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450 mile yard sale Aug. 19-22 important to many organizations

Residents, shop keepers, and many others--non-profit organizations included--located all along the Lookout Mountain Parkway are gearing up for the 14th Annual World's Longest Yard Sale. Scheduled to begin Thursday, August 19, and go through Sunday, the 22nd, the route travels along 100 miles of the Lookout Mountain Parkway from Gadsden, AL, to Chattanooga, TN. It continues from there along the U.S. 127 Corridor to Covington, KY, and crosses the river into Cincinnati, OH.

Thousands of buyers are traveling this 450 mile stretch to participate in the yard sale. Treasures of all kinds can be found: antiques, collectibles, furniture, dish-ware, garden fresh produce, quilts, crafts, and anything else you could imagine. Food vendors will also be set up in some locations and several communities along the way have organized entertainment for this weekend.

This year, in Mentone, besides all the merchants in the Log Cabin Village and on the Square and throughout town, there will be several non-profit organizations participating in the sale to raise money for worthy projects. Local churches will have items on display along the Lookout Mountain Parkway. Also, the Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA) and The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department (Volunteer Fire Department) in the Mentone area will have booths. As a result of the cancellation of the Rhododendron Festival in May, the yard sale is very important to these organizations.

MAPA, whose main purpose is to preserve and protect the heritage, natural environment, and other unique qualities of life in the Mentone area, is chartered as a non-profit organization by the State of Alabama. The articles about its involvement in the yard sale can be found on page two and the back page. The MAPA booth will be set up on Ala. Hwy 117 in the parking area between Dessie's Kountry Chef and the Fire Hall. There will be Mentone souvenirs, such as tags (\$6) and magnets (\$1),



Sign in front of North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall on Hwy 117 in Mentone. Of the \$50,000 goal, \$13,109.66 has been received toward the Newer Truck Fund. Won't you help them go past their goal?

and other items for sale. A replica of the tags and magnets can be found in this issue.

The Volunteer Fire Department, also a non-profit organization, has established a newer truck fund. A total of \$13,109.66 has been raised toward the \$50,000 goal. The picture on this page was taken in May, so the reading on the sign in the photo is not accurate. They are trying to raise money for the truck and also for the operating expenses. Their article can be found on page 14.

The Volunteer Fire Department is asking for help to push the red out of the top of the bulb past their goal of \$50,000. All donations, small or large, are greatly needed and appreciated. The Fire Department is desperately in need of this newer, more efficient model truck, so it can assure the surrounding community of a better quali-

ty of fire protection.

The Volunteer Fire Department will hold a combination bake and yard sale during the days of August 19, 20, and 21. They are asking for donations of gently-used items for the sale. If you have items to be dropped off at the fire hall or need large items picked up, please call 634-4507. Barbecue plates and sandwiches, hot dogs, and cold drinks will be sold at the fire hall on the days of the sale.

Anyone can participate as a vendor in the yard sale. If you do not live along the yard sale route, but want to set up a booth, just make sure you get permission from the landowner to use the property. Businesses and organizations with space available are usually glad to let you use their land. Some may charge a small fee, others not. It is for those attending the yard sale. So, don't be too quick to shy away from a space thinking it will be too crowded. If you want to sell food items, such as grilled hamburgers, barbecue, hot dogs, or other foods, you will need to obtain a permit from the health department.

If you need information about vendor space, you may call the DeKalb Tourist Association at 256-845-3957, or email them at patty@peop.tdsnet.com; or find them on the internet at www.hsv.tis.net/~dekbtour. See their ad on the back page of this issue.

If you like yard sales, this is one that can't be missed. It is just a matter of finding a starting point and working your way back home.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Tuesday, August 2, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting, Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Monday, August 9, 7 p.m. (Second Monday) Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
NOTE: This is a change from the first Monday regular meeting night.
- Wednesday, August 11, 1st DAY OF SCHOOL

- Tuesday, August 10, 7 p.m. American Legion Meeting, American Legion Hall, Mentone
- August 19, 20, 21, 22 - World's Longest Yard Sale (See articles throughout paper.)

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The deadline for all material for The Groundhog is the **15TH DAY OF THE MONTH** preceding publication. The Groundhog is due out by the end of each month.

--PUBLIC NOTICE--

MENTONE PLANNING
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews



MAPA picnic on the brow, July 6, 1999

(photos submitted by Bernise Crow)

Ominous looking weather and a misunderstanding regarding time did not keep everyone from enjoying our July meeting picnic. There were lots of good food and conversation and everyone seemed to enjoy both. Hopefully, our three guests, Nancy Chambers, Coy Crowe, and Mackey Randall, enjoyed being with us enough that they will decide to join MAPA. We certainly enjoyed having them. We did take time to make a few announcements, but otherwise, we all enjoyed visiting and eating. (See pictures on this page.)

Dessie Newberry has finished our MAPA yearbooks and they were available at the picnic. She put a lot of work into them, which we really appreciate. If you missed yours, we will have them at the next meeting or you can contact Dessie or me. She also had our souvenir refrigerator magnets, which we are selling for \$1.00 each. They are available in three different colors and feature our Groundhog emblem. Since the meeting, our souvenir car tags have arrived, and we are sell-

ing those for \$6.00. There is choice of green or red and they have a really nice design of the moon coming over the mountains. We are offering both items to the local merchants, and we have a plan which will allow them to be sold at the same price no matter where they are offered to the public. We plan to contact the merchants, but if you are interested before we get to see you, please let us know. We hope this will give you an inexpensive memento to offer your customers. (See copies of these two items below.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank MAPA members who are serving as chairpersons this year: Ruby Brock, Devotions; Dorothy Crowe, Programs; Dessie Newberry, chairperson, and Huey Mathews, co-chairperson, Yard Sale; Betty Bain, Colorfest; Sherman Gough, Adopt-a-mile; Bernise Crow, Membership; Mickey Gough, Christmas activities; Rick Chapman, Budget. I appreciate each of you accepting these responsibilities.

We are still accepting donations for the 450-mile Yard Sale. There is someone in the MAPA office from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Saturday morning until the sale. For details, look for our ad on the back page of this issue. We really appreciate all the items which have been donated so far.

If you are not a member of MAPA and are interested in joining, please contact one of the officers. If you are a member and not attending meetings, I would like to urge you to come meet with us. We can always use your support.



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(3) **BUILT IN ORIGINAL CLOUDLAND HOME**. 2 story, Upstairs, being a Large Living room with bath. Downstairs 2 Bdrm, bath, living w/fireplace, and Kitchen. All new wiring. City Water. \$48,900. \$65,900



(4) **ADORABLE FURNISHED COTTAGE, MENTONE**. 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Pine Floors, Rock Fireplace, 2 wooded lots. Just bring your overnight bag, and stay awhile. Located on Hwy 117, Downtown Mentone. \$78,500.



(5) **EAST BROW, CLOUDLAND, GA.** What a view from these 2 to 3 acre lots located off Hwy 157 North. Rock formations, wooded, private with 100 to 250 ft. of breath-taking edge of the world view. Starting at \$32,000. Owner financing.



(6) **WONDERFUL FARMHOUSE** with 4 acres, garden area, two outbuildings, on paved road, Mentone. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large country kitchen for canning and a cellar for storing. \$48,500.



(7) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY**. 100x300 ft lots on the East Fork Little River. Secluded and Scenic. \$10,000 each. **ALSO AVAILABLE:** 3 acre tracts-EAST FORK OF LITTLE RIVER, secluded, with natural deep swimming hole and rapids. Wild and Scenic beauty surrounds you. \$30,000 each.



(8) **COTTAGE ON LAKE LANUSAGE**. Furnished, Rustic 3 Bdrm 1 Bath, Fireplace, 2 decks and Screened Porch. All appliances. Also Efficiency apartment above Garage. Creek on the West Boundary. A unique structure with lots of Mountain Stone Accents. \$25,000.



(9) **MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES** Phase 1 & 2 now open. 3 to 5 acre tracts on the middle Fork of Little River. Located off Lookout Mountain Parkway, 4 miles from downtown Mentone and 2 miles from the Ga. line. River front tracts starting at \$25,000.



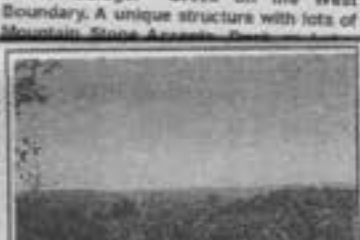
(10) **PICTURE YOURSELF ON THE COVERED PORCH**, overlooking the large pond stocked with fish, small creek lined with perennial beds, and immaculate 2 Bdrm 2 bath cedar home with C/H.A, large open Living and Kitchen, with all updated.



(11) **ADIRONDACK STYLE (1900'S) LOG LODGE** sitting on 2 private acres in downtown Mentone. Complete with Dog Trot separating the Kitchen with Fireplace and Living Area with Fireplace. Unique 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Screened Breezeways, and Porches. Wood Floors, and Tin Roof. Separate Guest Cottage. City Water, along with Hand pump Well. Step back in time with this One-of-a-kind FURNISHED HOME. \$225,000.



(12) **50 ACRES LOCATED IN CLOUDLAND, GA.** Great Farm with 20x40 Barn, Large Workshop, 3 outbuildings, Garage, 4 wells, year around spring, 3 garden areas, Grape Arbors, Approx. 5 acres cleared. Beautiful Hardwoods. 12x70 Mobile Home with Rock Foundation. Many more amenities. \$165,000. Show by APPT. Only.



(13) **INDIAN TRAILS** over 3 acre tracts on the highest point on the Brow overlooking North Fort Payne valley, to the Cumberland Plateau. City water available, access to and overlooking private lakes. Private access. Off Citadel Rock Rd. Restrictive covenants. \$38,000 each.



