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April and May 2004

Lucille Crowe Celebrates 80th Birthday



Front Row (L/R): Bethany Farley, Brianna Farley
Middle Row (L/R): Pat Crowe, Diane Crowe, Lucille Crowe, Joane Crowe,
Wendy holding Ethan, Melissa Crowe, Gregory Crow, Leroy Crowe
Back Row (L/R): Mack Farley, Christi Farley, Rebecca Crowe, Olen Crowe,
Daniel Crow; John Crowe, and Cecil Crowe



Jimmy King, nephew from Birmingham and Lucille taking a ride on Jimmy's Harley Davidson after the birthday celebration

On April 17, Lucille Crowe was honored with a birthday celebration--her 80th. 174 invitations went out inviting family to come celebrate the 80th birthday of Lucille Crowe. Not all of those invited were able to attend, many living too far away to make the trip. Lucille was surprised by some of the members of her family who had said that they



Lucille Crowe with her beautiful birthday cake

would not be able to attend. The celebration was a great success as her family and friends surrounded her with much love.

The celebration was held at the Fellowship Hall of the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy and was hosted by her children and grandchildren.

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MAPA Meeting

The Mentone Area Preservation Association met on April 6, 2004, at the fellowship hall of the Church of God of Prophecy. Present were Lucille Crowe, Jim and Penny Lyday; Ruby Brock, Homer and Bernise Crow, Dorothy Crow, Dessie Brown, Page and Margaret Cunningham.

President Bernise Crow called the meeting to order. Jim Lyday gave the invocation. Dessie Brown read the minutes of the March 2nd meeting in the absence of the secretary, and the minutes were approved. Homer Crow gave the treasurers report.

Homer reported on the new parking area donated by Sharon Baron Burke on North Cool Street. Work preparing the area was done by Tommy Gifford and Kenneth Kirby using their bulldozer and backhoe to clean the property. The Boy Scouts of Troop 106 completed the cleanup.

A motion was passed to give Tommy and Kenneth a gift for their services.

A committee comprised of Page Cunningham, Homer Crow and Dessie Brown was appointed to look into the best place to invest funds, and make a report at the next meeting.

Homer Crow gave a report on the festival. There are 75 booth areas available and the new parking area will give more spaces and be more efficient for parking, when the older area is filled.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 106 will handle parking for donations.

The Fire Department made a request for sponsors for the Golf Tournament to be held on May 22, 2004. The request was granted to give \$100.

Dessie Brown agreed to make a new updated membership booklet.

The meeting was adjourned to have refreshments.

The Rhododendron Festival is May 14, 15, 16. The next meeting will be June 1st.



Cindy Harden uses her potter's wheel to create a coffee mug

NEW ARTS AND CRAFTS AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

By Mary Alice Stout

Mountain Mamas is open for its 10th season! We sell arts and crafts that are handmade by local and regional women. If you would like to place items on consignment, contact Mary Alice Stout at 706-862-2142 or email to mountainmamas@alltel.net.

New items are arriving every weekend. Sally Burns, our 10 year old Georgia artist, has already delivered several paintings including one of her cat and another of a bright red poppy. Pat Harlow, a fabric artist, has been sewing during the winter months. She has a beautiful wall hanging, an abstract in red and oranges, and a life-size mermaid flag/banner. Her thread catcher/tv remote holder bags are big sellers and her stock has been replenished. Mentone artist, Ann Marevis, has created a "litter" of cat refrigerator magnets and they are ready for "adoption". She also creates "cardboard furniture" and has some attractive chairs for your favorite dolls.

We're expecting additional pottery to arrive in May. Melanie Drew, the leaf-bowl potter, has spring-time pottery for sale. Cindy Hardin, Columbus, GA, will have her earth tone pottery arriving in mid-May. Cindy has had cataract surgery and says we may see brighter colors on her pots!

Fresh strawberry preserves are on the Jam and Pickle shelf. Mary Alice has been busy washing, chopping, and stirring. Stop by Mountain Mamas on May 7, 8, and 9 for a free sample. The jars and pickles will be on sale that weekend.

Mountain Mamas is located on GA Hwy 48 in Cloudland, GA, on Lookout Mountain. Cloudland is a short drive from Mentone—go East on Hwy 117 to the AL/GA state line. Then about 1 mile into GA, on the left is the Shop.

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Aristotle said, "The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." It's time to recognize and express our congratulations to a group of achievers in our community who have found this sweet fruit. The Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program along with the Northeast Alabama Community College, is excited to announce their GED Graduation for the Southern part of the tri-county area. The ceremony will take place this year on **May 22, 2004, at 5:00 PM** in the **Tom Bevill Center at Snead State Community College**. It's their pleasure to once again welcome Robert Reeves of WHNT-TV (Huntsville - channel 9), who will assist in the ceremony.

This is also a good time to remind other "hungry" people out there, that attending GED classes is a step in the right direction of finding sweet fruit.

Today's job market is becoming increasingly competitive and specialized and we all need to make ourselves as "marketable" as possible. Most of our Adult Ed classes operate year-round, so no time can be better than the present for getting started. Anyone interested in taking classes or participating in the GED Graduation should contact their offices at 256-638-2957 between 8:00AM and 4:00PM or visit them on-line at www.geocities.com/naaep

We're only one week away from GED graduation for the Northern part of this tri-county area. Northeast Alabama Adult Education, along with Northeast Alabama Community College, are proudly and cordially inviting the public to support our new graduates by attending their graduation ceremony on **May 7th, 2004, at 7:00 PM** in the **Tom Bevill Lyceum at Northeast**.



Teacher Nina Thrash, who holds day classes at Northeast Alabama Community College site with a graduate hopeful

GED GRADUATION - APRIL 2004

Someone once said, "Behind every success is an endeavor...Behind endeavor, ability....Behind ability, knowledge...Behind knowledge, a seeker" It's time to recognize and express our congratulations to a group of seekers in our community who have found a measure of success.

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Mentone Mayor's Notes

We regret that there are no notes for this month. Mayor C. E. Britt was in the hospital and has just recently been transferred from the hospital to a nursing home to be able to have rehabilitation. His current address is:

Oak View Nursing and Rehabilitation, PO Box 449, 960 Highland Avenue, Summerville, GA 30747. Anyone wishing to contact him or send him a letter or card may do so at the above address.



TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout

Easter Bunny, Mary Frances Huskey, welcomes children to the Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny visited Tri-County, April 10. She hid over 1000 eggs for the 43 attending children to find! Lots of fun and good refreshments were available for everyone.

Tri-County's next seasonal community activity will be the Halloween Party and Spooky Walk.

Tri-County volunteer Fire/Rescue is a volunteer organization and volunteers are ALWAYS welcome. There are jobs for all ages, for both men and women, and for people from both Georgia and Alabama. Call Chief Wesley Welch for more information - 706-862-6519.

May 8th is PUBLIC SAFETY DAY in Chattooga County, GA. Tri-County will be participating. The event is held at Chattooga County High School from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Activities include 3 helicopter demonstrations, a drunk driver simulator, a rapid "putting on turn-out-gear" contest, and a "dunk a chief" booth.

Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue headquarters is located on GA Hwy 48 at the GA/AL state line, where AL Hwy 117 ends.



We encourage you to have an enjoyable, safe Memorial Day weekend, and strongly urge you not to drink and drive.



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Mentone Market brings **Buffet Pizza** to the community, the first samples being served free on April 27.

The Market served slices to over 300 people by noon and by close of business had made over 120 pizzas.

Tom and Kristen Emory, owners of the Mentone Market, chose this company for the high quality of the product, the right price, but more importantly because of the company's mission statement which reflects their own family values.

Also, Kristen states, "I enjoy seeing the teens of Mentone meeting each other at the market like their parents did when 'Mr. William' had the store."

Tom is glad to be back in the cooked food business after two years from his job as Food Service Director for a hospital in South Alabama.

Tom and Kristen have worked hard to get approval from the DeKalb County Health Department on all standards and regulations.

Mentone Market was one of the first to have dispensed fountain drinks, first to have cappacino, and now is the first with pizza. They invite you to stop by any time and pick up pizza for your family.

Congratulations to Robert D. "CUB" Brown for this recognition from Alabama Forestry Planning Committee

April 8, 2004

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Alabama Forestry Planning Committee commends you for being selected as the owner of one of the eight most outstanding TREASURE Forests in Alabama for 2004.

The Selection Committee advised that all of nominees this year were excellent which made the task of choosing a Region winner extremely difficult. You were selected as the runner-up for the Northeast Region, recognizing you as one of the premier TREASURE forests for 2004. The fact that you were nominated and reached this final level is an extremely high compliment.

You will be recognized locally in a formal awards ceremony and will be presented with a certificate from the W. Kelly Mosley Environmental Awards Program. Plans are now being developed for this presentation.

By this letter, I wish to express my personal appreciation, as well as that of the Alabama Forestry Planning Committee, for your cooperation during the selection process. I wish to especially express our appreciation for the valuable example you are setting for other Alabama landowners through the wise management of your forestland.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ray Rice, Acting Chairman
TREASURE Forest Sub-Committee.



Congratulations, It's a Baby Girl!



Ellanore "Ellie" Janis Cox

Adam and Sarah Cox would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Ellanore "Ellie" Janis Cox. Ellie was born at East Ridge Hospital on April 2, 2004, at 6:20 pm. She weighed 7 lbs, 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. Her grandparents are Wiley and Sharron Hatfield of Sulphur Springs, AL, and John and Gloria Cox of Soddy-Daisy, TN.



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Sabrina Lasha Blevins -2nd
Victoria Celise McMahan - 1st

Division III

Ella MaGrace Smith - Queen

Division IV

Brooklyn Eloise Wright - 1st
Shelby Jackson - Queen
Sydney Paige Grider - 2nd
and Photogenic

Division V

Brittany Danielle Daniel - Queen
Vanessa Darlene Millraney - 2nd
Morgan McElhaney - 1st

Division VI

Tia Newell - 1st
Kelsey Kemp - Queen
Meg McElhaney - 1st

Jr. Miss Spring Fantasy

Lauren "Ashley" Henry - 2nd
and Photogenic

Mandy Corsentino - 1st

Paige Bethune - Queen

Sr. Miss Spring Fantasy

Megan Manley - 1st
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MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

Students in grades 3-6 recently completed a week of Stanford Achievement testing with students in Grades 4 and 6 also taking the first year of the Alabama Reading and Math test.

On Monday, April 19, Rhododendron Garden Club members and school parents worked alongside Moon Lake students in their annual Earth Day gardening activities. We greatly appreciate the many contributions of everyone who was involved and invite the community to visit the campus and see the many beauty spots that are the result of many hours of dedicated effort.

Music classes sponsored by the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation are being taught each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to students in all grade levels by Paula Easter-Chamlee. These classes will continue until the end of school, culminating in a school-wide concert at 8 AM on Monday, May 17. The public is invited to attend this free program in the school gym.

Moon Lake students have one final holiday on Friday, May 7.

During the week, Moon Lake students and teachers will celebrate American History Week with special activities planned each day.

