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MOON LAKE SCHOOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ESSAY WINNERS

By Linda Brown

Congratulations to Jill and Taylor!! Jill Hope and Taylor Poff were the winners of the essay contest entitled, My Favorite Place in Mentone! The panel of three judges made the decision to have two first-place winners! Both of these girls won first place! This was a very exciting contest for the students of Karen Prestwood's fifth grade class and also for the members of the board of directors of the Moon Lake Community Library.

There were six other entries and the content of all of them was very good. The places in Mentone that they chose to write an essay on were amazing. It was easy to tell that these students were aware of the beauty and variety of things to do in Mentone. The two main reasons that the judges decided that there would be no second or third place winner were that the grammatical errors had not been corrected and the essays were not the required 250 words. Everyone who was involved in this contest was very impressed with the subject matter and the fact that all of the essays were written in the expository style of writing.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Community Library would like to thank all of the students who participated in the essay this year. It is our goal to help and encourage the students of Moon Lake Elementary School by sponsoring programs such as this one.

My Favorite Place in Mentone
by Jillian Hope

My favorite place in Mentone is Holly Springs. Holly Springs is a riding stable. Holly Springs is where I rode my first horse. The horse's name was Chocolate Chip. He was a beautiful Pinto horse, and I loved him.

Nancy Smith is the woman who taught me how to ride horses. She is very nice. She is also gentle and patient with the horses at her stable.

Holly Springs is a wonderful place to ride horses. It is a beautiful place if you love horses as much as I do. The horses come in all shapes and sizes. They also come in all sorts of colors, like black, white, tan, and brown.

Going to Holly Springs to ride is a very good idea. For one reason, if you enjoy riding horses you will enjoy being taught many things about how to ride horses. Also, it is good to enjoy the horse that you ride. I feel that Holly Springs is a great place to just enjoy one of the most wonderful animals ever. Also, it's a great way to relax and make some new friends. You can make friends, horse and human! Horses are all different in their own special way. All horses are wonderful and beautiful.

The Holly Springs riding stable is a big, beautiful place. Holly Springs has corrals, trails to ride, and areas to feed and water your horse. You can learn to pick-out, or clean, your horse's hooves, and brush your horse's coat and mane to make them shine. You have to brush down horses after you ride to get the sweat off of them.

Holly Springs will always be my favorite place to ride.

My Favorite Place in Mentone
By Taylor Poff

My favorite place in Mentone is Mentone Community Church. The people are all very nice, for instance my "adopted" grandparents, Donna and Glenn Franklin. Anytime I need a ride for church, they pick me up at my house. Also, my teachers all make me feel special. They gave my class new Bibles this year. One is designed to read through in one year. It's called a one year devotional Bible.

The Pastor is Rick Haworth, and the Youth Pastor is Ryan Haworth. Pastor Rick is the one who baptized me. They are both nice, make everyone feel welcome, and stay involved in many neat things at the church. In the summer we have Bible School. We make crafts, learn more about the Bible and have a lot of fun.

During the Christmas season, we have a big Christmas celebration which includes a Christmas play. This year I got to be one of the narrators and sang a solo. Many delicious dinners are served at the church, and the one during Christmas is one of the best. The people bring many different meats, vegetables, and desserts.

Another thing I like about Mentone Community Church is that the church members support the Upwards Basketball program. Everyone works hard to hold fund-raises to help with the expenses. I like Upwards Basketball because our coach is very nice, and we learn more about the Bible. We have a lot of fun, and you get to play a lot, even if you are not really that good.



L/R: Taylor Poff, Linda Brown,
and Jillian Hope

These are some of the reasons Mentone Community Church is my favorite place.

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MAPA MEETING

March 7, 2006; 6:30PM

The Mentone Area Preservation Association met at 6:30 PM, March 7, 2006, at Dessie's. President Dessie Brown called the meeting to order. Leroy Crowe gave the invocation. All the new members were welcomed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the February 6 meeting as written in the March issue of The Groundhog.

The president called on Page Cunningham, Rhododendron Festival chairman, to go over all the steps required to put on the festival. L.C. Moon is the coordinating member who is working with Page to insure that all those who signed up to help with the festival were aware of what needed to be done and had been assigned certain responsibilities. The festival will be the first weekend in May, May 5, 6, 7. Notices will be mailed to the radio stations and posted about town and delivered to areas where the flyers can be distributed.

Several suggestions were made by L.C. Moon. One was to have music on the square during the day by Tony Goggans, who is known as the Mentone Troubadour. Vendors who will demonstrate their craft are being invited to do so at the festival. A request for a parade to be on a portion of Alabama Highway 117 was not approved by the Mentone Town Council as 117 is a very busy highway. An alternative route is being looked at.

The new members will be working with the older members to insure that the festival will be a success. Dessie requested volunteers to help with the mailouts for the quilt tickets. The queen sized quilt is red and white in the Log Cabin pattern.

Following the discussions, the meeting was adjourned to have refreshments provided by Dot Crow, Lucille Crowe, Leroy and JoAnne Crowe.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4, at 6:30PM at Dessie's. Chaz from the Wildflower Cafe and Evelyn Graves will be in charge of the refreshments.

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By
BERNISE CROW

This month I decided to give a little history about the Hitching Post, which houses my shop, Crow's Nest Antiques, as well as several other businesses. If I had a nickel for every time a visitor asked me about the history of the Hitching Post, I could have retired many years ago!

The old building was named the Hitching Post by the Glovers when they operated it in the 1940s - Bill and Eleanor, the parents of Graham, Alec and Billy. It has been standing for more than one hundred years. Lee Crow, Homer's father, said it was built around 1896. It is constructed of heart pine, which does not decay easily.

The first part was built for a general store, and was the single long room which is now the first floor of my shop. We have researched the records at the DeKalb County courthouse for records of a building on the lot, and could not find anything, although the lot is listed in the records. Judge Paul Thomas, when he was a guest speaker at a MAPA meeting, brought with him a copy of the original plot, but there was no building on it. It was owned by Ed Mason, who laid out the streets for Mentone and named them.

I know Hal Howe worked at the place when they kept ice in a building owned by Ed Mason at Moon Lake. The ice came from Moon Lake when it froze in winter. They would store the ice in sawdust in the Hitching Post, and used it in summertime to make ice cream. Mr. Howe said he made the ice cream in an

old crank-type machine, and he served it to customers. The original marble bar, used for a soda fountain to serve ice cream, cakes and sandwiches, is still in the building.

There have been other owners and/or operators of the building that I have never found. The turn of the century was a busy time for the Mentone Store, as it was then called. The Mentone Springs Hotel was very lively all summer. Many wealthy people from the coastal areas came to Mentone for the entire summer, to escape the stifling heat in a time when there was no air conditioning.

