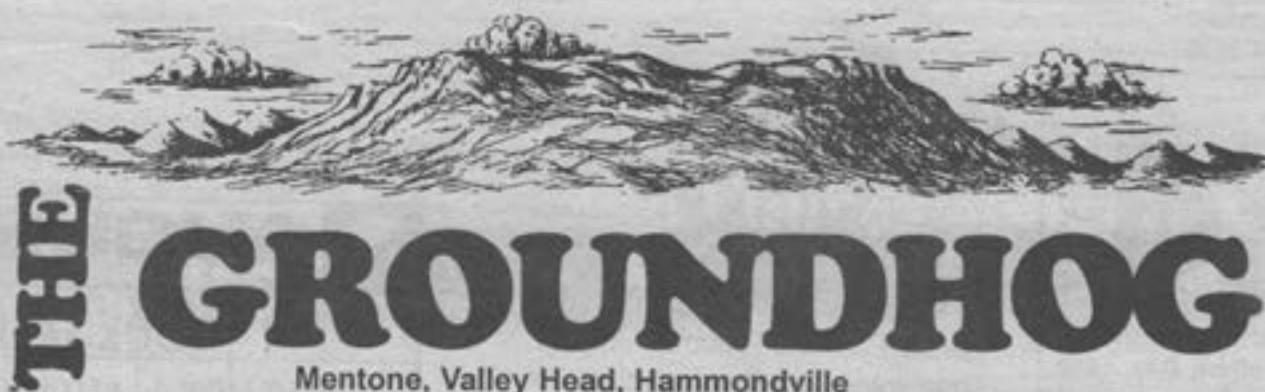


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Mentone Community Church Mission Trip to South Dakota



Christiana Gruendler and Jackie Gifford take time out from their work for a hug



Kara Miller and Pastor Rick Haworth greeting a wild donkey in South Dakota who was hoping to be fed.

By Traci Haworth

On Saturday morning June 3rd, members from Mentone Community Church set out for a trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Those going were Nelson Stallings, Rick & Traci Haworth, Linda & Kara Miller, Kathy & Kirby McMunn, Christiana & Jonathon Gruendler, Charles & Amanda Gray, and Billy & Jackie Gifford.

After a long 1400+ miles they finally arrived in Pine Ridge, South Dakota on Sunday evening. Their home for the week was a former Christian school called "Pine Ridge Christian Academy." The facility is part of mission's outreach of the Wesleyan Church to the Lakota Indians living on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The Pine Ridge Christian Academy was closed a couple years ago, but the team from Mentone Community Church was there to do remodeling work so that the facility could be reopened possibly as a counseling center.

The facility consists of 2 houses, 1 house

trailer, a large school building and a gym with kitchen and locker room areas. The team laid over 800 square feet of tile in one of the houses. Tile work was also done in the gym. The house trailer was gutted, cleaned and repainted. Electrical work, drywall, painting and general cleaning were all part of the week too.

Before returning to Mentone the team took a day for sightseeing. They traveled through Wind Cave National Park, Custer State Park and went to Custer, SD for a buffalo burger lunch at the Wrangler Cafe. They also visited Crazy Horse Monument, Mount Rushmore and rode on the Needles Highway. Many buffalo, antelope, donkeys and even a few elk were spotted along the way. On the way home on Saturday the 10th, the team got a chance to see the Badlands and stop at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, SD.

The team returned to Mentone Community Church Sunday, June 11th, about 9:00 PM after having traveled over 3000 miles! All agreed that it was a long trip, but very rewarding.

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MAPA held its annual picnic at Brow Park on Tuesday, July 11, one week later than usual as the 4th of July fell on the regular meeting night. Approximately 20 members enjoyed the good food, fellowship and atmosphere at the park.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 1, at 6:30PM at Dessies. Anyone interested may attend. Membership is \$10 per person or \$12.00 per couple.



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TACT

By Albert Jackson, Mentone, AL
I think "tact" is a wonderful trait. It can prevent most all of the people and all countries problems. The lack of tactfulness, and understanding, and the unselfish consideration of the view of all others is the root of all the turmoil, anger, uprisings, hate, wars, and "what have you" that abounds in the world today.

It seems that a great majority of the people and countries have an inbred instinctive trait of rubbing others the wrong way.

Bossiness, ridicule, argumentative attitude, egos, seem to be the most causative.

Most people, and all the countries of the world are of the belief that their thoughts, ways, means, understanding, and their approach to all things, is the most sensible and all other beliefs, actions, looks, answers to problems, are inferior to their own.

People want to tell their friends, neighbors, acquaintances, how they should do everything, act, believe, look, think, etc. and almost all countries in the world fit into this same category of beliefs.

Religion as a whole, is one of the greatest causes of contentious, and sometimes contemptuous behavior between the many hundreds and varieties of the religions. Each believing that theirs is the one and correct way of belief, and trying to force these ways and practice on all others.

All the countries of the world are followers of these actions and behavior. They all seem to think that the only correct way of government is their way and they tell all the other

countries what they should do.

The United States is not exempt. Our Government is of the opinion that it should advise all others how to govern, and how to do everything. This attitude only breeds contempt. One, and all should get through their heads that most all of the countries in the world existed thousands of years before there was a United States. They have been living the way they want to live and doing like they want to do all this time. We have no right to try to change all of this.

Let them alone. It is none of our business how they live. They have a right to resent others trying to boss them.

All strife, anger, turmoil, riots, wars, and uprisings could be prevented if all countries and all the people would do just one very simple thing, which would solve all problems, and that is this: just divide all the time in half and spend the first half tending to their own business, and the other half letting all others tend to theirs. "Oh, What a wonderful world."

Some after thoughts:

- Argument is always a little dangerous. You may win an argument and lose a friend.

- People are like bullets, they go farthest when they are smoothest.

- If you think that you are better than your neighbor across the way, or that nature has endowed you with a more perfect clay, don't say it.

- Let your life be true and earnest, court discretion for your friends, though you may often be tempted a word to say that would offend. Don't Say It!

