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August 2001

90 years old and still going strong

By Marie Dillenbeck

Friends and family gathered on Saturday, July 21, to celebrate 90 years with Isaac Arthur "Lightning" Goss. His birthday is actually the 24th, but he didn't mind celebrating early, and it was a wonderful time to get together.

Lightning is a retired Star Route letter carrier. He worked for the US Postal Service for approximately 40 years, and retired in July 1976.

While he was working for the postal service, he was also working for the Town of Mentone Water Works Department. Lightning said he spent 22 years in charge of the water system. His last day to work in that position was Sept. 30, 1979. However, he has been a consultant for all the years since then, even to this day.

Lightning remembered one woman who would call him every winter because she didn't have any water. Her lines were about six inches below the surface of the ground. He also remembered the time he pumped the river dry.

He said he spent many a night keeping the water flowing during freezing weather, and repairing broken pipes and lines for the Town of Mentone.

Lightning is also famous for his skill in repairing small engines, especially lawn mowers.

Lightning is a Mentone legend. Husband, father, public servant, mechanical expert—Lightning is all of the above. He keeps retiring from different occupations, but he never really has retired. You can find him in his repair shop almost any day, working on something. He stays active and has to



Seated in the middle: Isaac Arthur "Lightning" Goss and children: (L/R) Clifford Goss and Rindy Millican; standing: L/R: Sherman "Bud" Goss, Mary Flannigan, Benny Goss, Regena Wisner, at the 90th birthday celebration held at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy on Saturday, July 21st.

be doing something all the time.

He and Flora Goss (now deceased) were married on July 28, 1929, and parented 10 children together. The children were Corinthia (D), Dewey Donald and Huey Ronald (twins D), Betty Bell (D), Rindy Millican, Clifford (Atlanta), Mary Flannigan, Sherman "Bud," Regena Wisner, and Benny.

Lightning has 18 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Fifty-three friends and family members came to celebrate with Lightning on July 21st: Bobby

Browder, Lucille Crowe, Ruby Brock, Ruth Battles, Nellie Croley, Clyde Smith, Rindy Goss Millican, Chuck Flannigan, Angela Flannigan, Calet Flannigan, Elizabeth Smith, Ed H. Browder, Tonya Lou Browder, Delmas Smith, Pauline Holleman, Bubba Browder, Charles Flannigan, Junior Bell, Sherman Goss, Georgie Horton, Terri Browder, Pauline Goss, Martha Browder, Jesse Crow, Elizabeth Jones Romans, Grace Crow, Dorothy Crow, Onzie Smith, Arnold Clinton, Brenda Clinton, Karen Prestwood, Mandi Browder Goza, Charlotte Goss, Mary Flannigan, Regena Wisner, Rachel Battles, Matt Battles, Brandy Browder, Margie Foster, Brenda Goss, Benny L. Goss, Ed Coker, Virginia Coker, Angela Goss, Kara Goss, Triston Goss, Julie Ingram, Glenda Ingram, Newley Ingram, Catrina Ingram, Lilly Cash, Jana Goss, Jason Goss, and Marie Dillenbeck.

Lightning still gets out and visits daily and keeps himself busy checking up on people in Mentone and seeing what is going on around town.

See additional photos on page five.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT By Margaret Taylor



The July meeting "The Dinner and Ice Cream" went really well even with the stormy weather. Although I had hoped for a larger attendance. Oh well, maybe next year. For those of you who didn't make it, I can say you missed a special evening. We all thoroughly enjoyed the new concrete floor in the pavilion at Mentone Brow Park. The food was excellent and the ice cream, both of them, added the finishing touch to a wonderful meeting. I want to thank everyone who came for the great meeting and the wonderful food that they brought.

Now, as we move toward Fall, we have begun to plan for Colorfest. We have a lot to accomplish to prepare for it. Therefore, I must ask all of you to give us a hand and help make this the best Colorfest yet.

We would like to invite all who can to join us at the Mentone Springs Hotel on Tuesday September 4th at 7:00 PM for our next meeting.

Thanks to everyone for all you have done to help!

NOTE:

The September 4 MAPA meeting will be held at the Mentone Springs Hotel at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

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All meetings are held in the town hall meeting room at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.

Larry Gray, Zoning Administrator

August MAPA Meeting

The MAPA meeting was held at the Mentone Springs Hotel on August 7. Present were members, Jim and Penny Lyddy, Homer and Bernise Crow, Gerald and Margaret Taylor, Huey and Marilyn Mathews, Sherman and Mickey Gough, George and Hope Walker, David and Claudia Wassom, Dot Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Rick Chapman. Guests present were Dr. Edward R. Annis and Tom and Lynn Donald.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Edward R. Annis. Mickey Gough introduced him as being a retired physician and past president of the United States Medical Association, the World Medical Association, president of the international college of surgeons, father of eight, and her brother. He is world renown as a surgeon.

Dr. Annis said that Mickey had asked him to talk about cancer. His presentation centered around the fact that America has more tools than any other nation in the world. Statistically, we have more cancer than any other country, because we have the technology to discover it earlier.

Dr. Annis stated that the healing power of the body is so great that a person who smoked most of their life could stop smoking and within six months his/her lungs would be cleared up. This could be shown by a before and after x-ray of the lungs.

There is so much knowledge in the United States, and we have so many physicians from other countries who come and stay in the United States and contribute research, medical technology and services. It is because of this abundance of equipment and great mind of the physicians and scientists, as well as pharmaceutical companies that the United States has such great medical services and medicines to offer.

He stressed that we should get in the habit of having a check up once a year. Birmingham is now one of the leading medical centers in the country and it is so close to our area that we do not have to look far for medical expertise.

Dr. Annis was a fascinating and informative speaker.

Following the program, the meeting returned to business. The October Colorfest was discussed, along with parking, quilt sales (Lola Mae Blalock will again provide MAPA with a beautiful quilt), vendor letters that have already gone out, and other preparations for the festival on October 19, 20, 21.

The members voted on two changes in the bylaws.

Article IV, Section 4, was changed to read: Officers shall be installed and assume their official duties at the July meeting and shall serve for a term of one year or until the election and qualification of their successors.

Article VI, Section 4 (f) was changed to read: To approve specific routine bills already approved within the limits of the budget, and for all items over the sum of \$200, require two bids and submit the bids to the membership for approval by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting.

Visitors Tom and Lynn Donald of Birmingham donated the website, www.MentoneAlabama.com to MAPA for its use and as a vehicle to promote the things in which MAPA is interested. They offered to assist MAPA regarding all aspects of the website. By unanimous consent, their offer was accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned to have refreshments provided by Mentone Springs Hotel, i.e. makings for a make-it-your-way banana split, delicious cookies, and tea, coffee, and water.

We congratulate our Community Watch program! Our citizens are working well together for the benefit of themselves and their neighbors. The installation and activation of our radio system has been a boon to this endeavor also. Our policemen are able to communicate from anywhere in our area. Should you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, phone the police or me immediately.

Those people who purchased the properties on the corner of Highway 117 and Douglas Avenue (the Clara and Sammy Cash houses) have donated them to the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District (Mentone Fire Department) through the Town of Mentone for smoke and fire training purposes. This is an opportunity to make use of our tax monies for good results.

We are happy to announce that **Dorma Hutcheson** is our new magistrate. She brings experience in administration and in dealing with the public; Mentone is fortunate to have a person of her calibre in this position.

Our Drug Policy is zero tolerance for drugs, including the meth labs which are prevalent in this area. Governor Siegelman and Senator Barron are forming a task force to eliminate them. Our part of Northeast Alabama is responsible for over half of the marijuana grown in DeKalb County. This is a blot on our town, and we will get rid of it.

At our August Town Council meeting, we will present certificates of appreciation to **Dud Fielder** and **Charles Flannigan** for their donated work on Ed Mason Park and to **Jim Gaylord** for working on the radio grant and for erecting the tower, too. There will be recognition of other volunteers in the future.

This is a warning to "Weekenders": Do not leave your trash in containers at our town parks. Either take it home with you, or contact Arrow Disposal at 1000B Gault Ave. So., in Fort Payne. Should you continue to leave your trash in our public containers, you will receive a one time letter of warning.

Most residents have responded well to our problems concerning dogs. However, we need to remind owners of rottweilers, pit bulls, German shepherds, and dalmatians that these are considered particularly dangerous. We expect you to keep them contained for the safety of everyone, particularly your own.

Notes: School is beginning a new term. Our worst fear is speeders in the school zone. They will receive heavy fines. Our new zoning administrator is **Larry Gray**, who will address the concerns and needs of everyone. Remember that zoning exists to make us better neighbors. We will have a Board of Adjustment hearing within the month. It is important that all of us, including "Weekenders", keep property in good repair, grasses cut, debris removed. It has been recommended that the town pass an ordinance controlling weeds, debris, rubbish, and non-operative vehicles.

Water Works Board members are studying inaccurate meters, old galvanized pipes, water losses, and antiquated pipe routings. We are working extremely hard to rectify these problems. As a result, we will hold a public meeting soon. See notice of the public meeting printed in this Groundhog on the back page. Considerable progress has been made in our meter change-out program and with new installations, thanks to our new assistant superintendent Joseph Lee.

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Margie Coats is back home again. She has had quite a time lately, with a patch on her heart valve, a pace maker, and then a puncture hole in her lung. Her friends and family have been praying for her.

Betty Chapman should be coming home this Friday. She's been in the hospital with a disc problem. This, after she received the news that she was cancer free. Rick said, "If all goes well, I'll be bringing her home." Hang in there, Betty, your friends are keeping you in their prayers.

It was good to see Jim and Penny Lyday out recently. Jim suffers from gout and the agony keeps him home. They both are wonderful people.

The Mentone color fold-out brochures MAPA had printed are available at Dessie's Kountry Chef. If you are one of those who requested to be in the brochure, you can pick up your copies at Dessie's.

Congratulations to Stanley Michael Williams of Mentone and Ronald Jason Willoughby of Valley Head, who each earned an undergraduate degree at Jackson State University following the summer term.