In the teens and twenties of the 20th century, the Mentone post office was operated out of the Hitching Post. The mail was delivered twice daily, up through the forties.

There are many stories told about the building. I've filled a storage file with stories told to me, and the names of those who told them. Many of them recount the good times they had attending dances held upstairs, which was added to the building in the twenties, and was sturdily built so square dances could be held there. The large square room had an open cupola in the middle, and windows were installed all the way around. We have closed some of the windows, and created four rooms for displaying antiques.

I wish I could name all the owners and operators of the building. I know N. B. Haston, from Fort Payne, (Mr. Howe's son-in-law) worked there at one time. I once received a nice letter from him, with photographs, describing his work there, but he wanted the photos to be returned. I should have made copies of them first. Brent Black's father said he worked there as a soda jerk when he was very young.

Dave Jones owned the building during the twenties, I believe. Edna Shigley worked for him when he had a general mercantile store, and her sister, Stella, was postmistress at that time. The post office was in the east end of the building, now occupied by Sharron Burke's Gourdie Shop.

After Mr. Jones sold the business, I believe Pierce &

Law operated the store until the Depression of 1929, when they lost the business because of customers who could no longer pay their bills. I believe it was during their ownership that the upstairs dance hall was added.

I have many more stories to tell, and more proprietors to mention, both of which will be in the May issue of *The Groundhog*, accompanied by photographs. This much will suffice for those who want to know the history of the building. Those of you who have any information regarding other owners and/or operators, please call me so I can include it in the history.

I am grateful to Doreen for cleaning, organizing, and putting things in order at Crow's Nest Antiques. She will help me get things done to improve the appearance of the Hitching Post.

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BOOK SIGNING WITH THE AUTHOR'S COMMENTS

The Board of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library in Mentone is sponsoring a Book Signing by **Dean Arnold**. The signing will be held in the Library from 11am until 12 noon, on **Saturday, April 1st, 2006**. Dean will offer his comments on the book at 11:00 am.

Since the publishing of **America's Trail of Tears: a Story of Love and Betrayal**, Dean has authored **Old Money New South** and will have copies available, as well.

Dean W. Arnold is a journalist and publisher in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the author of **America's Trail of Tears: a Story of Love and Betrayal**.

He graduated from Covenant College on Lookout Mountain with an emphasis in history and philosophy but has learned a good bit of late from John Chrysostom.

His avocations include jazz, genealogy, golf, and good cigars.

Arnold is a fifth generation Californian on both sides. His great-grandfather, Percival T. Gerson, worked as a medical doctor at the turn of the century in a small suburb called Hollywood. After watching several stages built and torn down for outdoor dramas, he called together the town's leaders to build an amphitheater in Hollywood Bowl. Arnold's 7th great-grandfather, Stephen Arnold, settled in the farthest edge of the frontier in southwest Virginia just before Thomas Jefferson bought the natural bridge next door.

Sneak Preview of The Celestine Prophecy Movie A Rare Opportunity to See a Special Movie in Our Area

**Friday April 7th, Rock Ridge Retreat Center,
Valley Head; 7:00PM**

**Saturday April 8th, Preston House,
Mentone; 7:00PM**

Message from Cathy Haven Howard:

It is not often that you get the opportunity to have a small observer's seat to an international phenomenon. In the early nineties, I attended Unity of Birmingham Church and there I met Jim Redfield, as we called him in those days. I learned that he was writing a book and was discussing ideas for the book with several of my friends over coffee. One day, I ran into Jim at Kinkos as he was sending off manuscripts to various publishers. Later, it was fun to see one of our own self-publish a book and have a book signing at our church. (I still have my signed copy of this first edition.)

It was not long after the book was self published in 1992 that a special thing began to happen in the book publishing business. Everyone started talking about this book and telling his or her friends to read it. What now is rarely heard of, Warner picked up the self-published book and reissued it. In 1995 and 1996, The Celestine Prophecy was the #1 American book in the world. It stayed on the New York Times bestseller list for over three years, was translated into more than 40 languages, and ultimately influenced the world with some 14 million copies in print.

With the success of the novel, James received multi-million-dollar offers to make a movie out of the book, it required James to sign a contract. James followed his intuition and "wanted the movie to be in accordance with the vision of the new spiritual consciousness that the story seeks to describe." In the development of The Celestine Prophecy movie, James reaffirmed his trust in synchronicity and produced and wrote the movie independently. "Allowing groups to host special 'sneak previews' is a key part

of our mission to get the word out about this movie and its message," states Redfield. "Because this was a book that so many people shared with their friends and family, passing it literally around the world, we wanted to create a community feeling with the 'sneak previews' where people can share the movie experience."

So, now over 13 years after I participated in one of those first self-published book signings, I am once again excited to be part of new way of doing business in distributing a movie. Lookout Mountain Wholistic Center, Heartwood Retreat Center, LCMoon Herbals and Mentone Area Arts Council are proud to sponsor two special 'sneak previews' of the Celestine Prophecy movie.

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On Friday April 7th at 7:00PM, the movie will be shown at Rock Ridge Retreat Center in Valley Head. On Saturday April 8th, the showing will be in Mentone at the Preston House (Behind the Mentone Wedding Chapel) at 7:00PM. Price for admission is \$10. Directions and further information about the movie are on the web at www.heartwoodsanctuary.com and at 256-634-0503. General information about the movie is available at www.thecelestineprophecy-movie.com

Cathy Haven Howard is owner of Heartwood Retreat Center in Mentone.

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Rhododendron Garden Club News By Linda Brown, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held at the MERF Community House on March 14, 2006. President, Gethryn Giles, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Peggy Roark presented an inspirational minute using the story of the little boy whose father took him to visit a farm. The father was hoping to show the little boy how "rich" they were with their city life. After seeing everything on the farm the little boy remarked, "Thank you, father, for showing me how poor we are." The members were led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America by Sue Schwarz.

Refreshments were served to twenty-three members and two guests, Angela Chambers and Beverly Ashley. Hostesses for the meeting were Margaret Baker, Mary Crow and Liz Stephens. Saint Patrick's Day was celebrated by the use of shamrocks, green beads and baskets on the tables. On each table were St. Patrick's Day buttons for members to wear during the meeting and take home. The serving table was centered with a beautiful green plant adorned with daffodils and green hats.

