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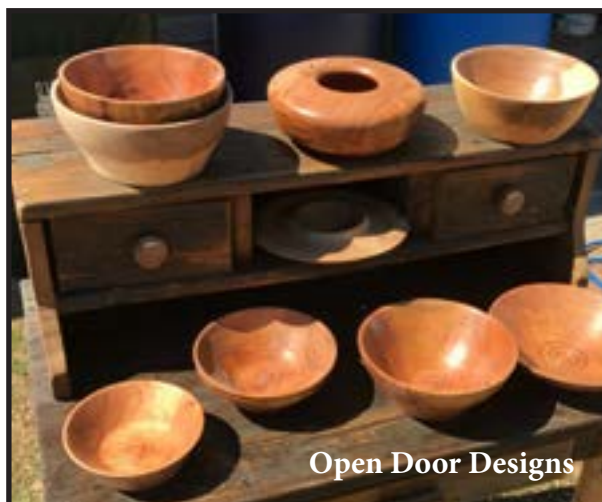
May 2017

Join Us For the Rhododendron Festival May 20-21

Southern Style Sweethearts



You are invited to join MAPA for a wonderful celebration of talent! Mentone Brow will be filled with handmade arts and crafts, homemade food, and local music filling the air. The old Mentone Springs Hotel sight will be active as well with clogging, story telling, and a variety of musical styles. Friday night and Saturday night



Open Door Designs

join the crowd at the Mentone Inn for even more music, food, and a bonfire- bring your s'mores fixin's and a lawn chair!

Lots of other activities will be going on around town as well including the traditional scenic boat tours, Sacred Harp Singing and a 5k/Fun Run. Miss Rhododendron Pageant will be held the



Larry Joe Hall

weekend prior so make plans for that. The winner can be seen around Mentone all weekend during the festival, be looking for her sparkling crown. Be sure to check out the middle insert and all the information in this issue to get the details!

Festival Details on pages 9-19.

\$100,000 Grant Depends on Your Votes

By Randy Grider

The Mentone Arts & Cultural Center is asking everyone to vote in the *USA Today's* "A Community Thrives" grant competition. MACC is in the running for a grant up to \$100,000.

The competition involves a month-long public vote for best project in three categories. MACC was entered into the "arts and culture" division. Each entry has a video that promotes that project. *USA Today* will award two \$50,000 grants and one \$100,000 grant.

The public can vote once per day through May 12. Grants winners will be selected by a *USA Today* panel from the top 10 projects receiving the most votes in each category.

The video that is a part of the grant competition was created by Fort Payne High School student Taylor Theakston.

A link to vote can be found on the MACC website, www.mentoneartscenter.org and on the MACC Facebook page (search for Mentone Arts & Culture Center on Facebook).

We are grateful for the impressive video Taylor created to enter MACC into the "A Community Thrives" grant competition. She is a very talented young lady. We encourage everyone to check out



her video and vote every day.

MACC presented several special events and workshops in April and has more scheduled for May.

On Thursday, May 4, MACC will launch a new regular feature called Homemade Jam, a songwriters showcase of local musicians at

Kamama from 7-10:30 p.m. Homemade Jam will take place the first Thursday of each month.

The format is as follows: From 7-9 p.m., the "jam" takes place as performers showcase their musical skills. From 9-10 p.m., each songwriter will perform one original song they have written. At 10 p.m., the audience will vote for the best original song with the winner receiving a \$50 prize. Admission is \$5, participating musicians are not charged.

On Saturday, May 13, join artist/instructor Lydia Randolph for a "Painting Flowers in the Style of Georgia O'Keeffe" workshop from 1-4 p.m. She will provide all material/supplies. The cost is \$50. Students may bring their own flowers.

For more information on any of these events, please call me at 256-674-3366 or Ray Padgett at 256-634-3001. You may also email us at mentoneartscenter@gmail.com.

"Be a Part of Something Amazing!"

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

ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS ENABLES MERF TO EXPOSE MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO A VARIETY OF ARTS EVENTS



MERF is pleased to announce that a \$2,150 grant was received from the Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA), the state arts agency. MERF is working with Moon Lake Elementary School to expose students to the arts through several artistic performances at the Alliance Theater in Atlanta in March, the Orchestra in Huntsville in February, and Afternoons with local artists in their studios and on campus in April and May. For many of the students, this is the first time to experience a live, professional performance. Ms. Paula Easter, the school's Arts program director funded by MERF, will prepare the students before each event and continue their enjoyment of what they experienced afterwards.

On March 23, 2017, Moon Lake's fourth, fifth and sixth grade headed to the Alliance Theater in Atlanta to enjoy the world premiere adaptation of "Cinderella and Fella" by Janece Shaffer with music by S. Renee Clark. As described online, it is "A magical retelling of the Cinderella story that's more high-tops than glass slipper and is fueled by



the magic of lightning bugs, singing cicadas, and oozing mud. Our young prince, who was raised by an overbearing parent, searches the kingdom for a best friend ready for adventure. Our Cinderella, who has spent countless days pulling her ungrateful stepmother around in her tiny house, fits the bill. Filled with humor and wonder."

For the fourth graders, this was their first opportunity to see a live production. This is the second field trip to the Alliance Theater for the fifth and sixth-graders provided by MERF and ASCA. Teri Beth Perkins, a school chaperone and parent, thought the talent was excellent and she had a permanent smile on her face from being so highly entertained. Fourth-grader Madeline said "The play was amazing and it was the best field trip that I have ever been on!" Olivia Burton's praise of the program was simple, but very enthusiastic. "I

loved it!"

ASCA grants are awarded through a multifaceted competitive review process. This grant signifies that MERF provides programs of artistic quality, serves the needs of the community and demonstrates high-level administrative standards, as well as enhancing education of students at all levels.

This grant awarded by the Alabama State Council on the Arts is made possible through funding from an annual appropriation from the Alabama State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. This public support enables MERF to reach new audiences, foster community development, provide the highest quality programming, and demonstrate the importance of arts as a component for quality of life in Alabama.



LITTLE RIVER CANYON NATIONAL PRESERVE WELCOMES 4TH GRADE STUDENTS THROUGH "EVERY KID IN A PARK" FIELD TRIPS

Little River Canyon National Preserve invites all 4th grade students to take advantage of the Every Kid in a Park program. The park has received funding from the National Park Foundation to pay expenses to make fourth grade field trips free for schools. In addition, fourth grade students can go to everykidinapark.gov to complete an activity and obtain a free annual entry pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks. Former National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis said "We hope these free passes for fourth graders will introduce 4th graders, their classes, and families to our national treasures, places where they can run and play, explore and learn." Park Ranger Larry Beane said, "Funding for the school buses and other expenses to make field trips possible where school budgets cannot afford field trips to add educational in-park programs meeting the curriculum needs of surrounding states."

Little River Canyon National Preserve offers a variety of activities that fourth graders and their families can enjoy--walks, hikes, programs and school field trips to learn about the park's

resources. Fourth graders may visit the park to study carnivorous plants, biology, special species, habitats, geology, prehistoric American Indians, the Hernando DeSoto and Tristan De Luna expeditions, and the Trail of Tears.

To receive their free pass for national parks, fourth graders can visit the Every Kid in a Park website and play a game to access their special Every Kid in a Park pass. Fourth graders and their families can then use this pass for free entry national parks and other federal public lands and waters across the

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MENTONE MATTERS

By Mayor Rob Hammond



Thanks to all who participated in our community clean-up day. Lyle reported there were more volunteers this year than we have had in the past couple of years. Some spots were cleaned up that volunteers had not

been able to get to in the past. Bobby Hamby collected a van full of electronic recyclables. At the same time volunteers were doing the litter pick-up, the Mentone Community Church landscape crew was working on the flowerbeds in the public spaces around town. Volunteers prepared plenty of great food for the community lunch following at the Mentone Inn pavilion. It was a good day for Mentone!

Thanks to all who completed the survey for the Mentone comprehensive plan. Kevin Bernard of TARCOG is analyzing the data. There have been two meetings in the last couple of weeks with Kevin at Town Hall. Councilmembers and members of the planning commission participated. There will be more chances for public participation as the process continues.

From The Editor

May brings in the flowers watered by the showers of April. It brings the end of a school year, and more family time together, decorations, reunions, telling stories, and creating new memories to share in the future. That's what my youngest daughter misses most about my mom who passed in November. She was our family historian. In the last few years while she was sick, Olivia would spend hours laying in the hospital bed by her Grammy's side listening to her stories from the "olden days" -as Olivia says. Now, she comes to me. Tell me one of Grammy's stories, and the traditions continue. It's like a triple pleasure. Both Olivia and I reminisce of my Mama telling the stories and our hearts warm as we recall her voice and mannerisms (which I try to imitate) as Olivia and I bond, and before long, she will be passing these on to the next generation.

I'm looking forward to the storytelling at the Rhododendron Festival and anxious to see what Olivia thinks about it. She always enjoys seeing the variety of unique items that the vendors bring and of course the games, food, and music. Some of her school mates will be performing, so maybe we can catch that act as well. I'll be spending a little time selling books at the library tent; say hello if you come by. Hope to see you there. Be sure to stop by the MAPA tent and pick up your \$2 raffle tickets for a chance on some beautiful local artwork. Fun weekend for sure!

Anna Mae Horn, Editor

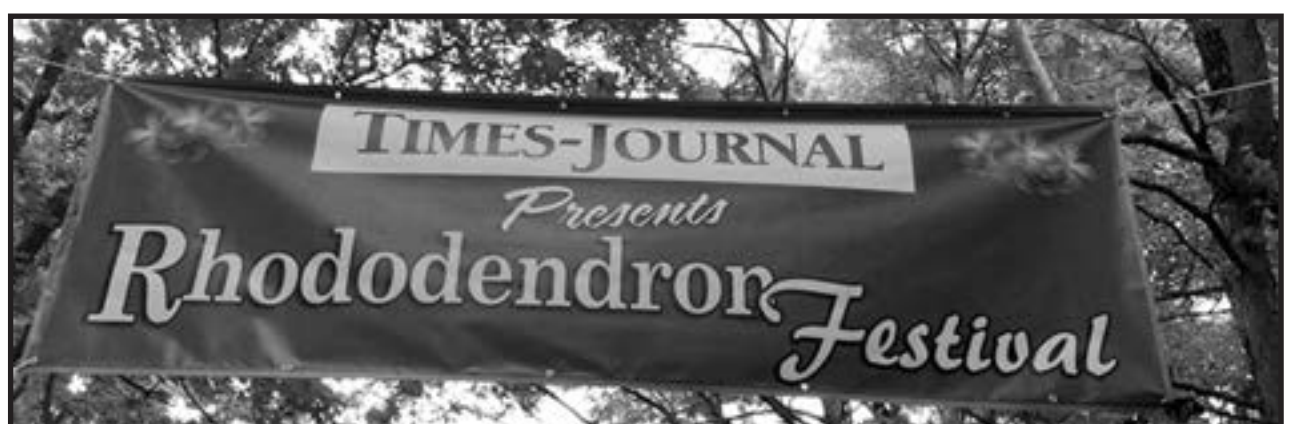


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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

BY LYLE NICELY

This year's Mentone Cleanup had the best turnout we have had in years. Due to this excellent turn out, we picked up a record amount of trash! Our mountain looks fabulous; thank you for your eager participation! I would like to extend thanks to Cynthia Stinson for use of the Mentone Inn in helping broadcast our message, as well as the use of her parking lot for a meet-up point. A big thank you to the great food supplied by everyone who brought a covered dish. A special thank you to David Mays who smoked the meat provided by L.C. Moon.. Thank you to Larry Joe for providing beautiful music at our post cleanup picnic. To Kelly Leavitt and Tobey Miller, thanks for getting the word out to the community. I would also be remiss if I did not thank our dedicated sponsors (full list below). A special thank you to those who pick up roads all year round; thank you so much for your tireless efforts. Our mountain is beautiful because we make it so; thank for taking pride in our community and taking part in our annual clean-up. We hope to see you next year!

P.S. To Tom and Kristen Emory, who have had more than their share of excitement for the year:

we look forward to the re-opening of the Mentone Market. Your presence (and your cookies) were missed at the picnic.