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

- Lois Nolan Bray, 69, Valley Head, 7/4
- Billy Joe Armstrong, 60, formerly of Geraldine, 7/7
- Mrs. Bessie Percy, 84, Valley Head, 7/12
- Mrs. Eunice McSpadden, 75, Fort Payne, 7/20
- Daryl Ross Hope, 48, Mentone, 7/30
- Doris Vivian Clark, 66, Valley Head, 8/2

Happy August Birthdays/Anniversaries to: • 1 - Bennett Evans Strickland (1), Jessica Ivey, Dorothy Sheldon, Las Cruces, NM (82); • 2 - Ginger Gray, Tricia Black; • 3 - Russell Pearson; • 4 - Kathleen Mitchell; • 5 - Hope Martin; • 6 - Dessie Newberry; • 7 - Alex Woolen, Jonathan Dean; • 8 - Marzee Painter; • 9 - Harry and Brenda Hopper (Anniv.); Daniel Smith; • 10 - Lisa Hartline; • 12 - Danyale Kyle, John and Jennifer McGee (Anniv.); • 13 - Jim Stout; • 14 - Alan Black, Lowell McKenzie; • 15 - Chester Green, Robbie Collins; • 16 - Bill Crane, Steve Black; • 17 - Buckshot (Ronnie McMahon), Jean Clark, Sandra Pruitt; • 19 - Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Summer Easter, Beth Whisenant; • 20 - A.C. Windom; • 21 - Michelle (Chambers) Martin, Dale Shrader, Mrs. Eddie Langston, Annette Black; • 22 - Deborah Sharp, Amber Hall, Keith Langston, Benheit; • 23 - Jimmy Hall, Brandon Whaley; • 24 - Nicole Hultgan, Tom Harrison Sr., Laura and Dwayne McKenzie (Anniv.); • 25 - Brenda Hall; • 26 - Glenn Cryer, Luke Crouch; • 28 - Patrick Conniff Murphy; • 29 - Kim and John Johnson; • 31 - Jaime Carter.

Judge and Mrs. W.G. Hawkins have a change of address for those who would like to write to them. Their address is 2021 Dahlia Dr NE, Morningstar #114, Cullman, AL 35058-0607.

August 8 was the first day of school in DeKalb County. Please be watching out for students waiting for buses or walking to school.

KAYLA NICOLE SMITH IS USAA NATIONAL AWARD WINNER

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Kayla Nicole Smith of Valley Head has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner. The award is a prestigious honor, with the Academy recognizing fewer than 10% of all high school students nationally.

Kayla, who attends Valley Head High School, was nominated for this national award by faculty members at the school. Kayla will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve citizenship, attitude, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Kayla is the daughter of Stacy Smith of Valley Head, and Leslie Beason.

Grandparents are Guy (Squeak) and Judy Smith of Mentone and Paul and Mildred Snay of Fort Payne.

Nicole Smith is awarded scholarship

Nicole Smith of Mentone received the Barfield, Murphy, Shank and Smith Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year.

She was recognized at the Auburn University College of Business' recent Honors Day Banquet.

Smith, a senior in accounting, is the daughter of Guy and Judy Smith of Mentone. She is a 1997 graduate of Valley Head High School.



Kelly Bunch

Kelly Bunch graduated from Alabama School of Mathematics and Science with honors in history, biology, Latin and athletics. She has accepted a presidential scholarship and an undergraduate merit grant to Carnegie Mellon University, and she will also play on the soccer team. She is the daughter of Jim and Leslie Bunch of Fort Payne.

Ann Wright Addresses Mentone Garden Club

By Christina Wise

Mickey Gough called the July meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club to order at 12:30 PM in the Mentone Community House. Betty Chapman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Bernice Crow delivered the devotional. She read a poem by Edgar Guest from Thomas Kincaid's collection entitled "Beyond the Garden Gate." The poem waxed lyrical about the simple joys of nature.

Under old business, an update on the status of the "Welcome to Mentone" sign was given. The deed required before its placement is being drawn up and when that is accomplished, the sign will be erected on the main road opposite the White Elephant. The project committee is now headed by Dallyne Jones.

The Horticulture Committee Chairman is Margaret Baker and she will give a green thumb tip each month. Gethryn Giles becomes the Conservation Committee Chairman and delivered a reminder to recycle glass, plastic, paper and tin through the recycling center in Fort Payne.

The club members remembered two dear colleagues who recently died, Rylene Truett and Ruby Daniel. It was decided to place the Rhododendron in memory of Ruby outside the Community House, instead of in Mason Park. The MERF House originally belonged to Ruby's parents and was her childhood home place.

President Gough intimated that the annual flower show will take place in the VFW Fairground on 22 & 23 Sept. and that Harriet Lillie will design and create the exhibit on behalf of the Rhododendron Garden Club.

The president then passed along her plan for the care of the Heritage Garden. A roster for watering duties will be set up and she and Phyllis Cochran will water the garden during July. Volunteers for the other summer months should contact Phyllis.

Plans are afoot for the replacement of the plants in the garden area at the junction of Co Rd 89 and Co Rd 613. This garden was raided recently and the native rhododendron plants stolen. Dallyne and Jim Jones will do this work and use the plants donated by Patti Bryan.

The club was delighted to have its own Ann Wright as speaker. Her presentation was entitled, "The What, Where, When and How of Gardening." Ann dealt with this subject in her usual light-hearted style, which is always indicative of her love of gardening. Gardening she said should reflect the owner's personality and budget and, most of all, bring enjoyment. It is imperative that the gardener buy plants whose hardiness is appropriate to the location. So, careful research through garden centers, nurseries and catalogues is essential. Other important aspects needed for success are knowledge of the soil being used and the sunny and shady areas of the yard.

The "when" to plant can be tricky and may differ a lot within a small area. Ann plants later in the spring than neighbors in downtown Mentone because there is always a cold snap at her house that does not affect others close by. This makes empirical data provided by neighbors invaluable.

She advised purchasing good plants, because they always make a "hit" which includes good information about the depth of planting and distance between. Another piece of sound advice—when planting seeds, always tag the place or you will lose them! And always plant in clumps, so the final display will not look "spotty."

The hostesses were Margaret Baker, Gethryn Giles, and Virginia Sciz. The finger food refreshments were beautifully presented and very much appreciated on a hot, sultry afternoon.

Before the adjournment, Christina Wise asked for donations of items to be sold at the 450 Mile Yard Sale to raise funds for this year's nativity pageant. Anyone wishing to donate should contact her at 634-4023.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

The next meeting will be in the Mentone Community House on August 14, at 12:30. 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.

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The Birthday honoree, Arthur "Lightning" Goss, preparing to select his birthday meal from the many wonderful foods prepared by the ladies of the Church of God of Prophecy for his 90th Birthday!



(L/R) Front Row: Caleb Flannigan, Catrina Ingram holding Lilly Cash, Mandy Browder Goza, Arthur Goss, Georgia Horton; 2nd Row: Newley Ingram, Chuck Flannigan, Julie Ingram, Brandy Browder, Karen Prestwood, Matthew Battles; Back Row: Kara Goss, Jason Goss, Tristen Goss, Jana Goss, Tonya Browder, Eddie Browder, Glenda Ingram, Bubba Browder, Rachel Battles, Bobby Browder. (Lightning has 18 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and 6 great-great grandchildren. Not all of them were not present when the picture was taken at Lightning's 90th birthday celebration.)

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90th



About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Here it is already the month of August! School has started, most of the campers have left the camps, and the summer is almost over. Where does the time go? I've often heard the expression that someone is as, "slow as Christmas". Maybe we should all think Christmas and the time will slow down.

Please be aware that all schools in DeKalb County are now in session. Be extra careful when in all school zones. The students are in such a hurry to arrive to class on time or to go home after school, that they don't think of the traffic. It is up to us, the drivers of vehicles, to think for them. I hope that the Mentone police will be present most of the designated hours at the school zone of Moon Lake School. It helps greatly to have them present to slow the traffic on Highway 117. So much of this traffic comes from Georgia and other places and are in Mentone before they realize it. The neon green school zone signs are easier to see, so maybe this will help. I don't like it when speeding tickets have to be given, but if this practice saves the life or prevents the maiming of one child, then it is worth the effort on the part of the Town of Mentone.

Most of the grants that have been applied for by the town and the water department are still being considered. Many projects are on hold until we receive some word on these grants and loans. More and more people are moving into the Mentone area and requesting water service. Many of these new homes are in such rocky terrain that the cost of running water to them is one of the highest anywhere in DeKalb County. Some contractors even refuse to bid on jobs in Mentone, because any job in the area almost always requires blasting and the rocks are so hard on their equipment.



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On July 26th, the Town of Mentone hosted the quarterly meeting of the DeKalb County Mayors Association. Dessie's Kountry Chef Restaurant was our meeting place and the staff prepared a wonderful meal for us. Mayors and council persons from towns on Sand Mountain and the valley in between were in attendance. Mentone must be the only incorporated town located entirely on Lookout Mountain. So far as anyone could remember this was the first time Mentone had hosted this organization. The speaker was the newly appointed president of The DeKalb County Commission, Sid Holcomb. He presented a very entertaining and informative talk. Roads and streets seem to be the biggest problem facing the commission and the towns. He suggested something that I had not thought of before, he said that the roads in North Alabama cost much more to maintain than in the central and southern part of the state. This is because of the constant freezing and thawing that occurs during our winter months. Mentone is certainly with the in-crowd on roads and streets!

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District has applied for a federal grant to purchase new fire fighting equipment and for a new fire truck. Those members who have the internet check the status of this grant almost every day. So far, most of the grants have been awarded to Native American fire departments. The NLMFPD is now making plans to explore other ways of acquiring a new truck. This will require asking for private donations to continue to pay our day-to-day expenses. We realize that we will have to borrow the money to purchase a truck. Hopefully, the tax money received from the State of Alabama will make the payments.

The July issue of *The Groundhog* contained an article, *Mentone*, by John Barty. I know John very well, in fact he and I attended Valley Head School together and graduated in the same class. He is and always has been one of my favorite people. I think that this is because he is (and always has been) an independent thinker. He marches to a different drummer than most of us.

I totally agree with John's idea that Mentone is a thought, a feeling or an idea that can't be grasped. I would even say that maybe the entire mountain called Lookout could be described as Mentone. I lived part of my life at Adamsburg, which is on Lookout Mountain, south of Mentone. I remember having the same feeling about that place, so maybe it's the mountain that has the magic. If there is ever an earthquake or an eruption of a volcano, would we still feel as secure?



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John mentioned our fathers who struggled here. Even they thought about change, just by being here. They cleared the land and brought in animals and plants that were not native to the area. They dammed up the water in the river to provide power for grist mills and other reasons. All of this changed the mountain. Some of them homesteaded a lot of land with the sole purpose of selling it to make money, and the only requirement of the purchase was the presence of "greenbacks." All of this changed "Mentone", used here in the broader term encompassing the entire area.

But, I can't agree with all of his ideas. For instance, no one has ever advocated "the introduction of greater city life." I'm not sure which meeting John attended, but never was there a proposal to make the Town of Mentone anything but a safe, relatively clean place to live. The officials of Mentone want only enough revenue to have decent streets, to protect our homes from break-ins and our streets from speeding trucks and a little left over to mow the parks and plant a few shrubs and flowers around town. Quite often, someone will ask me why Mentone doesn't discontinue the police department and let the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department police the area. These persons should look at the size of DeKalb County. Suppose that most of the sheriff's staff were on the southern end of the county, maybe someone had been murdered, when you needed their help. How long do you think it would take for them to free someone to come to Mentone?