On Friday, May 15, students, parents, and community members will be honored in the school's annual awards program. The program for Kindergarten through Grade 2 will begin at 8AM, and the program for Grades 3-6 will begin at 9:30. Both will be in the school gym.

Two graduations will be held on Tuesday, May 18, in the gym. The Kindergarten graduation program will begin at 9AM; and the 6th grade graduation program will begin at 6:30 PM. Head Start graduation will occur at 11AM on Wednesday, May 19.

As the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, we express our deep gratitude to the people of Mentone for the generous support they have extended to Moon Lake Elementary School, and we look forward to future opportunities for continued interaction and success.

MOON LAKE SCHOOL THIRD 9-WEEKS HONOR ROLL

GRADE 1 ALL A'S

Jennifer Battles
Alex Davis
Jakob Gilbreath
Sarah Graham
Kali Haynes
Caleb Johnson
Kaitee McGee
Levi Owen
Amelia Saferite
Meagan Sutton
Marysa Wigley
Brooklyn Wright

GRADE 1 ALL A'S & B'S

Kali Hatfield
Alexis Manifold
Orion Nicely
Samantha Purvis
Taylor Purvis
Cody Smith
Paige Smith
Abigail Wallace

GRADE 2 ALL A'S

Bleu Davis-Stone
Jonnie Frost
Adam Miller
Michael Petersen

GRADE 2 ALL A'S & B'S

Amber Crowe
Andrew Crowe
Wade Gardner
Brittney Harrison
Michael Langston
Kanissa Smith
Tristan Smith

GRADE 3 ALL A'S

Beth Durham
Adam Faulkner
Taylor Poff
Danielle Powell

GRADE 3 ALL A'S & B'S

Allie Blalock
Lily Harrison
Amber Hilliard

GRADE 3 ALL A'S & B'S (cont.)

Jill Hope
Austin Jones
Abbigail Lee
Alex Whatley

GRADE 4 ALL A'S

Tyler Hester
Caitlin Kirby
Kaylee McMunn
Brandi Miller
Haley Saferite

GRADE 4 ALL A'S & B'S

Raven Brown
Hope Carden
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Brian Hancock
Alexis Hatfield
Stevi Hayes
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Megan Petersen
Daniel Phillips
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Kayla Powell
Jeffrey Smith
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Ryan Wilkes

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Tyler Blansit
Colleen Castleberry
Seth Massey

GRADE 5 ALL A'S & B'S

Brittany Bain
Starla Cash
Josh Faulkner
Trey Kincer
Hunter Stone
Josh Whitaker

GRADE 6 ALL A'S & B'S

Ethan Crider
Kaleb McMunn
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Mentone Wedding Chapel

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



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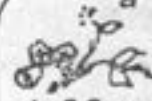


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Rhododendron Garden Club

By Gethryn Giles

The Rhododendron Garden Club met at the Mentone Community House on April 13, 2004. The meeting was called to order by President Martha Wood at 12:30 p.m. There were 15 members present. After the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Jan Wilkinson (assisted by Sue Schwarz) gave the devotional. Hostesses were Sue Schwarz and Dianne Kuehl.

Two announcements were made regarding activities for today. Since a garden work day was planned, and the weather was bad, members were asked to assist with two projects. 1) Jan Wilkinson, Earth Day chair, asked for help in getting materials ready for the Moon Lake School students; and 2) the club is responsible for the name place cards for the DeKalb-Cherokee Federation meeting on April 24. Martha Wood asked for help in getting these ready.

On Earth Day, April 19, members are requested to arrive at the school at 8:15 a.m. and help with the activities. One activity will be to plant an Historic Tulip Poplar Tree. The tree was grown from a seed from a parent tree at the Mount Vernon home of George Washington.

As refreshments were served, members began to work on these two projects.

After refreshments, the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2004, were read and approved.

Several suggestions were made for the place to have the Spring Luncheon on May 11th. Dallyne Jones moved that the luncheon be at the Mentone Inn. Motion passed.

Reports: Empty printer cartridges and old cell phones need to be given to Marie Dillenbeck or Linda Brown, chair and assistant chair of the recycling committee.

Dallyne Jones, chair of the Horticulture Committee, reviewed with the club ways of getting rid of poison ivy without using poison or chemicals.

Announcements: •April is National Library Month. There will be a poetry workshop at the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library tomorrow afternoon. •The Spring Luncheon of the DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs will be on April 24. •The Reflection Riding Plant Sale will be on April 16. •The Huntsville Botanical Gardens plant sale will be on April 15. •The Huntsville Garden Show will be April 23-25. •The Fort Payne Garden Tour will be June 6.

Jan Wilkinson demonstrated for the members the "talking tree" she will use for Earth Day.

The door prize was won by Margaret Baker.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next meeting will be the Spring Luncheon on May 11.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of the DeKalb-Cherokee Federation; The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., District II; and the National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region.

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Christmas In Mentone, 2004

Ongoing commitments of the Committee

Newest Item: Mentone Visitor's Handbook

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About

Our Town

 By
LINDA BROWN


So far this spring has been absolutely beautiful. The combination of sun and rain must have been perfect. Everything is blooming profusely. I really enjoy watching the colors of the blossoms around my house. For a while everything will be yellow and purple, then suddenly it will all be pink. Now I have a lot of white because I have what is commonly called snowball bushes. They are really in full bloom. A friend of mine, who is a grandmother, told me that she has had a snowball bush for a long time and all of her children have had their picture made on prom night by it. Recently they were all together and offered to visit the local high school and find someone to come and have their picture made by the snowball bush. This is a good example of a family tradition and how much impact they can have on families. It is always good to make memories.

I'm sure that everyone knows by now that C.E. Britt, mayor, water superintendent and zoning administrator, has had a set back with health problems recently. As of now, he is in a rehabilitation center in Rome, Georgia. I have talked with him on the phone recently and his voice sounds very strong. He has temporarily vacated some very big shoes that someone has to try to fill until he gets back to Mentone. As mayor, pro tem, I am trying to continue with the many programs that he had started for the town.

The first thing that I had to do was find and hire another policeman. Recently, Wayne Wooten injured his back and is currently under the care of a doctor. As of now, he is not allowed to return to work as an officer for Mentone. I quickly realized that Johnny Ferguson was trying to cover everything and was not getting enough time off. On the recommendation of Johnny and several other area officers, Mike Putman was hired on part time until we know the outcome of Wayne's problem. Mike will be driving a Mentone police car and you can quickly recognize him as a legal officer.

There are three major areas that the town is working with right now. One, the bid has been let for the pedestrian trail and beautification project at the intersection of Highways 89 and 117. This will continue the sidewalk around the Hitching Post as well as some on the north side of 117. The bid was a little over budget and the council members and I are in the process of deciding which direction to go on this. The decision will be made by the time you receive this Groundhog. If we decide to proceed with the entire project, you will see some activity in that area soon. Please be patient as these projects get underway. I know that there will be some inconvenience, but the end result should be worth the aggravation.

Two, the recycling center has taken a totally different direction. The site on East Avenue that is owned by the town has proven to be more of a project than the town has money for right now. Maybe in later years we can develop this and have the money to have an employee there full time. The alternative project is going to offer almost the same services. It just won't be quite as elaborate. On May 3, we plan to have a roll-off container in place behind the Mentone Town Hall. During the first week of each month, the residents of Mentone and surrounding areas will be able to bring metal objects for recycling. For the second week of each month you can bring bulk items that are cluttering up your place. See a listing of items in another section of this Groundhog. There will not be a container present for the third and fourth weeks. **DO NOT BRING ANYTHING!** We have the present grant until September. I have already told Constance Gwen, the representative who is helping us with this project, to apply for another grant next year to allow us to continue this service. We are also looking into buying a three-bin recycling unit to allow you to bring paper, cardboard and plastic items to be recycled. This is not in place yet so store these items until further notice.

NOW HERE IS THE CATCH, THE CONTINUATION OF THIS SERVICE DEPENDS ON YOU! IF YOU ABUSE THIS SERVICE AND PUT ANY ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE IN THE CONTAINER THE SERVICE WILL HAVE TO BE DISCONTINUED. DON'T SPOIL THIS FOR EVERYONE.

Three, we are applying for a grant to improve Cutler Avenue. The only route that traffic could be detoured if a major accident should occur on Highway 117 through Mentone is Cutler Avenue. Cutler is also in very bad repair and only wide enough for one lane in most places. A team of engineers came to Mentone during one of our recent rains and drove on all of the streets in town. Their determination was that the greatest need was Cutler. We have already had one public hearing on this and will make you aware of the results of the application for the grant.

These three major projects and the regular activities of the town hall have kept me rather busy for the past month. I have told anyone who would listen that I could not have done this without Marie Dillenbeck. She has been truly wonderful. She has been very patient with my ignorance of the situations and has also helped me locate anything that I have needed. I hope that C.E. will be back before long to at least resume the position of mayor.

The Volunteer Firefighters of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District have been unusually busy the past two months. There were several wildfires on the brow during the recent dry weather. These are very hard for the volunteers because of the rough terrain and the distance that they are from everything. Some of the houses on the brow could have been in danger. I know that several home owners raked leaves and cleaned around the area of their yards. A publication of the Alabama Forestry Commission came to the town hall about this time. There are some very good recommendations for ways to keep wildfires from spreading to your property in this issue. I have made them a little more space saving and applicable to our area and they should be found elsewhere in this issue of The Groundhog. Look for them, one is a survey and the results might surprise you. Your

home may be more vulnerable to wildfires than you think. Also, they have had to go to two or three fires where houses were burning. These guys do this without pay and sometimes not even, "thank you." Tell them how much you appreciate their promptness and willingness to respond. Put yourself in their place and see if you would be so willing.

I'm tired of writing about this serious stuff, now on to more pleasant and fun subjects. I have two cousins who live rather close to me. One is in Mentone, he doesn't claim the kinship very often, and the other lives in Fischer. All three of us share a common grandfather. When I was growing up, we called him "Granddad." I understand that he was also called "Bugle Boy" although no one knows why. He was called "W.H" and from the stories that I have heard about him, Grandmother Nancy Jane, probably called him some words that can't be printed in a family newspaper. His name was William Humphrey Cochran and he was what is called, "a character."

The cousin in Mentone told me a story that I had not heard before. In Granddad's aging years he lived with my uncle who had a rather large family. It seems that Granddad would get the older boys of the family to buy him some "chewing tobacco" when they would go to the store. Then he would chew some for a while and lay it on the window sill to dry out. He would crush this up and put it in his pipe and smoke it. My aunt got tired of this nasty habit and told the boys to start telling him that the store was out of smokeless tobacco. After several months of this, he stopped asking for it and never mentioned it again. Maybe we should test this method of quitting, we might have the solution to stopping smoking. The patch might go bankrupt. The boys would get Granddad's money and pretend to catch it on fire by the fireplace flame. He would try to hit them with his walking stick, but of course they could run out of reach. He would tell this story and say, "Then they got my money and they 'kotched' it on fire and then they 'kotched' it again." I remember him because he had a long white beard and not much hair. At some point Grandmother Nancy Jane and two of the boys left Georgia and came to Adamsburg, Alabama. This may be the reason that I am in this area now. Granddad came later and lived in Geraldine, Alabama. They are buried side by side in Walker's Chapel Cemetery which is almost in Ruhama/Sigsby/Dogtown. A book could be written about the towns in Alabama and how they happen to have the names they do. A grandfather on the other side of my ancestry happened to leave his wife pregnant when he went to fight during the Civil War. He was killed in battle, but I am a descendant of the little boy who was born to the wife. These stories are so interesting to me. They give me my roots. Thanks to the wisdom of my mom and dad, I was also given wings. Maybe I just sprouted wings and jumped, but they were always there to pick me up when I fell.