(14) **IMMEDIATE POSSESSION** - Reduced to \$89,000. Listen to the rain dancing on the Tin Roof of this 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath Cottage, wood parquet floors, Fir Siding, Garage, and 3.8 Wooded Acres. Located on C.R. 106, Mentone.



(15) **THE BIG WOODS, EAST FORK RIVER**. 75 acres M/L available with access from Paved Road, and County Water. Over 600 ft. of River, 3 springs, wet weather cascading water fall. Also, part of the Historical Dinky Line Railway. \$248,000.



(16) **BROW, BROW, MENTONE**. Approximately 3 acres with 300 ft. of view frontage. Property is on the West (sunset) on Desoto Parkway. City Water available. Great Location. \$30,000.



(17) **HIGHWAY 117S MENTONE**. Older Home, Large Live-in Bdrm, Bath with Walk-in Shower. 38x24 Living Room, Central heat, Two rooms in Basement, Detached Garage, City Water. Over 1 acre with Spring. \$48,000.

OTHER PROPERTIES

(18) **20 ACRES** Wooded with Springs, Hollows, and Rock formations. Located on Co. Rd. 633, Mentone. \$49,000. Also available 10 acres and up ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per acre. Owner financing to qualified.

(19) **DESOTO PARKWAY - (LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PARKWAY)** 1.5 acres M/L, wooded, city water and natural gas available. Minutes from State Park and Fort Payne. \$10,500.

(20) **OAKWOOD ESTATES** - 3 plus acre wooded and Pasture tracts available. Located in Mentone, County Road 106. Restrictive Covenants. For permanent or Vacation Residential Homes. \$12,500 each.

(21) **FOR RENT**, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, cabin in Downtown Mentone by the week or weekend. Also 1 bedroom, 1 bath, Log Cabin, fireplace and large screened porch. Call for info, Angela Wood (1-888-256-1276)

(22) **WOODED MOBILE HOME LOT**, on Lookout Mountain, Road frontage (County Rd. 103), Cherokee County, AL \$5,000. City Water available.

(23) **ALPINE AREA, RIVERSIDE DR.** 2 WEST FORK Riverview lots, city water available. Access to deep water for canoeing. \$45,000.

(24) **LAUREL CREEK LAKES SUBDIVISION**. Wooded lots starting at \$2,500. Lakeside (2 left) and pasture lots (2 left) starting at \$12,500. Mentone area, County Road 106. Common areas for hiking and fishing Restrictive covenants. Owner financing available.

(25) **R. Lee Crow Subdivision** - 8 lots (approx. 4 acres) UNRESTRICTED, with Lake frontage. City water available. \$16,000.

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Continue to keep the following on your prayer lists: Mae Shigley, Kathryn Jones and Herman Jones, Rev. Dennis Mays. Also, please keep Arline Fowler in your prayers, she is at Crowne Nursing Home.

Gerry Disney is recovering at home from her fall and broken bones. We continue to wish her a complete recovery.

Dr. Fernandez at the DeKalb Clinic, Valley Head, will be opening full-time August 2. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lunch from 12 to 1:30.

Lucille Crowe accompanied her son, Leroy and wife Joanne to South Dakota the day after the Crow reunion at Little River Church, to visit her son, Olin Crowe and family.

Congratulations to all the big money winners in the Valley Head Athletic Club Fund Raiser. All the money raised from the sale of the tickets will go to help fund athletics.

Happy Belated Birthday to Nellie Croley, whose birthday was July 14. Her only brother, who is from GA, visited her this week.

Jane Meadows of Orange Beach, AL, has recently had a malignancy removed. Her friends, Hope and George Walker, reported that she is in good spirits. Jane sent a note to Gerry and Ed Disney of Nippersink that she is also recovering from her kneecap surgery she had five weeks ago. Her husband, Epp, has been taking good care of her. Your friends send you their best wishes for a speedy recovery, Jane.

Repeating the good news about the Mentone Inn. They plan to reopen it about September 1st. Daisy Elliott from Good Hope will be the manager. Michael and Sara Campbell, the new owners of the Mentone Inn, are looking forward to the Inn being back in the Bed and Breakfast business. drive by, look what has been done on the store. Produce will be sold along with other items. You can sit on the front porch, in rocking chairs and chat with each other, before you make your purchases, or after.

Mary Louise Holleman has not been feeling well and has recently had surgery. Please remember her in your prayers.

Ralph Deleagarza is feeling much better after a short stay in the hospital with pancreatitis. We are all happy to hear he is back home and on the mend.

Ann and Rodney Pelletier, along with their boys, Justin and Jerod, visited her parents, Doys and Sharlie Harcrow, on the weekend of July 4th. Ann and Rodney had to return back home to Missouri, but the boys will be spending the summer with Doys and Sharlie.

Beth Moore and cousin, Jaime Carter, spent a week in Pensacola. After a few problems with hotel reservations, they ended up having a good time.

Dennis, Sherrel, Ethan and Trevor Lewis spent a week in Pensacola, FL. We hope they had a wonderful time.

The Valley Head Marching Band will begin their Band Camp July 26 through July 30. During the week, the members will learn their new half-time show to be performed this season. The members of the band work hard and appreciate your support.

Jean Gauld is back from her trip to Austria to minister to the unchurched. She said the Alps are absolutely gorgeous and her work there was very successful. She stepped out in faith, and the Lord rewarded her in her efforts. It took great faith and courage to do this ministry in a foreign country.

Thanks to the friends who have been supplying me with vegetables from their gardens. Nellie Croley, Bobbie and John Smith, and Hope and George Walker. Thank you from the bottom of my heart (and stomach!).

Speaking of vegetables, Mentone Mayor Max Cash said that his brother, Edmund Cash, came by his house and brought a tomato that weighed a little more than two pounds, and he had another one that weighed a pound and a half!

On August 7, from 2 PM - 4 PM, there will be a bridal shower at the American Legion Hall in Mentone for Kevin and

Mays named a 'Paul Harris Fellow'



Times-Journal photo by Ben Shurett
Rev. Dennis Mays, left, was accorded Rotary International's highest honor Tuesday, as he was named a "Paul Harris Fellow." The award, named for the founder of Rotary clubs, was presented by Jon Shugart, right. Mays, a retired Methodist minister, is a past president of the Fort Payne club.

Mandy Cash who were married on May 22 in Gatlinburg, TN. All her friends are invited to attend the shower.

Juanita Galloway is slowly improving from a recent illness that has affected her for the past three months. Brother, Gary, in last month's issue on the Grapevine II page, there was an article about James Wells (11) and Greg Hawkins (17) who had been chosen from DeKalb County to be part of the Roberto Clemente All-Stars baseball program. James will be going to Puerto Rico from Aug. 1-7. He is in need of funds to help him make this trip. His cousin, Greg Hawkins, will be going to Puerto Rico from Aug. 8-14. Both boys are trying to raise funds to go to this once-in-a-lifetime event for them. Please support them and help them make this trip.

Congratulations to young weather artist, Robert Kouhle, 9, of Valley Head, whose drawing appeared in the Times-Journal on June 30.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

•Mrs. Faye Smith, 66, Sylvania, 6/29

•Mrs. Fena T. Smith, 85, Mentone, 7/3

At the July 29 meeting of the DeKalb County Board of Education, Superintendent Richard Land will present proposed revisions to the county's Code of Student Conduct and Student Handbook. The revisions include a proposed dress code policy, so be watching for notification of any changes that may affect the buying of clothing and supplies for the upcoming school year.

Congratulations to the following: *Terri Elisa Gorman of Mentone. She was among 165 students awarded doctor of medicine degrees at UAB commencement ceremonies recently. Dr. Gorman, daughter of Michel L. Dixon of El Centro, CA, and Dee B. Kelley of Douglasville, GA, is serving a residency in pediatrics at St. Louis Children's Hospital in St. Louis. *Jeffrey Randall Cole, the son of Judge and Mrs. Randall L. Cole, graduated from Birmingham-Southern College with a bachelor of science degree. *Andrew Gregory Barker of Valley Head who was named to the spring quarter dean's list at LaGrange College in LaGrange, GA. Students who maintain a GPA of at least 3.6 while taking a minimum course load of 12 hours are eligible. Andrew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Barker.

Annette and Marshall Orr celebrated their 25th Anniversary (July 22) on July 19th, with a party given by Christine Orr.

Brenda and Benny Goss are going to be grandparents again. Jason and Angie are expecting, and they say it's going to be a boy!

The Ice Cream Parlor in Valley Head is now open Wed-Sat 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (hours subject to change). The party room is completed and is air-conditioned and ready to be used.

Happy August Birthdays/Anniversaries to: •1- Jessica Ivey (4), Dorothy Shelden, Las Cruces, NM (80); •2- Ginger Gray, Tricia Black; •3- Russell Pearson; •4- Kathleen Mitchell; •5- Hope Martin; •7- Jonathon Dean (16); •8- Marzee Painter; •9- Harry and Brenda Hopper, 28th anniv.; Daniel Smith (5); •10- Lisa Hartline; •12- John and Jennifer McGee (4th Anniv.); •13- Jim Stout; •14- Alan Black, Lowell McKenzie; •15- Chester Green, Robbie Collins; •16- Steve Black; •17- Buckshot (Ronnie McMahan), Jean Clark, Adelaide Biddle, Sandra Pruitt; •19- Summer Easler, Beth Whiserant, Herman & Kathryn Jones (66th Anniv.); •20- A.C. Windom; •21- Michelle (Chambers) Martin, Dale Shrader, Mrs. Eddie Langston, Annette Black; •22- Deborah Sharp, Amber Hall, Keith Langston, Berthell Moore, Annette and Marshall Orr (Anniv.); •23- Jimmy Hall, Brandon Whaley (10); •24- "Lightning" Goss (88), Nicole Hulan, Tom Harrison Sr., Laura and Dwayne McKenzie (Anniv.); •25- Brenda Hall; •26- Luke Crouch; •28- Patrick Conniff Murphy (3); •29- Kim and John Johnson (1st Anniv.); •31- Jaime Carter (22).