If you want to know what happens when an area is not incorporated into any town limits, go to Kilpatrick on Sand Mountain. About six months ago, this was a country area. There were pastures, farms and houses with large yards. Now, every pasture and farm is covered with portable homes. The residents now have neighbors in their back door. All of the people in these temporary homes may be lovely, nice people, but do you want to live that close to anyone? If zoning laws do nothing else, they put some space between you and the house of the person who owns the land next to yours.

John, Mentone cannot remain the way it has always been. Someone will move here and love it, someone will buy property to develop into a subdivision to make money, someone will strip the virgin timber from the land owned by their family for many years, someone may be born here who discovers a cure for dreaded diseases, a road will be built, a waterline will be laid, and changes will be. All that you and I can do is try to help control the speed and content of the growth and hope that more people come to Mentone because they love the green of the mountain more than the green of money!



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& stop by & check it out.

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**Mr. Cecil Baty Celebrates Birthday
Number 73 With Weekend of Food and Fun**

On Saturday night, July 15, Marilyn Blanton Campbell hosted a birthday dinner party for Mr. Baty at her home in the Baty Community with Billy and Debbie Baty, Jennifer Davis, and Jane Galloway also in attendance. A non-alcoholic (remember, this is a dry county, and the law must be observed) champagne toast to Mr. Baty's 73rd birthday started off the evening's festivities.

The dining room table was set using a hand sewn rosy hued tablecloth with matching napkins and a lovely white lace overlay for effect. Long white tapers burned in palest pink rose candleholders. The everyday dishes used to set the table were of the Roseland style, and the complementing flatware made an attractive display that was accented by plain crystal water goblets and champagne flutes in addition to iced tea glasses that matched the dishes.

The menu featured eye of the round beef pot roast with rich brown gravy and vegetables—potatoes, carrots, and onions—that had been cooked with the meat. Squash-grown by Mr. Baty and Billy—casserole and okra casserole were especially well received. Hot biscuits with plenty of butter, green lima beans, and a dish of white rice with parsley accents completed the hot dishes.

Coleslaw made with purple cabbage, green cabbage, carrots, and mayonnaise was offered along side well chopped Vidalia onions, sliced

tomatoes and chopped up cucumbers—that Mr. Baty and Billy had actually grown in their garden this season—and fresh green onions.

Accents on the table included English mustard, barbecue sauce, ketchup, homemade pickle relish, dill pickles, sweet gherkins, strawberry jelly, apricot preserves, fresh lemons, and fresh limes.

For dessert, a birthday cake with German Chocolate layers and dark chocolate frosting was served along with strawberry ice cream which just happens to be Mr. Baty's favorite. Sugar free lime gelatin molds containing fresh peaches and fresh apples were offered as well. Coffee and tea were also served.

Before anybody had even thought to light the candles and sing "Happy Birthday" to Mr. Baty, he was already in the process of serving gooey slices of cake to those seated around him. The entire assemblage seemed to have a wonderful experience thoroughly enjoying the meal and each other's company in the time of it.

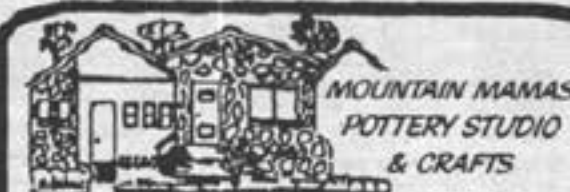
On Sunday, July 15, Mr. Baty's family celebrated his birthday all over again with a cookout at his home in the Baty Community with a general collection of family, friends, attachments, and connections as guests. Hot dogs and hamburgers were served along with coleslaw, onions, and the standard trimmings. Potato salad and banana pudding were Southern delicacies not to be missed on this occasion.

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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing

By L.C. Moon

The Vaccinium family is home to many edible berries, including blueberry, cranberry and huckleberry. Lookout Mountain is home to several species of the vaccinium family.

I would use most of the vaccinium family interchangeably—though some species have been proven to be superior to others for healing particular conditions.

Author Jack E. Warner writes that vaccinium myrtilloides - huckleberry, low bush huckleberry—is about 3 ft high in maturity with hairy leaves. The leaves and berries of V. myrtilloides is said to rid the body of worms, kidney and bladder problems, as well as being helpful for the eyes and treating diabetes.

I am thoroughly trusting of the research of James Duke, Ph.D., who holds blueberries in high esteem. He is co-writer of the Peterson Field Guide Eastern/Central Medicinal Plants and native Alabamian. The field guide identifies V. angustifolium (late low bush blueberry) leaves as helpful for colic, labor pains, and tonic after miscarriage. Fumes of burning dried flowers were inhaled for treating madness. American Indians use the leaf teas as a blood purifier.

The Green Pharmacy by James Duke has a really in-depth look at blueberries. When he mentions blueberries or cranberries, it is stated that various species have similar uses. The berries contain oligomeric procyanidins (OPC's). The compound (OPC's) prevents the breakdown of certain tissues. This prevention is especially beneficial for people living with multiple sclerosis (MS). The anti-inflammatory activity of the berries is also helpful for MS.

Cranberry and blueberry juices contain compounds that help prevent and rid the body of a bladder or urinary tract infection. The fruits must be used persistently or several days to be effective. I recently picked blueberries at Coleman Thompson's Organic Farm (706-862-2824) in Menlo, GA, for my bladder infection. From personal experience, I can say that blueberries are helpful in the treatment of bladder problems. However, blueberries were not the only natural treatment I used.

Eating a lot of blueberries for medicinal treatment may bring on the problem of diarrhea. Ironically enough, dried blueberries are helpful in treating diarrhea.

Vaccinium myrtillus (bilberry) is well known to be helpful for vision. According to James Duke, during WWI, British fliers used bilberry to sharpen their vision. Italian researchers used the compound anthocyanosides from bilberry mixed with Vitamin E to treat patients in the early stages of cataract development. Clouding of vision stopped in 97% of the people.

I believe I've made it very clear that I would use various species of vaccinium for similar purposes, though I would be cautious of V. vitis-idaea (deerberries), which have a large light green berry. Appalachian Wildflowers warns against eating deerberries.

Blueberries are nature's candy with benefits. Along with the many things I've listed, there is also research being done regarding blueberries being beneficial in prevention and treatment of cancer and memory loss.

Indulge in the fresh blueberries readily available in Mentone and Menlo. One of the best things you can do for you and your health is nourishing your body with fresh seasonally appropriate food.

I would love to hear from readers about stories they know of regarding native medicinal plants. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at PO Box 224, Mentone, AL 35984.

FOLK ART

By Morgana MacVicar

Mountain Mamas features the arts and crafts of nearly 50 women artists from our region. Several of the artists are well known as creators of an increasingly popular art form called folk art.

What is folk art? If you ask ten people you will probably receive ten different answers to this question. This is because folk art describes a wide variety of works using almost any medium. However, folk art images are highly imaginative and are usually created by individuals who have cultivated their artistic skills informally. These artists are visual storytellers who create vivid and expressive art out of their everyday experiences using a variety of everyday materials.

The following artists at Mountain Mamas represent folk art at its best. They have varying backgrounds, different approaches, and distinctly individual styles.

Lizzy Williams is a folk artist from Atlanta, she is well known on the folk art circuit for her colorful and whimsical paintings on wood. You will love her wonderful flowers, birds and cats.

Kim Clayton is another popular folk artist who lives in Myrtle Beach. She loves to make recycled folk art from scraps of wood, tin, and even hub caps. Her paintings portray scenes from everyday life with a vibrant and energetic style.

Sue Williams from St. Augustine, FL, is another artist who makes art from found objects. She is best known for her charming household altars created from wooden cigar boxes, a spin off from her childhood when her Mom worked in a wholesale tobacco house.

Barbara Williams is a folk artist who is also inspired by childhood memories. Her two headed "topsy turvey" dolls are based on a fondly remembered rag doll. They make delightful gifts.

Carolyn Moon from Chattanooga works her folk art magic in metal. Her sculpture is created for the yard in such imaginative shapes as teapots and cups, cute couches and stuffed chairs, and animal shapes with cut outs that tell stories.

Robin Hope, another yard artist, paints her metal garden stakes and mobiles as brightly colored dragonflies, butterflies, frogs, flowers, and mermaids.

Kelly Winn, from Cedar Bluff, uses recycled metal pieces which she welds together to create unique sculptures for the wall.

Véronique Vanblaere began creating her art work on furniture in Belgium, her native country. She now lives in Birmingham and her most popular items are her hand painted light switches.

Holly Bergeron of Rome, uses gourds to make bird houses which she then paints with colorful folk art designs.

Two of Mountain Mamas' owners could be called folk artists as well. **Mary Alice Stout**, who is famous for her old-fashion jams, also collects roots from her blueberry bushes and paints them to create one of a kind folk art snakes. And **Morgana MacVicar** paints her colorful pottery designs using an ancient Italian folk art technique called Maiolica. She also paints tile trivets, floor cloths, place mats and aprons in matching motifs.

Folk Art may be difficult to define but it is art that touches us in a special way. And if it is what you are looking for, you will enjoy a visit to Mountain Mamas. We're located on Hwy 17/48 seven miles from Milledgeville, 1/2 mile across the Ala. Ga. line.

TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Daniel Huskey

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

We at Tri County Volunteer Fire/Rescue hope everyone is having a good time this summer and doing it safely. I would like to remind everyone to please be careful as school is starting, and the children are out early in the morning waiting on the bus. It only takes a split-second for an accident to happen.

Pictured along with this article are some of our members doing some routine checks and maintenance at TCVFR. In one picture they are preparing to Pressure Test some fire hose. This is to insure the hose is safe to be used and the pumps and trucks are operating properly. A hose blown at the coupling with 125 pounds of pressure can cause severe injuries to personnel. In the other photo they are doing Routine Preventive Maintenance on one of our pumpers, this way the truck will be ready to go when needed. You can't let the trucks sit for three or four months without running them and expect them to be ready to go. We run these vehicles each week so maybe we can catch a problem before it gets too big.

These checks and maintenance are also part of our continuing training process which gets everyone used to the vehicles and how they operate, or what to do when something unexpected happens. It doesn't matter how many dollars' worth of equipment you have or how new it is, if you don't maintain and work with it on a regular basis then it will let us down, and in turn we let the community down.

Our members put a great deal of their personal time and effort in this dept. and for this I am very grateful. To date Tri County Volunteer Fire Rescue has never failed to respond and arrive to a call we were paged, no matter what time of day or night or what kind of weather, week end or holiday. It takes good people with devotion, caring, and team work to make this possible. Believe me, I know first hand because Oct. 20th 2000 I was stricken with a sudden illness and had to call for an ambulance. Tri County was paged to respond along with the ambulance to my residence. Within a few minutes Tri County arrived at my home and commenced to do their job. It was good to know that the 1st Responders from Tri County was there not only for their assistance, but just knowing friends and neighbors were there in a time of distress. About 20 minutes later the ambulance arrived and transported me to the hospital where I spent the next 18 days.

