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BEA CROW DAY

(Taken from Alpine Camp newsletter from the camp website):

Saturday was a Red Letter Day at Alpine Camp for Boys! Saturday afternoon, July 17, 2004, we had a party honoring Mrs. Leonard (Bea) Crow, the wonderfully talented lady who served as our Food Service Director for the past sixty-nine years. Mrs. Crow retired at the end of our 2003 camp season, and today we had the privilege of honoring her here at Alpine Camp. Needless to say, Mrs. Crow is a legend who is much loved by Alpine campers who have known her and benefited from her culinary skills for the past sixty-nine years. She was especially famous for her wonderful pastry. Her delicate biscuits, yeast rolls, pie crusts, and blueberry muffins have been unsurpassed in kitchens across America. Numerous campers' moms have tried to reproduce these delicious camp foods, but campers continue to tell them, "It doesn't taste like Mrs. Crow's cooking."

Saturday afternoon, family, friends, and current campers and staff began gathering on the Athletic Field at 4:15 PM. Ice cream cones were served from a white tent, which was decorated with festive green and white balloons. There was also a cupcake station and a canoe filled with cold bottled water and cartons of lemonade. The campers mingled with guests and enjoyed the refreshments.

At 5:00 PM, we all entered the gym where eight cabins of current campers put on skits and sang original songs expressing their appreciation to Mrs. Crow for her many years of service to our camp facility. Early in the week, each camp cabin participated in a competition to see which cabins would be chosen to entertain Mrs. Crow and our guests on Saturday afternoon.

The program began with the Hunger Age Group singing a song entitled, Thank you, Mrs. Crow. Next, Eagles Nest cabin brought the house down with their skit called "Mrs. Crow's Garden". (Mrs. Crow has one of the largest and most beautiful vegetable gardens in the county.) The campers were dressed up like vegetables along with one dressed as a scarecrow and one as an inch worm. Their song was original and very creative. Next was Bear Canyon cabin with "The History of Mrs. Crow's Food" and it was a hilarious tale of foods through the decades. Fox Hollow cabin wrote a song entitled, "I want It Crow's Way". It was a fun song with hand motions and choreography.

Rabbit Run and Rising Fawn cabins collaborated on "Iron Chef, Alpine Style," in which Mrs. Crow battled famous New Orleans chef Emeril Lagasse. Of course, Mrs. Crow won hands down. The Warrior Age Group did a great rap song they had written called "Mrs. Crow's All Stars. They were followed by the boys from



**Bea Crow, age seventeen years, taken
at Berry College, Rome, GA.**

Cabin 9. They had written a song called "Mrs. Crow Fills Our Appetite." Cabin 13 had a band using instruments, which were all pots and pans from the kitchen along with other kitchen utensils and a plastic garbage bag played by Ben McDougal.

The final number was an original song written and performed by the campers in Ridge 4 and 5. The song was entitled, "Ode to Crow". Several of the boys accompanied their cabin mates on guitars and violin. We had no idea how creative and talented these boys are. They did an amazing job, and Mrs. Crow was touched by their kind words and fun music.

Dick O'Ferrall then addressed the audience. Mr. O'Ferrall, owner and director of Alpine Camp for Boys, has worked with Mrs. Crow since 1959. He thanked her for her many years of outstanding service to boys and girls across America. Mrs. Crow began working at Alpine Lodge Camp for Girls as a kitchen assistant in 1935 and eventually was asked to serve as the Food Service Director by Miss Alice MacVicar, owner and director of Alpine Lodge Camp for Girls.

For years, Mrs. Crow has been admired for her work ethic, integrity, and culinary skills. Many of these skills were honed as a student at Berry College in Rome, Georgia. She has had a very close working relationship and friendship first with Miss MacVicar and then

with Dick and Alice O'Ferrall, current owners of Alpine Camp for Boys. Mr. O'Ferrall also shared some humorous stories about his relationship with Mrs. Crow.

Mr. O'Ferrall began his address with scripture from Proverbs 31:13-19:

"She...worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to their maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff."

Mr. O'Ferrall gave interesting information about Mrs. Crow which is outlined below and continued on pages 14 -15

1. Annie Beatrice Kerby grew up on Sand Mountain.

2. Her father died when she was 16.

3. When Beatrice Kerby was 17 years old, she heard that Alpine Lodge Camp for Girls in Mentone, AL, was hiring girls to work in the kitchen. She and a friend came over and applied for jobs. Beatrice Kerby was hired to work that summer.

4. The following year, still at age 17, Bea Kerby was plowing behind a mule on her family farm on Sand Mountain. Tracy Byers, Miss Martha Berry's chauffeur, was driving Miss Berry across Sand Mountain searching for talented mountain children who might be

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MAPA MEETING

The Mentone Area Preservation Association met on July 6, 2004, at the fellowship hall of the Church of God of Prophecy, rain having made it necessary to move the annual picnic from the brow park pavilion.

Present were Homer and Bernise Crow, Page and Margaret Cunningham, Leroy and Joanne Crowe, Lucille Crowe, Dot Crow, Ruby Brock, Dessie Brown, Joyce Cooper, Marie Dillenbeck, Tom Donald, Penny and Jim Lyday, Rick Chapman, Evelyn Graves, and Dorothy Shelden.

President Bernise Crow called the meeting to order and Ruby Brock gave the invocation.

The minutes and the treasurer's report were not available as this was the annual picnic meeting.

Rick Chapman installed the new officers: Bernise Crow, President; Dot Crow, Vice President; Homer Crow, Treasurer; Marie Dillenbeck, Secretary; members at large: Lucille Crowe and Dessie Brown. (See photo below.)

The President asked if there was any business and



the matter of a digital camera for use by The Groundhog was brought up by motion of Dot Crow. Dessie Brown seconded the motion. A discussion followed. More information will be gathered for the next meeting as to a reasonable cost effective camera. Another request was made by Evelyn Graves to purchase a new computer to be used for The Groundhog. Tom Donald agreed to look into the

matter and recommend a specific unit, as well as check on a new monitor, if one is needed. Page Cunningham made a motion that Tom and Marie get together on the camera and the computer and decide on the up-to-date equipment and submit it to the board. Rick Chapman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Bernise announced that it was time to pay the annual dues.

A refreshment committee was set up for August. Page, Tom, Rick, Leroy and Homer will be providing hamburger and hotdogs and chips for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to have refreshments.



L/R: MAPA officers: Lucille Crowe and Dessie Brown, members at large; Marie Dillenbeck, secretary; Bernise Crow, President; Homer Crow, Treasurer; and Dot Crow, Vice President

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A GRAND CELEBRATION FOR MOUNTAIN MAMAS!!!

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By Mary Alice Stout

Mountain Mamas Crafts and Rock Shop celebrated its 10th Birthday on Saturday, July 17th. Linda Brown, Mentone Acting Mayor, began the celebration by cutting the cake, saying "Congratulations to these women on their 10 years of success, and we wish them many more."

Nearly 100 folks came to celebrate with the "Mamas." Most were from DeKalb County, AL; and Chattooga County, GA. The "Mamas" supplied lots of cake, both chocolate and carrot, as well as iced apple spice tea for everyone. There were door prize drawings on the hour with a total of 10 prizes awarded. The Grand Prize was a \$10 gift certificate to Mountain Mamas Shop. It was won by Carolyn Frost, Athens, GA, who immediately began to shop! For the other prizes, there were 5 winners from Mentone, 1 from Valley Head, 1 from Summerville, and 1 from Atlanta.

These potters demonstrated their techniques during the afternoon. Melanie Drew, the leaf-bowl potter, and her daughter, April, spent the day pressing leaves into clay and shaping bowls from the impressions. These are most unusual and life-like. Her glazes add just the right color to brighten any room. Angela Goff, has her own special technique for glazing. The swirls and curves she produces she calls the Dr. Seuss designs. Angela also demonstrated how she makes clay jewelry. She'll have some for sale at Mountain Mamas this fall.

The third potter was Cindy Hardin, known for her earth-tone colors and unusual signature. She demonstrated making her dragons on the

potters wheel and helped newcomers shape clay on her wheel, too. Cindy signs her pottery with the impression of a shell on the bottom of each piece, and it looks like an angel.

There is a wonderful connection for each of these three potters between their pottery and their hearts. It's refreshing to see such beautiful one-of-a-kind art. The problem is--it's difficult to decide which one to buy!

Mountain Mamas began 10 years ago when 8 craftswomen got together to create a place for all women artists in the area to sell their arts and crafts. There are now over 60 women artists who have their work on consignment in the shop. Each spring there are new artists added, and new items come in each month. The shop is overflowing with lovely, creative, and sometimes humorous fine arts and crafts. This is not shop full of imports from Asia or Mexico, but full of items beautifully crafted by local and regional craftswomen.

The variety is amazing--pottery, fabric art, folk art, weaving, yard art, candles, rugs, stained glass, beaded jewelry, dolls, photography, paintings, gourd art, mosaics, cards, homemade jam and soap, woods crafts--and more.

Mountain Mamas is located in Cloudland, GA, on Lookout Mountain, on GA Hwy 48, just 1/2 mile East of the GA/AL state line where AL Hwy 117 ends. The shop is opened each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, noon to 6pm (GA time) from March through November.

Check out our web site
www.mountainmamas.com.



Acting Mentone Mayor Linda Brown cutting cake with owners Mary Alice Stout, Ellen Spangler, Morgana MacVicar, Fayann Schmidt



L/R: Morgana MacVicar, potter Angela Goff, Helen Allen, potter Melanie Drew



Mary Alice Stout, Morgana MacVicar, Fayann Schmidt, and Ellen Spangler, four of the original owners of Mountain Mamas



Carolyn Frost, Athens, GA, winner of \$10.00 gift certificate

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All of the students, parents, and faculty members of Moon Lake Elementary would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to see our dream of a new updated playground become a reality. The playground was planned three years ago and now, after long days of fundraising and long week-ends of hard work, our children are finally enjoying their beautiful new playground. We celebrated the dedication and ribbon cutting on Earth Day, April 19, 2004. We would like to extend a special Thank You to the following friends of Moon Lake:

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Michael Petersen also
donated his time to
refurbish the bridge in the
butterfly garden.

See pictures on Page 11.)

Proven Leadership

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By Gethryn S. Giles

The Rhododendron Garden Club met at 12:30 p.m. on July 13, 2004, at the Mentone Community House. There were 20 members present. Guests were Jane Kirby, Andy Talton, and Ethel Cooper of Marion, Alabama. President Martha Wood called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

After the pledge to the flag, Harriett Lillich introduced Pat Shippey, a Master Gardener and a member of the Flowering Dogwood Garden Club in Henagar. At one time, Mrs. Shippey lived in Japan and she, along with two other ladies, were the first Americans to be certified as Master Teachers of the Ohara School of Flower Arranging. Mrs. Shippey gave an excellent program on this method of flower arranging, creating beautiful designs as she explained the technique.

