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Spring Fashion

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Spring fashions always meant a new outfit for Easter. Little girls in crisp organdy dresses with puffed sleeves, gathered skirts and carefully tied sashes squirmed through church because organdy was itchy and by the time they wiggled enough those carefully tied sashes weren't tied any more. Dotted Swiss was also a popular choice. They were sometimes purchased but most often lovingly made by a grandmom or mother. Shiny patent leather Mary Jane shoes were always bought at least one size too big so that they could be grown into. Mine were often scuffed beyond recognition as patent long before I grew into them. This was the Easter of my childhood.

While less colorful, little boys weren't exempt from Easter finery. Young boys wore classic white Eton suits with short pants. These too might be made by mom.

Those of us who are long past organdy dresses with puffed sleeves still want to look pretty and fashionable for spring. Our moms and

grandmothers are no longer around to sew for us and with the economy in such dire straits, what's a girl to do? New spring clothes need to be not only fashionable but an investment because hopefully, we won't outgrow them by next spring or even before the season is over. Some local merchants share what's in for spring and how you look up-to-date with minimal purchases.

"Yellow is a hot color for spring," stated Virginia Hicks, owner of Jinni's. She added that white is also important. "Blouses are making a comeback and everybody needs a white blouse in her closet." Yellow and navy are popular color combinations. Skirt lengths vary from 25-inches to 32-inches with the 32-inch being the most popular with DeKalb county citizens.

According to Lisa Jones, manager of Simply Elegant, bright colors that are popular for spring include teal, yellow and purple. "Black and brown are always good," she added. She suggested investing for spring in a good pair of black or brown pants or skirt along with variety of tops to update your look.

"A solid color on the bottom with several pretty tops is always a good choice and when you wear different tops, nobody notices that the bottom is the same one that you wore two days ago." Another option offered at Simply Elegant are shoes with interchangeable tops in different colors.

These come in both flats and heels. Tamara Brisendine, manager of Peebles stated that fashionable spring colors include crisp, clean new shades of blues and greens. "For summer it's bright bold colors such as yellow, orange and green," she added. Styles include bohemian peasant tops and tie dye. The romantic look with ruffles and flowing maxi dresses almost to the ankles are a new silhouette for summer.

(Actually just like tie dye, it's not really a new look, just an old one returning.) Big chunky bags and big chunky jewelry are the hot accessories. To update your look for spring and summer she advised that a new purse can completely change the look of an outfit and if you add some new jewelry or a scarf, no one will suspect that you're wearing last year's clothes. An investment of mix and match solids with print blouses will broaden your options by making several different outfits.

Once you've found some new

clothes or accessories to update your spring look, it's time to check out shoe fashions because black patent Mary Jane's just don't seem to work with any of the new looks and I didn't see any in my size either. Nicole Welborn, manager of Shoe Sensation, said that chunky heels or strappy flat sandals are the "in" shoes for spring. Ms. Brisendine added that gladiator sandals both in flats and wedges as well as ballet flats are also popular option.



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MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL

The Mentone Town Council met on Monday, February 9, 2009, at 6 PM, at its regular meeting. Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order and welcomed the members and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 106 of Mentone, who were working on their Citizenship in the Community Badge. Boy Scout Troop 106 conducted the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Hammond gave the invocation.

On roll call, present were Mayor Hammond, Larry Sanders, Gail Chambers, John Paul Verdon, Gerald Bailey and Wesley Griffith. Also present was Chief of Police Lamar Bray and Jeremy Bell. Visitors present included Mentone Boy Scout Troop 106 and their leaders.

The minutes from the regular meeting of January 12, 2009, were reviewed, copies having been provided to the council prior to the meeting. One of the scouts asked the council if the council creates the laws. Mayor Hammond responded that the town council passes ordinances, which have the force of the law. After a review of the minutes, Larry Sanders made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the changes. Gail Chambers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The **financial report** was reviewed. John Paul Verdon made a motion to accept the checks written for January. Gail Chambers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Hammond stated that the next matter to consider was the county animal adoption center and the printout the council had before them. Mayor Hammond stated that the mayors association had met with Sid Holcomb and the DeKalb County Commission. The county proposed a plan to use TVA funds to help support the center. Mentone has 451 residents, 1.52% of the DeKalb County population. Mentone's monthly charge would be \$126.59, a yearly amount of \$1,519.13 per year. Larry Sanders made a motion to use TVA funds to support the center. Gerald Bailey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DeKalb County is considering the Code Red System, an automatic phone warning system for tornados and natural disasters. The Town of Mentone would pay \$18.99 per month from TVA funds. Larry Sanders made a motion to approve said amount. Gerald Bailey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The January 2009 police report was reviewed.

The council discussed a proposal from House Consultants concerning changes in Business License Classifications. In the Lodging Business District, the license would be \$100.00 for rental cabins and cottages. Outside of the Lodging Business District the license would be \$500. Outside of the Lodging Business District rentals could not be less than (7) days. To be adopted, this proposal would have to be considered by the planning commission and a public hearing held. If recommended by the planning commission, the town council would also have a public hearing before adoption.

Mayor Hammond stated that on March 7, at noon, Senator Shelby is coming to Mentone and will be at Camp Skyline for a town meeting.