It's not the Department that makes the people, it's the people that make the Department, and I thank each of them. Assistant Chief Howard Durham, Wayne Cain, James Durham, Denise Green, Janice Harris, Janet Harris, Charla Huskey, James Moore, Donna Smith, Mary Alice Stout, Donald Whitaker, and Jeremy Potts.



TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout

THE WORLD'S LONGEST YARD SALE will be held August 16-19. Tri-County Volunteers will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, bar-b-que, and ice cream. Yard sale items will be sold as well as handmade dolls, birdhouses and cookbooks.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please donate items for the yard sale, and come by during the sale and find great bargains for yourself. Tri-County will set up at the Fireworks Stand, located at the GA/AL state line where GA Hwy 48 joins AL Hwy 117.

To donate yard sale items, call our Assistant Chief, Howard Durham (706-862-6400), or members Janet Harris (706-862-2128), Charla Huskey (706-862-6344) or Mary Alice Stout (706-862-2142). Any of these volunteers will be happy to arrange pick up of your items.

THANK YOU
(and it's not too late...)



Thank you to everyone who has participated in our annual request for funds. This fund drive provides the base for the services that Tri-County Fire/Rescue offers. We have never charged a fee for helping someone and we will respond to any call, any time and any where we are paged out. We operate from our donations, food sales, yard sale, and (this year) a check from Chattooga County, GA. Many of you have been VERY generous with your donations.

Again, THANK YOU!

To those who have not yet responded—it's not too late. PLEASE send a donation to Tri-County Volunteer Fire-Rescue, 12511 Hwy 48, Cloudland, GA 30731. Give to the extent you are able. Each donation is sincerely appreciated and DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Remember, your donation is tax deductible.



Members doing some routine checks and maintenance (above)

Preparing to pressure test some fire hose (to the left)



A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Alas, Summer is nearly gone. Many will rejoice and welcome cooler weather—but not I! But we must take it as it comes.

Edith and Alvin Cox, (accompanied by their daughter, Carolyn, and her husband, Jack McNary, from Dunlap) had a nice 3700 mile, twelve-day trip. They saw the sights in Tennessee, Kentucky, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Idaho, Wyoming, Kansas, Missouri, Utah, and Nebraska. They were impressed by the Badlands, Mt. Rushmore, glaciers and among other things—the Precious Moments Chapel, etc. in Carthage, Missouri.

Martha and "Hoot" Gibson have returned from a trip to Houston, TX.

Lou Ann Weatherly and Doris Carmichael spent the day recently at Mentone with Gladys Crane, who was visiting there from Winston Salem, NC. They had lunch at the Deli and had lots of fun reminiscing.

Loy Clark and his mother, Evelyn Clark visited Gladys Harris at Fort Oglethorpe, Sun., July 22.

Jennifer Waselewski, and children, Kaley and Will, visited her grandmother, Lillie Bowden. They were joined by Jennifer's mother, Jo Welch, from Chattanooga.

Christine Brooks was glad to see her sister-in-law, Virginia Hales, and her daughter, Judy Boggs and son, Dustin, from Dahlonega, Ga., as they came by to see her on Thurs. July 26. She hadn't seen them in a long time.

Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis visited Ted and Mary Holleman recently. Mary had talked to her sister, Adelaide Diddle. She is all right and enjoying water aerobics.

Rachel Manning had a rough time at BMC DeKalb and then at UAD, but she is home now recuperating. She said her family had been so good to her during her illness. She had a nice trip before she got sick. She went to Conn. While there, she saw the play, "Kiss Me Kate." She visited her nephew, Lionel Mitchell, in Washington, D.C. She saw the fabulous Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. When I talked to her, Steve's wife, Joanne Manning, and daughter, Lauren, and Haley were visiting her.

Camilla Yamada, Maureen Hammond's granddaughter, has been named a Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar (Dean's List) for her outstanding academic performance during the 2000-2001 year. This designation is given for

ranking in the top fifth of the class. The honor and recognition ceremony will be Fri. Oct. 12 at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and Maureen hopes to attend. Camilla has finished her second year of college; and her brother, Elliott, has finished his third year. He is attending Emory University and majoring in Investment Banking.

Juanita Smith has been confined to her bed at home, because of a fall. She already had a painful injury to her heel. I hope by now she is feeling much better.

Doris Chamlee and Pam and Edith Dean, honored Debra Rhodes with a baby shower, July 22, at Debra's home. Others present were Allie Rhodes, Katy Dean, Katherine Chamlee, Mary Rhodes, and Lottie Ingle.

I received the following news through the mail: "The Valley Head Marching Band has started practicing for the Fall Football Season. We wish them the best of luck!"

Good to hear that Lynn Jenkins is feeling much better. God performs miracles every day.

Remember Billie Pickett, Lora Dell Perkins, Wanda Hall, Bessie McSpadden, and all the other sick folks in your prayers.

Donald, Margie, Heather and Brittany Daniel, Stella Pierce, and Ronald Daniel spent a week in Daytona Beach, Fla. They had a great time. Ronald and Brittany went to the Daytona International Speed way.

Good luck to all the new teachers coming to Valley Head and Moon Lake this Fall. There are several.

Anyone wishing to be a band supporter can purchase an ad from any band member for \$5. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated!

Ed Ringer went to Birmingham, Ala., and attended the Education Association Leadership Conference at the Wynfrey Hotel, recently.

Valley Head Methodist Church enjoyed the band, "On Eagles Wings," on the 5th Sunday. The band is composed of Barry Pickett from Dutton; Boyd Mart from Scottsboro; David Hancock, from Section; and Jeff Starbird, from Macedonia.

I appreciate all news items phoned in or written. It saves me and you from being "pestered" by my calls, although I do enjoy talking to everyone.

I haven't told you about my trip to Las Vegas and Flagstaff. From Las Vegas to Flagstaff is desert and mountains. They look like huge mounds of dirt with sparse growth of small shrubs. There are no trees until you reach Williams, then you begin to see some trees. We had a nice villa at Flagstaff with a large two-story picture window with a beautiful view of the mountains. It could be 80+° in the valley, but the Snowbowl on Mt. Agassiz keeps its snow. It has a 12000 ft. ski lift, and can be seen for miles in any direction. In Flagstaff, there are big Ponderosa Pine, and there are beautiful gold colored trees and silver colored trees. I failed to get their name. Along the roadside is ordinary, spiky grass, which I named magic grass because, at sunset, it turns to sparkling silver, and, if you pick it, its

stems curled like feathers. Oh yes, I brought a bouquet of it home with me! There is no lush green grass like we have, but I found this very interesting. I'll tell you more next month.

I'm including a poem written by Andrew Dell, my grandson-in-law, who was inspired by my thoughts and wonder.

Everyone enjoy the short time that is left of this precious summer.

Midsummer's Bloom

Midsummer's bloom is full and fair
Voluptuous with promise rare.
She lolls lazily in the shade,
Content with progress she has made.

Surveys the landscape far and near,
Where fruits of labor vast appear.
Wrapped in colors so gay and bright
Like shower gifts for harvest's right.

Midsummer's bloom is full and fair
But tinge of Autumn tints the air
With hazy shrouds just to remind
That Summer bloom its fruit will find.
—Eloise Brown

In Arizona

The grass lights to silver here—
the mountains azure blue—
And deep the browns, and bright the greens
and into purple too.
The trees have turned to stone 'round here,
like magic gone awry, while waters unearth
the treasures deep that color up the sky.
What is the song, the tall trees whisper?
A song of somewhere far yet near—
Some place where they've been torn asunder
and knit to lands so full of fear.
And yet—I catch their tuneful whisper
under leaves, their whispers clear—
Of a land of melodious sonnets
and soothing breezes of other years!
—Andrew Dell

Learn to Bend

As years go by	We meet our fate,
We all must try	The storms of life
To learn to bend	Will win the strife
With wintry wind,	Their toll will take
if stiff and straight,	Our spirits break.

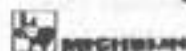
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THE ARC OF DEKALB COUNTY

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L/R: Margaret Clifton, seated Ina Carlyle & Debbie Lyons

A UGF MEMBER AGENCY SERVING INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION

The goal of the ARC of DeKalb County is to help each individual with mental retardation achieve the highest level of independence possible. They assist family members (or other caregivers) who care for individuals with special needs. During the past year, the ARC has served 38 individuals and their families.

Melissa Knopps has served as Executive Director of the ARC of DeKalb County for the past 2-1/2 years. She graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Jacksonville State University and became licensed in 1998. Ms. Knopps' staff includes Andrea Smalley, Secretary, and Program Managers and direct care staff needed to carry out the various programs offered through the ARC.

The ARC offers three programs: Adult Training, Adult Activity, and Residential Homes.

The Adult Training Program focuses on teaching the skills necessary for day-to-day living, including health, hygiene, and cooking. The Training Area is set up with a furnished apartment with kitchen, a self-care area, and an exercise area. Jacqueline Gogan is the Adult Training Center Program Manager with Christy Wood, Joyce Moses and Lora Laws working as ATC Direct Care Staff.

The Adult Activity Program concentrates on maintaining the individual's existing skills and on training them for employment in the community. Margaret Clifton is the Adult Activity Center Program Manager.

Debbie Lyons is the AAC Program Assistant, and Ina Carlyle, AAC Direct Care Staff. The ARC contracts for small jobs with local business and industry and the clients receive training in the skills needed for employment in the community. Individuals are paid according to production and/or a minimum wage.

The third program, Residential Homes, makes it possible for individuals with mental retardation to live within the community and learn how to be as independent as possible. Jennifer Jones is the ARC Residential Coordinator. There are three Residential Homes with three residents per home, private bedrooms, and 24-hour awake staff. All the homes are located within the Fort Payne city limits.

The ARC is a non-profit organization that relies on funding from state, federal, and local sources. Local funds consist of monies received from county taxes, civic organizations, and agencies such as United Givers Fund. Ms. Knopps says that funding is the agency's biggest challenge this year. She said, "We lost half of our funding from the County Commission and a large amount this year, and next year's will be cut more, from the Special Education Trust Fund. These sources serve as local match."

The ARC, located at 201 Grand Avenue S in Fort Payne, is one of 11 agencies funded by United Givers fund of DeKalb County.



Darrell, Jimmy, Robbin, Margaret & Ashley work together to get the sock order filled

"Enabling Alabama's citizens with severe disabilities to reach their maximum employment potential" is the mission of the Darden Rehabilitation Foundation. A satellite of Darden, the Fort Payne/DeKalb Rehab Center offers a variety of services with the ultimate goal of gainful employment for handicapped individuals. Services range from sheltered workshop to placement in competitive employment.