Someone told me that they were "dreamed" to Mentone. I am still pondering that. Maybe we are all dreamed into being. If I were dreamed, predestined or just stumbled here by sheer dumb luck, I am where I want to be. I love living in Mentone and I have a love for life that increases every day.

Put out your hummer feeders, they're here! If you have an extra "lady cardinal", send her this way. I have a male who has lost his mate and calls constantly. **Enjoy this beautiful spring!**

Creative Arts Center Opens in Mentone

Beginning in May, classes will be available in Creative Dance and Therapeutic Arts for children and adults. "This has been a long-time dream of mine," says Morgana MacVicar, who is an artist and one of eight owners of Mountain Mamas in Cloudland. Morgana has her M.A. from Florida State University and worked as a Movement and Art Therapist for many years before coming here 10 years ago from St. Augustine, Florida.

In St. Augustine, where she lived for 20 years, she worked for a wide variety of therapeutic institutions, including a psychiatric ward, a nursing home, and the Florida State School for the Deaf and Blind, where she specialized in teaching the multi-handicapped. She also worked with several Birth Centers and taught belly dancing as natural childbirth conditioning.

Last summer, when Morgana taught Creative Dance

at the Big Wills Art Council's summer camp, she realized how much she missed teaching children to freely express themselves through movement and music. Her Mentone studio is called JOY OF MOVEMENT and is located on Hwy 117 at Sutton's Place next to Body Maintenance. Donna Sutton's therapeutic massage studio. Morgana will be teaching Creative Dance classes for children and adults. She will also teach Belly Dancing for Fitness and Fun. "I am hoping to offer a variety of movement and art forms by sharing the center with other instructors. Beginning in May, we will be offering additional classes in Yoga and Aerobic Dance, and weekend art classes are also a possibility." Anyone interested in attending a class or becoming involved in its programming should call Morgana at (706) 862-6150.

2004 MEN'S GOLD LEAGUE SOFTBALL SCHEDULE MAY 2004

May 4 - Tuesday: 5:50 F#1 Mentone vs. Bailey Enterprises
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CULTURE CLUB'S BOOK SALE ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS

Dear Editor,

Due to the efforts of many people, the DeKalb County Public Library has \$10,800 plus from the recent 2004 book sale. With recent budget cuts, these funds can be put to good use by the staff for needed items of furnishing, equipment, and materials that would otherwise be unavailable.

We are indebted to all who donated and purchased materials, and for the assistance of volunteers such as Bill Cyr, Bob Gray, Herb Martin, Jane Faile, Wayne Gautrau, Perry Morgan, and Jimmy Eberhart.

We thank parents, students and teachers teachers-particularly Pat Horton, Shane Byrd, Linda Thomas, and Nancy Martin; *The Groundhog*, Jerry Whittle of *The DeKalb Advertiser*, Scott Turner of *The Times-Journal*, *The Weekly Post*, Shan Bruce, of Bruce's Foodland Plus; Patty Tucker of the DeKalb County Tourist Association; Larry Hancock of the Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce; First State Bank; Frank Humphrie of the City of Fort Payne; Roland Walls of WZOB; Carson Clark of WHNT TV News; Richardson Signs; Adelphia; and Pizza Hut.

Over the 12 years of book sales conducted by the Fort Payne Culture Club, approximately \$70,000 has been garnered. When items were priced generally from \$0.10 to \$5.00, consider how many were unpacked, priced, cataloged, and put into place.

The bulk of the labor force for the intensive three-month annual project was provided by the 28 members of the Fort Payne Culture Club. It is time you know who these ladies are that did this monumental task.

From Fort Payne: Ramona Beck, Judy Brown, Celestine Darnell, Nancy Davis, Lucette Dix, Joanne Durham, Dean Eberhart, Bebe Graham, Ruth Kuykendall, Joanne Locklear, Amelia Majors, Sis Martin, Ann Sawyer, Frances Smith, Nancy Tcherneshoff, Faye Thompson, Billie Vezertzis, Mary Walworth, and Lou Ann Weatherly. From Rainsville: Avice Pearson. From Ider: Carol Mockenhaupt. From Henagar: Pat Shippey. From Mentone: Margaret Baker, Dorothy Cyr, Harriet Lillich, Virginia Setze, Christina Wise, and Martha Wood.

It has been a rewarding venture for us because it is truly a community win-win situation. Folks hate to throw away good material but need to clear out; the library benefits financially; people come in droves to purchase leftovers from others, even from other counties and from out of state.

Most county libraries have a Friends of the Library organization that does all sorts of things for the library. Perhaps it is time for DeKalb citizens, men and women, to organize such a group. A little bit of time by a large number of people can get much accomplished. Let your library staff know if you would like to help.

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The
Country
Journal
By
BERNISE CROW

Winter is passed and spring has arrived. Birds are singing, tulips and many sweet wildflowers (like the little bluets in our yard) are blooming. We don't want to mow until they are gone.

Spring brings out a desire to clean, air the house, move heavy furniture and get the dust bunnies from under it. We have been cleaning outside where leaves have blown and piled up since we raked them last fall.

I want to thank Lyle and Heather Nicely for arranging a clean-up day for the town. With help of other volunteers and the Boy Scouts, they filled several dumpsters with litter that someone left on our roadsides. I missed the main group when I took snapshots. Maybe someone else took pictures. Gene and Gethryn Giles were grilling food for all the workers on the deck at the Mentone Inn. That was a nice treat for the workers.

MAPA's Adopt-a-Mile has been neglected since Sherman and Mickey Gough moved to Florida. Someone said our signs were gone. We have picked up many truck loads of trash on that one mile. I am thankful for the new people who have taken over the job.

J.P. Nation is busy cleaning his entire lot. I see him raking and clearing after the underbrush was moved and trees cut and removed.

Our little neighborhood in Manchester Park in Chattanooga is lovely in the spring. Most every home has beautiful dogwood trees and flowering plums. We go regularly and mow the zoysia grass, which doesn't grow fast and it looks neat and pretty. Right now, the gutters need cleaning and that's a job Homer will leave to Coy.

Coy is busy helping his cousin, Tony Crow, build an outdoor rock fireplace in Cloudland. And he is working on the Rhododendron Festival, which comes up on May the 15th and 16th. He has good entertainment planned and quite a few vendors for the craft show. Joyce does most of the paperwork with her Dad. Sharon Barron Burke is letting us use her big lot just south of the Brow Park for parking and some vendor space. Thank God for a good family and friends!

Kenneth Kirby and Tommy Gifford volunteered to work with their heavy equipment to clear underbrush off Sharon's property and smooth it some. They were so kind to do this for us. We know the use of their equipment alone would have cost us a great deal. Both Kenneth and Tommy said, "No money," but we will give them gift certificates (perhaps to a nice restaurant so they and their wives can enjoy an evening out.) Tommy reminded me of his aunt, Maggie Cordell. (She was a Gifford—a sister of Tommy's Dad, Jim.) Maggie helped us with everything she could as long as she was able. She gave us the first hand made quilt she made for our raffle at the

first Colorfest—and sold most of the tickets for it! She was a wonderful person.

After the heavy equipment left, the Boy Scouts cleaned rocks, roots, and other debris from the place, and Homer sowed grass. All this work really made a neat looking place for parking. Last year, we didn't have enough parking for our visitors and we think this lot and the original parking lot will be adequate for a while.

Thanks to Sharon for letting us use the lot. It is a wonderful gesture, since we badly needed parking space. I hope the guys don't over-do the cleanup.

We had our MAPA meeting this week and had the least crowd we have ever had that I know of. It was a most beautiful day and people were probably busy working outside and forgot about the meeting. We won't let them forget next time. We will have a "calling committee." Dessie Newberry will do a yearbook for us and everyone will have a list of members with phone numbers.

We especially missed George and Hope Walker this time. Hope has had a stroke, a light one we think, and both of them are in a rehab hospital in Gadsden. George has not been well in a long time. They are our good neighbors and we pray that they will be feeling better soon.

We are sorry to hear that our mayor, C.E. Britt, has suffered a stroke and is in the hospital in Rome, Georgia. We pray for his speedy recovery. He has probably worked too hard trying to get things accomplished for the Town. He told me that they were ready to take bids on adding to the sidewalk, which would come around the front of the Hitching Post. I hope this does get done. We have a rough place in front of the Gourdie Shop where tar and gravel was scraped from the road and left the last time 117 was re-paved.

Happy Birthday to Alfred and Milton Chambers! We enjoyed having them and their families at our home on Alfred's birthday for a bountiful pot luck supper and an enjoyable evening of gospel singing.

This is Easter week and a time for all Christians to rejoice and be thankful that Christ suffered a terrible death for the sins of the world, arose from the tomb the third day, and gave us hope of eternal life where there is no death. I don't want to forget the pain He bore, but neither do I want to forget to rejoice in His resurrection. Christ has died, Christ has risen, the Lord is alive forevermore.

Happy Easter to all of you!



Tommy Gifford clearing the new parking area for the MAPA festivals. Sharon Barron Burke has allowed MAPA to use this specifically for parking. Thanks!



Oxana Cherbonneau, Alicia Cherbonneau, and Max Cherbonneau, with foster grandparents, Homer and Bernise Crow.



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The

Church News

By Evelyn Graves



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

The **Valley Head Methodist Church** Sunday Worship is at 10 AM. Pastor is Wayne Nesbitt. Everyone is welcome to attend the services.

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 Bunnell.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Rd 239 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45AM; Morning Worship is at 11AM; Evening Worship is at 6PM; Wednesday Night Prayer service is at 6PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30AM each Sunday; and Communion services at 5PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular worship services are at 10AM and Sunday School at 9AM. Steve Schrader, pastor - 845-4314. All are welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 PM.

Anyone interested in observing the **Sabbath and Holy Days**, call 845-2246 for time and location.

Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland begins at 10AM (EST), and the Menlo service begins at 11:15AM (EST).

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10-and-11AM services and evening services are at 7 and 9PM. 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.

Lighthouse Fellowship, Cloudland. Turn at the produce stand, pass the tennis court, and go to the stop sign. Go right two blocks. A church alive is worth the drive. Sunday School 10AM; Worship - 11AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-862-2607.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM. Wednesday Bible study at 6PM. 256-634-4147.

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Alfred Chambers and his wife, Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 5:30PM.

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.

Mentone Community Church Sunday School 10AM; Sunday Worship 10:45AM; Sunday evening service 6:30PM. Wednesday evening service 6:30PM with Bible study and Teen class. Nursery provided for all services. Pastor Rick Haworth welcomes all.