Mayor Hammond announced the annual clean up day for Mentone is April 4th. Everyone is to meet with Lyle Nicely at the Mentone Inn parking lot at 9AM on that day. Boy Scout Troop 106 will also be participating in the clean up.

There being no further business, Larry Sanders made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wesley Griffith, which passed unanimously.

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

Jan Wilkinson, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Community Library, must believe in the old saying, "All work and no play makes Jack or Jill a dull person." The meeting in March is always the annual meeting for the board. Jan has this meeting at her home and serves a scrumptious lunch. Those of us who have been before know to save our forks as the best is yet to come. Jan always serves a dessert that is wonderful. This year was no exception, we were served peppermint ice cream on top of a chewy chocolate brownie. The entire meal was great, but the best part is having time to enjoy the company of each other.

The annual meeting is different in that each member makes a report on what their committee has done the last twelve months. Each member is the chairperson of a different committee. This assures that everything gets done and no one has to work too hard. We all pitch in with every event but there is just one person who is in charge of that activity.

Jan convened the business meeting of our fifth annual meeting by welcoming our recently appointed members of the board, Barbara Blalock and Jenny Rogers.

We learned there are forty-four FRIENDS of the Library. Each one gets a gift when they sign up and then are invited to the book sales at a special time. At least once a year we try to have a get together and just enjoy ourselves. Those who volunteer to work in the library are included in the count of FRIENDS.

We found out that there are twenty-eight volunteers who work in the library during open hours at least one time per month. A calendar is prepared with all work days marked and the volunteers are notified of their work day by mail. The hours that the library is open for the community are: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We have 363 DVD's and 4,597 books!! When you think that most of these have been donated by people of the community, this is truly amazing! These are all recorded in the computer system, prepared for the shelves and on the shelves for the public to

check out. Besides volumes of fiction, we have large print books and Christian fiction books as well as biographies and books on almost any subject you can think of. We hope that our system makes it easy for our patrons to find what they are looking for.

Checking out is easy. You can ask Beverly to make you a library card, which she will do while you find some books to check out. Then you can check out four books for two weeks and two DVD's for one week. If you can't get by during open hours again, there is a drop box under the shelter at the front of the library and if you put them there, there is no late fee charged. Late fees are ten cents a day for books and a dollar a day for DVD'S. The report showed that we realized \$190.31 from late fees and copies last year. Copies are ten cents per sheet.

We have an acquisition committee which decides whether donated books are put on the shelves or saved for the book sale. No book is ever thrown away or destroyed, we put everything to use one way or the other. They will also look for books to buy. We keep a running list of books and DVD's which our patrons have requested. These are looked for and purchased when found.

The reports showed that the book sales in August and February are good money makers.

They also serve another purpose and that is to put books in the hands of the public at a reasonable price. We welcome donations of books during any of our open hours.

There have been some wonderful events in the library. We have had several, "Meet the Author" days and these always result in our acquiring some new and up to date books. We always allow the author to sell their books and the library buys one for the shelves. Saturday, April 11, 2009 will be the next such event. You are invited to meet Hank Willett author of *In the Spirit... Alabama's Sacred Music Traditions*. This should be a fun gathering. Come at 10:00 a.m. and hear his story.

As always, our biggest fund raiser was the community calendar. This is a good money maker for us and is relatively easy for all of us except Dianne KueW, she has to enter all of the information in the computer and send it to the printing company. She is now in the process of making any known corrections, if you know of a mistake, let us know.

We are not sure how we ever got along without our Librarian, Beverly AsWey. She

is in the library every open hour and knows how to perform all of the tasks needed for a smooth operation. She is with us by way of a grant from T ARCOG, which is an agency which helps with projects for this area of Alabama. This is a matching grant but the library would never be able to afford her salary without this grant. She knows all of the ins and outs of making a library work and can now train volunteers to work. This helps in that we don't have to set a special day for this. Beverly is an integral part of our library and we feel fortunate to have her.

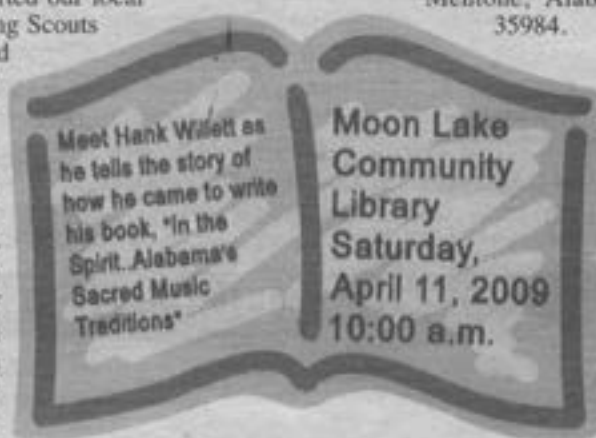
Some other activities named were: Christmas Open House, cooked and served Senior Lunch one Wednesday, take books to the Senior Lunch every week for those present to check out, have a new sign out front, had a Reading for Pizza program for Moon Lake Elementary School students, supported Camp DeSoto's Phoebe Project, their seniors came and helped with many needed activities at the library, supported our local Boy Scout Troop #106 by using Scouts to help with the book sales, and plan to give gift certificates to the top readers from Moon Lake School.