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(1) On the Parkway! Most recently known as Little River Cafe and minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. Building offers a fully equipped kitchen, dining room and large porch, stage for entertainment and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. \$188,000 (14832)



(2) Nestled amongst the trees you'll find this cozy and comfortable NW cabin waiting for a new owner. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, large family room with gas log fireplace, spacious kitchen/dining combo, screened front porch, side deck w/ Jacuzzi and lots more on a 1.23 acre wooded lot. \$180,000 (14394)



(3) Situated on 2 1/2 lots within walking distance of Brow Park and downtown Mentone, you can have a full business or a weekend rental in this 3 BR, 1 BA cottage with new CH&A, metal roof and storage building. \$97,500 (15023)



(4) Looking for country living? This 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home offers hardwood and carpet, family room with fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, front and side porch and is surrounded by 5 acres in a restricted subdivision could be it. \$219,000 (14836)



(5) So much room in this tri-level home! Features include built-in bookshelves, fireplace, completely remodeled kitchen/dining room, 3 BR, 2 BA, basement den, and possible 4th BR and additional bath. \$112,500 (14647)



(6) The commercial potential is endless in this great location at Fischer's Crossroads. Most recently known as The Banyard, this rustic building sits on .67 acres and has 2 public bathrooms. Located inside Ft. Payne city limits. \$115,000 (14216)



(7) Tucked away in downtown Mentone - This home offers 4 BR, 2 BA, fully equipped kitchen with granite countertops, antique mantel, RV carport, large storage/hobby building, garage and a Sauna. \$159,500 (14671)



(8) Comfortable 3 BR, 2 BA home with a cathedral ceiling, gas log fireplace with built-in TV cabinet and bookcases, 12" pine flooring, paved drive, storage building and is situated on 2 beautiful wooded acres in Mentone. \$137,500 (14999)



(9) Take a recess from the rat race in this very private and authentic log cabin with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living/dining/kitchen combo and front porch all on 1.66 heavily wooded acres on a private road. \$99,500 (14344)



(10) Cozy cabin in Hunter's Ridge! 2 BR, 2 BA, Columbia cedar walls and ceilings, hardwood floors, front & back porches, upstairs deck and stacked rock fireplace. Common access area to the East Fork of Little River. \$162,500 (14670)



(11) Walking convenience! This quaint in-town bungalow is located in downtown Valley Head and offers 1 bedroom, 1 bath on a 1/2 acre lot. \$28,000 (15018)



(12) 62.22 acres with a beautiful view of Lookout Mountain on one side and adjacent to and overlooking 'The Highlands' on the other. Nice building site for that dream home or great property for future development with paved road frontage. \$396,000 (15022)



(13) Beautiful Traditional brick home and farm with 5 BR and 4 BA. This one-of-a-kind is situated on 40 rolling acres with circular drive, picture windows and gorgeous views. Large barn and livestock pond also on property. \$429,000 (14651)



(14) Enjoy the sounds of nature on this private 7 acres in Valley Head with quick access to Interstate 59. This property offers a 3 BR, 1 BA, frame home with room to grow. There is also a storage building on the property. \$59,900 (14899)



(15) Now that you've conquered the world, separate yourself from it! Brick Colonial w/4BR, 3.5 BA, 200 year heart pine floors, wood burning FP, picket fence, deck & detached 2-car garage with upstairs apartment. \$499,500 (15196)



(16) Be the first to own this new construction on the West Brow of Mentone. Features include 3 BR, 2 BA, large living area with stacked rock fireplace and vaulted ceiling, pine floors throughout, screened porch and deck. \$299,000 (14715)



(17) Mountain cottage offering relaxation on a gorgeous back deck with a spectacular view or from your very own screened porch you can enjoy nature at its best. 3 BR, 2 BA, pine walls and floors, wood burning stove and lots more. \$146,900 (15698)



(18) The builder is putting on the finishing touches! Be the first to live in this 3 BR, 2 BA home with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, stacked rock wood burning fireplace, custom kitchen with Hickory cabinets and more on a 1 acre lot. \$179,500 (14753)



(19) Enjoy the view of Little River Canyon from the decks of this 3 BR, 2 BA cabin with wood floors and walls, fireplace, central heat & air, finished basement and more. A world away awaits you in this home away from home. \$259,500 (14730)



(20) Stressed for morning time? This in-town home offers walking convenience and 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, formal dining room/den and 3 finished rooms upstairs. Relax on the large screened porch under huge shade trees. \$59,900 (14772)



(21) Gorgeous 4.4 acre tract with a fabulous view of the valley below. This property is ready to build with its existing septic system and well. Located on the North Brow in Mentone, this lot has unique rock formations that will capture your eye from all angles. \$299,000 (14998)



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(23) The WELCOME mat is out to this classic Southern home. 3 BR, 2 BA, great room, laundry room, open balcony living area upstairs, front and back covered porches overlooking 2.42 acres offering a relaxed feeling. \$194,900 (15263)



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(25) 1.66 acres on the brow near DeSoto State Park. \$55,000 (10133)



(26) Highland Springs - New subdivision located in the heart of Mentone off Cove Road. Several lots to choose from with mild restrictions. Prices starting at \$28,000.

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Mentone Bursting with Fun!

By L.C. Moon

Wow! I have never seen so many smiling faces and feet tapping as I did Saturday, July 1st, on Town Square. The Mentone Troubadour, Tony Goggans, began the music for the Fourth of July celebration at 6:30 PM and played straight through with no breaks until 10:00 PM. Way to go Tony!

The energy in Mentone was exactly what I believe the founding fathers of this country had in mind. A united group of people free to dance and sing no matter one another's beliefs, nationality, or lifestyle. Mentone is a melting pot of those who love the simple pleasures in life. Saturday showed that visitors and locals still love to have good clean footloose and fancy free fun.

Before Tony hit the stage Dr. Bloom of Lookout Mountain Wild Animal Park- formerly known as the Blooming Zoo- brought animals for everyone to see and pet. He brought a variety of snakes, a bear cub and a lemur. I remember looking off stage at one point and seeing Dr. Bloom dancing with the bear cub. Even the animals were having fun!

Tony played a mix of oldies but goodies, some patriotic music and some of his entertaining & philosophical originals. Tony was backed musically by Ted Howard on the fiddle and Russell (Tony's Brother in law) on guitar. The Mentone Villagers - Dana Goggans, Nancy Cammack, Cathy Haven Howard, L.C. Moon, Gregg Wilhite, Joe Piscatelli and special

villager guest Garrett Rasmussen (Dana's brother)- sang and entertained with Tony. Jan and Susan- Tony's sisters- filled in with Tony for a while and then also joined the stage with the Villagers. Those Goggans are a musically gifted bunch. Nobody can perform Bobby McGhee better than a Goggans. Chas at the Mentone Inn also joined the stage with the villagers and wooed the audience with his diverse vocal talent.

The evening was topped off by a grand display of fireworks at 9 PM. The colors burst into the night sky just as the music colored the tone of the town. The Shed was very helpful in putting together a great assortment of fireworks. The Shed also donated some of the fireworks and gave us a great deal on what we bought for the fireworks finale. Lyle Nicely was kind enough to set up the fireworks and put on the show for us. Those who donated financially to the cause were The Shed, Lyle Nicely, Nancy Cammack, Jane Faille and Wayne Gautreau, Helene Knowlton, L.C. Moon, Little River Hardware, Heritage Realty, Wildflower Cafe. The Mentone Springs Hotel donated money specifically for the music provided by our Mentone Troubadour. Last but not least thanks to Mike Campbell and Miss Gloria at the Mentone Inn for allowing the town to celebrate on their lawn.