It's back-to-school time very soon: August 11 is the 1st day of school in DeKalb County. Please be watching out for students waiting for buses or walking to school. Remember, our children are our future. They are very precious to us all.

THEY'RE BACK! Please Drive Carefully.



- 1 Never pass a stopped bus when it is picking up or unloading children.
- 2 Watch for children in residential areas and around school zones.
- 3 Obey all speed limits, traffic lights and traffic guards.
- 4 Teach your child to ALWAYS look both ways before crossing, and to follow the instructions of the safety guard.
- 5 Very young children should be met at the school bus by a parent, neighbor or older sibling.
- 6 Make sure your child knows never to accept rides from strangers.

Kenneth Daniel Miller graduates from Alabama School of Mathematics and Science



Kenneth Daniel Miller

On June 7, 1999, Kenneth Daniel Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller of Mentone, graduated from the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science (ASMS) in Mobile. This is a public, residential tuition-free high school for juniors and seniors pursuing advanced studies in mathematics, science, and technology. The school is the center of excellence for mathematics and science education at the pre-collegiate level in the state of Alabama.

Ken earned an advanced diploma from the school. Attending the graduation ceremonies were his parents, Glenn and Linda Miller; his siblings, Curt, Keith, and Kara; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Miller and Mrs. Helen Yerkes, along with Pastor David Lee, and friends Cathie Crow and Allen Crow.

Ken was in the 7th graduating class of 108 students. Over a four-year period he will have earned \$32,000 in scholarships. Ken will be attending Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn., with a double major in Biblical studies and missions. His 1999 graduating class received \$6.2 million in scholarships--the most since the existence of the school. Ken's graduating class will attend college in 22 states in 53 colleges and universities.

While attending the school, Ken was involved in the following clubs: ASMS Reads-IV, Canoe Club-III, IV, History Archeology-III; Key Club-III, IV; SALT (ASMS Christian Club)-III, IV; ASMS Varsity Soccer-III; ASMS Varsity Cross Country Team-IV; and Environmental-IV.

Based on his ACT scores and an interview, Ken was selected to attend this fast-paced quarter-system school. For those who have never heard of the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science, here are a few facts.

Mission Statement: Students admitted to the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science are offered challenging educational programs contributing to their intellectual, social, physical and moral growth. Emphasizing mathematics and science, the supportive community of scholars is committed to creating an environment offering students the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to pursue and enhance their careers.

Goals: The Alabama School of Mathematics and Science seeks to provide an enriched and intensive educational experience for highly motivated, intellectually able young people of the state of Alabama. The residential context coupled with a liberal arts, mathemat-

ics, and science curriculum offers a unique experience which prepares young people to develop the skills and knowledge to assume future leadership roles in scientific research, business, industry, education and government. In addition, the school serves as an educational resource to teachers, students and individuals throughout the state.

General Information: Established in 1989 by an act of the state legislature, the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science is a comprehensive public high school with an instructional program designed to develop verbal, mathematical, scientific, written and critical thinking skills and provide learning opportunities in foreign languages, culture and history. With an advanced sequence of study in the sciences, mathematics, humanities and liberal arts, the educational environment is enhanced by the availability of computers, modern laboratory facilities, independent research, field trips and opportunities for special projects. The fine arts and music programs offer students an opportunity to discover and develop artistic talents.

Location: Situated in the Dauphin Way Historic District, the 13 acre campus has a 750 seat auditorium, cafeteria, swimming pool, weight room, racquetball court, bowling alley, gymnasium, athletic fields, modern dormitories and 9 well equipped laboratories. Located in Mobile, Alabama's second largest city, the school is an hour's drive from the beaches of the Gulf Coast.

Admission: Admission is selective. The Admission Selection Committee evaluates three areas: 1) academic, including achievement standardized test scores; 2) maturity, as evidenced in personal statements, recommendations and a personal interview; 3) achievement and activities, as demonstrated by involvement, contributions and leadership in school, community and/or religious organizations.

Faculty: A distinguished faculty includes accomplished professionals from various parts of the world. Nearly 70 percent hold the Ph.D. degree with extensive teaching and research experience. Strong professional preparation and experience coupled with wisdom, compassion, and dedication set the faculty apart. These qualities are essential in a high school where students are living away from home, mastering new educational and social challenges while working with equally gifted and motivated peers.

Course Selection and Placement: As of 1998, a sophomore and junior class has been added. Sophomores and Juniors are placed in courses based upon their record of previously completed courses and a series of placement examinations.

Costs: Students pay no tuition, room, book or boarding fees. The only fee incurred by a student's family is a \$100.00 activities fee paid each trimester and a \$100.00 security deposit. Local phone service is included in this fee.

If you feel your child would qualify, contact the school at 1255 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL 36604, or call Glenn or Linda Miller in Mentone. There are only twelve of these schools in the country.



Ransom Wilkinson graduates cum laude from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta



Ransom Wilkinson

On Saturday, June 19, 1999, Ransom Wilkinson graduated cum laude from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta. He will be taking the bar exam in August.

Mentone.

Congratulations, Ransom!



Christopher Glen Black

Christopher Glen Black celebrated his 3rd birthday on July 17 with a Scooby Doo Party. Guests included: Paw Paw & Maw Maw Black, Nana Bridger, Uncle Durrell & Aunt Lynn Owens, Aunt Lisa Moore, Ethan, Cody & Miranda Brown, Becky Taylor, & Logan Farmer, James, Hannah & Rachel Barton, Phyllis & Lorie Carter, babysitter Lorna Plenumens, and, of course, Dad & Mom, Chris & Denise. He received lots of gifts and ate hamburgers and hot-dogs from the grill.

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

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

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10 and 11 AM services and evening services will be at 7 and 9 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

The Mentone Revival Center and Pastor Alfred Chambers and his wife Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 6 PM. A change in the pastoral appointments will take place August 1, 1999. Rev. Charles Williams will be accepting this position. Rev. Williams is a member of the Church of God of Prophecy and to the many other people of Mentone who have made his appointment such a wonderful experience.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM and morning worship at 11 AM each Sunday. The Youth Choir meets at 5 PM on Sunday under the direction of David and Marcia Tucker. Discipleship Training is also at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM on Sunday. Youth Fellowship is after Evening Worship on the third Sunday of each month. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Adult Prayer Service is held and Youth Bible Studies and Children's Choir meet. July 26th - 30th from 6 PM-9PM is Vacation Bible School. The theme is Mount Extreme and promises to be an exciting Bible study. We are looking forward to a busy and fun summer at Moon Lake Baptist Church. Come and join us.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church-LCMS, 112 First Street, SW, Fort Payne, invites you to attend Sunday Worship at 8 AM, School at 9 AM, & Tuesday Bible Study at 6:30 PM.

Pastor Rev. Gerhard Grau invites the public to attend the Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland, which begins at 10 AM, (EST), and the Menlo service which begins at 11:15 AM (EST).

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

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, invites you to visit with us each Saturday morning. We are currently having services in the Woodman of the World Hall in Valley Head. Song Service & Sabbath School 9:30 - 10:45 AM; Worship Service - 11:00 - 12:00 Wednesday night Bible Study/Prayer meeting 6:30-7:30 PM. We've been having lots of outdoor picnics after services each week. Drop by and eat and fellowship with us. All are invited.

Mentone Wesleyan Church is committed to being a Bible teaching community church where all peoples of all races, social standing and diverse church backgrounds are welcomed and loved. Sunday School 10 AM, Worship Service 10:45 AM, Youth Ministry Sunday afternoon 4:30 PM, Bible Study Wednesday 7 PM.

The Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM, Evening Worship at 6 PM; and the Wednesday night prayer and Bible study. The church is still collecting cans to apply the proceeds on their building fund.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church services begin at 10 AM EST and 6 PM. Wednesday services are at 7 PM. Pastor James Braddy invites you to attend all of our services and a special invitation is extended to everyone to join our Saturday night singings. We always have a wonderful fellowship dinner at 6 PM followed by singing at 7 PM EST. Come with an open heart and you will certainly receive a blessing! We are a small country church with a big country welcome! We are located 2 miles behind the Lookout Restaurant in Cloudland. You may call 706-862-2651 for directions.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Pastor Linda Tucker invites everyone to attend. The new roof on the church really looks good. On Sunday, August 1, at 6 PM, Cedar Bluff UMC will conduct an old worship service, called a Love Feast. Pastor John Tucker and his congregation have invited the members of Mentone United provided by their church.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with Sunday School at 9:30 AM. Small groups meeting on Sun, Tues, and Wed nights. A "Super Saturday" event - a mini-Vacation Bible School with a circus theme, is planned for one Saturday each month. A prayer and praise service one Sunday night each month. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any of their events or services. Everyone is welcome.

Union Hill Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM, Worship is at 11 AM, Adult Choir practice is at 4:30 PM, Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, and Evening Worship is at 7 PM. Wednesday evening at 5 PM is Youth Choir practice. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing. A youth rally for youth of all denominations will be held August 19-20. For more information, call Karmen Smith, 256-997-9043.



Happy Birthday! Cecil Baty Turns 71!

On July 16, Mr. Cecil Baty turned 71 years old with a fine time at a dinner party given by Mrs. Marilyn Blanton Campbell at her home in the Baty Community at Mentone. On a hunter green tablecloth with a white lace overlay set with china, good stainless, and crystal, Marilyn served a semi-buffet style meal consisting of eye-of-the-round pot roast, lots of gravy, whipped potatoes, coleslaw, lima beans, onions, buttered carrots, and homemade biscuits with tea, coffee, sparkling cider, and red, as well as white, sparkling grape juice. Additional tables covered with white cloths comparably appointed were set up in the library to accommodate all the guests.