Jan Wilkinson presented a slide show of pictures she has taken of the wild flowers which grow on Lookout Mountain. Jan had chosen the ones that bloom in the spring and early summer. Some wild flowers, such as the bluet, are so common that we step on them when we walk in our yards. Others, such as the "little brown jug" or pitcher plant, are more rare and we must search for them. Jan read a poem as the slides were showing that reminded us that we should be aware of our surroundings and look for hidden treasures in our yards, woods and along the roadsides.

The business meeting convened with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report.

Martha Wood, Horticulture Chairman, displayed some of the many kinds of daffodils which are blooming in her yard. She asked the members to make a record of things in bloom in their yards.

Virginia Setze, Litter Control Chairman, announced that March 15 is the scheduled pick-up day for Highway 117. She asked that everyone planning to participate meet at the MERF Community House at 9 a.m.

Jan Wilkinson, Earth Day Chairman, stated that Earth Day is April 24. She explained that this is the day when the members meet with the students of Moon Lake Elementary School to clean and plant the flower beds in the Moon Lake Butterfly Garden. She displayed bracelets which will be given to each student. These will remind the students to be good to the earth and do whatever they can to preserve and protect the environment.

Dianne Kuehl announced that the plans have been finalized for the visit from Jason Powell on August 8. Mr. Powell is a well known speaker and owner of *Petals From the Past*, a garden center which specializes in tried and true species of plants. He will bring plants to sell at this time. Details will be announced later.

The members were reminded of the DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs Plant Sale. This will be Saturday, April 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. It will be held at the Ruritan Building in Henagar, Alabama. The plants are displayed inside the building and this is a good time to purchase flowers and scrubs that are already acclimated for our area. The proceeds from this sale will be used to fund the VFW Fair Flower Show in September.

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The recipient of the door prize was Peggy Roark. The next meeting will be April 11 at the MERF Community House at 10:00 a.m. Jayne Ross will demonstrate the art of making arbors from wisteria and other vines.

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.

Wildflower Art Show Mentone Town Square Saturday - May 20th, 2006

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dentist "shocked my nerves." I've got my own opinion, though: I tend to believe that the squalling of chickens while their necks were about to be wrung; the screams of dying and wounded goats, cattle, hogs, and wild game, may have played a greater part than that struggle at the dentist—I still don't like for a man in a white coat with a little tray of shiny instruments to come sidling up and reassure me that this will take only a minute, though.

We had vegetables then and ate a goodly amount of them, fried in lard; but biscuits from white flour, eggs, chicken, and pork with coffee and gravies was usually washed down with unhomogenized, fresh whole milk for the main fare. Many carefully planted and tended vegetables rotted in our garden. We preferred gravy, biscuits, pork and strong coffee. And chocolate cake—home baked—Dunked in milk!

I don't enjoy hearing the death screams of animals at slaughter and I agree that many an animal suffers pain before slaughter and during the act, but then I reflect: Animals have been eating animals sauteed, roasted, fried, rare, rotten and alive for about three or four billion years, and if the practice were stopped now, the global ecology would be unlikely to sustain itself.

Man's brain has evolved such that each time a new layer was added, the old layers beneath were kept. There is close association among the three layers and the old reptilian brain which was there when a fellow had to engage in mortal combat, as a given, is still there performing much the same purpose. Man may be able to apply his over-grown neocortex in ways foreign to that of, say, a cow, but let us not suppose that we are now sophisticated to the extent that we can abdicate our biological heritage. I believe that if the "going gets rough enough," our old self will out no matter our food references. Yes they hurt, and yes it is cruel, and yes they are our kinfolk some removed, but who can draw the line with justice? Not I, and not anyone I know of, though several have tried.

I enjoyed Ms. Goodall's book, but I think she may have relied on others for some of her information to the extent that some of her assertions are open to reassessment.

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Mentone Water Works Impact Fee to Begin May 1, 2006

Your Mentone Water Works Board has been working to complete the most recent rehab grant and loan additions to our system. We do appreciate your patience as we laid lines, blocked traffic and made connections. All of the improvements will enhance the ability to serve our customers, now and in the future. We also have several individuals and developers that are also laying new water lines that will be added to our system in a very short time. As a water board, having a growing water system is a very good problem with which to be dealing.

As the board constantly reviews the present system and attempts to look ahead at growth areas, we began having to grapple with the concern of replacing the booster pumps and the potential other upgrades to the "high pressure" part of our system. The high pressure part of the system is that which is served by the booster pumps located at the "old" tank battery on Co Rd 89. The "low-pressure" part of the system is that which is gravity fed by the tanks. The pumps located at Tutwiler Gap pump our water to the tanks. From there, it is either gravity fed (low pressure) or booster pumps are used (high pressure) to get water to individual meters. As our system has grown and is continuing to do so, the increase demand has caused us

to upgrade the booster pumps required for minimum pressure on our pipeline. The Board felt that the new demands for water should be charged an "impact fee" in order to pay for those upgrades to the high pressure system in the future. Therefore, an impact fee shall be charged to all new meter requests beginning May 1, 2006, on those services which are connected to the booster pump serviced lines. The high-pressure line that will be affected is shown on a map at the Mentone Water Works Board. You may come look at the map during normal office hours. The impact fee is \$1,000, and is in addition to the normal water meter charges that are currently in place. The impact fees shall be deposited into an interest bearing account. The fees will not be used for Water Works Board overhead or any other day-to-day expenses that are incurred. The impact fees will be used to upgrade the water system as needed to better serve our customers.

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The Mentone Inn

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It served as home to the family until 1899 when the property changed hands and the structure became known as the Huron Boarding House, owned by the James Huron Family.

Many a good and hearty meal must have been served to the railroad workers and other guests under the discerning eye of Mrs. Huron until her death in 1920.

Enter Halbert Olie Howe, or Hal to his friends. Born in 1884 in Ohio, Hal brought his wife Lizzie to Lookout Mountain in 1907 and took a job as Postmaster of the Lahusage Mines, working alongside Fred Huron in the company store.

In 1922, Hal first rented the old boarding house for a time and finally purchased it. He and his wife set about making renovations, modernizing the kitchen and dining room, and the place became known as Hal's House and continued to offer rooms for rent to vacationers and workmen alike.

But in 1927, there was a fire that mostly destroyed the entire structure. Undaunted, Hal rebuilt the house bigger and better. He called it "Hal's Hotel".

In July, Hal's wife Lizzie passed away. After a time, Hal remarried Nelda Estelle Ellis, from the Ellis family of Valley Head; and, together, they ran the hotel. The sign out front said; "Fried Chicken Every Day".

It must have been a happy place when the hotel was full in the summertime with guests relaxing on the big lawn and on the shady porch.

