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Caldwell's Restaurant in the Mentone Springs Hotel

By Liz Stephens

Within the historic Mentone Springs Hotel, one can experience fine dining on a level usually associated with restaurants in much larger cities. Caldwell's Restaurant was opened in 2002 by Andy Talton and Mark Elacqua. It was named after Dr. J. Frank Caldwell of Pennsylvania, who built the Mentone Springs Hotel in 1884. Andy and Mark have created a culinary experience that pleases the eye as well as the palate. The decor is an eclectic mix of antique and contemporary pieces, as well as a unique pottery collection. The restaurant and banquet room can seat up to 250 people, making it ideal for special events such as weddings. Whether it is sunny or raining, you can enjoy a bird's eye view from the wrap around dining porch that is decorated with folk art and whimsy. Large groups or romantic twosomes will feel equally welcome in this charming setting.

The restaurant features Southern Continental cuisine. The crab dip appetizer has become a local favorite and the Georgia Rainbow Trout, a house specialty, is fresh from Fox Mt. GA. The vegetables come straight from the farmers market and the carrot soufflé is always a crowd pleaser. The restaurant holds many special events such as their Low Country Boil, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and a New Year's Eve Extravaganza. The Broadway under the Stars concert is held in late August. Caldwell's has been featured in Southern Living,

National Geographic Travel, Blue Ridge Magazine, the Atlanta Journal, and The Birmingham News. Caldwell's was featured for a 17 minute segment of the Food Channel Network special with Naomi Judd and an episode of the Paula Deen Show.

Chef Michael Goss and his family moved to Mentone from St. Augustine, FL. Michael trained at Berry College in Rome, GA. His wife, Krystal, is Caldwell's pastry chef. His dinners are served by a friendly and efficient wait staff. Caldwell's is open for a breakfast buffet from 8 to 10 am and lunch from 11 to 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Dinner is served from 5 to 8 pm on Friday and Saturday. The restaurant will be open for breakfast and lunch during the Longest Yard Sale beginning Wednesday, August 6.



Dining Area in Caldwell's Restaurant



George & Harriett Lillich admire deserts

Reservations are recommended for dinner and can be made by calling 256-634-4040. The Mentone Springs Hotel is located at the blinking light in the heart of Historic Downtown Mentone.

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FROM MAPA PAST PRESIDENT, AMELIA KIRK-LOLLI



This year has really flown by and I want everyone to know how much I appreciated your help, cooperation, attending meetings, bringing forth new ideas, also providing wonderful food. Dessie, who gave so much of herself by letting us use her building where I am sure by the end of the day just wanted to go home and collapse. Also thanks to

the Mentone Inn for our last two meetings, it was lovely and the weather cooperated.

First and foremost I want to thank Jerome Stephens, because without him I could not have made it through. He is the best! I know he will lead MAPA in the right direction and be an outstanding President.

Also, to Marie, Leroy, Evelyn and Dessie, you all are so very much a part of keeping MAPA going and working so hard and keeping MAPA on the right path in helping Mentone's Boy Scout Troop 106, Moon Lake School, and the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department.

I also want to thank all who have joined MAPA this year. Hopefully, we will

continue to grow; and that all the organizations in Mentone will rally together and help each other so we can keep **Mentone the best small town in Alabama.**

Knowing Jerome and all the newly elected board officers for next year, I feel sure Mentone will do great things. So, congratulations to all the new board members. I am looking forward to all their new ideas.

Let's support Mentone! To everyone, I hope you have a wonderful summer, be happy, stay healthy, be careful, and have fun. For no one knows what tomorrow will bring.

Thank you, all! It was an honor to be your president.

Amelia Kirk-Lolli

Broadway under the Stars

Saturday, August 30th, the Mentone Springs Hotel celebrates its 124th anniversary. Two major events are planned. The day begins with their 5th annual flower show. Garden clubs from District 2 in Northern Alabama have been invited to participate. Arrangements will be judged by an accredited panel of judges and prizes of up to \$500 will be awarded.