After the program, hostesses Dorothy Cyr and Martha Wood served refreshments.

The minutes of the meetings of May 11th and June 8th were read and approved as amended.

The president announced that a day will be scheduled to clean up the Heritage Garden.

The DeKalb County Fair will be September 29 through October 3rd. Volunteers are needed to make the arrangement for the club. Margaret Baker and Martha Wood will be responsible for making the club's arrangement for the Mentone Springs Hotel anniversary in September.

Jan Wilkinson moved that the club donate \$50 to the scholarship fund of the Garden Club of Alabama. Motion passed.

Announcements included: •Herb Day at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens will be on July 18th.

•The next session of the Landscape Design Course will be in Huntsville, Aug. 24-25.

•The fall meeting of District II of the The Garden Club of Alabama will be in Arab, Sept. 22.

•Tonight there will be a meeting of the Mentone Environmental Committee at the Town Hall.

Jenny Rogers won the door prize donated by Pat Shippey. Margaret Baker won the hostess gift.

The next meeting will be August 10, 2004, at 12:30 pm, at the Mentone Community House.

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.

It's a Girl!

Birth Announcement for Madison Rain Durham



Sadie Elisabeth-Lyn Durham

Sadie Elisabeth-Lyn Durham announces the birth of her little sister Madison Rain. Madison was born June 1, 2004, at 12:41 p.m., at Baptist Medical Center DeKalb. She weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Their grandparents are Alvin and Sherry Durham of Sulphur Springs. Their great-grandmother



Madison Rain Durham

is Nellie Durham, also of Sulphur Springs. Sadie and Madie's god-mother is Anna Rievley Murphree of Flat Rock. The girls' special grandparents are Ben and Kathy O'Shields of Valley Head.

Sadie celebrated her 2nd birthday on May 24, at McDonald's in Fort Payne with family and friends.

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John Baty

I don't know how or why I escaped onset diabetes as I was, for the most part, raised on jelly, butter and biscuits and layer cake dunked in whole milk.

Linda Brown and I don't always agree on our outlook on life and changing times, but we are emotional double first cousins when it comes to homemade jelly. I guess that, since the first hairy biped forgot to get his apple off the hot rock and "jelly" was discovered, man has stood corrupted; the sins of technology permeating and diluting the original purity of mind.

Preserving apples and pears in the raw, as was done by our grandparents and their parents, has bequeathed to us a fertile bounty of nostalgia from which we can draw ample ammunition anytime we become frustrated with the synthetic, simulated, misnamed, _____, junk offered us as food.

Apples and pears, specially wrapped and stored in boxes, barrels, trunks or baskets hidden in closets or under beds, carry a certain mystique and romance--when opened at special holidays like Christmas or other important times. Those apples, slow ripened in individual wrappers, were as delicious, every bit as delicious, as their raconteurs would allege. They were good and were made better by the ceremonial act of opening the "ark!" They were good. But they were of necessity, Fall apples late "bloomers" which retained a rock-like hardness until frost. At the last minute, so to speak, those old farmers would pull the most perfect ones and perform the prescribed regimen of storage, reverentially placing each one in the container. Fall apples are what we get from the supermarket. Often times treated and coated until they shine like a new dime; grafted and genetically adapted to long storage; as juiceless and bland as the tongue of an old plow shoe.

The best apples in existence were, are, and will be Spring apples; reaching their gustatory zenith during the last week of June and the first two weeks of July, astraddle our day of Independence. June apples!

Tart! Make your eyes squint and your jawbones ache! There are June apples of both red and yellow persuasion and each has its own unique set of bragging characteristics. But the yellow ones are the ones I know best. Ripening on the tree until almost a pure white, or ivory colored, as soft as the skin of an infant human. Invariably, when they fall, the delicate tissue

is bruised on one side and the whole is not long for this life.

If one is lucky enough to know of such a tree and lucky enough that coincidence allows him or her to be at the tree at the precise moment of truth, then that person may experience such a delight in eating that the occasion may remain with him for the duration of his life.

In or about 1929, my Daddy "put out" two young apple trees of the sort I am discussing. Yellow apples they were, turning white and soft withal and falling to the ground and bruising one side. Fifteen years later, I had the privilege of sitting on the road bank in the shade of one of those trees enjoying eating the best apples the human race has been able to culture.

Jelly from those tart apples was a light yellowish quivering mass having a tendency to reflect light when the jar was tilted so one might see colors of green, or red, or pink, or some other. The best apple butter I ever ate my Mother made from those yellow June apples. Those things were known all over our community and more than once some passing pedestrian who had sampled a little too much of the fruit of the vineyard stopped and sat on the road bank and sobered up on those tart fruit.

Daddy planted two of those trees but only one was really good. The other never grew to be very large and its yield was nothing to write home about. But that one tree!

I have often thought about the times when we ate the "Early Harvest Apples," as we called them. I had concluded that I probably would never again taste an apple which had all the qualifications. Then, a couple of weeks past, I was walking the community track at Moon Lake and idly reached down and picked up an apple from under that one early yellow apple tree. Could it be? Yes, it was! Apple trees, like humans, are genetically unique despite the best grafting procedures and probably no two apple trees are exactly alike. But when I bit into that first one, memories stored for over half a century flashed across before my mind's eye like a big screen. For an instant, I was an eight year old again..... do you reckon that apple was really that good? Or was my mind playing tricks? I don't think I want to know! Shiny, plastic-covered store bought apples? Bah! Humbug!

MARK DAWSON WILL AGAIN HEAD UP UGF CAMPAIGN

UGF President Mike O'Dell has asked Mark Dawson to serve again this year as Campaign General Chairman for the 2004-2005 fundraising campaign. O'Dell said, "When I asked Mark if he would be willing to serve another year as Campaign General Chairman, he didn't hesitate a moment. He felt as I did that the experience we had garnered after the two-year down trend would make us better equipped to face the future." O'Dell and Dawson say they view the upcoming campaign as both a challenge and an opportunity.

The Dawsons moved to Fort Payne 21 years ago from South Alabama. They have been very active in school and community activities and are members of the Fort Payne Church of Christ. Their son Cody, a 2003 graduate of Fort Payne High School, is now attending Southern Union College. For the past 11 years, Mark has been employed as an Account Executive with United Parcel Service. His job has enabled him to become acquainted with business and industry leaders throughout the north Alabama area.

Dawson's wife, Debra, has been a full-time employee of UGF since 1986, so he is very familiar with the organization and its member agencies. "UGF of DeKalb County has been a very important part of this community for more than 45 years now. The citizens of DeKalb County are to be commended for their continued support of the organization. UGF serves the entire county through the many vital services and programs provided by the member agencies," Dawson said.

O'Dell expressed his appreciation to Mark and all the other Campaign volunteers saying, "We have the best volunteers in all the world--giving of themselves and their time to make certain that UGF's efforts are successful."

The 2004-2005 United Givers Fund Campaign will get underway with a "Kickoff Luncheon" on Wednesday, September 15th. This year's goal has been set at \$245,000.00. A total of 14 agencies currently receive funding from UGF.

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By the star in your crown, said the one to the other,
I see that on earth, you too, were a mother.
And, by the blue halo you wear
You, too, have known sorrow and deepest despair.

Ah yes, she replied, I once had a son,
A sweet little lad, full of laughter and fun.
But tell of your child, Oh, I knew I was blessed
From the moment I first held him close to my breast;
And my heart almost burst with the joy of that day....

Ah, said the other, I felt the same way.
The former continued, the first steps he took
So eager and breathless, the sweet startled look,
Which came on his face--he trusted me so...
Ah, yes, said the other, How well do I know.

But soon he had grown to a tall handsome boy,
So stalwart and kind--and it gave me such joy,
To have him just walk down the street by my side.
Ah, yes, said the other, I felt the same pride.

How often I shielded and spared him from pain,
And when, for the others, he was so cruelly slain.
When they crucified Him--and they spit in his face,
How gladly I would have hung in his place.

A moment of silence--Oh, then you are she--
The mother of Christ, and she fell on one knee.
But the blessed one raised her up, drawing her near,
And kissed from the cheek of the woman, a tear.

Tell me the name of the son you loved so,
That I may share with you your grief and your woe.
She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other,
He was Judas Iscariot, I am his mother.

Submitted by Lisa Smith

My Prayer

Well might you servants mourn, my God
Our country's desolation.
Hear my plea, oh Lord, I pray,
Restore and heal our nation.

Once she could wave her flag on high,
And serve with pride wholehearted.
But now a sad reverse we see
Her glory has departed.

You made her great, you kept her strong
For over two hundred years,
In war and peace, you've been her strength
And stilled her people's fears.

She's been a light to all the world,
A gem of your creation,
Dear Lord, reach down your mighty hand
And heal our wayward nation.

By Annie Koger Young
(Turned 93 years old on 6-28-04)

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With all of the rain we have had this spring, it seems that everything is staying green and pretty much longer. Also, it seems that all of the flowers and shrubs are blooming earlier. Plants in our yard which we have entered in the VFW Fair in September and October are now in bloom. I'm not sure that we will have anything to enter this year. One thing I know, Marzee Etheridge will have plenty to enter. Marzee lives in Ider, Alabama, and seems to always have the right conditions to grow beautiful plants. She has won the Sweepstakes Award for the most blue ribbons won in the Horticulture Division more years than I can remember. She truly has a "green thumb." Keep up the good work, Marzee!

Marzee and I have the same name, she is called by hers and mine is one of my middle names. My niece also has this name and she is called by it. We sometimes call her "Zee." We have done some research on the name and it seems that it may be a Native American name. If anyone knows anything about names and this one in particular, please let me know. Names are interesting things. Where they came from, how they came to be pronounced a certain way, and what they mean makes for good reading on a rainy day. The personality of some people seems to fit their name. Naomi Potts is a perfect example. Naomi is one of the most loving and gentle people that I have ever known. How could her parents have known that she would be much like the Naomi in the book of Ruth in the Bible?

As I am writing this, I keep hearing distant thunder. I hope that we will get a shower of rain, it is getting very dry. I hate for it to get dry, partly because of the stress that it puts on plants but also because the street in front of Brother Jimmy Graves house is not paved and it is harder for him to breathe when it is dusty. Maybe, some day all of the streets in Mentone will be paved and paved well. There seems to be a misconception as to how much money the town has to spend on streets. It is very little. A very small percentage is received from taxes on gasoline and this can be used for streets and roads. One such tax can only be used for dirt roads. However, it is so small that what the town receives from it will hardly pay for a load of chert. Streets, drainage and roads are a continuing problem for Mentone. Maybe one day the money received by small towns will somehow be increased and these problems can be solved. Until then, we just continue to do what we can with what we have.