The Fort Payne/DeKalb Rehab Center, located at 305 3rd St. SE in Fort Payne, has served 204 individuals in the past year. A Mentally or physically disabled person can be accepted into the program if the disability creates a substantial handicap to employment. Other criteria for admission: The individual must be at least 16 years old and must be able to ride the bus or provide own transportation.

One of the core components of the Center's programs is the Workshop. Under the supervision of Greg Greathouse and assistant, Robbin Fowler, the Workshop serves as a place of employment for those who are unable to succeed in competitive employment. For those clients who need to develop skills, stamina or a routine before entering competitive employment, the Workshop serves as a place for work adjustment. Various jobs are available in the Workshop ranging from stuffing envelopes to numerous tasks involved in the sock industry.

Another component of the Center is The Community Employment Service. This program, under the direction of

Beverly Watts, is designed to give assistance to the clients in obtaining employment. They learn how to fill out applications, interview techniques, job readiness and job retention skills.

John Story, a retired DeKalb County educator, is the Executive Director of the Fort Payne/DeKalb Rehab Center. Mr. Story's career in education included teaching (math and history), principal and counselor. For the last 20 years he served as a counselor at the DeKalb Technology Center. A native of Fayette, John has lived in Fort Payne for the past 25 years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and the Fort Payne Civitans. Just prior to becoming Director of the Rehab Center, Story served as a vocational evaluator with the Darden Rehabilitation Foundation in Gadsden.

Mr. Story says, "In addition to the daily challenges of helping each individual reach his/her maximum potential, the Center faces a major challenge of obtaining contracts for work for the Workshop Program." He says that with a wide range of ability and interests in the group of workers, it is difficult to obtain enough local work contracts to be able to pair each individual with work that is both challenging and fulfilling.

The Center is one of 11 agencies funded by United Givers Fund of DeKalb County. For more information on the programs or contract work, call Mr. Story at 256-845-9367. The Center is in operation from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

2001-2002 UGF CAMPAIGN
THEME SELECTED
STEERING COMMITTEE,
DIVISION & TEAM
CHAIRMEN IN PLACE

UGF recently conducted a "slogan contest" to come up with a new theme for this fall's campaign. Employees at ten DeKalb County companies were asked to submit their suggestions for a theme for this year's United Givers Fund Campaign.

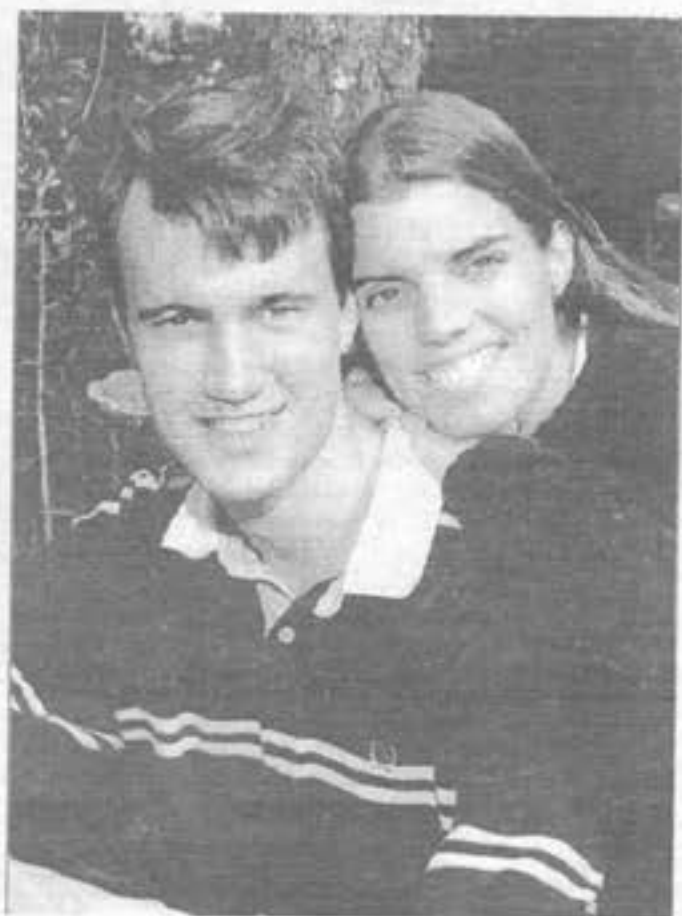
Doris Wright with Charleston Hosiery submitted the winning theme, "Giving Today, Gives Hope for Tomorrow." Ms. Wright, who is the Knitting Department Manager at Charleston's Fort Payne plant, received a \$25 gift certificate donated by Bruce's Foodland Plus and a gift certificate for lunch for two at Heroes restaurant, donated by Heroes in Fort Payne.

"This theme says so much about what UGF is all about," said Barbara Turner, UGF Executive Director. "Giving refers not only to the generosity of our contributors during the annual UGF Campaign, but also to the hundreds of volunteers who give so much of their time and talent during the campaign and throughout the year—giving hope for tomorrow."

Campaign 2001-2002 is set to kick off on September 12. Dozens of volunteers are already in place according to Campaign General Chairman, Linda Sterling. This will be Ms. Sterling's second year to serve in this position. Campaign volunteers recruited to date include: Bill Mitchell, Dr. Michael R. Parker, Mayor Bill Jordan, Gwen Hill, Doris Hobbs, Sam Graves, Carla Bryan, Pam Gibson, Larry Hancock, Teresa Freeman, Ricky Little, Julie Morgan, Deborah Key, Pat Dunne, Jr., Herb and Sis Martin, Elizabeth Wheatley, Jay Morgan, Sue Wills, Randolph Bell, and Michael Gullledge.

Community Captains include: Judy Downer, Adamsburg; Jo Ann Stricklin, Collinsville; Sue Wills, Dogtown; Mildred Hawthorne, Fischer; Linda Clark, Mentone; Priscilla Monroe, Valley Head; Pat Shupp, Crossville; Carl and Opal Driskill, Dawson; Clyde and Una Fay Martin, and Thomas and Sherry Whitten, Fayette; Billy Smothers, Geraldine; Retha Godwin, Grove Oak; Slick and Virginia Helton, Powell. Community volunteers are still needed for Hammondville, Rainsville, Henagar, Ider, and Sylvania.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$350,000. With the addition of the two new agencies, Partnership for a Drug-Free DeKalb and Rose Haven, there will be a total of 13 member agencies to be funded from the campaign "Giving Today, Gives Hope For Tomorrow."



Miller-Graham to wed

**Curtis (Curt) Brent Miller
and Joannah (Annie) Michelle Graham**

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Graham of Tucson, AZ, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Joannah (Annie) Michelle Graham to Curtis (Curt) Brent Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller of Mentone. Miss Graham is a 2000 graduate of Pensacola Christian College. She is employed at Tucson Medical Center.

Curtis is a 2001 graduate of Pensacola Christian College. He is employed at Electrical Excellence in Tucson.

The wedding is set for August 18th, at Canyon Del Oro Baptist Church in Tucson, AZ.

The couple plans to become involved in full-time missionary service.

Annie's grandparents are Owen Geer of California, Helen Snyder of Washington State, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Graham of Brazil.

Curt's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Miller of Samson, AL, and Mrs. Helen Verkes of Seminole, FL.

Parkway a true work of natural art

By Patty Tucker, DeKalb Tourist Association
Having traveled the southern portion of the Lookout Mountain Parkway many times, I can easily tell people how to follow the route of the World's Longest Yard Sale from Gadsden to Mentone. I think they hear something in my voice, however, when I try to get them through Georgia to Tennessee that doesn't sound so convincing.

On Saturday, my husband and I took off to explore the northern portion of the parkway all the way to Chattanooga, Tenn. I wanted to feel more confident in telling people where they needed to go straight ahead or make a right or left turn.

Georgia Highway 48. It is not long until you make a left turn onto Georgia Highway 157 and another left onto Highway 136, then right on Highway 189 to right on 157 again. This takes you to Rock City where you pick up Tennessee Highway 27 that takes you to the US 127 Corridor.

The road winds across the mountain with the brow views often changing from the right side of the road to the left. It sometimes narrows so much you have a brow view from both sides of the road. It takes you past Cloudland Canyon State Park and Covenant College, the stately structure you see from the valley as you travel north on the interstate.

The fairy-tale hamlet of Rock City has streets named for storybook characters, tall rock mazes, gardens and bridges, and we arrived there just as they were opening. As we departed, there was a long line of people waiting to get in, so we were glad we arrived as early as we did. It made for an enjoyable, relaxing experience.

The Lookout Mountain Parkway was named by Readers Digest as one of America's most scenic drives.

From Noccalula Falls in Gadsden to the Little River Canyon National Preserve, DeSoto State Park and beyond, the Lookout Mountain Parkway is truly a work of art by a higher power and should be enjoyed by all.

Happy 7th Birthday!!



Dallas "Cub" Gregory

Dallas "Cub" Gregory will celebrate his 7th birthday on Aug. 15, 2001. Dallas is a first grader at Valley Head and the son of Jason and Tina Gregory of Hammondville.

Grandparents are Jim and Linda Gregory of Hammondville, and Geri Campbell of Fort Payne.

Great Grandparents are Priscilla Monroe of Valley Head, Bill Gregory of Adamsburg, Pauline Johnson of Ft. Payne, and Louise Chadwick of Cloudland, GA.

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Cory, and Ariana



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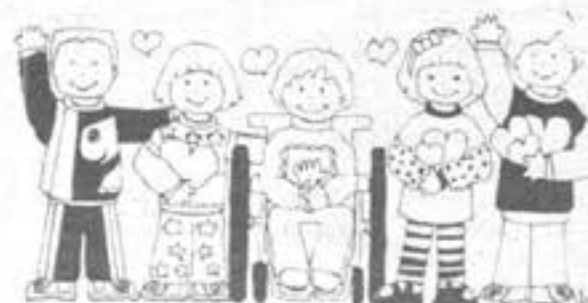
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Men's Summer League.
They compiled a 12-2 record**



Team members are, as pictured: Aaron McKenzie, Kevin Worthey, John Chambers, Brent Black, Bobby Browder, Phil Harris, J.J. Wigley, Garrett Collins, Jeremy Keith, Tad Scott.

Not Pictured: Todd Abernathy, Trent Abernathy, Jason Goss, "Tater" Tatum, Johnathan Browder.

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It's a Girl!

**Sam Langston holding baby sister,
Sara Danielle Langston**

Hello, my name is Sam. I just wanted to tell everybody about my new baby sister. Her name is Sara Danielle. She was born June 16 and weighed 7 lbs 4 oz. and was 21 inches long. Our parents Keith and Dawn Langston, love her just as much as I do. Proud grandparents are Loy and Beck Langston of Mentone, Margaret Farmer of Fort Payne, and the late Woody Farmer, also of Fort Payne.