That evening, the hotel will host their annual "Broadway under the Stars" concert beginning at 8 pm. The evening will feature performances by the Northeast Alabama Community College Theater Guild. Both events are free to the public, but donations will gladly be accepted to benefit the Theater Guild.



The festivities continue on Sunday, August 31st. Caldwell's Restaurant will present its famous "Low Country Boil" with one setting at 6:00 pm.

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The 2008 quarterly meeting dates for the Mentone Planning Commission, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 3rd Thursday of the following months:

Thursday, August 14, 2008
Thursday, October 16, 2008
Thursday, January 15, 2009

All meetings will be held beginning at 5:00 PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

Public Notice

The 2008 dates for the Mentone Waterworks Board, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4:00 PM on the 4th Thursday as follows:

Thursday, August 28
Thursday, September 25
Thursday, October 23
Thursday, November 20
Thursday, December 18

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00 PM in the Mentone Water Works office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board of the Mentone Town Hall, adjacent to the Water office. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board

prior to the meeting date and time.

Public Notice

The 2008 meeting dates for the Mentone Town Council, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

Monday, August 4
Monday, September 8
Monday, October 13
Monday, November 10
Monday, December 8

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00 PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

Public Notice

The 2008 meeting dates for the Valley Head Water Works Board, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL as follows:

Monday, August 11
Monday, September 8
Monday, October 13
Monday, November 10
Monday, December 8

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00 PM in the Valley Head Water Works office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, place, or there is a special called meeting, a notice detailing changes will be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works building prior to the meeting.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. James Atkins of Fredericksburg, Virginia announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Carley A. Atkins, to Mr. Oliver W. Beale, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. William Beale of Caroline County, Virginia.

Miss Atkins is a graduate of Fredericksburg Christian High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from James Madison University. She is currently employed as a kindergarten teacher with Spotsylvania County Schools.

Mr. Beale is a graduate of Fredericksburg Christian High School and is currently employed at Fredericksburg Glass & Mirror.

A July 11, 2009 wedding is planned in Fredericksburg.



LOST DOG

He answers to the name of Gizmo, is 15 years old and is almost deaf. He is not in good health, and takes daily medication. He was lost in Mentone on C.R. 89, near the top of Tutwiler Gap Rd. If you have seen him, please call 634-4093. A REWARD will be given for his return.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

August

AUGUST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mondays - August 4, 11, 18, 25 - 6:30 PM, N.L.M.V.F.P.D. Weekly Meeting
August 4, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public (Note: the August meeting is a week earlier on August 4, Notice posted in Town.)
Tuesday, August 5, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting, MERF House
August 7-10 - World's Longest Yard Sale along the Lookout Mountain Parkway route and the U.S. 127 Corridor from Gadsden, Alabama, to Defiance, Ohio;—go to the website for World's Longest Yard Sale <http://www.tourdekalb.com/yard-sale.htm>—
Tuesday, August 12, 10:00 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, MERF House
Tuesday, August 12, 6:30 PM, Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
Tuesday, August 26, Election day, Mentone Town Hall Meeting Room
Thursday, July ???, 5PM, Town of Mentone Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting, Town Hall Meeting Room—check this
Thursday, August 28, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public

Welcome to the World's Longest Yard Sale (Also known as The 127 Sale)

As Seen on HGTV, in Southern Living, Country Living, USA Today, Newsweek, The Tonight Show and more!

Watch the 2006 Endless Yard Sale on HGTV

Yard Sale Date: August 7 - 10, 2008

Place: The Lookout Mountain Parkway and the U.S. 127 Corridor

From: Gadsden, Alabama to Defiance, OH

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Dorothy Sheldon, in memory of; Lucy Fowlkes, Bill Wise
- 4 - Leroy Crowe
- 5 - John Wilkinson
- 6 - Chris Collins, Dessie Brown, Mike Burtram, Steve Moore, Alicia McManus
- 7 - Samantha Blalock
- 14 - Jakob Gilbreath, Susan Akes, Fraser Cochran in memory of, Katherine Brown, Donald Morgan
- 15 - Jessica Green, Kira Mae Goodwin
- 16 - Cecil Baty, Katie Bird Cobble, Penny Lyday
- 17 - Kayla Hazell, Coy Crow
- 19 - Marilyn B. Campbell
- 20 - Jo Carson
- 21 - Layne Holoway, Christina Stokes, Paula Leftwich
- 22 - Tony Hendon
- 23 - Kumi Dillenbeck, Flo Kirby
- 24 - Glenda Jeffery
- 25 - Jan Wilkinson, Emily Roberts
- 27 - Les Brown, Jeff Holaway, Anna Wooten
- 28 - Britany Streeter
- 29 - Billy Hulan, in memory of
- 30 - Scott Blalock