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Thank You From the Valley Head Volunteer Fire Department

The Valley Head Volunteer Fire Department would like to say "Thank you!" to everyone who attended or purchased tickets to the fish fry fundraiser on March 26. "It was a great success for the department and we are very thankful for the effort that everyone put into making it successful." Says Chief Weston Fortner of the Valley Head Volunteer Fire Department. "I would like to say a huge thank you to the owners and employees of the Tiger's Inn Restaurant for their dedication, and the hard work they put in to this fundraiser. We could not have had the event without them." Ms. Judy Johnson, owner of the Tiger's Inn, and her staff went above and beyond to make sure this fundraiser was successful, and for that, we are truly grateful. We would also like to thank Mayor Lamar Bray and the Valley Head Town Council along with the Valley Head Police Department for their hard work in helping to advertise and coordinate the event. "We care about the community we serve and are very thankful that the community supports us and our efforts!" Thank you to everyone!

CAMP DIRECTORS MEET

Larry Johnson from Camp Skyline (left) is the new president of the national Camp Owners & Directors Association. Congratulations! Larry invited Tom Rosenberg (right), President/CEO of the American Camp Association, to Mentone Friday, March 24, to meet with area camp directors. It was a fun, informative, and productive meeting.



MAPA NEWS

By Sandra Padgett, Founding Member

In February of 1981 a group of Mentone citizens met at the Moon Lake Baptist Church to explore the need for a community organization. On that cold evening I met Bruce Bon Fleur, founder of Cragsmere Mana Restaurant. His chef Mike Minden provided pastries that were formed in the shape of swans, fruit tray, tea and coffee. Bernice Crow, (Hitching Post), Dr. Charles McGehee (Writer & Minister), Donna Buckley (Artist), Maggie Cordell (Quilter), Mabel Kirk (Garden Club) and A few elderly citizens attended. It was a few months after we closed on the hotel; and I came up from Atlanta. Bernice was the only person that I knew.

Bruce had organized the meeting. After discussion of the need of an organization; he presented a mission, plan of action and program of how to proceed. I was impressed with his confidence, enthusiasm and brilliance. When I left, my first thought was: WOW this young man made a presentation beyond anything I have seen in Atlanta! He didn't have fancy power point machine. His vision came to life on a plain paper flip chart. A visionary indeed. That was the birth of Mentone Area Preservation Association. On a very cold night.

Ray and I were thrilled to have Bruce and his wife Marsha for a brief visit last Sunday. They drove up from Atlanta where they had attended a wedding. The Bon Fleur's live in White Clay, Nebraska. They have spent the last two decades dedicating their lives to ministering and caring for the needs of Lakota Indian tribe.

Over 35 years ago, a small group of Mentone volunteers guided by the vision of newcomer, Bruce Bon Fleur, started a legacy that celebrates, showcases and helps preserve Mentone's environment and culture.

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The end of April brings a close to our weekly senior lunches for the spring with the grilling of burgers and dogs by the Boy Scouts, but stay tuned as the seniors will gather for food and fun

throughout the summer. After school tutoring will end the first week of May. On May 17th, MERF will host another Afternoon with the Artists at Moon Lake School. For the second year, local artists will meet in groups with the students to talk about and demonstrate their creative expressions of art. The students will be able to ask questions and learn about different artistic styles. MERF is honored and thankful that many of Linda Lawton's friends have remembered her with donations.

Thank you everyone for another successful and fun Taste of the Mountain and Art Auction. MERF is thankful for the decorating committee and those who helped to transport tables and chairs. We couldn't have had such a great event without the artistry from Scott Thomas, Renae Lyons, Lydia Randolph, Tim Smith, Chae Long, Emily Neel Guin, Phil Faircloth, Rita Winters, Dowe and John Foreman, Stacey Howell, Brad Lackey, James Flarity, Brad Shrader and all the

students from Moon Lake. Thanks to the Hedgspeths for the donation of the Alabama

tickets. And boy were we fed well by the culinary artists from The Farm at Windy Hill, Mildred's Meadows, Sweet P's, Green Leaf Grill, Wolves Den at Kamama, Joe John's Catering, Sugarville Baker, Wildflower Café, The Lookout Outpost. Please continue to support these artists by purchasing their artwork and their food! Gratitude also to Camp DeSoto, Robert Moehr and Riverview Camp for Girls for providing services and tablecloths. Thanks to Moon Lake Elementary School for working with MERF and for allowing Paula Easter to bring out the talents of all the students.

Final thanks go to the community for supporting MERF and enjoying our fun event!

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

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MBA Mix: CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

By Charlotte Gentry
MBA President



At our April meeting, the Mentone Business Association discussed the on-going problem with speeding motorists through downtown Mentone. Since Highway 117 is a state highway and a main Atlanta-Huntsville corridor, we see a lot of traffic that never stops, nor slows down coming through town. Many of these folks do not obey the 35 mph speed limit. As part of our discussion, we drew up a letter

to present to the Mentone Mayor and Town Council at their April meeting with proposals we thought might make a difference in the future of Mentone.

We wanted to bring to the Town's attention that the 35 mph speed limit sign was missing from Hwy 117 as you come up the mountain and there was nothing to indicate the change from 45 mph to 35 anywhere along the highway until one gets well into the downtown area in front of the Graceful Giraffe. The MBA requested a new, larger sign be put up at the yellow blinking light coming up the

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By Barb Stoll

May is Blooming at the Library!

Happy Spring everyone. Everything is awake and blooming in our little town, and so is your Community Library. This month we have great new books and DVDs, many that have been requested such as *Game of Thrones*. If there is a current series, movie or DVD you would like to see at your library, please let us know. We will always try to accommodate when we can.

We will be at the Rhododendron Festival this month on Saturday (20th) and Sunday (21st). We will have terrific books and DVDs for sale, plus we just like seeing our community and saying "hello", so remember to stop by. Here's what we have for you this month.

Books

Banana Cream Pie Murder: after an extravagant honeymoon, Hannah's eager to settle down in Lake Eden and turn domestic daydreams into reality. But when her mother's neighbor is discovered murdered in the condo downstairs, reality becomes a nightmarish investigation. As Hannah peels through countless suspects, and some new troubles of her own, solving this crime--and living to tell about it--might prove trickier than mixing up the ultimate banana cream pie. This is yet another in the Hannah Swensen mysteries by Joanne Fluke and sure to be delicious. It even comes with recipes!

Bone Box: New York Time's bestselling author Faye Kellerman's Lazarus makes a shocking discovery in the woods of her upstate New York Community that leads Decker through a series of gruesome unsolved murders pointing to a serial killer who's hiding in plain sight. On a bright and crisp September morning, while walking a bucolic woodland trail, Rina stumbles upon human remains once buried deep beneath the forest floor. And when more human remains are found in the same area, Decker and McAdams know this isn't just a one-off murder case. Decker, McAdams,

and Rina race to protect their community from a psychopathic killer still in the area--and on the hunt for a fresh victim.

Without Warning: After ISIS terrorists attack the U.S. Capitol building during the president's State of the Union address, the entire world waits to see how the most powerful nation in the world will respond. But the Taylor administration is more committed to political correctness than to justice, and it falls to the other nations to lead the way in hunting down Abu Khalil, the criminal and religious mastermind who heads the Islamic State. When New York Times journalist J.B. Collins, reeling from a tragedy closer to home, suddenly finds himself in possession of vital information that could help in the search, he is once again thrust into the crosshairs of global politics. But this time it's personal! They are planning to launch catastrophic attacks inside American cities. This is yet another riveting novel by bestselling author Joel C. Rosenberg.

DVDs

Ex Machina: After winning a competition to spend the week at the mountain estate of his company's brilliant CEO, programmer Caleb Smith (Domhnall Gleeson) arrives to discover he has been chosen to take part in a study of artificial intelligence. "The year's best sci-fi movie"--Esquire, "Necessary and unforgettable. *Ex-Machina* is a classic"--Associated Press. Rated R

Dr. Strange: From Marvel Studios comes the story of world-famous neurosurgeon Dr. Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), whose life changes forever after a horrific car accident renders his hands useless. When traditional medicine fails him, he travels to the Nepalese enclave of Kamar-Taj in search of a cure. Armed with newfound power, he is thrust into a multi-dimensional battle against dark forces bent on destroying existence as we know it. You will enjoy this great adventure with incredible special effects, irreverent humor, and non-stop action. Rated PG-13

Moana: From Walt Disney Animation Studios comes Moana, an epic adventure about a spirited teen who sets sail on a daring mission to save her people. Along the way, Moana (Auli'i Cravalho) meets the once-mighty demigod Maui (Dwayne Johnson), and together they cross the ocean on a fun-filled, action-packed voyage. This movie is full of heart and humor for the whole family. Rated G

Passengers: Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt star in a hi-stakes adventure about two passengers, Aurora and Jim, onboard a spaceship transporting them to a new life on another planet. The trip takes a deadly turn when their hibernation pods mysteriously wake them 90 years before they reach their destination. "Visually stunning, unexpected, intense, with Chris Pratt and Jennifer Lawrence at their best." This one is definitely a must watch everybody, even if just for the great visual effects--very interesting concept also. Rated PG-13

Game of Thrones, Season One and Two: Okay folks, here it is! After many, many requests, we have the first two seasons for your viewing enjoyment. Do I really need to review this; who doesn't know about the *Game of Thrones*? It is based on the bestselling fantasy book series *A Song of Ice and Fire* by George R.R. Martin. The powerful families of the Seven Kingdoms are locked in a battle for the Iron Throne. This is the story of duplicity and treachery, nobility and honor, conquest and triumph. In the *Game of Thrones*, you either win or you die. These DVDs even include bonus features. Enjoy! Rated 16+

There you have it folks. Lots of diverse and interesting adventures for you and the family. Don't forget to visit us at the Rhododendron Festival and say 'hello'--we love the company.

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May

THANKS

Thank goodness for dirty dishes.
They have a tale to tell.
While others may go hungry,
We're eating well.
With home and health and happiness,
I shouldn't want to fuss,
For by the stack of evidence,
Life's been good to us!

Author Not Known

Sherry Durham sent in this recipe from her mother-in-law Nellie Durham.

Cracker Salad

¼ lb soda crackers
1 small onion, chopped
½ bell pepper, chopped
1 small jar pimento, chopped
4 boiled eggs, chopped and drained
1 cup mayonnaise, more if needed
¼ cup sweet pickles
Crumble crackers, add other ingredients, and chill.
Serve it as a side dish or just eat it.

Cynthia Stinson sent in this recipe that is loved by all. "My mom, Betty S. Morrison, is my inspiration!"

Apple Turnover

Use 2 Granny Smith apples, cut in wedges and peeled, and 2 cans crescent rolls (original). Roll each apple wedge in a crescent roll triangle. Then, mix 1 cup melted butter with 1 cup sugar and add 1 cup of sprite. Pour this mixture over the apples. Bake at 375 until crescent rolls are brown. NOTE: About half way through cooking, take out of oven and spoon mixture over the top of crescent rolls. You can serve hot with ice cream on top for extra goodness.

Susan Cherones submitted her Mom's short and simple Cinnamon Toast recipe. "Mom (Bobby Doris Cherones) makes the best cinnamon toast!"

Cinnamon Toast

In a saucepan, melt butter, add sugar and cinnamon and heat till bubbling. Toast your bread and lay it on a baking sheet, spoon the mixture on the toast, and run it in a hot oven a few minutes

... like My Mama Used to Make!

We hope you enjoy these recipes from our mamas and mothers-in-law. From quick to main dish, these are throwbacks to the good old days when we had to be called in to supper from playing outside. Holiday and everyday are represented here but every day is special when you're fixin' something your mama used to make!

until it makes a nice crust. Susan uses coconut sugar, and organic Spelt bread for a healthier update!

Lynn's Chicken 'n' Dumplin's

Submitted by Brooke Evans

This is my Mom's, Lynn Bowen, recipe for Chicken 'n' Dumplin's from her very own cookbook. (She's a proud daughter.)

Dumplin's

4 chicken breasts
2 cup water or chicken broth
1 cup milk
1 stick margarine
½ Tablespoon each salt & pepper

Dough

2 cups flour
1/3 cup vegetable oil
2/3 cup buttermilk

Put chicken in Dutch oven and cover with water. Bring to a boil and cook about 25 min. (In pressure cooker, chicken is done in about 15 min.)