Once again the community came together. As Beverly Ashley said, "I felt like I was at a big family reunion." I am ever so grateful to live in the Mentone area of Lookout Mountain.

"WILD ABOUT MENTONE"

Years ago, the coastal town of Gulf shores celebrated the end of the tourist season by having a block party for the residents. Everyone enjoyed visiting with friends during the daylong event, which included food, beverages, and music. Now that Gulf Shores has become a year around vacation destination, there is no longer a block party in September.

The staff at the Wildflower Café wanted to thank the people of Mentone for their support during the summer months, so we decided to host a party. On Thursday, September 7, 2006, we are inviting all of the residents of Mentone to the Hitching Post for food, beverages, and music. Chef Ben will prepare some of his specialty dishes, including seafood from the Gulf Coast. Sha-lee and Robin will bake up an assortment of the Café's signature desserts. Stop by The Hitching Post between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or find a seat on one of the porches and stay all day.

We hope to make our "Wild About Mentone" an annual event. Come and join us in our expression of appreciation for the townspeople of Mentone.

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Like a six-weeks-old puppy yanked from the cozy security of his littermates, hauled in an automobile full of boisterous children, and plopped down upon a strange and cold vinyl kitchen floor, trust and confidence shorn away, I sat in the hard desk seat of first grade class, numb, with frozen mind, until nearby students began making faces and pointing at me in mock disgust. Then I slunk to the front and asked to go to the outdoor toilet one hundred yards down the hill. Somehow, while an older boy laughed and made jokes about my dilemma, and with no tissue, I cleaned up enough to walk the three-fourth mile home.

The following morning, traumatized and still in shock, I refused to return to the sight of my personal tragedy. After a family conference of many divergent opinions, my Mother got her wish and I was permitted to stay home the remainder of the year. With great misgiving, I agreed to try it again the second year.

I must have accomplished something those first four years, but the instruction went no farther than my eyes and ears—school was the most terrible thing I had experienced in my young life. The most vivid recollections I have of the first four years of school were the whippings I received in the third and fourth grades. One per grade. I tried to quit school again in the fourth grade and for a few weeks succeeded in hanging around my bother's sawmill, but ultimately I was placed back in school and promoted to the fifth. It was not until the seventh or eighth that "Casey, mighty Casey, came to bat!" Though the game was baseball, a game I had never played in a serious manner, something about the limitations of even the best at a given task clicked within my mind, and the realization that emotion, drama, and pathos could be contained on the pages of a book opened a door through which I walked into the world of books.

Sometime during the eighth grade, I experienced the discovery that a number had a square root and a method of finding it was printed on a page of a book on "general math." That revelation hinted of possibilities unbounded. Then, in Junior High, I was assigned the reading of MacKinley Kantor's *The Voice of Bugle Ann*. That story, above all others, revealed the words I had wanted to speak, but did not know how, on the day I stood over the body of my dog Freckles who was dead of poisoning.

After that experience, I journeyed into a world where books and I dwelt in introspective seclusion. Within that abstract domain of the mind, I traveled from Erskin Caldwell's red Georgia hill clay-eaters, to the court of Genghis Khan; from Poncho Villi at the Alamo to San Juan Hill. From the Bighorn Rams of the Rockies to the slums and brothels of Paris, I traveled through the pages of my sister's books. I read of cockfighting in the city of New York during the times of Boss Tweed and the establishment of missions in the San Francisco area by Father Kino and of Kino's failed attempt to explain Halley's Comet based on religious reasoning. We were there at the sites of muddy sluice gates of California in 1849, and we saw Andrew Jackson sit his horse on the riverbank at Horseshoe Bend while his soldiers committed atrocities, which would only later be prohibited at a conference in Geneva, Switzerland. Erle Stanley Gardner permitted us to accompany Perry Mason as he ferreted out a mystery killer. Uncounted Others lie buried in the building blocks of the mind, each contributing to that product which will only be reduced when old age and wear and tear silence the machine.

From Oliver Wendell Holmes' "One Hoss Shay" to "Gray's Elegy," the ringing rhymes of poetry preserved the not-too-plentiful best of man's thinking. Had it not been for the treasured books bearing the wisdom and the humor and the tragedy of mankind upon their pages, I would have been denied my fruitful association with these people of distant lands and uncommon thoughts.

Books are the keepers of the best and the worst, which man has brought to this planet. Great writers from the past have enriched the minds of countless subsequent thinkers, making possible the rich and complex achievements of our time; laying the groundwork for greater and more profound thought. And it all will ultimately stand upon the knowledge which has been written upon the pages of time. In this age when other means for transferring information are challenging the "written word," some predict a slow decline of books. We predict this will never successfully happen, as there is something about a book other than the hard data contained therein, something which speaks to the human mind in a way and in a tone that cannot be supplanted. Viva el Libro!

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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.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-2002.

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

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. All are invited to attend! Sabbath School and Song service: 9:30-10:45 AM, Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor- Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnell.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** located on County Road 239 invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM and worship at 11AM. Sunday evening service is at 5PM. Thursday evening service is at 5:30PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 11AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM 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 at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

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

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), 5760 Gault Ave., NE, Fort Payne, AL. Rev. Billy Dempsey, Pastor, Sunday School - 9:45AM; Sunday Worship - 10:55AM.

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

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

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

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor LeRoy Nichols' and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. 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 Services are from 10-11 AM throughout the summer. No evening services except for the youth. Wednesday evening services remain at 6:30PM.

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.

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The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Daniel Lee of Rainsville is the new pastor.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites everyone to attend Sunday School at 9:45AM, Sunday Worship at 11AM, Discipleship Training at 5PM, and Sunday evening worship at 6PM. Sunday evening Bible Study for children and youth is at 5PM, and an Adult special studies class is being taught for those who prefer the study to Discipleship Training at 5PM. A membership class is also available at 5PM, taught by Dr. Bill Russell, Pastor. Wednesday evening prayer service is at 6:30PM, with children and youth activities at 6:30PM, also.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10 AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

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OBITUARY

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Cheryl is deeply loved and will be missed by her husband Marsh McCoy, sister Sandy Pena, brother Robert Quimby, three daughters: Jennifer Orlando, Lori McCoy-Forsythe, Suki McCoy, two grandchildren, Caledonia and Kiernan McCoy-Forsythe, her two nieces: Destarte Leotaud and Margaret Hardin; and her many friends.

A private memorial service was held by the family.



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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing

By L.C. Moon

Have you seen the beautiful display of Queen Anne's Lace and the amazing length of time that the daisies lasted this season? How amazing it has been to witness the beautiful white flowering plants on Lookout Mountain this year.

I have walked through the woods nibbling here and there on the leaves of the daisies and the fruits of the wild blueberries and the blackberries. You should try the leaves of a daisy--the taste is sweet with just a hint of tingly minty flavor. The blueberries--regardless of the lack of rain--have such a delightful flavor. The blackberries--although quite a bit smaller--are also quite tasty.