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Hank & Susan VanAppledoom
- 8 - Pete & Martha Wood; Donna & Sam Sutton
- 9 - Brynda & Harry Hopper
- 10 - Ronald & Sue Ann Jones
- 16 - Jerome & Liz Stephens, Sid & Karen Holcomb
- 18 - Cynthia & Mickey Luck
- 23 - Dallyne & Jim Jones
- 30 - Bernise & Homer Crow; Betty J. & James Johnson; Jeanne & Mike Bare



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I LOVE WEEKEND CALLS!

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

The 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. 635-1001.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 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 Bunnel.

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 Pastors Ken and Elaine Hollman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10 AM, 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.

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. Homecoming is August 10. Brother Charles Elrod will be preaching and the Faith Walkers will be singing. 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.

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. Daniel Lee of Rainsville is the pastor.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lords Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. The interim pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is Rev. Terry Turner.

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 10AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 9AM (10AM GA time); Church Services 10AM (11AM GA time); and Sunday night services 5PM (6PM GA time).

Summit Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School-10AM; Morning Worship-11AM. Sunday evening-6PM. Wednesday evening-6:30PM. Randall Beagles welcomes all.

Mentone Community Church Schedule: Sundays: Sunday School 9:30AM; Worship 10:30AM; Family Service or Small Groups 6:30PM. Wednesdays at 6:30PM: Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group; Adult Bible Study.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM.

Evening services begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

New Pastor for Mentone Church of God of Prophecy

Reverend Dean Clair began his term as pastor of the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy on May 1. Reverend Clair has a wide range of experience in the pulpit and in other facets of his life. He most recently served as pastor in Oregon. He and wife Evelene have five sons. Further information will be forthcoming in another article. Everyone is invited to attend our services and enjoy the inspired ministry of our new pastor.



LIFT YOUR SPIRIT IN CHURCH



DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

In Christ's Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew (Chapters 5, 6, and 7), there is enough teaching to last us a lifetime. Christ ends his sermon with these words: "Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." (KJV)

It is difficult to refrain from judging people as we see them act and react to situations in ways that we do not understand. It is easy to judge our nation's leaders as they take action affecting us and the entire nation to which we disapprove. We are quick to point out issues that our religious leaders express or advocate that are contrary to our own beliefs or understanding. We criticize our neighbors for the way they spend their money without really knowing their minds and hearts. While we are dealing with them, we may go on and criticize them for the way they discipline their children.

Do we really want to be judged as we judge others? This is a frightening thing. But what is really frightening is the fact that God is the ultimate judge, and when we stand before Him, we have no excuse for our actions. Let's strive to be kinder to each other and to love others as God loves us.

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

The FRIENDS of the Library Summer Party was well attended and much fun was had by all. The M.E.R.F. Community House was reserved for the day and this proved to be a wonderful addition to the success of the event. The house was decorated in a very upbeat summer theme using baskets, flowers, and shells. Bright colors were used on the tables and in other strategic places, including the top of the piano.

The members of the Board of Directors served as the hosts and welcomed each person as they arrived. The wonderful smell of grilling hamburgers and hot dogs soon became evident. These were grilled to perfection by the men present and were soon brought inside to the table. Chairman, Jan Wilkinson, welcomed everyone and pronounced the food ready to be served. Each guest prepared a hamburger and/or hot dog and added chips and baked beans to their plate. Dessert was a brownie topped with ice cream and chocolate sauce. The comments overheard indicated that this was a well received menu.