Remove chicken and let cool in platter. Return chicken broth to high heat, and add 2 cups water or canned chicken broth and 1 cup milk. Stir. Then, add margarine, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil.

For the dumplings, combine flour, oil, and buttermilk in a small bowl, and mix into a stiff dough. Take a heaping tablespoon and roll it out on a floured surface. With a knife, cut dough into strips and place into boiling broth. Continue until all dough is rolled and sliced. Adjust heat to medium high heat and allow to cook about 15 more minutes to cook dumplings. Gently stir dumplings to keep them from sticking, but DON'T OVER STIR as this will break up dumplings too much. When they're done, add chicken and lightly stir it in.

Anna Mae Horn submits this recipe "with fond memories of my mama, Shirley Burton. She loved to bake everyone's favorite foods for them."

Peanut Butter Crisscrosses

½ c shortening
½ c granulated sugar
½ c brown sugar
1 beaten egg
½ c peanut butter
1 ½ c sifted self-rising flour
a dash of salt
a few drops of vanilla

Cream the shortening, sugar, and vanilla together. Add eggs and beat thoroughly, then stir in the peanut butter. Sift dry ingredients before stirring into the shortening mixture. Form dough into tiny balls and place on ungreased cookie sheets a

few inches apart. Press dough balls with the back of a fork to make crisscrosses. Bake at 375 for 10 minutes. You can use chunky peanut butter to add a little texture if you desire to.

Beverly Bates sent in two of her favorite recipes made by her mom Martha Smith.

Lemon/Lime Jello Salad

1 small pkg lemon jello
1 small pkg lime jello
1 #2 can crushed pineapple, drained
1 can Eagle Brand condensed milk
1 8 oz. pkg. cottage cheese
1 cup nuts, chopped
1/4 cup mayonnaise

Dissolve jello in two cups boiling water. When slightly thick, add the other ingredients. Chill.

Chocolate Meringue Pie

1 cup sugar
3 T. cocoa
3 T. flour
2 cups milk
1 pinch salt
1 tsp butter
3 eggs

Mix sugar, flour, cocoa and salt. Add enough hot water to make a paste. Add milk. Stir till well mixed. Heat til almost boiling, then add some of hot mixture to well beaten egg yolks. Add back to boiling mixture and cook until thick, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Add butter and vanilla. Pour into 9" pie shell. Beat egg whites with 6 T. of sugar til stiff. Put on pie and cook in slow oven until slightly browned on top.

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Family Fun Under the Pavilion and Under the Stars

By Anna Mae Horn

In the style of a 30-year Mentone tradition, there will be food, music, bonfire, and storytelling under the stars at the Mentone Inn pavilion. Cynthia Stinson is proud to continue the tradition of so many before. Her aunt would bring her to the festival when she was a little girl. She loved the bonfire and storytelling, the S'mores and hotdogs. Then, when she moved here 11 years ago, Cynthia loved Jack Jones telling stories and the community spirit that embodied Mentone.

It all starts at 6pm on Friday night at the Mentone Inn. There will be free music by Jerry Bloom who plays a wide variety of sounds, so you're sure to enjoy something he plays. Charlotte Gentry will be on hand for storytelling. Of course, there will be a good ol' Southern Fish Fry. Ten dollars gets a full plate of fish, cole slaw, and hush puppies with a refreshing drink and a delicious dessert. Saturday night's schedule is the same, but

Will Dooley at the Mentone Inn Stage



the locally infamous Will Dooley and Friends will provide some much treasured bluegrass and country music in a style all their own.

Mentone Reality, Mentone Inn, Mentone Farmers Market, and The Wolves Den Café are

sponsoring this event and making it possible for the tradition to be continued. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the evening: all ages and even pets are welcome (on a leash). The back field is a safe place for parents to let their kids play and chase bubbles. Come out and enjoy these family friendly evenings. Bring your S'mores fixin's, a blanket, chairs ... and your dancing shoes!

Jerry Bloom



ANNUAL MENTONE SACRED HARP SINGING

By Susan Cheronos

On Saturday, May 20, join us for an authentic Sacred Harp singing at St. Joseph's on the Mountain. This historic, yet living, a capella shape note (FaSoLa) singing has rich traditions which are meaningful today with deep roots in DeKalb County. Modern singers of this music are diverse and come for many reasons for the "soul-thrilling" experience of singing this unique, robust music. People the world over travel here to sing with the many beloved 5th and 6th generation singers whose families have sung from this book since it was first published in 1844. This oblong songbook generates devoted enthusiasts who sing the spirited music full voice and with reverence and joy. Loaner books will be on hand if you want to sing along or just pop in to listen awhile. This is not a performance, it is "a singing," and you are welcome to come and go at anytime for participating or observing. We will begin at 9:30 and sing until noon. We will resume singing at 1:00 and sing until everyone who has come to sing has had a chance to lead a song, about 2:00 – 2:30. If you have questions call Susan Cheronos 706-859-1124. All are welcome to sing; all are welcome to listen!



Miss Rhododendron



Presented by the Mentone Area Preservation Association

Friday, May 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. CST
Mentone Community Church, Family Life Center
90 Summerville Road, Mentone, Alabama 35984



Miss Rhododendron is part of the annual
Rhododendron Festival May 19th, 20th & 21st



Age Divisions for girls ages 0 to 18
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RhododendronFestival@gmail.com

Enjoy A Variety of Entertainment Under the Tent

Atop the mountain where the “Grand Old Lady” once stood, there now stands a tent that folks will gather ‘round for a grand old time during the Rhododendron Festival. All throughout the daytime on both Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, there will be entertainers coming and going. Be sure to check the schedule to see when your favorite performer will be on stage, but here’s what you can look forward to.



Clog Wild Cloggers

Listening to sounds of clogging has been a favorite for generations, so MAPA and the festival sponsors are presenting two separate performances on Saturday. Southern Style Sweethearts are a group of young ladies, the youngest being ten, that will lighten the atmosphere with traditional clogging to a mix of country, pop, rock, and patriotic music. Later, Clog Wild Cloggers will continue the wholesome family entertainment.

Local literary talents will also grace the stage throughout the weekend. True life is sometimes stranger than fiction. Local author Greg Starnes strums his guitar as he presents his chilling program: History and Haunts. He’ll sing some songs with ghostly connections (Ghost Riders in the Sky, for example), and also tell a few famous local ghost stories. Mentonian Doug Kiker, also known as ‘The Black Hat Poet’ will be bringing classic poems like “The Raven” by Edgar Allen Poe to life via his unique performance art. He will also perform some of his originals which reflect a life that is gone and almost forgotten. Doug is a storyteller who relates the way it used to be in a way that entertains and leaves the audience reminiscing about days gone by. On Sunday, Pat Shavers will be providing some creative reading from some of her work. Her writings are as diverse as her character. One of her books is titled “When the Tornado Hit the Asylum: The missing papers.” It’s a selection of short stories and poetry about Southern country people and other miscellaneous



Greg Starnes

characters. Locals might even know someone she wrote about.

Don’t worry; there will be plenty of musicians on this stage as well over the weekend.

Valley Head Jr. Beta will start off the entertainment at the top of the mountain at the old Mentone Springs Hotel Site in Mentone. This group racked up the awards at this year’s state convention and are headed to nationals at Disney World. Come out and hear the group’s song and see what else they have in store.

Afterward, The Coastal Strummers, a 5 piece ukulele band that began as an informal gathering who met at the community library for complementary lessons from a local instructor. (This sounds like something that could happen in Mentone, doesn’t it?) John Lathim and Michelle Young will bring in a broad variety of blue, folk, Irish, and Celtic songs with great acoustic sound.

These vocalists will be accompanied by the guitar, harmonica, and maybe even the lovely sound of the mandolin.

Greater Tuna Hot Club livens up the stage when gypsy jazz sounds meet up with Texas swing. Afterwards, the Campfire Girls perform some traditional gospel and bluegrass favorites. You’ll be able to hear the flute, mandolin, ukulele, and more.

Clare Donohue and Stephen Powers Perform “classic jazz” or old school stuff, if you will. He is home grown (Southern); she is a Yankee (NYC). He has a degree from university of New Orleans; Clare has graduated from the Billie Holiday School of Hard Knocks. Additionally, they are about 25 years apart, but watch how they bring it together for you..proving that music is the universally uniting celebrational power!

Tena (Cryer) and Brenda (Johnson) enjoy the

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1st Annual “Flower Power” 5k & 1-Mile Fun Run 2017

REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, May 20, 2017
Mason Park, Mentone

Forms must be received by Friday, May 12th for T-Shirt order deadline.

Name	Cell Phone #
Address	Home Phone#
City, State, Zip Code	Email Address
Division: Circle One Child (under 13) Adult Male Adult Female	AGE Groups: Children: 5-12 Teens: 13-17 Young Adult: 18-30 Adult: 31-50 Senior: 51+
Emergency Contact	T-Shirt Size: YS (6-8) YM (10-12) S M L XL

**Only a limited number of T-Shirts will be available on Race Day*

Race Details: The race is a 5k course. Come dressed in your favorite “Flower Power” or “Running outfit”
Sign in & race day registration begins @ 7 am Saturday morning at Mason Park, adjacent to Mentone Town Hall.
Registration closes @7:30 am.

5K runners will begin in intervals @ 7:50 am, 8:00 am, & 8:10 am (depending on # of participants)
5K Race will end at Brow Park with Finale and Awards beginning at 9:30 am.
1 mile Run /Walk begins at 8:30 am. 1-mile event begins and ends at Mason Park.

REGISTRATION FEES

- o \$25 Adult & Teen 5k
- o \$20 Child 5k (5-12)
- o \$20 Senior 5k (65 – older)
- o \$15 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk – Everyone
- o \$30 Day of Race 5k – Everyone
- o \$20 Day of Race 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

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For Additional information contact: Stephanie Roberts @ 256-996-4469 or Shawn Turner @256-997-6373

What To Do Around Here!

May 2017 Community Calendar

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Wildcrafting

Wednesdays. A program brought to you by a partnership between One World Adventure, Seven Pines Survival and DeSoto State Park. Wildcrafting is a term for the age-old practice of collecting plant materials in their natural habitat for food, medicine, and craft. These classes are for anyone to build wildcrafting skills and deepen your connection with the natural world. It's also a great program for home-school groups that will help students develop their observation skills, critical thinking and natural intelligence. Led by naturalist Robert Wilson, you will learn Wildcrafting from ethical harvesting to creating nature's medicine cabinet. Most of all, you will be participating hands-on in nature, making it a meaningful and memorable activity. What to bring: Water bottle, notebook and pencil, camera. DeSoto State Park \$12 per person - 1 hour class. Pre-registration is required-limited to 10 participants. Email angie@oneworldadventureco.org to pre-register. For questions, contact Robert at sps@sevenpinessurvival.com.

May 4 - Afternoon 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. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. 256-997-9577.

May 4 - DeKalb Theatre Concert. The Protest, Foreveratlast, 3 Times Driven and special guest Adam Fields will be rocking the stage at DeKalb Theatre. Only \$5! Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the show starting at 7 p.m. For any questions, call 256-997-0396.

May 5-6 - Spring Vintage Pickin Barn

Sale. Shop from some of the best vendors from around the South! Vintage marketplace featuring: Farmhouse • Primitives • Rustic Junk • Industrial • Shabby & French Country • Repurposed goods and more. There will be live music and local food vendors! Priority Pickin' Passes for both days are \$15 for private 3-hour shopping day of the event from 9 a.m. to Noon. General admission tickets are \$6 per day and sale runs from noon to 5 p.m. White Oaks Farm in Fyffe.

May 5-6 - Wildflower Saturday Springtime at DeSoto State Park is truly beautiful, with wildflowers & trees blooming around every corner. Join DeSoto State Park staff & guest speakers for a wonderful weekend of learning about the many species of blooming plants found on Lookout Mountain. Choose to stay the whole weekend, or just come for the day to enjoy the hikes and programs. Weekend starts off with a welcome social and guest speaker program on Friday night and a day full of hikes to choose from and a guest speaker on Saturday. DeSoto State Park Lodge. Free & open to everyone, no pre-registration required (groups over 10 please RSVP). For any information needed, call 256-997-5025.