Not only did Hal play host to the visitors, he even found time to write a book entitled "Mentone and My Philosophy" in or around 1930. Excerpts from the one-of-a-kind book offer a view into the lives of a few visitors to the hotel and speak of the beauty surrounding us all, whether on the mountain or in our daily lives.

After being sold in 1954, the Inn went through several owners and changed names frequently until Mr. Ray Cox of Gadsden, Alabama, an owner in the early 1980s, settled on the name we all know and love. He called it the "Mentone Inn".

The Mentone Inn is a beautiful example of 1920s elegance from the wide, wraparound porch to the graceful staircases and high ceilings. Representative of another time when life was more carefree and gay, each of the twelve bedrooms are alive with whispers of yesterday.

In 1999, when Mike and Sarah Campbell, of Birmingham, Alabama, bought the Inn at auction, they realized what a treasure they had found and immediately set out to restore the Inn to its former beauty.

The Campbells replaced the roof and the porch floor, installed new ceiling fans throughout, adding central heat and air and modernizing the kitchen, taking great care to keep each room authentic. "We don't own the Mentone Inn," Mike Campbell said. "The Inn owns us." But most of all, the Campbells have a deep affection for Mentone and the Inn.

In March of this year, a new Innkeeper arrived to take over the duties of running such a place. Her name is Miss Gloria to her friends and guests.

Gloria Sitz of the Walter Pelham Sitz family of Etowah County is an accomplished musician, having traveled and

performed Mississippi Delta Blues guitar and piano for over twenty years with the likes of the legendary Johnny Shines, John Lee Hooker, and Pinetop Perkins. She is also a soon-to-be-published writer and "a lover of old things".

"Our old family homeplace is located on Historic US Highway 11 in Reece City. It is 160 years old and several generations of our family lived out their lives there and I grew up with a great appreciation for the past. After all, as one of my friends said, 'There's a great future in history.'"

"From the moment I set foot inside the Mentone Inn several years ago, I fell in love with the place and when the opportunity arose to try my hand at innkeeping, I was very happy that the Campbells and I reached an agreement.

"I felt right at home. At first, it was a little daunting to pull everything together and have the Inn up and running by spring, but with the help of a few good friends and family, I entertained my first guests with breakfast on the morning of Sunday, March 12th; and it was wonderful!" she said. "I plan to be a part of Mentone and the Inn for many years to come," she concluded.

Miss Gloria has seen to it that all of the twelve rooms remain "circa 1930" Family activities are encouraged. "I can tell a good ghost story or play songs everyone can sing" she said, smiling.

Miss Gloria wants the Mentone Inn to be a place where community and visitor alike can come and feel right at home.

She says the Inn is the perfect place for your next romantic getaway, family reunion, or workshop; and extends an open invitation for you to take a tour.

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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Chickweed- Stellaria

By L.C. Moon

There are so many beautiful plants, trees and flowers waking. There is a very small bloom that peaks its dainty little head up beginning in late winter & early spring. I love to nibble on the tender green of the chickweed. So many refer to this sweet little plant as a nuisance weed. I see its abundance as a blessing. Chickweed is a perfect example of how big gifts can come in small packages.

I found myself with a nasty cough and congestion during our last cold spell. Usually at first sign of congestion I drink my allergy/sinus congestion tea that I blend with nettle, chickweed, peppermint and smartweed. I ignored the signs and believed my immune system was strong enough to fight off the encroaching sickness without herbal assistance. My stubbornness afforded me the opportunity to see just how effective the botanicals really are but not before I got more ill than I have ever been.

I put a lot of chickweed along with the herbs mentioned above plus wild cherry bark, pine needles, fennel seeds, anise seeds, elderberry and horehound in a pot of water to simmer. After the herbs steeped I mixed the infusion with local honey to make cough syrup. Within a day of drinking the sinus tea, slippery elm, hot lemon water, taking the cough syrup, inhaling rosemary & tea tree and applying an onion compress--I could breathe again. Within two days, I was even amazed at the difference of how much better I felt. I cannot express how important it was that I continued to be persistent and consistent in order for the herbs to be so effective. I cannot say for certain if my herbal tea blend in conjunction with other herbs would have stopped the illness this time as it has in the past. I cannot be sure what treatment was most effective, though, it is for certain that nature triumphed again to help my body heal itself.

I do believe chickweed has been a great ally in aiding my healing and helping others with congestion--whether in the eyes, ears, nose, throat, or lungs. It is known to relieve congestion and inflammation throughout the whole body. If you are experiencing skin inflammation--in the form of itching--or external inflammations in joint areas--you can also use chick-

weed as a compress. I would certainly drink the tea along with using chickweed as a compress.

Drinking chickweed tea can bring a long range of benefits. It is known as a good tonic/cleanser to the body as well as being high in nutrients. According to Prescription for Nutritional Healing- chickweed is high in Vitamin C as well as containing calcium, essential fatty acids, iron, magnesium, manganese, phosphorus, potassium, selenium, zinc, Vitamins B1,2 &3 and E.

Another great benefit of chickweed is that it is known to grab hold of fat and scoot it out of your body. In this way it is said to lower blood lipids and reduce your weight. There is some argument over whether chickweed helps you lose weight as a result of reducing water weight and curbing the appetite or whether it also removes fat and increases your metabolism. One thing is for sure- all agree that chickweed does help in weight loss. As Tommie Bass would say-

"Got weight trouble- Get chickweed on the double."

Next time you are outside look to see if you notice the sweet dainty spindly chickweed with its little green mouse eared leaves & white star like flower- hence other common names being starweed & mouse eared chickweed. It may be growing in your flower beds, in your woods, between rocks or in your garden patch- all the while helping increase the nitrogen in the soil. If you decide to move it from your cultivated areas- you could try nibbling the tender parts or putting them in a salad. You could wash the plant, put it in a dark well ventilated place and dry it for tea. Otherwise it would be great for compost nutrients. If you want to experience the gifts of chickweed--I always have chickweed on hand if you would like to try a chickweed blended tea.

There have not been any toxicities--to my knowledge--reported regarding chickweed in recent years. It is always wise to consult your health-care provider before altering your regimen. If you have any questions, you can reach me at my store on weekends beginning April 21, or write to: P.O. Box 224 Mentone, AL 35984; or LCMoon03@aol.com or for ordering, www.MountainLifeMarket.com

If the good Lord wanted most of us to see the sunrise, He would have scheduled it later in the day.

It just doesn't get any better than this! I have two really wonderful things to tell all of you! The first one is that the library will be open on every Thursday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.! This means that we will be open three days of the week instead of two. We will continue to be open on Tuesday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. and also on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We hope that the community will take advantage of this extra day and come and use the library. Even if you don't need to check books in or out or do any research, come by and say hello to the persons who are volunteering their time on that day. We have several persons who do this and we are always glad to see them. Someone said that the library is the "happening" place in Mentone.

