of updating, but with approx 170' brow frontage, this place could be the best buy on the mountain at only \$239,000. (1038210)



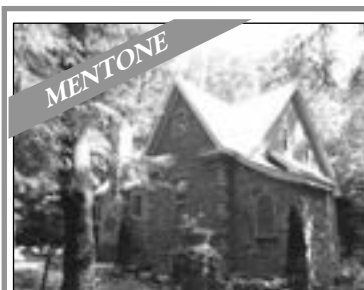
CHARMING BUNGALOW WITH SCREENED FRONT PORCH; lots of old-fashioned flowers & plantings; big shade trees; deep lot; private back yard; woods; small stream. 3BR/1BA; nostalgic knotty-pine kitchen; DR; enclosed back porch w/laundry & storage. Original heart pine floors. New siding. Detached shop w/metal roof & new siding. In-town location for commercial/residential/rental uses. \$79,900 (1043685)



WELL-MAINTAINED LOOKOUT MTN HOME in Ft Payne City Limits. Vaulted LR w/mtn stone gaslog fplce. Oak floors in living, kit/dining & Master BR; tile in baths & laundry. Spacious country kitchen w/oak cabinetry, work island & dining area. Huge MABR w/gas log fplce; MABA w/jetted tub & sep shower. Two add'l good-sized bedrooms. Nice front porch. Back deck. 14'x12' storage bldg. 2 acres. One-owner home; built 2011. \$157,500 (1053364)



13.34 ACRES, 3 PONDS, OLD FARM HOUSE, SHOP & OUT-BUILDINGS. Fruit trees of all sorts. Great garden areas. The old house needs a good bit of TLC. Best feature is the view. Nice lot. Are you ready to go? Call now! 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)



TALL MEADOW RUE. A new cottage with an "old world" look & feel. Details that are seldom seen: English chimney pots; transom doors; tall windows; stained glass; craftsmanship in stone & brick-work; arched entry & front door; curved lines; storm room; custom cabinetry & quartz counters; antique mantel & brick fplce w/bookshelves both sides. Main-level bath w/clawfoot tub. Extensive, professionally-landscaped gardens w/fishpond, tea house, lighting & tiny chapel. A place words fail to adequately describe; to see it one finds endless wonders to take in. Exquisitely furnished, with most items to remain with cottage. Discover it for yourself and be enchanted. \$339,900 (1045090)



See you at
Colorfest October 15 and 16!



Rhododendron Garden Club

By Mellanie Tuttle

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on Tuesday, September 13

at the MERF House. Brenda Cox graciously served as hostess, and Mary Shurett gave the meditation. Mary quoted Robert Finch, "But now in September the garden has cooled, and with it, my possessiveness. The sun warms my back instead of beating on my head... The harvest has dwindled, and I have grown apart from the intense midsummer relationship that brought it on." She also read the "Autumn Prayer" by Doug Leonhardt. The business meeting followed with preparations finalized for the Fall Flower Show during the VFW Fair. Six members are entering designs; three have never exhibited before, so that will be a new adventure for them. The club will also have entries in Horticulture, the Educational Exhibit and Scarecrow contest.

The RGC and Alabama State Parks Partners is encouraging all voters to give a "YES" vote on Statewide Amendment 2 in the upcoming election. Since 2012, the Alabama Legislature transferred \$15 million from the Alabama's State Parks to the State General Fund... Five parks have closed due to these funding transfers...

On November 8th, citizens will vote on a Constitutional Amendment to ban transferring funds from Alabama's State Parks. (from the Park Partners website alparkspartners.com). Like all amendments, the wording is vague at best, but please vote "YES" while you are exercising your American right to vote and make a difference!

Member Carol Argo gave a great hands-on program about "Making a Living Wreath." She explained that succulents, herbs, air plants or African violets can all be used to create a living wreath. Carol provided two sphagnum covered rigid frame bases for attaching the plants. The form can either be hung or used flat as a centerpiece. Carol shared several types of succulents. Members also brought cuttings from their yards, so two tables were covered in plant material. The real fun began after the group divided. The competition was on to see which group made the loveliest wreath! One difficulty was deciding which tools

to use to penetrate the sphagnum thickness. Secondary issues were: how to make a hole big enough for the root ball to fit in, but not destroy the integrity of the sphagnum moss; which plant to use; and, finally, finding the perfect placement. Table 1 accused Table 2 of taking all the "dark" plants, but each wreath turned out lovely. The plants have to stay flat for 3-4 weeks while the roots take hold, but then should be

secure enough to hang on a wall or door. The best learning is doing- so this program was a great success! Thank you, Carol.

The RGC meets at 10am each second Tuesday of the month at the MERF House. The next meeting will be October 10 where we will be patting ourselves on the back for another successful flower show. Look forward to next month's



issue when we'll brag about all the ribbons awarded!

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

Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

for the touch of coolness in the air that give us a new burst of energy,
for the coloring of the trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,
for the falling of leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,
for the fall harvest which brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life,
God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.

Amen

- Doug Leonhardt, S.J.

HOCUS POCUS HALLOWEEN BASH

Sunday, October 30th, the Wolves' Den family eatery located in Kamama's art gallery will be hosting a Halloween Bash starting at 4pm. We encourage everyone to come dressed in their Halloween costumes. We will be giving an award to the best costume. At 5:30, we will be showing the movie Hocus Pocus. We will have \$5 chicken finger plates or grilled cheese plates, and our regular menu will be offered. We will have lots of Halloween candy, cookies, and cupcakes--complimentary to all those who join us for an evening of Halloween happiness. To make reservations, or if you have any questions, contact Fontana at 256-634-3001. Hope to see y'all there

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608

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. \$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.



