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BOOKS AHOY SUMMER PROGRAM CLOSURES WITH PARTY

By Linda Brown

The closing session of the summer programs of the Moon Lake School Community Library was so much fun! Since our theme for the summer was, Books Ahoy, we decided to continue with this idea for our last session.



Relay handing off small cups of water



Doing the crab walk

See additional picture
Passing water balloons on Page 13



Put the Patch on the Pirate

We played water games and water relays. It was a lot of fun to see where everyone put the patch on the pirate in the game by the same name.

There were relays of carrying cups of water on your head and which team can empty their bucket of water first by handing off a very small cup of water to each team member.

We passed water balloons to each other until they burst and someone got very wet.

Upon arrival, everyone was given a squirt frog. We filled them up out of tubs of water and squirted each other. The favorite target was the adults who had helped with the programs. We did the crab walk and "blew" out lighted candles with water pistols.

This session was a little different. We met on the lawn of the MERF Community House. This was a perfect place with lots of shade and room to run and play. When it was

time for refreshments, beach towels were spread on the ground and everyone sat on them. Fish crackers and lemonade were served. As an extra treat, Mayfield Dairies gave us fire-crackers, which are frozen popsicles that are blue, white and red, in that order.

As everyone left, they were given a certificate and a goody bag containing items pertaining to the water and things that live in water. A big "thanks" to our special helpers on this day, Kayla Hazell, Alex Hazell, and Sarah Hurt.

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The DEADLINE for all material for The Groundhog is the 15TH DAY OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION.

August meeting

President Bernise Crow called the August 5 meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Church of God of Prophecy. Ruby Brock gave the invocation. Present

were: Bernise and Homer Crow; Hope and George Walker; Tom and Lynn Donald; Jim and Penny Lyday; Ruby Brock; Lucille Crowe; Dot Crow; Rick Chapman; Dorothy Shelden; Page Cunningham; and Marie Dillenbeck.

The members voted to meet at the fellowship hall of the Church of God of Prophecy and keep the meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Homer Crow mentioned the need for cleaning the vines out of the rhododendron plants on Hwy 117. Tom Donald volunteered to help Homer remove the vines.

The financial report was discussed, and the general consensus of the members present was that the booth fees should be increased an additional \$5.00.

Instead of sending quilt tickets out to each member, in order to save postage, the members voted that there will be a page in The Groundhog with quilt ticket blanks and those wishing to participate in the drawing may cut the page out or as many of the tickets as they wish to enter and send the tickets and the money to PO Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984, marked quilt donations. The tickets will then be placed in the box in the same manner as in the past until the drawing. At the Colorfest on October 18 and 19, there will also be tickets sold.

Bernise announced that her son, Coy, and daughters, Joyce and Doreen, would be helping with the festival this year.

A discussion was had regarding the refreshment committee. For the September 4 meeting, Lynn Donald agreed to coordinate with others.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to have refreshments brought by members.



Letters to the Editor

July 15

Dear Editor

Late on the afternoon of July 9, 2003, our son, Jesse was wading above Little River Falls. Jess slipped on a rock and was swept over the falls. Stunned and bleeding profusely, our son was able to surface but he was afraid he would drown.

Two young men who were speaking spanish got Jess safely to shore and carried him on their backs up the steep, rocky cliff and delivered him to his frantic big sister, Mira, and her friend, Liz.

They rushed him to Baptist Hospital in Fort Payne. The care he received was prompt and expert. While he was being sewn up, our son said, "I wish I knew those guys' names. I can't possibly thank them enough."

"Thank You" is a profoundly inadequate thing to say for probably having saved our son's life. Hopefully, these young men will see this letter and realize how grateful we are.

Muchas Gracias Amigos!

Muchas Gracias Dios!

Charlie and Linda Munoz

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AND ZONING COMMISSION
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•October 16

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The sample ballot on this page is representative of the mumble jumble which a group of lawyers can write when they either are trying to put together a piece of legislature that they do not understand or do not wish for any one else to understand. The wording is simply not in a form that does neither justice to the amendment proposed nor the intended purpose of accountability that has been suggested. The amendment does not state how much, what will be taxed, or what it will be used for. I understand that a 54-page booklet has been printed explaining the proposal, and several local papers have attempted to print it but the print is hardly large enough for us older persons to clearly read it.

I think a test should be performed on a piece of legislation before being released to the general public. Give it to the sixth grade and see if they can read and understand it.

HB 2, which was passed by the legislature imposing a tax on tobacco products and prohibiting municipalities from ever raising them again, appears to be a part of this package, although it does not mention it in the bill specifically or in the proposed amendment. It does give the municipality a window of time in which it can raise its tobacco taxes to a level more consistent with other municipalities around the county or state, which we have done effective Oct 1, 2003, in case this bill passes.

I cannot favor a tax increase that I cannot understand and I did pass the sixth grade.

It appears some people have forgotten that we have been working on improvements and safety concerns around the intersection of Hwy 117 & Scenic Drive, for two years. A federal grant has been approved, no state money is involved, and we have met all the federal guidelines; and it is ready to be put out for bid.

I now find some people did not know about this plan and now wish to have some input. Many discussions have been had at council meetings and planning meetings, all of which are open to the public. If anyone wishes to review the plans with me, you must call and make an appointment in the next several days from August 19, the day this was written.

The project, Meals on Wheels, is doing great. We are averaging 21-22 deliveries each Monday of the 7-day-meal boxes. I cannot thank the volunteers enough for their help in getting the deliveries made and staying for the short visit. I am told it brightens the day for each of you.

The water board is now advertising for bids on the rehab grant, water tank, and water board office. The bid will be opened at 2 p.m. on September 4, 2003.

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ELECTION
STATE OF ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

TO VOTE, COMPLETE THE ARROW
POINTING TO YOUR CHOICE, LIKE THIS:

"Shall the following Amendment be adopted to the Constitution of Alabama?"

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT
WHICH APPLIES TO
THE STATE AT LARGE****PROPOSED STATEWIDE
AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE (1)**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, establishing the Alabama Excellence Initiative Fund which may be used to fund programs including, but not limited to, the furtherance of excellence in public education, college scholarships, health care benefits for senior citizens and job training programs to attract new high paying jobs and otherwise provide for distributing state tax revenues; to adjust income and property taxes; to establish the General Fund Rainy Day Account; to provide for the replenishment of the General Fund Rainy Day Account and the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account. (Proposed by Act No. 2003-76)

YES

NO

END OF BALLOT



"School days, school days, dear old golden rule days"—Wonderful days if only youngsters could realize how precious they are and use each one wisely. I hope the "golden rule" part still applies!

Summer is a time, usually, of family reunions. I attended my Tittle-Martin Reunion at Stygo, July 12, and later the same day, the wedding of my niece, Linda Brown Smith, at Valley Head Methodist Church.

It is time for students to go to college also: Sharee and Doree Jenkins, J.L. Gibson and Jason Meadows to Jacksonville State University and Patrick and Tyler Cooper to Auburn.

Jessie Mae Blackburn, from North Carolina, joined Berna Fischer and Sadie Cooper at the Cracker Barrel for lunch Monday, August 11.

Ruth and Bert Pickett's grandson, Jimmy Pickett, his wife Lisa, and Children, Andrew, Josh, Abigail, Sarah and Maggie, came by and spent the night on their way from Knoxville to Florida.

Peachie and David Cearley, from Alpharetta, GA, visited her Aunt Elizabeth Coleman and Mother Laura Margaret Allison and attended Valley Head Methodist Church with her on Sunday.

Christy Poston, from Chattanooga, spent the day, recently, with her mother, Marion O'Dell, and they ate lunch at Ruby Tuesday's.

Geneva Smith spent several days with her son Glen and Joyce Wilks, near Huntsville.

Venna Livingston and daughters, Marilyn Mercer and Sue Mosley, went to Roanoke, VA, to visit Sue's husband, Sam, who is working there. They visited Monticello and all the interesting places and were very much impressed by the beauty of Virginia. They were shocked to discover that our own Highway 11 goes across the top of the Natural Bridge.

Martha Gibson has returned home from a visit with her children in Dallas, Texas. Son, Keith Gibson, from Mississippi, spent a week with Martha and Hoot.

Bill Blackburn's cousins - Sarah Padgett from Gadsden, and Jessie Mae Singer, from South Carolina, spent the day recently with him and Dot. While they were there, Dr. Charles Jenkins came. They were so favorably impressed by him that they hoped to visit his church.

Lillie Bowden, and Karen and Mark Freeman attended Ben Freeman's graduation at Clemson University in S.C., Aug. 9. He received his Master's Degree in Graphic Communications.

Evelyn Clark visited her son, Loy Clark and his wife, Margaret, at their new retirement home on beautiful Lake Lay in Shelby County.

Violet Barker has moved from Florida to the DeKalb Villa Apartments, near sisters, Evelyn Clark and Anna Daniel. They are enjoying being together.

Doris Carmichael, Louanne Weatherly, Doris Steward, and Gladys Blalock "Crane, met Aug. 7, and had lunch at the Magnolia Joe's Restaurant, then went for dessert to Gladys' summer home, which is her beautifully restored childhood home, which proves "you can go home again."

Virginia Adams, from Ider, Joyce Smith, from Mentone and Kay Rhea, from Ringgold, spent the day, Sat., Aug. 2, with Sadie Cooper.