May 5 - Zip Line Adventure. All our zip lines are set up just before the adventure to ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before the adventure. 10 a.m. to Noon. 256-997-9577.

May 5 - Homemade Jam. Join us as MACC

launches a new regular feature called Homemade Jam, a songwriters showcase of local musicians. Homemade Jam will take the first Friday of each month. The format is as follows: From 7-9 p.m., the "jam" takes place as performers showcase their musical skills. From 9-10 p.m., each songwriter will perform one original song they have written. At 10 p.m., the audience will vote for best original song with the winner receiving a \$50 prize. Admission is \$5, participating musicians are not charged. For more information, call 256-674-3366 or 256-634-3001

May 5, 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. True Adventure Sports. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. 256-997-9577.

May 6 - "Send Me" 5K Walk/Run. Fyffe First Baptist will host the 3rd annual "Send Me" 5K run/walk. Door prizes will be given. All proceeds will go to help fund mission projects. Early registration fee is \$20 and after April 15 registration fee is \$25. Race day registration is at 7 a.m. and race begins at 8 a.m. For and entry form or for additional information, please contact Debra Pitts at 256-996-5872 or Kim Pitts at 256-630-8356.

May 6 - Hustle for Heroes 5K. Celebrate those who fought for our country with a jog through the city of Fort Payne in the Hustle for Heroes 5K. Open to all; runners and walkers. The race begins and ends behind the Rotary Pavilion in Fort Payne. It is an out and back course that goes along Williams Avenue, around the VFW Fairgrounds and the Alabama Walking Park. All proceeds will be used in the construction of Patriots Memorial Park in Fort Payne, AL. This park will be built honoring men and women who died in service to America. \$25 - Pre-registration fee and \$30 - Race Day Registration fee. Register by April 21st to guarantee a t-shirt. Race Begins promptly at 8 a.m. Race Day Registration will be held from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Make all checks payable to 'VFW Auxiliary' Please direct all questions and comments to Robin Cochran at: robincoch61@yahoo.com or 256-996-0769.

May 6 - Customer Appreciation Day and Ride. Come see all our New Changes and New Models 2017. Free refreshment & lunch provided. Don't miss out on the Door Prizes! Fort Payne Powersports All proceeds go to Relay for Life. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 29 (Memorial Day) - Kayak Rentals @ the Boat Shack. Rent sit on top kayaks and canoes to enjoy a peaceful paddle on Little River. Location: Desoto Falls. 3 hour rental - \$30 kayak/\$45 tandem kayak or canoe. Reservations can be made by calling 256-634-

8370. Hours 9am-6pm.

May 6 - Family Day! Camp & Climb. Families can experience a great outdoor excursion full of fun challenges! Climb with a professional climbing instructor on routes great for beginners. Camp & Climb includes all meals and snacks. We provide camping equipment (tents, tarps, hammocks, and tents), cookware, and all climbing gear. Great for families with children ages 6 and up! Schedule: Arrive at Cherokee Rock Village on Saturday morning at 10 a.m., Climb until lunch, eat, Climb until 3 p.m., Set up camp, explore area, prepare dinner, evening campfire Sunday: Breakfast, hike, break down camp, Depart at 11 a.m. \$175 per family of 4 (additional family members \$45) Register in advance by email angie@oneworldadventureco.org

May 6 - Zip Line & Sky Swing Adventure. All our zip lines are set up just before the adventure to ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before adventure. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 256-997-9577.

May 6 - Friends of the Depot Silent Auction & Gala. Hosted by Fort Payne Depot Museum & Altrusa of Fort Payne/DeKalb. Proceeds from this event go towards our Little Red Caboose, EducationalExpress project. Fort Payne Coal and Iron Building. Tickets can be purchased at Depot Museum & Brown's Cleaners & Pat's Salon for \$25 per ticket. There will be entertainment by After Class Band and refreshments will be served. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

May 6 - Canyon Concerts: Mariachi Band. Join us for our annual Canyon Fiesta. This year, we will be hosting a family friendly fun night of music with a local Mariachi Band. Everyone is invited to attend our community event! Come and enjoy authentic Mariachi music, delicious food, games for kids, and a piñata. Coolers are welcome. Little River Canyon Center 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 256-845-3548.

May 6 - Spring Frog Pond

Adventure. Experience "love" from a frog's point of view! Join the one-and-only, "Dr. Frog" George Cline, for an unforgettable evening of romance and songs from the first amphibian voices of the season. Learn to identify frog songs and get a hands-on experience with these slippery creatures. Participate in Frog Watch USA. Subject to water level/weather conditions. Frog Pond (Weather and Drought Dependent); near White Plains School. Little River Canyon Center. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$5 per person 256-845-3548.

May 7, 14, 21, 28 - Kayak Rentals @ the Boat Shack @ Desoto Falls. Rent sit on top kayaks and canoes to enjoy a peaceful paddle on Little River. 3 hour rental - \$30 kayak/ \$45 tandem kayak or canoe. Reservations can be made by calling 256-634-8370. Hours 1pm-6pm.

May 7 - 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 6th. Cost is \$7.50. To learn more or reserve a spot send an email to cottagepaper@bellsouth.net or call 205.349-4026.

May 8, 12, 13, 30 - Rock Climbing / Rappelling Adventure Combo. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing and rappelling is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577

May 9, 20, 27 - Rappelling Adventure. Come experience the thrill of rappelling down the sheer sandstone gems of NE AL. Each trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577

May 10 - Youth Introduction to Rappelling. Boys and Girls ages 10-14 can learn the basics of rappelling. This 6 hour class is full of fun activities to teach students about equipment, knots and proper techniques by the Professional Climbing Instructor Association. Cost: \$20. Location: Desoto Falls area. Time: 9:30am-3:30pm. For more information email: angie@oneworldadventureco.org.

May 10 - Basic Rock Climbing Adventure. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 256-997-9577

May 11 - Rock Climbing Adventure. Come experience first-hand what rock climbing is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-997-9577

May 11 - Lunch & Learn with Scott Gillaspie. Guest Speaker Scott Gillaspie, Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch will be talking on the skilled labor gap of the millennial generation, and what affects the local economy. Eat, chat and enjoy a dynamic speaker line-up with Lunch & Learn, sponsored training sessions taught by innovative business minds from Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. Your \$15 ticket includes training session, choice of a house special lunch with drink, parking and networking. Held at the Vintage 1889. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For every ticket, \$5 will be donated back to fund Fort Payne Main Street beautification projects. 256-845-3380

May 12 - Miss Rhododendron Pageant. Mentone Area Preservation Association presents the Miss Rhododendron Pageant 2017. The categories for the pageant are as follows: Baby Miss 0 - 3; Tiny Miss 4 - 6; Mini Miss 7 - 9; Pre-teen Miss 5th grade - 7th grade; Teen Miss 8th grade - 11th grade and Miss 12th grade. (Receives a scholarship from NACC) The Pageant will take place at the Mentone Community Church Family Life Center at 6 p.m. Email rhododendronfestival@gmail.com or come by Dekalb Tourism office to get an application. 256-845-3957

May 12-13 - Downtown Art Walk with Main Street. It should come as no surprise that our area is home to some of the most incredible artist in the state of Alabama. For that reason The City of Fort Payne has partnered with Main Street to create an interactive, open air venue to meet some of our areas finest talent and admire their unique artistic processes. In attendance you'll find the following artist set up at several

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stops within the Main Street Arts & Culture district located on Gault Avenue between The Coal & Iron Bldg and The DeKalb Theatre. A delightful selection of art, food and music will be found along every stop kicking off May 12th starting at 6 p.m. and continuing on Saturday at 11 a.m. We welcome you to join us for a celebration of the local arts sponsored by Fort Payne Main Street.

May 13 - Blow Your Own Ornament. Come design and blow your own ornament with the help of one of our glass artists. No reservations are needed, it is on a first come, first serve basis. For this we welcome people of all ages (at least 5 years old). 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Orbix Hot Glass. Cost is \$38 per ornament blown 256-523-3188

May 13 - Medicinal & Edible Plants-with Francine Hutchinson. Join Botanist, Francine Hutchinson, a regular instructor for the JSU Field Schools for this workshop. The morning will begin with a hike to learn how to recognize and utilize various medicinal/edible plants. In the afternoon, participants will get hands-on time working with the plants discussed during the hike. JSU's Little River Canyon Center; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$20 per person; Limit 15 participants; pre-registration required call 256-845-3548

May 13 - 5K-ickin It For Christ, Adamsburg Christian Academy is hosting a 5K Kicking for Christ Color Run in Ft Payne. Starting pint will be at the First United Methodist Church. Afterwards at the Rotary Pavilion there will be gospel music from First United Methodist Praise Group, Point of Honor and inflatables for the kids. 8 a.m

May 13 - Sculpt Your Own Flower. Have you ever wanted to actually sit at the gaffer bench and feel what it is like to shape hot glass? It's all about hands on experience in a safe and fun atmosphere with a final product we know you

will love. Minimum of 3 people and a maximum of 5 in each class. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Orbix Hot Glass. Reservations and full payment are required. \$75 per person 256-523-3188

May 13 - Painting Flowers in the Style of Georgia O'Keeffe. Join artist/instructor Lydia Randolph for this exciting class -- Painting Flowers in the Style of Georgia O'Keeffe. Lydia will provide all material/supplies. Students may bring their own flowers. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$50. Call 256-674-3366 or 256-634-3001 to reserve your spot.

May 13 - The DeKalb County Genealogical Society will meet at 10:00 AM, DeKalb County Public Library, Fort Payne, AL. Society member Charles Killian will present a program on The Water Powered Mills (Grist) of Wills Creek, DeKalb County, AL. Anyone interested in genealogy is invited to attend this free meeting or email us your question(s) at dekalbcoalgenealogy@gmail.com and we will try to provide you with answers.

May 14 - Mother's Day Paddle & BBQ Picnic! Treat your outdoor loving mom to a scenic paddle on the West Fork of Little River ending with a BBQ picnic with all the fixins! \$15 kids 12 and under \$30 per adult includes boat, food and shuttle. If you have your own boat and would like to launch with us, the cost is \$20 for dinner. To register email angie@oneworldadventureco.org 256-634-8370.

May 15 - Orienteering Class. Basic yet essential skills for survival navigation are brought to you in map reading, compass reading, and topography. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 256-997-9577

May 16 - Zip Line & Sky Swing Adventure. All our zip lines are set up just before the adventure to ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before adventure. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 256-

997-9577

May 16-18 - High Adventure Trip. This is a 3 day adventure including a Wild Cave Tour, Rock Climbing, An Extreme Night Hike and end with a relaxing canoe trip. Price includes all activities, attractions, permits, fees, gear, and guides. 10 a.m. 256-997-9577

May 16 - Game at Dekalb County School Coliseum located at 1504 Main St. East, Rainsville, AL for a 7pm game. Gates will open at 6pm. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance, tickets purchased at the gate will be priced as follows: Students & Children age 4 and up \$12 and General Admission \$15. For online purchases a service fee of \$0.99 per ticket will be added to your total. We hope to see you at the show!

May 18-21 - US 11 Antique Alley Yard Sale. Follow the scenic U.S. Highway 11 from Meridian, MS to Bristol, VA for more than 500-miles of yard sales! Explore charming historic communities and downtown districts like the 1889 boom town district of Fort Payne, Alabama. 888-805-4740 & 877-871-1386 www.discoverlookoutmountain.com.

May 19-21 - Bioblitz-Little River Canyon National Preserve. This service-wide initiative is a chance to inspire and engage a new generation of stewards of our fantastic natural resources, all while taking a vast snapshot of the biodiversity that is protected by our nation's parks. You can choose an easy area or challenge yourself on a canyon trail. We are lining up specialists to help discover fish, amphibians and reptiles, birds or any creature or plant that call this place home. If you are interested in leading a group in the park to document species in your field of expertise, then please call Larry @ 256-845-9605.

May 19-21 - Boat Rides. Festivalgoers can enjoy the blooming riverbanks with a scenic

boat ride on Little River. The boat will leave from DeSoto Falls about every 45 minutes and travel up river before returning. Each ride costs \$10 and should last around 30 minutes. Hours of operation are Friday, May 19th from 1 p.m. to dusk; Saturday, May 20th from 9 a.m. to dusk and Sunday, May 21st from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (All dates and times are weather permitting.) rhododendronfestival@gmail.com

May 20-21 - Mentone Rhododendron Festival. A bonfire and storytelling always get this event off to a great start. Live music, arts and crafts, food vendors, and much more round out the weekend. rhododendronfestival@gmail.com.