Before I tell you the second wonderful thing, I want to tell the volunteers who work in the library how wonderful they are and how much I appreciate them. The decision to open on Thursday was made at the March meeting of the Moon Lake Library Board of Directors. Since then, the members have tried to give this news to our volunteers whenever we see them. The volunteers have been as excited about this as we were. Everyone of them has responded in a good and positive way. This makes the scheduling of workers so much easier. Of course, this means that we will be working more often. But, one of the few complaints that we heard from the volunteers was that they do not work often enough to stay familiar with the computer system.

The other wonderful thing that is scheduled to happen in the library is the "Meet the Author" program on Saturday, April 1. This is not an April Fool's Day joke. Look for all of the details on this event in this issue of *The Groundhog*. Gene Giles has made all of the arrangements and this promises to be a great day. The other times when we have had an author come and talk about their book (or books), we have had a wonderful time talking to them and getting together with other persons who think that this is an event worth attending. Come and join us at the library on April 1, 2006 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Of course, the library will open at 9:00 a.m. You may check your books in or check new ones out during the usual hours. We will have one volunteer on duty behind the desk all morning.

The winning essays from the Moon Lake Elementary School Essay Contest are scheduled to appear on the cover of this issue of *The Groundhog*. I want to thank all of the students who participated. The essays were all very good and I would have given everyone of them first place. That is one of the reasons that I have nothing to do with judging. The other reason is that I know the code to the numbers instead of names placed on the essays. We are always very careful not to let the judges know who wrote which essays. A big THANKS to Karen Prestwood, who teaches fifth grade at Moon-Lake Elementary School. She put up with me popping into her room and making announcements or taking up the essay papers when no one else would have. And a big THANKS to all of the students who took the time and made the effort to write an essay.

At this time, the members of the Board of Directors have made the decision to discontinue the essay contest. It seems that this takes away from the time that the students need for other curricular activities at school. We are not closing the book on this subject, just laying it aside for a while. While this makes us very sad, we do feel that we have to do what is in the best interests of the majority.

Dianne Kuehl will have only one or two more training sessions for volunteers to work in the library before she starts her full time job at Camp Skyline. If you are looking for a fun way to meet new people and to help with a project that is needed and appreciated by the citizens of Mentone, call one of us and let us arrange for Dianne to train you before May. She will be glad to brief you on the workings of the library and then I will schedule you for a time to work. Sometimes a couple wants to work together or two good friends want to be together. All they have to do is let me know and I will schedule them to work at the same time. The Board of Directors have set the policy that no one ever works alone in the library. If an emergency arises and a person can't come on that day, they call me and I will go or find someone who will.

Please continue to support the *Reading for Pizza* program. If you are not familiar with the program, participating is very easy. Tell the volunteer on duty which grade or grades you have a child in at Moon Lake Elementary School. You can name one or more grades and each will get a star for each book that you check out. You may name the grade of a child, grandchild or any other child that you know at Moon Lake. The winner will be determined by the most stars given to their grade at the end of the determined period. A Pizza Party will be given to the winner in May.

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library or to make a suggestion, you may write to us at this address: Moon Lake Community Library
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BETTE DAVIS

(An excerpt from *Tales from the Deeper South* by Sally S. King)

Now, this was back when I was just a boy, but I remember it like it was yesterday. It was summertime and we were up here in Mentone for our yearly family reunion. We were staying at the old hotel, and it was my cousin's birthday.

All the kids were on the lawn for her party and there was a long table decorated with a white cloth and crepe paper streamers.

I remember they had just served us cake and ice cream when the long black touring car came barreling along and "BAM!" One of the rear tires blew and we watched as the big car skidded right off the road into the side of Mr. Hank's old produce truck and came to a rattling halt.

It seemed we ran down the hill in slow motion as the old timers came out of their rocking chairs in the shade of the post office, including Mr. Hanks and converged on the scene.

The driver of the car stepped out, dressed in the neatest blue suit I had ever seen. He wore a cap atop his brown hair and white gloved! Then, he opened the back door of the car and she stepped out, straightening her yellow polka dot skirt. She ran her fingers through her short reddish hair and removed her dark glasses. She wore the reddest lipstick and nail polish I had ever seen!

She held a long cigarette holder between her fingers. She pointed it at me and snapped her fingers to the driver. "Give him a dollar, Joe..." She said and then told me to bring up her bags to the hotel.

She whipped around and began walking away from the accident, past my mother and the other ladies at the birthday table and up the staircase leading to the porch. She took the steps in rare Hollywood style, raising

her skirt a bit, pausing here and there for effect while we all watched, dumbfounded.

When she got to the top, she called down to me. "Well, boy, hurry it up!" She strode into the lobby while I struggled with the bags. I followed her to her room and deposited the bags inside. I just stood there, wondering what to do. "Go on back down to your birthday party," She said and I raced out into the hall and out the door as fast as I could.

The wreck had been towed away and everyone converged on the driver, "How long will Miss Davis be staying? Will you call for another car?" The kids at the party and even my mother asked me "What did she say? Did she kiss you?" And I ran away from them.

That night at dinner, the dining hall of the hotel was filled to capacity. Everyone was hoping to catch a glimpse of the actress and she did not disappoint them, striking a pose in the doorway as she waited to be seated. She was very gracious and signed several autographs.

After dinner, I was sitting on the rail of the big front porch playing with the checkers. I did not hear her walk up behind me and her voice startled me. "Set 'em up, boy and I'll show you how to play."

Bette Davis beat me two games. We would have played three but my mom called me in to bed and when I woke up the next morning, she and her driver were gone. It had all been like a dream.

Mr. Hanks mysteriously got a new truck. He bought a bright red shiny one and a few days later a letter came for me. It read,

"Dear Bobby...thank you for making an otherwise unfortunate event fun.

Love, Bette...

And enclosed was an autographed picture. It read "To Bobby...we'll play again sometime."

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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 sunrises and soft organ music accent an ambience fitting the wedding ceremony. Inside wooden pews will seat approximately 60 guests.



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(1) On the Parkway! You can be the proud new owner of the property known as Little River Cafe located on DeSoto Parkway minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. This building offers a fully equipped kitchen, dining room and large porch, stage for entertainment, and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon. \$255,000 (PLS #14652)



(2) Buy Me, Dr. Pat - Established summer home with 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 bath, 3 living areas (2 wood-burning stone fireplaces) and access to a large deck overlooking the valley below. Second bedroom and bath underneath the house with access from outside. This home can easily sleep 8. Sitting on over 2 acres west of 800' on the West Brow of Mentone. House and 100' lot for only \$102,000.