Wonderful entertainment was provided for the guests as they were eating and afterwards. A group of local musicians sang to the accompaniment of the piano and guitar. Singing were Dorothy Crow, Elizabeth Romans, Nell Kent, and Harold Broyles. Elizabeth played the piano and Harold strummed the guitar. Many of the songs were familiar to the guests and they were encouraged to sing along. All in all, the event was a huge success and may well become an annual "happening."

The book sale plans are on schedule for Thursday, August 7, and Friday, August 8 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday, August 9 from 9 a.m. until noon. Recently, someone asked me what kinds of books we would have and I could not give them a good answer. We have so many books that I did not know where to start. I told them that I knew we would have lots of good fiction, hard backs and paper backs, and that I had seen in storage a book on almost any subject you can name. We also have some very helpful material for parents who are helping children with their homework or home schooling. This material has never been used. It was donated to Moon Lake School, but, for some reason, was not accepted by the teachers. I do urge you to come on Thursday if possible. The good books have a way of going very fast.

We want to welcome a new volunteer, Madelon Houghland. She will be working some during the month of August. If you would like to become a volunteer to help during open hours or to work behind the scenes by helping cover books, etc., let us know.

The DVD's have proven to be a popular item this summer. We have a great collection and you can't beat the price. Keep them one week, no charge. If you do keep them longer, there is a fee of one dollar per day. An added plus is that you do not have to drive very far to get them. In this day of high priced gasoline, we are all looking for ways to make our miles count.

The summer program for the children was not successful this year. We did not have any youngsters show up after the first Saturday. We may try again next summer, but this is about the fifth summer we have tried for a Saturday student program and the first summer was the only one to be a success. Maybe it's time to move on to another program on Saturday morning. We will consider all aspects at our meetings this winter, but if you have any ideas we would like to hear them.

PLEASE send any corrections for our 2009 calendar to the address below. We will be starting to get this ready for print soon and need these. Also, look for an order form in this issue of The Groundhog. We need the dates and times for meetings of organizations for this edition of the calendar or if you would like to have one of the spaces for an ad, you can let us know all of this by dropping us a line to the address below. Give us a phone number or other contact and one of the members of the Board will contact you for all of the details.

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MENTONE
ELEGANTLY RUSTIC 3BR, 2BA home. Your private lodge w/woodburning stone FP, 2-story open L.F. area, ceramic tile floors, lighting, paneled walls, kitchen, tub, shower, fireplace, etc. Great place for outdoor enthusiasts. Furnished \$219,900. Unfurnished \$209,900. (16821)



REDUCED!
NATURAL LIGHT-FILLED cabin offers beautiful interior and exterior w/just the right mtn getaway features. Nice covered front porch, 3/4 wraparound deck, small balcony off upstairs MA BR suite. MA BA w/whirlpool tub & sep shower. Hickory wood b'fast bar & kitchen cabinetry, mtn stone woodburning FP, HW and ceramic tile floors. 2BR, 2BA. Short drive to Mentone, DeSoto State Park. \$150,000 (17386)



MENTONE
AN UNFINISHED WORK of art and craftsmanship in the mountain traditional style, this log cabin has the potential for greatness. Beautifully begun, waiting for someone with an eye & the ability to finish it magnificently. It is beautiful now and it is going to be an amazing place. Offered to you "As Is" and the price is only \$225,000. (17861)



MENTONE
ONE ACRE BUILDING LOT & the owners are throwing in a classic Airstream Land Yacht to boot! Mildly-restricted lot w/great rural Mentone location, just minutes from DeSoto SP, Fort Payne and Mentone. Large or small- you can build your cabin getaway here. (Hey, and you could live in the travel trailer while you're building!) 210' road frontage; power and public water at road. \$30,000 (17127)



NEW CONST.
TRADITIONAL HAND-HEWN log cabin w/true, old-fashioned workmanship. Built to last. Each log in this home is fashioned using a broad axe, just as our forefathers did. Hand-notched, dovetail design. 3BR, 2.5BA, approx 1722 sq ft w/loft balcony overlooking open U/DR/KI area. Double FP. Main level MA BR, 2BR upstairs. Stacked stone foundation work. Working price of \$248,500. (17537)

LOTS and LAND

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Mayor Rob Hammond of Mentone received the following letter:

"On behalf of the University Partnership for Alabama Continuing Education (UPACE) and the Alabama Chiefs of Police (AACoP), I take great pleasure in announcing that Chief Nolen Lamar Bray has completed the first 40 hours of training in the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program and was presented his 40 hour certificate at the Chief's Conference in Mobile, AL on June 30, 2008. Earning this Certificate is not only a credit to Chief Bray, but also to the City of Mentone for its contribution to the advancement of law enforcement management principles.