The birthday cake was chocolate layers with chocolate icing (Mr. Baty's favorite) decorated with cowboys and Indians (especially one of Mr. Baty's favorites) and featured 71 candles that took the whole family to light to say nothing of getting them blown out. After some rather discordant singing of "Happy Birthday" (and several never to light that many candles again) the cake was served with strawberry ice cream (Mr. Baty's favorite). Attending the party to help Mr. Baty celebrate this very special occasion were--remember, now, Marilyn lives in a little tiny house--Edward (Mr. Baty's oldest son) and Veronica Baty of Trenton, Georgia; Ricky (Mr. Baty's youngest son) and Colby (Mr. Baty's grandson and Ricky's son) and Tessie (Mr. Baty's granddaughter and Ricky's daughter) Baty of Mentone; Robin (Mr. Baty's granddaughter and Edward and Veronica's daughter) and Kelly Schrader of Trenton, Georgia; Linda Phillips (Mr. Baty's niece) of Section, Alabama; R. L. and Lynette Land (Mr. Baty's brother-in-law and his wife) of Rainsville, Alabama; Mrs. Jane Galloway of Mentone, and Gloria Hairston and Tex Freeman both of Adamsburg. With lots of talking and laughing, everybody in attendance seemed to have a wonderful time, and Mr. Baty received some nice presents, lots of cards, and many good wishes for his birthday and his continued good health. Mrs. Schrader made lots of pictures so that the moment could be preserved for future enjoyment.



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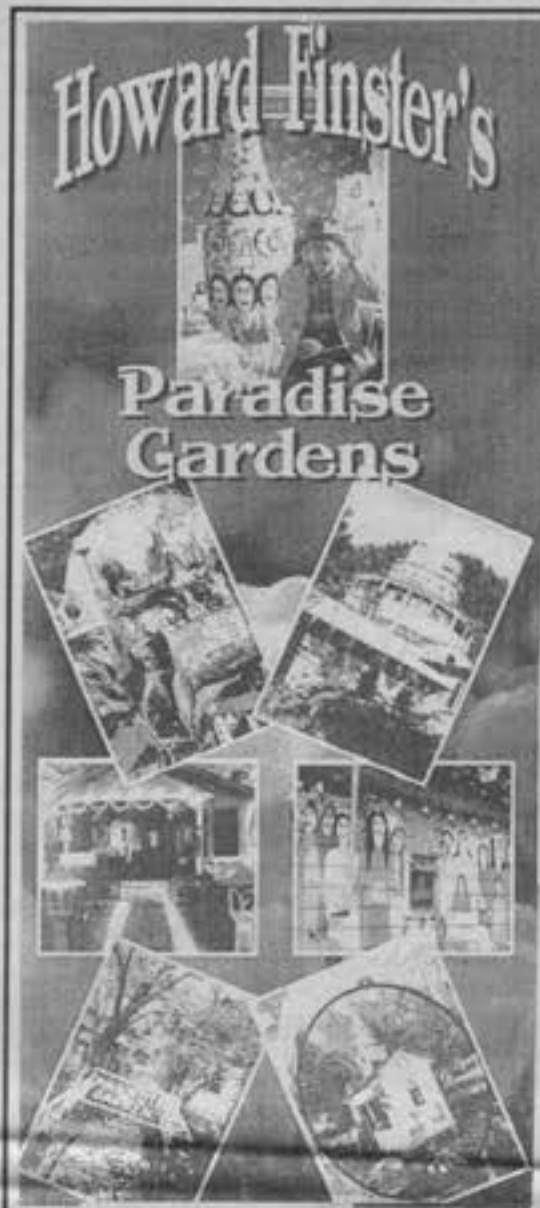
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gardens of paradise. They are long forgotten items from another time gone by. Walk around the old gallery and view the Reverend's original people mural, a favorite of reporters and photographers. The breathtaking cement sculptured bed of roses and flowering plants holds a majestic Mosaic cross. Layered like a huge cake in the sky, you will never forget the World's Folk Art Church Museum. After your tour, roam around the Finster Folk Art Gallery and view the folk art and collectables of the Reverend Howard Finster and other notable artists. It will be difficult to leave without one. You may stumble on a group of students, a wedding, or even a baby dedication. You may even meet the Reverend Howard Finster himself on a Sunday from 2 til 5 PM. He has never met a person that he didn't love. A trip to Paradise Gardens is a memory you will treasure forever.

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At the morning worship service on June 13, 1999, the family and friends of James and Betty Johnson celebrated his retirement as treasurer of Mentone Wesleyan Church. This was a labor of love he performed for 52 years. Rev. Randy Addison presented James with a plaque of appreciation. James gave credit to Betty and commented, "I don't deserve this, but I have arthritis, and I don't deserve it either." "Someone" let it be known he wanted a pair of overalls. So, while everyone enjoyed refreshments, he was presented with a pair of Liberty overalls.

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Paul Whittle Receives
Eagle Scout Rank

Paul Whittle, son of Chuck and Chani Whittle, Lake Lahausage, was presented with his God and Country Award and Eagle Scout Rank from the Boy Scouts of America at Moon Lake Baptist Church on May 15, 1999. He is a member of Troop 106 sponsored by Moon Lake Baptist Church.

The event was orchestrated by Dr. Bill Berry, assistant Scoutmaster, hosted by David Gilbreath, Scoutmaster, and included the members of Troop 106. Honor Guard, escorting Paul to the Podium was Ryan Drake and Curt Miller, Eagle Scouts from Troop 106. Andrew Habel, Senior Patrol leader, assisted with the presentation of the Eagle Scout Rank; and Ben Stewart, troop Chaplain's Aide, assisted with the presentation of the God and Country Award. Shelton Dubois "Chief" Whittle, Paul's grandfather, prayed the invocation; and Frederick McFadden, Paul's grandfather, prayed the benediction. Mike Young, former assistant Scoutmaster and present Associate Pastor at Minvale Baptist Church, blessed all present by singing "On Eagles Wings." A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of Moon Lake Baptist Church, after the ceremony.

The God and Country Award is earned by working through a time of intense Bible study and putting into action the principles learned. Brad Van Cleave, former Youth Pastor, mentored Paul in this activity at Moon Lake Baptist Church.

The Eagle Scout Rank is the highest rank in Boy Scouts. One must earn 21 merit badges and pass through the ranks of Boy Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life. Each scout candidate for the Eagle Rank must complete a project benefitting the community, church, and or school. Paul chose to improve the Edward Mason Park in downtown Mentone, by cleaning it up, replacing one of the foot bridges, restoring the sign, and building a park bench. Members of the Troop and his family assisted Paul in this activity.

Paul wishes to thank all who assisted him on his "Trail to The Eagle."



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Jonnie Justice, who headed up last year's very successful UGF fundraising campaign, has agreed to serve again this year as the Campaign General Chairman for the 1999-2000 Campaign.

For the past 15 years, Ms. Justice has served as Executive Director for CASA of DeKalb County, a UGF member agency that provides a variety of needed services to aging and homebound persons here in the county. She says she loves working with both the senior citizens and the CASA volunteers and says that she "feels that we gain by our experiences when helping others." She believes, as does her family, that CASA and UGF have affected a major part of their lives by making them more aware of the needs of others. Her family says they enjoy helping her and helping the "seniors."

A resident of Collinsville, Ms. Justice graduated from Collinsville High School in 1967. She and husband Steve have three sons, three daughters, and three grandsons--Andy, Ethan, and Ben. She is a member of United Methodist Church and serves as president of the Collinsville Library Board. She also serves on the boards of ALIVE (Alabama Leaders in Volunteer Efforts), and AGS (Alabama Gerontological Society.)

In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, raising Chihuahuas, and collecting antiques and "stuff."

"Many times, when I visit with (the CASA) clients, I am struck by the loneliness as well as other needs." She says, "I see, on a daily basis, what UGF does for our county. They make a difference in the lives of so many people--the elderly, youth, challenged adults, homebound individuals of all ages."

Ms. Justice went on to say that UGF has allowed her the opportunity to work with wonderful people from all over our county and to help make a difference.

This year's United Givers Fund Campaign will get under way in mid-September. Volunteers are now being recruited to assist with the 1999-2000 campaign to raise funds to assist the following member agencies: CASA, The Salvation Army, Hospice, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Child Development Center, Fort Payne-DeKalb Rehabilitation Center, DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center, The ARC of DeKalb County, the American Red Cross, The DeKalb Chapter of Alabama Easter Seal Society and USO.

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SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

College Football The Southeastern Conference shaped up to be the same as in recent years. Tennessee, Florida, and Georgia are the teams to beat in the east. The Western division, now, that's a different story. Let's take four pieces of paper and write: Arkansas, Miss State, Alabama, and LSU on them, and throw them in a hat. Sounds good to me! Auburn and Ole Miss have new coaching staffs and could surprise some folks. Either could finish in the middle of the pack, with a little luck.

Predicting is sometimes blind luck, so with my cane in hand, here is the way I feel it.

In the east, people have said Tennessee was lucky to win the national championship. And that repeating is highly unlikely. When Tennessee pounded Florida State, there was very little luck to it. Now they know they're good, and that's hard to beat. Florida lost so much on the defensive side of the ball. The Gators must defeat Tennessee, or they possibly are looking at three losses. Georgia has choked in the big games. Quincy Carter is a great player, but he can only do so much. South Carolina, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt jockey for position in the lower part of the eastern division.