I'm not sure how many of you know that I have been chosen as acting mayor in Mr. Britt's absence. This was done by a resolution drawn up by Pat Tate and signed by the members of the town council. I was elected Mayor Pro-tem by the council during the first year of Mr. Britt's term. This is a safeguard, much like the office of vice-president of a country, to

ensure that an entity has someone to continue with the day to day operations. I have thoroughly enjoyed doing this and have had the complete cooperation of almost everyone. Allen and Tyler Huskey, along with Dewey Cash, have done a tremendous job of keeping the street right of ways and the parks in good shape. One thing that we have not finished is the patching of pot holes in town streets. The person who owns the truck that brings the cold mix had some problems with the truck, then the rain set in and it has not been dry enough to get it finished. We will try to get this done soon. Thanks to everyone who lives on streets with pot holes for being so patient. We have not forgotten, we've just had some delays.

The project of sidewalks and curbs and gutters is almost finished. It really looks good. Someone told me that now when people come into Mentone they will think that they have entered a town that cares. Maybe this will lead others to spruce up their places of business. One thing not finished at this writing is the turn lane from Highway 117 onto County Road 89. This is because of several things, the main one being that this was a sub-contract job and all details didn't seem to come into place correctly. This should be finished the week you receive this issue of The Groundhog. Lang Construction Company of Guntersville, Alabama, has done the entire project. They have been wonderful to work with and have done everything in their power to make a time of inconvenience as pleasant as possible. One thing that really impressed me is the way they have handled the traffic. They never held any vehicle up longer than was absolutely necessary. At least three times that I know of, an ambulance came through while the road blocks were in place. Each time, the workers were instructed to let them through and make sure that no other traffic was in the way. They were very professional in all of their work and I have asked them to please consider bidding on other projects as they become available in Mentone.

The recycling program is doing much better than anyone could have anticipated. The roll-off that collects the large metal items has been a great success. Of course, those of us who live here realize that we have nowhere to dispose of these items. The three door recycling bin that contains cardboard, paper and plastic is almost full. I will call and arrange for it to be emptied soon. It will be carried to the Fort Payne Recycling Center to be sorted and emptied. The Town of Mentone is not benefitting from any of these projects, it is a service to the community. I urge everyone to please take advantage of this service during the months of August and September. So far I have not been able to secure another grant to continue the recycling program. I have bulletins out all over the state, letting all agencies know of this need. I have asked everyone that I have talked with to let me know if they can help in any way. The town received a survey from a government agency asking what our town was doing in the waste disposal and recycling programs. Of course I told of our program in detail and also let them know that we needed another grant to continue our services. I received a phone call from a representative asking for even more details and congratulating us for our efforts. He promised to let us know if anything became available. Recycling is not a top priority with most government agencies right now.

Let me stop here and thank Marie, Allen and

Tyler for their help with the recycling program. They have been wonderful to open and close the bins, keep the extra debris picked up and the entire area clean. I could not ask for better help and cooperation. We have made the choice to keep the recycling bins open only during the hours that the town hall is open. This is to prevent the deposit of garbage and other undesirable items being left there. Even with this in place, some pieces of furniture were left beside the recycling bin for paper, etc. Once again Allen and Tyler came to the rescue. They moved all of it to the proper receptacle and the area was cleaned up before any harm was done. I think that this an honest mistake. I put signs on the bin and it has not happened since. I'm sure that it can be confusing as to where to put what. That is why I have tried so hard to get the word out. The Groundhog staff has been great to publish the information and blurbs concerning this.

Once again, large metal items can be put in the large roll-off behind the town hall during the first week of August. Any large item that you need to dispose of, especially that might attract mosquitoes, can be put there during the second week of the month. No large container will be available the third and fourth weeks. You can bring paper, cardboard and plastic to be recycled any time. This container is just to the right of the town hall, next to Ruby's Variety Store (or as we call it "Jim's".) Please notice when this bin is gone to be emptied and do not leave any items in the area. The roll-offs may only be in place through September, but the recycling bin will continue to be in place as it was purchased by the town with a portion of the available grant.

The Democratic Convention convenes during the week that this will be printed. It doesn't seem possible that it is time for it to begin. When I heard that this was the first political convention since 9-11, it seemed to put things into perspective and into a time frame that made sense. Speaking of politics, the Town of Mentone will hold a Municipal Election on August 24 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. The place will be the meeting room of Mentone Town Hall. Two council places and the position of mayor will be decided. Plan to go and vote. The DeKalb County Board of Registrars have told me that an up-to-date list of those eligible to vote in Beat 21-1 would be available on August 14. The town clerk will post a list of those eligible to vote in the Mentone election soon after this is received. Watch for it to be posted on the town bulletin board. If your name is not listed and you think that you live inside the town limits, come into town hall and tell Marie Dillenbeck. She will research this and make any necessary changes. Much confusion can be avoided on the day of election if this list is accurate.

Every Monday morning, we continue to deliver the frozen meals to those over 60 and otherwise eligible. We have dropped a few persons from the list and picked up a few new ones recently. If you know of anyone who has a need for this service, call the Mentone Town Hall, 634-4444, and give us their name. We will make the contact and see what can be done. Thanks to all who take time every Monday morning to do this. I know that they feel as I do, we have to do this so fast due to the fact that the food is frozen, that we do not have the luxury of spending time with each recipient and this seems to be what most of them need. If you have some extra time, go and visit a person who is a shut-in. They love

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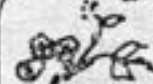
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The Shed floral & Nursery Accomplishments

I wrote in last month's issue that I was going to Auburn to get my Floral Degree as well become State Certified. I'm now not only a proud Member of the State Alabama Florist Association; I also have my Floral Degree which is hanging up on the wall with all of our other accomplishments we have gotten in the last few months. On June 23-26th we were at the Southeast Growers Convention in Greenville South Carolina, there we received many awards and certificates for the state of Alabama as well for Georgia Growers. I also at that time received a "First Place Trophy" for best looking Plants and Floral Display, which consisted of none of the plants being sprayed with any oils and very strict guidelines were given to get the awards or the trophy. We had to pick out a theme and color coordinates it by the color chart. We also had to have stacking done in a octagon shape from top to bottom, that wasn't all you had to follow the rules and have everything they listed to have if you left one item out you were disqualified no matter if you spent 3 days setting up. The one thing I gave out a lot of that was a requirement to have some type of activities, or events, or to tell about where you were from or tell about your place of business as well as your home town, I had the hand outs from Mentone to tell about our town, and place of business as well as of many other businesses were listed in that handout. I gave out over 400 of them to people all over the world that found our little town to be quite impressing. We competed with several hundred other Growers from "All Over the World". Proven Winners Rep's John & Tom said your quality speaks for itself, which stands behind us 100% of the way of selling Proven Winners Plants. I met many people and got lots of recognition of who we were and where Mentone was. I know this is so much for so many of you to swallow but we have accomplished a lot in a year since I have gotten better. I have traveled all over the world and been too many Trade- Shows, Growers & Floral Shows and brought back many unique items for the fall as well for as Christmas. We have improved many things around our place of business and will continue to do so. Our new store is on the way and as I said before we will be a full pledged Florist-Nursery & Home Decor Store. I have already been getting all the new merchandise in that we will be handling it is very nice and very good prices as always. I will tell you how good the prices is 23oz Home Decor Candles "NEW" are \$ 9.99 list prices are \$ 14.99. Silks at unbelievable Prices, starting at \$ 1.99. Scare Crows begging at \$.99. Our promise always new merchandise at affordable prices, there is a gift for everyone no matter if it is everyday Home Decor by ALDIK and MeraVic, or gifts by our Florist Designers. Moon Lake School will be doing a fundraiser to raise monies for the play ground to make it more Handicap Assessable for the children that are Handicap. They will be raising the monies in our Fall Flowers such as Live potted Mums, and Home Decor items such as Candles, Arrangements, & Silks. There goal is \$ 350.00, come help support our local School Moon Lake. I want to again give special thanks to everyone in the community for the support and ongoing help and improvements you allow our company to do and make.

From the Editors: Cheryl L. Baker requested that all of her articles not be edited in any way and run exactly as they are written. We have run it exactly as it was written.



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Henry Hardy Poe

Henry Hardy Poe served in World II. He was in the Signal Corp construction in the 30th and 549th.

He served 5 months in Africa and 27 months in Italy.

He now resides in Valley ahead and is 83 years old.

Submitted by Barbara Davis, Valley Head



L/R: Jack Barksdale, Alton Beason, and
Wayne Goza. Men did the fish fry at the
Crow Reunion.



Tommy Harrison



Ashley Harrison & Karen Powell



Tommy Harrison & Donald Saferite

Moon Lake School Playground Photos



Daniel Hilyer



Michael Petersen



Donald Saferite



Richard Powell



Keisha Powell, Sierra Chambers,
Megan Petersen, Brittney Harrison



L/R: Dr. Bill Berry, Ashley Harrison, current
PTO president; and Donald Saferite, former
PTO president



Moon Lake Playground Equipment

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

The last Summer Reading Program at the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library was July 17. We had a party! The theme of the party was Summer Olympics. Jan Wilkinson planned some cool events for us to enter. Some of the younger ones did the crab walk race and the sack race. Everyone joined in on the bucket brigade and the beanbag toss. After the games and awards to the winners, we enjoyed cookies, ice cream and lemonade. Our decorations were red, white and blue, compliments of a FRIEND of the library. So many folks have helped with this summer's program and we certainly appreciate all of them! Their help makes it much easier for those of us who do the programs each Saturday.

I have mentioned that Gene and Gethryn Giles were preparing an acronym for FRIENDS. Well, they came up with so many that it has taken the members of the board two months to choose one to represent those wonderful people who are FRIENDS of the community library. This is the one we have chosen and this is the way it will be written.

F-ree
R-ead
-interesting
E-ducational
N-ew
D-emanding
S-timulating

We will be using this on our letterheads and in our newsletter. You say that you didn't know we had a newsletter? It is something that we have just started and those of you who are FRIENDS should be receiving one soon. Have you noticed that the logo we have chosen to represent our library is almost the same as the universal one that is on the signs in front of the library along Alabama Highway 117? Ours is a little softer and rounder. I'll put one of ours in a notice of the book sale. Look for it in another place in this issue of The Groundhog.

One of the members of the Board of Directors resigned due to lack of enough hours in the day and we have a new board member. Our heartfelt thanks to Ilene Green for all of the time and effort she has donated to the library. She was a great board member and secretary to the board. It was with regrets that we accepted her resignation and we will miss her. Our bylaws state that a member can always be reconsidered with a letter of such intent. Maybe Ilene will come back on board in the near future.