(3) Enjoy lazy afternoons and watch the sun set on the large deck of this almost complete home. Features include pine floors, gas log fireplace, vaulted ceiling with loft, stainless steel appliances and lots of windows. Make you want to retire before you retire? Call today for your appointment to see. \$139,000 (PLS #14394)



(4) Don't miss your chance - to see this almost new home sitting on 8 acres with 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, wrap-around porch, large family room with fireplace, formal dining room, all appliances, central heat & air, hardwood and carpet flooring and lots more. \$218,000 (PLS #14336)



(5) SOOO much more in this interval hotel. Main level features living room with built-in bookshelves and fireplace. The kitchen/dining area has been completely remodeled with new Oak cabinets, granite tile flooring & appliances and new appliances. The second level has 3BR and 2 full baths. The lower level has endless possibilities with a bar area, laundry, possible 4th bedroom and additional bath. \$115,000 (PLS #14347)



(6) THE COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL is endless in this great location at Fischer's Crossroads. Most recently known as The Barnyard, this rustic building sits on .67 acres and has 2 public bathrooms, gas wall heat and window air conditioning. This property is located inside the Fort Payne city limits. \$113,000 (PLS #14216)



(7) Tucked away in downtown Mentone - This home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully equipped kitchen with granite countertops, antique mantel on fireplace, RV carport, large storage/loft building/garage and a sauna. \$159,500. (PLS #14671)



(8) Doing a rocking chair and a good book to relax on the front or back porch of this new cedar-sided cabin in Mentone. This new construction offers 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths with loft and frontage to 2 ponds. Add it all up to make this one a great place to lounge around. \$129,900. (PLS #14495)



(9) Take a recess from the rat race in this very private and authentic log cabin with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living/dining-kitchen combo and front porch all on 1.66 heavily wooded acres on a private road. \$119,000 (PLS #14345)



(10) The perfect first investment - Rustic cabin in Hunter's Ridge featuring 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, Columbian cedar walls and ceilings, hardwood floors, front and back porches and a stacked rock fireplace. \$162,500 (PLS #14670)



(11) Picturesque cul-de-sac location - 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, living...dining and den with wood burning fireplace and great studio over garage. 3 levels of decking with farmable mountain and valley views. Privacy fencing and more. \$450,000 (PLS #13693)



(12) Charming rustic cabin with 100' on the brow with great view. The cabin has 1 bedroom, 2 baths, living room with wood burning fireplace, kitchen/dining combo, central heat and air, enclosed porch upstairs, screened porch & 2 decks on the main level. Don't wait, this one won't last long! \$299,900 (PLS #14624)



(13) This beautiful traditional - 3BR, 4 bath brick home and farm is one of a kind in this area. Situated on over 40 miles with circle drive, pond, and gorgeous view and is approx. 10 acres clear, nice large barn and livestock pond also on property. \$429,000 (PLS #14651)



(14) Located on DeSoto Parkway, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, 2 lofts, wood floors throughout, screened porch, deck with hot tub, 1 bedroom guest cottage, greenhouse and a spacious great room for relaxing...and the list goes on! Fresh interior and exterior paint, new light fixtures, new kitchen appliances and more. Must see to appreciate - only \$429,000. (PLS #14448)



(15) Hwy 117 in Mentone - This building site offers you a foundation ready for new construction as well as a basement barn. Call for more details. \$49,900 (PLS #13904)



(16) You'll never regret the convenience! Located within walking distance of downtown Mentone, this 1920's cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, rock fireplace, screened porch, storage and basement on 3 lots. \$72,000. (PLS #14302)



(17) Enjoy the beautiful view of Lookout Mountain and the surrounding wildlife from your own private setting! Newly remodeled brick rancher features large double carport, landscaping, new carpet, vinyl, windows, central HSA, plumbing, ceilings, gutters, paint and ceiling fans. Convert the unfinished basement into a playroom, additional bedrooms or laundry. \$109,900 (PLS #14429)



(18) Be the first to own this new construction on the West Brow of Mentone. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living area with stacked rock fireplace and vaulted ceiling, pine floors throughout, screened porch and deck. Call today to see! \$299,000



(19) Native mountain foliage creates a level of privacy for this 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick house sitting on 3 acres with 300' on the West Park of Little River. Amenities include a split bedroom design, large family room with cathedral ceiling and mountain stone wood-burning fireplace, screened porch overlooking a walkway shaded by mature rhododendrons to the river. \$265,000 (PLS #14033)



(20) GET-AWAY! HIDE-A-WAY! In this mountain cottage and enjoy a relaxing evening off the back deck or a restful visit on the screened front porch. As if the view and location was not enough, other features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Pine tongue and groove walls, pine hardwood flooring, ceramic flooring, countertops and backsplash, wood burning stove, and nature at its best. Don't get relaxed YET, call and we will do the rest. \$142,500 (PLS #13696)



(21) MENTONE - The builder is putting on the finishing touches and you can be the first family to live in this brand new home. This spacious great room offers cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors and a stacked rock wood-burning fireplace. Custom kitchen with Hickory cabinets, breakfast bar, pantry and stainless appliances. One-level vinyl and stacked stone with a full front porch that overlooks a wooded 1-acre lot. \$179,900 (PLS #14763)



(22) From the back deck, you can enjoy the view of Little River Canyon atop beautiful Lookout Mountain; hike into the Canyon, fish in the Little River, all from your own LOG CABIN located just minutes from town. This cabin offers 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, wood floors, and walls, fireplace, CHA, access to decks from all levels, finished basement. A world away awaits you, call to see this unique property. Priced at \$268,500. (PLS #14730)



(23) Stressed for morning time? Let your kids walk to school from this 3 bedroom cottage on Railroad Street in Valley Head featuring a formal dining room/den and 3 finished rooms upstairs. Relax when you get home on the large screened porch under huge shade trees. \$59,900 (PLS #14772)



(24) Build your gentleman's farm on this approximately 25 acre parcel. Cleared, fenced pasture and a branch fed pond create a perfect setting for your dream farmhouse or cabin. \$149,500 (PLS #14765)

OTHER LISTINGS

(25) 1.56 acres on the brow near DeSoto State Park. \$55,000 (PLS #10133)

(26) HIGHLAND SPRINGS - NEW subdivision located in the heart of Mentone just off County Road 648 (Cove Road). Several lots to choose from with mild restrictions. Lot prices start at \$28,000.