Many of the so-called experts have predicted Alabama to win the west. The Tide has the most returning starters and the western division is a little weak. The good news is Alabama has 17 returning starters. The bad news is they have only won 11 games in the past two seasons. Considering what I saw in the Music City Bowl, it's hard for me to pick Alabama to win the division. The Tide has to prove it can match up physically with the big boys. Arkansas lost the entire offensive line from last year. They have good skill people, a solid defense, and a seasoned quarterback. Mississippi State has the benefit of not playing Tennessee, Georgia, or Florida. They snuck into the title game the same way last year. The Bulldogs lost All-SEC runner James Johnson, and that hurts. They have hired a new offensive coordinator and the defense is nearly intact. LSU has the talent, but a new quarterback and replacing Kevin Faulk are top priorities. The defense must improve

for the Tigers to have a chance. Ole Miss has a new coaching staff and returns some good folks. Winning the west is a tall order for the Rebels, finishing second or third is a possibility. Auburn has too tough a schedule to get off the bottom. If they lose to Ole Miss, they may go winless in the SEC.

Groundhog pick - East: 1. Tennessee; 2. Georgia; 3. Florida; 4. Vanderbilt; 5. Kentucky; 6. S. Carolina

Groundhog pick - West: 1. Mississippi State; 2. Arkansas; 3. Alabama; 4. Ole Miss; 5. LSU; 6. Auburn

On a national level, FSU, Tennessee, Arizona, and Penn State are picked by most to compete for a national title. The BCS title game is at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, this year. So many factors go into picking the two teams to compete for a national championship.

Groundhog pick: Tennessee vs. Penn State

Preseason Groundhog Top Ten: 1. Tennessee; 2. Arizona; 3. FSU; 5. Nebraska; 6. Georgia Tech; 7. Michigan; 8. Florida; 9. Virginia Tech; 10. Wisconsin

Pro Football: The Atlanta Falcons shocked the world by making it to the Super Bowl. They surprised everyone by beating Minnesota in the NFC title game. This year, the Falcons will be the hunted, instead of the underdog. They are good enough to win the NFL west, beating Minnesota again is a tall order.

Last year's super champ, Denver, is loaded again. Bobby Brister takes over for the retired John Elway at quarterback. The Broncos have Terrell Davis, a mammoth offense line, and a solid defense. I think that spells Super Bowl champs.

Groundhog picks:

NFC Championship - Atlanta vs. Minnesota;

AFC Championship - Denver vs. Miami

Super Bowl: Denver over Minnesota

Pro Baseball: The Atlanta Braves, injuries and all, continue to lead the National League Eastern division. They have held off the New York Mets, and it looks good going down the home stretch. The Braves lack flare, they just get the job done in the clutch.

The New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians are on course to collide for the American League title. The Indians pitching staff is a big question mark. The Yankees are solid, though not as dominant as last year.

Auto Racing: Jeff Burton won the Jiffy Lube 300, and moved into second place in the NASCAR Winston Cup standings. Burton (2599) is 340 points behind the leader, Dale Jarrett (2839). Jarrett is trying to pull away from the pack. Mark Martin (2590), Bobby Labonte (2551), and Jeff Gordon (2450) round out the top five. Next stop, the Pennsylvania 500 at Long Pond.

Next month, we will have a look at the area high schools. That does it for another month. God Bless!

Patricia Edwards de Ortega, one of the founders of the non-profit corporation IAE (for Indian-American Education and also for International American Education) passed away on March 18, 1999.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4: 6-8

Patricia Edwards de Ortega of Ossa-win-itha moved into her Heavenly Home March 18, 1999 at 11 p.m. We grieve for a short time because her earthly house is empty now, but there will be "joy in the morning" when she greets us from the doorway of her home built by Christ. In the twinkling of an eye, we who are Christians, will see her again.

She was born in Schenectady, New York, where she lived until 1947. That's when her parents moved to Columbus City and established Ossa-win-itha, the first summer resort on Gunterville Lake. She was the daughter of the late Stanley Edwards, a native of Sheffield, Alabama, and Inez Edwards, a native of Bolivar, Tennessee. She gained a BA degree in English and drama, with minors in history and political science, at Tusculum College at Greeneville, Tennessee. She received a master's in speech and drama from the University of Mississippi. She taught elementary and secondary schools in 3 countries, U.S., Mexico, and Columbia, and received a service teaching award from the College of the Virgin Islands.

As a single parent, she chose to stay home and rear her 2 children, who are twins. While at home she wrote 7 books on Mexico in English and Spanish, starting with "The Wooden Donkey," published in Mexico in 1980 and the U.S. in 1981.

From the books grew a corporation, Creative Media, designed to improve relations between countries. Out of that, she and Janie McCutchen of Five Points founded the non-profit corporation IAE (for Indian-American Education and also for International American Education) with a five-member board of directors. They hoped to set up a computer web site to serve schools around the world.

Upon learning of her illness, a co-worker wrote to her, "You have given almost totally of yourself with no thought of honor or praise—only a commitment to children far away. You have worked with IAE to help overcome ignorance, prejudice and intolerance. The only thing which stopped these visions was a lack of funds."

She is survived by her children, Michael Ortega-Edwards of Massachusetts and Michelle Ortega-Edwards of Ossa-win-itha, and her mother, Inez Edwards Reese.

The latter years of Pat's life were dedicated to serving God by serving the World's children with the help of IAE. IAE, a non-profit organization might at one time have received monies from casinos looking for a tax break. These were refused by all associated with IAE. Her last wish was that we pray that IAE's work continue.

The family requests that memorial donations be given to IAE, Inc., P. O. Box 663, Gunterville, AL 35976. A memory book is to be compiled of all letters written by those whose life Pat touched, these to be sent also to P. O. Box 663. Upon completion the book will be given to Pat's children.

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Mentone Town Council Notes

At the July 12, 1999, meeting, council members, Linda Brown, John Corey, Dick Keefer, and Jean McGehee, along with the mayor, decided to ask for an opinion from the attorney general on the proposed 911 charges for dispatching, and passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to write to the attorney general.

Patty Tucker, Director of the DeKalb Tourist Association appeared before the council to request a resolution in favor of increasing the lodging tax in DeKalb County. This increase would add approximately \$30,000 to the tourist association's budget. She said, "Our current budget does not allow for the promotion of this county to the extent it needs to be promoted." The council voted unanimously to pass the resolution. The proposed tax would raise the lodging tax in DeKalb County 2%, with the proceeds of this lodgings tax to be used exclusively for the promotion of travel and tourism within DeKalb County by whatever means necessary in agreement between the DeKalb County Tourist Association and the DeKalb County Commission.

In part, the resolution stated: "BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council, as the governing body of the Town of Mentone, Alabama, that it does hereby give its unanimous support for the immediate introduction and adoption by legislative act at the next session of the Alabama Legislature a county-wide lodgings tax at a rate of two percent (2%) in DeKalb County."

Joe Rhodes appeared before the council and announced that he had bought the Sibert place on Ala. Hwy 117 and would like to convert it into a restaurant. He inquired about expansion of water by the town of Mentone to this area. At the present time, the council advised that there are no plans to do so. He was advised to check with the Fort Payne Water Board about the direction they were planning to go in their expansion program.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGED FOR AUGUST

The August town council meeting has been changed from the 1st Monday (August 2), to the 2nd Monday (August 9). It will meet at the regular time, 7 PM.



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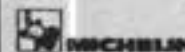
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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

With all the rain we have had in June and July, our mountain has remained fairly cool, fresh and green. We can send visitors to DeSoto Falls and know that there is a full stream of water going over the dam. Homer and I took a much-needed vacation the last ten days of June and did overextend our energies. We took our grandsons, Lee Cooper and Dillon Crow, with us, which was a pleasure. Lee is sixteen and Dillon will be sixteen in October, so they could help us drive. Both of them drive quite well. I just hope they get enough practice so that they will remain good responsible drivers. It takes experience to be able to drive safely.

We went to Orlando, Florida, first and let the boys enjoy Disney World with all the exciting rides in the park. They spent one day at Epcot Center and one day at Universal Studios. They managed to ride everything but one before their time ran out. We just dropped them off there, knowing the place is clean and safe. We went to our room and took a long nap each day, and that was good vacation for us.

We took the boys to Busch Gardens, near Tampa, and Dillon said he enjoyed that better than any of the parks. The zoo was nice in addition to the rides. It rained on them every day, but that just kept the heat down. In the evenings, we played games with the boys after dinner, and they were content to do that after riding all those exciting, terrifying rides all day--the more terrifying, the better to them. And they could eat, like all teenage boys. We would just finish one meal when they wanted to know where we were going to eat the next one. Wonderful growing boys. Lee has never ceased growing since the day he was born. He is six feet and two inches, now, and may grow another inch or two. Dillon is average size, but he will grow some more, too, if he keeps eating like he did on the trip. We stayed at a Howard Johnson Hotel on the beach at Ft. Lauderdale, which was very nice. I don't think we ever stayed in one of these hotels before. We have enjoyed eating some of their wonderful ice cream concoctions in their restaurants when traveling. Then, we took a cruise ship to the Bahamas. The boys loved to explore the ship, and they didn't miss anything. The food was delicious and plentiful. Cruise ships are famous for their foods. I think all of us enjoyed the ship more than the Bahamas. We found everything there to be very expensive. We shopped at the Straw Market (or looked, like my visitors at the Hitching Post) and did not buy anything. The tropical plants and trees were most interesting.

We came home June 30, just in time for the Crow reunion. Our family was host this year, and a good bit of preparation had to be done in advance. We look forward to seeing cousins, nieces, and nephews, each year, and hearing of any special events that happened since last year. This year, our daughter, Joyce Cooper, had an idea about having an old fashioned all-day gospel singing at Little River Church here at Mentone. Her grandparents, Lee and Fannie Crow, are buried in the cemetery close by her great grandmother, Ovalene Magnusson, Aunt Annie and John Bishop, Uncle Lawrence Magnusson, Chester Crowe, and an infant of Dewey Crow.