The nature of things has consumed me! This year has been a year that I have relished in the slow pace and simple pleasures available on Lookout Mountain. I moved to the mountain to learn more about the ecology of the southern Appalachians. The healing plants have always intrigued me. I knew a simple life on Lookout Mountain would allow me more time to write about my adventures as a naturalist. What has happened to me is similar to what happened to Thoreau on Walden Pond. My thoughts are consumed with the philosophy of life pertaining to our natural environment.

Queen Anne's Lace has attracted so much of my attention this summer for its beauty. The abundance of the Queen is a gift. The root is edible and is known as wild carrot. Queen Anne's root tea is known to aid in the treatment of urinary stones. There are tribal communities that have used the seeds as birth control. The leaves and beautiful blooms are wonderful in aiding the body to rid water retention as well as extra pounds. Queen Anne's Lace is believed to increase the body's metabolism.

The truth be known--Queen Anne's Lace is helpful in aiding the process of shedding pounds, though it is up to the individual to take the initiative to exercise, drink plenty of water, and eat healthy foods in moderation in order to acquire a healthy body.

Dorothy Rasmussen visited Lookout Mountain from Fayetteville, North Carolina. At 83 years old--she, Thoreau, and I all have

similar convictions. We all believe that a part of life is missing if you are unable to experience and learn from the simpleness of nature. What is most important to heal the body is to maintain a proper balance with the simple pleasures of life.

It is to our advantage to not consume ourself with the distractions of the material world. While plants are adept to aid in healing--it is proper nutrition, state of mind and a healthy routine that work in combination to acquire health. Dorothy took a couple of long walks with me. She inspired me to continue to hold fast to some timeless philosophies pertaining to the lessons we can learn from nature.

Modern society is not the enemy in the world of natural healing. The importance comes in finding a balance between the modern world and the natural world. Dorothy is a first generation American and said, "My Danish ancestors used to braid the daisy stems together to make a flower crown." Taking the time to walk among the daisies is exercise for the body. Picking the flowers and making a work of art with them is therapeutic for the soul. Both the exercise and the therapy of nature are relaxing to the mind.

Take time to smell the roses, braid the daisies, or watch silently a sunrise! In a time when we are so fast paced, it is so important to learn to be present in the moment you are in. The miracles of nature are overshadowed by the technology. While, yes, it is amazing that we live in an age where we can access global communication from a gadget that fits in the palm of your hand. The peaceful feeling that happens as the sun rises and nature wakes is equally amazing. We seem to take nature for granted because it is somewhat predictably always at our disposal and does not have to be purchased to bring one of the greatest gifts on earth--peace of mind.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

This is the month between vacations and preparations for school. It is time for good produce in our area, and this year it is very good. The fairgrounds in Fort Payne has a good place for purchasing good local produce from farmers — always fresh! But one must go early to get the best selection. Most of the vendors are gone by 11:00 AM. I haven't been able to go this year, but Homer will go soon. Our good friends from Somerville, Alabama, Jerry and Betty Grantland, brought us wonderful fresh vegetables from their own garden recently. Jerry retired this year, and is enjoying tending the vegetable garden and doing yard work at his home. He even shelled field peas for us! They also brought peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes and yellow squash. These are the foods that are healthy and good for us. A few days later, our friends from Chattanooga, John and Myrtle Hensley, brought more wonderful tomatoes, green beans, and squash from their garden. So we will eat well for a few days! We didn't plant anything this year. Homer is busy caring for me, bless him.

July 1 was the day of our annual Crow family reunion. This year it was held in Powell, Tennessee. I was able to go by spending two nights with Lester and Annice Crowe (Homer's brother and his wife), who live in Powell. Some readers of this column may tire of hearing reunion news, but others will be interested. We had 75 family members in attendance, which is a good group because, as usual, some could not attend. Lila Crowe Pettet's family were the hosts this

year, and twelve of her family were present. She has four children, and the youngest one was absent. She has a beautiful family. Would you believe Lila has a great-grandchild? She was just six years old when Homer and I got married.

Some residents in Mentone will remember when Lila's parents operated the Mentone store. Her father was Clyde Crowe (deceased), Homer's oldest brother, and her mother was the former Frances Jones (deceased), sister of Betty Jones Johnson. So Lila has her roots in Mentone.

It is a pleasure to see the little Crows at reunions! Besides Lila's great-grandchild, Lucille's new twin great-grandchildren were there. The twins' parents are John and Melissa Crowe (son and daughter-in-law of Leroy and Joanne), and their names are Matthew Wyatt and Kaylee Nicole, born April 7th of this year. They were born prematurely, and this was one of their first trips outside of home.

We lose some family, and we gain some. That is life. We lost our daughter, Joyce Crow Cooper, on July 14th of last year. It's been a sad year for us, but we have joy in the arrival of new births. Our hope for new arrivals in our immediate family will be from Coy's son, Dillon, and Joyce's son, Lee Cooper. Both are 23 years old, and are not planning to get married right now, but who knows? It could happen any time, when the love bug bites!

Each time we gather, I am thankful for being part of such a fine family for 60 years, as of August 30th this year. The Crow family appealed to me the first time Homer took me to meet them. They were loving, friendly, happy people. They made everyone feel warm and welcome in their home. They were usually playing a game nearly every time I went to the house, and always asked me to join them in putting together a jigsaw puzzle, playing Chinese Checkers, etc. It was fun, and remained pleasant as long as Lee and Fannie Crow lived. I'm glad Leroy and Joanne bought their home place, and are keeping it neat and beautiful, so we can go home again.



Bernise, Homer, Donnah & Barry Crow



Lucille's new twin great-grandchildren
Left: Matthew; Right: Kaylee



Lester and Annice's family



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Lucille Crowe and fami

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Lila Crowe's family at reunion 2006



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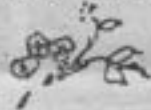


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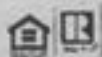
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Rhododendron Garden Club News

By Linda Brown, Secretary

The regular meeting of the club was held on July 11, 2006 at the M.E.R.F. Community House. Gethryn Giles, president, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Jan Wilkinson gave the inspirational moment using a reading entitled, The Cure. This advised all of us to know our limitations and to observe them so that we might be our best at what we choose to do.

Refreshments were served to seventeen members and visitors, Helen Bunn, Madelon David, Jane Kerby and Tom Roark by Barbara Blalock, Linda Brown and Marilyn Blanton Campbell. A theme of red, white and blue was used on the serving table.

Tom Roark presented the program, Container Gardening. Tom is a Master Gardener and the husband of club member, Peggy Roark. Tom began the presentation by telling of an experience that he had when attending a seminar where the subject of container gardening came up. He said that he was seated beside a farmer who immediately said, "You can't grow a tomato in a pot!" Thus began Tom's interest in what can be grown in a "pot" and his enjoyment of container gardening.