May 20 - Sculpt Your Own Flower. Have you ever wanted to actually sit at the gaffer bench and feel what it is like to shape hot glass? It's all about hands on experience in a safe and fun atmosphere with a final product we know you will love. Minimum of 3 people and a maximum of 5 in each class. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Orbix Hot Glass. Reservations and full payment are required. \$75 per person 256-523-3188

May 20 - RTI Charity Mud Volleyball Tournament. Get ready to get muddy! Minimum 8 person team, must be at least two females on the court at all times and a maximum of 10 members on the team. \$0 per person for early registration and \$15 for the day of event. All players must be 16 years or older. Forms can be picked up at RTI in Rainsville. Deadline to enter is May 15th. All proceeds go to the Toys for Tots. Tournament begins at 9 a.m.

May 20 - Paddle to Bat Cave. Come along for an evening paddle trip to Nickajack Cave to view the bats as they emerge from a flooded cave. Meet at Desoto Falls at 5:00pm. Shuttle provided for first 14 people to register. Cost: \$15 for children ages 13 and under and \$20 for

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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 First Monday of month at 6:00 P.M. at Kamama Gallery.

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

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

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

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

FREE FOOD for eligible persons and families. Hours: Wednesdays, 9 to 11:30am. New applicants welcome during these hours. Joint effort between St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church (Community Outreach Ministry) and the Food Bank of North Alabama.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

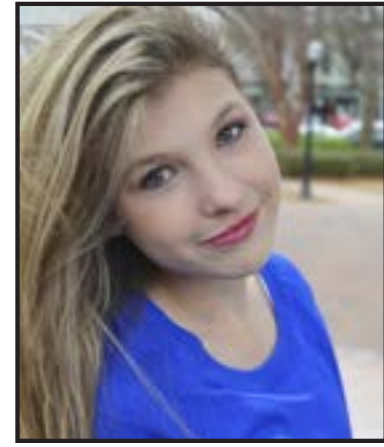
Exercise Room open at the Dekalb County Council on Aging Monday through Friday (except for certain holidays) from 8 am to Noon..

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Under the Tent (cont'd from page 10)

(Below: Henna Smith)



opportunity of just "kicking back" and playing a variety of oldies they have arranged in their own style for sharing with others. Some favorites that folks like to hear: The Rose, Heartbreak Hotel, and Blue Bayou.

Henna Smith is quite a young lady! At only fourteen years old, she's a vocal powerhouse with talent ahead of her years and an unmatched passion for sharing her voice and entertaining people. Her and her family are artists at heart and have a home in the area. They enjoy the creative atmosphere Mentone offers. "Mentone is our kind of place that energizes the spirit!"

If you've been here, you know what they are talking about; if you haven't, then come on up to our mountain and find out. Be sure to stop by the MAPA tent at the festival entrance to say hello.



Doug Kiker

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

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

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

The 36th Annual Rhododendron Festival

Schedule of Events

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

Mentone Inn Site

Friday, May 19

- 5pm Southern Fish Fry by The Wolves Den (\$10 a plate)
- 6pm Bonfire and Concert by Jerry Bloom

Saturday, May 20

- 5pm Southern Fish Fry by The Wolves Den (\$10 a plate)
- 6pm Bonfire and Concert by Will Dooley and Friends

Mentone Springs Hotel Site Tent

Saturday, May 20

- 9:45am Valley Head Jr. Beta Club
- 10am The Coastal Strummers & The Island Brothers - World Eclectic Ukele
- 11am John Lathim & Michelle Young - Celtic
- 12pm Greg Starnes - Ghost Stories w/music
- 1pm Southern Style Sweethearts - Clogging
- 2pm Henna Smith - Blues/Pop
- 3pm Clog Wild Cloggers
- 4pm Doug Kiker - Black Hat Poet

Sunday, May 21

- 11am Brenda Johnson & Tena Cryer - Songs from the 30's-80's
- 12pm Patricia Shavers & The Kinswomen - Eclectic Verse
- 1pm Clare Donohue & Stephen Powers - Classic Jazz
- 2pm Sharon Dunn & Greater Tuna Hot Club - Texas Swing/Gypsy Jazz
- 3pm Campfire Girls - Gospel Bluegrass

Brow Park Stage

Saturday, May 20

- 10am Larry Joe Hall
- 11am Jeff & Hayden Young
- 12pm Trey Headrick
- 1pm Terry Hutcheson
- 2pm Lisa Crow (with James Roberts)
- 3pm Amy Snider & Cherie (Ree) McClain
- 4pm Jay Chadwick

Sunday, May 21

- 11am Moon Lake Kids
- 11:30am Tyler Spencer
- 12pm David Lusk & James Roberts
- 1pm Matty Croxton
- 2pm Raffle Winners Announced
- 2:05pm Ryan Keef
- 3pm Marc Womack

Special Events

Arts/Crafts/Food - Saturday and Sunday
during Brow Park Festival Hours

Scenic Boat Tours from DeSoto Falls

- Friday, 1 til dusk
- Saturday, 9am til dusk
- Sunday, 11am-4pm

Rhododendron Flower Power Run

- Saturday - Mason Park
- 7am, same-day registration
- 7:50am - 5K begins (1-Mile Fun Run/Walk begins after 5K runners have cleared the first mile)

Sacred Harp Singing - St. Joseph's Church
Saturday, 9:30am-12pm & 1-2pm

Ongoing Activities/Events

- Carriage Rides** - Mentone Springs Hotel Site
- Children's Activities** - pony rides
- Farmers Market** - Mentone Inn Square
- Taste of Mentone** - Brow Park/Featured
Specials at Individual Restaurants

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Main Stage Music--Brow Pavilion at Rhododendron Festival

By Anna Mae Horn

Just at the edge of the mountain in Mentone, there's a little road called N. Cool Street. Most of the year there are gentle sounds of nature, soft footsteps on the pavement at the overlook, voices of friends (both old and new) talking, and cameras clicking at sunset time. A few times a year, especially during festival celebrations, there are exuberant, joyful sounds overflowing from the brow; musical melodies fill the air; instruments are heard into the valley.

A few of Mentone's musical luminaries scheduled to entertain you with their well-honed talent follow. A complete schedule of musicians playing on the Brow Park Stage are listed

above and in the Rhododendron Festival handout.

Music has always been important to Larry Joe Hall and his family. While growing up in Atlanta, Larry Joe's mother and sister sang on a local radio station and since his teen years he was involved in bands and

yearned to make great music. In addition to performing and teaching music, Larry Joe became a Buddhist monk in 1997 and spent the next eight years becoming a better human being. Since 2005 he renewed his musical passion with a new attitude and to quote Larry Joe "attempts to make honest and heart felt music".

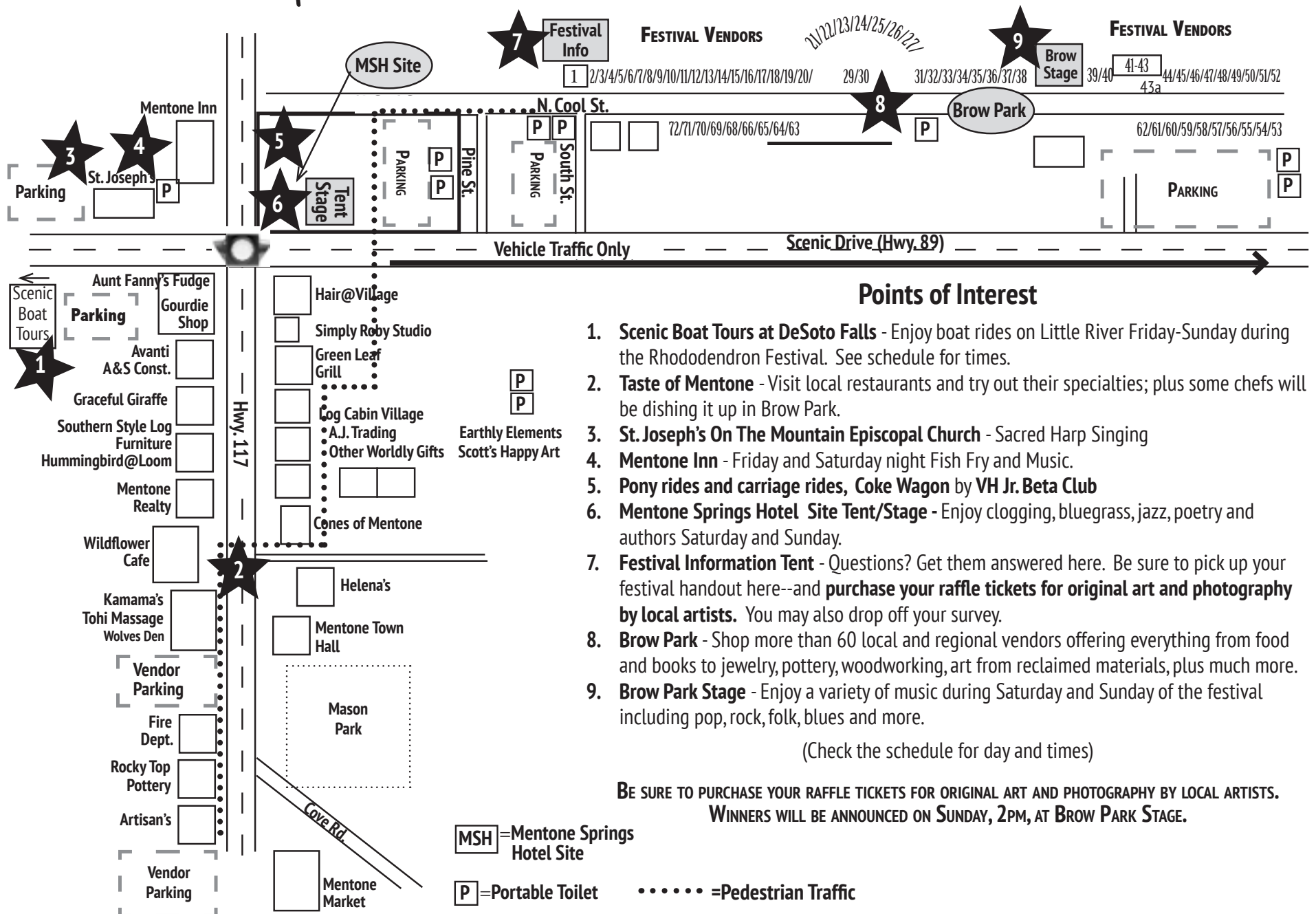
One of the few, if not the only, father/daughter duo in the area will perform music that ranges from the 70's to the present day. Whether it's Fleetwood Mac or the Luminaries, they will delight your musical taste buds. Lookout Mountain natives David Lusk and James Roberts will entertain you with a variety of blues, pop, rock, and classic country.

A true Mentone musical icon,



Music, Arts & Crafts, Food, Fun!

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 the Rhododendron Festival.

Terry Hutcheson, started playing at his Grandfather's knee in South Alabama over fifty years ago and has performed and written to many songs to count. Terry Hutcheson's singing, songwriting and entertaining performance is sure to appeal to music lovers of all ages.



According to her dad, Lisa Crow was born singing and loves to share her gift of music with everyone she can. Like many other mountain musicians, Lisa's style of music is spread across the board.

A truly unique and special musical act will be performed by our own Moon Lake Elementary School students, directed by Paula Easter. Paula teaches music at Moon Lake and as you will see by their performance, instilled a passion for music in her students.

Currently touring native son, Matty Croxton, has truly trod a diverse musical path. He is a singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist, solo artist and was a founding member of the Pioneer Chicken Stand Band, Matty and the Matadors, and Trade Day Troubadours.