(27) Hammondville... Building lots starting at \$5,000/lot. Call for more information.

(28) ENJOY Mother Nature's beauty while relaxing on these 168 acres in Valley Head. This acreage does offer an old farmhouse. Call for more details. \$432,500 (PLS #13730)

(29) Ready for development, or to build your dream home. Gently rolling pastures, water, and a beautiful view of Lookout Mtn. 571 feet of road frontage on Hwy 11 with Willis Creek on the back of the property. Fenced on 3 sides. \$362,000 (PLS #10149)

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ALSOBROOK ROAD, CLOUDLAND - Away from the hustle and bustle! Located in a secluded area off the beaten path, this ranch-style home has been totally remodeled. Large great room with kitchen/dining area, spacious master suite with walk-in closet, 2 additional bedrooms & full bath, all new flooring, fresh paint, new decking, new kitchen cabinets, new bathroom fixtures. Located on private 1+/- acre lot. Asking \$64,999. (No. G-012) MLS #340882 REDUCED



LYERLY DAM ROAD, LYERLY - Lovely period home sits on approx. 3.5 sheltered acres of ground and offers the charm of another era. An abundance of space, this home features downstairs entrance foyer, front parlor, formal dining room, living room, casual dining room, kitchen, laundry, downstairs master bed/bath w/sitting room. Upstairs offers 3 add'l bedrooms/sitting areas, family room & full bath. CHAC, hardwood floors and many extras. Convenient to town & complete w/city sewage, this home would be ideal for a B&B. Shown by appt. (No. G-027)



HIGHWAY 117, MENTONE - Country Cottage w/old Mentone charm. Convenient to everything--walk or bike to downtown. Nestled on lovely lot shaded by huge trees & landscaped 2w/rhododendrons, this getaway offers a garden spot, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath & furnishings. Call Susan Heape for appt. at 256-996-2309.

OLD STATE ROAD, CLOUDLAND, Investment property. built in 1993, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, rural area, 4.62-acre lot. Proof of funds/earnest money required by seller. \$99,750.00

(Photo to the right.)



CO. RD. 103, MENTONE - Ranch style home offers great room, kitchen 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath and 1 half bath. Attached garage & detached carport. Lovely 2.41 +/- acre lot. Restricted. (No. G-004)



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OAKHILL-ALPINE ROAD, MENLO - Country living conveniently located between Menlo & Lysterly. 8+/- acres of ground w/remodeled farm house, barn & pond. House offers entrance, living room w/sunroom, kitchen w/tp, 2 bedrooms & 1 bath. Completely remodeled & new roof; features pine flooring & CHVAC. Shown by appt. \$139,900.



LAURAWOOD SUBDIVISION, MENTONE - Custom home located on the brow of the mountain--Offers great room, custom kitchen, family room, 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, CHVAC, walk-in closet, hardwoods/carpets/tile. 3+/- acres w/300+/- feet of brow frontage. Call for more information and details.



HIGHWAY 48, MENLO-COMMERCIAL PROPERTY - Excellent opportunity! Building w/front office area & shop area w/5 bays. Nice paved lot, 2 storage trailers & 20 storage units. Listed at \$175,000.



EAST FORK LITTLE ROCK ESTATES - Custom home on approximately 8+/- acres. Country-style home features a spacious wraparound porch & private lot. Downstairs offers living room w/ fireplace, custom kitchen, dining room, laundry room, half bath, master bedroom & master bath w/walk-in shower & whirlpool tub. Upstairs offers family area, 2 bedrooms--each w/private bath. Priced at \$219,000.



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(1) and (2) **SPEND WEEKENDS ON THE LAKE.** Choose to stay outdoors on the many decks and pavilion or come and enjoy the inside of the cottage with open living/kitchen with rock fireplace. 3 bdrms, 1 bath. All pine floors, C/H/A, Great Boating, canoeing, or go for a swim. \$298,500



(3) **VALLEY VIEW** EST. 5 acres on the East Lookout Mtn. Spectacular Views and Rock formations. A must see. \$69,000.



(4) **SECLUDED EAST BROW VIEW TRACTS:** Great view of the valley below. 3 to choose from or buy combination for more privacy. Over 5 acres each. \$37,000.



(5&6) **Victorian Style 3 story home on the Brow.** 6 Bedroom, 4.5 bath. Would make an ideal B&B. Many amenities. \$455,000.



(7 & 8) **COTTAGE ON LAKE:** Cottage on Lake Lahusage, Mentone. 3 bdrm 2 bath, open Great Room design. Double sided stack Rock Fireplace. Large screened porch. 2 Decks, one with Hot Tub, walkway to the Dock. Float, Boat, or Fish from this wonderful Home. \$399,900.



(9) **VALLEY VIEW FOREST** 6.5 acres on the East Brow of Lookout Mtn. Private, adjoins Wild Life Management and Little River Canyon just minutes away. \$49,500.



(10) **CANYON VIEW FOREST** on the East rim of Little River Canyon. 5 acres wooded with Canyon View and access. private Gated area. A must see. \$70,000.

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(11) **OAKWOOD SUBDIVISION,** 3 acre tract for \$24,000. Restricted.

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Meetings are at 4PM in the water board meeting room. The dates for the remainder of fiscal year 2005-2006 are:

APRIL 27, 2006
MAY 25, 2006
JUNE 22, 2006
JULY 27, 2006
AUGUST 24, 2006
SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

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The Valley Head Water Works Board

Meetings are held at 4PM in the Valley Head Water Works office board room. For the remainder of fiscal year 2005-2006 they are:

APRIL 10, 2006
MAY 08, 2006
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AUGUST 14, 2006
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

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The Mentone Town Council

Meetings are at 6PM in the town hall meeting room. The dates for the remainder of fiscal year 2005-2006 are:

APRIL 10, 2006
MAY 8, 2006
JUNE 12, 2006
JULY 10, 2006
AUGUST 14, 2006
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission of the Town of Mentone

Meetings are at 5PM in the town hall meeting room. The dates for the remainder of fiscal year 2005-2006 are:

April 20, 2006
JULY 20, 2006
October 19, 2006

Any changes will be posted 7 days prior to any scheduled meeting shown above.

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.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-2002.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at our new time: 9AM. Help us welcome our new pastor, Jimmy Hall, and his wife, Ruth.

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: 9:30-10:45 AM, Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnell.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** located on County Road 239 invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM and worship at 11AM. Sunday evening service is at 5PM. Thursday evening service is at 5:30PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 10:30AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM 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 6:30PM.

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

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), 5760 Gault Ave., NE, Fort Payne, AL. Rev. Billy Dempsey, Pastor, Sunday School - 9:45AM; Sunday Worship - 10:55AM.