Tom stated that the best advice he could give anyone is to grow plants that do not require a lot of extra attention. Tom advised the members of some of the more positive aspects of growing plants in containers as opposed to directly planting into the soil. With container gardens it is easier to control pests; to use sun and shade to a better advantage; to make sure that your soil is of the correct texture; to utilize the space that you have; to care for the plants if you are not physically able to weed and hoe and to start plants earlier in the season.

Containers can be moved where a splash of color is needed. They are easier to keep watered and fertilized and you prevent the shock usually suffered by a plant when it is transplanted from a pot into an outside garden.

Tom revealed a secret of his which can be used when buying container grown plants. To find the best plant, he said to turn the pot upside down and let the plant come out into your hand, white roots should be visible where you are looking at the dirt that was in the bottom of the pot. This means that the plant is healthy and has a strong root system.

On the subject of clay versus plastic pots, Tom said one was as good as the other. Clay pots dry out faster and become discolored by the mineral deposits in the soil and water. He said that he cheats a bit. If he wants a decorative clay pot, he puts the plant into a plastic one and then puts that into the pretty one.

Mr. Roark advised that we check our plants often to see if they need water and to use one-half of the recommended fertilizer and apply twice as often. He gave a lesson on the numbers that you see on a bag of fertilizer. The first number is nitrogen, which will help keep your plant green. The second number is phosphorus, which will help the plant to have a healthy root system and to produce more blooms. The general good health of

your plant will be helped by potassium, which is the third number.

Mr. Roark closed by stating, "Indeed, you can grow a tomato in a pot."

The business meeting convened with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report.

Jan Wilkinson, Chair of Environmental Concerns, presented a prepared copy of a brochure which she had prepared with the help of Sue Schwarz and Gene and Gethryn Giles. The brochure features the more common native plants of the area. She said that this could be handed to landowners, contractors and others who might be thinking of excavating to erect structures in the area. This will help them identify trees, scrubs and flowers which are native to the area. The preservation of the native plants will enhance the building sites and preserve the heritage of the mountain terrain.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with this project. The members were advised that the dollar amount needed to have these printed is not in the budget and is not available from the general treasury. The members decided to see if they could pay for this worthwhile project with donations from the public. Several members had given a donation before the meeting adjourned.

The members were reminded that Jason Powell, of Petals from the Past, will be a guest of the club on August 8, 2006. The meeting place will be the Woodmen of the World Building in Valley Head, Alabama and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Powell will be speaking on heritage plants and will have his plants available to sell. The public is invited to come and hear him. You do not have to be a member of a garden club to attend.

The Committee on Nominations was reminded to present their slate of officers for the years, 2007-2008 to the members at the September meeting. The election of officers will be at the October meeting.

It was decided to participate in the Mentone Springs Hotel Labor Day Flower Show. Jan Wilkinson stated that she will prepare the floral design. The place that this design will be displayed will be determined by a drawing to be held at a luncheon at the hotel on July 22. Sue Schwarz will attend the luncheon and draw the site to be filled by this club. The recipient of the door prize was Ann Chesnut.

Remember: Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Woodmen of the World Building

Highway 117 in Valley Head, Alabama

Jason Powell will be speaking on Heritage Plants. Everyone is invited to come and join us.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of Northeast Alabama Federation of Garden Clubs; The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.; District II; National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region.

NOTE: If you would like to help with the cost of the brochure which is being prepared to help preserve the native plants of the area, you may send a donation to: Jan Wilkinson, PO Box 393, Mentone, AL 35984. Make your checks payable to: Rhododendron Garden Club.

GOD STILL ANSWERS PRAYERS

Julia Baxter

In March of 2005, I went to Rome, Georgia, to see my physician. I could not talk, my throat was sore and I was coughing. Dr. Briones admitted me to Floyd Hospital with pneumonia. He ordered x-rays; and when they came back, a large spot was showing on my left lung. They did a C.A.T. scan. (The spot was there.) They did a Bronchoscopy and the results were "cancer." They put me through test after test to make sure the cancer had not spread. I am very grateful that it was caught in time. I "Thank God" every day that it wasn't all over me. Then, on April 4, 2005, Dr. Brock removed my left lung.

April 2006, I had to go to Dr. Khan (my oncologist). I saw him every three months for a checkup. A few days earlier I had some x-rays made so Dr. Khan could make sure all was well. When he entered the room I was in, he sat down and began telling my daughter and me that the x-rays showed a spot on my right lung. Tears began to fill my eyes. He explained that he wanted to do a P.E.T. scan. This was to make sure the spot wasn't a scar or shadow. I was to return to his office after the test was done, and the results would be back in two or three weeks.

I was in a daze, all kinds of things were going through my mind. I began talking about dying, funeral arrangements, loved ones who had gone on before. It seemed like my world had been yanked from under me. At night I would cry myself to sleep thinking of my daughter, Marci, and how I had watched her grow into a fine wife, loving mother, and a wonderful daughter. I knew this would be hard on her. I am thankful for her husband, Terry. He is a good man who I know will continue to love and care for her and the kids — Kyle and Cheyenne. My grandchildren were on my mind. I had so hoped to see these precious children grow up to become hard workers in the church, their home and in their job and community. I love them so much and am very proud of them. My son, who I seldom see, was also on my mind. I wanted to let him know how much he is cared for.

I began to pray: "Lord, please, if it is your will, let my test come back negative." Others were praying, calling my name in prayer. My name was on prayer lists in Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina.

When I went back for the P.E.T. scan results, I had tears in my eyes. Dr. Kahn told me not to cry because the scan was clear and I was fine. My words softly spoken were, "Thank you, Lord." My fears left, and tears of joy ran down my face.

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Cecil Baty at his 78th Birthday Celebration

The social event of the summer season in the Baty Community, took place the evening of Sunday, July 16, at Denouement, when Marilyn Blanton Campbell hosted a celebratory supper honoring Mr. Cecil Baty on the occasion of his 78th birthday. The guest list for the party included Edward (Mr. Baty's eldest son) and Veronica Baty (Edward's wife) of Trenton, Georgia, their daughters, Mrs. Starla Baty Graves, also of Trenton and recently of Fort Campbell Kentucky, and Mrs. Robin Baty Schrader of Chattanooga lately of Trenton, Billy (Mr. Baty's second son) and Debbie Baty (Billy's wife), Ricky Baty (Mr. Baty's youngest son) and his guest, Max Mitchell, (Max is a lady, and she is from Fort Payne), Miss Jennifer Davis, Mrs. Margie Coots (Mr. Baty's sister), Mrs. Nancy Lusk, and Mrs. Johnnie Fay Baty all of Mentone. As it turned out, Mrs. Johnnie Fay Baty and Mrs. Margie Coots were unable to attend the dinner party. Everybody was dressed to be cool, comfortable, and casual.

The day before the celebration at Marilyn's house, Mr. Baty got entirely too hot and became ill. He missed another celebration in his honor on Saturday night, but, by the time for Marilyn's party, he was feeling much better.