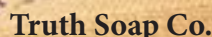
Locals and visitors will take note of talented artist Ryan Keef. Ryan is one of the most talented songwriters of our area. He grew up in these Appalachian Mountain foothills and cut his teeth with various traveling bands, most notable regional favorites Electric Voodoo and The Handlers. Whether playing original songs or covers, every solo is a revelation; their improvisational nature keep Ryan's knack for nuance and taste on full display. In Ryan, we find a craftsman using the tools of every genre of music



to express his singular experience with life and music. Every performance by Ryan Keef is an event. This is an opportunity to witness, in real

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These are just a sample of the amazing entertainers that festival visitors will enjoy over our Rhododendron Festival weekend. Grab a bite to eat, kick back and bath in the sound of some good old fashioned mountain music. These hills will be alive with the sound of music on the 3rd weekend in May. Join us!



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 CEDAR CABIN in the woods, open floor plan with great room, eat-in kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 tiled baths, pine floors, tile counter and island in kitchen, loft, tung and groove walls, covered deck with hot tub. Fireplace. Stainless appliances. Nice quiet setting. Appt Only. \$219,000 (22973)	 LEVEL WOODED LOTS in Crestline Park Subdivision in Mentone. Lot 25. 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	 TREETOPS is a wonderful rustic log cabin nestled amongst giant boulders and hardwood trees. A large stone fireplace is the centerpiece of this cozy cabin. The timber walls and antiques add more charm to this mountain get away. The large bedroom has a vaulted ceiling and expansive views of the tree tops. A full width screen porch and multilevel decks provide plenty of room for outdoor entertaining. Fully renovated bath with stack w/d. This charming cabin comes fully furnished and includes all appliances. It's ready for your enjoyment! \$112,000.	 6 ACRES with 200 ft on West Fork Little River. Hardwoods, hollies, and easy access to river. Level to rolling terrain. \$74,900 (23183).	 1940s VINTAGE BUNGALOW. 2 bdrm, 1bth. T & G walls, beamed ceilings. Stone gas log fireplace. Heart Pine Flooring, Brow Views, Sun porch, vinyl siding. Old Mentone Charm. \$174,000 (1059858)
 PRIVATE PRESERVE on 64.26 acres with great views! 3BR/3BA with full, mostly-furnished basement bonus areas & garage, barn, and equipment shed. Charming guest cottage/studio over workshop. \$250,000 (1060287)	 6.7 ACRES on the east brow overlooking Shinbone Valley. Weiss Lake in the distance. \$30,000. (1061387)	 NESTLED AMONG LARGE ROCK FORMATIONS is a quaint 2 bdr, 2bth cottage with open living/dining room with gas fp. Sun-room/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. \$143,900 (23164)	 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	NEW  1.8 ACRES on East Fork of Little River. Easy access to river from common trail that runs along the banks of the river. Bluff views. County water available. Gated community. \$85,000 (1063624)
 3.89 ACRES at Mtn River Estates. Hwy 117 frontage. Wooded, Rock formations, level along the river. Over 200 ft on Middle Fork of Little River. \$38,000. (1060565)	 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. \$42,000	 LAKE WINDMILL ESTATE.. 103 ft. on 13 acre lake on the brow. Wooded, sloped. Build your home here restricted. \$45,000.	 Hidden Brow Tract. 5.1 acres of level, wooded East brow views of Shinbone Valley. Located in Cloudland, GA. \$127,500 (23213)	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)	 
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, perc tested. Lightly restricted. Seller is very motivated! REDUCED \$49,900 (19865) SOLD Oakwood Subdivision - 6.1 acres. Wooded, level, lightly restricted. \$39,500 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. \$55,000 (22866) LEVEL BUILDING LOT in downtown Menlo, GA. Great site for Residential or Commercial use. Non-restricted. Many possibilities! \$14,000				ESCAPE to the mountains in this beautiful 4BR/4BA home, with full basement in Cloudland, GA. The main level offers a great room with vaulted ceiling and wood burning fireplace. Equipped kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. The master bedroom has a walk-in closet, along with a large bathroom with separate tile shower, Jacuzzi tub, and double vanity. Hardwood floors and ceramic tile throughout. Sit and enjoy the sunrises from the covered porch or deck that overlooks the bluff. The lower level offers 2BR/2BA with a large centered family room that leads  out to the backyard and hiking trails. The unfinished portion of the basement is perfect for extra storage and is equipped with a safe room. Amenities include CHA, laundry room, and alarm system. The detached 2-car garage has a full upstairs 1BR/half bath. A must see! Appointment Only. \$275,000 (1061190)	



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LOTS and LAND

NEW LISTING! 30 ACRES (+/-) IN MENTONE of mostly hardwood forest, some pasture land. Slight slope to offer a great elevation for future cabins, a farm, hunting cabin or whatever your Mentone dream dictates. \$105,000 (\$3,500 per acre)

REDUCED! RARE, PRIVATE CAVE PROPERTY! 44 acres of woodland, with mountainside views, abundant wildlife and a registered cave: Tally Cave. This special bit of earth is looking for a special owner. Don't let this one pass you by! Fantastically priced at only \$99,900. (785767)

DESOTO FALLS AREA LAKEFRONT LOT with approx. 94' frontage on the prime part of W Fork Little River, the truly navigable part where you can canoe, kayak or pontoon all the way to Mentone! So much natural beauty, so rarely available. \$162,500 (355152)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



NEW LISTING
LET'S GO TO THE DRIVE-IN! Here's an opportunity that doesn't come along every day. Active drive-in movie theater property with everything you need to get the show going! Fully-stocked, nicely-equipped kitchen & snack bar, w/new commercial ice maker, nacho cheese warmer, popcorn popper & square stand register. Digital projection equipment. 14 acres total. Imagine the possibilities! A complete package to get into showbiz! \$264,000. (1067568)



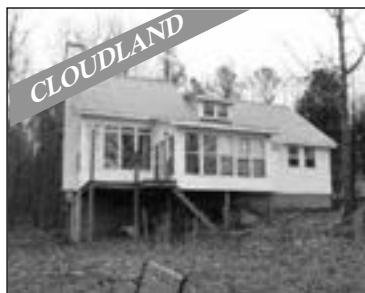
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SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL. Lovely, 4BR/3BA, custom brick home on 50 rolling acres, mostly pasture, fenced & cross-fenced; two ponds (one is spring-fed); large, fully-equipped shop; barns; garden area w/tall, chain-link fence, & so much more. Fab kitchen w/granite counters, lots of cabinets & two pantries. Beautiful hardwood floors; 10' ceilings; spacious laundry/sewing room; cozy & inviting sunroom den. A place where you find that perfect combination of elegance & homey comfort. Partially-finished upstairs to create whatever space you find yourself needing. 2-car, attached garage w/storage. Winding drive w/meadow views. Mentone. \$685,000 (1067586)



NEW LISTING
NOT YOUR AVERAGE HOUSE! 4BR/2BA, open floor plan, 2240 sq ft home; 2-car garage; lg covered front porch; rear deck; 1.4 acres level land w/fruit trees. Add'l office & lg laundry room. Open kitchen/dining/living area w/great cabinetry, work island & plenty of counter space! Industrial-grade, dual CH/A units. 2x6 construction. Cement board exterior. Lotsa features, lotsa space, lotsa savings! Mentone \$150,000 (1067538)



REDUCED!
COOL MOUNTAIN BREEZES & casual elegance of an "old" downtown Mentone brow-front cottage, expanded & updated. Metal roof; vinyl "cedar shake" siding; "smart" system to control utilities remotely; 3BR/2BA. Beautiful pine-plank floors; mtn stone & masonry, WB fplce w/rock wall & raised hearth. Gorgeous kitchen! Quaint white picket fence. Near Brow Park & so close to everything Mentone. Now \$289,000 (1022983)



CLOUDLAND
PRIVATE PRESERVE ON 64.26 ACRES 3BR/3BA w/pine plank floors; WB Fplce; kitchen w/gas range & lots of cabinetry! Main-level MA BR & BA; sunroom; full basement. Quaint red barn; shop w/studio overhead. Yes, there's work to be done, but the privacy, views, woods & space offer lotsa elbow room! 10 miles from downtown Mentone in Cloudland, GA. \$250,000 (Co-brokerage w/Georgia-licensed company, Lookout Mtn Preferred Realty) (1060014)



REDUCED!
JUST PLAIN ADORABLE! "Carpenter Gothic"-style cottage w/the steep gables, pointed arches, wood moldings, charm & quaintness that is the hallmark of this style of architecture. Naturally-landscaped yard; wild-flower gardens; wet-weather stream; peaceful woods. Built to be energy efficient. Screened back porch to enclose for add'l living area if you choose. Comfortable, cozy & so, so cute! 2BR/1.5BA. \$115,000 (1006846)



MENTONE
3BR/2.5 BATH, CEDAR-SIDED HOME ON 6.3 EQUESTRIAN-FRIENDLY ACRES. Rugged good looks, inside & out, for that mountain cabin feeling, but with the civilized creature comforts one desires. Full, covered front porch; screened back porch. Honey pine ceilings in vaulted living area with stacked stone, gas-log fireplace. Main-level Master suite. Add'l acreage available. 5 minutes from downtown Mentone shops & dining. \$215,400 (1060588)



RIVERFRONT
SPACIOUS, IMMACULATE & BEAUTIFUL CABIN on 3.81 acres on Middle Fork, Little River. Custom-built 2640 sq ft home w/WB Fplce; pine floors; high-end windows & doors; pro-quality gas range w/elec convection oven; on-demand hot H2O; custom cellular window shades; 3BR/3BA+loft 4thBR. Main-level Master suite. Move-in ready! Screened porch, covered & open decks on two sides. Three levels, incl finished, walkout basement guest suite w/den & bar; french doors leading outdoors where the pathway winds down to the bluff areas & wet-weather stream bed w/fabulous stones, ledges, & multiple falls; then on to beautiful Little River. \$237,500 (1019875)



MENTONE
TINY HOUSE LIVING in a log cabin, on a little over an acre. Small in size, big on what you'll want in a retreat or in a place to live life more simply. Efficient kitchen; 1BR/1BA; rocking chairs on the front porch (it's being sold fully furnished); metal roof; wooded backyard; lovely front yard w/fruit trees & garden areas; quaint "outhouse-look" well house. Public water avail. Great rental possibilities, too! \$79,900 (1053288)



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

More than 65 Art/Crafts/Food Vendors Expected at Festival

The main focus of the Rhododendron Festival are the talented artists and craftspeople who live in or feel drawn to Mentone, even if just for the festival atmosphere. They are lined up on both sides of North Cool Street on Saturday (9-5) and on Sunday (11-4) for your shopping pleasure. The street looks really 'cool' with the varied assortment of items on display at festival time. There is something for everyone. There's even food and music for you to enjoy along the way.

Wood crafts are always a big hit! Richard Schrei returns again with his favored handmade flutes; ask nicely, and he might even give a demonstration of his musical talents. Other favorites will be returning as well along with some new vendors. Open Door Designs is a new vendor offering homemade wood bowls, rocking chairs, desks, benches, and old fashioned children's toys crafted by a local artist from a top Sand Mountain. Also new this year, Paw Paw Jack's Woodworking will have furniture and other unique wooden items.

Jewelry is always a favorite. Lucky Buck Jewelry will have necklaces, earrings, bracelets, made mostly with gemstones, copper, pearls and leather. J. Lizzie Jewelry works with mixed media using an array of paint techniques, images, and vintage found pieces to create unique works of wearable art. Lori Rhodes Jewelry uses cultured freshwater pearls, gemstones, Czech glass and crystal to design her jewelry. The Vintage Clover returns with beautiful handmade vintage-themed jewelry that is stylish, timeless, and trendy.

Local textile artists Rita Winters is known for the style, sophistication, color, and texture that define her luxurious, original hand-woven garments that reflect graceful drape and fluid movement. More apparel will be available as well as accessories and items meant just to be treasured. There will be handmade purses and wallets made by Funky Mae; she's new so be sure to welcome her to Mentone. Mary Beth Barnes will be returning with her adorable items known as Messie Bessie's Bedside Angels. Several vendors will be on hand with other items such as natural soaps, pottery, knives, photography, and pine needle baskets.

Plenty of fresh, delicious goodies will be available as well. Festivalgoers always enjoy visiting McIlwain Kettle Corn and Eastaboga Bee Company, and they are becoming accustomed to Sweet Thangs delicious fried pies. Mrs. Rushton's



Sweet Tea Pottery

Cottage Kitchen will have homemade jams and jellies. (We won't tell your family that you didn't make them though.) The Lil Donut Factory was a hit the first time, so they will be returning for a second visit to Mentone. Kudzu Cafe is a new

vendor to the festival and fairly new to the food truck business. After working as a principal for nearly a decade, Kristy made a career change and "dove in headfirst," but I bet she knows what the kids like to eat for lunch.