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** Sunday School is at 10AM, with Worship at 11AM. Evening Services begin at 6PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend regular services.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School - 10AM; Morning Worship - 11AM. Sunday evening - 6PM; Wednesday evening - 6:30PM. Pastor Brian Hancock welcomes all.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church A place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration. Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Pastor Les Brown welcomes everyone. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 11AM in the fellowship hall and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30PM, subject to change due to scheduling.

Moon Lake Baptist Church welcomes you. The Sunday schedule is: Bible study 9:45AM; Morning Worship - 11AM; Children's Choir Practice - 4:30PM; Youth Choir, Disciple-ship Training & YGAs - 5PM; Evening Worship - 5PM; Adult Choir Practice - 7PM; Wednesday: Team Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study - 6:30PM. Young Women's Prayer & Share Group meets each Wednesday evening at 5:30PM.

Cove Road Baptist Church invites all children of the surrounding area to attend children's church. Parents are also invited for SS and church. SS at 9AM; Worship at 10AM. Sunday Evening Worship at 5PM. All times CST.

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. 635-1001.

The **Fort Payne Christian Center** and Pastor Ken & Elaine Holleman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10AM. Wednesday Evening at 6:00 PM. God Bless you.

SNOW

By John Baty

Seven twenty-five p.m., April 13, 2004, Mentone, DeKalb county, Alabama, 1232 County Road 642. Your Author.

We just this minute entered our front door in somewhat of a hurry, eager to get in out of the snow. Big fleaks (No, not flakes!) are easing down, pushed a little bit off the vertical by a gentle breeze. Night is falling and the twilight, made brighter by the white stuff, yields a mood, a prophecy which bodes of ill tidings. Swirling a little, twisted by occasional gusts, it sends an involuntary shiver down my spine.

I don't know how I might define it; or even if it could be defined, but something about this tiny aberration of the annual swing of the cycle stirs within me a fleeting glimpse of my own fragility here on this sphere:

Way out on one of the spiral arms of the Milky Way Galaxy, riding a ball of rock and iron of which I am a part, my atoms having been synthesized in the ultra-hot interior of some extinct star from the cosmos, a speck hurtling through the void of space at velocities which the mind cannot visualize, destination unknown, my egotism and arrogance crumble.

Is my shudder due to the small temperature differential between my body and those beautiful flakes, floating down silently deadly? Or is my shudder due to something else; to Man's fear of the unknown, to our helplessness to affect the pendulum's swing which so recently brought us into the light and will so soon swing us once more out and into darkness? Is my reaction thoughtful, objective left-brain calculation, or some primitive emotion from the vestigial reptile portion of my mind? For an instant I stand, awed by the thought. Then it is gone.....Whatever it was that fleetingly took me into the raw, undefined areas of confrontation between man and his hostile environment, vanishes as I close the door and hang my jacket on the rack. I tell her that I bet other people are reacting to this last dying gasp of Southern winter in the special and unique way of each: My gardening friend on Sand Mountain is, I am sure, looking at the sky as he covers his young tomato plants and saying, "Well! I have never!" And the regulars at the local coffee counter are discussing that time about eighteen years ago when we had a real April snow. And I facetiously tell her that those church people who left the little booklets the other day foretold of this event and correctly identified it as a sure harbinger of the end of time. I'm not sure, but I think that the physicist Paul Davies suggested that there is no one time, but each has its own time. The sixteenth century mystical poet Angelus Silesius wrote:

**Time of your own making,
its clock ticks in your head.**



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PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRES

1. Create a "defensible space." (Remove all dead leaves, limbs, shrubs and trees from around your house, replace with green living plants. Maintain an average of a 75 to 150 feet of cleared space.)
2. Remove all dead vegetation. (Examples are: standing dead trees, downed dead trees, dead shrubs, dried grasses and wild flowers, dead needles, leaves, branches and cones, firewood and other combustible debris.)
3. Provide separation distance between plants. (Space trees 30 feet apart on very steep terrain, 20 feet on moderately steep and 10 feet on gently sloping.)
4. Make your defensible space "lean, clean, and green!" (Lean - small amounts of flammable vegetation. Clean - no accumulations of dead vegetation or other flammable debris. Green - plants that are healthy and green during fire season.)
5. Maintain your defensible space. (Keeping your home safe from wildfires is a continual process. Review these defensible space steps often and take action accordingly.)

IS YOUR HOME AT RISK?

Use the following scale to determine whether your house is at risk from wildfire.

YOUR LAND IS:	
Flat	1 point
Gentle slope	2 points
Steep slope	3 points
VEGETATION WITHIN 30 FEET OF YOUR HOME:	
Grass/open area	1 point
Medium oak/pine	2 points
Medium undergrowth	3 points
Heavy undergrowth	4 points
ROOFING:	
Fiberglass, tile, metal, etc.	1 point
Composition	2 points
Wood	3 points
ADD 1 POINT EACH FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AT YOUR HOME:	
Open wood deck or porch	1 point
Natural wood siding	1 point
Combustible materials next to house	1 point
TOTAL	

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Two Poems Read
by Dr. Penne Laubenthal

CHANGE from Courage to Heal
By Ellen Bass

This is where I rake the old roots
from my chest like the tomatoes
we let grow until
December, stalks
thick as saplings.

This is the moment when the ancient fears
race like thoroughbreds, asking for more
and more rein. And I, the driver,
for some reason they know nothing of
strain to hold them back.

Terror grips me like a virus
and I sweat, fevered,
trying to burn it out.

This fear is invisible. All you can see
is a woman going about her ordinary day,
drinking hot tea, taking herself to the movies,
reading in bed. If victorious
I will look exactly the same.

Yet I am hoisting a car from mud ruts
half a century deep. I am hacking
a clearing through the fallen slash
of my heart. Without laser precision,
with only the primitive knife of need. I cut
and splice the circuitry of my brain.
I change.

homage to my hips
by Lucille Clifton

these hips are big hips
they need space to move around in
they don't fit into little
petty places. these hips
are free hips
they don't like to be held back.
these hips have never been enslaved,
they go where they want to go
they do what they want to do.
these hips are mighty hips.
these hips are magic hips.
I have known them
to put a spell on a man and
spin him like a top!



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GOD saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you
and whispered "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you,
and saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest.
Though our hearts are broken,
GOD proved to us,
He only takes the best.

THE BEST, that is exactly what Judy Miller was
to us all. Wife, Mother, Maw-maw, Sister and
Friend. She will be missed by so many.
To all who came, called, sent over food, and
sent up prayers, THANK-YOU.
May GOD bless and keep each and every one
of you.

Sincerely,
the Family of Judy Miller

**When the Voice
of the Turtle is Heard**
Song of Solomon 2:11-13

Lo, the winter time is past,
And the Springtime here at last,
Flowers appear on the earth,
Beasts all frolic and give birth;
Time for birds' happy singing,
Joy and hope gladly bringing—
As the voice of the Turtle Dove
Cooing tones of peace and love,
Is heard echoing thru the land—
Message all men can understand—
Time for turning the fertile soil—
Ready for the gardening toil;
Vines and trees clothed in blossoms sweet
Forming succulent fruit to eat,
Fragrance of Springtime fills the air—
Cleansing, renewing everywhere—
When the voice of the Turtle Dove
Fills our land, awakening dormant love.

—Elsie Brown

I wrote this many years ago before The Passion
movie. It's a question that bothered me—Why did it
have to be the most horrible way?

Why The Cross!

Why the cross? Why that agony and shame?
Why was it in the plan for which you came?
I ponder this question today—
Why not choose an easier way?
Your heart was broken by rejection and scorn,
Your skin by knotted whip was torn;
They pounded the nails through your hands and feet
That had traveled and healed in service sweet.
Why the agony of the cross, I pray—
Then I hear Jesus softly say—
"Only the worst was good enough to show
My depth of love for you and for you to know—
Through agony and death, man is lifted beyond
and above
To share God's glory and redeeming love."

—Elsie Brown



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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

Exciting things continue to happen at the Moon Lake Library! We had our first book signing. Mary Agnes Fine and Lamar Fine, a mother-son writing team, came to the library and reviewed their books, I Remember, Yesterday's Gone and Yesterday's Tomorrow. All are very entertaining stories that could have happened in our area. They were on hand to autograph the books that many of us felt we had to have to add to our collections of good books. It was a delightful morning and enjoyed by all. We have started plans for another book signing next spring. More details as they become available. If you missed this one, plan to come to the next, they are really a lot of fun. We have all three of the books by these authors in the library. Come and check them out and see if you want to read all three. The Fines are in the process of writing another book and have promised to let us know when it is available.

May 10-14 will be American History Week at Moon Lake Elementary School. The FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY have pledged their support and help for this event. Some of the plans are for actual hands-on demonstrations of the tasks that were necessary for survival for our ancestors. A display of each flag that has flown over America is planned for the gym. I know that the kindergarten class is planning an exhibit of the many kinds of houses that Native Americans have lived in. This has been a fun project for me and also for the students. The village will be displayed on a sand table. If you can help in any way, contact the school and let them know. This week replaces Space Week of previous years.

Our newest FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY is Martha Sue Hutchens and a dear friend to all of us who wishes to remain anonymous. If you want to donate twenty dollars to the library, we will give you a great tote bag that advertises both the library and Mentone. We will print your name or not, it is up to you.

The day of poetry with Dr. Penne Laubenthal was also a great success. I was able to only attend the session for adults, but heard wonderful reviews of the sessions with Moon Lake students. She related many of the details of the day at the celebration of the birthday of Gene Giles that night. One thing that delighted her was that the children called her Penne. She told them her name and they immediately felt so comfortable with her that she became one of them. She has a delightful personality and it was worth going to the session to see and hear her read the poem, homage to my hips by Lucille Clifton. She urged everyone to keep a journal and write in it every day. Her article entitled, Word Magic: Writing for Your Life, states, "Regular journaling can help strengthen the immune system and make you less vulnerable to colds, etc." Maybe she has found the cure for the common cold. She promised to return at a later time and maybe do this again. Those of us who heard her look forward to her next visit.

The FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY are planning to have a sale of books at the Rhododendron Festival. We plan to have lots of books for sale at very good prices. We don't know which booth we will be in yet, but look for us when you come to the festival. We have books on almost every subject, but especially books suitable for young readers, around the age of twelve and up. Those parents who home school might like to check out our selection. I think that we will sell the books by the inch and/or the bag again

this year. This seems to be an easy and fun way to do.

The Summer Program for the library is in the process of being planned. The program for rising Grade 4-6 and those students who graduated from 6th grade this year will be, Where in the World are We? They will search for information on countries using a game that is much like the game of Clue. They will have maps, clues, puzzles and riddles to solve and find where in the world they are. The countries are all ones that they have not done before, so even if you attended last year, the material will be new and different. Students beginning Headstart through Grade 3 will have a new program entitled, Step to the Beat, Read! This will be a fun program of crafts, poems, songs, finger plays and of course, books. This year we will give each participant a reading log and ask them to record the books that they read this summer. The program will be on Saturdays, June 5-July 17. There will be no program the weekend of July 4, Independence Day. The time will be 10:00-11:30 a.m. The open hours for the library will remain 10:00-12:00. This schedule will give adults a full hour to visit the library before the children come in and also give the children thirty minutes to check out books after the programs end. There will be at least one person present to check books in and out during the entire opened time. You can still come anytime on Saturday mornings as usual.