LABOR DAY

September 3, 2001

DeSoto State Park Interpretive Program 2001

Date	Program	Speaker	Time
Aug 10	Venue and Pinnacles Organisms of AL	James Rayburn	8:00 PM
Aug 11	Amphibian Metamorphosis		8:00 PM
Aug 12	How to Find a Real Deal	Robert Lindley	8:00 PM
Aug 18	Wildflowers	Stan Spaulding	8:00 PM
Aug 24	Miner Verse		8:00 PM
Aug 25	Geology State	Laura Wenslauf	8:00 PM
Aug 31	Insects and Arachnids	Cole Benton	7:30 PM
Sept 1	Legends on the Loophole	Garlyn Henson	7:30 PM
Sept 6	Voices of the Night	George Gline	7:30 PM
Sept 10	Edible and Medicinal Plants of Little River Canyon	Francine Hutchinson	7:30 PM
Sept 22	Edible of Alabama	Mark Wasko	7:30 PM
Sept 29	Woodland Animals	Garlyn Henson	7:30 PM
Oct 2	Archaeology of our Local Park	Larry Boone	7:00 PM
Oct 9	Wildways of Nature (Wildflowers)	Harry Hudson	7:00 PM
Oct 12	Nocturnal Animals	Garlyn Henson	7:00 PM
Oct 13	Days of Fire	Rita Conroy	7:00 PM
Oct 13	Legends of the Canyon		7:00 PM
Oct 20	Water Quality of Little River	Francine Hutchinson	7:00 PM
Oct 26	The Cherokee Trail of Tears		7:00 PM
Oct 27	Geology of Little River Canyon	Kelly Grogg	7:00 PM



Rhododendron Garden Club workers on steps of Mentone Community Center after working in gardens around the center: L/R: (front) Phyllis Cochran, Christina Wise, Shirley Hussel, Bernise Crow. (back row): Sue Schwarz, Virginia Setz, Dorothy Cyr, Flo Kirby, Harriett Lillich; (Inset) Martha Woods, who took the picture

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Mentone Veterans at Liberty Park, Birmingham
Sherman Gough, Jimmy Wright,
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Memorial Columns at
Veterans Memorial at Liberty Park, Birmingham

Birmingham, Ala.-The first-of-its-kind Alabama Veterans Memorial is the only Memorial in the United States that will honor all Alabama veterans from all branches of service from the 20th century wars, including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War. This memorial was opened on May 27, 2001.

Situated in a 21-acre park, the Memorial recognizes more than 11,000 Alabama veterans who lost their lives in the wars of the 20th century. The Memorial features a Regiment

of Columns honoring Alabama's 22 Medal of Honor recipients, in addition to the men who lost their lives and those who returned home. The 36 columns, 20 feet in height, contain veterans' stories and patriotic sculptures cast in metal by Alabama artists.

"Alabama has more veterans per capita than any other state in the country," said Della Fancher, founder and president of the Alabama Veterans Memorial Foundation. "The Foundation envisions the Memorial as a place of thanksgiving for more than 430,000 veterans currently living in

Alabama, a place for visitors to reflect on those who gave their lives, a place to educate, and a place that celebrates democracy."

Admiral Robert J. Natter, Commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, accepted the Foundation's invitation as the keynote speaker for the grand opening event. He spoke at 5 p.m. on May 27, 2001. Governor Siegleman and Congressman Spencer Bachus also participated and the 313th Army Band provided musical entertainment.

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CLOUDLAND-ON THE BROW - Authentic pine great room with mountain stone fireplace and built-in bookcase. 2 bedrooms/2baths, one with walk-in ceramic shower. Kitchen with built-in pantry and abundant cabinets. Large covered porch across back, screened-in porch with mountain stone fireplace/grill. Covered, mtn. stone gazebo allows the privilege of unobstructed view of valley. Guest cottage being totally remodeled. A MUST SEE at \$229,000.00.



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CLOUDLAND ON HWY 157 - Upper East Brow, nice chalet built in 1987 on 1.7 acres overlooking valley below. Home features 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths, 2x6 exterior walls, thermal pane windows & glass making this home very energy efficient, large wraparound deck facing the valley view, hardwood floors, rock fireplace with gas logs, HVAC, vaulted ceiling in great room, metal roof and much more. Move up to the mountain and soar with the eagles & hawks. **PRICED TO SELL AT \$120,500.** This won't last long. (No. G-46)



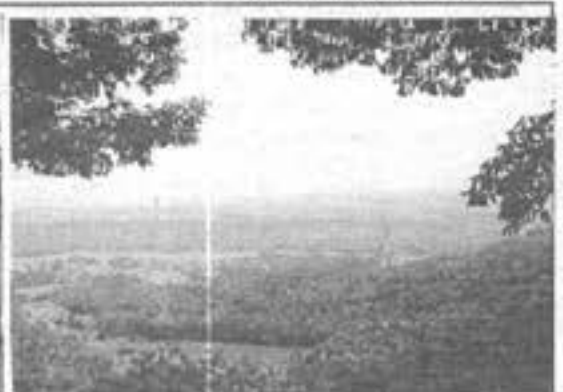
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Alabama Reading Initiative

A Plan of Action toward Reading Success for Moon Lake Elementary School, Mentone, Alabama; 2001-2002

In its endeavor to attain 100% literacy among all students, Moon Lake Elementary School establishes fundamental beliefs that guide all consideration and implementation.

1. A print-rich, highly motivational environment must be created.
2. Reading must be abundant and varied.
3. Struggling readers must be assisted by classroom teachers and a reading specialist.
4. The media center must expand reading-related opportunities.
5. Assessment must be conducted on an ongoing basis.
6. Progress must be tracked continuously and consistently.
7. All school stakeholders must be involved.

Schoolwide activities and displays support and enhance the vital work conducted in each classroom. These include, but are not limited to, the following.

•Book Clubs—Student discussion will be promoted through the establishment of several book clubs. Each club will feature a different genre or level, thereby allowing students to follow personal interests or abilities.

•Book Buddies—Students will visit other classrooms and read favorite stories. Paired classes will be 6th grade with Head Start, 3rd grade with kindergarten, 4th grade with 1st grade, and 5th grade with 2nd grade.

•Book Fairs—Book sales will include a special low-price sale offered as a Junior Beta Club activity.

•Cafeteria Displays—Poetry, student writing, and other items will be displayed on tables and walls of the cafeteria. An author wall will be established and maintained by the reading specialist.

Campuswide Displays—Authentic student writing and large captioned photographs of students engaged in reading-related activities will be displayed throughout the campus.

Campuswide Vocabulary—Common terms used to describe reading-related concepts and items will be identified and established across all grade levels.

Classroom Displays—Attractive, instructive, interactive classroom environments will feature reading-related visuals. These will be both teacher-provided and student-generated.

Homework Helper—Students who need assistance completing homework assignments may choose to go a designated location each morning prior to the beginning of school.

New Media Center—Expanded space will allow the acquisition of additional books, reference materials, and magazines. A story center and a teacher resource area will be established. Resource books, journals, and materials will be requested by the instructional staff. The media specialist will be available to deliver reading-related assistance and instruction.

Principal's Read-Aloud—The principal will read to each class monthly. A bookworm display in the office will document the books he reads.

Quiet Time Reading—Students may choose to participate in "Good Morning Tiger Cubs" prior to the beginning of school—where they will read silently—and they may choose to read silently or complete homework during afternoon bus duty. Furthermore, they will

be encouraged to read silently in the cafeteria after finishing lunch.

Reading Contracts—Because time spent reading is such an important factor toward academic success, students and parents will sign agreements that students will read or, according to age and ability, be read to for 30 minutes at home each evening.

Reading Logs—A tracking device that will document reading progress will be developed by the reading specialist.

Reading Recess—A daily block of 30 minutes will provide an opportunity for silent reading in each classroom. Because modeling is a vital component of reading instruction, all teachers and support personnel will participate along with all students.

Reading Specialist—Among her varied duties, the reading specialist will assist teachers with reading assessments and with struggling readers, model reading lessons, organize and train volunteer reading helpers, provide staff development delivered by either herself or other presenters, and help parents work more effectively with their children's reading.

School Aesthetics—Hallways will be freshly painted, some decorated with literature related murals. Displays of motivational topics, student work, and progress charting will be established. Additional Ellison dies will be acquired. Total reading participation will be tracked on the school marquee.

Staff Planning—All instructional staff members will meet on a monthly basis to discuss reading-related materials, methods, goals, and progress. Three separate meetings will occur, respectively comprising kindergarten and 1st grade, 2nd and 3rd grades, and 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The reading specialist will provide pertinent information and assistance, and the principal will address other schoolwide issues. Parent volunteers will supervise classes while teachers participate in the meetings.

Student Assessment—Because assessment is so critical to effective reading instruction, students will be evaluated on an ongoing basis. Informal and formal evaluations will both identify individual and group needs and direct instruction. Such items as running records, SAT9, STAR, QRI-III, and Marie Clay's observation survey will be utilized. A tracking document will be developed by the reading specialist.

Student Writing—Writing will constitute an important aspect of the total reading related program. Students at all levels will be motivated and taught to express themselves as a natural element of literacy. A bookbinding machine will be acquired, thereby allowing quality student publishing.

Teacher Toolbox—The reading specialist will prepare and maintain vital informational, instructional, and assessment resources in an organized fashion for each teacher.

Teachers Read-Aloud—Each teacher will read to her class every day. A log of each teacher's selections will be maintained, thereby preventing redundancy of titles.

Title I—The schoolwide Title I program will contribute valuable support for struggling readers. The Title I teacher will work with special needs groups and provide additional opportunities for individual reading interaction.



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(3) SURROUNDED BY LARGE OAK TREES this 70-year-old farmhouse has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, barn, 2 buildings, creek running through property and view of Lookout Mountain from the front porch. \$64,500. (sold)



(4) NESTLED AWAY IN MENTONE - This 3 bedroom, 2-bath modular home comes with a fully equipped kitchen, living room, dining room, central heat and air, 20x30 shed/garage, and a nice landscaped yard on over 1 acre. Call today for more details. \$58,000



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(7) TOWN LIKE THE COUNTRY, home where that is in this new subdivision on DeKalb Parkway in Marietta. This new construction is now complete with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, central heat and air, storage building, and metal roof. All bedrooms have a personal bathroom and this new home is sitting on a large corner lot. Call us today for your appointment. \$108,000.



(8) MENTONE - Stone and frame, 4 bedrooms, spacious kitchen with 2 ovens, separate dining, some wood floors, 8 acres, fruit trees, woods and cleared land/room for horses, plus you can ride your golf cart to the course nearby. Reduced \$108,000. Call today!