Don't forget about our Taste of Mentone restaurants. When you see this sign, you'll know that a local eatery is serving up the best that Mentone has to offer. Wildflower Cafe and the Wolves Den will be at the brow, but look around town for the signs as well.

The Rhododendron Festival prides itself on variety and quality- whether it's handmade items, delectable food, or mountain music. Music is listed separately, but, as you can see here, there will be plenty of food, arts, and crafts. See you there!

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With the Purchase of a Raffle Ticket

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"Rhododendron" by Lydia Randolph
24" X 24", acrylic medium

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Drawing will be
Sunday, 2:00pm at the
Brow Park stage.



"Lady Slippers" by Mary Margaret Binkley.
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"Stewartia" by Betsy Scott.
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"Dwarf Mountain Iris" by John Dersham.
Mounted 10.5" x 14.22" Photograph



"Pink Lady Slipper" by Betsy Scott,
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"Native Mentone Rhododendron" by John Dersham.
Mounted 10.5" x 14.22" Photograph



"Virginia Blue Bell" by Brad Lackey,
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"Dutchman's Breeches" by Brad Lackey,
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Rhonda White

It's a Bird, It's a Plane . . . No, It's Easter Eggs!

An estimated 1,200-1,400 people came out to the Mentone Community Egg Drop. Thanks to the generous sponsors, local churches, and plenty of volunteers, all children in the area were invited to a completely free event to pick up 15,000 eggs, eat carnival food, enjoy the inflatables, and play games.



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Every Kid in a Park (cont'd from page 2)

country while they are a fourth grader. The website also includes fun and engaging learning activities aligned to educational standards, trip planning tools, safety and packing tips and other important and helpful information for educators and parents.

In addition to providing every fourth grader in America a free entry pass for national parks and federal public lands and waters, fourth grade educators, youth group leaders and their students across the country will also participate in the program through field trips and other learning experiences.

The goal of the Every Kid in a Park program is to connect 4th graders with the great outdoors and inspire them to become future environmental stewards, ready to preserve and protect national parks and other public lands for years to come.

Every Kid in a Park is an administrative-wide effort, launched in 2016, and supported by eight federal agencies, including the National Park Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Education, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

National Park Superintendent Steve Black and Canyon Center Director Pete Conroy invite the public to come out and enjoy the parks for these free events. For more information, call (256)845-9605 or email Larry_Beane@nps.gov. You can follow our updates and find park pictures on Facebook at "lirirns".

Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. Rev. John Inman is the pastor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Oregon United Methodist Church: Located just off Desoto Parkway 1/4 mile south of Fischer Crossroads. We would like to invite you to worship with us on Sundays. Sunday School for all ages 9:45am, Traditional Worship 11am, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Workshop

“Healing Breath: A Journey through the Aramaic Beatitudes”

Saturday May 13th

10-2 PM CT

with Rev. Dr. Elizabeth A. Reed who directs the Abwoon Resource Center in Ohio which supports the outreach work of author, scholar, and Sufi spiritual teacher Neil Douglas-Klotz. (Prayers of the Cosmos) Experiential exercises, Dances of Universal Peace, time on the Reconciliation Labyrinth will all be part of this exciting workshop. Please bring a potluck dish to share, love offering and chair to sit in on covered stage. Must reserve a space by emailing havenhoward1@gmail.com. Workshop is held at Heartwood in Mentone, AL and sponsored by Spirit Expression Ministry. For questions or more information email: havenhoward1@gmail.com.

MBA Mix (cont'd from page 5)

mountain and an additional sign stating "Congested Area Ahead" be placed there as well. (Note: The town council stated they would contact the state highway department about replacing the sign since it had, apparently, been taken down during recent road construction and the ALDOT had failed to replace it. As of this writing, the sign is still absent.)

The letter also recommended the Town purchase (if they are not available from ALDOT) two of the "Your Speed Is..." radar-equipped signs to be placed at the top of the mountain and at the easterly Mentone city limits along Hwy 117. There is research available that claims these signs tend to cause many drivers to slow down. We realized that there is nothing that will slow down ALL drivers, but we felt it might make some difference in the number of speeders. (Note: the town council stated they would contact other towns to see if the utilization of these signs had made any difference in driving speeds through their towns.)

Another matter discussed in the letter involved the ditch and culvert at the corner of Peachtree Street and Hwy 117 that had become completely filled with sediment, limbs, leaves and litter. This causes a real driving hazard as water streams across the highway during heavy rains. (Note: the town did have workers at the site two days later, and they removed part of the debris, clearing a portion of the culvert opening. It is still partially blocked, but some water is now able to flow into it.)

We appreciate the Town of Mentone taking the time to hear us and for the efforts they have already put forth as a result of our meeting with them. We believe that, working together, we can make a difference for the betterment of our little town and make it safer for the many folks who like to visit and spend time walking around the downtown shops.

If you are a business person, or interested in the future of Mentone, the MBA meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. There is no cost to join the MBA. Our next meeting will be on May 8th, 2017, at the Mentone Inn Pavilion.

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Ancestral Search

By Charles Shipp

How do I start my ancestral search? The DeKalb County Public Library as well as all public libraries in DeKalb County have Ancestry.com available as a free resource on their computers.

A good way to start is to try and fill out a 6 generation Pedigree Chart. This can be a good ancestral map. This chart is available free from the DeKalb County Genealogical Society or the DeKalb County Public Library. You can email the DeKalb County Genealogical Society at dekabcoalgenealogy@gmail.com with your questions or mail us at DeKalb County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 681087, Fort Payne, AL 35968.

There are many different and varied records that can be helpful in charting your ancestry:

Birth, Marriage and Death Records*
Obituaries
Birth Certificates
Death Certificates
Gravestones

U.S. Census Records (1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940)*
Immigration and Emigration Records*
Military Records
Other Family trees*
United States Social Security Death Index*
United States School yearbooks*
Family Bibles
Find a Grave
Fold3.com Military Records*
Alabama Department of Archives and History Civil War Service Cards

**Items marked with an asterisk are available on Ancestry.com*

United States Census Records provide a great deal of information: name, place of residence, father and mother's name and place of birth, siblings' name, occupation, and value of property. However, sometimes names will be spelled incorrectly due to the varied abilities of the census' takers.



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MENTAL HEALTH SNIPPET By Karole Ohme

Memories: Past, Present, Future

Memory is the ability to remember persons, events, actions that we either had a part in creating or, even though created by others, have an impact on our lives.

May is a month filled with opportunities to remember our past. We memorialize the people who made a difference in our lives by attending decoration day events at cemeteries and homecoming celebrations of "the way we were." On May 31st we Americans remember those who sacrificed their lives in service to our nation.

May is also a month in which we build important memories for the future. We celebrate graduations from kindergarten through college with family and friends. We honor mothers and motherhood on the second Sunday of May. As we participate in these memorable events with the next generation, we are touching the future through the memories they will carry from the present.

Memories contain a plethora of emotions ranging from joy and fulfillment to guilt and regret, even anger. As we reminisce, either internally or with others, we reclaim feelings and sensory impressions as well as actual

words and actions from our memories. Positive memories obviously make us feel good about our past, so we can just enjoy them. But, remembering the pain of a deep hurt or loss can feel as fresh each time we remember it as when it occurred. If we are sucked into an obsessive focus on past hurts and losses, we miss out on our present with its opportunity to create good future memories. Negative memories are best healed through naming them and looking at what, if anything, can be done to lessen their power. Often, the simple act of talking to a trusted person about the effect of bad memories can be a significant tool in decreasing their power. Through the process of getting feedback from someone else, we can better sift through what is or isn't worth remembering. Then, we can plan a course of action that will enable us to hold on to the positives and to let go of the negatives. Thus, helping us move toward healing.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy memory-making May, 2017!

Karole is a Licensed Professional Counselor, a Supervising Counselor, a member of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling and Thanatology Certified. She can be contacted at 256-634-0117 or kkohme@gmail.com.

Medicare Coverage of Hospital Visits

By Lynn Hixon

When you enter a hospital for treatment, you can be classified as an inpatient or an outpatient. Your status affects Medicare costs and coverage. You are an inpatient if your attending physician has formally admitted you as an inpatient. Ask your doctor or attending physician to be sure, as there are no specific characteristics of your hospital stay that automatically make you an inpatient. If you are not formally admitted as an inpatient, you are considered a hospital outpatient, even if you stay overnight. There are a number of hospital services that are usually provided as outpatient care, such as emergency room visits and outpatient surgeries.

Observation services, sometimes called observation status, are outpatient services. Since observation services are outpatient services, your coverage and costs will be different from your coverage and costs if you were an inpatient. Observation services include ongoing short-term treatment and assessments of whether you should be admitted as an inpatient or if you can be discharged. Sometimes observation services extend over two or more days, but remember that does not mean you are an inpatient. It is important to ask your doctor about your hospital status and services, because it may not be clear if you are an inpatient or outpatient. If you receive outpatient observation services for more than 24 hours, the hospital should give you a Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice (MOON) that tells you that you are an outpatient. Your doctor or hospital staff person should explain this notice to you in person. If you need any more information, please call your SHIP Counselor, Lynn Hixon, at the DeKalb County Council on Aging at 256-845-8590.

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Menlo Notes: Just Sittin' and A Rockin'

By Diane Smith-Mealer

Spring has arrived! The sweet song of the smocking birds drift through the wood, bursting with green, the butterflies flutter, the bumblebees buzz, the sudden flash of the bluebird, the “I tink so, I tink so” of the southern nuthatch, the sparkling warm days and cotton cool nights, all around; the hills and valleys are filled with new life. It's time to get out of the house, get outside and smell the world, see the wonders of a brand new season, and to do this, there is no better place than the porch.

A home is not a home without a porch--be it small or large, screened or open. It is a room of the house and not part of the yard. A place of quiet meditation or a place of friendly gatherings. A porch has always been a social custom, and each home I have ever lived in has had a front porch, and most an additional back porch. We have always used our porches a lot throughout the years. I suppose childhood memories and traditions was the road map that brought me here



to my love of porches.

On soft nights, when the dinner dishes were all cleaned and put away, our family gathered on the porch. Friends, neighbors and, sometimes,

strangers stopped by; and while the adults sat in rockers, metal chairs, or the swing, I sat at my mothers feet and listened to the stories told. Sometimes on these evenings, the neighborhood teens revved up the radio and there was dancing in the streets. I wonder just when and where times like these disappeared into the chaos of present society.

If you take the time to walk around Menlo, you will find almost every house has a porch. Some have large verandas that wrap around; others are small screened structures with an array of cute and swirly screened doors. There are a lot of beautiful homes in our town, most with a long history and interesting story attached to each one. Menlo is a quiet town, with a big heart and friendly neighbors.

Our home has a back porch that I use everyday. It is used for visits, cook outs, or just hanging out. So as the world turns, come on by; you will find me just sittin' and a rockin' as time flies by.

CHANGING THE WORLD STARTS WITH ME

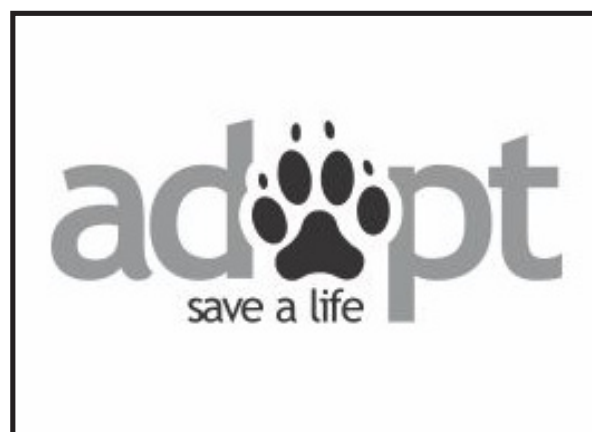
BY MELANIE BLAIR

I have always been an animal lover. The unconditional love of a dog or the sound of a purring content kitty brings me such joy and makes my heart happy. Before moving back to Mentone from South Carolina, I volunteered at and donated to a rescue there. My family and I adopted two dogs from that rescue. They moved with us to Mentone, along with two rescued cats. My daughter has inherited my love for animals, and we are always picking up strays. We were even able to reunite two lost dogs with their owners.