Lee Crow loved singing better than he loved to eat. He would get a new Stamps-Baxter song book and stay up most of the night singing by shaped notes so he could direct the choir at the next all-day singing.

We included some of my family--my brother, Don Castleberry, his wife Lynn and children Fred and Colleen, Carol Pogue of Knoxville, TN, and Lou Ann Johns of Jasper, GA., daughters of my sister, Jean Matthews. We also invited some close friends who remembered Mr. Crow: Howard and Jo Carson, Jim and Penny Lyday, Elizabeth Romans, Grace and Dorothy Crow, Clyde and Jean Phillips. We invited our rector at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Rev. Allen Cherbonneau and his wife, Jan. We wanted them to see what a southern gospel singing was like. They are from Pennsylvania



Crow Reunion 1999 at Little River Church



L/R: Grace Crow, Elizabeth Romans, Dorothy Crow, Lucille Crowe

August Is Picnic Time

and this type of gospel singing is new to them. We met under the large oak trees, and it was nice, with a soft breeze blowing that kept us cool. The picnic tables are under the trees where we spread our food. Homer and Jerry Waters grilled steaks, chicken, and hamburgers, and other family members brought covered dishes.

Before lunch, a family discussion was held and pictures made. Following the dinner, we went inside the church and sang from 2:00 until 4:00 P.M. Barry Crow played the keyboard with Coy Crow and Rev. Cherbonneau playing guitars. Elizabeth Romans played piano for some songs. Lou Ann Johns and Doreen Waters sang special songs, and Ruby Brock and Lucille Crow sang duets. Clyde Phillips sang Blessed Assurance, which is a favorite of mine. Lou Ann, Doreen, and I sang with Rev. Cherbonneau, "Beulah Land." It was a good day!

There is nothing more precious than a close, loving family. More and more people are aware of their roots and family heritage. As long as family ties are strong, we have hope for the future of our country.

The Crow family has no claim to fame or fortune, but they have a lot of love of God, family, and country. Homer, Chester and Lester, and Jesse served in the armed forces during World War II. Both our sons served during the Vietnam conflict. Curtis Crowe, son of Lester and Annice, was in the navy during the Vietnam conflict, and Leroy, son of Chester and Lucille, was serving in Vietnam at the same time our son Coy was there. Mildred's husband, Dennis Burgess, retired from the Air Force, and my brother retired from the Navy. We are a patriotic family.

Some family members could not be present. Lester was not well and his family did not come. Frances Crowe fell and injured a knee and her family was absent. Mildred's daughter, Darla, had just returned from England the day before the reunion, and they couldn't make it. Dewey and Pam were absent.

Next year Chester and Lucille's family will be hosts, and we hope more family members will be present.



L/R: Joyce Cooper, Doreen Waters, Lou Ann Johns, Coy Crow & Carol Pogue enjoying pictures of Lou's baby, Miranda



L/R: (Lisa Crow & son, Alex Whatley, Lee Cooper & Dillon Crow (our grandchildren and great grandson)

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A Friendly— **Valley View**

By
ELOISE BROWN

That puckered up sky is getting ready to cry. It has been crying a lot, lately; but we are being promised better weather now; and we have been so much more fortunate than many places.

I hope everyone had a happy July 4, with no accidents. My family met at the home of Patti and A.J. Brown for a good barbecue dinner; then we went to Emily and Barry Brown's sun room to watch fireworks after dark. We could see the fireworks on Sand Mountain, Hammondville, and all around us, as well as our own.

Don and Pat Eberhart had visitors July 5. Keith and Rowena Rodgers and son Paul and grandsons, Scot and Glen from San Antonio, TX. John and Linda Stiefel and Jacob and Amanda and Leigh Mitchell from Fort Payne. Pat will be a third grade aide at Williams Ave. School this year.

Mozelle Crow and Christine Brooks visited Venna Livingston. Venna is recuperating nicely from her broken hip.

Mozelle "Jug" and Dot Crow visited Jan Pullen and children in Panama City, Florida; and they came home with them. They were joined by Jan's husband, Bob, for the weekend, and attended the Pullen reunion at Mentone.

Olene Roberts spent several days with her son, John Roberts, and family, in Cullman, AL, recently.

Jimmy, Janet and Brent Cooper went to Dothan, AL, to see Patrick play in a golf tournament, recently.

Linda Blackburn, from Orange Park, FL, is spending two weeks with her parents, Bill and Dot Blackburn.

Seven members of the Kaolin Garden Club visited Charles and Joan Wade's Lily Farm at Ider, and saw their many varieties of beautiful day lilies.

Christine and Walter Brooks and Norma Hulan visited Callaway Gardens and the Little White House in Georgia, June 28. On July 6, they took their granddaughter, Laura Gilbert, to the Lost Sea in Sweetwater, TN. The Brooks' grandson, Jamey Hulan, and wife, Khristina and daughter, Ashley, from El Paso, TX, spent a long weekend here with them and other relatives and attended Valley Head Baptist Church on Sunday.

Dr. Quimby and son, Robert, spent a few days at his home here. We hope he is feeling much better.

Sherman Gough and Ed Ringer were delegates from the Mentone American Legion Post 215, to the Department of Alabama American Legion Convention in Birmingham, on June 27th.

Doris and Jim Carmichael celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 3. They went to Seabring, FL., for several days, and were joined by Linda Thomas and family, Emmy Ricketts and family, Betsy and Ken Kopecky, and Elaine Johnson and family. They made it a very special and joyful occasion.

Bert and Ruth Pickett celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a very beautiful reception at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head, Sunday afternoon, June 27.

We hope that both of these lovely couples have many more happy years together!

I attended the Tittle-Martin family reunion, Sat. July 11. There were forty reservations. The crowd was smaller than usual. We met at the Dade County Historical Society building in New England, GA. They catered it—always with a good meal.

Becky Barrier has the Ice Cream Parlor in Valley Head open now on Wed., Thurs, Fri, Sat., and Sun. They have a party room for nice birthday parties.

Maureen Hammond's grandchildren, Camilla and Elliott Yamada, are enjoying lovely vacations. Camilla and a friend, Reagen Lowery, daughter of Drs. Rebecca and Darrell Lowery of Rome, GA., are sightseeing in London as guests of Camilla's aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Tachi Yamada, for two weeks. The girls have just graduated from Darlington. Elliott is working on St. Simon's Island for the summer at a resort

restaurant with five other students from Ole Miss. He will be a sophomore at Ole Miss.

Jessica Biddle and Sonya Halcey attended the second week of Junior High Camp at Camp Sumatanga, recently.

The men of Valley Head Methodist Church have been working hard to construct a playground for children on the church yard. It is looking good, and we hope it will attract and entertain many children. Plans are for a Vacation Bible School, Mon. - Thurs, July 26-29. We had dancing in the aisle last Sunday at the Methodist Church. I must hasten to explain—toddler, Tully Kay (about 2), was at church with his parents, Barry and Sharon Kay, and danced in the aisle as we sang. He was so cute!

I hope everyone enjoys these lovely summer days. They are flying by fast!

Mid-Summer Rhapsody

The days have built up to full fruition,
In glad, exuberant exhibition.
The flowers in loveliest colors abloom,
Seduce our nostrils with enticing perfume.

Grass is its greenest in lush meadows lazing,
Where sleek cattle are contentedly grazing;
Boughs of the trees bow with leaves fully grown,
Wave in the breeze like cool fans gaily blown.

All plants are burdened with fruits from their seeds
We gather and store them to fill our needs.
A generous harvest is labor's reward
With God and man in working accord.

If only I could embrace and capture
This rare feeling of mid-summer's rapture,
And preserve it for mid-winter's bleak days,
To warm my heart with its radiant rays.

I would savor its flavor in ecstasy
And my soul would sing a happy rhapsody!
As all nature sings in glad elation
For mid-summer's celebration.

—Eloise Brown

Monkey Business (News Item)

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They are paid so well for what they do,
More than I, how about you?

If their price goes even higher,
I'm sure they will find eager buyer.
In the Portland, Oregon, Zoo,
Chimps make monkeys of me and you!

—Eloise Brown



Jason Tyler Huskey

Jason Tyler Huskey celebrated his 11th birthday on July 10, 1999. He is the son of R.B. and Joyce Huskey of Mentone. He has one sister and one brother. He had a birthday party at home with a few of his friends and family.

Allen Huskey will celebrate his birthday on July 27, 1999.

Happy Birthday, with Love,
Mom and Dad and Tyler,
Jennifer, and Jessica.

We love you.

The R. B. Huskey family spent the weekend of the 4th of July with their daughter, Lisa Patterson in Nashville, TN.

MOUNTAIN MAMAS ARTISTS

By Barbara Lien

This month we'd like to highlight our quilt artist Jeannie Campbell. She's been sewing since she was 14 and quilting for the last 10 years. When exhibiting her work, she's won various ribbons, including Judges Choice & Best of Show, and recently two of her quilts appeared in the nationally-known show the Lancaster Pennsylvania Quilters' Heritage Celebration.

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The newer truck fund is now established, and we have \$13,109.66 in that fund. Please notice the sign that has been put up in front of the fire hall. Won't you help us push the red out of the top of the bulb past our goal of \$50,000? Anyone donating \$100 or more will have their name on display at the fire hall. All donations, small or large, are greatly needed and appreciated. We are desperately in need of this newer, more efficient model truck, so we can assure the community of a better quality of fire protection.

Volunteers are also wanted. If you would like to volunteer to work with the fire department in any capacity, please contact any member of the board of directors or volunteer firemen for information.