The last item on our agenda was one that we all hoped we would never have to do. We decided to purchase a clear case for the library in memory of Gene Giles, a member of the board who recently passed from our presence. Gene was a wonderful addition to our library and one of the most

cooperative persons we have known. Gene was ready to do his part in any activity and to do his share to help with the success of the library. We plan to put the many articles and books which we have on the history of Mentone and probably the books of the history of DeKalb County, Alabama in this case. These books cannot be checked out but we want to make them more accessible to our patrons.

Our next meeting will be open for ideas of new activities and plans for next year. If you have a request, leave it with Beverly at the desk or write to us at the address below. We will consider all ideas and try to implement as many as we can.

Our meetings are always open to the public and you are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 16, 2009 in the library. To be on the agenda for a meeting, call Jan Wilkinson. Write to us: Moon Lake Community Library, PO Box 481, Mentone, Alabama 35984.



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APRIL

- Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 PM, MAPA meeting.
- Tuesday, April 14, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, M.E.R.F. Community House
- Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 PM, American Legion Hall, Post 215 regular Meeting
- Tuesday, April 11, Moon Lake School Garden Clean Up begins. Contact the Rhododendron Garden Club for details
- Monday, April 13-17, AEA SCHOOL HOLIDAY (SCHOOL OUT)
- Monday, April 13, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Thursday, April 16, 10AM, Mentone Book Club, at the Mentone Community House, open to the public
- Thursday, April 23, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public
- Saturday, April 25, Annual Earth Day Celebration clean up. Contact Lyle Nicely (256-634-4124) for more information.
- Wednesday, April 29, Moon Lake School Earth Day Celebration

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2009** meeting dates for the **Valley Head Water Works Board**, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be as follows:

Monday, April 13
Monday, May 11
Monday, June 8
Monday, July 13
Monday, August 10
Monday, September 14
Monday, October 12
Tuesday, November 9
Monday, December 14
Monday, January 10, 2010

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00PM in the Valley Head Water Works office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works Building. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works Building prior to the meeting date and time. The location of the meeting will also be posted.

The **2009** quarterly meeting dates for the **Mentone Planning Commission**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 3rd Thursday of the following months:

Thursday, April 16, 2009
Thursday, July 16, 2009
Thursday, October 15, 2009
Thursday, January 21, 2010

All meetings will be held beginning at 5:00PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

The **2009** meeting dates for the **Mentone Waterworks Board**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, on the 4th Thursdays as follows

Thursday, April 23
Thursday, May 28
Thursday, June 25
Thursday, July 23
Thursday, August 27
Thursday, September 24
Thursday, October 22
Tuesday, November 19
Thursday, December 17

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00PM in the Mentone WaterWorks office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board of the Mentone Town Hall, adjacent to the water office. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

The **2009** meeting dates for the **Mentone Town Council**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

Monday, April 13
Monday, May 11
Monday, June 8
Monday, July 13
Monday, August 10
Monday, September 14
Monday, October 12
Monday, November 9
Monday, December 9

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

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| 1 - Michele Kincer | Marilyn Mathews |
| 2 - Michael Perry | Mary Jo Brown (in memory of) |
| 4 - Herman Golden | 26 - Lexi James |
| Kenneth McMunn | Dave Blalock |
| 5 - Georgette McGee | Molly Manifold |
| Scotty Hulan | 29 - Greg Henry |
| 6 - Janice Parnell | John Kincer |
| Ralph Flynn | Dawson Kincer |
| 9 - Coley Morgan | Robin Hester |
| 10 - Ethan Blackwell | 30 - Jaimee McGee |
| 11 - C.E. Britt (in memory of) | Ted & Cathy Howard (Ann.) |
| Lily Meadows | |
| 12 - Byron Gilbreath | |
| Mike Bare | |
| 14 - W.B. & Oleda McCurdy (Ann.) | |
| Marc Smalley | |
| 16 - Joe R. Owens | |
| Sarah Lauro | |
| Preston Kirby | |
| 17 - Gail & Dennis Hicks (Ann.) | |
| 20 - Howard & Jo Carson (Ann.) | |
| 23 - John Smith, | |
| Dianne Gilbreath | |
| 25 - Geraldine Ellis | |
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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. 635-1001.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 9AM.

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 11AM 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 Sunday. Bible class or Lent/Advent services every Wednesday at 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. Everyone welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 North of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM,

Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

The Fort Payne Christian Center and Pastors Ken and Elaine Hollman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10 AM, 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.

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.

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. Homecoming is August 10. Brother Charles Elrod will be preaching and the Faith Walkers will be singing. Everyone is welcome.

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

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church - 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. Daniel Lee of Rainsville is the pastor.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lords Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. Rev. Terry Turner is the regular pastor at Moon Lake.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and

everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 9AM (10AM GA time); Church Services 10AM (11AM GA time); and Sunday night services 5PM (6PM GA time).

Summit Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School-10AM; Morning Worship-11AM. Wednesday evening-6:30PM. Randall Beagles welcomes all.

Mentone Community Church Schedule: Sundays: Sunday School 9:30AM; Worship 10:30AM; Family Service or Small Groups 6:30PM. Wednesdays at 6:30PM; Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group; Adult Bible Study.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

Valley Head Baptist Church 40 Days of Purpose Bible Study. Beginning Easter Sunday Morning, April 12 - 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. through Sunday, May 17.