"Examples of courses included in this program are: Dealing Effectively with the External Environment, Effective Management and Supervisory Techniques for the Police Executive, Diversity: Understanding People and Cultures, Strategic Planning for Your Department, and Generational Differences and Assessments.

"Thank you for making it possible for

Chief Bray to participate in this program.

Signed, Belinda K. Blackburn,
Director"

Mayor Rob Hammond said, "The Town of Mentone would like to congratulate Chief Lamar Bray on receiving his 40 hour certification in the Certified Law Enforcement Program. This is offered by the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police and University Partnership for Alabama Continuing Education. The classes are offered throughout the year to police chiefs around the state. The Town of Mentone is proud to have Lamar Bray as our chief of police. We appreciate his professionalism as demonstrated by his on-the-job performance and his commitment to continuing education."

Lamar is married to Kay Bray, who serves on the Valley Head Town Council. Lamar has been the Police Chief of the Town of Mentone since January 1, 2007."

The Store

By Evelyn Graves

It is good to see that the building once occupied by Ruby's Variety and later by Jim Roberts is now under new management. Ricky and Elaine Burt have moved into the building, naming it "The Store", and it is a full-line grocery and service station as it has always been.

Not all of Rick's stock has arrived, but he is now selling gasoline and commonly used items such as bread, milk and other dairy products, soft drinks, and a number of other things. He is excited about the possibilities when he is able to stock all his shelves.

Rick and Elaine invite you to shop with them; they enjoy having friends come by and visit, and they heartily welcome new customers as well. Because of Elaine's two other jobs and the fact that her mother is not doing well at this time, she does not spend as much time at The Store as Rick does, but they are happy to have Johnnie Faye Baty working there again. She worked for Jim and Phyllis Roberts during the years that they had the business, and she is quite adept at assisting customers.

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FAR FROM THE HEEL-JARRING ASPHALT

By Kitty Sutherland

From the *Birmingham News Magazine*,
September 1968

Compiled by Kitty Jenkins Sutherland to
commemorate the 50th Reunion of The
Class of 1946

The trouble with this world is there's too much "seement," said a Monroeville native, having reveled in the main recreation of walking uptown and home again on the non-jarring red dirt road while on vacation there with her people.

So, everybody's got their thing now, you say to this summer homily, and you doubt that asphalt has caused it all. Maybe not, but even if you don't subscribe to the theory, won't you admit that a footprint in the sand, the dust, or the mud is relaxing and goes a certain way in solving a problem?

Anyway, soft ground is hard to find now, and if you do have a proclivity for pastorals, have a yen to depart the hustle-bustle for awhile, come with me, down a dirt road I've found, to a scene of peace and beauty, on a mountain-top plateau at Mentone. Meet my main character, the center of my bucolic plot, a lady, Elsie Barr. I warn you, though, her pitch is not the usual one. Lilacs, yes, but there are no magnolias. Don't expect hooped skirts.

An indigenous stone wall along the road marks the approach to her house. The same stones are stacked, sort of, to form a gateway and a turn through it leads down a pure earth drive, narrowed in the spring by masses of blooming lilacs. The flora and fauna people, Mentone's most ardent fans, count this sight a must in April.

A BLACK Belgian sheep dog announces all visitors to the house. In summer, a breeze will nudge leafy branches of two huge old oaks into a welcoming bow, and potted plants, in urns, in baskets and in tin cans, growing extravagantly, give a hint of the hospitality of the place.

A knock on the door arouses a couple of cats who look up from their spots in the sunshine on the window sill. A glance through the glass into the hall is stopped by the stark white of five full milk bottles on the center table. A little farther, a sink and a stove display vestiges of the last meal, assuring the caller

that there is no over-emphasis on housekeeping here.