606

CUSTOM CABIN w/vaulted great room and kitchen, oak flooring, and wood burning fireplace in this 2BR/2 1/2BA home. Sleeping porch w/FP. Secluded w/ gated entrance near downtown Mentone. \$248,000. MLS #1051679.



606

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



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

Vintage bungalow, completely remodeled, zoned Commercial/Residential w/250' on Hwy 117. Bright & sturdy 1940's-era, 3BR/1BA gem. Wood walls; period trim details. Updated with new electrical, plumbing, floors & cabinets. Enjoy the views from the deck or screened porch across the creek in back. Great location to live, rent or work within walking distance of town. \$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

3.3 ACRES of historic property in the heart of Mentone. Starting at \$325,000. Call for details. MLS #1046423.



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, w/b 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



604

UNIQUE CABIN with a VIEW in Valley View Forest. 3BR/3BA, Den and Formal living area with lots of rustic features. Open kitchen and Den with exposed beams. Living area w/rock FP and built-ins. \$279,900. MLS #1054116.



607

THE HISTORIC CRAGSMERE MANOR, on 5+ acres in Mentone, serves as rental lodging and/or event hosting. Perfect setting for large groups, couples or small groups. 6 BR/4BA, sleeps up to 14 guests. Large kitchen, dining, and living area, covered pavilion. \$775,000. MLS #153226.



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. \$264,900 MLS #692795



607

In the heart of Mentone, this updated 3BR/2BA home features hardwood floors, custom cabinets, FP & storage space. New carpeting upstairs. Barn w/storage & workshop. \$224,900. MLS #1051222.



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



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



610

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



619

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



618

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



707

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

LOTS AND LAND

#392849 - 4.4 acre tract on brow. \$190,000
 #403694 - 106' of prime brow view. \$109,500.
 #656265 - 7+ WOODED ACRES in Mtn. River Estates. \$39,000.
 #665968 - 1 ACRE LOT in Hidden Lake Sub. \$40,000.
 #762331 - 1.02 ACRE lot in Hidden Lake Sub. \$40,000.
 #845943 - 200' of water frontage \$42,000.
 #945265 - 1 ACRE LOT in Hidden Lake Sub. \$49,000.
 #1011734 - .69 ACRE wooded lot on Brush Creek. \$27,900.
 #1014183 - 1.5 ACRES. Brow Lot on CR 89. \$124,900.
 #1016112 - 3.46 WOODED ACRES in Oakwood Sub. \$23,500.
 #1016118 - 3.04 WOODED ACRES in Oakwood Sub. \$23,500.
 #1021165 - 2 ACRE LOT offering lake and brow footage. \$59,900.
 #1026589 - LIBBY LANE. .49 acres West Fork Little River. \$162,000.
 #1027934 - 4.42 ACRES on River Lane, W. Fork Sub. \$29,900.
 #1032720 - 2.8 acres with travel trailer, water, septic, dock. \$82,500.
 #1034997 - Approx. 6 ACRES on middle fork of Little River. \$48,900
 #1038089 - 6.4 acres on Co. Rd. 89, Lot 8, in Mentone. \$155,000



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)



401

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



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.

#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
 #1039769 - 6.32+/- waterfront building lot in Mountain River Estates! \$49,950
 #1045110 - 7.9 acres on brow. \$169,000.
 #1046423 - 4.3 acres, County Road 89, Mentone. \$34,500.
 #1046743 - .81 acres, Hunter's Ridge, Mentone. \$19,900.
 #1053367 - 9.93 acres in Mentone. \$45,000.

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FEMALE AGE GROUP 20-29

Kelsey Wade

MALE AGE GROUP 20-29

Caleb White

Trevor Lewis

Austin Gifford

FEMALE AGE GROUP 30-39

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MALE AGE GROUP 30-39

Colby Meadows

FEMALE AGE GROUP 40-49

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FEMALE AGE GROUP 50-59

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Senior Health Medicare 2017 Open Enrollment

Each year, when Medicare Open Enrollment comes around, it is the time to double-check your Medicare and prescription drug plan coverage for the following year. This year, Medicare Enrollment for the 2017 season is from October 15th to December 7th, 2016. The 15th is on Saturday this year, but we will be available Monday, October 17th to assist you. Even if your current Medicare plan and its benefits are working for you, it is a good idea to check your plan every year. The only way to save on your health care costs is to annually compare your current plan to other plans that will be available to you for the 2017 enrollment, either offered by your current provider or by other health insurance companies.

The first step is to re-assess your health care needs. Make a list of your current medicine and note the changes that have occurred since your last enrollment. If you get any notices from your plan provider about changes to your plan, even if you would like to keep your current plan, it may be time to take a closer look. You may be able to get more benefits at lower costs. Plan benefits change every year, and it doesn't hurt to check out and compare all benefits and costs. Just remember you can really save money on your healthcare by evaluating the upcoming plans when you get your MEDICARE AND YOU 2017 handbook.

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Vendors can reserve a spot for \$10 or \$15 for vendors who show up on the day of the festival. Information for vendors, contact: Maggie Johnson (706-844-4468), Janice Tucker (706-331-1065), Pamela Cavin (706-331-7374), or Burmah Green (706-506-1452).

Donations can be made to either The Cloudland Community Park or The Cloudland Volunteer Fire Department. Send all donations to: Cloudland Community Park, PO Box 277, Menlo, GA, 30731.

Come out and spend the day with us from 8am – 2pm. The event is hosted by, and all proceeds go to, The Cloudland Community Park and The Cloudland Volunteer Fire Department.

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