A pristine white tablecloth made of a blended fabric with a white polyester overlay covered the dining table. Small tables were set up in the living room to accommodate the remaining guests. The table where Mrs. Debbie Baty and Miss Jennifer Davis were seated was spread with a white on white fine damask tablecloth that John and Teresa Kelly of Selma brought Marilyn from Greece last year. The remaining tables were covered with hand stitched tablecloths of a lightweight, white, blended fabric.

The china on the dining table was Galaxy by Noritake with a distinctive multiple platinum ring design on a pristine white background that complemented the silver candles in the freshly polished candelabra on the dining table.

The stainless steel flatware was in the Grande Baroque style by Wallace. The plain white napkins were made from the same blended fabric as the tablecloth on the dining table and lay folded in the middle of the plates. The china used to set the small tables in the living room was

Cecil Baty Celebrates his 78th Birthday on July 16

The Kingston by International Porcelain.

The glassware at all the place settings consisted of a nondescript iced beverage glass as well as a water goblet, a wine glass, and a champagne flute all in the Nuance design by Luminarc. A combination place card holder and miniature clear glass vase that contained a red and a white rose marked each place setting, and, at the end of the evening, each guest took home his/her flowers.

Marilyn prepared very low centerpieces of rust and extremely palest pink roses, with ferns and baby's breath, in clear glass bowls for the dining table. A silver-plated candelabrum at each end of the dining table held glowing silver tapers that complemented the dishes. On the tables in the living room, glass candlesticks held glowing gold tapers that complemented the china used in there.

The menu consisted of baked turkey pie, gravy with mushrooms, yellow rice, cranberry sauce made from dried cranberries, squash dressing, cream style corn, baked apples, coleslaw, green, okra casserole, fresh tomatoes and fresh cucumbers that Mr. Baty and Billy actually raised, fresh onions, and hot buttered homemade Irish Freckle Rolls as well as hot cornbread muffins. A decorative pat of butter was on the bread plates when the guests arrived at the table.

Menfolks want to get right to the serious eating, so the soup and salad courses were deleted. The dessert course consisted of strawberry shortcake using homemade pound cake with the number 78 and number 78 candles on it. At the end of the evening, the part of the cake that was the 7 and the 8 was sent home to Starla's girls—Misses Courtney and Brittney Graves.

A choice of fresh limeade, sweet tea, unsweet tea, water, canned soda, etc. was served in the iced beverage glasses. Sparkling red cranberry juice was served in the wine glasses, and white sparkling cranberry juice filled the champagne flutes.

The entire group forgot to sing "Happy Birthday!" Mrs. Debbie Baty made Mr. Baty's picture with his birthday cake. Marilyn cleared away dinner plates while Debbie and Miss Jennifer Davis cut slices of pound cake. Marilyn brought out a large bowl of fresh strawberries along with boxes of strawberry and vanilla ice cream. Debbie and Jennifer spooned strawberries over the pieces of cake, and Marilyn distributed cake and/or ice cream to all the guests, who wanted dessert. On the dessert table, there were other options—caramel and butterscotch ice cream sauces, Dutch Mints, Jordan Almonds, and dark chocolate bars.

Regardless of what Marilyn cooks for any occasion, there is always lots of it. Therefore, at the end of the evening, she had her guests fix themselves a take-out box.

Mr. Baty was quite pleased with his birthday celebration as well as his cards and his gifts. Everybody seemed to have a wonderful time, and they all talked about how good the food was.

Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance

By L.C. Moon

Oh how we love the wonderful clean environment in Mentone! There is a feeling you get when you come to the Mentone area and Lookout Mountain that is like no other feeling I have ever experienced. I am happy to be apart of a group that is eager to help bring the community together with a focused effort to educate and inspire citizens and visitors of the Lookout Mountain Community. We aspire to work together to keep this wonderful feeling vibrant and alive.

Friends of the Little River paved the way for lovers of the river to be able to have enforceable rules for people to follow. Bill Adams, Desmond Disney and many others worked feverishly to have the Little River qualified for Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW). What a wonderful gift they provided so that we can maintain a nationally recognized clean waterway and be protected. LMHA is in the process of testing the river and its tributaries to pinpoint the most critical areas to protect from destruction.

Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance (LMHA) is eager to work with the Friends of the Little River, MAPA, The Garden Club and any other conservation organizations--such as the Alabama River Alliance--so that the Lookout Mountain Community and the Little River maintains the pristine reputation that it has nationwide. I was alerted that DeSoto State Park is second on the list of the most desirable State Parks in the United States.

While we do not want to be commercialized or the quaintness destroyed--it is advantageous to attract people to the Lookout Mountain Community that appreciate the serenity and the renewal that is obtained on Lookout.

LMHA is eager to hear from the community at large as to any of your concerns and interest in conservation efforts of our quality of life and of the environment.

A few years back the Mentone Environmental Community was formed. The LMHA is an extension of this group to preserve quality of life not only in the immediate vicinity of Mentone but also all over Lookout Mountain. There is a lot of interest in protection particularly in areas near to the river. The Little River is one of Lookout Mountain's greatest assets.

LMHA is greatly interested in helping anyone in the community with identification of native plants to be preserved, issues that you are concerned about and being a positive influence for the Lookout Mountain Community.

We would love for anyone interested in our efforts to become a member and/or attend meetings. Please call Lyle Nicely @ (256)634-4124 or email alliance@mentonealabama.org or write P.O. Box 224 Mentone, AL 35984 for more information.

***This article is likely to not be published before the next meeting scheduled for July 29, 2PM @ Mentone Community House. So please contact us if you are interested in information regarding the next meeting. You may also access meeting information at http://mainstreet.mentone.ws/heritage_meeting.htm



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Kathryn Ann Gray

Katie Gray, a 2006 graduate of Fort Payne High School, has been accepted to Southern Wesleyan University for the fall semester. She plans to pursue a degree in Education.

Katie participated in the dual enrollment program at Northeast State Community College which produced 20 semester hours and a 3.5 GPA. She maintained a 4.0 GPA at Fort Payne High School. Among her academic awards, Katie was in National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, achievement awards in both U. S. History and English, was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Sigma Kappa Delta, Phi Theta Kappa, and she received a FFA Proficiency Award, State FFA degree, Star Green-hand in FFA, a Compass 4.0 award, presented by Compass Bank, and the President's Award for Educational Excellence, and an award presented by the school for having an A average throughout High School. She received a 2-year leadership scholarship from Northeast Community College, and the Neil Cash Memorial Scholarship to Southern Wesleyan University presented by the Mentone Wesleyan Church.