(9) GET AWAY TO THE CANYON? Located just off from the rim of the canyon, this would make a perfect getaway property. Featuring 1 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 600-sq-ft kitchen, rock fireplace, central heat and air, metal roof, screened wrap-around deck and nice landscaping including three entrance columns. Don't wait, call today! \$74,500



(10) ESCAPE THE MADNESS - Just minutes from tranquility this rustic retreat offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a studio room, 2-story living area with fireplace, wood floors and lots of windows with great views from the brow of Marietta. Built by an artist this house has lots of charm. 411-4578 \$248,000.



(11) WATCH THE SUNSET from the deck of this rustic country cabin. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, two-story living area with mountain stone fireplace, large kitchen and sunroom all with a charm of their own and sitting on 2.8 acres of brow property. \$179,999.



(12) OWN A NEW HOME WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF BUILDING - Perched on the edge of the mountain, this 2 bedroom, 2 bath all wood cottage with stacked stone fireplace can be a weekend get-away or permanent residence. A must see for \$199,999.



(13) ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED IS RIGHT HERE! This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large oak-in area kitchen, entertaining sized living room with fireplace and a multi-purpose basement that would serve as a guest room, office or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blend home and nature all on 2.9 acres. Once you see it, you'll want to own it. Call today for your viewing. \$225,000.



(14) MENTONE - IMPROVING YOUR SUNDAY RIDE before you go down the driveway. Main house features 3 floors each with a bedroom and bath, living area, office space and dining room, decks and porches surround the house with magnificent views of the valley and mountains. A 2-car garage with 1 bedroom apartment also sits on the 2.7 acres all for \$218,000.



(15) WANT TO BE YOUR OWN BOSS? Why not try the Wide River Cafe? A well-known and established business featuring a fully equipped kitchen and dining room with large porch for outside eating, stage for entertainment, and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeKalb State Park and Little River Canyon, and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Marietta. What a deal for only \$125,500.



(16) ENJOY LATE SUMMER AFTERNOONS in the picture book setting of this 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home featuring a 3-story porch on front and sunroom on back, a detached garage and garden of all-weather overlooking gardens and creek. With a winding paved driveway bringing you into the 7.9 acres, this house has everything you might be looking for. Call today for an appointment. \$248,000



(17) WHAT A GREAT MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL - Historical landmark in downtown Marietta currently being run as a bed and breakfast is now for sale. Restaurant will seat 100 plus people. There are endless possibilities with this great landmark. \$398,000. REDUCED TO \$468,000



(18) WHAT A MOUNTAIN RETREAT SHOULD BE! Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 sitting rooms, sunroom, dining room and kitchen with breakfast nook, pine floors and walls. All this on more than 2 acres of site brow front property. \$249,900



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LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM OFFERS NEW HOPE FOR ALABAMA CATS AND DOGS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Point Clear, AL, July 1, 2001 Starting July first, tens of thousands of Alabama residents will be able to spay or neuter their pets at a cost of only \$5 for cats and \$10 for dogs.

The new low-cost spay/neuter program called Maddie's Big Fix for Alabama is being offered through the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association with the cooperation of the Alabama Humane Federation, the Alabama Animal Control Association, and all of Alabama's no-kill organizations. This program is underwritten by a grant from Maddie's Fund, a California pet rescue foundation.

Maddie's Big Fix for Alabama is aimed at low income families who would like to have their pets spayed or neutered but don't have the funds for the service. Pet owners can qualify by showing proof of income with a Medicaid card. There is a limit of six animals per household. A list of service providers will soon be published so that eligible pet owners can make an appointment with a participating veterinarian in their area.

"We are excited about launching this spay/neuter program," said Lynne Fridley, president of the Alabama Humane Federation. "We see too many unwanted animals left to roam the streets to fend for themselves. Most are killed by automobiles or starve to death. When they come to our shelters, it is very difficult to find homes for all of them and many have to be euthanized," she continued. "With qualified pet owners participating in Maddie's Big Fix for Alabama, we can seriously address the issue of spiraling pet populations throughout the state," she concluded.

"The veterinarians in Alabama want to see citizens take better care of their animals. After all, we have devoted our lives to providing health care and supporting programs to raise the level of awareness of owner responsibility," said Dr. Charles Franz, Executive Director of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (ALVMA). "By coordinating this statewide effort, we feel it is our responsibility to make sure every qualified pet owner has an opportunity to take advantage of this program," he said.

All of Alabama's animal control agencies, humane societies, spca's and no-kill organizations are participating in the program by providing vital statistics on cat and dog impounds, adoptions, and euthanasias as a means of measuring the effectiveness of the program on shelter populations. During the program's two-year period, animals coming into shelters should go down as less births are taking place, thus reducing the need for euthanasia.

"We are very hopeful that this first step will help raise awareness about the need for spaying and neutering Alabama's cats and dogs," said Dr. Franz. "I believe it is a very good start," he concluded.

For more information about this program, contact Dr. Charles Franz at (334) 269-5291, Lynne Fridley at (205) 755-9170 or log on to the Maddie's Fund website at www.maddiesfund.org.

Animal Overpopulation Facts:

*According to Spay USA, "Each day 10,000 humans are born in the U.S. and each day, 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. As long as these birth rates exist, there will never be enough homes for all of the animals."

*Cats and dogs multiply fast. They go into heat at 5 months of age, sometimes earlier, and they can have litters twice a year!

*According to statistics from Spay USA, an unsprayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring, producing 2 litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total:

1 year	12
2 years	67
3 years	276
4 years	2,107
5 years	11,801

* According to statistics from Spay USA, an unsprayed female dog, her mate and all of their puppies, if none are ever neutered or spayed, add up to:

1 year	16
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3 years	512
4 years	2,048
5 years	12,288

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News from the Shed

By Cheryl & David Baker

To begin, I want to thank everyone for the support they are giving us with our business. I will say it has been a chal-
lenge for us, but we have tried the flaws and problems. It has been a wonderful year for plants. Mother Nature has been good to everyone this year. Summer has been great this year, not too terribly hot and not as humid as last year. The best has been wonderful for growing.

Speaking of growing, last year due to the drought, I stacked off and did not do any cuttings for the fall. However this year we have a full greenhouse of new rooted cuttings on perennials, shrubs, and annuals. We have a large order of pansies, lobelia, snapdragons, and mums coming. We have a good crop of Dogwoods and Rhododendrons.

Everyone was so thrilled on the Fall basket arrangements that we are doing them again. Along with doing those, we will have cut and succulent arrangements and top arrangements for the house done up in cute containers.

Last year we also got with a new distributor on Home Interior and Christmas goodies. We will be doing Fall and Christmas wreaths again, along with Fall and Christmas swaps and sprays, and Fall and Christmas arrangements. This year we will have a good selection of snowman goodies and angels. We have tree toppers, lights, wind up urns and indoor fountains. We have some nut crackers, and all kinds of goodies to do your own wreath or spray. "Candles," large big candles for \$5.99, lots of ornaments and wreaths. "Big Barn" wreaths for \$24.99. Trees are coming in. We do artificial and live trees, as well. Don't forget about poinsettias—live and artificial. The fall goodies are here—lots of new stuff for indoors or outdoors. We will have many scarecrow centers, harvest and fall goodies, such as cornucopias, fall sprays, wreaths and arrangements. Twig grape vine wreaths are \$1.99. Home fall sprays begin at \$1.99.

The store has been totally remodeled here in the last few days. As we got the shipments in and out, we have lots of surprises for you. September 6, 7, 8, is our last Christmas and floral show we will be attending. So, if you're looking for something in particular, you need to come by. We close now on Thursdays due to Gage's therapy. Like I said, lots of changes have been made—lots of changes. Now taking orders on home decorating for Christmas and parties.

Please call to schedule a time for us to talk with you at your home for parties and decorating. We thank every one who gave us the business last year for decorating and parties. In all businesses, call me on point-to-point. Your price is with delivery. We thank all businesses that brought point-to-point last year. Remember, David and I do not do fresh wreaths and arrangements until one week before Christmas unless you come in and place an order to have one done before then. And remember, we don't just do plain wreaths, we do customized, live wreaths, with all sorts of fresh cut evergreens. The gardens are not there just to look at, they are there to do arrangements, freshly cut arrangements, not put in the freezer or cooler arrangements. "Cut then done right then, no storing or cooling—done fresh."

For landscaping customers, we have been booked since Spring and are full through the first week of September. If you are wanting to landscape your home, it's important that you make an appointment now for the fall, or I will be booked up in the fall. We have lots of yard maintenance with regular accounts we take care of, such as weeding, mowing, and mulching, that we are booked until the first week of Sept. I know we have great prices. This will really blow your mind. Native Beauty Berry Bushes \$2.50. Blue hydrangeas \$2.50. PG Hydrangeas \$2.50. All kinds of sales this month at The Shed and we are getting up for the biggest yard sale. I have some spots to rent out just like last year \$20 a day. The Shed, David & Cheryl Baker.

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(18) INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES: Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$5,000.

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(20) 10 WOODED ACRES CO. RD 633 MENTONE. lightly restricted. \$26,000.

(21) WILD RIVER COMMUNITY (2 tracts left) 22x300 on the East Fork Little River. Secluded and scenic, with Pools and Rapids. \$29,000 each. One 3-acre tract \$35,000.

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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. 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 10 AM. Worship Service at 11 AM. Sunday Evening Worship at 6 PM. Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6 PM. Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30 AM the first Sunday of each month. Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Anyone who would like to share their prayer needs are invited to call Verna Livingston at 635-6350 or Mary Holleman at 635-6241, so the church may pray for them. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

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. Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastor - Michael Schnabelheiner.

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, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 845-4842, has regular Sunday services at 8 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM.

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 crack, loccane, and activities at 6 p.m. and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in observing the Sabbath and Holy Days, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 85, off Highway 11, approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2246 for information.

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.

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).

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church is truly growing, and we hope you will come visit and take part in our services - Sunday School 10 AM; worship hour - 11 AM; 'Children's Church' also at 11 AM - Sunday night at 6 PM and Wed. night at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland.

Lighthouse Fellowship-A church alive is worth the drive. All are welcome to our church just south of the Georgia/Alabama line on State Road 48. Our services: Sunday School - 10 AM (AL time); morning worship - 11 AM (AL time). Pastor Obie Walker, 706-862-2607.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM. Worship at 11 AM. Wednesday Bible Study at 6 PM. 256-634-4137.

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.

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.

Mentone Wesleyan Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible Study Wed. 7:00 -7:45 PM. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

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. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday. Morning worship and Children's Church are at 11:00 AM. First Place meets in the Fellowship Hall and GAs meet at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM. followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time, Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM. Contact the church at 634-4176 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Pastor. LaRue Carraway.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Frankie Jones.

NATIONAL HONOR ROLL AWARD WINNER



Emily A. Tipton

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Emily A. Tipton, of Mentone, AL, had been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award Winner.