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Special Events at St. Joseph's on the Mt. Episcopal Church, Mentone
We are continuing with our Stations of the Cross service, each Friday, at 12 noon.

Our Palm Sunday service will begin outside the church at 10:30am, and process inside with the Passion Narrative during the service.

There will Holy Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights April 6th, 7th, and 8th, beginning at 5:30pm. The Maundy Thursday service will begin at 5:30, with the foot washing service followed by the stripping of the Altar. The Good Friday service will be at noon, April 10th.

On Easter Sunday there will be a sunrise service, at 6:30am, and the regular Service at 10:30am.

St. Joseph's will take part in the community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th, to be held at the MERF house on Hwy 117. Notices will be posted around the community to show the time. All children in the community are invited to attend.



See You Sunday!



DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

He arose, He arose, hallelujah, Christ arose!

After observing Christ's death on the cross, his burial in the tomb, and after the three days required by law to confirm the finality of a death had passed, His followers went to the sepulchre early in the morning to anoint his body, and they found the tomb empty. What despair they felt because they believed someone had stolen his body.

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SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

The 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. 635-1001.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 9AM.

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 11AM 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 Sunday. Bible class or Lent/Advent services every Wednesday at 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. Everyone welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 North of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM,

Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

The Fort Payne Christian Center and Pastors Ken and Elaine Hollman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10 AM, 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.

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.

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. Homecoming is August 10. Brother Charles Elrod will be preaching and the Faith Walkers will be singing. Everyone is welcome.

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

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church - 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. Daniel Lee of Rainsville is the pastor.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lords Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. Rev. Terry Turner is the regular pastor at Moon Lake.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and

everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 9AM (10AM GA time); Church Services 10AM (11AM GA time); and Sunday night services 5PM (6PM GA time).

Summit Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School-10AM; Morning Worship-11AM. Wednesday evening-6:30PM. Randall Beagles welcomes all.

Mentone Community Church Schedule: Sundays: Sunday School 9:30AM; Worship 10:30AM; Family Service or Small Groups 6:30PM. Wednesdays at 6:30PM: Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group; Adult Bible Study.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

Valley Head Baptist Church 40 Days of Purpose Bible Study. Beginning Easter Sunday Morning, April 12 - 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. through Sunday, May 17.

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Our Palm Sunday service will begin outside the church at 10:30am, and process inside with the Passion Narrative during the service.

There will Holy Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights April 6th, 7th, and 8th, beginning at 5:30pm. The Maundy Thursday service will begin at 5:30, with the foot washing service followed by the stripping of the Altar. The Good Friday service will be at noon, April 10th.

On Easter Sunday there will be a sunrise service, at 6:30am, and the regular Service at 10:30am.

St. Joseph's will take part in the community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th, to be held at the MERF house on Hwy 117. Notices will be posted around the community to show the time. All children in the community are invited to attend.

See You Sunday!



DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

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WATERFRONT
MENTONE MTN LAKE CABIN will be your favorite spot to get away from it all. Fishing from the rock, swimming in the river, lazily paddling a canoe, or just sunning on the stone patio. Stone cottage on E Fork Little River at Lake Lahusage, furnished w/just the right fishing lodge décor. 70' frontage. Massive mtn stone wood-burning Fpl; vaulted ceiling; HW floors. Great rental possibilities! No better buy on the lake. \$225,000. (16448)

Hello readers

Well, spring is finally under our feet!

This is the month for planting according to the national Arbor Day society. Alabama celebrates this tree-planting day the last week in February; however the national date is April 24. Arbor day was founded in 1872 by young lad who moved to Nebraska from Michigan finding very few trees in that state. Knowing the benefits for soil and shade and wind breaks, he began his quest with area folks on planting trees. His name was J. Sterling Morton. There are many small towns and large cities in Alabama that participate in this program each and every year. Lust a thought to ponder on while you enjoy your yard this year. By becoming a member they will send you ten trees to plant.

Please check it out at arborday.org or you can call 1-888-448-7337.

I want you all to know that I still prefer fall planting but spring is good too. When planting, remember to dig the hole wide not deep. The root system spreads out not down.

For you folks just moving to lookout mountain that would like to do some planting, please consider the October glory maple (great for quick shade and is fast growing) poplar tree (quick growing shade tree) and don't forget our evergreens which provide many benefits for birds throughout the cold

months and help with wind block.

This leads us to also looking at our current trees for pest and diseases. It is very important to remove or treat trees that could further damage surrounding trees and plants in our yards and forest. Pine beetles have hit our pine trees very hard. A couple of things to look for are pines fading in color or needles turning red in color could be sign of pine beetle activity.

It is also important to look up at this time of the year for broken limbs and branches. The bigger the tree the more damage these loose and falling limbs can cause to people and structures.

Spring is a perfect time of year to give back to mother nature (what so many have taken away) if we all pitch in just a little we can put back some of what has been lost.