Katie was active in FFA at Fort Payne High School, serving as secretary in her third year, reporter in her second year, chairman of various committees, and leader of Farm Safety Camp in her third year. She was historian of the National Honor Society. She was

involved in various activities including Prom Committee, FBLA, DECA, FCA, Sixth Man Club, Peer Helpers, Senior Play, and Spanish Club. The National FFA Organization sponsors various projects in which Katie was involved. Those include: School-wide Recycling, Toys for Tots, Sponsoring a Foster Child at Christmas, Farm and Home Safety Day Camp, Livestock Judging Team, Alabama Water Watch Monitoring Team, Parliamentary Procedure Team, Booth at the VFW Fair, Crime Prevention Fingerprinting for Children, and High School Greenhouse work.

Through Fort Payne High School, Kate participated in Hurricane Katrina Relief, Peer Tutors, Alabama/Auburn Canned Food Drive, American Red Cross Blood Drive, and Blood Assurance Blood Drive. As a member of National Honor Society, Katie was an active participant in Project Backpack for Hurricane Victims, Walk to Defeat ALS, Operation Christmas Child, Toys for Tots, and Children's Advocacy Center donations.

Katie is active in youth activities at the Mentone Community Church, having participated in Community Thanksgiving Dinners for two years, Hurricane Katrina Relief, Youth Camp, Youth Conventions in Charlotte, NC and Orlando, FL. She was on the Youth Missions Team in Jamaica during two summers, Vacation Bible School teacher, Pioneer Clubs, Church play, Winter Weekend Youth Retreat at Southern Wesleyan University, nursery worker for four years, various fundraisers, and Upward Basketball.

Katie was a Junior Volunteer at Erlanger Medical Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 2003. She is currently a summer employee at Riverview Camp, working as an administrative assistant.

Katie is the daughter of Steve Gray of LaPort, Indiana, and Sandra Pruitt of Mentone. Her grandparents are Mary Jane and Charles F. Gray, Jr., of Mentone, and Evelyn Graves and the late Jimmy Graves, also of Mentone. She has one brother, Allen Gray, who is a student at Auburn University.



The Good People of Little River

A Newspaper Article special contribution to The Groundhog without attribution.

Recently, we drove over a hill and around a curve on a two-lane road between the city of Christchurch and the town of Akaroa. To our surprise, a sign on a bridge read "Little River". On the far side of the bridge was a village too small to show on our NZAA road map. The village consisted of a petrol station, a craft shop, an antique shop, a café, a city hall/library/police station, and a post office. Is there any wonder that we were reminded of Mentone? After visiting and browsing in the antique store and craft shop, purchasing a snack in the café, and engaging in conversation, we stopped to visit with the Post Mistress. The conversations of the day had to do with a recent earthquake, (again we thought of Mentone) fishing, hunting, the weather, and other universal subjects that made us feel right at home.

Our visit with the Post Mistress, who was also the designated local tourist information person, was fascinating. It was here that we learned that if we would wait around until the next day, arise at 5:00 a.m., we could ride in the mail truck as it made its rural deliveries in the surrounding mountains. Although tempted and probably unfortunately, we had to press on to Akaroa. The Post Mistress was very proud to tell us about her Little River and very inquisitive about our Little River. In fact, she showed us post cards she had received from Little River, North Carolina, which she had posted on their community post board. We promised her post cards and photographs of our Little River and Little River Canyon, and we have kept our promise.

As our visit concluded we departed town, driving on the left side of the road. We had no fear that the local police would ever sneak up on us, or anyone else, as evidenced by the attached photograph of the Little River, New Zealand, police cruiser parked in front of the Little River Post Office. Our lasting impression is that it does not matter which Little River you claim as home, there are wonderful, friendly people in both. Little River, Mentone, Alabama, and Little River, New Zealand. We also plan to visit Little River, North Carolina, and check it out too. Does anyone know of any other "Little Rivers"?



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CASA has so many wonderful clients and Nell Jones of Fort Payne is one of them. All of her children live out of town, so they can not visit her everyday. This is where CASA comes in with a wonderful service; they call Ms. Jones everyday to make sure everything is going well with her. Ms. Jones says "I sit and wait for CASA to call each day; I depend on that friendly call each morning." It's nice to know the service is available for senior citizens who might not have anyone to check on them at all. Ms. Jones also receives food from the food pantry each month, one of the board members delivers her food to her. "It helps me to make my grocery money last longer each month." I know if I need anything I can call the girls at CASA and they will make sure I have what I need. "I appreciate so very much what CASA stands for and what they do for me."

If you or anyone you know is 60 years or older and could use the services CASA provides, please call Michaela Gullledge, Director at 256-845-2049. The CASA office is located at 600 Tyler Avenue, Fort Payne, Alabama.



**Genell Jones with board member
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Tina Rollins and Tabitha Blevins are "first-year" troop leaders of sixteen girls from Valley Head Elementary School. The troop includes Daisy, Brownie, Junior and Cadet Girl Scouts. Having girls of multiple age-levels presents a real challenge to the troop leaders, since the girls earn very different badges and patches. However, these troop leaders were able to make it happen and ensure each girl had a positive Girl Scout experience.

Community Service is a vital part of Girl Scouting, in an effort to teach the girls about Community Service, this troop was involved in several projects. The troop participated in April Showers, a Council-Wide Community Service Project by collecting personal care items and donating them to the Hannah Homes in Fort Payne. As part of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program, the girls participating in the program's Gift of Caring donated cookies to the residents of Crown Nursing Home in Fort Payne. Also the girls voted to spend a portion of the cookie sales profits to purchase flowers for Valley Head Baptist Church, the remainder of the money they earned from the cookie sale program funded trips to the zoo and Girl Scout Day at Alabama Adventure.

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Fort Payne, AL — Scott Ridgeway, Plant Manager, Galbreath makes a donation of \$2,375.00 to the Children's Advocacy Center. Galbreath received the money from a charity auction held at their annual Dealer Meeting in Nashville on February 20th. The money will be used toward the purchase of a much needed copy machine.

"After seeing the Advocacy Center's play in February, I realized abuse does happen in our communities," says Scott Ridgeway, Plant Manager of Galbreath. "It was at that time I decided that Galbreath would continue to support the CAC whenever possible," Scott goes on to say.

"Local businesses such as Galbreath allow the Advocacy Center to continue working with children who are victims of abuse," Elizabeth Wheatley, Executive Director of the Advocacy Center, said. "We appreciate Mr. Ridgeway's support and investment in our mission to reduce the trauma of child sexual abuse."

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

The big news around the library is the Book Sale! This will be taking place beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 3 and continuing until 4:00 p.m. We will be open the same hours on Friday, August 4. On Saturday, August 5, we will begin at 8:00 a.m. but we will close the sale completely at 12:00 noon. We have a lady scheduled to come and pick up all books that are not sold by then. The sale will be under the front porch roof of the library and the library building will be closed during this time.

Please come early to get the best selections. We have some wonderful books and lots of them! This sale will be during the Longest Yard Sale which be set up along Alabama Highway #117. The library is located directly on Highway #117 so be sure and watch for our signs.