The W.M.U. of Valley Head Baptist Church gave a lovely birthday party at the church, Thursday, Aug. 14, honoring Oline Roberts on her 87th birthday. Several came from out of town, including Peachie Cearley from Alpharetta, GA., who brought her mother, Laura Margaret Allison; Veronica Hawkins, from Rising Fawn; Carolyn Harrison, from Fort Payne; Patricia Hulet, from Mentone; and Martha Joan Killian from Aiken, SC. Oline is a lovely lady who has been a faithful and helpful member of the church for years and deserved recognition.

Mike and Julie Quarles of Roswell, GA, recently moved into their mountain home on Brush Creek in Mentone. They named their new home Grace Glen. Two of their grandsons, Will and Sam Fulkerson, from Marietta, GA, visited them a few days for "Grace Glen Camp". They enjoyed going to Alpine Camp to hear their older brother, Brad Fulkerson IV, sing with the Glee Club on July 9th. Mike and Julia are on staff with Freedom in Christ Ministries.

Everyone enjoy these precious days of Summer and appreciate your blessings!



I wrote this several years ago, when I was able to fight. I finally surrendered and the victory was theirs--now they can build and destroy to their heart's content. As I tore the dam out, I piled the debris in a pile--This was the result.

MY MONUMENT TO SUMMER

Standing bedraggled bleak and bare, monument of futile effort in combination rare--

Dried dirt, rocks, parts of trees, bits of glass, marble and coal, woven in bundles of grass, all cemented together with mud borne by Beaver tail, undone by constant labor, heroic efforts that fail.

But from the base has sprouted clumps of flowers so fair, of orange and gold combined--beauty we may surely share--

From ugliness came beauty, from seeming futility, I see God's purpose and reason in blooming fertility, Waters flow daily onward hoping to reach the great sea--

Flowers grow from torn out dams as Summer's monument to me.

mod. 2003
---Eloise Brown

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Gethryn Giles

President Martha Wood called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Mentone Community House. There were 21 members present. Barbara Nelson and Jane Kirby were visitors. Marilyn Knight was present and joined the club.

Hope Walker gave a devotional on Amazing Grace. Hostesses were Christina Wise and Peggy Roark.

After refreshments were served, Harriett Lillic introduced a panel of speakers: Peggy Benefield, Martha Wood, and Margaret Baker, who spoke on **Designs for Flower Shows**. All three are attending the National Council of Garden Clubs Flower Show School.

Mrs. Benefield's topic was "The Difference in Creative and Traditional Designs." She included a demonstration of several flower designs. Mrs. Wood then distributed pictures of various designs and had the audience pick out the type of design in the illustrations. Mrs. Baker reviewed with the group the scale of points used to judge all designs in a flower show.

The meeting continued with business. Minutes of the June 10th meeting were read and approved. The treasurer, Virginia Setze, reported a balance on hand of \$966.38. Income has been \$30 and there have been no expenses. Current balance is \$996.38. The treasurer was asked to check to see if a \$10 check has been sent as a contribution for the reception for State President Mary Summerville. If not, this will be submitted.

There has been no correspondence.

Gethryn Giles moved that the club members bring extra plants to sell for a small amount (\$.25 or \$.50 each) in order to raise funds. Motion was seconded by Lucette Dix and passed.

Committee Reports:

Sue Schwarz, Chair of Garden Therapy, reported that plants are being kept at Dogwood Haven. She asked that members press flowers and leaves in books in order to preserve them. They will then be used by the residents at Dogwood Haven to make gifts.

Dorothy Cyr, Earth Day Chair, reported that Earth Day on April 22nd was a great success at Moon Lake School. The telephone committee made extra calls and several members helped with clean up the day before. Dr. Bill Berry, Principal, honored Ann Wright for starting Earth Day at the school. Expenses for the day were \$38.88.

Announcements:

•The Fort Payne Garden Club will take a field trip to Jason Powell's "House of the Past" on July 10th. Members from other garden clubs are invited to participate.

•Course I of the landscape Design Study School will be at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens on August 20 and 21.

•An addition should be made to the club yearbook: Mrs. Marilyn Knight (Mrs. Wymer), 394 County Road 1970, Mentone, AL 35984, 634-4421.

Hope Walker won the door prize. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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



Charlie's Poem

The "Sawmiller's Waltz" was playing;
The music was very quiet.
The woods around are beautiful;
There was no one else in sight.

Just beyond the distant tree line
Stood a stump so tall and grand;
Atop were several musicians
Who held instruments in their hand.

The music stopped when I approached;
I saw to my great surprise,
All the men had "gone before";
I could not believe my eyes.

I looked around, there stood my Dad,
A big smile upon his face.
"Tis not your time yet, son," he said,
First you must run YOUR own "race."

The stump for now is still empty;
A wondrous land still awaits.
I must be sure that I'm ready
To enter Heaven's gates.

This was submitted by L.C. Moon in place of her usual Mountain Life column. The poem was given to her by Charlie Brown and is in honor of him. It was written by Charlie's sister-in-law, Marie Fraja.

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Linda Patterson, owner of the chapel, said the idea for it began with a bell, and now that bell rings as newlyweds exit the door of the chapel.

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GROWING OLD

By John Baty

The other day I had gone to the Emergency Hospital and stayed up most of the previous night trying to find out if a spell of dizziness and numbness was serious or just a passing thing. We were both tired from losing sleep and took a nap around midday.

When I woke, I remembered I needed three or four 2x4's to finish a job I had started. Although I was feeling very hung over and uncomfortable, I decided to wake her and go for the lumber.

As we were changing clothes in preparation for the trip, I said something negative about E.R. physicians in general. I think it was something like the following: "E.R. doctors must feel that every patient who comes thru the E.R. door is lying about his/her condition."

"The triage nurse very politely records the relevant data and your chief complaint. Then you are called to the exam room as, and when, one becomes available."

"Then the doctor comes to your room and asks the same questions that the triage nurse asked. If there is any discrepancy in the answers, then you are made aware of the fact that you are not consistent in what you say."

"If your complaint is not obvious, then your story is subjected to closer scrutiny."

"If your own analysis differs significantly from that of the examining doctor, then your story, and sometimes you, are subjected to attack with frontal assault. It is as if the purpose of the E.R. doctor is to reduce your story to ruin and paint the patient as a chronic complainer not deserving of serious consideration." Such a cynical mood does not contribute to enthusiasm and motivation. As we reached the truck, I sort of stalled a little, half hoping she would drive, but she got in on the passenger side.

Still smarting from a deflated ego from the E.R. defeat, I was not about to ask any female to drive for me. I got under the wheel. Down the road a little, and I discovered I was a bit sleepier than I thought. I was trying to open a cap on a bottle of water and got over close to a mailbox. I got a quick, frightened look out of that.

I decided to stop by the convenience store for a sweet cake to help wake me up. Instead, it made me sleepier. I got a little too wide on a curve and got another dirty look. Well, I knew better than try any further, so I pulled the truck over and asked her to drive.

She said, "If you are all that sleepy, just settle back there and take a nap while I drive."

At the lumberyard, I roused enough to get a few 2 x 4's. I'm not certain if I got the right kind.

She pulled the truck up to the building and waited for me to go pay. I asked in a meek voice if she would please do the honors. She reluctantly got out and entered the store.

On returning, she asked if I had slept any while she was gone. "No," I replied, "I was sitting here observing the stereotype of modern young man."

"What is the stereotype?" she asked.

"Well, I have been watching the people come and go. The typical young man has his head shaved, is wearing a Tee shirt with logo, his short pants are pleated and loose with the crotch seam well below the knee, and his shoes have no back. The windows of his car are down and the radio is tuned to the Wailing Wall."

"You are getting old," she said. "Didn't your grandparents ever say anything negative about your dress or your behavior?" "Well," says I, "My Daddy's parents were both deceased before my birth and my Mother's Daddy died when I was small. But my Mother's Mother did ask my Mother about me once. She asked what I was doing. 'He is working in the timber,' she replied, 'and he has a new foxhound.'"

"Another dog?" Grandmother asked. "Does he have a suit to wear?" she asked. "Yes," my Mother answered. "Why," Grandmother wanted to know, "don't he put the suit on and stroll about, up at the church, where the girls can see him?"

I guess I am getting older, I conceded. At least today I feel the part. Let's go home.

What did your grandparents say about you?



The RECIPE CORNER

By
SUE SCHWARZ

We have had a wonderful summer, as I hope all of you have had, also. We spent the fourth of July with our friends. It is always a treat to be with them and share in their family fellowship and fun. Of all the delicious things there were to eat, two were a bit different and unique, and are the subject of the column this month. The first one is a delicious rice salad that was brought by our friend, Jeanne Peters, from Huntsville. (I think we were the experimental group for this recipe that she is intending to use for her son's rehearsal dinner in September--lucky us.) The second recipe is for a fantastic mango salsa which was terrific with corn chips and would be good with pork, grilled chicken and salmon. JJ Pike served us this superb salsa. Thank you, ladies, for sharing these recipes with us.

ELEGANT RICE SALAD - Jeanne Peters

- 3 Cups wild rice
- (or half wild rice and half brown rice)
- 2 6-oz jars marinated artichoke hearts
- (drain and reserve the marinade)
- 1 10-oz package frozen peas
- 1 green bell pepper (chopped)
- 1 bunch green onions (chopped)
- 1 pt cherry tomatoes halved
- toasted slivered almonds

Dressing:

- 1-1/2 Cup Vegetable oil
- 1/2 C white vinegar
- 1/4 C freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 T sugar
- 2 t salt
- 1 t celery salt or 1/2 t celery seed
- 1/2 t ground white pepper
- 1/2 t dry mustard
- 1/4 t paprika
- 1 clove garlic, minced

Cook rice according to package directions. Combine dressing ingredients in lidded jar and shake well and refrigerate until ready to use. Combine rice, halved artichokes, reserved marinade, peas, bell pepper, onions, tomatoes and half of the dressing. Just before serving, toss salad again and taste, adding more dressing if needed. Sprinkle with almonds and serve. 8-10 servings.