Our new member is Judy Dowlat. She has retired from library work and brings much experience with her. You should see her cover books, she makes the rest of us look like slowpokes. (We really are. We just don't admit it.) Many of you will remember her from the book mobile that came to Mentone for quite a few years. She also married into a Mentone family, her husband is Roger Dowlat who is the son of Eugene Dowlat and Eugenia lives in Mentone. Judy has been a volunteer for the library since we first started the program. Welcome Judy!

Several of our volunteers have asked me to schedule them to work in the library more often. If I put you down to work too much, please call and tell me. I will try to get this information on my list but it may take some time to get it right. I still put some of the folks down for Tuesday who have told me that they can only work on Saturday. It is hard to notice all

of the notations on the list. Be patient with me and if I goof, just give me a call.

It is time for us to renew our birthday calendar sales, so look for someone to contact you soon. If you want the same information, you may tell them this and you will not have to give it again. If changes need to be made or you want someone else listed, tell them this when they contact you. This was our best fund raiser for the year and gave us some much needed seed money to start our programs. A RENEWAL FORM IS ON THE BACK OF THE AUGUST PAGE, FILL IT IN AND RETURN TO THE LISTED ADDRESS.

We have started plans for several programs in conjunction with Moon Lake Elementary School for the next school term. We hope to have "clown day," an essay contest, and a day of interpretive dance. We have scheduled another "book signing" with a famous author and will help with any plans the school has to implement a book club or reading program. Watch this column for the details and dates of these activities.

We plan to have a **Book Sale on Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7**. We realize that the World's Longest Yard Sale doesn't start until August 7, but we have found that those who are coming into Mentone to set up their booths on Friday like to stop and buy books to read. We will be in front of the library. We have some wonderful books this year. Come early for the best selection. The library will NOT be open August 7. Please use the book drop.

Questions or suggestions, call me, 634-8006 or Sue Schwarz, 634-4271. To mail a donation or other material: Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library (or MLESCCL) P.O. Box 481 Mentone, AL 35984. COME AND VISIT!

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Jimmy McCary Scholarship Fund Recipients

By Gethryn S. Giles

Six persons from the Mentone/Valley Head area have been awarded scholarships from the Jimmy McCary Scholarship Fund. This fund was established at St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church in 1988 and has awarded many scholarships to local students during the last 16 years. The purpose of the scholarships is to assist Mentone area high school graduates to continue their education at a school of their choice.

This year's recipients are Ben Coray, Emma Corey, Jana Goss, Stephanie Kruskamp, Kayla Smith, and Stephanie Walkers.

Your prayers are solicited for these young people and their families.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

July means picnics, family gatherings, a little rest for the farmers, and a busy month for those who have summer camps in Mentone. We meet parents every time the camp seasons change. Some come with grandchildren, bringing them to the same camps they attended a few years back.

The Crow reunion this year was held on July 3rd at Dewey & Pam's home here in Mentone. What a beautiful view they have from their deck. It was a sunny day (for a change!) and the view was bright and clear. Since it had rained here every day for two weeks, it was pure joy to see the sun.

Dewey and Pam had everything arranged well and did most of it alone. Pam's daughter, Lea, and husband, Stephen, helped keep things running smoothly that day. We had a new member of the Crow Clan present--Tony, Dewey's son was there with his daughter, Sheena, and her daughter, Hannah. What a beautiful baby! Aunt Juanita Crow and her family (son Nick and wife, Mary Ann and their son, Tex, and daughter, Shirley) came from middle Tennessee. They are always welcome and pleasant additions to our reunions. Aunt Juanita is 92 and looks great. She seemed to enjoy the day and we enjoyed her. Her husband, Nick Crow, Sr., was Lee Crow's brother.

One of the highlights of the day was given to us by three gentlemen from Fort Payne: Alton Beason, Jackie Barksdale, and Wayne Goza. They brought their neat equipment, pulled behind pickup trucks, and fresh fish. They fried fish and hushpuppies and served everyone. What a wonderful gift! One doesn't meet friends that generous every day. They have been friends of Dewey for a long time and Homer gets haircuts at Beason's barber shop (when he had enough to cut!).

We were so happy Lester was able to come from Powell, Tennessee. He has had some serious health problems, but is doing better now.

Our boys, Barry and Coy, enjoyed visiting with Lester and Annice and son, Curtis, and Lucille and son, Leroy. They were all in the military during Vietnam. Barry and Curtis were in the Navy, and Coy and Leroy were in the Army, so they could exchange stories. Barry and Curtis got a better deal than Coy and Leroy. Barry was in communications in Puerto Rico most of his four years, and Curtis was on a ship and got to see a lot of the world during his military time. Coy and Leroy spent a year in Vietnam, not good by any measure, but they came home safely and were honorably discharged when that year ended.

Gregg and Joyce's son, Lee Cooper, has joined the National Guard in South Carolina, and I hope and pray that he isn't sent to Iraq after his training ses-

sions. This Iraq war could be another Vietnam. We didn't win that war and lost an awful lot of men. I truly hate war, but it will go on as long as the world

stands. It never makes anything better; it just makes us think it does if we win.

Our good friends and neighbors, Page and Margaret Cunningham, have kept us supplied with good fresh vegetables this summer. There is nothing better or healthier for us. We have had squash, okra, green beans, zucchini, collard and mustard greens, peppers and tomatoes. I read that the dark green vegetables are very healthy and are cancer preventative. And blueberries and blackberries are proven cancer preventative. So, eat up all these good, healthy foods while they are in season.

We've made a new friend who has bought a lot from Lynette McCary (another precious friend) and is going to build right away. His name is Gregg Coe and he's from Birmingham. Like the rest of us, he loves the mountain. Right now, he is renting a cabin from Dorothy Crow and storing furniture he bought from the Hitching Post at the Gaylord's storage facility. You will enjoy meeting him. We were happy to see him in church at Howard's Chapel last Sunday.

Joyce is working on festival material as I write and does it so neatly it makes me ashamed of my scribbling. She is working on fliers, doing them in color in the computer. We thank God that she is able to do things and take chemo treatments also. She has a wonderful, healthy outlook, which means a great deal. She and her Dad keep some sort of banter going all the time. He sings (loudly) "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" to wake her in the mornings so she can eat a full breakfast with us. She is holding her weight and has not lost her hair. Thank you all for your continued prayers. Joyce so enjoyed having Gregg and Lee here last week. They took Lee to the drive-in movie at Henagar. Lee had never seen one and thought it was "cool" to see Spiderman II on an outdoor screen. They said the place was packed--something new to young people, I suppose.

We are happy with our beautiful new sidewalks. It makes our places of business look more professional and more accessible. The men who worked on the project were nice fellows and very courteous. They spared our plants and my apple tree. Some roots had to be cut, but I think it will be all right. This tree came up from seeds Jean and I threw out when we used to sit on the porch and toss apple cores outside. My brother, Don Castleberry, took care of it when he rebuilt the porch and we have enjoyed the apples for several years. We call it Don's Apple. Jean and Don are gone now, but the apple tree is a gentle reminder of them. Having the sidewalks will hopefully encourage us to work on our property--clean a little, plant flowers and do some painting. Things are looking up in Mentone. Our sales have been slow this year, but we keep saying things will get better.

Happy Birthday to my daughter, Doreen, July 11; son, Coy, July 17; my sweet son-in-law, Gregg, and super great grandson, Alex, both on August 10. We love you all lots.

Continue prayers for our boys in Iraq that they return soon and safely. May God continue to bless America!

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OFFICIAL BALLOT GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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AUGUST 24, 2004

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() ROB HAMMOND

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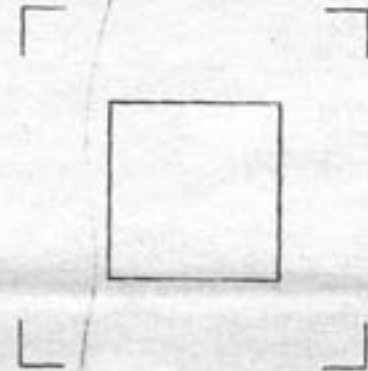
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BEA CROW

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interested in attending Berry College. Bea Kerby had learned of Berry College from the camp nurse at Alpine Lodge the previous summer. When Miss Berry saw Bea behind the plow, she had Mr. Byers stop the car and she went into the field to ask Mrs. Crow if she would be interested in attending Berry College in Rome, GA.

5. She entered Berry College and lived at Oak Hill, the home of Miss Martha Berry, founder of Berry College.

6. While at Berry, Bea Kerby worked in the pastry kitchen and most of us in the room today have benefited from those years she spent in that pastry kitchen. Her pie crusts, small biscuits and yeast rolls are legendary with children and adults across America who grew up at Alpine Camp.

7. In 1940, Bea Kerby married Leonard Crow who had grown up in the Alpine Community. Mr. Crow was one of the kindest men I have ever met. He had a gentle spirit and was beloved by all who knew him. Mr. and Mrs. Crow had 5 children, three girls and two boys. I will always be indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Crow who took me into their family and treated me like one of their own. When Alice and I married, they took her into their family as well, and when our two daughters, Toy and Carter, were born, they embraced them as well. The four of us are so grateful for our relationship with these dear friends. It was a terrible loss to his family, his friends, and this community when Mr. Crow went home to be with the Lord in July of 1976. I will personally be forever grateful for his friendship, and just the opportunity to know a man of his stature.

8. The first time I met Mrs. Crow was in 1958. I was 22 years old and was introduced to her by Miss Alice MacVicar who owned and directed Alpine Lodge Camp for Girls. Miss MacVicar asked Mrs. Crow if she would continue to run the kitchen when she sold the camp to Coach Hyde and me in 1958.



Doc and Gail Collins (Bea's oldest daughter) and their family



Gary and Kathy Crow (Bea's second son) and their family



Bea Crow with long-time friend, Elizabeth Romans

Thankfully, Mrs. Crow agreed to stay on and help us, and I can honestly say that she has been the singlemost reason for the success of Alpine Camp for Boys. Mrs. Crow served here at Alpine Camp for 69 years. I have never met anyone with her work ethic. She gave 100% every day she was employed at Alpine. There was no task too big for Mrs. Crow. The more difficult the challenge, the better she liked it. Nothing ever flustered Mrs. Crow. If we ran out of pancake syrup that was no big deal, she just made some syrup. If we were supposed to have chocolate sauce on the ice cream and ran out, she would just make some chocolate sauce. During our early summers here, we were having a hard time getting the camp operating in the black. Mrs. Crow was so conscientious and served only quality food with as little waste as possible. She wanted to see Coach Hyde and me succeed in this camping venture.