But if your values are sound and you are therefore possessed with an urge to find other charms about the place, stay steadfast in the pursuit... they are forthcoming.

The lady of the house emerges. Did you say lady? Yes, her jeans are spotless, aren't they? To be sure, and so's her faded blue shirt. She's got a sense of color, too. Those blues go nicely with her freckles and red hair. Although she apologizes for nothing, she doesn't mind telling you, laconically, "When I put a skirt on, I feel undressed. I wear britches all the time, except Sundays." That's when she goes to the Baptist Church, next to the Mentone school, the two institutions she has attended.

Her outfit isn't modish. Her jeans aren't even "wranglers," but she wears them with a certain style and they seem to suit her lithe, strong, somewhat girlish figure.

The picture of health, it comes as no surprise that she's "never been sick enough to call a doctor." No surprise? How many 68-year-olds do you know who can honestly say that?

Sixty-eight. That's the clincher. Maybe you'll begin to question everything about her from now on. But think. No woman would add to her age, and even a forthright farm woman would have enough guile to subtract a little when her face, though thinly lined by life outdoors, allows such an advantage.

Anyway, those are the facts. All 68 of them. Just attribute such bonuses in health and appearance to the salubrity of a life on a farm at Mentone, this particular farm since her first marriage in 1922. "I've never moved since then," nor had her forbears, the Johnsons, homesteaders before the Civil War in the Head River community, eight miles from Mentone. The old log cabin stood until last year when it was torn down. "I hated to see it," she said.

"No, I've never traveled anywhere," she answers, surprisingly, in view of the fact that her first husband was a Scot, her second, an Englishman. How did she find them? "I didn't find them, they found me, at Mentone."

"And if you think there's novel material in this succinct answer, your book will be pure fiction. She's friendly enough,

but she's more in the habit of communicating with nature—animals, birds, and the soil—than with people, and that takes only a word, a nod or a gesture. I've never been in her house, but I doubt if she has a telephone.

If she does, she probably doesn't use it much. All those who might need her, her daughter, Mary Ann Lucas of Birmingham, or such friends and customers as Annelee Tucker and Elizabeth Lowe, owners of Nippersink Lodge at Mentone, know her schedule and how to reach her. Chances are, if she has a phone, she seldom hears it ring. You run the risk of waking her up after seven at night; and 5:30 a.m., her rising hour, is not a particularly good time for a gabfest. At 6 a.m., she's down at the barn with a good 12 hour work day ahead.

She's been on time for that work every single day, winter and summer, for five years, she'll tell you as she lifts the electrified barbed wire gate for you to follow her down the sandy road to the barn. "I don't remember you ever missing a day," says Mary Ann.

It's because her routine, from 6 to 6, is regulated by a couple of demanding bosses, lady bosses named, strangely, April and Jim Folsom, Jersey and Holstein cows who must be milked religiously at those hours. Jim's name derives from her appearance. "She was so big and bony at birth she reminded me of him (the former Alabama governor). I didn't like her much and knew I wouldn't keep her, but she turned out to be the best of all, and the name just stuck." Tarbaby and Yogi get a bowl of milk twice a day, for performing the necessary feline function of keeping the mice population down.

"Hope the herd will come down," she says, going through another fence into the pasture. They do—Little Beaver, already bought by a veterinarian for his child to enter in the 4-H show at Fort Payne next spring; a half Red angus; half Jersey named Elsie, for her mistress who had not expected her so soon and found her frolicking around the barn, born and happy one morning; black Candy; Jeanie; Sarah and Boosie, all a friendly bunch who respond to their names and crave attention "just like people." "How do you spell Boosie? I don't believe we've ever spelled it.

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But the charm that a city child may never know except through pictures, is augmented on this hilltop plateau by a heard of white Charolais, the French-bred beef cattle, so frequently seen relaxing under Lombardy poplar trees in French landscape paintings. A true Corot, this scene...