A combination bake and yard sale will be held on August 19th, 20th, and 21st. We are asking for donations of gently used items for the sale. If you have items to be dropped off at the fire hall or need large items picked up, please call 634-4507. Barbecue plates and sandwiches, hot dogs, and cold drinks will be sold at the fire hall on the days of the sale. Hope to see you there!

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Master Gardener Harriet Turner speaks to Rhododendron Garden Club about controlling weeds and insects naturally

By Christina Wise

The Rhododendron Garden Club held its July meeting in the Mentone Community House on the 13th of the month. President Dallyne Jones called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

The club felt privileged to have the Rev. A. Cherbonneau of St. Joseph's on-the-mountain Episcopal Church present to offer a most pertinent devotional. The padre said a prayer and then read the passage from Genesis on the creation. The role of humanity in creation, he said, is to enjoy and be refreshed by the beauty of nature around us, but moreover, to be good caretakers and stewards of the Earth, because we are ultimately accountable for it to God.

The day was overcast and somewhat sultry, but the hostesses: Flo Kirby, Mickey Gough, and Mary Ellen Fielder, had cleverly planned the refreshment menu to assuage the heat. Three varieties of cool, refreshing, congealed salads, an assortment of iced beverages together with several types of sandwiches and cookies were enjoyed by the 22 club members present. Dessert came in the form of a thoroughly delicious, but probably very sinful, chocolate pound cake.

Vice President Mickey Gough welcomed the only guest of the day, Jane Kirby, daughter of Mary Crow, and welcomed back summer member Hattie Lide.

Mickey then introduced the speaker, Harriet Turner. Master Gardener Turner proceeded to deliver an informative and thought-provoking presentation on natural controls that can be used in gardening. Harriet explained that, as a 3rd generation gardener, she had learned a lot from her parents and grandparents, and rarely uses any chemicals to control weeds and insects in her garden. Sadly, many modern gardeners are altogether too eager to reach for the aerosol can or the large, economy size plastic container with the handy and pump-action spray, and spread those chemicals around. Instead, we could all do well to learn again how to live with nature and use it to help us control our environment. If allowed to, and in some instances, assisted, nature can heal and take care of herself.

Mrs. Turner said that the first step in natural gardening is to take care of the soil, because only healthy soil can produce robust and healthy plants capable of withstanding disease and insect attack. This can be accomplished by adding compost or manure, which will improve any soil. It will render clay more workable and improve the sandy type. The litmus test for healthy soil is the presence of earthworms. Dirt without worms in it is sick dirt, requiring urgent attention.

Harriet then went on to give an account of the many natural ways available to control these nemeses of all gardeners, namely, weeds and insects. Weeds are unsightly and bothersome, but it is possible to figure out their respective life cycles, wait until they seed, and then simply plow them under! To eradicate weeds from a lawn, corn gluten can be spread over the weeds, and it will prevent them from flourishing. Another method for preserving the bowling-green look is to mow high. The longer grass will shade out the weeds. Some plants, on the other hand, are natural weed retardants, like annual rye, for example. Therefore, a gardener can sow this rye as a cover crop in the vegetable garden, till it under, and weeds will subsequently be suppressed in that area. Alternately, the rye may be grown as a permanent bedding crop, and the clippings used as mulch to achieve the same result. The application of salt will inhibit the growth of weeds between paving stones on a garden path, and vinegar will do the same by altering the surrounding pH.

Natural methods for controlling insects can be as simple as picking them off the plants, finding their eggs and crushing them, or taking the garden hose and washing them away. Companion planting is also a good means of repelling bugs.

This is the practice of strategically placing insect repelling plants next to crops that will benefit from their repellent effects. For example, planting garlic amongst vegetables will deter aphids, vegetable weevils, spider mites, and Japanese beetles. Basil grown near tomatoes will repel hornworms; and marigolds intermingled with cucumber and squash will stave off cucumber beetles and nematodes. Another trick of the trade is to employ "trap crops." That is deliberately setting out an area with plants known to attract certain insect pests and, thus, containing them in that location.

Japanese beetles have become a significant problem in this area in recent years, and yet can be easily controlled by plant-

ing tender geraniums. These pretty, colorful, flowering plants are poisonous to these pests, which die after consuming a meal of the pallegonia.

If fungi present a problem, their development can be stifled by making a solution of garlic and hot pepper in a blender and spraying it onto the offending growth. Compost tea used in the same way will have an identical effect.

By using Mrs. Turner's approach of watching nature, using what it reveals to us, and by assisting it to do its job, we can all become happier and more productive gardeners who possess much heavier and happier pocket books.

Following this illuminating address, the club members dealt with the business segment of the meeting. Jan Wilkinson reported that the plans for the rock work to be constructed beneath the new Mentone Community House sign are well under way. David Wright has been asked to survey the site and submit an estimate to the club.

Martha Wood reported from the working party set up to make recommendations on the selection of a communal area in Mentone to be planted by the Rhododendron Garden Club under the auspices of the Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative (SMEC). Mrs. Wood said that the working party had met with Mr. Jimmy McKeenan, Superintendent of Maintenance for SMEC, on June 25th. All had agreed that the area of choice is a triangular piece of ground on the extreme south-east corner of the intersection at Co. Rd. 89 and the top of Tutwiler Gap. A motion to accept this project was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. SMEC will furnish some of the materials, the money for plants, and the labor required for the initial planting. The working party further proposed that the initial planting be of flowers, which would bloom for the remainder of the summer. Later on, the flowers would be replaced by low shrubs and bushes. This proposal met with unanimous approval. Shirley Hussell will be the liaison person for this project.

Hope Walker reported that the work of upgrading the area along the sidewalk in Mentone, on Ala. Hwy 117, has been completed and that it is now looking very good. The work was done by Wright Nurseries and Landscaping, for which the Rhododendron Garden Club paid one-half of the total cost. MAPA will pay the other half, as previously agreed.

Flo Kirby put club members on the alert by announcing that, in the near future, she will be organizing a team of Adopt-a-Mile volunteers to pick up litter on the club's mile in Mentone. The members were all in agreement that the amount of litter being dropped in the locality is very much on the increase.

The final item on the agenda was the drawing for the door prize. Mickey Gough was the winner. The meeting was then adjourned.

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

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 10, 1999, AT 12:30 P.M. at "The Kissing Tree," home of Jo Beaubé. If there is a change, the meeting will be at the Mentone Community House. Barbara Blalock will give the devotional. Roll call is to name a favorite publication in gardening. Hostesses are Jo Beaubé, Alyce Springer, and Eleanor Teverino. The program will be a panel session with master gardeners.

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

It's mid July, and I heard on the news about the droughts, floods, and various other elemental conditions around the States. Here, in Mentone, all we have had was deluges of rain; and, as we are atop Lookout Mountain, no floods, thank goodness. All the rain this past spring and summer (very unusual) has made the mountain green and lush, extremely restful to the eyes.

With all the beauty that the rain has brought, it has also brought us some unwelcome guests. Whilst weeding the flower and various other beds, I noticed snail shells with the inhabitants in residence. That is not a good sign for gardeners. The snails feed off the fruits (strawberries) and the bulbs of the flowers. The best thing to do now is to remove any mulch or covering and let the soil dry out a bit to deter these critters. And, as they are not the big, gray slugs, there is not much else to do, except maybe use a little pesticide around the base of the plants. Wet it down really well so that it will seep down to the bulbs and roots and destroy the feeding critters. As for the big, gray slugs, put some beer in a shallow dish and the slugs will come to party, drink copious amounts of the brew that they love dearly, get tipsy and drown in the stuff. Dispose of the remains at your discretion.

One could also dig up the bulbs and let them dry out and replant them when the weather is a little cooler. It is also a good opportunity to make extra Asiatic lily plants when you dig up the bulbs after the foliage turns yellow by scaling the bulbs, then letting the scales dry for a few days in the sun before replanting. In a few weeks, they will have made little roots. When making extra Asiatic lily plants that way, remember that the plant will not bloom the first year, but the second.

DAYLILIES: Most daylilies bloom over a fairly short period of time, averaging perhaps two weeks. The length of time can vary widely depending on the age of the plant, the general cultural conditions, weather and the variety. After blooming, the plants occasionally form seed pods, which may be hard buds. If yours are a re-blooming variety, they will cycle back into bloom one or more times this summer.

To improve the garden appearance of the plants, you may wish to remove the spent blooms daily and then when all the blooms are finished on a stem, prune it off at the base. This will help the plants replenish themselves. This is especially helpful for the re-blooming variety. Divide frequently, perhaps as often as every other year, especially if your daylilies have been in the ground for more than five years or have become crowded. The crowding will also affect the blooming period (shorter).

If you have an established clump of daylilies thriving in your yard, you could make lots of new plants from one. All you need is a shovel and a very sharp knife. To divide, lift the plant after it blooms, in mid-to-late summer; cut the foliage back to 4-5 inches; and, using a sharp knife, separate the clump into divisions of at least a single fan with some roots attached.

FALL TOMATOES: Have you ever heard that cutting back the summer tomatoes will make them reproduce in the fall? If you cut them back now, they will re-sprout, grow, and produce in the fall. Some Texas gardeners will start new plants from old ones this time of the year. Take the end of a vine and lay it in a hole with about 6" of the end sticking out. Cover it with soil and water daily for a week. In a couple of weeks, you can cut the new plant from the "mother" and remove the mother if you desire. By September your new plant should be producing.

CLEMATIS: Transplant container grown clematis in the fall or spring in moist, well-drained soil, where the roots will be shaded by a nearby shrub. You can mulch the roots instead to keep them cool. Plant where there is a support. Some clematis bloom on "old" wood and others on the current year's growth.