9. One of the main things you have taught me, Mrs. Crow, is the meaning of the word **INTEGRITY**. Integrity is not only the way one thinks but even more the way one acts. Simply put, integrity is doing what you said you would do. It is as basic as keeping your word, fulfilling your promise. Thank you for this lesson you have fleshed out for me for these many years.

10. Mrs. Crow has always had a wonderful sense of humor. We have spent many fun hours in the Alpine kitchen laughing together and sharing stories.

11. Mrs. Crow, on behalf of your dear friend, Alice MacVicar, myself, Alice, these campers and counselors and the thousands of boys and girls and men and women you so faithfully served, I thank you for your 69 years of incredible willing service to this camp. We have never known anyone else with the unbelievable work ethic that you have displayed. May you know that you will always have a special place in our hearts and lives. Thank you!



Pat and Karen Tate (Bea's youngest daughter) and their family



Bea Crow with Alice and Dick O'Ferrall



Bea Crow and Dr. Selmon T. Franklin, her physician



I went to the **Tittle-Martin Reunion**, July 10, at Randy's Restaurant in Trenton, GA. There were about thirty-five present. We had a good meal and it's always good to see relatives and friends. Janie Mahan read two of my poems from The Groundhog--an easy way out for me.

Lillie Bowden, Mary Hicks, Lucille Oliver, Jewel Johnson and Jewel Shelbourne, enjoyed the play, "Smoke on the Mountain," at the Tom Beville Lyceum at Powell, July 11.

Verina Livingston's niece, **Marcie Norwood**, from Guin, AL, spent two days with her recently.

Dr. and Mrs. William Killian, from Hendersonville, NC, visited Ed Ringer, Sun., June 27. He was former president of Blue Ridge Community College. They had been to the Killian Reunion at Gravel Hill Baptist Church in Colbran. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavin, from Menlo, GA, also visited with them that day. Dr. Robert Ringer from Marianna, FL, spent the weekend--July 8-11--with Ed, and they met their sister, Joyce, and her husband, Harold Allen, at the Sizzlin' in Fort Payne for lunch after they had attended Valley Head Methodist Church.

Camilla Yamada was thrilled to get a job for the summer as assistant to the Vice Chancellor of the University of California at San Diego.

Selma McElhaney from Fort Payne, and Betty Bracken from Chattanooga, spent the day with their sister, Ruth Pickett. They not only had a good visit together, but helped Ruth with her canning.

Jewel Shelbourne attended the McKenzie Family Reunion at Sylvania Park Pavilion, on July 17. There were about one hundred present from many places. July 18, she went to Madison, AL, to help her grandson, Evan Patterson, celebrate his eleventh birthday, which was July 19. They had a great time celebrating with his family at home and going to the Pizza Inn for a party with friends.

Congratulations to **E.T. Holleman** for his 90th birthday, July 21. Carolyn Chandler took him to her sister's home on Weiss Lake for a birthday dinner with their family. Friday, July 23, E.T. and Carolyn went to see E.T.'s sister, Betty Adams, at the Gadsden Health Care Center.

After three months, **Estie Palmer** is much better. That is good to hear and **Elizabeth Coleman** is much better, too. Peachie and David Cearley, from Alpharetta, GA, were spending the weekend with her.

Oline Roberts spent a few days, recently, with her son, John Roberts, and his wife, Dianne, in Cullman, AL. Their son, Jeremy, is in Iraq serving in a medical corp.

Bill and Becky Holleman entertained with a surprise birthday party at their home in Fort Payne, honoring E.T. Holleman, Sunday, July 25, with a lot of friends and relatives present.

Essie Downer is a patient in a Birmingham hospital, seriously ill. We hope she will have a complete and fast recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott McDaniel and two sons visited Valley Head Methodist Church, Sunday, July 18. She is a descendant of John Price, a long ago member of the church. We are always glad to welcome visitors and hope they will return regularly. It's good to hear that they returned today (July 15) and also Mr. Bramlett. We hope he will return. Amelia Adkins was also a visitor, but we claim her as one of our own and are always glad to see her.

Lucile Hartline died recently, in Atlanta, where she lived. She and her family were long-time residents of Valley Head years ago. She left her body to Emory University Hospital for research. Her ashes were brought to Valley Head Cemetery, Saturday, July 17, to be interred and for a memorial service.

Angela and "Rusty" Chambers gave a Hawaiian theme party at their home, Saturday, July 24, celebrating Logan's 15th birthday. Angela wore a lovely dress that her grandmother brought from Hawaii in 1977.

Doug and Dael Hoyt received a gift certificate from the Upper Sand Mountain Parish for service they did for them. It was to the Peking Gourmet Restaurant in Fort Payne. They, very generously, invited everyone at church to share it with them, Sunday, July 11. Those who joined them for lunch at this beautiful restaurant were Rev. and Mrs. Nesbitt, John Holleman, Ed Ringer, Geneva and Pat Smith, Jane Kerby, Mary Crow, and Eloise Brown. Thank you so much, Dael and Doug, for a lovely meal and good fellowship!

Welcome to the world, **Ethan Scott Meadows**, born June 11, 2004, at BMC-DeKalb, to Katie and Scott Meadows. He weighed 7lbs 8oz and was 20-1/2" long. His Grandparents are Cindy and David Meadows and Debbie and Charles Frazier. Great Grandparents are Emily and Barry Brown and Thelma and Howard Meadows, Alice and Bill Coulter, and Madalene Summerfield. His great aunt is Virginia Lowe, and his Great, Great Grandmother is Eloise Brown. His sister is Lily. They brought little Ethan and Lily to see me one day last week. Of course, they are adorable children!

Edith and John Dean's family honored them with a Golden Anniversary Reception June 27 at Violet Hill Church. It was beautifully and completely done--even with a stretch limousine to take them for a ride and to the church. Maurine Hammond and I enjoyed the reception; I'm sure, like every one else, and stayed for the singing afterwards, which we enjoyed as well as the good supper afterwards.

One day last week, I saw a pair of beautiful Cardinals sitting on a limb outside my window. The male made trip after trip to the bird feeder bringing a morsel of food each time and feeding it to the female. I thought that was so cute and sweet! Sometimes we fail to give animals and birds credit for so much sense and sensitivity that they have. So, observe, enjoy, and appreciate all of nature and its surprises--and students enjoy and make the most of your happy school days!

A person last week told me, "I think The Groundhog is a wonderful paper." I pass this compliment on to all of you who deserve it.

Summer Free

Summer, you set me free
From Winter's prison walls--
Took me outside to see
Vast beauty that enthalls.

Where beauty covers every scene,
With flowers of every hue--
In a lush carpet emerald green
Their fragrance the breeze to endure.

You led me by singing streams
Where happy minnows play;
Set loose my winging dreams
For a happier, much better day.

You beckoned me to forest shade,
Where ferns and wild plants grow,
And tall trees a cathedral made,
Where I my God can know.

You tuned my ears to gay birds' songs
And the sounds of living earth,
As creatures emerge in happy throngs,
Celebrating the blessing of rebirth.

How great to bask in your sun,
And shining moon and stars at night--
To rest and be lazy when work is done--
Summer, you are a season of delight!

~ ~ ~ *Eloise M. Brown*

Edith and John Dean

6-27-2004

You were so young when you were wed
"It will not last", was probably said.
They did not know your strength and dedication,
As proven by this joyful occasion--
Celebrating fifty years of marriage well done--
A Golden Anniversary achieved and won!
You have a nice family--two girls, one boy--
Sharing each one's troubles, problems and joy.
Six grandchildren you loved helping to raise
Should grow up thankfully with loving praise.
Edith, for other children in the neighborhood,
Was their "other mother" caring and good.
You are fortunate to have your children near--
To help, if needed, loving you and feeling secure.
Each year, so much good food you grow
In a lovely garden, each thing in a neat row.
You have worked hard--relax, enjoy and rest.
You are still young--may your future be blessed.
With many more years together, healthy and secure.
A future you have earned, being wise and mature.
You have precious memories of a life well spent
Cherish them and be happy and content.
You deserve appreciation and commendation--
Sincere best wishes and congratulations!

~ ~ ~ *Eloise M. Brown*

company and you will benefit from the experience. Recently, I went to interview a lady and took her a package of meals that a regular recipient had asked me not to deliver that week. When I told her who sent it, she asked if that person was coming to see her. Even though this person has a day sitter and family with her at night, she still wanted someone to come and visit with her.

Most everyone has had a good garden this year. I never seem to know what I will remember until I sit down to write this article. When I typed the above sentence, I immediately remembered what summer was like in Adamsburg, another small town on Lookout Mountain, sometime in the 1940's. We lived on what later was called the Dan Walker place. The farm was on a dirt road and I do mean dirt. In the summer, it would be so dusty that the sandy dirt would feel like talcum powder between the toes of our bare feet. We would leave tracks in the dust that would sometimes stay until the next day unless there was a strong wind. My two brothers and I, (we must have been 12, 8 and 6 years of age then) would always walk to the mailbox on this hot, dusty road. The road went by the garden and we would stop and gather something to carry back home to eat in a homemade, left over biscuit. Sometimes, this would be a tomato, a carrot, or a cucumber. We would eat anything we gathered, most often without washing it, because Mom was usually working in the fields and didn't know what we were up to. Sometimes we would carry the biscuits with us and gather and eat as we walked to get the mail. One of our favorites, I don't know how we didn't get poisoned, was what we called, "pepper grass." This was a wild weed that has tiny seed pods on the stems that had a hot taste, like pepper. We would gather this and put the seeds in our biscuits and eat it. This was wonderful and I still can remember the taste, although I could not begin to describe it. I would taste anything and sometimes got into trouble for doing so. Once, I tasted a plant that is called elephant ear by most and I thought I was going to die. This plant causes a burning and tingling sensation that is not pleasant! This was another result of my insatiable curiosity which I have learned I inherited from my dad. Over all, this trait has served me well but it has also gotten me into some tight places. The song, Country Road, Take Me Home, could have been written for us. I hope that Howard and David can remember some of this, sometimes I think that I may make it all up.

In June, the Rhododendron Garden Club visited a garden in Adamsburg. Bernice Crow rode there with me and as we were talking we realized that we were close to the houses where we had lived when we were children. We compared stories and helped each other remember where people we both knew were living at the time. We both remembered the Thompsons, the Sharps and many others. We really enjoyed our time together and our trip down memory lane. You never know who or what will make an impact on your life.

I can never get this article exactly the right size to fit the space allotted in The Groundhog. Sometimes I forget to put the keys on typeover and then the article gets much too long. Evelyn sometimes has to ask me what can be cut out. Always there is something that can. I suspect that may happen with this one, so I will close on this note, "Always be sure that your words are sweet, you never know when you

may have to eat them."