The calendar for Summer 2004-Spring 2005 is full of wonderful programs. Another essay contest is being planned for fifth and sixth graders. A day of interpretive dance is planned for Moon Lake students and Linda Brown (I was the only member of the board who wanted to try it.) The address is: Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library (or MLESCL), PO Box 481, Mentone, AL 35984. COME VISIT!



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Dear Editor:

About a month ago, I was at Bankhead Cemetery visiting my daughter's grave and someone pulled up and set out two boxes of trash just as you enter the cemetery. It really upset me that someone could do such things as they do at a cemetery.

But Tuesday, April 20, 2004, really broke my heart! My two boys and I went to pick up Easter things that were placed there for Kenya. But to our amazement someone had taken care of that for us! Plus a few other things that were placed there for her from family and friends.

Having to see such breaks your heart, but having to explain to her brothers why anyone would take special things that they had placed there was even harder.

But to the person or persons who took the things, I hope you really need the things. And I hope that you can rest at night when you sleep, knowing that you took meaningful things from a grave. And that it's not just wrong in our eyes, but also in God's eyes!

May God Bless You!

Sherry Powell

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RECIPE CORNER

By Sue Schwarz

We are enjoying the best that our area has to offer as I am writing this. It is warm and the birds are singing and all is well with the world. Speaking of the best of Mentone, we have some wonderful businesses in town. We can find great garden treasures, gifts, furniture, and good restaurants right here in downtown Mentone. I've been enjoying the treats of Mountain Life, owned by L.C. Moon who has moved into the house beside Mentone Market and sells wonderful fresh produce and natural products including teas, chocolates, yummy stuffed fresh pretzels, and lots of natural organic goods that are difficult to find.

This month, I have had requests for a couple of cookie bar recipes that I have taken to various events. One is Praline Brownies which comes from the Birmingham Junior League cookbook, *Food for Thought*. The second is one of those of mysterious origins (I clipped it from some magazine and forgot which one). It is labeled Creamy Peanut Butter Chocolate Bars.

PRALINE BROWNIES

- 1 (16-oz) package light brown sugar
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 stick butter, melted
- pinch of salt
- 1-1/2 cups self-rising flour, sifted
- 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans

Combine first 4 ingredients in large mixing bowl; stir until well blended. Add salt, and gradually add sifted flour until blended. Stir in nuts. Bake in a 15-1/2x10-1/2x1-inch pan at 350° for 25-30 minutes. Cool and cut into squares or bars. (Makes 3 1/2 dozen.)

CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER CHOCOLATE BARS

Crust:

- 8 medium sized butter or chocolate chip cookies
- 1/4 C salted butter, melted

Chocolate layers:

- 15 oz chocolate chips (either milk or dark)

Peanut Butter Filling

- 1-1/2 C creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 C salted butter, softened
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract

In food processor or blender, process cookies until finely ground. Add butter and mix together completely. Press crumb mixture into bottom of 8x8 inch baking pan and bake 10 minutes. Cool to room temperature.

Melt chocolate in double boiler over slightly simmering water. Pour half of the melted chocolate into pan and smooth evenly over crust. Place pan in refrigerator. Keep remaining chocolate warm.

Blend peanut butter and butter together until smooth using a food processor or electric mixer. Slowly beat in confectioners' sugar and then add vanilla. Beat until smooth. Spread peanut butter filling over the chilled chocolate layer. Finish by pouring remaining warm chocolate over filling and spreading smooth. Chill in refrigerator one hour or until firm. Cut into bars and serve. Makes 24-36 bars.



Saddler and Byrum Emory playing checkers in their family store, the Mentone Market

God Bless You!

MENTONE MARKET CELEBRATING 2ND YEAR IN MENTONE

By Kristen Emory

Willis is in his rocking chair, my children are running up and down the candy aisle, Sybil is coming in, Logan is waiting on the bus, and Tom and I are discussing the day, and we have never been happier at the Mentone Market. Two years ago, April 9th, was our first day as owner of the Mentone Market and one of the best days of our life. We have had more fun the past two years than anyone can imagine. Sure, there have been hard times and sad times, but we have gotten through them all, but only with the help of all the wonderful people of Mentone. Willis often reminds me that we are "flatlanders" and I don't mind one bit. It is good to be reminded about where you come from, but we are proud of where we are.

The Mentone community has been so good to us. The words that come to mind are: kind, thoughtful, welcoming, helpful, inspiring, and generous. We moved to Mentone because we wanted to raise our children in a loving and caring community and we chose a fine place. We want to say thank you for being so kind to our children; and we are sorry if they have ever run into you in the store. They sometimes forget that the store is a place of business and not our home. I often tell people that are passing through—you know, "flatlanders", "Please watch out for the children. The store is an extension of their home. Welcome."

We have made a few changes in the store the last few years and are offering different items for sale. We are now selling Burt's Beef which is out of Fort Payne and is farm raised with no hormones or growth stimulants. It is by far the best beef we have ever put in our mouths. We have a fountain coke machine, Ben and Jerry's ice cream, and more glass bottled drinks to choose from. Not only do we have all the flavors that Stewarts offers, but we now have SunDrop, RC cola, Nehi's, and more. Come and check them out and go back in time.

We have a tanning bed that is hopping this time of year, and we are selling helium balloons for all occasions. We had a great time this Valentine's Day delivering balloons and goodies. We will put together birthday packages for you and will deliver. There is something new we are working on—Pizza. Everybody keep your fingers crossed that the Mentone Market will be making pizza for all of us to enjoy real soon.

Come sit with us and visit, play a game of checkers, or just drink a cup of coffee or a coke. I talk too much and Tom doesn't talk enough (just kidding). Thank you again for all that you have done for us. We thank you for your business, your support, and your kindness. We would not be anywhere else but Mentone. You are all a blessing and we look forward to many years to come.

Tom and Kristen Emory

Mentone Environmental Committee Monthly Report

By L.C. Moon

Spring is upon us and bringing forth the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. Thankfully, there was a great turnout of Mentone residents—nearly 30 people—to clean up AL Hwy 117 in order to decrease mosquito breeding habitats, as well as to preserve Mentone's beauty. There were 350 bags full of trash picked up and disposed of. There was a lot of progress made on the highway cleanup, although there is trash building up on the sides of the road, again.

It is important to understand that a group of people getting together to make a difference does not take the daily responsibility of clean up away from the community. In order for our town to be sure to maintain a high standard of environmental quality, we must all help clean up our streets, fields, woods, and streams.

Jan Wilkinson and Sue Schwarz, of the Rhododendron Garden Club, and Laura Foote, of Camp DeSoto, presented an Earth Day 2004 Plan to the students at Moon Lake Elementary School. Heather Nicely, Patti Bryan, and other members of the Rhododendron Garden Club—Margaret Baker, Harriet Lillich, Virginia Setze, Dallyne Jones, and Linda Brown—were there to assist in helping the children weed and plant gardens. There was a puppet show for the children displaying the importance of keeping our river and streams clean and free of trash. It starts with the children and, hopefully, the rest of us can continue to set a good example for them to follow.

Constance Gwinn of Community Resource Group has been very helpful to the Town of Mentone. She worked with Mayor Britt and Linda Brown to get funding for the Recycling Center/transfer Station. It has proven to be too costly to put the recycling center on Town of Mentone property located at the end of East Avenue. The plan now is to have a roll back at Town Hall for disposal of large trash, such as appliances one week, the next week furniture and large items of that sort. According to Ms. Gwinn, there will be a

recycling dumpster no later than May 1st for cardboard and paper. The Boy Scouts of Troop 106 in Mentone will continue to handle the aluminum can recycling. Unfortunately, there will not be a recycling bin for glass at this time.

Another concern many of the locals are voicing is Sand Mountain Electric Coop clearing for new power lines last Thursday at the corner of CR 165 and Cash Lake. Kathy Kirby said "Their plan is to vacate the existing power lines, the ones that are already completely clear of trees and have been in use for at least the last 25 years. Seems it is easier to spend 4 days (so far) clear cutting the beautiful canopy that overhangs CR 165, than to grade a three and one-half foot dirt mound that Sand Mountain executives, engineers, and linemen claim is the hindrance." Kathy and several Mentone residents attended the Sand Mountain Electric Coop meeting, and they were assured on Monday, April 19th, that the cutting is over and the "clean-up" will start on Tuesday, April 20th. The integrity of Mentone is based on its charm and environmental benefits. Clear cutting trees is definitely a hindrance to our appeal. The Mentone Environmental Committee is planning a meeting to express our concerns and develop a comprehensive plan to protect Mentone's integrity.

If you have any questions or ideas regarding the Environmental Committee, or would like to buy bat houses for the town - \$50 for two bat houses—to help with mosquito control, please contact Lyle Nicely at 634-4124. Mentone residents who have donated money for bat houses are Jane Faile and Wayne Gautreau, Lyle and Heather Nicely, Ken Llewellyn and Cynthia Stewart, John and Barbara Sherwood, Frank and Ann Harbin, and "Soc" and Barbara Sennett.

There will be a Mentone Environmental Meeting at the Town Hall at 6PM, Friday, May 7th

HUMMINGBIRD FEEDING TIPS

Nothing in nature captures the eye like hummingbirds. They are associated with the rainbow and beautiful jewels. Hummingbirds can fly right, left, up, down, backwards, even upside down, and are famous for their aerial display. Hummingbirds flap their wings about 50 times a second and are much more comfortable in flight. This is why all we can see is a blur. Hummingbirds can consume up to 50% of their weight in sugar (nectar solution) each day.

Now is the time to welcome these captivating creatures into our area. Listed below are some helpful tips to aid in attracting them to your back yard.

- It is not necessary to buy ready-made nectar for your feeder. You can make your own by using one part sugar to four parts water. Bring water to a boil and stir in sugar. Boil for 2 – 3 minutes. Let cool. Please do not use honey or artificial sweeteners in your nectar, as this can be harmful to the hummingbirds. Excess nectar can be stored in a tightly covered jar in the refrigerator for up to one week.
- Red food coloring is not needed, nor recommended. No research has been done to see if it is safe.
- Clean and refill feeders at least twice weekly in hot weather by flushing with hot tap water and cleaning with a bottle brush.
- Once a month, clean feeders thoroughly using a diluted solution of non-detergent chlorine bleach (10 parts water, 1 part bleach). Rinse and allow the feeder to air-dry.
- Try to hang your feeder in a shady area to discourage bacteria and mold.

Enjoy your hummingbirds this season.