But the Charolais are not the only things French on the farm. There's a Gallia feeling, or maybe it's an Old World or early New World feeling of self-sufficiency. There's a balance between man and nature, a respect and appreciation for man's relationship to his environment. Call it Scotch, if you like, but here there is no waste.

What comes out of the ground goes back into it. The old is used to nourish the new and Elsie Barr has no use for that modern so-called kitchen aid, the disposal. With no assists from chemical fertilizers or poisonous sprays, she lets the birds, the bees, the "good bugs," the earthworms, sun and rain do the job of growing grass in her pasture and vegetables in her garden.

And people come from miles around to furnish their tables with her tomatoes. They happen to be Big Boys, but flavor, not size, is the bonus they get from eating these homegrown beauties. "They're my money crop. I make enough profit on them to buy my coal every winter." (As I said, I've never been in her house, but I don't think her heating is central.)

"I never go anywhere to sell anything. My customers come to me for milk (a daily sellout) and vegetables. I save a quart for myself every day and freeze and can enough vegetables for winter," she said, pointing out the nest of a pair of indigo buntings, and the place she had seen the rose-vested grosbeak investigating recently.

There may be a TV around, but I've never noticed the antenna. There isn't much time for "viewing" when vicarious living succumbs to the real thing. And if by now you are convinced it is the real thing, remember, the lady has proved her point on the softest ground, a living, rich and friable, teeming ground. Maybe that is the trouble with the world, "too much see-ment."

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Mr. Cecil Baty's 80th Birthday Party on the Lawn Celebration Almost Becomes An Indoor Event

Mr. Cecil Baty's birthday celebration always proves to be one of the high points of his entire year, and this one was supposed to have been no exception. The original plan was for Mr. Baty's three sons—Edward from Trenton, Georgia, Billy from Mentone, and Ricky from Mentone and Fort Payne—to host his birthday celebration (this being his 80th it was supposed to have been especially nice) in his front yard under the shade trees with—red, blue, yellow, green, silver, etc.—colored balloons hanging on lines stretched from tree to tree for decorations. When the local equivalent of the Monsoon Season moved in during the week ahead of the celebration and left weather conditions getting worse by the minute, Mr. Baty's outdoor celebration in the yard was almost transformed into an indoor event when the group assembled heard thunder rumbling in the distance. After the summer's intense heat and lack of adequate rain, it felt good to be cooler even if it did mean dodging rain showers all day. In the end, the picnic lunch and birthday party did not have to run from the rain, but everybody stayed ready just in case—considering the weather the rest of the weekend, that seemed like a very good idea at the time.

Mr. Baty's actual birthday is July 16, and this year the birthday fell on Wednesday. Since it was impossible for his sons to juggle their work schedules to where they could celebrate his birthday on Wednesday, they elected to have his birthday party on Sunday. The two Sundays considered were equally distant from the actual birthday, so the Sunday before was settled upon as the day for the party.

Mr. Baty and all his guests were casually dressed due to the heat of the summer and the relaxed nature of the occasion. Mrs. Veronica Baty (Edward's wife and Mr. Baty's daughter-in-law) said a very inspirational grace before the food was served.

The main meat dish for the picnic was fried chicken that Debbie Baty and

Jennifer Davis and Ricky Baty prepared in their respective kitchens, and Billy Baty barbecued chicken and boiled corn on the scene. Attendees brought side dishes to complement the meal. Mrs. Debbie Baty (Mr. Baty's daughter-in-law and Billy's wife) brought a large container of potato salad that was especially good. Marilyn Blanton Campbell brought coleslaw (that she had made from a large cabbage head that Billy had grown in his garden) that contained carrots, cauliflower, and radishes, as well as a divided dish of pickles, and some fresh yeast rolls that she baked the night before the party. Mrs. Veronica Baty (Edward's wife and Mr. Baty's daughter-in-law) brought some slaw, chicken fingers, and baked beans, as well as some drinks and ice. Mrs. Tessie Baty Bulloch (Ricky's daughter and Mr. Baty's granddaughter) brought a strawberry pie reminiscent of the ones that Shoney's used to serve. Remember how sinful those were?