School will be starting before much longer. Watch for children going to and from cars. Children don't always think of danger, so we must. Also, watch for a police officer stationed somewhere in the school zone during the posted hours. This is one area of police work that all of the town council agrees on, a police will be on duty during these hours and will be giving tickets. Let's keep our children safe, they are our most precious commodity!

August Sings

August sings from dawn to dawn,
Gently, softly, on and on.
Loudly, harshly--every tune--
Big and small they all commune.

There's no silence anywhere,
Happiness sings thru the air.
Music of life gaily swells--
Nature's stories gladly tells.

Listening I hear more than sound,
Joyful hearts with songs abound
And I join the happy throng,
With a glad and grateful song.

Glad my eyes its beauty sees--
And I feel its refreshing breeze--
Thankful I have ears that can hear
August sing again this year!

-- *Elaine M. Brown*

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This exciting event will be open to the public and will include live music (featuring Mariachi Garibaldi), delicious Latino foods sold by local restaurants, free family photos, authentic Latino merchandise for sale, free soft drinks and lemonade, and free ice cream treats! For children, there will also be arts, crafts, and games to enjoy, including Breaking Piñatas, Mask Decoration, Pony Rides, Paper Flower Making, Mexican Bingo, and Painting Maracas!

The "Summer Latino Festival" will be on the NACC campus, located on Alabama Highway 35 between Scottsboro and Ft. Payne. The Festival will be open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy this Celebration of Latino Culture from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 31.

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Coach Charles Robert Hammond, mowing the field next to the new clubhouse.



If you would like to make a donation, you can send your donation to The Valley Head Quarterback Club, PO Box 273, Valley Head, AL 35989

Fish Fry, Saturday July 31, 4PM to 7PM at Promenade Hall in Valley Head. Cost \$5.00 per plate. See any quarterback club member for tickets. Eat in or take out.

Crow Family Reunion Pictures



Lee Crow & Fannie's entire family about 1952



Lester Crowe & Family



L/R: Nick Crow, his son, Tex; Juanita Crow; Nick's wife, Mary Ann; and his sister, Shirley Crowe Brooks



L/R: Curtis, Leroy & Coy Crow



Leroy and Joanne Crowe



Tony Crow, daughter Sheena, and her daughter, Hannah

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(11) **BROW HOME IN MENTONE,** 3 Bdrm 2 bath with 3 car garage. Newly remodeled 1.5 acres with a great view. Scenic Hwy. \$185,000.

(Photo to left.)



(12) **VALLEY VIEW FOREST,** 11 acres with Well, Septic, drive, power and a great East Brow View. Adjoins Wild Life Management, and Little River Canyon National Preserve. \$58,500.



(13) **OLDER FARMHOUSE,** lookout mtn with 5 acres. 3 Bdrm 2 bath. Living room, screened porch. Storage buildings and an old Barn. Quiet area, Murdock Rd. \$75,000.



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Schedule of Events

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Mentone Springs Hotel Flower Show a competition of local Garden Clubs from the area showing their expertise in flower design throughout the Hotel.

September 4, 2004

Celebration Dinner to celebrate 120 years of history in the Hotel. Listen to tales from previous owners Ray and Sandra Padgett.

September 5, 2004

Low Country Boil served on the Porch of the Hotel. This is one of the most popular meals served on the Hotel's 3000 square foot porch.

My Fair Ladle book signing by Rebecca Noojin local author whose cookbook is one of our chef's favorite bibles.

September 11-12, 2004

Desoto Fiber Guild group of Women Weavers meet annually at the Hotel displaying their work. Seminars of Chair Caning, spinning of thread, weaving fabric, and other items having to do with textiles. Learn to cane your chair. Or just watch some great ladies at work with what they love to do.

Antique Show on the Lawn displays of antiques and pottery from areas around the Mountain.

September 17, 2004

Candlelight Dinner on the Porch an evening of fine dining on the Porch of the Hotel with Pianist Charlie Teer entertaining everyone.

September 18, 2004

Barbeque on the Lawn a casual affair of good food, simpler times, and the entertainment of the "Big Band Era" echoing from the Gazebo Stage. Barbeque chef David "Rabbit" Richards shows off his unique Barbeque skills.

September 19, 2004

Gospel Choral Recital an exciting concert of local churches and their choirs performed in the Gazebo on the front lawn of the Hotel. A throw-back to the old spiritual revivals of the past.

September 25, 2004

Ladies Golf Tournament at Cloudmont Saddlerock Golf Course. Award ceremony to be held at Rusty Fox Cafe.

Men's Golf Tournament to be held at 'Lil Mole Run Golf Course with Award ceremony to be held at Rusty Fox Cafe.

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(1) MENTONE COTTAGE WITH ACREAGE! Cozy cottage with 40 wooded acres near DeSoto State Park featuring 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, double French doors, wood burning fireplace, cathedral ceiling, ceramic flooring and 2 storage buildings. \$229,900 (PLS #12724)



(2) CLOUDLAND, GA - New listing with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 3500 square feet. This log home was built in 1928 and is filled with character. Priced at \$138,000. (PLS #11807)



(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. (PLS #10234)



(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 3 acres connecting DeSoto State Park. \$129,500. (PLS #10907)



(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. (PLS #10906)



(6) LESS THAN 1 MILE from downtown Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an open porch on front and a sunroom on the back. All appliances to remain including washer and dryer, 2-car carport with workshop and a 20x24 building for extra storage...office...craft shop...etc. \$89,900 (PLS #11805)



(7) GREAT GET-AWAY! Privately located 2 bedroom A-frame on 2 plus acres. Wood floors and walls, newly remodeled bathroom, double paneled windows, fenced yard, storm shelter, PLUS a large workshop and a 2-car carport. \$89,000. (PLS #12294)



(8) NEWLY REMODELED ... This immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has new exterior paint and a brand new central heat and air system, wood floors, large front porch, 2 decks, wood burning fireplace and lots more. Sellers are leaving the appliances and most furnishings. Call to see today! Priced to sell at only \$123,500. (PLS #125050)



(9) LITTLE RIVER CAFE - featuring a fully-equipped kitchen and dining room with a large porch for outside eating, stage for entertainment and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. \$129,500. (PLS #10215)



(10) HIGHWAY 117 IN MENTONE-YOU CHOOSE! This property can be used as residential or commercial. Spacious 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with living-dining-kitchen, Florida room, utility, Central heat & air, and a detached workshop. This completely remodeled home has NEW vinyl siding, metal roof, gutters, carpet, kitchen cabinets, fresh interior paint and an updated bath! This home would also be perfect for a Day Care Center, Restaurant, Office or Retail Business. \$106,000 (PLS #12714)



(11) 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. \$250,000.



(12) SPECTACULAR VIEW - Original cottage built in 1945, remodeled in 2001 to include 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, dining area with stone fireplace, first quarters separated by a breezeway with huge back deck overlooking a pristine tree farm. \$425,000 (PLS #12515)



(13) VALLEY HEAD - This beautiful southern home and farm have more than you can imagine! 4 bedrooms each with its own bath, two half baths, great room with stacked rock fireplace, and all on 23 acres. \$899,000. (PLS #11858)



(14) ESTABLISHED TIRE BUSINESS! This 40x100x14 metal building houses 3 lifts, 4 roll-up doors, concrete floors, Office, 2 restrooms, space heaters & window air unit and all inventory included. Call today for more information. \$235,500.



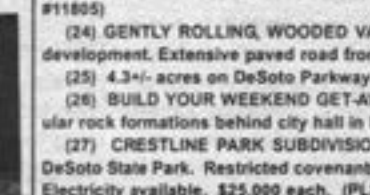
(15) ESTABLISHED Service Station/ Convenience Store for sale - near Little River Canyon. All equipment and inventory to remain. \$239,900.



(16) PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home sits on 6 acres and borders Brush Creek. \$74,500. (PLS #12686)



(17) GREAT LOCATION! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home sits on 2 acres on County Road 106 in Mentone. Property has CH&A, stove, refrigerator and updated wiring. Sold "As-is" for only \$39,900. (PLS #12683)



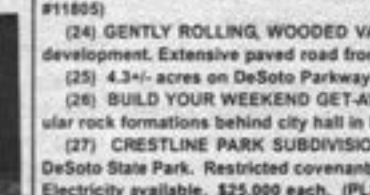
(18) VERY NEAR TO LITTLE RIVER CANYON! With an operative campground on almost 5 acres, this scenic spot is located next to the Little River Canyon National Preserve and the proposed Jacksonville State University Field School. Included are eleven RV campsites with water and electricity, numerous tent sites, 2 bath houses with showers, commodes, sinks, and two 80-gallon hot water tanks. All this plus a 2 bedroom house and a large storage building \$135,000.



(19) CABIN IN MENTONE - you will love coming home to this adorable cabin now being built near DeSoto State Park. Cabin features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, pine floors throughout, and rock fireplace. 8'x40' porches on front and back with Yellow Pine exterior and metal roof. \$139,900.



(20) NEW CONSTRUCTION - Rustic country cabin at Mentone. One bedroom, one bath, with sleep loft, wood floors and walls, 2 story great room with wood burning fireplace, front and back porch with cedar posts and wonderful view of creek on property and Comer Boy Scout Camp Lake. \$98,500. (PLS #12401)



(21) MENTONE - Build your cabin on this secluded yet convenient lot located near DeSoto State Park. \$19,500 (PLS #11730)

(22) WEST FORK SUB. - 254' of river frontage (Little River) Gently sloping with great building sites. Lightly restricted. \$40,000 (PLS #10134)

(23) LAND - Wooded Corner Lot just South of Downtown Mentone. \$5,500. (PLS #11805)

(24) GENTLY ROLLING, WOODED VACANT LAND IN VALLEY HEAD. Perfect for development. Extensive paved road frontage. 62 acres listed at \$3,000 per acre.

(25) 4.3+/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,900.

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

(27) CRESTLINE PARK SUBDIVISION - several wooded lots now available near DeSoto State Park. Restricted covenants for permanent or vacation home. Water and Electricity available. \$25,000 each. (PLS #12394)

(28) LAND! 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy 11, between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$384,750.

(29) 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. \$180,000.

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

(31) 3.68 +/- acres on the Brow near Desoto State Park. \$59,900.

(32) 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. \$158,500.

(33) RETREAT, RETREAT, RETREAT - This 40 acres is partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. \$170,000.