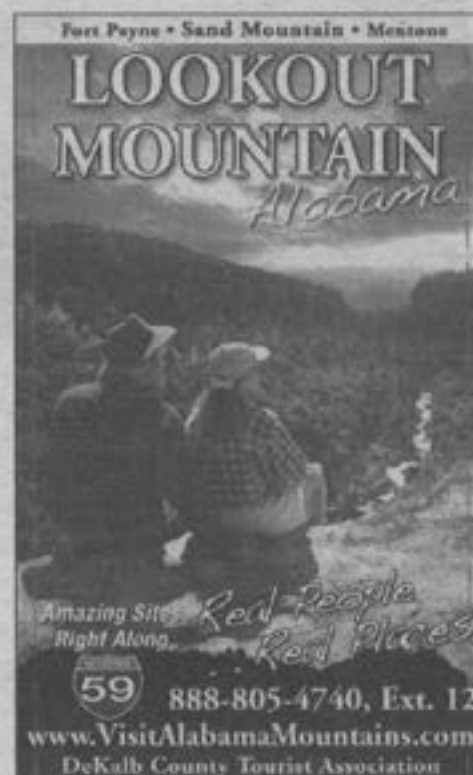
So don't be just a stick in the mud get out and do something. Plant a tree for Arbor Day!

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Tiger Lily

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

On March 21, at Tiger Lily's grand opening, families milled about to check out the florist, catering, gift shop. They started out as lookers but quickly became shoppers. I found several can't-live-without items.

Located in the strip shopping center adjacent to Sonic, Tiger Lily has a number of services for weddings with a gift registry, exquisite food and floral presentations but there is so much more.

For aficionados of the food network that are too timid to try some of those appealing dishes from scratch, there is a large array of sauces, preserves and mixes from the Barefoot Contessa and Paula Deen. There's even a Barefoot Contessa gift set that includes a pan, spatula and mix that would be perfect for a wedding gift. There is also a line of Barefoot Contessa flavored coffee.

Other mixes include Laurie's dip mixes, pie mixes and bar mixes. Snacks that are ready to eat consist of cheese wafers and a variety of Priester's nuts.

An attractive display of Easter items covers a table near the entrance. An upright wooden bunny sits among soft fluffy bunnies that are comforting and cuddly. That dark wooden bunny looks like the chocolate bunny that you know you shouldn't eat and lasts a lot longer. You can find all things Easter for all ages.

A line of scent-



ed potpourri or creams and lotions can add fragrance to your life. Portfolios and note card sets with initials make a cute gift for a friend or yourself. (The portfolio was one of my must have items. I'm sure that I'll be a much better writer when I take notes in my new portfolio that's graced with a large C.)

For sports fans, there is an Alabama and Auburn corner strategically placed across the room from each other full of items that declare your allegiance to your favorite team.

An avid collector or those who want to begin a collection will enjoy the extensive line of Jim Shore collectibles that are encased in an attractive wooden display case near the back of the store.

If you missed the grand opening, owner Slade Carden and his competent friendly staff would like to invite you to come by and check them out for your wedding or gift buying

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Remembering Clyde L. Tallent

by Evelyn Graves

In reference to last month's obituary and tribute to Clyde L. Tallent, Mrs. Olive Jones of Cloudmont Resort, telephoned to express her sadness at Clyde's passing and to give this information.

She said that when Clyde first began her career as hardresser at Edna's Beauty Shop in Valley Head, she (Mrs. Jones) was Clyde's first customer and they developed a strong friendship that lasted through the years, and in August, 2008, Clyde did her hair for the last time. She was Clyde's first and last customer.

Mrs. Jones also stated that Clyde did a lot to help other people. She made beautiful dolls which she gave away.

Mrs. Jones remembers Clyde with a great deal of fondness and extends to the family her condolences.



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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Linda Brown, Secretary

Members of the Rhododendron Garden Club never know what to expect when they come to a meeting. The meeting began in the usual way on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. President, Dianne Kuehl, opened the meeting and Jill Whitten led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America. Dianne and Jill served refreshments from a table decorated for St. Patrick's Day.

Vice President, Peggy Roark introduced her husband, Tom Roark. Tom is a Master Gardener and a lover of plants. Tom gave each member a kit, which contained a flowerpot, a saucer to set the pot in, some potting soil and a used dryer sheet. He then informed the members how to use these items to propagate a flowering cactus. The members were instructed to first put the used dryer sheet in the bottom of the pot, this would catch any dirt that might fall through the hole in the pot. Then they filled the pot with soil. Tom had brought a large cactus from home and instructed the members to cut sections from the tip of the plant and insert them in the soil. He stated that six or seven cuttings usually fill the

pot. Each member took her cactus home where it will be kept in a partially sunny spot and watered every three to four days. It is to be carried back to the club meeting in November and someone will carry them to the shut-ins in the area. This is to fill the requirement of a Garden Therapy project for the club.

The business meeting reconvened. The usual items of business were taken care of. Martha Wood, Horticulture Chair, showed some daffodils, which are blooming now. She explained the qualifications that one would have to have to be entered in a flower show. Jan Wilkinson, Conservation Chair, urged everyone to eat what is in season and to look at the books on gardening in the Moon Lake Community Library.

The door prize was awarded to Margaret Baker.

Next meeting: April 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the M.E.R.F Community House. The members will clean the Heritage Garden, which is the yard of the Community House.

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ELIJAH, PROPHET OF FIRE

by John S. Whitaker

TIME: about 890 B.C.