A **teleur** is a fancy plant support for vines that's sometimes found in old French gardens. The teieurs are elegant but expensive, unless you create your own. You can make your own version of a teleur by just sticking a long metal or plastic pipe into the ground and inserting the framework of an umbrella into it. You can use any old umbrella that no longer has any fabric covering it. This type of "teleur" is particularly good for twining vines. You could also use an unused tv antenna for your version of a teleur.



Valley Head Exchange Student Kerstin Formhals returns to her home in Germany

Lisa and Beth Moore along with their family said goodbye to Kerstin Formhals and her parents on Sunday, June 27th. It was a sad good bye and the whole family hated to see Kerstin go back home to Germany. Kerstin's parents, Rainer and Regina Formhals, visited with the Moores and the Blacks during the week of June 19th thru the 27th. While here, they took in sites of beautiful DeKalb County. Rainer was very impressed with DeSoto Falls and stated that "in Germany you would have to stand in long lines just to be able to see something that beautiful." They said we were very lucky to have such beautiful surroundings with so much open space. They also enjoyed Little River Canyon, Cherokee, North Carolina, the Great Smokie Mountains, Gatlinburg, the Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, and Jack Daniels Distillery. After leaving Alabama on the 27th, they drove down to Miami, Florida, where they stayed for 2 weeks before flying back to Germany. A sad note to report, though. After arriving home, they learned that Kerstin's grandfather, Rainer's father, had died of a heart attack only an hour earlier.

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LAURAWOOD - On the Brow - Wonderful view - Private location - 95% complete 2400+ sq. ft. 2 story, 1st fl. 2 Br, 1 Bath, Living rm w/Min Stone FP, Kitchen/Dining Comb, both leading to large screened in porch overlooking the valley 2nd fl. - 2 Br, 1 Bath, storage. Basement will finish to suit.



CLOUDLAND - "In the Park", wonderful mountain home, 2400+ sq. ft. First floor - Master suite w/bath, great room w/min. stone fireplace opening to full porch. Second floor - 2 BR, full bath, full porch, original pine floors. Good view, well landscaped. Priced to sell at \$19,900. (No. G-16)



MENLO - Bell Street 1900's - Completely remodeled - formal living room, Master suite with bath - 2 additional bedrooms - Full Bath - Kitchen with new cabinets and island. Sun Room carpet over hardwoods - Partial Basement - 1 Acre, \$110,000.



MRS. ROBBIE GREEN ESTATE - once in a lifetime opportunity. Approx. 2+ acres - 1500 sq. ft. Original Mountain Home features Sun Room, Living room with stone fireplace, Dining Room, Kitchen, hardwood floors, kitchen, 1 bath - much more. Located at the intersection of Hwy 48 and 157. Potential, Potential with the best location on the mountain.

EAST BROW - SCENIC VIEW LOTS All our lots offer unobstructed views - watch the sun and moon rise in elegance

- Outlook Properties** - Hwy 157 - Cloudland; Lot 10 - 1.28 acres - 150 ft. of brow - \$27,500. Restricted with easy access to Hwy 157. Great view of valley and surrounding mountains.
- Hwy 157** - 10 acres backs to State property on two sides. \$3,300 per acre. Sold as a whole.
- Hwy 157** - 3 AC, 200 ft of Brow - Easy Access. \$47,500. Breathtaking view.
- Mountain River Estates** - Hwy 117 Mentone - Phase 1 & 2 now open. 3 to 5 acre riverfront tracts starting at \$27,500.00 4 to 15 acre mtn. stream tracts starting at \$10,000.
- 31.5 acres on Hwy. 48 near Menlo** - Creek, pasture, and planted pines.
- Cooper Ridge** - Telogo Creek traverses northern boundary of this 92+ acre tract of rolling hills with beautiful view of Lookout Mountain. Private entrance, county water available. \$2400 per acre. No subdividing. (No. G-44)
- Cloudland - 1175 - State Line Road**, T-1 - 18 AC, open to wooded - road frontage, T-2 - 44+ AC - small lake open to wooded - Some frontage on Hwy 117. \$2000 per acre.
- Lake Lahausage** - T-1 - 7.8 AC with lake frontage; T-2 - 6 AC with lake frontage.



GET AWAY FROM IT ALL - 80+ acres - Panoramic view from 1800 sq. ft. Mountain Home and full basement. Two fireplaces, hardwood floors, much more, private and secluded - Chattooga County - \$210,000.



CLOUDLAND-ON THE BROW - Post card quality. This lovely home offers brick and wood construction. 1282 sq. ft., hardwood floors, knotty pine paneling w/built-in cabinets & book shelves, great room w/fireplace. 2 BR, 2 baths, kitchen, year-around sun room overlooking the valley, garage, patio. Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. \$165,000. (No. G-19)



CLOUDLAND - Golf Course Road, original mountain home, offers sun room/kitchen, dining rm./great room overlooking patio, 3 BR, 1 bath, breezeway, utility rm., guest cottage/game rm.; also on property M/H with 2 BR, kitchen, living rm., 1 bath, large lot 150x400. Cloudland water & well. \$89,000. (No. G-22)



CLOUDLAND, GA - East Fork of Little River runs through your backyard! 6.33 acres, mtn. tract & Home w/huge great room, FP, finished basement. 24 Hour Property Info-1-800-901-8882 #604

AUGUST YARD SALE

THURSDAY - SUNDAY
AUGUST 19-20-21-22

We need your help!!!!

If you have items taking up space in your attic, basement or garage, (small as a pocket knife or large as a couch,) that you would like to get out of your way, please consider contributing these items to the:

Mentone Area Preservation Association

a Non-Profit Organization (known as MAPA) whose main purpose is to Preserve, Protect, Beautify and Help the Volunteer Organizations and School here in Mentone. These items may be brought to the Red Log Cabin beside Dessie's Kountry Chef Hwy. 117 each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. from June 5th through August 14th.

For large items that need to be picked up call: local 634-4041 or 1-888-340-3381.

Please clean and price your items before bringing them in.

(NO CLOTHING PLEASE)

MAPA THANKS YOU!!!



GROUNDHOG PUBLICATION NOTICE

The SEPTEMBER issue of The Groundhog will be published on the last Thursday of August, August 26. Those submitting photos please get them to us by the 16th and no later than the 18th of August. SEPTEMBER issue due date for articles is August 15-22. "Thank you."



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee, my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Psalm 63:1-3

I am glad David's God is my God and, like David, I will seek him, because my soul is longing and thirsting in this dry land where there is so little spiritual water. I long to see the power and the glory of God in our churches. And because his lovingkindness is better than life, I'm going to keep on praising him, no matter what comes my way. Will you join me in praising him?

May God bless all.

From the Desk of Dot Dunlap Burke
Parent Education Coordinator

DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center
Phone 256-997-9700 Fax 256-997-9711

Schedule for Parenting Seminars

To be held at Children's Advocacy Center
104 Alabama Avenue N.W., Fort Payne
Each begins at 6:00 p.m.
No child care is provided.

Monday August 16 - Helping Your Child Succeed in School
Speaker—Lynn Kilgore, Mountain View Hospital

Monday September 13 - Building Self Esteem
Speaker—Lisa Buttram, Mountain View Hospital

Additional sessions will be added as response demands.
Call for more information, or to pre-register.

WELCOME TO THE 1999 WORLD'S LONGEST YARDSALE

Date August 19-22, 1999

Place: Lookout Mountain Parkway & the U.S. 127 Corridor
From: Gadsden, Alabama, to Cincinnati, Ohio

Travel 100 miles along the Lookout Mountain Parkway for the most "scenic rural America" in the United States. With more than 1,000 yard sale vendors, you will find everything from antiques, collectibles, furniture, dishware, fresh garden produce, homemade jams and jellies, food vendors, live entertainment, and so much more. Continue along the 127 Corridor for more than 450 miles of yard sale bargains. More than 4,000 vendors lined the scenic byways to make 1998 the biggest yard sale ever, and 1999 promises to be even bigger.

Residents of DeKalb County, Alabama, invite you to spend some time touring the area and enjoying the hospitality of our people. Stay the night in one of our many Bed & Breakfast Inns or cabin rentals located in Historic Mentone and others located within minutes of the yard sale route. View scenic vistas and majestic waterfalls as you visit the Little River Canyon National Preserve and DeSoto State Park. See deer and cattle grazing side by side in rolling hills and farmland.

Come travel the Lookout Mountain Parkway in DeKalb County, AL!
"America's most Scenic Shopping Mall!"

Directions: South to North: Yard sale begins at the Noccalula Falls Park in Gadsden, Alabama, on top of Lookout Mountain. Follow Tabor Road, across from Noccalula Falls. Stay on this road and it will become Cherokee County 176. Follow 176 and it will become DeKalb County 89. Stay on 89 through communities such as Dogtown, Five Points, Fischer, and on into Mentone. From Mentone, turn right onto Alabama 117 and follow 117 into Georgia where it becomes GA. 157. This will carry you to Tennessee where you will follow Tenn. 27 to U.S. 127. Take U.S. 127 all the way to Cincinnati, OH.

Note: The Gadsden to Chattanooga route is called the Lookout Mountain Parkway and will bear green signs that state this. Readers Digest named the Parkway as one of America's Most Scenic Drives.

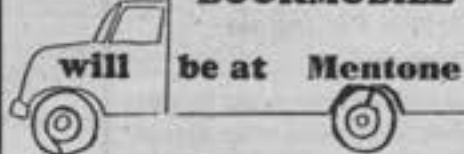
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The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department Yard Sale August 19, 20, & 21

A combination bake and yard sale will be held during the annual 450-mile Yard Sale that passes through Mentone. It will be held on August 19, 20, and 21.

We are asking for donations of gently used items for the sale.

If you have items to be dropped off at the fire hall or need large items picked up, please call 634-4507.

Barbecue plates and sandwiches, hot dogs, and cold drinks will be sold at the fire hall on the days of the sale.

Hope to see you there!