(34) MENTONE - Beautiful Wooded lot for your weekend get away or home of your dreams. \$18,500 (PLS #11955)

(35) MENTONE - If you're looking for just the right place to build your weekend get away or even a permanent residence, this property is waiting on you. Wooded, although a proposed building site has already been cleared, this property is what you have been looking for. \$37,500 (PLS #11954)

(36) LOOKOUT MTN. - Build your dream home on 3 beautiful wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. Water and power available. Some restrictions. \$23,000 (PLS #12002)

(37) Don't wait any longer...we've just listed 3.28 acres priced at \$16,400. (PLS #12291)

(38) 11.98 acres on county Road 106 in Mentone. \$86,000 (PLS #12412)

(39) PEACEFUL AND SECLUDED, but not too far out! 34 acres with paved road frontage and lots of timber near Hammondville. No restrictions. \$88,000 (PLS #12363)

Cecil Baty Celebrates His 76th Birthday

In keeping with local tradition in the Baty Community, Marilyn Blanton Campbell hosted a sit-down birthday celebration supper for Mr. Cecil Baty at her home. The main table was set with a floral print tablecloth in shades of rose, green, and purple, and the flower arrangement of particularly beautiful deep purple hydrangeas--grown by Mrs. Nancy Lusk--matched almost perfectly some of the colors in the pattern on the tablecloth. The napkins matched the tablecloth and were loosely tied with a length of bright green ribbon and accented with an artificial pink rose. At the end of the evening, Mr. Baty collected the pink roses and took them home as a reminder of the occasion.

Matching silver-plated candelabra held glowing pale pink tapers. The second table was set with a handmade tablecloth in a warm shade of antique silver, and the china service and stainless flatware matched that on the main table. Pale pink rose candleholders--a gift to Marilyn from her sister, Jane Blanton, of Lincoln, NC--held matching pale pink burning tapers on the smaller table.

Mrs. Jane Galloway provided an additional bouquet of hydrangea blossoms--accented by a sprig of Tall Pink for its good smell--for the party. The outstanding thing about Jane's flowers was the fact that she had blue, pink, purple, white, and variegated pink and white blossoms all off different branches of the same plant. It would seem that the last few years just were not the best for hydrangeas here at Mentone, but this year, everybody's hydrangea--regardless of color--had seemingly done extraordinarily well, and Jane's has done better than most. She had no explanation for why all those different colors came off the same plant, but Jane--and everybody else at the party--certainly enjoyed her floral offering. The ladies of the garden club insist that the pH level of the soil dictates the color of hydrangeas. Maybe Jane forgot to tell that to her flowers. Just to keep anybody from thinking this was an assemblage of heathens, Jane said the blessing before the meal.

The antique china service (that has been in Marilyn's family for years) was in the Galaxy pattern by Noritake, and the stainless flatware was in the Baroque pattern by Wallace. The wine glasses and water goblets were in the Nuance style by Luminarc. Ice water with wedges of fresh lemon and sparkling red grape juice added a festive touch to the occasion. Tea and soda pop were served in tall clear glasses featuring a swirl design.

The buffet style meal was laid out for everyone to serve himself according to his own likes and dislikes. Homemade vegetable soup was served from a large, white, ceramic tureen, and there were miniature salade style soup crackers and diminutive cheese flavored crackers in novelty shapes in addition to fresh hot cornbread muffins to go along with the soup. Eye of the round beef-steak in mushroom gravy provided the main dish, and various vegetable creations complemented it. Marilyn made Yorkshire Pudding to show Mr. Baty and his family and friends what that specific delicacy was all about. There

was plenty of gravy to serve over the Yorkshire Pudding.

Everybody has read about Yorkshire Pudding forever, but it was not until her first trip to England that Marilyn actually ate some of it. During her most recent visit with Jo Thexton and Carol Cuts at their home in Cheshire near Manchester, Marilyn was presented with a copy of Delia Smith's Complete Cookery Course, and the recipe in there was what she used to make the Yorkshire Pudding. The batter is made up very much like very runny pancake batter using plain as opposed to self-rising flour. Then the batter is poured into a hot baking pan with hot grease in it and cooked in a hot oven for some 25 to 30 minutes. When it comes out it is all puffed up, brown and crispy. At the table, the Yorkshire Pudding was cut apart, and the diners put pieces of it on their plates next to the meat and put gravy over the meat and pudding alike. In spite of the fact that was Marilyn's first effort at Yorkshire Pudding, it did not turn out badly at all. Naturally, that is one of those things that "has to be better than it sounds," and it most certainly was. Granted, Yorkshire Pudding is an acquired taste, but it is quite often served with beef in England, and Marilyn just wanted to share that experience with the guests at Mr. Baty's celebration.

Fried okra, baked corn on the cob, green baby lima beans, deep fried bite size new potatoes, fresh tomatoes, candied sweet potatoes accented with English Walnuts and cinnamon, fresh cucumbers, fresh bell peppers, radishes, Vidalia onions, and coleslaw made from purple cabbage with carrot accents and dressed with the traditional mayonnaise were served. Especially nice yeast rolls--that Marilyn did not make herself--were served with real butter--as opposed to margarine--that had been presented in little pale shaped like pineapples--the traditional symbol of welcome and hospitality in the South of another day and time when eating was a much grander experience to say nothing of a finer art than it is now.

Virtually nobody gets overly excited about squash and eggplant in any context, but Marilyn created an eggplant casserole in the Creole style and served it along side a dish of Squash Dressing--that she had made using a recipe from Judy O'Daniel's column in the Times Journal--and cranberry sauce. Both of those were really quite well received.

Even if the whole crowd did forget to sing "Happy Birthday" to Mr. Baty, he was wished the very happiest of birthdays over a homemade--from scratch--chocolate cake with chocolate frosting that was served with strawberry ice cream--that's the best kind," Mr. Baty always says. When it was brought to his attention that the crowd had forgotten to sing "Happy Birthday" to Mr. Baty, his response was, "You can just sing it twice next year." He did not seem bothered in the least that he had been deprived of some rather discordant a capella singing.

It never fails that, when cooking for a special occasion is in progress, everything that can go wrong does, creating complete chaos. For this occasion, the main disaster was

the coffee pot's malfunction resulting in one pot of the coffee being WAY too strong. Naturally, Marilyn has plenty of boiling hot water on hand to cut the strong coffee down to drinking, but she was indeed frustrated by that entire situation. There was also a chocolate fiasco that resulted in Marilyn's having to stop playing in the cake frosting, clean up her kitchen, and have a clean shirt.

The guest list consisted of Mr. Baty's second son, Billy Baty and his wife Debbie, Jennifer Davis, Mr. Baty's third son, Ricky Baty and his guest, Becky Jones; Mrs. Jane Galloway, and Mrs. Clara Fitzgerald, all of Mentone; Edward Baty (Mr. Baty's eldest son) and his wife, Veronica, of Trenton, Georgia, were invited, but due to circumstances beyond their control, they were unable to be present for the occasion.

Upon Mr. Baty's arrival for the birthday celebration dinner, he brought with him a whole stack of cards that he had already received, and his official birthday was not until the next day. He wanted to share and let everybody see and appreciate all his beautiful birthday greetings that ran the full range from funny to serious. Every year, Mr. Baty--as well as all the guests--experience a wonderful time to say nothing of a good meal at his birthday celebration supper at Marilyn's house, and this year was no exception. The thing that really put the cap on the stack for Mr. Baty's celebration supper at Marilyn's house was the fact that Jo Thexton and Carol Cuts called all the way from England just before supper to wish him a very Happy Birthday. That would have been considered special any time.

In keeping with longstanding tradition, Mr. Baty's boys always have a cookout to celebrate his birthday. There is always lots of fun and food. This year was no different. Mr. Baty's sons, Billy and Edward, did the cooking, and younger son, Ricky, came by after the festivities were almost over.

The nutrition police are not very likely to get anybody who was at Mr. Baty's celebration cookout party. The menu consisted of fried okra, squash, baked beans, green beans with potatoes, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, coleslaw, and bread supplemented by hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixings, rib eye and filet mignon steaks, and deep fried fish. For dessert, there was chocolate chip cake, chocolate cake with chocolate frosting, peach pie, pound cake, and blueberries. Many different kinds of drinks were served. Attendance was low this year at Mr. Baty's cookout. Edward and his wife, Veronica, were there as was their daughter, Mrs. Robin Baty Schrader. They all live at Trenton, Georgia. Mr. Baty's granddaughter, Tessa Baty, Ricky's daughter, of Menlo, Georgia, came in dead tired after returning from a vacation trip. Billy and Debbie Baty, Jennifer Davis, Jane Galloway, and Mr. Baty's grandson, Colby Baty (Ricky's son) all of Mentone, were in attendance. Colby Baty had with him his friend, Amanda Tipton. Paul and M. E. Snay of Fort Payne were in attendance. Ricky Baty of Mentone made a token appearance.

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My Jamaican Experience

By Katie Gray

On June 29, 2004, four teenagers from Mentone Community Church left the Chattanooga airport on their way to Memphis, and from there they were going to Montego Bay, Jamaica, to serve as volunteers in a mission program called Yes! Ministries. In Jamaica they met up with fifty other teenagers from around the nation. These teenagers are from different walks of life and encountered the same things as our group--Katie Gray, Ashley Hendricks, Keith Miller, and Shana Veal.

As we entered Montego Bay, we had to go through customs and immigration like any other person going into another country. Then we were off to our hotel, The Gloriana. Once we got into our rooms, which were with different people from Canada, South Dakota, Ohio, New York, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, we mingled with the people in our rooms and got acquainted. Ashley, Shana, and I stayed with two girls from North Carolina.

Every night, we had a group meeting where we had different speakers who talked about living a 212 Lifestyle and small groups where we talked about the day and about the 212 Lifestyle materials.

The next day, the thirtieth, we went to our work site with our work teams. Our work team had people from

South Dakota, Canada, and us. We went to different Wesleyan churches around the island. Each team was supposed to stay at the same church the whole week. Our team went from church to church because we could not go to our church as the supplies were not there.

The first church we went to was Norwood Wesleyan Church. There was one thing interesting about Norwood. The alley, which runs next to the church, was called Blood Alley, and once while we were there two people were killed just down the road from us. We did various construction jobs at each of the churches.

The next day, July 1, we went to Lilliputt Wesleyan Church and we moved more rocks like at Norwood. At all of the churches, we got to go out, visit, interact, and play with the children and their families. When we were at Lilliputt, we had the privilege to play soccer with the natives.

The Granville Girls' Home in Trelawny was our next stop where we interacted with the girls and built walls for the facility, and we spent a couple of days there. The girls at the Girls' Home were there because they had been abandoned by their mothers or some of them had been placed there because they were unwed mothers.

On Sunday, the fourth, we had the privilege to attend services at the church where we had been working all week. Since we had moved around a lot, we attended at Lilliputt for a three hour long service. That night, we were invited to attend a service at Danielstown Wesleyan Church.

We went to the Girls' Home on Monday to finish the work we had started, and then we spent the afternoon at The Blossom Garden Orphanage playing with and holding children from the ages of a month to three years old. There had to have been sixty children there in a facility that is equipped for thirty.