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(2) **CLOUDLAND, GA** - New listing with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 3500 square feet. This log home was built in 1928 and is filled with character. \$199,000. (PLS #10234)



(3) This **CUSTOM BUILT HOME** offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in kitchen area, spacious living room with fireplace and multi-purpose basement and includes 2.9 acres. \$199,000. (PLS #10234)



(4) **ROOM TO ROAM** in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offering lots of extras. Great room with cathedral ceiling, wood floors, recreation room, barn and fenced pasture on 3 acres connecting DeSoto State Park. \$129,500. (PLS #10907)



(5) Looking for a **MOUNTAIN RETREAT** - 8 self contained cabins, office building that could be converted into living quarters, numerous RV and camp sites all on 13+ secluded acres adjoining DeSoto State Park. \$395,000. (PLS #10806)



(6) **LESS THAN 1 MILE** from downtown Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an open porch on front and a sunroom on the back. All appliances to remain including washer and dryer, 2-car carport with workshop and a 20x24 building for extra storage... office... craft shop...etc. \$92,500. (PLS #11605)



Wood floors and walls, newly remodeled bathroom, double paned windows, fenced yard, storm shelter, PLUS a large workshop and a 2-car carport. \$89,000. (PLS #12294)



(8) **PRIME LOCATION IN DOWNTOWN MENTONE** - formerly Dessie's Restaurant, approximately 3000 sq. ft. building with great parking. Now ready for your business. \$250,000.



(9) A **WELL-KNOWN ESTABLISHED BUSINESS** featuring a fully-equipped kitchen and dining room with a large porch for outside eating, stage for entertainment and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. \$129,500. (PLS #10215)



(10) **INCREDIBLE VIEW! IMMACULATE HOME!** This lovely brick home features over 5000 square feet of living space, 5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, with decks, patios, circle drive, beautiful landscaping and situated on over 3 acres for privacy. Owners must relocate. All reasonable offers will be considered! (Additional lot available also.) \$459,000 (PLS #11517)



(11) Almost maintenance-free **BROW HOME** with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with island, cozy living room with fireplace, den/pool room with pool table already there. Great views of the valley. \$250,000.



(12) **ESTABLISHED OLD HOME PLACE** in historic Mentone. Home is over 100 years old and is ready to move in. 16.8 acres. This home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and sheds all surrounded by huge Oak trees. Retreat to an era gone by for less than \$100,000.



(13) **HIGH ON A HILLTOP!** Situated on almost 23 acres, this beautiful southern home and farm have more than you can imagine! Four bedrooms each with its own bath, and two half baths, spacious great room with stacked stone fireplace, huge laundry/hobby room, finished walk-out basement with full den, fireplace and built-ins, handsome study also. Property totally fenced with new wood fence, huge barn with horse stalls and a concrete basketball court inside. \$899,000. (PLS #11858)



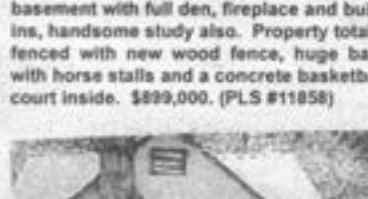
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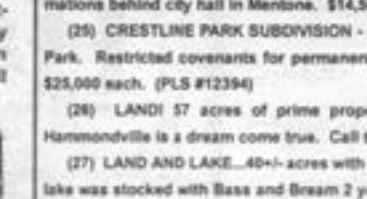
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(15) **NEW LISTING!** 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 9.89 acres with **SOLD** square feet, appliances, day, rock fireplace and located near DeSoto State Park. \$150,000. (PLS #11809)



(16) **COZY COUNTRY CHARM** in downtown Mentone - 2/3 bedrooms, 1 bath with antique footed tub, living/dining combo, pine floors and walls, rock fireplace, central heat and air and a storage building on 2 acres. Fenced side yard. \$72,500. (PLS #12051)



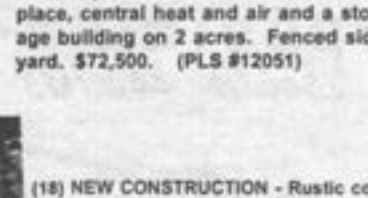
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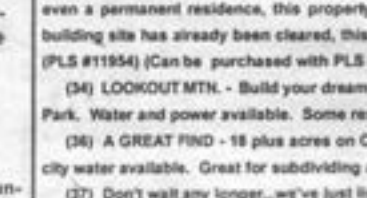
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(18) **NEW CONSTRUCTION** - Rustic country cabin at Mentone. One bedroom, one bath with sleep loft, wood floors and walls, 2 story great room with wood burning fireplace, front and back porch with cedar posts and wonderful view of creek on property and Corner Boy Scout Camp Lake. \$98,500. (PLS #12401)



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(19) **MENTONE** - Build your cabin on this secluded yet convenient lot located near DeSoto State Park. \$19,500 (PLS #11730)

(20) **WEST FORK SUB.** - 254' of river frontage (Little River) Gently sloping with great building sites. Lightly restricted. \$40,000 (PLS #10134)

(21) **LAND** - Wooded Corner Lot just South of Downtown Mentone. \$5,500. (PLS #11805)

(22) **GENTLY ROLLING, WOODED VACANT LAND IN VALLEY HEAD.** Perfect for development. Extensive paved road frontage. 62 acres listed at \$3,000 per acre.

(23) 4.3+/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,900.

(24) **BUILD YOUR WEEKEND GET-AWAY** on this 1.17+/- acres filled with spectacular rock formations behind city hall in Mentone. \$14,500.

(25) **CRESTLINE PARK SUBDIVISION** - several wooded lots now available near DeSoto State Park. Restricted covenants for permanent or vacation home. Water and Electricity available. \$25,000 each. (PLS #12394)

(26) **LAND!** 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy 11, between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$364,750.

OTHER LISTINGS

(27) **LAND AND LAKE**...40+/- acres with a 5+/- acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake was stocked with Bass and Bream 2 years ago and is approximately 35' deep. \$180,000.

(28) **Brow property**...1.7+/- acres on County Road 166 near DeSoto State Park. \$37,500.

(29) 3.65 +/- acres on the Brow near DeSoto State Park. \$59,900.

(30) **OPPORTUNITY AWAITS** - 10 acres on Hwy 117, East of Mentone. 3 mobile homes and 2 one bedroom apartments and room to grow. Outside the city limits - no restrictions. \$158,500.

(31) **RETREAT, RETREAT, RETREAT** - This 40 acres is partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. \$170,000.

(32) **MENTONE** - Beautiful Wooded lot for your weekend get away or home of your dreams. \$16,500 (PLS #11955) (Can be purchased with PLS #11954 for \$53,000 for a total of 6.3 acres.)

(33) **MENTONE** - If you're looking for just the right place to build your weekend get away or even a permanent residence, this property is waiting on you. Wooded, although a proposed building site has already been cleared, this property is what you have been looking for. \$37,500 (PLS #11954) (Can be purchased with PLS #11955) for \$53,000 for a total of 6.3 acres)

(34) **LOOKOUT MTH.** - Build your dream home on 3 beautiful wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. Water and power available. Some restrictions. \$23,000 (PLS #12002)

(35) **A GREAT FIND** - 18 plus acres on County Road 106. Heavily wooded, road frontage and city water available. Great for subdividing at \$4250 per acre. **SOLD**

(37) Don't wait any longer...we've just listed 3.28 acres priced at \$16,400. (PLS #12291)

(38) 11.88 acres on county Road 106 in Mentone. \$66,000 (PLS #12412)

(39) **PEACEFUL AND SECLUDED**, but not too far out! 34 acres with paved road frontage and lots of timber near Hammondville. No restrictions. \$88,000 (PLS #12363)

(40) **40 ACRES**...If you're looking to build a home of your own or start your own development, this property might just be what you're looking for. 40 acres with road frontage, level to rolling land with approx. 15 acres in grass and the remaining in hardwoods and pines and already has water and electricity. Call for more details. \$160,000 (PLS #12370)



FIVE GENERATIONS

(L/R) Wanda Young Black, Lynn Black Owens, Grannie Annie Young holding Jackson Arnold Owens, and Thann Owens

Birth Announcement



(L/R: Andrew Cooper Harcrow and Jackson Arnold Owens)

Andrew (Drew) and Karen Harcrow and Than and Shana Owens would like to announce the birth of their sons, Andrew Cooper Harcrow and Jackson Arnold Owens. Cooper was born on March 15th and Jackson was born on April 1st. Cooper (on your left) is the great grandson of Mrs. Annie Young and Jackson (on your right) is the great, great grandson of Mrs. Annie. Both boys are happy and healthy.

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(1) **COTTAGE STYLE HOME IN VALLEY HEAD** Original Pine Floors and Old doors. 3 bdrm, 1 bath, Living and separate Dining. Butcher Block Island and all appliances. C/H/A, Sunroom. 4.75 acres. \$87,000.



(2) **MOUNTAIN CHATEAU** Cloudland community. Open Greatroom, Rock FP. 2 bdrms plus a Loft Suite with bath. C/H/A, full bath down, Wood accents. 16x15 screened porch and New Deck. Finished basement and 1 car garage. Easily maintained yard. \$191,500.



(3) **WEST FORK SUBDIVISION.** Private yet only minutes from Mentone. 2 lots with combined footage on water of 593 feet. 4.4. acres wooded, on the cul-de-sac. \$65,000.



(4) **MENTONE COTTAGE.** all new plumbing. Stone fireplace. Remodeled with new flooring throughout. Sits on 3 lots. 3 bdrm 1 bath. Screened porch & fenced. ~~\$73,500~~ REDUCED \$65,000.



(5) **ONE OF A KIND LOG, STONE AND CEDAR SHAKE LODGE.** This unique find is complete with Heart Pine Plank floors throughout. Open Great room and a loft with built-in beds. Stone fireplace in Living area, and the custom kitchen with a stone fireplace. French doors open to the sleeping porches and master Bdrm. A must see, with much more to offer. ~~\$294,000~~ REDUCED to \$275,000.



(6) **NESTLED ON A SHADY LOT** sits this 3 bedroom 2 bath cottage with Rock fireplace and screened porch. A Metal roof soothes the sound of summer rain. Located on DeSoto Parkway, minutes from Park and Mentone. \$69,900.



(7) **MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES.** A River runs through it! Direct Access from the Lookout Mtn. Parkway, on AL Hwy 117. Minutes from Mentone and Cloudland, GA. Three to 7 acre riverfront Tracts starting at \$35,500. Five to fifteen wooded stream tracts from \$21,000. Restricted covenants apply.



(8) **COMPLETELY REMODELED AND LIKE NEW.** One level Ranch-style home, with apartment. 3 bdrm, 3 bath, Living room with stone fireplace. Separate dining room. New kitchen cabinets, counters, flooring. New Roof, lifetime warranty windows. Screened porch and breezeway. Wired Generator. So much more. Containing 3.6 acres M/L. Hwy 117, with commercial potential. \$120,500.



(9) **SECLUDED, WOODED 5.5 acres** on East Fork of Little River. Private drive, wild and scenic area. \$55,000.



(10) **FAMILY SIZE HOME,** with 3 acres within walking distance to downtown Mentone. 3 bdrm 2 bath, C/H/A all new flooring, Cabinets and counters in Kitchen. Living room, dining, office or 4th bdrm. 16x30 workshop and other out buildings. All for \$107,500.



(11) **BROW HOME IN MENTONE,** 3 Bdrm 2 bath with 3 car garage. Newly remodeled 1.5 acres, with a great view. Scenic Hwy. \$225,000.

(Photo to the left)

OTHER PROPERTIES

(15) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES.** Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.

(16) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY** 220x300 on the East Fork of Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and Rapids. \$30,000.