MANGO SALSA

For each large mango, use one small red onion (or 1/2 a large one), one hot pepper, the juice of one lime and one large handful of cilantro.

Clean the cilantro and pick the leaves from the stems. Remove seeds from the pepper. Chop the mangoes into about 1-inch cubes. Chop the red onion, cilantro, pepper, and lime juice, either by hand or food processor. Combine all ingredients into a large bowl and mix well. Cover and let sit at room temperature for a couple of hours before serving. *Good served with corn chips, fish, poultry, or pork.

Low Country Boil

Picture a large Sprawling Porch with
Candlelight and Fireflies. Large Heaping Pots
Overgrown with Corn, Potatoes, Shrimp, and
Sausage. Black-eyed Peas and Rice.
Cornbread and Sliced Tomatoes.
Peach Cobbler

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DEKALB CHAPTER #1456 CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARTER; RE-DEDICATES CONFEDERATE MONUMENT WITH HELP OF DEKALB RIFLES CAMP #1824, SCV

The 90th Anniversary of the Chartering of the DeKalb Chapter #1456, United Daughters of the Confederacy and a Re-dedication of the Confederate Monument in Union Park, Fort Payne, AL, was celebrated on August 2, 2003. A small crowd was on hand to observe the festivities, as well as see the Ladies and Gentlemen dressed as their ancestors dressed in the 1860s.

DeKalb Rifles Camp #1824, SCV, presented the colors and the Gun Salute. Commander Gary Carlyle, of the DeKalb Rifles, led in the singing of Dixieland. He also accompanied Mr. Glenn Mountain, as he sang an authentic song from the War Between the States. All the Gentlemen from the DeKalb Rifles Camp #1824 did an excellent job in showing us how a Unit might have performed ceremony, and how they would have dressed during the conflict.

The short program was opened by Mrs. Martha (Herbert) Stanley, President of DeKalb Chapter

#1456. Dr. Mike Mitchell, Pastor of Gault Avenue Baptist Church gave the invocation. Mr. Ray Stone, Councilman represented the City of Fort Payne in welcoming the assembly to our fair city.

The pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Frances Smith; and to the Confederate States of America, by Miss Bonnie Tallent. Mrs. Martha Stanley and Miss Bonnie Tallent presented the UDC Ritual.

Mrs. Martha Stanley introduced our guests: Mrs. Charlotte (Larry) Hazel, President of the Alabama Division, UDC; Miss Ann King, Alabama Division Historian; and Mrs. Earl Driskill, Alabama Division Parliamentarian. Mr. Charles Sawyer, who was very stylish in his bowler hat, gave a brief history of the Confederate Monument; the organization of the DeKalb Chapter #1456, UDC, on April 14, 1913, in order to raise funds to buy and erect this monument; and the role that Fort Payne and DeKalb County

have played in Confederate History.

A lovely wreath of red and white carnations was unveiled in commemoration of the first dedication on Aug. 2, 1913, of our Confederate Monument. Mrs. Charlotte Hazel performed the unveiling honors with Mrs. Martha Stanley assisting. All stood at attention as the DeKalb Rifles Camp #1824, SCV, presented the gun salute.

Everyone was invited back to the Hunt Reception Hall for a reception. Our guests enjoyed nice, cool punch and cake while they socialized with one another. The Ladies of the DeKalb Chapter #1456, UDC, were very colorfully and stylishly attired in the clothing of the day. They presented an exemplary example of Southern Belles in hoop skirts, bonnets; gloves, as they served this food and drink. Many thanks go to all who participated and to all who came to join us.

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If you are interested in advertising your business or group, please contact one of the Library Board Members for details.

The calendars will cover the dates January 1-December 31, 2004, and will be delivered late in December, 2003.

If you wish to purchase a calendar and have not been contacted, or have questions regarding the calendars, please contact a member of the Library Board. Or you may complete the form below, and mail it with your check or money order (please, no cash through the mail) to the address below. If you live outside Mentone and your calendar will have to be mailed to you, please include \$2.00 postage and handling (a total of \$7.00). **Orders must be received no later than September 15!**

We appreciate your support and look forward to many years of providing you with Community Calendars.

Board Members: Jan Wilkinson, Linda Brown, Gene Giles, Sue Schwarz, Ilene Green, Diane Kuehl, Marilyn Mathews

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Time is illusive--summers are too short when every-one is busy.

We are busy at our house with wood pulling, mowing and using the weed-eater. We have not had a vacation. Our recreation consists of going to estate sales in Chattanooga looking for interesting and useful items for the home.

Since my health problems began, I have received many phone calls and beautiful cards from friends and relatives and our new-found Crow cousins. These thoughtful acts make one feel much better. I'm also receiving e-mails that they are praying for us. Good friends are priceless. God bless them and our relatives who support us in times of distress. Thank you for your acts of kindness.

Our daughter, Joyce, has had a recurrence of cancer that has us very concerned. She survived colon cancer three years ago, but now it has reappeared in a tumor in her liver. She will begin a new kind chemotherapy in Birmingham, in about two weeks. Please remember her in your prayers.

We go on with our daily lives and try to keep our sense of humor sprinkled with a big amount of faith and know that we must enjoy the small things that we often tend to overlook. Our view of the sunsets from the deck at home are a special treat every day. There are seldom any two alike. Some have clouds surrounding the huge golden ball as it descends behind the mountains, and then the after-glow appears in shades of pink to red and purple and is beautiful for a long time. Some people are charmed by sunrise. I am mesmerized by the sunsets. Guess I'm more awake then than early in the mornings.

So far, the deer have not eaten our tomatoes! Joyce read something saying to hang bars of Ivory soap in the trees and/or shrubs around the garden and the deer won't bother the fruit. She bought the bars of soap, drilled holes in them and attached strings, and hung them around the tomatoes. Now, we don't know whether that deterred the deer or they just happened to eat their meals elsewhere. A good ole big dog would probably do the trick.

Glenda Hollis and Phil Faircloth are doing a great job of arranging entertainment every third Saturday

night on the lot at the Mentone Inn. The last Saturday night the weather was perfect and the bluegrass band was professional. The lawn was covered with listeners who brought their lawn chairs and had a good time. The band performed on a well-lit stage with a very good sound system. Some little children had a great time dancing around with L.M. Flannigan joining them. We look forward to the next musical session and hope you all will attend.

I guess everyone is getting ready for the big yard sale to begin August 2nd. It is going to last much longer this year. Hopefully, it won't be as hot as usual. We have little rooms in the basement full of yard sale "stuff." Maybe someone will relieve us of most of it. It is sort of a reunion time for us. We have people come back who were here the year before. Our big apple tree that everyone enjoyed last year has since died. Unfortunately, it fell during one of the storms. This year, my niece, Carol Elrod Pogue, is planning on coming and will bring some of her art work. She is talented and is busy painting in her spare time. We look forward to having her join us. We'll make a party of it!

Homer and Coy are working on a '74 El Camino they hope to sell. I understand it is a collectible automobile. Perhaps someone will want it for its antique value.

I have taken on a big job as President of MAPA, but with a lot of good help, we will get some things done during my year of service. Our Colorfest in October has me concerned, now. Who will be Chairman of the event? Homer works hard on it every year, but he doesn't want to do everything. Lynn Donald has volunteered to prepare and send out letters about the festival (or anything else she can do from Birmingham).

We must get busy as it's time to begin planning. If you can offer any assistance, please let me know. If we can spread out the jobs, no one person will be overly burdened.

The cicadas are singing their cheerful songs every night now. They seem to be in perfect cadence. We used to call them July flies, but they are still going on into August. You can get in the car and drive a few miles down the road and the sound is exactly the same--amazing! This is free entertainment every night. The best things in life are free.

Last week, I attended Oksana Cherbonneau's birthday party at her home. Al and Jan had it well planned. The swimming pool was full of children having a wonderful time. The sounds of children laughing and having fun is music to my ears. Oksana is now seventeen, has learned to speak good English, and seems well adjusted to our American lifestyle. Her cake, made by a dear friend, was shaped like a butterfly, with yellow icing--very pretty! A great party. Happy Birthday, Oksana.

And Now a Word From the Peanut Gallery (aka "the Kids")

We beg to differ with the author regarding a couple of things:

1. "The best things in life are free." Well, for one thing, those cicadas drive us wacky(ier)! Don't they ever get tired of rubbing their legs together? And the racket! How does one carry on an outdoor conversation in the midst of a constant roar? July Flies? They should be called "Bar Flies." Persons in the notorious bars being attacked by heavy metal can't talk to each other either. And oooo luck if you are unfortunate enough to decide to camp out in the midst of the din. We vote for the mountain's silence.

2. On the sunsets: Yes, they do present a pretty grand display of color, but what about a brow view in the mornings. (No, not sunrise. Some people do sleep past 4 a.m.) We're talking about decent-hour mornings, generally, on cloudy days. Sometimes the valley looks just like the ocean--whitecaps and all. And, if it's windy, it even sounds like the beach. Other days, one sees layers of clouds, mountains, more clouds, more mountains. What a sight as far as one can see! Flatlanders can't believe these ever-changing views and always have their comparisons to describe. "Why, it looks just like..." or "It reminds me of..." One really needs to spend a year watching each morning's panorama. We vote for the Cloud 9 views.