As Ira awoke from his sleep, he looked into the yard to see what his father, Ahir, was doing. "Father," he called, "is there any sign of rain today?" "No, Ira," Ahir replied. "There's no pink in the sky, it's clear and hot-looking, just like the past three and one-half years." Then Ira asked, "Father, when will the drought be over?" "Well, son," he said, "I don't know. The great prophet Elijah has prayed for our nation to turn back to Jehovah, but it seems so useless." "And who is Jehovah?" Ira asked. "Well, son, he's the god of our forefathers, the one who led them from Egyptian slavery. And then he helped them to conquer this land, Canaan, in which we now live. He is the only true God." "Well, Father, if Jehovah is the true God, why do our people worship Baal?" asked the inquiring lad. "That, son, is the fault of our king, King Ahab," he replied. "King Ahab married Princess Jezebel, a Sidonian (Sidonian), not even an Israelite. She has brought this terrible god, Baal, to our nation, and it's going to bring our complete downfall. Not only that, he has built an altar to Baal, the grove-goddess-wife of Baal. There seems to be no limit to the evil of our king." Just then Ahir saw a crowd of people coming toward them, and the group was being led by King Ahab himself and the prophet Elijah. A friend in the group, Benjamin, told Ahir there was going to be a contest on Mount Carmel. "Hurry up and join with us. You don't want to miss this!" urged Benjamin.

Ahir and little Ira fell in place behind the crowd as they started up the mountain. "What could it all mean? A contest between Jehovah and Baal? How could it be?" thought Ira.

Far up on the slope of Mt. Carmel there was an indentation on the mount, large enough for all the crowd to observe the contest.

Stepping forward Elijah challenged the people: "Why do you hesitate to serve Jehovah? Serve the one true God."

Elijah then directed the prophets of Baal. "Place your sacrifice on the altar but put no fire under it. Then if your god Baal sends fire to consume the sacrifice, he will be the true God. Take your turn first, then I'll follow you."

Little Ira spoke to his father, "Father, look at the prophets of Baal; there are so many of them."

"Yes, son, about four hundred fifty total. But it doesn't matter; one with Jehovah is a majority," said Ahir.

Ira saw a huge statue of a bull near the altar. This was the god Baal. He was the sun-god. Near the idol were huge clay jars, jars to hold the bodies of infants who would be offered in sacrifice to the false god.

It was the time of the morning sacrifice, about 9 a.m. But no fire fell. At noon Elijah mocked the false prophets. "Call louder! Maybe he's busy! Maybe he's gone hunting or taking a nap!" But no fire fell.

At the time of the evening sacrifice, 3 p.m., Elijah stepped out. First, he repaired the broken altar, once erected to Jehovah, but now battered down. He took twelve stones, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. He put the wood on the altar and laid the slain bullock upon the wood. Twelve barrels of water were poured upon the sacrifice. (There would be no tricks.) Ira saw Elijah kneel upon the ground and pray a sixty-three word prayer. (Ira wished

to be nearer the great prophet.) Then Ira saw it: fire fell from heaven, consumed the sacrifice, the wood, the altar, and licked up the water around the altar!

Ira shouted, "Jehovah wins! Jehovah wins!"

This was the turning point in Israel's history. Now the nation had been saved from total spiritual collapse. Everyone fell to the ground except Ahab and his false prophets. They worshipped the one true God.

There was more work for the prophet. Ira saw the venerable prophet pray a seven-fold prayer, with faith building with each prayer until the rain came.

Ira felt the cool rain pelt his face. What a welcome relief!

He saw Elijah gird up his garment to outrace Ahab's regal chariot to the city of Jezreel. (He learned this later.)

Ira and Ahir were soaked to the skin by the time they got home, but it didn't matter. What a day! What a day!

EPILOGUE

Elijah thought the nation would turn back to Jehovah en masse; but no, it didn't happen. Queen Jezebel sent a message to Elijah that she was going to kill him. He is aptly described as a man "subject to like passion as we are," (James 5:17). The blue-colored monster of discouragement seized him; he wanted to die, and he felt that no one else was serving Jehovah. However, when he came to Mt. Horeb, God taught him a great lesson. God spoke in a still, small voice and dispelled all his despondency. There were seven thousand who had not bowed in worship to Baal; this was God's revelation to Elijah.

The depravity of Ahab and Jezebel reached a new level when they had Naboth murdered. Naboth refused to sell his vineyard to Ahab,

so Jezebel had him stoned to death on false charges. However, as Ahab was walking in the vineyard, there stood Elijah; and he proclaimed, "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Ahab shall dogs lick your blood. And the dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel," (1 Kings 21:19, 23). And in the process of time, the two prophecies were fulfilled exactly as spoken by Elijah.

The end of Elijah's ministry was nearing. As he came to the Jordan River, he struck the waters with his mantle; the waters parted, and he and Elisha walked across on dry ground. Suddenly, there came a heavenly chariot of fire pulled by horses of fire. The chariot separated the two prophets; Elijah stepped onto the chariot and was carried by a whirlwind into heaven. What a way to go home!

In the closing verses of the Old Testament (Malachi 4:5,6) God promised to send the prophet Elijah, who would bring a revival to the nation of Israel so the people could better respond to the Messiah. The prophecy was fulfilled by John the Baptist (Matthew 17:12,13), who even dressed somewhat like Elijah; his rainment was of camel's hair and a leather girdle about his loins.