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

Alpine Community Church, 1115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor Rev. Tommy Pledger.

Presbyterian Church Worship Service at Cloudland begins at 10AM (EST), and the **Menlo** Worship 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.

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 LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

(See March 18 **Yard Sale** info this page.)

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 Worship-11AM. Wednesday evening service-6:30PM with Bible study and Teen class. Nursery provided for all services. Senior Pastor Rev. Rick Haworth and Youth Pastor Ryan Haworth welcome 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 Randall Beagles 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.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites everyone to attend Sunday School at 9:45AM, Sunday Worship at 11AM, Discipleship Training at 5PM, and Sunday evening worship at 6PM. Sunday evening Bible Study for children and youth is at 5PM, and an Adult special studies class is being taught for those who prefer the study to Discipleship Training at 5PM. A membership class is also available at 5PM, taught by Dr. Bill Russell, Pastor. Wednesday evening prayer service is at 6:30PM, with children and youth activities at 6:30PM, also. Special emphases will be made as we approach the Easter season.

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Mentone Community Church Ladies Conference April 22, 2006 8:30-3:00 CT

The Wrinkle-Free Woman

Starch in our clothing restores newness, restores body, adds life to limp clothing and gets out the wrinkles! "Starch" in our life--work, exercise, prayer, praise, laughter, love...restores our physical bodies, adds life and gets out the wrinkles too! (And you thought the secret was in that jar of cream!) Join us at Mentone Community Church, Saturday, April 22, and get some of the wrinkles out of your life.

Our **Praise and Worship Team** this year comes from Grace Community Church in Americus, GA. They are a group of ladies that love the Lord and love to sing and praise Him. You will be blessed by their ministry in song.

Speakers:

Cindy Floyd describes herself as 5'6" of pure energy, with flaming red hair and glow in the dark white skin! She and her husband currently serve at Calvary Baptist Church in Scottsboro, AL, where he is the music minister. Cindy's story is one of God's mercy, love, and restoration.

Beverly Henry. This session will focus on disciplines for managing your physical and spiritual life. You will discover the power of a healthy lifestyle lived according to God's principles and purposes. Beverly is an RN at the Cancer Center of DeKalb. After deciding in January 2002 to "get in shape", after being sedentary for 14 years, she completed her first 26.2 mile marathon in November 2002. She attends Mentone Community Church with her husband Greg and children Ashley and Christian where she serves as the Congregational Nurse and teaches Sunday School. She continues to incorporate running as a part of a healthy lifestyle.

Adele Phillips will help us focus on the importance of cultivating a passion for prayer. She is a member of Lee's Chapel Baptist Church where she is an AWANA leader. She holds fast to 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 and has learned that, like the development of all good things in our lives, becoming faithful to prayer requires passion and commitment to a daily pursuit of God.

Brenda Williamson. Learning to stay focused on one another and loving the way God intended--it is possible to rekindle the flame! It is a daily choice to have a strong and vibrant marriage. Brenda enjoys her Mary Kay career, working with youth and teaching Marriage Enrichment classes at Word of Life Ministry.

Registration Form

Deadline to register: April 15, 2006

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Please enclose your \$20 registration fee and return to Mentone Community Church, Ladies Conference, PO Box 417, Mentone, AL 35984. Make all checks payable to MCC Wesleyan Women.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Saturday, April 1 - APRIL FOOL'S DAY and DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS--remember to change clocks & check batteries
- Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting, Dessie's
- Monday, April 10, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, April 11, 10:00 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, April 11, American Legion meeting 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- Friday, April 14, GOOD FRIDAY
- Sunday, April 16, EASTER
- Thursday, April 20, Mentone Book Club, 10 AM, Mentone Community House
- Thursday, April 20, Mentone Planning and Zoning meeting, 5 PM, Mentone Town Hall
- Thursday, April 27, 4 PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Waterworks Board Room, open to the public
- Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting, Dessie's
- Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, May 5, 6, & 7
RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL ON THE BROW



By Bill Russell, Pastor
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There is a lot being said in today's world about empowerment. Think about the following verses: **Matthew 28:18-20; Act 1:8**, to discover how God will empower you to be all He intended you to be. These two passages deal with the subject of empowerment. When Jesus empowered His disciples, He provided helpful principles for empowerment:

1. Jesus let them know that He possessed the power to transfer to them. Verse 18.

2. Jesus commissioned them to use the power for specific purposes, when He clearly defined. Make disciples of all people. Baptize the disciples in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Teach the disciples everything Jesus commanded.

3. Jesus assured them that He would be there to help them accomplish their purpose.

4. Jesus prepared them before delegating the authority to them. Verse 20.

5. Jesus held them accountable for how they used His power. Read **Matthew 24:4-51 and 25:14-30.** (Ideas from the NIV Leadership Bible)

The disciples enjoyed the assurance that their leader-Jesus-stood with them all the way, supporting them and providing what they needed for the task ahead.

Also, we have assurance that these principles apply to us. The authority of our Savior stands behind us, so that we may be enabled to do His work effectively.

Think about it.



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Feel free to call time of the day or night.

Rhododendron Festival 2006 Friday - Sunday - May 5th - 7th Wanted:

Local Artists and Craft Demonstrators!

We want locals to demonstrate their talent and display their work!

Back in time skills & crafts or any hand made art form:

Wood Work - toy makers - spinning and weaving- sewing/crochet/knitting - sculptors - painters - basket weavers - etc.....

If you are unable to demonstrate- we would still like for you to apply.

If you have any ideas for the festival please let us know.

We hope this year is the start of a revival of the local community displaying their talent, enjoying and participating more in the Spring Festival. We feel this year is a great year to get involved. Community is growing stronger in Mentone and it shows as so many people are working together to make this festival the best it can be.

Special thanks to all of the businesses and community that have come forth to join and help MAPA put on the Spring Festival.

If you would like to help prepare for the festival, please contact Ms. Moon 845-6030 or LCMoon03@aol.com; or if you are wanting to be a demonstrator/vendor please email pagec@bellsouth.net



Mentone, Alabama Handbook Guide to Shops, Lodging, Restaurants & Attractions

As many of you know, the State of Alabama Tourism approved the matching grant for the Mentone Handbook. The books will be ready to pick up at town hall by the third week in April. There is no set amount allotted for each business, though we ask that you specify approximately how many you take each time you pick up handbooks. Please be sure you can distribute the amount that you take and where you intend to distribute the handbooks. There will be 20,000 printed; so there should be plenty for everyone. Thanks to all the businesses who joined together to make this project a success! L.C. Moon