3. And yes, we do believe the Ivory soap is working.

4. We're not voting on the yard sale. Wait until we count up Crow sales. One minus: We GET TIRED OF SMILING (at flatlanders and yankees)!

And what have we been doing the past month?

The galavanting Sister returned unscathed from her BIG BOAT ride. Guess she decided the ole US of A was safer territory than we led her to believe. She reports that the Virgin Islands are well and prospering. Don't you know those kinds of trips get terribly boring? All that sun and fun has to be a drag after a while.

One of these kids got brave and ventured out of the confines of the Mountain. To Birmingham, no less. Fortunately, the kid made it back in one piece--maybe a little subdued for a day or two.

The night stalker (NS) continues to attempt confrontations with the local wildlife. Probably trying to catch a local resident dancing (heaven forbid). NS motto: "Support local wildlife. Throw a Party."



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WORKSHOPS ON HEALING QUALITIES OF AMETHYST & HEMATITE



Ellen & Mary Alice admire the amethyst

Saturday, September 6, at 1:00 and 3:00 pm, GA time, Mountain Mamas will have 2 short workshops (30 minutes each) on the healing energies of Amethyst and Hematite. These will be facilitated by Mary Alice Stout and Ellen Spangler. Mary Alice and Ellen ran Starcrest, a holistic healing center near Anderson, SC, for 11 years before moving up here near Cloudland 7 years ago. Mary Alice is known for her crystal and stone healing lay-outs. Ellen has taught extensively around the Southeast on healing the body, mind, and spirit.

Mountain Mamas has some beautiful displays of Amethyst, especially the newly arrived amethyst cathedrals (or caves) and small dark purple clusters. There is a wide variety of minerals, crystals, and polished & carved stones. Also are special displays of rose quartz, lapis, malachite, and the newly discovered "ocean jasper", recently found off the coast of Madagascar.

Mountain Mamas Craft & Rock Shop is located in Cloudland, GA, on GA Hwy 48, just 1/2 mile from where AL Hwy 117 ends at the GA/AL state line. The shop is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, noon to 6:00 pm (GA time) or by appointment—call Mary Alice at 706-862-2142 or email mountainmamas@alltel.net. Be sure to see our WEB PAGE www.mountainmamas.com.

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TRI-COUNTY ON LOCATION FOR THE YARD SALE

By Mary Alice Stout



Mary Alice selling Tri-County raffle tickets

Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue was on location during the World's Longest yard Sale. On the busiest days of the sale, Tri-County volunteers were located just inside GA on Hwy 48 with the pumper fire truck in position to pull out. It was stocked with emergency medical supplies ready for use. We are thankful that none of these emergency plans were needed. However, we wanted the community to know that we were ready—just in case!

At the state line, we sold drinks, sandwiches, and ice cream; provided restrooms, shade and directions. Jamie Harris, Tri-County member, helped a man open his car that had the keys locked inside! Tri-County junior members set up tables and sold their yard sale clothes and toys.

Tri-County also collected and sold yard sale items in front of Mountain Mamas Craft & Rock shop just down the road in Cloudland. Tri-county member, Mary Alice Stout, was selling these items everyday of the 9-day yard sale. She said this was too long! She did find a 1947 silver quarter in her change bag. Nice find.

Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue has completed another VERY successful adventure as a member of the World's Longest Yard Sale! We would like to thank our friends and neighbors in Alabama and Georgia for your help and support. We were blessed with donations from so many businesses and individuals!

TO ALL OF YOU, WE SAY "THANK YOU!"



August 2003 / The Groundhog/Page 9 GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDDAUGHTER ARTISTS AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

By Ellen Spangler



Betty Sue and Sally with their art

Betty Sue Vaughn, born in 1938, started painting after retiring from a banking career in Atlanta. Betty's granddaughter, Sally Burns (age 9) is an artist. While spending time with Sally, Betty became interested in art. Thanks to Sally's encouragement and lessons, Betty discovered her own artistic talent and passion for painting. She lives with her husband on the Georgia coast and enjoys painting with both oils and acrylics. Her paintings are held in private collections and her work is exhibited in several art galleries.

Sally and her grandmother, Betty, both exhibit their work at Mountain Mamas Craft & Rock Shop. They are pictured here with some of their folk art paintings. Sally's roosters have won awards in the Atlanta area. She received her art training at Chastain Art School and Miss Patty Sim's Studio in Atlanta. Her achievements include: a work selected by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to be exhibited in a museum in St. Petersburg, Russia; and one of her rooster designs selected by her school to be used as their holiday greeting card in 2002. Come and see their unique paintings at Mountain Mamas, as well as the paintings of other unique artists. There are currently 62 women artists who have their arts & crafts in Mountain Mamas.



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SPOTLIGHT ON PARTNERSHIP FOR A DRUG FREE DEKALB COUNTY, A UGF MEMBER AGENCY



STATE FFA CONVENTION

Katie Gray receiving first place award for the Fort Payne High School FFA Chapter in Crime Prevention at the State FFA Convention in Montgomery

By Katie Gray

On June 3, six members of the FFA Chapter of Fort Payne High School boarded the bus for Montgomery to attend the State FFA Convention. The members attending were: Katie Gray, Cody Owen, Mariah Reagan, Gary Bell, Matt Smith, Brandon Shankles, and Advisor Chip Blanton.

Based on projects already completed, the various FFA Chapters received their awards. All of the chapters throughout the state compete for these awards.

The Fort Payne Chapter was one of the top three in the state and won a State Chapter award and a National Gold Emblem Chapter award.

The Chapter won first place in District and State Crime Prevention. Brandon Shankles won 2nd place in Ag Mechanics. Matt Smith won 2nd place in FFA Ag Sale/Service.

Four of the Fort Payne members attending received state FFA degrees.

The National Gold Emblem entitled the Chapter to attend the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, in October, 2003.

While visiting in Montgomery, the group attended the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and the Museum and Archives.



L/R: Mentor Coordinator Sherrie Hiett; Arthur T. Dean Chairman Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA); Project Director Liz Wear; Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice

Partnership For A Drug-free DeKalb was organized in 1999 in an effort to coordinate substance abuse prevention activities in DeKalb County. The Agency is committed to the prevention of tobacco, alcohol, and drug abuse through the process of awareness, education, and action. They hope to reduce substance abuse by addressing what factors in a community serve to increase the risk and what factors serve to reduce an individual's risk.

Project Director Liz Wear says, "We make an effort to address needs as identified in each area of DeKalb County." Wear and Mentor Coordinator Sherrie Hiett maintain contact with school principals and guidance counselors in each school in the county making them aware of the Free Drug Screening Program and to schedule programs for students. Mayors from throughout the county have also provided information concerning the needs of these individual communities.

Wear says, "We work to increase educational opportunities at all age levels in an effort to teach our children to have the strength necessary to steer away from tobacco, drugs, and underage drinking." Working to encourage community involvement, they believe that "our community must be involved to

see long-term change and long-term benefit." Parents must be involved. Talk to your children. Studies show that a fear of disappointing their parents is still an effective tool in refusing drugs and alcohol.

Mentor DeKalb is one of the Partnership's primary projects. Mentors are being recruited for both the city and county schools. The Mentor Program provides mentors to children and teens. These mentors serve as a listener, advocate, role model, and advisor while also providing friendship and encouragement. The mentor is a caring and supportive person that will help guide these young children and teens to personal success and who will steer them away from the pitfalls of tobacco, drugs, and underage drinking. Mentors are asked to commit to one hour per week for one year. Anyone interested in becoming a Mentor should contact the partnership office at 997-0000.

The Partnership for a Drug-Free DeKalb County is a non-profit organization governed by an all-volunteer, community at large board. The 18 board members are from various fields representing health, law enforcement, local government, parents, youth, and education.

Their office is located at 202 Alabama Avenue SW in Fort Payne and is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Project Director Liz Wear coordinates Partnership projects throughout the county. Wear and Mentor Coordinator, Sherrie Hiett, have received training concerning technical support available, resources that can be used in prevention efforts, and in ways to work with other community coalitions.

Partnership For a Drug-free DeKalb is one of the 13 member agencies funded by United Givers Fund of DeKalb County working to make a difference.



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**Gabrielle Strattman
holding baby sister, Julianna**

Julianna Strattman was born July 14, weighing 5 lbs, 5 oz. Her parents are David and Shawn Strattman. She is the granddaughter of Lee and Kit Graves of Ocean City, Maryland. Her great-grandparents are Jimmy and Evelyn Graves of Mentone. She has a big sister, Gabrielle, who is 3 years old.

Mid Summer Rhapsody

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

Grass is its greenest in lush meadows growing
Sleek cattle contentedly grazing await the mowing.
Boughs of the trees bow with leaves fully grown
Wave in the breeze like cool fans gaily blown.

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

All nature sings in glad elation
For mid-summer's celebration,
If only I could embrace and capture
This rare feeling of mid-summer's rapture--

And preserve it for Winter's bleak days
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I would savor its flavor in ecstasy--
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"I want to first say a special Thank you to Jim & the Fire Department as well as the Police department without those guys the fireworks display would not have gone on". The fireworks display raised at first \$250.00 and some change but after the display, as I walked to the Fire Department to give them there money, many people were still giving, and from the heart of Mentone we all thank you the community for raising funds to support our Fire dept and Police department. I know it will go to good use for them. I want to also once again mention the businesses who supported the display: Little River Lake & Lodge, Mentone Inn, Mentone Market, The Shed, and The Town Council. Those businesses deserve a great deal of respect for wanting to do something nice for Mentone. So many things are going on in Mentone there was the tour of Mentone in the spring, and next the yard Sale is coming and we have plenty of space for you yard sellers who want to set up. There is also coming soon Fall magic, as well as the Fall Festival, and then we will have Christmas in Mentone. The committee of Mentone is working hard to make these events happen if you would like to participate then call Tony at the Raven Haven he will be glad to give you the details if you want to participate in the events. I was really proud to see all the businesses working together to make this place a happier and nicer environment, also keep Mentone pretty. The major was at the last committee meeting and it was an honor to have him there he had so many new ideals and we were all apposed for them. Thanks to you also major for being a part of this committee and also helping the committee. The yard Sale is right around the corner and all new fall merchandise has been arriving daily.