After we had worked for six days, we had a day off before we left to come home on Wednesday. On Tuesday, our day off, we went to the craft market where we could purchase items to take home, and then we headed to Jimmy Buffet's at Margaritaville to meet our boats to go snorkeling. It was amazing.

On the next day, we said our good-byes to our new but long-lasting friends and headed for the airport to start our journey home.

I shall never forget this experience in Jamaica. I still think of it every day and I only hope that our group made a difference in the lives of the people we touched.



Mission Conference Sunday at NCC. Shana Veal, Ashley Hendricks, Katie Gray, Keith Miller



This picture is of our group as we prepare for work



This picture of our group was taken at the airport



Blood Alley and the scenery outside Norwood Wesleyan Church

DeSoto Rescue Squad August NEWSLETTER

Slate McDorman

Hello everyone! It is a hot August month in Mentone, and yet we are still the coolest place in the state.

In this newsletter, I want to begin by reminding everyone to keep an open eye for critters when spending time outdoors. Rattlesnake sightings are higher than normal this year with several bites having been treated. Fortunately, there are no reports of fatalities. When going for walks or hikes in the woods, it is safest to wear long pants and shoes that cover all of your skin. If you are unable to wear these, be more aggressive about keeping a watchful eye. If bitten, get medical attention immediately. When at all possible, cut off the circulation by tying a strap, shoelace, or rope between the bitten area and the patient's heart. This slows the poison from spreading. If the swelling passes beyond the tied off point, retie higher than the swelling until treatment is administered.

As well as snakes, be wary of the West Nile Virus, too. When going outside, wear plenty of mosquito repellent. Also, get rid of any containers of sitting water, which is their favorite breeding ground.

As always, we are in need of volunteers. Right now is a great time to sign up, because soon we start our "First Responder" training program. By being a trained First Responder, you receive many great squad benefits such as having certified Red Cross instructors teach you the basic paramedic knowledge needed to save a life. We would love for you to attend one of our meetings. These take place the first Tuesday of every month at the Mentone Community Center starting at 6:30. All are welcome.

The Squad is proud to announce Gail Crider's 15th year of service in DeSoto Rescue Squad! For her many years of outstanding dedication, the squad honored her with a box of her favorite chewing gum, Juicy Fruit. Gail would also like to thank everyone who has been helping set up her new home. The contribution of everyone involved makes her new home a reality!

For those of you visiting Mentone:

I would like to suggest a fun, but physically challenging hiking trail that leads to the bottom of DeSoto

Falls. (This hike isn't listed in many tour books, so be sure to take note of the following warnings and directions.) Because there is a steep climb involved and the path runs near the canyon edge, use extra caution when escorting children. Also, when the dam is overflowing, it is dangerous to cross over to this trail. If you heed these warnings, this is an exciting trail with fantastic scenery and scents!

To get here, you first go to DeSoto Falls located off AL Hwy 176 (Lookout Mountain Parkway). The easiest way to find the falls is by leaving Mentone on Hwy 176. When you reach the first stop sign and see the DeSoto Fall's sign, take this left. Once at the falls, climb to the bottom of the dam and cross through the water to the far side. If you watch your step, the water is no more than six inches deep. Once at the other side, climb the rocks beside the dam to the top. Be careful, this part can be slippery. The trail begins here.

Stay straight on the trail, keeping the fall's area on your right. This path leads to a steep descent into the basin. At the bottom is one of the most enjoyable places to go swimming in Mentone. If you brought your bathing suit, the best place to get in the water is at the first beach area you reach. This is a good spot since there are fewer sharp rocks to worry about than other entries to the water. If you are one of the truly adventurous, there is a cave-like opening behind the waterfall you can enter.

Finally, one of the most beautiful things to do in Mentone is enjoy a sunset. The brow, located on Sunset Brow behind Mentone Springs Hotel, is the best place to go in the entire town. With the many places to park along the brow, it is easy to find a private spot to sit and enjoy the view. For the best show, arrive a half-hour before sunset. In August it is about 7:30-7:40. Whether you are visiting Mentone or are a resident, I encourage you to go enjoy a sunset the next chance you have.

DeSoto Rescue Squad hopes everyone has a safe and fun final month of summer.

RECIPE CORNER

By Sue Schwarz

We have been enjoying wonderful fresh tomatoes the past few weeks, thanks to friends with gardens. It must be a really good year for tomato growers, because the plumber who was doing the plumbing for the new kitchen brought me a bag of tomatoes from his garden. I enjoy the bread salads with fresh vegetables and herbs this time of year. The first recipe is one from my cousin, Susan. It is Italian in origin and very good. The other is Ann Wright's Cornbread salad from the Master Gardeners' cookbook *INCREDIBLE EDIBLES*. Years ago, I had a wonderful cornbread salad that Barbara Blalock had made and I am willing to bet this one is related.

TOMATO BREAD SALAD Sue Gadola

3 lbs ripe tomatoes, cut in large pieces
2 C thinly sliced red onion
1 C sliced fresh basil
1/2 C extra-virgin olive oil
dash of red wine vinegar
salt and ground pepper to taste
3 C day-old French bread, cut in bite size pieces

Combine tomatoes, onions, basil, olive oil, vinegar and salt and pepper in a large bowl. Just before serving, add bread. NOTE: Best served at room temperature.

CORN BREAD SALAD Ann Wright

Cornbread:
1 C self-rising cornmeal
1 (8 oz) carton sour cream
2 eggs
1 Tbsp. Sugar
Mix ingredients well and pour into a greased skillet. Bake at 450 until brown. Cool
1 C chopped tomatoes
1 C chopped bell peppers
1 C chopped onions
1 C sweet pickle cubes

Crumble cornbread and toss with other ingredients. Mix 1 cup mayonnaise and 1 tablespoon sugar. Pour over salad and stir.

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Church News

By Evelyn Graves



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

The **Valley Head Methodist Church** Sunday Worship is at 10 AM. Pastor is Wayne Nesbitt. Everyone is welcome to attend the services.

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

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Rd 239 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45AM; Morning Worship is at 11AM; Evening Worship is at 6PM; Wednesday Night Prayer service is at 6PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30AM each Sunday; and Communion services at 5PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular worship services are at 10AM and Sunday School at 9AM. Steve Schrader, pastor - 845-4314. All are welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 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 10AM (EST), and the Menlo service begins at 11:15AM (EST).

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

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

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 10AM; Worship - 11AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-862-2607.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM. Wednesday Bible study at 6PM. 256-634-4147.

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Leroy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM worship and 11AM worship and Sunday night at 6PM. Everyone is welcome.

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

Mentone Community Church Sunday School 10AM; Sunday Worship 10:45AM; Sunday evening service 6:30PM. Wednesday evening service 6:30PM with Bible study and Teen class. Nursery provided for all services. Pastor Rick Haworth welcomes all.

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** Sunday School is at 10AM, with Worship at 11AM. Evening Services begin at 6PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend regular services.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School - 10AM; Morning Worship - 11AM. Sunday evening - 6PM; Wednesday evening - 6:30PM. Pastor Brian Hancock welcomes all.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church A place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration. Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Pastor Les Brown welcomes everyone. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 11AM in the fellowship hall and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30PM, subject to change due to scheduling.

Moon Lake Baptist Church welcomes you. The Sunday schedule is: Bible study 9:45AM; Morning Worship - 11AM; Children's Choir Practice - 4:30PM; Youth Choir, Disciple-ship Training & YGAs - 5PM; Evening Worship - 5PM; Adult Choir Practice - 7PM; Wednesday: Team Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study - 6:30PM. Young Women's Prayer & Share Group meets each Wednesday evening at 5:30PM.

Cove Road Baptist Church invites all children of the surrounding area to attend children's church. Parents are also invited for SS and church. SS at 9AM; Worship at 10AM. Sunday Evening Worship at 5PM. All times CST.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer Time. Located at 4212 County Road 751. 635-1001.

The **Fort Payne Christian Center** and Pastor Ken & Elaine Holleman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10AM. Wednesday Evening at 6:00 PM. God Bless you.

Cove Road Baptist Church, Co.Rd. 631, Mentone, invites you to Homecoming Sunday, September 12th. Sunday School at 9AM. Church Service 10AM with special speaker Bro. James Braddy of Trion, Georgia. Dinner and Singing will follow morning service. No service Sunday Evening. Revival will be Monday, Sept. 13, through Wednesday, Sept. 15th, with Bro. James Braddy.

Homecoming Moon Lake Baptist Church

Sunday, August 29

All former members are invited to attend the morning service at 11AM. Former pastor, Gary Kendrick, will be the speaker. Lunch will be provided, followed by singing and fellowship in the afternoon. Please make a special effort to attend



St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church
Mentone, Alabama

Announces

Summer Sunday Evening Services
June 20, thru August 29th
at 6:00 P.M.

Compline
June 20th

(Book of Common Prayer)

Night Prayer
June 27th

(New Zealand Prayer Book)

Dial-A-Devotional
634-0103

is provided daily by Jimmy Graves as an extended ministry of the Moon Lake Baptist Church. Feel free to call any time of the day or night.

COMMUNITY CALENDARS

The Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library is now selling Community Calendars for the year 2005. If you bought a 2004 calendar you know what fun it has been to surprise friends and family with cards or phone calls on their "special day".

The purchase of a calendar for \$5.00 allows you to list the Birth Date (month and day only, you will not be revealing your age!), and Wedding Anniversary of each member of your **immediate** household. (If you want to list married children, grandchildren, or grandparents you will need to buy a separate calendar for their home.) You may indicate if a listing is for a member of the Armed Forces (S), or if it is in Memory (M) of a loved one. Groups or organizations may list their meeting dates for \$5.00. All listings appear on all calendars.

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, 2005 and will be delivered late in December 2004.

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 is 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 providing Community Calendars in the coming years.

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

Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library

P. O. Box 481, Mentone, AL 35984

Community Calendar

Subscriber's Name _____	Birthday Month _____	Day _____
Wife or Husband's Name _____		
Address _____	Phone: _____	
Wedding Anniversary _____		
Children's names: _____		
(Include last name, if different)		

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, August 2, 7 PM, MAPA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Church of God of Prophecy
- Monday, August 9, School Starts
- Monday, August 9, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, August 10, 12:30 PM

- Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, August 10, American Legion meeting 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- Thursday, August 26, 4PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

See other notices inside



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

And let us not be weary in well doing:
for in due season we shall reap, if we
faint not. Gal. 6:4

I don't want to grow tired of doing good.
There is going to be a pay day. When the
reaping is done, I want to get my reward.
We will be rewarded according to our works,
So let's keep the good work going.



Sible Hopper and Debbie Flannigan in New York in December 2003. I bet they wish they were there now that it is August!