Here, in DeKalb County during the month of February alone, there were 136 owner surrenders, 53 strays, 6 adoptions, 75 rescues who found foster homes, and 99 animals euthanized at the DeKalb County Animal Adoption Center. If the number of euthanized animals is as alarming and heartbreaking to you as they are to me, let me share with you different ways you can help.

There is a group called Friends of DeKalb County-AL Animal Adoption Center who are “bringing hope to the homeless pets of DeKalb County, Alabama.” They are a 501(c)3 non-profit volunteer group that is made up of a small group of volunteers and not the shelter staff that help save the homeless pets in DeKalb County. They work to reunite pets with their families, find homes for the homeless animals, and educate the community with the ultimate goal being to unite these deserving animals with the perfect family to call their own.

There are numerous ways you can help them with this effort including volunteering and fostering a pet until it is adopted. You can also donate supplies through Amazon or use PayPal to make a donation or sponsor a pet (please check the “friends/



family”box so the entire donation can be used to save the pets). Friends of DeKalb-AL Animal Adoption Center has all the links on their facebook page (search “FriendsofDCAAC” -no spaces) as well as on their website (shelterfriends.wixsite.com/friendsofdcaac) to make it easy for you to help.

Obviously the best way to help these pets is by giving them a permanent home. DeKalb County has a comparably low adoption fee of \$80 that includes spay/neuter, de-worming, rabies vaccinations, first vaccinations for puppies and dogs, micro-chipping, and 30-day free pet insurance. The Shelter is located at 2601 Jordan Road SW in Fort Payne. The shelter staff can be reached at 256-304-0474 Monday

through Friday from 9 am until 4 pm. You can print an adoption application from either the Friends facebook page or their website. The list of ways to help is endless and can be tailored to meet whatever your needs may be.

Whatever way you choose to be involved, know that you are making a difference. Even though I am not solving all the world's problems, it feels good to know that I can make a difference. I don't feel overwhelmed trying to help one organization, or a few pets. I am making a difference in my community. The world is simply a group of communities. I am making the world a better place. As Karen Davidson once said, “Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever.”

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Calendar of Events
(Continued from Page 12)

ages 14 and up. Reservations are required. To make a reservation or for more information, email angie@oneworldadventureco.org. May 20 - Third Saturday Downtown Cruise-In. You can come out and enjoy an afternoon of family fun activities in downtown Fort Payne. This public event will include food, live music, a car show, and more from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. 256-996-3857

May 20, 29 - Night Zip Line Adventure. All our zip lines are set up just before the adventure to ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before the adventure. 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 256-997-9577.

May 21 - Rappelling @ Chicken Rock. Explore scenic outcroppings along Lookout Mountain, Alabama. No previous experience is necessary to go deeper into nature in this exciting activity! Cost: \$40 per person. Time: 1:30pm. Ages: 10 and up. 2pm Rappelling @ Chicken Rock. For more information email angie@oneworldadventureco.org.

May 22 - Bouldering Adventure--Atop Lookout Mountain. Come experience first-hand what bouldering is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. No prior climbing or bouldering experience is needed. Meet at True Adventure Sports. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. 256-997-9577

May 23 - Treasure Hunt Adventure. Do you enjoy trying to solve riddles and clues? This 5-hour adventure will take you deep into the heart of a cave. You will have to solve and follow each clue in order to find the next one, and ultimately the Treasure! TAS 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. 256-997-9577

May 24 - Sky Swing Adventure. This is an adventure of a lifetime. Enjoy the thrill of the swing. Pre-registration required at True Adventure Sports by 6 pm the day before the adventure. Meet at True Adventure Sports 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 256-997-9577

May 24-25 - Overnight Camping Skills Class. Most needed camping skills are brought to you as well as advanced skills such as how to find dry fuels, how to build a fire without smoke, how to start a fire without matches or flint, lean to construction, and safety barriers. True Adventure Sports 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. 256-997-9577

May 26 - Forest Discovery Walk. This walk started in 2014 and is one of One World Adventure's most popular activities in DeSoto State Park. Join naturalist Robert Wilson for an experiential journey within the forest, taking in every opportunity to learn more about the natural world. Your guide will point out the many native plants of the southern Appalachians, and teaching facts about important uses of particular plants for food, medicine, and craft. Walk will not exceed 1 1/2 hours and is limited to 10 participants. What to bring: Water bottle, notebook and pencil, camera. 10 a.m. DeSoto State Park. \$7 per person with kids free. Pre-registration is required-limited to 10 participants. Email angie@oneworldadventureco.org to pre-register. For questions, contact Robert at sps@sevenpinessurvival.com

May 27 - Paperweight Class. This class is designed for those who really just want see what molten glass is all about. Feel the heat, gather from the furnace, sculpt the glass into you own design. It is ultimately about the experience, some experimentation and a couple nice paperweights to take home or to the office to show your friends. Please join us for some in-depth discovery at Orbix Hot Glass. Reservations Required \$135 per person. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 256-523-3188

May 27 - Rappelling @ Chicken Rock. Explore scenic outcroppings along Lookout Mountain, Alabama. No previous experience is necessary to go deeper into nature in this exciting activity! Cost: \$40 per person. Times: 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm. Ages: 10 and up. 2pm Rappelling @ Chicken Rock. For more information email angie@oneworldadventureco.org

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

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BITTER SWEET

By: Doug Kiker

Sweet milk in my mind just can't be beat.
But, lordy, it's bad when sweet milk isn't sweet!
How? You might ask, the very name to defeat?
Well, it's simple--but this news I'll repeat.
When the weather is hot, and there's no rain in the sky--
"Normal cow eatin" grass no where meets the eye.
The po' ole cows eat whatever they can find,
Or they just up and die.
Now, bitter weeds will flourish even when everything has fried.
I don't think cows really intend to eat such weeds,
They're just after something to fill a need.
There is a bit of short, tough grass in the bitter weed shade,
It's just through those yellow blooms a cow's mouth has to wade.
And this is how "bitter sweet" milk is made.
Now, when the milk is bitter, it goes on to persuade
Other things that from cow's milk are made.
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SECLUDED MENTONE CABIN. 2BR/2BA home on 3.25 acres in West Fork Sub. Pine floors & walls, vaulted ceilings, wood burning FP, lots of windows. Lge. deck, screened porches. \$179,900. MLS#1065642.



LAKEFRONT LIVING! Custom decks & walkways to your dock on Lake Lahusage. 2BR/2BA, pine floors, gas or wood burning fp and screened porch, 2-story. 2-car garage w/apt. potential. \$247,500. MLS#654813.



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



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



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



BEAUTIFUL Mountain Get-Away with gorgeous view year round. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, shake-sided outside w/low maintenance metal roof. Deck. \$235,000 MLS#1000691.



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



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



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



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



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



2 BR/2 BA with full appliance package, storage building, screened front porch, back deck. TOTALLY remodeled with an addition within the last 5 years to include windows, doors and wiring. FURNISHED! \$139,900. MLS #1056385



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



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



THE HISTORIC CRAGSMERE MANOR, on 5+ acres serves as rental lodging and/or event hosting. Perfect setting for large or small groups. 6BR/4BA, Large kitchen, dining, and living area, covered pavilion. \$749,000. MLS#1066488.



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



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



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



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



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



In the heart of Mentone, this updated 3BR/2BA home features hardwood floors, custom cabinets, FP & storage space. New carpeting upstairs. Barn w/storage & workshop. \$214,900. MLS #1051222.



RUSTIC CABIN near Mentone. 1-1/2 story, 2BR/2.5BA home, open floor plan, large vaulted ceilings. Loft guest bedroom overlooking living areas. Lge screened in porch. \$199,000. MLS #1017671.



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



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



DOWNTOWN MENTONE. Enjoy sunset from this brow side cabin. Open design living/dining w/wall of windows, vaulted ceilings, wide plank floors & gas FP. Kitchen has stainless, granite & breakfast bar. Main level Master BR/BA. 2BR, bath & loft upstairs. \$224,000. MLS #1055545.



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



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



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

LOTS AND LAND

#392849 - 4.4 acre tract on brow. \$190,000
 #403694 - 106' of prime brow view. \$109,500.
 #656265 - 7+ WOODED ACRES in Mtn. River Estates. \$35,000.
 #665968 - 1 ACRE LOT in Hidden Lake Sub. \$40,000.
 #762331 - 1.02 ACRE lot in Hidden Lake Sub. \$40,000.
 #845943 - 200' of water frontage \$42,000.
 #1011734 - .69 ACRE wooded lot on Brush Creek. \$27,900.
 #1014183 - 1.5 ACRES. Brow Lot on CR 89. \$124,900.
 #1021165 - 2 ACRE LOT offering lake and brow footage. 59,900.
 #1026589 - Build on the water's edge....approximately 100' of waterfront on West Fork Little River. \$162,000.
 #1027934 - Lot on River Lane. \$29,900.
 #1032720 - 2.8 acres with travel trailer, water, septic, dock. \$82,500.
 #1034997 - Approx. 6 ACRES on middle fork of Little River. \$48,900

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



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



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

#1061651 - 1.5 acres in Eagle Rock Subdivision. \$89,000.
 #1061943 - 5 acres on Hwy 117 just before the Georgia Line. \$40,000.
 #1065542 - 90 acres on Co. Rd. 89 in Mentone. \$350,000.
 #1065504 - One acre on Co. Rd. 89 in Mentone. \$149,900.

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Taste of the Mountain Goes Exotic

“The 5th annual Taste of the Mountain dinner and art auction... featured the delicious cuisine of local chefs and the delightful art of local students and artists, this year's theme of 'African Safari' made the school's gym an exotic escape on a rainy weekend!”



Hunter Gorham with his artwork and Brooke Moore



Lydia Randolph on safari at Moon Lake



Sadler Emory as Vanna White

Moon Lake Elementary School News

May Events at Moon Lake--NO School on Fridays!

May 8th-11th - Nature's Classroom (6th grade)
May 9th - Chattanooga Zoo Trip (K-1)
May 16th - Awards Day - Family Welcome 9am
May 17th - Afternoon with the Artists
May 18th - Field Day - Helpers Needed

May 23rd - Graduation Day!
(K at 9am - 6th grade at 11am)
May 24th - DARE graduation - 5th grade
May 25th - Students' Last Day

Moon Lake 21st Century After School Activities Summer Program 2017

June 5th - June 9th - 7:00 am to 3:00pm
June 5th - School Day Activities
Drones, Tye Dye Shirt, Gardening, Science, etc...
Magician
June 6th - McWane Center
June 7th - ART/Miracle Pottery
June 8th - U.S. Space and Rocket Center
June 9th - Desoto State Park
Meals are Included
Breakfast- 7:00-7:30
Lunch 11:00-11:30
Snack-1:30-1:45

*There are a few spots still available.
Open to all Moon Lake students first; other students will
be considered after May if any spots are available.
Call the school at 256-634-4113.*



*Above: Congratulations to WQSB Teacher of the Week **Sloan Pope**! Mrs. Pope teaches the 2nd graders at Moon Lake School. She has a special place in her heart for each student, as they do for her.*

*Left: Congratulations to **Owen Crouse** - Moon Lake Student of the Month! Third grader Owen likes fishing and watching cars race. Taco Bell is his favorite place to eat. His quote for the month: "School is FUN!"*

VALLEY HEAD JR. BETA CLUB FUNDRAISER

Earning a spot at the national convention is one thing, raising the money to send 39 students to Disney World is another. Sponsors Tara Kirby and Christi Black and club members are working to raise funds to eliminate the burden of the individual cost for each student and family. The total cost for the national convention is approximately \$67,000. The cost of the trip is astronomical and none of the students will be able to attend without the

continuous support from family, friends, and local/state businesses. Multiple fundraisers are underway, and with hard work and the support of the community, the club will find a way for the kids to compete at the national level--no dream is too big. If anyone would like to make a tax-deductible donation, they can contact either Mrs. Kirby or Mrs. Black at 256-635-6228. You can also make donations at gofundme.com/valleyheadjrbeta.

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