New Scare Crows 5 Ft are \$7.99 some are 3 for \$1.00 you have to see them to believe it all new merchandise at true wholesale prices, over 40 varieties of Scare Crows to choose from as well as Fall Floral Bushes, Swags, Sprays, Fall Leaves etc. Lots of spring savings going on as well inside on our Floral Merchandise. At the end of August we will be getting ready for the fall magic if you are not familiar with it come by and see we will show you the magic sponsored by "Proven Winners". Speaking of Proven Winners has anyone visited the website www.provenwinners.com, if you have not it's a must to learn a little about how much colder harder there plants are than regular plants. Visit that site and you will not be disappointed in what you find there because what you find there is what we grow and remember we grow all year long starting in December, we start shipping in March our houses are always full with plants for each season and every 2-5 weeks plants are ready to sell. Our new retail division is on its way as well as we are growing more trees and shrubs this year in the fields and will be putting up more houses to grow more not just for you but the Botanical Gardens and John Deere landscapes and yes all "Proven Winners". We have a new line coming out at the end of August you will just have to wait and see what it is. Oh Yeh, before I forget to mention we do by appointments only now for you to walk through the Greenhouses, because so many customers choose to walk back there and get flats that were pulled to be schedule to ship we can not allow you to just wonder through the greenhouses anymore. "Sorry", but that is the way it is if it is not on front then it is not for sale. We grow in weeks and when it is ready we move it to the front to sell or we ship it out. One more thing before I forget, we grew 2000 hanging baskets and order in 1000 baskets in between baskets that were ready from the last week in January to the last week in June. Our baskets were huge this year and very pretty, our Million Bell Petunias hung to ground this year and that is because ran high heat on them this year. I told everyone we were going to be wholesale and grow pretty good if we wholesale we do not want to be retail. That really grow something it is either by the flat or by the basket. That really do not want to be stuck with what Spokey's dreams stay wholesale. I want many dreams as we do to and Mentone for rating means a lot were

one is to get our new store or the way and bigger for you to shop in and enjoy your shopping on unique and different Floral and Nursery items, as well as a new Fireworks store. Speaking of new, I mentioned Christmas in Mentone, so many new Christmas items are arriving it is unreal and we will be packed full with new Christmas merchandise as well as new Fall Merchandise at unbelievable prices and always wholesale. Do not forget we have a new stock of plants coming out the last week of August, as well as a new line for the fall and some items will be very exclusive from "Proven Winners", due to the fact we are finished plug growers for them we will have prebilledges that retail centers do not get, such as new test trial plants that are not out by retail centers that only growers get to test on the market to see how well they do before they are released. Just remember if you are looking for new plants that is our company, we are getting away more and more from common everyday plants, but we will still carry some common plants such as Sultana's also known as impatiens. Just to let you know how existing the market is there are about 10 new colors of Calibrocha's, Million Bells, & Super Bells and guess what we will have them all to include some newer varieties from Israel. Just because they bloom longer and are much more cold resistance and heat tolerant to dry conditions. The regular petunia's are just about replaced with us for either Supertunia's, Waves, Calibrocha's, Super Bells & Million Bells, because once again they out perform regular Petunia's.

As for me I'm recovering each and everyday, getting stronger and better. Thanks to the community and our church for helping us when they did. I know my husband and children are glad to have me a whole lot better now then I was. I still get the spots from time to time but if I go to Dr. Lui they go away and as I said before I may have this for the rest of my life like someone lives with toe fungus everyday but as long as I see Dr. Lui they stay pretty much under control. I have lost a tremendous amount of weight as well and never felt better than I ever did thanks to Dr. Lui, and the herbs I feel like I'm young again and well. You know how it is though eat right, sleep right and live a stressful life and you will not get sick. I can do 2 of them and working on the stressful life. Our life I can say since we have recommitment our life to god has been a whole lot less stressful than it was in the past. It was like everything was lifted off our shoulders and no more worries about anything. We have also learned more about management control in our lives as well as we have had lots of help from our church and Christian friends to show us a better way with our lives and how to walk with god each day and be with god. I just can not thank those enough for leading us in the right directions and we are so happy to be apart of our church St. Joseph's on the mountain. They have showed us how to live a wonderful Christian life and have a wonderful walk with god, indeed our lives are much better and happier for the new friends we choose to have in our lives, thanks for everything. "We love you and want you to always know how much we thank you." David & Cheryl

From the Editors: Cheryl L. Baker requested that the above be written, edited in any way and run as written. We have run it as written.

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7. Always be sure your driveway and home are well marked with your 9-1-1 address.

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Passing Water Balloons until they break

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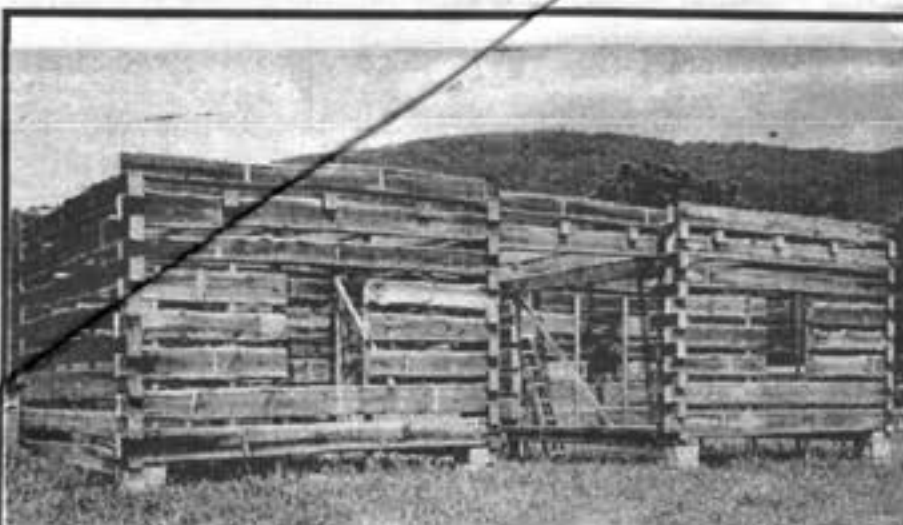
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(11) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES.** Building lots on the west Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.

(12) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY** (1 tract left) 220x300 on the East fork of Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and Rapids. \$30,000.

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

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(15) **WOODED LOTS** on Demosey Ave. Mentone 200x300 = 1.38 acres. \$16,000.

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(17) **GREAT LOCATION AND A VIEW.** West Brow Lot on scenic Hwy 1 mile from Mentone. Wooded with 200 ft. of Brow Frontage. \$65,000. **SOLD**

(18) **2 STORY HOME ON CUTLER AVE. MENTONE.** 3 Bdrm 1-1/2 bath, updated with Metal roof, 12x16 deck, kitchen-dining combo, dining room w/gas free standing fireplace, cozy den, Large Bdrm with second story balcony. All appliances stay. Located on a level one-acre lot with large Oak trees and lots of wild flowers. **REDUCED** \$70,000 **PENDING**

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9:00 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 devotion 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. Everyone is welcome to come.

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. 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 Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnell.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 239 (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, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular worship services are at 10 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 845-4314. All are welcome.

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

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

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

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

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, Georgia, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday evening at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening at 7 PM.

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

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM, Worship at 11AM, 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 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 -7:45PM. Pastor Fred Rick Harworth 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 regular services.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School - 10 AM; Morning Worship - 11 AM. Sunday evening - 6 PM; Wednesday evening - 6:30 PM. The new Pastor is Brian Hancock, who moved here with his wife Regina and their three children.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama, regular services are Sunday at 9:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Les Brown. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 1 PM in the fellowship hall; and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30 PM at the church.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend any of their services or activities. Two Morning Services with Children's Church are at 8:45 AM, with Sunday School at 10 AM, and the second service at 11 AM. 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.

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Sept. 12	Spring Garden	Home
Sept. 19	Cedar Bluff	Home
Sept. 26	Pisgah	Home
Oct. 3	Section	Home
Oct. 10	Appalachian	Away
Oct. 17	Gaylesville	Away
Oct. 24	Collinsville	Away
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2nd Place

A team consisting of five Valley Head 6th grade students represented Valley Head High School on May 7, 2003, in the Alabama Water Watch Contest sponsored annually by Sand Mountain Electric Coop. They placed 2nd in the junior division and received \$100.00 and a plaque. Students are:

L/R-Bottom Row: Decker Jones, Matthew Durham;

L/R-Top Row: Ariana Beard, Aubrey Shields,
Sydney Hixon, 6th Grade Teacher Angie Camp



KING AND QUEEN

The Valley Head 6th Grade Class celebrated the ending of the 2002-2003 school year with a social event, which included a dance, refreshments, and election of a King and Queen of their class. The King elect was Jacob Bain and the Queen elect was Ariana Beard.