We have books on almost any subject. We have amassed lots of hard back novels and many paper back books. Recently, we removed about 120 books from the library shelves and these will go into the sale. We have books all over the floor in the library and books stored in locations away from the library. We will get rid of all books that have been collected for this sale, but we will immediately start collecting books for the Winter Book Sale. Save your books for us and bring them by the library during our open hours.

We will have children's books and some school text books. Also, I have noticed that there are a few reference books such as dictionaries in the collection. We have self-help books and books on crafts and other hobbies. Come and browse to your heart's content.

Recently, I was in the library when a young lady brought a cookbook to be added to our collection. This was not just any old cookbook, this was a cookbook that was prepared many years ago by the Valley Head Women's Club. We were unable to find a date but our best guess is that it was published somewhere between 1950 and 1955. The feature that made this so special for me was the people who contributed the recipes. Many of them were teachers from the time that I was attending Valley Head High School. Also, there were recipes from people who I remember living in Mentone and of course a few that I did not know.

I added this book to the Local History Section and hope that many of you will go by and look at it. This section is behind the white rocker. None of these books can be checked out, but you are welcome to come and sit and read. We have a very good collection of information on Mentone and the surrounding area.

At the last meeting of the members of the Board of Directors, it was stated that no interest has been shown in an adult reading class. Therefore, we will not offer one at this time. Should an interest be shown later, we are always open to a discussion to see if this is a need.

The jewelry making class is on hold for right now. It seems that the teacher had some travel plans for the summer, but as soon as she is back in town we will talk to her and set up dates, etc. for a jewelry making class. You will be advised of this as soon as we know. We will have this in time for you to make gifts for the holiday season. The only charge will be for supplies.

If you are interested in any other classes, let us

know. We will try to find someone to teach the subject and arrange a schedule to use the library. We are open to any subject, our goal is to reach as many needs of the community as possible.

We also discussed a change in the hours for the library to be open on Tuesday and Thursday. We talked about 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. which is the time now. Our volunteers are finding four hours to be a long time to stay, especially if no one comes in. Also, with the coming of shorter days, the earlier closing might be better. Let us know what you think of this. We will let you know if we decide to do this.

Once again it is time for us to take orders for our community calendars. This will be our Fourth Issue. We will be contacting you for ads and to buy a calendar. Remember that you can put birthday and anniversary information in the calendar. Look for a form to fill in and mail in this issue of *The Groundhog*. If you would like to place an ad, you may contact any member of the Board.

Most of you know by now that we are an all volunteer organization. We depend on our FRIENDS, the sale of our calendars and book sales for all of our funding. If you would like to become a FRIEND, there are forms on the front desk of the library or you may contact us at the address below. Your donation will be acknowledged and will be greatly appreciated. You can always call me at 634-8006 for information.

The meetings of the Board of Directors are open to the public. Our next meeting will be August 21, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. and we meet in the library.

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library or to make a suggestion, you may write to us at this address: Moon Lake Community Library
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Membership fee is \$320.00 annually. Friends of the library have early access to the annual book sale held each year in August during the "big yard sale," and are also a part of the community Volunteer group that help staff the library during open hours.

There will be pledge forms at the library the month of August for new and current members. The library hours are:

Tuesday 3PM - 7PM
Thursday 3PM - 7PM and
Saturday 9am-12AM.

You may also call Ann Chesnut at 634-1025, for more information.

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All the players wish to thank our fans, friends, and family for coming out to support us. We would also like to thank our sponsors: Southern Properties (Susan Collins), Marie Dillenbeck, Richard Harrison, Tom and Kristen Emory (Mentone Market), and Phil Hurt. Thank you all. The fall league starts in late August.



A GRAND Celebration for MOUNTAIN MAMAS

By Ellen Spangler

Mountain Mamas Crafts and Rock Shop celebrated its 12th birthday on Saturday, July 22nd. Nichole Dyer, former Director of the Chattooga County's Chamber of Commerce began the celebration by cutting the cake, saying, "Congratulations to all the women for this wonderful shop with the amazing variety of fine art and crafts!"

Nearly 100 folks came to celebrate with the "Mamas." Most were from DeKalb County, AL, and Chattooga and Floyd Counties in Georgia. 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 half hour with a total of 18 prizes awarded. The grand prize was a \$20 gift certificate to Mountain Mamas Shop that was won by Jerry Parton.

Two potters demonstrated their techniques during the afternoon, Melanie Drew, the leaf-bowl potter, and Kate McAninch with her bowls of many sizes and unusual glazes. Liz Nunen, potter and graphic artist demonstrated her greeting card production. Helen Farley was busy showing her cross-stitching techniques.

Two artists who planned to participate could not attend due to family illnesses. Fine View Garden Center of Menlo, GA, stepped in at the

last minute and Susan Seago taught a workshop on making concrete planters, a very fun experience for those who "played in the mud" and those who watched.

Mountain Mamas began 12 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. It is 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, home-made jam and soap, woodcrafts-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 Saturday and Sunday, noon to 6pm (GA time), from May through Nov., and all day during the Yard Sale. Also by appointment-call Mary Alice Stout 706-862-2142. Check out our web site www.mountainmamas.com.

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Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)

It is so wonderful that we have instructions in God's Word as to how we should conduct our lives. This scripture clearly explains that a Christian person presents himself to God for His use, and that he is transformed by the Holy Spirit and should not allow himself to be conformed to the ways of the world. In another passage of scripture we are told, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." In other words, we must make a clear-cut decision to serve God if our lives are to be productive as Christians.



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**August 5, 2006
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- Tuesday, August 1, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting, Dessie's
- Thursday thru Sunday, August 3-6, World's Longest Yard Sale, Gadsden, AL to Cincinnati, OH
 - Friday, August 3, 1st Day of School
- Monday, August 7, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public. The 1st Monday--CHANGE from the regularly scheduled meetings.
- Tuesday, August 8, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Thursday, August 10, School Starts
- Sunday, August 13, 2 PM, American Legion District meeting, American Legion Hall
 - Thursday, August 17, 10 AM, Mentone Book Club, Mentone Community House
- Thursday, August 24, 14 PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Waterworks Board Room, open to the public
- Thursday, September 7 - 10AM to 2PM - "Wild About Mentone" party at the Wildflower Café

MENTONE POST OFFICE NOTICE (SEE BELOW)

Mail Delivery Schedule to Change Soon

Due to the increase in our population, the Postal Service has added many new customers to the primary delivery route in Mentone. The growth along Route One has also brought about several extensions in the route, with the longest extension going out to Camp Ponderosa along the north brow. To accomodate these changes, the route will be completely reworked in the next few weeks. Please watch for your carriers, David Tucker or Jennifer Davis, as these changes take place and note that the time of your mail delivery may change significantly. Thank you for your cooperation and please feel free to call 634-4588 if you have any questions.

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