Emily Ann Tipton, who attends Valley Head, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The USAA National Honor Roll awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services, and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability.

Emily Ann Tipton is the daughter of Tony and Cindy Tipton of Mentone, AL. The grandparents are Syble Tipton of Mentone, AL and Elvira Fitzgerald of Mentone, AL.

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The RECIPE CORNER

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Bill and I have been enjoying the abundance of wild huckleberries and blueberries this summer in all sorts of ways. I have been putting them on cereal, in salads, muffins, etc. I found a recipe that I am sharing this month for Blueberry Lime Mold. It is refreshing and good. The other recipe was the dessert at a friend's house when we were visiting in Franklin, N.C. We went to lunch with Bill's sister and her husband, and their friend, Nan Bulgin, served us this wonderful dessert. I hope you enjoy both recipes and find other ways to experiment with those blueberries. Recent research tells us that blueberries are high in vitamins and other antioxidants.

Blueberry Lime Mold

- 1 package (4-serving size) lime flavored gelatin
- 1 T sugar
- 2 T lime juice
- 1 1/2 C boiling water
- 1 container (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 pint fresh blueberries

In a medium bowl, combine the gelatin, sugar, lime juice, and boiling water, stirring until the gelatin and sugar are dissolved. Chill until slightly thickened.

Beat the gelatin until light-colored and doubled in volume. Beat in the whipped topping, then gently fold in the blueberries. Pour into a 4 to 5 cup gelatin mold. Chill until firm. To serve, dip the mold briefly in warm water, then unmold onto a large serving platter.

Graham Crackers

- 2 boxes of French Vanilla instant pudding
- 3 C milk
- 1 12 oz container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Line 13-1/2 x 8-3/4 pan with graham crackers. Mix milk and instant pudding and fold in whipped topping. Pour over crackers and cover with another layer of graham crackers. Frost and refrigerate.

Frosting

- 1 stick butter
- 1 C sugar
- 1/3 C cocoa
- 1 t vanilla

combine ingredients in saucepan and boil one minute. Remove from heat, beat until thick enough to spread.



DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD NEWS

By Gwen Douthat

Greetings from Desoto Rescue Squad!

We have already received many responses to our letter in last month's Groundhog, and we want to thank you all for your generous donations. Please keep your eyes open for other fundraisers we will be having in the near future.

As many of you may already know, we were called to a very serious accident on Highway 117 on July 5th, which required a helicopter to be flown in from Erlanger Hospital out of Chattanooga. Things went very smoothly due, in large part, to the great job McMonie Fire Department did in setting up the landing zone for the helicopter. We want to commend them in their efforts, and also thank Valley Head Fire Department for assisting with the landing zone set up, and especially Walt Pullen for allowing his field to be used as a landing zone. Also, in our haste that night, we did not get his name, but we sincerely appreciate the gentleman who was driving by and offered his assistance in directing the helicopter's landing. Everyone worked well together, and although we don't want to wish ill fortune, we look forward to working with everyone again.

Following is a list of all the members of Desoto Rescue Squad. I am sure many of you know most of us, but we wanted to let you know who we were if you should ever need us.

- Jim McCray-Captain (Paramedic)
 - Richard Douthat- 1st Lieutenant (First Responder)
 - Gail Crider - 2nd Lieutenant (First Responder)
 - Gwen Douthat-Secretary/Treasurer (First Responder)
 - Kenneth Busby, Jr. - First Responder
 - Howard Durham - First Responder
 - James Durham - First Responder
 - Chuck Flannigan
 - Dowe Foreman - First Responder
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Pack 106 Attends Day Camp

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While at Day Camp, they participated in the following events: fishing, archery, crafts, cooking, and sports. Monday through Wednesday there were special guests. On Monday, an officer from Fish and Wildlife Management; Tuesday, a representative from NASA; and Wednesday, the Sylvania Fire Department.

Several members of Pack 106 leadership served on the Day Camp Staff. Mike Bare taught archery. Connie Hughes served as a den leader, with Alex Hazell as den chief. Former Pack 106 Den Chief, Joshua Hughes, served as camp quartermaster.

On Thursday, a camp-wide Space Derby was held. Everyone from Pack 106 who participated did well and Daniel Hughes and Nathan Jones won first place in their dens.

Thursday was also Family Night. A dinner of Papa John's Pizza and hotdogs was served. Afterwards, there was a time for skits, yells and songs from all of the dens, and awards and certificates were presented.

The boys from Pack 106 say they really enjoyed the week. Their favorite activities were said to be fishing and archery. They had lots of fun, made new friends, and learned some things, too!

Pack 106 would like to say a special "Thank You" to Kathy McMunn for the use of her van for transportation.

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The
Country
Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Time moves on; we are beginning our last month of summer, camps are closing and schools are opening early. Poor children will dislike giving up their summer freedom so soon, but maybe they will have more vacation days to make up for the loss.

We have celebrated two great family reunions in July, first the Crow reunion in Knoxville, TN, and then the homecoming at Sand Springs Church in Big Texas Valley near Rome, Ga.

The children and grandchildren of Lester and Annice Crowe were hosts for the Crow reunion and they really did a fabulous job of planning for our enjoyment. We met at The Great American Restaurant, which is a buffet style and had a great variety of foods from which to choose.

The girls, Patricia Ames, and Brenda Dunn made unique decorations for the tables. Their brother, Curtis, probably assisted in making arrangements and buying nice door prizes.

We are always happy to get as many of the clan as possible with us once a year. There were no new babies to add to the number, but Danny Crow introduced his bride, Wendy, to those who had not met her.

Most of us went to Lester and Annice's home nearby for wonderful desserts and home-made ice cream. Annice is a wonderful cook, and she had made the goodies we enjoyed, even after a big meal.

My niece, Carol Pogue, who was a playmate of Curtis and our son, Barry, when they were children here at Mentone, attended the reunion with us. She lives in Knoxville and had planned for us to go to her home afterward. This was an added pleasure, since we had never been to her house but twice in several years. She is an artist and we had never seen any of her paintings. She is shy about showing them. It was wonderful to see the fruits of her talent. She had many of them, but has never offered to sell one. And she had cooked loads of food—and we were stuffed and could only taste bits of it.

Then, at Sand Springs, a few weeks later, I had fun reminiscing with my Cooper cousins. My father was Robert Lee Cooper, and he is buried in the little cemetery there, with his father and mother, two brothers, and grandparents.

One cousin I had not seen in 40 years, I think. She brought pictures of her family and of her home in Dalton, Ga. We enjoyed that very much.

It was a pleasure to get together with four cousins and discuss our ancestors. My first cousin once removed, Barry Cooper, son of Ralph Cooper, has worked on the Cooper genealogy for over twenty years, and this time he brought a book to me with the lineage of Coopers and Youngbloods. I was very happy to get it and appreciate the many hours of work he has devoted to researching for it.

Some of the men fought in the American Revolution, some in the Indian Wars, and in the Civil War. We obtained some information from the U.S. Census and relatives, some from the DAR.

There is no history of wealth and fame in the family, but there is a strong patriotic and Christian trend through the many generations. Most of the family came to Georgia from North and South Carolina, owned property, and were successful farmers.

Family history is fascinating and sometimes funny, sometimes sad. I love to hear stories of their lifestyle. I remember my cousin, Howard Cooper, who was a fireman in Rome, Ga., sitting in the living room one evening with his sisters and a brother. They were discussing many stories about their mother's family. Someone said, "Let's talk about the Coopers for a while." Howard said, "Uh-uh! We would have to get up early in the morning to talk about them."

My great grandfather, Mitchell C. Cooper, went to California during the Gold Rush, from 1850-1855. My Dad said he returned with a bag of gold nuggets, hung them on the wall behind a picture and never worked any more! He did buy some cattle, a wagon, and a farm—so he must have worked some. It's stories like these, I love. He gave property for the school which was right behind the church and sold the property where the church is located.

It's a beautiful drive from Annuchee to the church, following Texas Valley Road. There are acres and acres of what looks like virgin forest, mostly owned by Berry Schools. The original church was burned by vandals, but the people had it rebuilt using concrete blocks instead of wood, but following the same pattern of the wooden building—no electricity. The Buffington family now furnishes a generator so overhead electric fans can be used. A path leads a good way in the woods to the Sand Springs. The water bubbles up out of the ground, clear as crystal, with white sand mixed in it—a natural purifier. Those of you who like family history will like this recount, others will be bored.

We are getting ready for the big yard sale. Our basement will be cleared of some items that we have accumulated. I may add some from the Crowe's Nest that have been there a while. I don't open my shop during this sale, unless someone insists.

My Georgia cousins plan to join us, and we hope to have Joyce, Gregg, and Lee come from South Carolina. We have a "Happy Yard Sale Party." Come and join us. We have cold water and lemonade to refresh us, because it's usually warm days.

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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Jeremiah 6:16

There are many ways in our land and country today, but there is only one good way. The Lord said, see and ask to find the good way and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls.

Choose the good way and find that rest for your soul.

God Bless All!

TOWN OF MENTONE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE WATER WORKS BOARD OF MENTONE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FUNDED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE/RURAL DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2001, AT MENTONE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM AT 6:30 PM.

AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST ARE:

- (1) SOUTH COOL ST, SUNSET DR, LINCHPNEY, SCENIC DR TO SUNSET SOUTH OF HWY 117
- (2) CUTLER AVE, WEST RIVER RD, JONES LANE, DEMPSEY ST, HURON ST, DOGWOOD AVE
- (3) SUMMERVILLE RD, EAST RIVER RD, GRAY RD, ALPINE RD (CO RD 177), LIBBY LANE
- (4) PORTIONS OF CO RD 106, CO RD 648, CO RD 649, CO RD 642, AND LOCATION OF NEW WATER TANK
- (5) ALSO, CO RD 641, CO RD 639, CO RD 644, HWY 117 TO WHATLEY BRIDGE, AND A PORTION OF 106 IN THAT AREA

THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL MAY ATTEND.

Mentone Tourist Committee

Meets 1st Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at The Dish All are welcome.

KAOLIN GARDEN CLUB

meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 PM at Valley Head City Hall Contact Marty Smith for more information.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, Aug 13, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, Aug 14, 12:30 p.m., Rhododendron Garden Club meets at the Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, Aug 14, 6:30 p.m., American Legion American Legion Hall, Mentone
- Thursday, Aug 23, 5:30 p.m., Waterworks Board

- Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Monday, Sept 3 - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- Tuesday, Sept 4, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting at Mentone Springs Hotel, everyone welcome
- Monday, Sept 10, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule:

Mentone at Town Hall parking lot on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

- July 18
- August 1, 15, 29
- September 12, 26
- October 10, 24
- November 7, 21

The Bookmobile is in VALLEY HEAD

on the same days from 1:15 to 2:15