Colonel Dolas D. Bain, DEPUTY DIRECTOR NORTHWEST REGION OFFICE INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT AGENCY



Colonel Dolas D. Bain

Submitted by Naomi Potts

Colonel Dolas D. Bain assumed his current position as Deputy Director of the Northwest Region Office of the Installation Management Agency in September 2002. The Northwest Region Office manages services that support army mission logistics; engineering; morale, welfare and recreation; military and civilian personnel; provost marshal operations; safety, fire protection and environment; contracting; base realignment and closure; and equal opportunity.

A native of Alabama, Colonel Bain entered the U.S. Army in 1965. Following his discharge, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business Administration from Lee University. He completed postgraduate courses at Auburn University and earned his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Century University.

Colonel Bain entered the U.S. Army Reserves in 1970, advanced to Sergeant First Class, and, in 1973, was appointed Personnel Management Warrant Officer. He was commissioned a Captain in 1980 and reentered active duty in 1985.

His military education includes the Defense Information Officer Basic Course, the Engineer Officer Advance Course, Federal Emergency Management

Staff College, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Air Force War College.

Colonel Bain has held a variety of command staff positions throughout his career to include: in a Personnel Service Company; an Engineer Battalion, Group and Command Headquarters; Training Division; Field Hospital; as an Army Installation Commander; Headquarters Company Commander, Panama; and Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Germany.

In 1944, he became the first Active Reserve Commander, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, Dublin, California. In 1997, he became Chief of Instruction, Officer Professional Development, Combat Readiness Division, Headquarters, Fort Dix, New Jersey. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Bain served as the Deputy Installation Commander, Fort Dix.

Colonel Bain's awards include the Good Conduct Medal, U.S. Army Reserve Achievement and Commendation Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Humanitarian Service Ribbon, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Colonel Bain and his wife, Diana (Dee) have two daughters, Patricia and Monica.

Colonel Bain was a 1962 Graduate of Valley Head High School; the son of Rev. Dolas Bain; Grandson of the late Eddie and Lula Bain, better known as Granny Bain from Mentone, AL.

I can remember before mother passed away she would be so sick we would beg her to see a doctor, and she would tell us no, not now. Maybe someday some of the grandchildren will be a doctor, and nurse and they can take care of me. God knew she could not wait that long, so he took her on to heaven; but granted her wishes. After she was gone, she got ministers, a doctor, lawyer, nurses, and several school teachers. I just hope to see the day that these great grandchildren will gather around her in heaven and tell her, Maw, Maw, God has given you everything you asked for.

I thank God for my family.

Naomi Potts



Curtis Miller

Congratulations to Curtis Miller on receiving a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude in Missions from Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga, TN, on May 5, 2003. He and his wife, Annie, and infant son, Caleb, plan on going to China in January for 2 years to teach English as a second language. Their future goal is to become Bible translators in Brazil.



Ken Miller

Congratulations to Ken Miller on receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree (Honors) summa cum laude in Bible from Bryan College, Dayton, TN, May 10, 2003. He is returning to Bryan College in the fall for one more semester to finish a double major in Business Administration. His future plans are to receive a master's degree in Business.

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The Groundhog apologizes to Curtis and Ken Miller for our mistake in the July issue. We inadvertently reversed the pictures. We are running the pictures and the articles again.

50TH SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

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By Evelyn Graves

June 1 marked a very special day for Hershell Pruitt. It was his 50th birthday; and, in addition, he was honored with a surprise birthday party by his wife, Sandra. This, no doubt, was one of the outstanding social events of the year at Mentone.

Sonny and Frances Glibreath of Triple G Barbecue and Tradin' Post opened the restaurant for this special time on Sunday. The tables were beautifully decorated for the occasion, and they hosted 75 invited guests for the party. There were guests who are business associates; there were guests from the Fort Payne area who were friends from Union Hill Baptist Church; Mentone friends; and family, including Hershell's children, Renee, Heather, Allen and Katie; his parents, Sam and Louise Pruitt; his sisters, Kathy Kearce from Summerville, Georgia; Vicky Carlisle from Dawsonville, Georgia, and Ellen Pruitt from Cloudland, Georgia. His nieces, Sarah and Katie Kearce, were in attendance, as well as his nephews, Christopher Kearce and Garrett Carlisle. There were other out-of-town guests.

The guests enjoyed the delicious food prepared by Triple G. There was barbecue with all the trimmings and chicken tenderloins for those who did not prefer barbecue. The service was excellent, and all of the guests were able to enjoy hot food and excellent fellowship at the same time. The meal was followed by delicious chocolate birthday cake.

The highlight of the party for Hershell was the gift of a Yamaha keyboard that Sandra had bought for him. He had always wanted one, but it was something he never would buy for himself. Mike Goggans, Darien Bray, and Russell O'Dell played stringed instruments and Ronnie Warren played the drums, and they accompanied Hershell on his new keyboard. The ladies from Union Hill Baptist Church sang several songs, and special groups sang as well. Hershell received many other nice birthday gifts and cards in addition to the keyboard.

It isn't so bad to be half a hundred when it is as much fun as this party was, is it, Hershell?



Hershell and daughters, Heather and Renee



Hershell with sisters, Vicky Carlisle, Kathy Kearce, and Ellen Pruitt



Hershell receiving a birthday kiss from Ronnie Warren



Russell O'Dell on the guitar accompanying Hershell on the keyboard



Hershell with friends, Larry Smith and Jason Smith



Sandra, Kathy, and Vicki



Hershell preparing to cut his birthday cake

KATIE MCDONOUGH STUDIES IN PARIS



Katie McDonough (17-1/2)

My name is Katie McDonough. I am the daughter of John McDonough and Juanita Galloway of Roswell, Georgia. My grandparents are Jane Galloway and Max and Annette Galloway of Mentone.

This past May, I finished my first year at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore Maryland. Due to a research award from Hopkins, I am now in Paris studying French musical philosophy during the Revolution of 1789. The Provost Undergraduate Research Award is awarded to about 50 undergraduate students each spring to provide funding for projects like my own. The opportunities that it provides are exceptional, and I was elated to be one of the recipients.

I have been in Paris since June 12, and I leave for the south of France on July 25, where I will be attending a music camp for three weeks. I first traveled to France two summers ago, before my senior year of high school, to attend this same camp. Since I do not have much time now during the school year to practice violin, I look forward to returning so that I can put aside my books, and pick up my music again. After three weeks of intense practice and performance, I will certainly look forward to returning home to Atlanta on August 14. It has been a wonderful exciting trip so far, and I know I will never forget it, or the people that have supported me.

Editor's note: I remember Katie's mother, Juanita, with a great deal of fondness. She was an exceptional



Katie McDonough (18)

person who loved learning and who gave everything she had to her studies. No doubt, Katie has inherited some of these same admirable traits from her mother.

Below is a letter her parents received from Johns Hopkins University, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences:

"I am delighted to inform you that the high grades received by your daughter, Katherine McDonough, in the Fall, 2002 term, have earned her a place on the Dean's list of the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences of Johns Hopkins University.

"Being on the Dean's List is an honor at any school, but we believe it is of special note at Johns Hopkins because course work here is so challenging. For your daughter to excel in such a demanding environment is a testament to her intelligence, self-discipline and willingness to work very hard.

"We want to see all of our students succeed, and your daughter has clearly achieved a significant goal. You should be very proud as all of us are here at Hopkins."

Daniel H. Weiss

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There was a personal card to Katie's grandmother, Jane Galloway, with an advertisement of the music festival in Menton, France, on the outside of the card. She stated she just had to buy the card for her grandmother when she saw Menton on it.

Note: Katie came home the weekend of August 16 and is visiting with her grandmother, Jane Galloway.

OLD AGE IS LIKE A BANK ACCOUNT

By Evelyn Graves

All of us receive E-mail of all types. Some of it has no value, and some of it is worthy of our attention. I received this E-mail from Robert Green, and I thought it was very good. I am getting to the age that thoughts do go through my mind about my future, and it is difficult for me to always think in terms of my residence being at the nursing home; but, as I read this article, I realized that we need to be positive about the things that may face us, whatever they may be.

I hope this will speak to you as it did to me.

The 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coiffed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room...just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged...it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it..."

"It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away just for this time in my life.

"Old age is like a bank account...you withdraw from what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories. Thank you for your part in filling my memory bank. I am still depositing."

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.



About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Now that the World's Longest yard Sale is over, we can expect a lull in the number of visitors to Mentone until the leaves start to change color in the fall. I have mixed emotions about the yard sale. It is a good way for people to stay close to home and make a little extra spending money. Of course, there is always that added bonus of getting rid of some of the items that are no longer needed. You know the old saying, "One person's trash is another person's treasure." It is a wonderful opportunity for organizations to make some extra money. I know that the book sale for the library and the sale of hot dogs and drinks for the fire department did really well, especially the first weekend. I have just read in the paper that the sale will last for ten days again next year. The biggest problem seems to be the abundance of traffic. Maybe the areas where it gets so congested could do a better job of letting the public know that parking on the edge of Alabama Highway 117 and DeKalb County Road 89 is a very dangerous situation. I am sure that many people from other areas could not believe how much traffic is on these two-lane highways. This is especially true of truck traffic. Those of us who live here know that Highway 117 is the most-often used truck route from Huntsville to Atlanta. I think that Mentone did a very good job with the control of traffic through the town. I wasn't out in the thick of things all that much, but when I was out, the flow of traffic seemed to be steady.