(17) **WILDLIFE ABUNDANT** on these three 20+ acre tracts. Mostly Open Land, Rolling hills, ponds. May be purchased individually or together. Priced \$2,000 an acre. Located in Mentone area with deeded access road.

(18) **CANYON VIEW FOREST** adjoins National Preserve, and wildlife Management. 5 acre tract, wooded with drive, power, well installed. Private access behind locked Gate. Overlooks Little River Canyon National Preserve. \$70,000.

(19) **LAUREL CREEK LAKES SUB.** Lots 1&2 approx 2.77 acres wooded with half of Arrowhead lake. Surveyed and perked. Great place to build that Weekend retreat. \$23,500.

(20) **7.25 ACRES,** on CO RD 106, City water available, mostly cleared with lake site, Large Oak Trees, where the Old Homeplace used to be. ~~\$66,000~~ REDUCED \$49,000

(21) **80 ACRES** of Wooded Brow property with creek and waterfall. Private drive with bridge. Great views, \$240,000.

(22) **STATELINE ROAD, CLOUDLAND** 26 acres of land with level fields and half wooded. Fruit orchards. Mobile Home built with den, bdrm, bath, canning room, utility. All appliances. Fenced yard. \$86,000, or will sell residence and 4 acres, \$45,000.

(23) **HIDDEN BROW ESTATES.** Cloudland, GA. Spectacular Views East side. 7.5 acres, 500 ft of brow frontage, private, large Rock bluffs, \$162,500--will divide.

(24) **50 ACRES LOCATED IN CLOUDLAND, GA.** Great Farm, with 20x40 Barn, Large Workshop, 3 out-buildings, Garage, 3 wells, Year around spring, 3 garden areas, Grape Arbors, Approx 5 acres cleared. Beautiful Hardwoods. 12x70 Mobile Home with Rock foundation. Many more amenities. \$225,000. Show by Appt ONLY. City water access.

(25) **VALLEY VIEW FOREST** 12 acres on the East Brow. Adjoining Wild Life Management and National Preserve. Private. Call for appt. \$48,000.

(26) **BRAND NEW AND A VIEW!** Cedar shake siding. Open great room with 2 sided stack rock FP. Kitchen and open dining tile counters and bar. All tongue and groove walls and floors. Master on main floor with tile bath. Upstairs 2 bedrooms and bath divided by a catwalk. Wrap-around deck. 2 acres. \$160,000. SOLD



(12) **CREEKSIDE AT LOOKOUT.** Two Brow tracts available. 5 acres with over 400 ft on the Brow. Wooded with drive. \$95,000. Also 7.7 acres wooded with 300 ft. \$115,000. Gated subdivision. Common areas for hiking. Cloudland, GA.



(13) **LOG HOUSE IN CLOUDLAND,** 3 Bdrm 2 tiled baths. Master on Main floor. Cathedral ceiling in Living room. Country eat-in kitchen. C/H/A, front porch and 2 side decks. 1800 sq ft. with 3/4 acre. \$138,000.



(14) **UNIQUE MOUNTAIN BROW HOME,** blooming with Mentone Character. Excellent location and view. 1.75 acres all amenities. Open living area with FP, 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Family dining room. Fully equipped kitchen. Cherry and Pine floors throughout. 2H/vac. Much more to offer. \$495,500. (Photo to the left)

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FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEDICATION SERVICE

Mentone Community Church

By Evelyn Graves

A long awaited dream became a reality on April 25 at the Mentone Community Church when an overflowing crowd met for worship services and the dedication of a beautiful new family life center.

The capacity of the auditorium is 400, and there were few empty seats for the occasion. Friends from neighboring churches, families of members, and former members met to share in this memorable event.

The welcome and call to worship were extended by Pastor Rick Haworth. Robin Henry rendered a beautiful solo on the trumpet for the offertory. The Mentone Community Church Choir set the stage for the sermon given by Reverend Jim Wiggins, South Coastal District Superintendent, with a stirring version of "Let All the People Praise the Lord". Reverend Wiggins recalled some of the events leading up to the building of the Family Life Center, as he brought to the remembrance of the church the dream that former pastor, Randy Addison, had in making plans for such a building, and he gave credit to the present pastor, Rick Haworth, who led the church to the completion of the project.

In the dedication of the building, Reverend Wiggins led the congregation to give of themselves in their affirmation: "Dearly beloved, it is right and proper that buildings erected for such service in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ should be formally and devoutly set apart for their special uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. And, as the dedication of this building is vain without the solemn consecration of those whose gifts and labors it represents, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God: our souls, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ; our bodies, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit;

and our labors and business, that they may be according to God's holy will; and that their fruit may tend to the glory of His name and the advancement of His kingdom."

In response, the congregation made this affirmation of their dedication: "To the glory of God the Father who has called us by His grace; to the honor of His Son who loved us and gave himself for us; to the praise of the Holy Spirit who illumines and sanctifies us; we dedicate this building.

To the holy ministry of education we dedicate this building.

We dedicate this building to the spiritual enrichment of all who shall come here in pursuit of knowledge.

We dedicate this building to the loyal service of those whose training and devotion have prepared them to lead students toward the truth.

We dedicate this building to the success of the ministries carried on here by any branch of the Lord's church.

We dedicate this building and we dedicate ourselves anew to that service to God."

Pastor Haworth prayed the Prayer of Dedication, and the congregation toured the building's facilities. The second level is used for nursery and educational facilities; and the ground level has restrooms, a senior room, an expansive kitchen, and a combination assembly area/dining room that can quickly be converted from one to the other.

A wonderful catered meal was served to all in attendance.

This is truly a structure that the church needed and one that they can appreciate because each member has had a part in it.



Kevin Worthey
FORE!!!

The first annual golf tournament to benefit our local volunteer fire department will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at Lil' Mole Run golf course in Mentone. All proceeds will go to benefit the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District to better serve the town of Mentone and surrounding areas. This year alone the NLMFPD has responded to several residential fires and multiple brush fires that have threatened local cabins and homes.

The tournament will be a select shot consisting of four player teams and will begin at 7:00 am with a shotgun start. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three teams as well as prizes for the longest drive and shot closest to the pin. Golfers will be provided breakfast before the event and lunch will be available during the presentation of awards and door prizes.

Volunteer firemen are working hard to make this event a success and with the generous support of local business they are off to a great start. With your participation this event will be spectacular. The entry fee is \$50.00 per person, \$200.00 per team. If you would like to participate, play golf, and benefit your fire department call Tom Emory at 634-4487 or Kevin Worthey at 634-4007.

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ELOISE BROWN



"Welcome sweet Springtime, we greet you with"—Gladness!

My granddaughter, **Laurie Dell**, came from Pasadena, Maryland, Monday, April 12. Wednesday, we went to Nashville Airport to get her husband, Andrew. We went to the Upper Room Chapel and Museum, which was beautiful and interesting. We also visited the Cascade Hotel's awesome display of beautiful flowers and plants, which was fantastic! Friday, we joined Bert Pickett, Ada and Tom Campbell, and Charlie and Linda Munoz, with Barry Brown to see his many rows of Paulownia trees. Andrew and Laurie left for Nashville to fly home Saturday—on the way, they went by Sulphur Springs Cemetery, Sarah's Chapel Cemetery, and Wildwood Cemetery, and made pictures of ancestors' graves.

A house full of relatives and friends came together to celebrate little **Lilly Meadows' first birthday**, Saturday, April 10, (her birthday was April 11) at the home of her parents, Scot and Katy Meadows. There was a good dinner and many nice gifts for a happy, cute girl. Katy and Lilly went with Katy's parents Charlie and Debbie Frazier, to Dothan, AL, for a week's visit with grandmother Madeline Summerfield and Aunt Virginia Lowe.

Justin Brown had his fifteenth birthday, April 13. Congratulations to him!

Lilly Bowden and Karen Freeman spent several days at Fort Morgan, AL. They were joined by Susana Freeman and a friend. Lilly also enjoyed a trip to Bellingrath Gardens, recently. She spent the weekend, April 9, with Jewell Johnson at Rainsville and attended the annual meeting of the Pilgrims' Rest Primitive Baptist Church.

The Sunshine Club met Tuesday, March 30, at the home of Verence Hawkins. There were only six members present: Elizabeth Bauerle, Susie Clark, Estie Palmer, Ruth Pickett, Verence, and me. We had a good meeting and Verence showed us about twelve gorgeous afghans that she had made. Before the meeting started, Susie and Verence picked a bag full of Kale for me, which I appreciated very much.

Christine and Walter Brooks went to Flagler Hospital below St. Augustine, FL, recently, to see Christine's brother, Cecil Hales, who was very ill. Good to hear he is improving now. Afterwards, they went to Flagler Beach and drove across Georgia. They saw so many beautiful azaleas blooming everywhere. Wednesday, April 14, they enjoyed going to Little River Canyon.

Ruth Pickett spent five days at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, suffering with a pinched nerve in her back. She is home now and better. She has appointments with two doctors in Chattanooga tomorrow, April 20. We hope they can offer a cure.

Mrs. James Young is home after having heart surgery (three bypasses) in a Huntsville Hospital.

Jim "Cotton" Hester is being treated at Siskin's Rehab in Chattanooga. Barry and Emily Brown visited him Sunday, April 25.

Rev. Wayne Nesbitt, pastor of Valley Head Methodist Church, was ill Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Taylor, after a stay in BMC DeKalb is now at Crossville Nursing Home.

Dot Blackburn is scheduled for cataract surgery in Chattanooga, Monday, April 26.

Three members of the Sunshine Club, **Susie Clark, Elizabeth Bauerle, and Evelyn Clark**, met and enjoyed lunch together at Cafe Luann in Fort Payne, April 22. I intended to go but was miserable with allergies.

Mike Marshall, staff writer for *The Huntsville Times*, visited Valley Head Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church and did a nice, full page article for the Life section about the churches, and especially **Marion Odell** who serves both churches as organist. It was titled, "Hand and Hand with the Lord" - sub titled - "Marion Odell does double duty Sunday, tends disabled child." There is a beautiful picture of the colored glass window of the Methodist Church, with Marion sitting at the organ. There is a picture of her tending her invalid daughter, Alina; a picture of Marion descending the Presbyterian Church steps; and a picture of Marion at the Methodist piano and Dael Hoyt leading the singing. The article also mentions organist and faithful member, Maureen Donahue, Ed Ringer, Mary Louise Holleman; and Methodist pastor, Wayne Nesbitt. It tells something of the histories of the churches. It was a very nice tribute for a very deserving, hardworking lady. She also serves as treasurer of the Presbyterian Church and finds time to be concerned and check on her neighbors.

I heard today, April 25, that **Velma Hammond** is a patient at BMC DeKalb after suffering a stroke and pneumonia. We hope all who are ill will have a complete recovery and better times for everyone.

It is a beautiful time of the year and all flowers have been so bountiful with their beauty. Everyone get out and enjoy it as much as you can!

Laura Margaret Davenport Allison

1912-2004

Laura Margaret was a genteel lady in every sense of the word. Only the nicest compliments of her were ever heard.

She was a genuine Christian worker too, and a faithful friend so thoughtful and true. We served together in church and W.S.C.S. Her lessons were always good, to instruct and to bless.