Nevertheless, God was not finished with the old prophet. About 850 years later, Moses and Elijah appeared on the mount of transfiguration and talked to the Lord Jesus "of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). It seems fitting that the two, Moses representing the law with all its types and symbols; and Elijah representing the many prophets who foresaw the Lord Jesus, should make this appearance.

Let us remember this great prophet, Elijah, (1) for his faith in Jehovah God, (2) for his obedience to God, and (3) for his great example in prayer.

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BAD TRIP

John Baty

That pretty spring day this past week stirred some need to till and plant and nurture, and I tried the tiller. It cranked, right off.

I had bought two sacks (brown paper bags) of seed potatoes, one red, one white. She likes white, I red. Typical so far.

I tilled the ground for two rows, made a furrow in each. I put the pocketknife to the taters, halving each. An impulse to drop one white, one red, one white - almost overwhelmed me, then I remembered the admonition from the distant past: "place thou each unto its kind ..."

After raking the soil over the seed, I somehow got the tiller back into the shed. As I showered and held the doorknob to get my foot into my pants leg, I noticed that something wasn't exactly right about my low back. As I went to bed that night, I commented that my work had made me some stiff.

It must have been about 2:00 A.M. that I was dreaming: These little men, you know, each with a spear or something, were gouging me in the back. I awoke and discovered I couldn't get out of bed in any conventional way. When I did get on my feet I realized that I was in trouble. I had heard people speak of back pain and remembered saying sympathetically: Yeah, I know. ... I didn't know.

She volunteered to haul me for an x-ray. The doctor said that there were the usual spurs and indicators of old age but nothing was seriously out of alignment. I said, "then there is nothing perpendicular in there?"

"Right," she said. She told the nurse to bring a pill and a cup of water. I started to write "pretty nurse," but then considered that I didn't know just how she looked.

About half way home, I began to develop a little hope.

Today my mind has kept leaving each subject before there was any, well, closure, and jumping to a new subject. The back was still very sore but I could walk around fairly good. I was trying to stop an old guitar from buzzing when the volume was turned up when she said there was a man out front wanted to see me.

I dropped the task I was working on and eased into the front room.

The fellow had on a nice suit with tie and all, so I sized him up as being something of a conservative, or maybe a reactionary. The dress is mostly reserved for

very important people like Obama and preachers and undertakers and such like these days. Or that's what I've heard.

He came in and enthusiastically gave his name, I can't remember what it was though, but not an old DeKalb name. No matter.

He wanted to talk about the Universe and how he said it was so big and had been here, sort of constant and steady since it was designed. He waved his arms around and spoke of a great architect, or designer.

My mind must still have been jumping from one image to another, because I said: "I think I see what you are saying. This Universe thing and the designer is sorta like the flip side of the egg. Back there before, even, the birds and the bees, there was this little person, homunculus, in every egg and in that little person was an egg which contained a little person and on and on until too little to think about. I said that when I tried to look down the long line of little people to see the end, it got like a railroad which gets smaller and smaller until it just disappears.

The teacher back there in high school, I said, tried to tell us about something she called infinity. But I couldn't think about numbers but just so far out then it just vanished. Same on the big end. If I look at a rock, then a mountain, then a Solar System, then a galaxy, then a hundred billion galaxies, it all just swallows me up and when I open my eyes I see the same rock. I like to think about things I can see; with my eyes, then with my mind, then with my imagination. But I have to be kerful. Some of that last, you know, 'taint there.

Take a thing like a "basket case." Now somebody had to design the basket before there could be a case.

Notwithstanding other uses of the word, "basket" in this case being a piece of art made of splints of wood from a Gum tree. Now no one would argue that the basket had a designer and that the designer got the idea from some other designer and he/she from ... and we are right back in the Homunculus mess.

"What I think," I told the feller, "is that when we try too hard to peer into the unknown, our sense of right and wrong and size and importance grows dim and finally just peters out. That is when some people start seeing things 'taint there, and hearing voices which are not speaking. Then they start killing other people and calling them names like Infidels, and other, such like.

I guess he was in a hurry, because he looked at his watch and told me to "have a good day."

And my back is getting better.

THE TOWN OF MENTONE WILL HAVE AN ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY SATURDAY, MAY 2, FROM 10AM TO 2PM AT THE TOWN HALL. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT FOR TELEVISIONS—\$10 PER TV. BELOW IS A LIST OF ACCEPTED ITEMS, AND ALSO UNACCEPTED ITEMS.

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The Valley Head Band will be sponsoring the 2009 Miss Spring Fantasy Pageant Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. The pageant is open to school-aged students from Valley Head School and Moonlake School only. Contestants from birth to pre-school age can be from anywhere. Registration for the pageant is \$35, and \$10.00 for photogenic. Entry forms must be received by Monday, May 4, 2009. Contact Band Director Matt Dobbs or Anna Murphree at Valley Head School, 635-6228, for more information or entry forms.

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The above picture is similar to the style and shape Gazebo that will be built in Mason Park except the actual structure will be wood.

Mason Park Gazebo!

For years it has been discussed among people and organizations that there needed to be some sort of structure in Mason Park for the community and visitors alike to be able to enjoy while spending time in the park. It now seems that the hopes for this will soon become a reality in the form of a Gazebo.