Another subject that I have mixed emotions about is the proposed tax amendment that will come up for a vote in September. I have no problem with paying more taxes so long as I know that everyone is benefitting from them. I do have a problem with the fact that the amendment doesn't state how much money will go for what or even exactly what it will go for. I have been very amused at myself over this subject. For years I have thought that I hated the fact that so much money in governments was "ear marked." That means that certain funds must be deposited in an account set up for only that fund. The money can then be used only for specific projects. This is true at all levels of government. Now that an amendment has been proposed that doesn't "ear mark" anything, I am having a problem with that. Go figure. Does anyone except me remember Jethro on The Beverly Hillbillies who was always bragging about being able to "cipher." The term, "Go Figure" always makes me think of this. Please read everything you can about the proposed amendment and then go to the polls and vote your conscience.

The Town of Mentone continues to have growing pains. We need more money to do things that need to be done and yet we don't want to increase taxes to do this. We could certainly use a third police person and yet we don't want to be known as a speed

trap to have the money to pay one. What do you do? It is a Catch 22 situation. As with all small towns, we have some people who think that they haven't been treated as fairly as someone else, so they do a lot of damage by telling everyone their tale of woe. I urge anyone who wants to know what the town and other organizations are doing to attend the meetings. All regular and called meetings are open to the public.

We do have some projects in the planning state that will be done with matching grant money. This means that the town will have to pay a certain percentage to match the grant. No doubt, grant money may be harder to get in the future. It seems that all levels of government are very unstable right now.

Recently, I heard someone relating this story. It seems that she was in a very small village in Florida and wanted to inquire as to the availability of public water lines to the land she was thinking about buying. Someone told her what office she needed to go to. As she entered the door, she saw a lady sitting at a desk behind a window. She told the lady what she needed and the woman said, "Wait just a moment." With that, the lady arose from her desk and moved around to the other side of the room to another desk behind another window. She then stated that she could help my friend with her questions about water. One lady could do all of the jobs for the village, but she needed many desks to do them. This reminded me of Mentone. On any given day, Marie Dillenbeck is the town clerk, the water board clerk, the magistrate, the Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau, and the editor of The Groundhog. I have not noticed that she has to change desks all that much, but this may give her the idea to try it.

I have been substituting in the office of Moon Lake Elementary School recently. I am so proud of the students there. They are very polite and respectful to each other as well as to the adult staff. I was helping two girls with a problem on the copying machine and one of them answered me with "Yeah." I would not have realized she replied this way, except that the other one immediately told her to say, "Yes, Ma'am." I have great confidence that the generation of young people today have the ability to learn from the mistakes of other generations. Most of them can tell you the dangers of doing drugs, including alcohol. I am not so starry eyed that I think none of them ever will, but maybe not to the extent that other generations have. Almost all of this change has occurred because of education, not only in the schools, but in the homes and churches as well. "There is none so ignorant as those who refuse to learn from past mistakes." I hope that this is a famous quote from some famous person. I just don't know who. One of my favorite people to read quotes from is Yogi Berra, the baseball player. I read this one today, "If people don't want to come out to the ball park, nobody's going to stop them." My all time favorite of his is, "It gets late early in left field." They all make perfectly good sense and yet they seem to not make sense at all.

I have just read that Lockheed Martin is apologizing to DeKalb County for the sonic booms that have been felt by everyone this summer. I suppose we all have earthquake jitters. The booms were caused by the testing of a new aircraft called the F/A-22 Raptor. There is a picture with the article and it is beautiful. I really think that we should be honored to be shak-

en by something so modern and hi-tech. The Raptor is a test craft that will someday be used to fly into enemy airspace without being detected by radar. Now this is the part that amazed me. It seems that the aircraft is shaped with no right angles and this prevents radar waves from bouncing back to the enemy. Remember the velociraptor dinosaurs in Jurassic Park movies. Those were nasty little boogers. We will be able to tell our great grandchildren that our house was shaken by The Raptor.

Look for the news from the library in another article in this issue. Many new things are happening and I want all of you to know about them.

The town recently received a letter inquiring as to the whereabouts of a person named, Tommy Edwards. His mother's maiden name was Ruth Pool. He would be about 50 or 60 years of age now. If you remember this person, call me or town hall. His cousin is trying to locate him. Several of us remember two persons who were named Charlie Edwards. One was here as a teen and the other was an older man whom I think is buried here in Mentone.

August is one of my least favorite months in the year. First, it has no holidays. Maybe we should declare my dad's and Bill Crane's birthday a holiday. Second, it is always hot and usually dry. Third, it is the end of summer but not yet the beginning of anything. Last, every insect that bites human flesh seems to bite me. Being outside is miserable. The one good thing is that there is not much use to do anything in the vegetable or flower garden, the plants will soon die or go dormant.

Just try to keep body and soul together, the cooler weather will make everyone feel better. Go vote on September 9, write a poem, attend a meeting of the Mentone Town Council, and be kind to animals and to people who are older or younger than you.

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JOHNSTON WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Johnston are pictured with Eloise Brown, Linda's great aunt, following their wedding.

Linda B. Smith and Charles R. Johnston were married Saturday, July 12, 2003, at the beautifully decorated Valley Head United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Poole, former pastor of the Henagar United Methodist Church, performed the double ring ceremony before family and close friends.

Mr. Dixie Brown provided the piano music as guests were seated.

Mrs. Marion O'Dell played the organ processional and selections and recessional.

The couple's children stood with them during the ceremony.

A reception followed at the church.

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Do you have a desire to be creative in your clothing? Do you tire of the same styles year after year? Do you find that it is difficult to buy clothes that fit you perfectly because of the style or because of some figure flaw? Do you find yourself either hanging the garment back on the rack in the store or paying expensive prices to have it altered to fit you?

All of these problems can be solved by creating your own designs. If you do not know how to do this, there is a basic sewing class available on Tuesdays, at 4PM. The cost of the class is \$10 for one hour or \$30 per month.

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Sequel to Yesterday's Gone coming this month

We are excited to announce the publication of our new book, Yesterday's Tomorrow. It is "at the printer now" and will be available on July 25th. Yesterday's Tomorrow is the sequel to Yesterday's Gone, and is the continuing saga of Jack and Mary... Jody and Katie... and Buddy... with some interesting and unexpected turns in the road. If you liked Yesterday's Gone, you'll like Yesterday's Tomorrow.

Please visit our website at www.lamarfine.com for more information or to order online.

To celebrate the release, we are offering Free Shipping (A \$4.00 Savings) on all orders placed before July 25th. This also applies to our other books, Yesterday's Gone and I Remember. Cost is \$16.00 per book (including tax).

To order by mail, send check for \$16.00 per book to: Lamar Fine, 245 Garretts Chapel Road, Chickamauga, GA 30707; Tel (706) 375-2062.

We will put your book in the mail the day we receive the shipment, hopefully on or before July 25th.

We're very excited about Yesterday's Tomorrow and hope you will be too.

Sincerely, Lamar & Mary Agnes Fine

Byrum Family 4th of July Tradition

The 4th of July has always been a favorite holiday in the Byrum family. Kristen Byrum Emory and her husband Tom, owners of the Mentone Market, celebrated the 4th by making homemade lemonade and ice cream. Kristen's great-great grandfather, Hardie Harrison, always made lemonade and served it on his front porch to all of his neighbors. He took this opportunity to have a fiddler playing under the big magnolia tree in the front yard while he told tales, talked politics, and served ice cold lemonade from a new wash tub.

The Market was open all day on the 4th and served free lemonade to all the hot and thirsty customers and travelers who stopped by.

Outside the Market, a group of friends put the collection of antique ice cream freezers to good use. They all took turns making the hand cranks turn over and over making vanilla, chocolate, and orange flavored ice cream. The lucky friends and customers who arrived as the old fashioned churns were opened were given samples of their favored flavors.

Holidays are always made better by family traditions that come to life again and again.



Saddler Grace Emory
serves free 4th of July lemonade like her great-great-grandfather, Hardie Harrison, did years ago.



Byrum Emory & Logan Chambers
turn the ice cream freezers to earn their big bowls of the tasty treat while Saddler Emory looks on.



Jim Byrum and Rudolph Bell
take their turn making ice cream the old fashion way.



Blueberries on Lookout Mountain are the sweetest in the world. Byrum Emory has fun filling his pail with the biggest blueberries he can find. There are several "You-Pick" blueberry farms near Mentone.



Kristen Emory takes a break from Market duties to turn the crank of a quart size antique freezer that was a gift from local realtor and friend, Susan Collins.

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(2) New GOLF COURSE Adorable cabin at Mentone with prime location, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, central heat and air, fireplace with open loft overlooking living area. Private lake. All on 5.7+/- acres. \$99,000.



(3) This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in kitchen area, spacious living room with fireplace and multi-purpose basement and includes 2.9 acres. \$199,000.



(4) Room to roam in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offering lots of extras. Great room with cathedral ceiling, wood floors, recreation room, barn and fenced pasture on 48 private acres connecting DeSoto State Park. \$249,900.



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



(6) Located on DeSoto Parkway, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 lofts, wood floors, screened porch, deck with hot tub, 1 bedroom, 1 bath guest cottage, and more. ONLY \$239,900.



(7) Postcard setting with this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring a 2-story living room with loft and wood burning fireplace, large country kitchen, 2 hot tubs and a 30' above-ground pool, stocked pond, barn, shed, storage building and 21 acres. ONLY \$145,000.



(8) This CHATEAU sits on 1.9+/- acres off Hwy 117 South with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3-car garage, 2 central heat & air units and lots more. \$118,000 (PLS #11618)



(9) Own this thriving, well-established restaurant in a prime location of downtown Mentone. Fully-equipped kitchen and dining room that seats 125 people, both turn key and financial information furnished to serious buyers. \$397,500.