We shared memories of pleasures from the past Of times and people to be treasured and to last— She had a long, good life with others shared, Proving how deeply and sincerely she cared. She leaves a sorrowfully, unfillable, empty space, But Heaven will welcome her joyfully with loving embrace.

—Eloise Brown

Mothers' Day

Mothers' Day is a very special day to honor all mothers in a special way—to show love and appreciation for their years of devotion and dedication, for their examples and helpful advice, for their generosity and willing sacrifice. With arms open wide to shelter and protect, teaching how to merit success and respect—always their dependable loving care, and their strength through faith and prayer. Praying for ultimate happiness and for God to guide and richly bless—These are characteristics of a true mother, whose love compares with only one other. Jesus, as he hung on the cross in agony, His mother's grief and John's he could see—Consigned her to his beloved disciple's care—So should children's concern for mothers be—Throughout all of life to eternity. All who have a mother living Have the blessing of sharing and giving. If she is no longer here—She leaves memories precious and dear. A solace and comfort forever more—to live in the heart's treasure store. Yes, Mothers' Day is a very special day, To communicate and celebrate in a special way.

—Eloise Brown

The Mystical April Rain

The mystical April rain, like shimmering cellophane, softly strokes my window pane.

It lulls me to peace from strain then wakes me to life, to gain all beauty's exquisite pain.

As it touches field and plain, all the colors they contain spring forth lovely to remain.

Earth its mirth cannot restrain, it bursts forth in glad refrain all happiness to sustain.

As life from death so inane blooms in glory to maintain its eternal live domain.

Nothing ever dies in vain—death is rest that life can feign its perfection to attain.

In life's perpetual chain, we see God's plan preordain—resurrection to obtain—

Represented once again—magic man cannot explain—in mystical April rain!

—Eloise Brown

----NOTICE----

This year, MAPA will give away one of two handmade quilts. One is made by Native Americans in South Dakota, and one is made by Mentone resident Lola Mae Blalock, who has provided our festival quilts for many years and whose handiwork is unrivaled anywhere. The person whose name is drawn at the Rhododendron Festival on May 16, will choose one quilt, and the second quilt will

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LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN NATURAL HEALING: ALLERGY RELIEF

By L.C. Moon

Spring is a glorious time of year filled with flowers and fruits forming. The birds greet us with beautiful songs we have missed all winter long. The bees are hard at work. The wind refreshes us with cool breezes on a warm day. Unfortunately for some of us--the pollen the wind carries with it causes allergic reactions. Fortunately, nature offers remedies to balance our bodies when we have an imbalance.

I have seen great results with Nettle in treating allergies. About three years ago, I had my first allergic reaction to pollen. I thought I had a cold that I could not beat, but it made no sense to me because all the herbs that usually gave me relief were not effective enough. Although I had never had allergies before, I concluded it was an allergy. I began drinking hot nettle tea 4-6 times per day loaded with local honey. The first day was a very slight difference. The second day, I felt a noticeable difference in my watery eyes and sinus drainage. Within 3 days, I felt like a new person. I continued to drink the tea and local honey regularly at least two times a day for two weeks. Tsoi, my daughter, was having a reaction to the pollen, as well. I made her toast with local honey. She would not drink the tea, but she was still nursing at the time. Through my milk, she also got the benefit of the nettle tea though it took about 4 days to see a substantial difference in her.

Over the past three years, I have developed a formula that has given many folks relief. Some say that it has helped within hours of drinking the tea. The effectiveness of the treatment is very dependent on how much and how often you drink the tea. Cold drinks do increase mucous in your body, so drinking the tea and any other fluids warm is helpful. The tea is very concentrated with nettle, though I have found that peppermint works very well to facilitate the herb's effectiveness. Chickweed and Eyebright bring forth a lot of help in clearing up the sinuses and watery eyes. Local honey is well known to be very helpful for allergies and a helpful ingredient. Mountain Life has been searching for a reliable source of local honey and I hope to have it in store very soon!

Often, when people have allergies that affect their sinuses, a sinus infection follows, at which point it is necessary to combine herbs to treat both the infection and the allergy. I have great results with Echinacea and Garlic to treat infection. I take an extract of Echinacea 3 to 4 times per day and eat garlic raw or take a reliable brand of Garlic capsules. Eating garlic raw really helps clear out the sinuses. I feel it working as soon as it starts going down. I give Tsoi a glycerin-based extract made for children that is a combination of Echinacea & Eyebright, since I cannot get her to drink enough tea to really make a difference. I use Eucalyptus, Rosemary or Peppermint in a beeswax salve base to go around her nose or apply it to a tissue when I blow her nose to help clear the sinuses.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (256) 634-3333 or www.MountainLifeMarket.com



Environmental Committee Volunteers Clean Up Alabama 117

(Alphabetically) Ruby Bell, Adam Comley, Sandra Comley, Wayne Gautreau, Gethryn Giles, Gene Giles, Josh Haworth, Glenda Hollis, Maggie Hollis, Blue Jay, Dallyne Jones, Jim Jones, Kathy Kirby, Carolyn Nail, Heather Nicely, Lyle Nicely, Orion Nicely, Sierra Nicely, Kaleb McMunn, Kathy McMunn, Joe Piscatelli, Bill Rutledge, Barbara Sherwood, Jamie Sherwood, John Sherwood, Donna Sutton, Megan Sutton, Tenzin Tharpa, Gregg Wilhite, Cathie Warrenberger, Jan Wilkinson.

Following the cleanup, lunch was served behind the Mentone Inn. Cooks were Gethryn and Gene Giles, food was provided by the Mentone Inn; music on tape by Phil and Cathy Faircloth.

Thanks to all those who participated in any way in the clean up effort on March 20.



Some of the clean up crew getting ready to leave from the parking lot of the Mentone Inn for their assigned area. Home base was the Mentone Inn and the crews all came back to eat lunch on the deck behind the Mentone Inn.



Trash bags piled up behind the Mentone Town Hall. The bin was full. Allen Huskey and a representative of White's Sanitation in Lyerly, GA, refilled the bin after it was emptied so that all the trash was picked up Monday following the cleanup.



Antique Yard Sale

May 15-16, 2004, during Rhododendron Festival.

157 No. Cool St. by Brow Park. Dealers Welcome

1870s brass bed, dome trunk, sterling baby cups, Black Forest Frames, porcelain, old glass, bottles, kitchen items, bookcase, lamps, vintage/quality clothes, belts & jewelry, twin bedding set, vintage photos, 50s stuffed animals.

****If Rain, knock on door, we'll be there!****



Handmade Lakota Morningstar Quilt by Norma Blacksmith (Oglala Lakota/Sioux)
She is pictured on the left. Marsha BonFleur is helping hold it up, she is pictured on the right. The quilt is a satin, queen-sized quilt in pinks, greens, tan, and white
RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL SCHEDULING/PLANNING

Coy Crow, Chairman of this year's Rhododendron Festival (to be held May 15 and 16), tells us planning and scheduling for our spring event are well under way. To date, approximately half of the vendor locations are reserved, with many more applications "in the mail." Coy is anticipating another great festival with large crowds—though probably not as great a crowd as we experienced during the Colorfest. However, this festival will offer almost twice the parking space and between ten and fifteen more vendor spaces.

Helicopter rides will be offered. Location again is behind Leroy Crowe's place (next to the Lil Mole Golf Course). A helicopter ride over the Mentone and surrounding area is a real trip! The ride itself is exhilarating and the scenery is spectacular! Of course this, as well as all aspects of the festival, is subject to unpleasant weather. Let's all pray for a beautiful, CLEAR weekend.

In addition to the return of most vendors from the fall festival, we have reserved spaces for new vendors from Montgomery, Birmingham, Chattanooga, and Atlanta. We heartily welcome new vendors with appealing handmade crafts and/or foods.

Our festival will kick off Friday night (May 14) with a bonfire on the lot next to the Mentone Inn. Dwayne Walker & the Desperados from Huntsville will entertain that evening and Saturday evening at the closing bonfire. We will begin both evenings' bonfires around 6:30.

Live entertainers will also be performing at Brow Park during festival hours (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). We have scheduled music (gospel, country, bluegrass) and dancers (cloggers, line dancers). Come to the Brow Park and sit and enjoy these performances!

So, plan your weekend, May 15 and 16, around Mentone's annual Rhododendron Festival. Invite your families and friends. Sit around the bonfire (Friday and Saturday nights) and sing along and enjoy the music. Come to Brow Park and enjoy the food vendors' wares while you stroll along selecting plants for your yard, watch a blacksmith at work, purchase a painting, a new tee shirt, hand poured candles, hand woven jewelry, crocheted pillow cases, a rocking chair for the porch—all this to experience before the much anticipated drawing for a handmade quilt (Sunday at 4:00 p.m.)

We're looking forward to a great Festival! Don't miss it!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, May 4, 7 PM, MAPA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Church of God of Prophecy
- May 7, 8, 9, 2004; Friday-Sunday; 9a.m. - 5p.m. Homestead Hollow's 22nd Annual SpringFest in historic Springville, Alabama,
- Sunday, May 9, MOTHER'S DAY
- Monday, May 10, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, May 11, 12:30, Rhododendron Garden Club Meeting, Mentone Community House

- Tuesday, May 11, American Legion meeting 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- April 14, 15-16, RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL (See article/flyer this page)
- Sunday, May 16, 2PM, 2004 Baccalaureate Service will be held at the Valley Head High School auditorium
- SCHOOL OUT - Wednesday, May 19
- Thursday, May 20, 4PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- DECORATION DAYS: Little River Church - Sat. May 22; Bankhead - Sat. May 29
- Monday, May 31, MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. Mark 15:24

I wonder why everyone wanted part of His garments? Was it not enough that they had crucified the one who had done nothing but good? He healed their sick, fed those who followed Him, watched Him nailed to the cross, and cast lots for His clothes. Was it because they loved Him? I think not. When we enter this Easter season, how will we worship Him? I know how I want to worship Him. I want to thank Him for all the many things He has done for me—most of all for loving me enough to save my soul; and I want to love Jesus with all my heart, not just for His clothes.

Happy Easter Season!

NOTICE

MAPA TELEPHONE: 256-634-4041

www.MentoneAlabama.org, MAPA'S web site, has a "Directory" to help visitors to our community find the places, things, and services they might want—much like the Yellow Pages in the phone book.

If you have any information for the Directory, please submit it via e-mail to Listings@MentoneAlabama.org

If you already have a listing there, please make sure it is correct and up-to-date.

Thanks for your help!



PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

Chattooga County Emergency Service Agencies are hosting a Public Safety Day.

Come out and see you're public safety teams and their equipment in use.

Some scheduled attractions are:

- Life-force Air Medical Services
- DARE Drunk Busters
- Fire Fighter Competition
- Emory Flight Air Medical Service
- Dunk-a-Chief (Dunking Machine)
- Food and Fun for Everyone!!!



These are our tax dollars so come see how we put them to good use.

SATURDAY May 8, 2004

11:00 am

•Clowns

THE CHATTOOGA HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

•Fire Safety House



•Blood Drive

•Extrication Demo