In 2006 after trying to find the "right spot" for Ms. Paula and the Moon Lake School students to stand and sing Christmas carols at the annual "Celebration of Lights" in Mason Park, it was strongly discussed that the Mentone Christmas Decoration Committee would start a Gazebo Fund in conjunction with the Christmas Decorations Fund.

In 2007, \$1,050.00 in donations were received in the Gazebo Fund. In 2008, We received \$535.00 towards the construction. Realizing the we were going to need help with this project, we decided to ask the MAPA Organization for a donation to help with the Gazebo. The members voted to help with the building of the Gazebo and a Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 was earmarked for this purpose. The Grant came from the Alabama Historical Commission. We will actually be receiving \$4,500.00 due to the 10% cutbacks on all grants by Governor Riley's Office. We are totally grateful for any amount available to help with the Gazebo project. The funds from the Grant will be arriving quarterly from the Historical Commission. An individual account has been set up for the Gazebo fund.

We want to especially thank Senator Lowell Barron for helping MAPA obtain this grant so they could help us with this Gazebo. When the Gazebo is completed a plaque will be placed on or near the Gazebo in memory of Bernice Crowe. Bernice, A long time resident of Mentone and a founding member of the MAPA Organization, along with her husband, Homer Crowe whose family were pioneers in Mentone. Before her death, Bernice wrote a monthly column for the Groundhog and included how much she loved Mentone and how much she loved to look at all the flowers, trees, birds and her surroundings. It just seemed "fitting" that she be remembered in this way.

With the donations already received, as of this date there is \$2,835.00 in the Gazebo Fund, but we will still be in need of additional funds to complete the Gazebo. It will also need to be wired for electricity. We are hoping to have the Gazebo completed before the end of Summer 2009, so we can combine the wiring of the Gazebo and Mason Park for the Christmas light displays at the same time.

We are in the process of taking bids for the construction of the Gazebo and also are looking into the possibility of getting volunteers to donate their time to help with the building of it to save money. If you would like to be a part of this project for the Town of Mentone, please send your tax deductible donation to:

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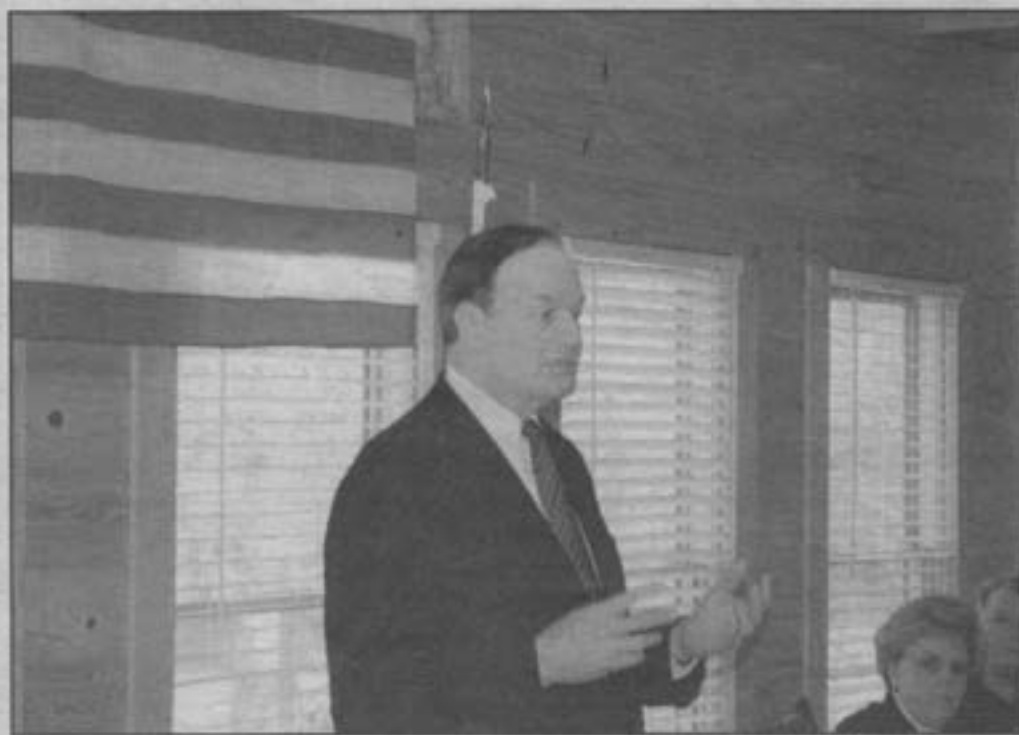
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For more information contact Gail Chambers at: 634-4507. Thank You!

Sen. Shelby visits Camp Skyline

U. S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) was at Camp Skyline in Mentone on March 7 for his annual visit to DeKalb County. Lunch was served to approximately 60 guests courtesy of the Lookout Mountain Camp Association. Mentone council member Wesley Griffith gave the invocation and Senator Shelby was introduced by Mentone Mayor Rob Hammond. Other public officials in attendance were District Attorney Mike O'Dell, Brandt Craig, DeKalb County Commission, Mayor Kenneth Hammond, Valley Head; Mayor Bill Jordan, Ft. Payne; and Earl Lacey, council member Henagar.

After the Senator's opening remarks, he opened the floor to questions and comments from those in attendance for over an hour. "Over the years, these meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for area residents to listen and voice their opinions on the activities of our government," said Shelby.



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