(10) Hand-crafted cabin on the edge of Lookout Mountain... 2 story living area features a mountain stone fireplace and exposed beams. Master bedroom on the main level with a large bedroom and sleeping loft upstairs. \$225,000.



(11) Lookout Mountain. This home is situated on almost 4 acres near the rim of Little River Canyon and has a beautiful landscaped yard, a barn and tack room, eat-in kitchen with breakfast bar, stacked stone fireplace in the great room and a new back deck for entertaining. \$149,000 (PLS #11805)



(12) Almost maintenance-free BROW home with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with island, cozy living room with fireplace, den/pool room with pool table already there. Great views of the valley. \$595,665.



(13) Rustic Mountain Lodge just minutes from DeSoto State Park—possible use as a single family residence or a commercial business. Pine and rock floors, great room with fireplace, 2 full bedrooms with cat walk, 20 acres, and a 2-story guest house included. \$199,000.



(14) COUNTRY AT ITS BEST describes this rustic style home with spruce ceiling—floors and walls. Add charm to the 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and great room, large front porch looking out at a beautiful field from the 3.5 acre wooded lot. Listed at \$160,000. (PLS #11716)



(15) Compelling 2-story home on the West Brow of Mentone with over 4000 sq ft. featuring 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, great room with fireplace, large living room with fireplace, master bath, hardwood and marble floors, screened porch and views from every room. \$449,900



(16) Established old home place in historic Mentone... house is over 100 years old and is restorable with 18.89 acres. This home has several primitive barns and sheds all surrounded by huge Oak trees. Retreat to an era gone by for less than \$100,000.



(17) Brow home... Main house features 3 floors each with 2 beds and bath, living area, office space and/or sitting room. Decks and porches surround the house on all 3 levels. Detached 2-car garage with apartment upstairs, and 2.7 acres. \$195,000.



(18) SATISFY YOUR APPETITE for private living and roominess with this 6 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on 54 acres. This traditional brick house also includes large eat-in kitchen with an island, Oak cabinets and French doors to living area and large screened porch. Add a fence and you have great pastures with a barn already there. Priced to sell at \$399,000. (PLS #11715)



(19) NEW LISTING! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 3.09 acres with 1800 square feet, appliances to stay, rock fireplace and located near DeSoto State park. \$150,000. (PLS #11808)



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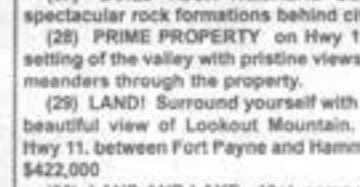
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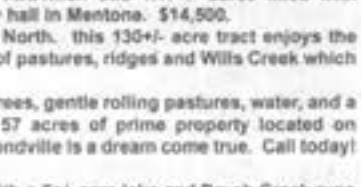
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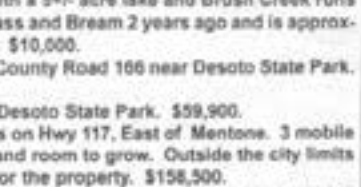
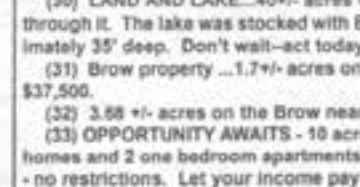
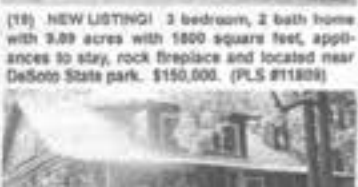
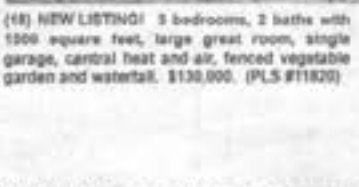
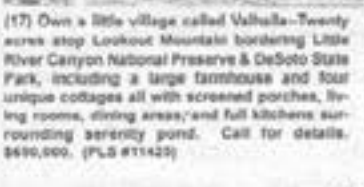
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(21) CLOUDLAND, GA - New listing with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 3000 square feet. This log home was built in 1928 and is filled with character. Priced at \$172,500. (PLS #11857)



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(25) Just listed 4.3+/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,500.

(26) Almost 600' on the West Fork of Little River, gently rolling and heavily wooded all within 1 mile of Mentone. \$70,000.

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

(28) PRIME PROPERTY on Hwy 11 North. this 130+/- acre tract enjoys the setting of the valley with pristine views of pastures, ridges and Wills Creek which meanders through the property.

(29) LAND! Surround yourself with trees, gentle rolling pastures, water, and a beautiful view of Lookout Mountain. 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy 11, between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$422,000

(30) LAND AND LAKE... 40+/- acres with a 5+/- acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake was stocked with Bass and Bream 2 years ago and is approximately 35' deep. Don't wait—act today! \$10,000.

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

(32) 3.68 +/- acres on the Brow near DeSoto State Park. \$59,900.

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

(34) RETREAT, RETREAT, RETREAT - If for any reason you want or need to, this 40 acres is partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. Great for hunting cabins or full-time residence. \$170,000.



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"A zany but serious musician"
 —THE NEW YORK TIMES

Gwendolyn M. Watson, Cellist, Composer, Improvisor, Teacher

Submitted by Jan Wilkinson

The Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library is sponsoring a day and an evening with Gwendolyn.

• On September 9, Gwendolyn Watson will spend the day with students at Moon Lake School teaching and involving them in and with music.

• On the same evening, September 9, there is a free concert for the community at 6:30 p.m. in the Moon Lake School gym.

• Everyone is encouraged to bring their instruments and join Gwendolyn and the Moon Lake Students in the improvisational part of the program.

Gwendolyn Watson is an internationally acclaimed improviser, cellist, composer and distinguished teacher/performer. She lives in Rome, GA. On September 9, she will be in Mentone, AL, at the Moon Lake Elementary School.

Ms. Watson began her musical passion at age 3 when her father gave her a xylophone. She picked out tunes on it and transferred them to other parts of the instrument. She learned to play the piano and took formal lessons. Her mother encouraged her to write her own music. So she began to improvise and, at the age of 12, she began to play the cello, then added the drums and other percussion instruments to her musical skills.

When she plays, she does not just sit quietly, either—especially on stage. She spins her cello and dances as the mood strikes her.

A native Californian, Watson received her degree in cello performance from UCLA-Santa Barbara. Then she earned her master's degree in composition from Mills College.

"I've had a unique path because of my classical European education" said Watson. "It's earned me a living for 34 years making music for American modern dancers."

Since 1958, Gwendolyn has joyfully served as a "bridge" between the worlds of music and dance. Her commissions include scores for leading choreographers Paul Taylor, Rod Rogers, Paul Sanasardo, Joan Miller, Christopher Beck, Elina Mooney, Lila Nett, Lori Teague, plus the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Love Letters, CD/CS, Trios for flute/viola/cello, composed and produced by Ms. Watson, and played by herself and two other friends (Austria 1998). Most recently in production, a 2-CD set including original compositions by Gwendolyn made in a recording studio in Toronto, Canada, and a Live Improvisation Concert with various musician friends at the Glinn Gould Hall in Toronto, which was released by Live Unity (spring 2002).

In May of 2001, Ms. Watson was invited to play her cello in several of the concerts given in Haifa, Israel, during the week-long celebration of the Opening of the Garden Terraces at the Shrine of the Bab. Ms. Watson has also participated in the SED Conferences of 1999-2001 in Orlando, Florida. In September 2001, Gwendolyn played, upon request, a selection by J.S. Bach and a freely-inspired improvisation for the proceedings in Atlanta, GA, of an address by Universal House of Justice Member, Douglas Martin, in September 2001.

Since 1998, Ms. Watson has made her home in Rome, GA. She serves on the music faculty of Shorter College, teaches cello and improvisation privately in her home studio and is principal cellist of the Rome Symphony Orchestra.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psa. 51:10-12

Sometimes it's hard to accept our faults, to humble down and repent. When we know we have done wrong, there is only one way to find peace, and that peace is worth everything. A clean heart and a right spirit will restore the joy of salvation. How about your heart? Is it right with God? That's the thing that counts today!

Peace be yours!



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Thursday, August 21, 6:15 PM, MERF Community House, Cameron Vowell to speak on Amendment 1
- Monday, Sept. 1, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- Monday, Sept. 1, IDER MULE DAY, Ider Town Park, 8:30 a.m. begins; \$1. Admission (12&under free)
- Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7PM, MAPA Meeting at Fellowship Hall of Church of God of Prophecy
- Sunday, September 7, GRANDPARENTS' DAY
- SEPTEMBER 9, GO VOTE ON AMENDMENT 1
- Tuesday, September 9, Gwendolyn Watson, renowned cellist, will spend the day with students at Moon Lake School teaching and involving them in and with music.

- Tuesday, Sept. 9, 12:30PM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday evening, September 9, free concert for the community at 6:30 p.m. Cellist Gwendolyn Watson, in the Moon Lake School Gym.
- Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6:30PM, American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Monday, Sept. 15, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public. Meeting changed due to Voting in Town Hall on Sept. 9.
- Tuesday, Sept. 23, AUTUMN BEGINS
- OCTOBER - 18 & 19 COLORFEST

~~NOTICE~~

The original date for the
 Mentone

Town Council Meeting

has been changed from the second Monday, September 8 to the third Monday, September 15, 6PM.

This change is due to the voting machine being placed in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room on Monday, September 8th for the voting on Tuesday, September 9. All Town Council Meetings are open to the public.