The celebratory table was spread with a fabric tablecloth in a colorful happy birthday design in shades of pink, blue, orange, green, yellow, etc. on a white background with images of birthday cakes on it. When the chicken dinner picnic was over, birthday cake was served to everyone.

Persons attending and not previously mentioned were: Mrs. Robin Baty Schrader and her son, Connor, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Trenton Georgia; Jennifer Davis from Mentone; Miss Hayden Bulloch (daughter of Mrs. Tessie Baty Bulloch, granddaughter of Ricky Baty, and great-granddaughter of Mr. Baty) of Mentone; Ms. Melinda "Max" Mitchell of Mentone; Sam Whatley of Mentone came, stayed a few minutes, and left before the food was served; Mr. Stacey Bowman; Ms. Tiffany Wallace; Miss Savanna Wallace; and Miss Abigail Wallace of Mentone; and Mrs. Margie Coots (Mr. Baty's sister) of Mentone.

Mr. Baty always looks forward to seeing as many of his family members, friends, and neighbors as possible at his birthday celebration. That is one of the times in the year when he does a lot of "catching up" with people. This year, Mr. Baty's granddaughter and Edward's daughter, Mrs. Starla Baty Graves and

her family—husband, Joe, and daughters, Brittany and Courtney, of Kansas City, Missouri, were unable to be there for the birthday celebration, but they were indeed in everybody's thoughts. Mr. Baty's only grandson and Ricky's son, Colby Baty, and his daughter, Michaela, were not in attendance and were also very much missed.

Mr. Baty received many nice cards and gifts, and, because they were all so different, he insisted that he liked them all the best. When the party was over, Mr. Baty made a comment to the effect that he was tired, but he had definitely enjoyed the day.

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Our family is saddened to announce the death of Kathryn Slate McDorman, our mother, grandmother, and beloved friend on July 8, 2008. As she became known to many, "Mrs. Mc," was born in Kentucky, on October 24, 1906. There she made true, life-long friends who visited to Mentone for their annual reunions. In 1928, she met Clarence McDorman at a church picnic in Mentone where his parents had built a home in 1920. On June 1, 1929, they married and spent a week of their honeymoon here. This has been her heart's home ever since. She and her beloved Clarence spent most of their time in Mentone in the last two decades of his life, only returning to Birmingham for him to teach the

McDorman Sunday School Class.

Over those years, she cultivated close friendships with Carl and Mary Weigand, Leonard and May Shigley, the Bains Charles Flannigan, William and Willa Blackburn, Ryan Swan and the Blalock family, Jesse Crabtree, the Bailey family, Mr. Sanford, Rob Hammond, Jimmy Worthey, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Glover, Dessie Newberry, the Fisch Family, and many more. Also, Kathryn greatly loved and appreciated Terri Snay and her parents, Ann and Eddy Devine, for the caring commitment they have shown to the McDorman home.

She loved eating at Dessie's Restaurant and "the old hotel," — now known as the Mentone Springs Hotel. She celebrated her 100th birthday at a dinner the hotel graciously hosted and, when her physical frailty would no longer allow her to climb stairs, Andy and Mark (the hotel's owners) carried her upstairs to the hotel ballroom to attend a wedding.

She was an exceptional woman: strong yet understanding of human foibles and weaknesses, formidably intelligent and always loving; her deeply ingrained Southern values were always apparent. She was steadfast — the finest and most generous mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

We remember her gorgeous silver hair, those striking black eyebrows, and her wonderful voice, like hot buttered grits with honey in a fine china bowl. She had a well-developed sense of the ridiculous and graciously accepted whatever life served up, never complaining even when blindness and arthritis slowed her energy. She never lost her zest for life. Her deep-seated faith allowed her to gracefully flow around any obstacle, and it carried her with confidence and constancy throughout her blessed life.

She was a magnificent, wonderful, kind, loving, thankful, insightful, wise, charming, humble, sneaky, beautiful, stubborn, polite, generous, frugal, blessed, amazing lady who holds a place in a category all by herself. We will always remember her and will always love her.

Mrs. McDorman is survived by her son, Clarence McDorman, Jr. (Virginia), her daughter, Dr. Kathryn S. McDorman of Forth Worth, Texas, her grandsons, Clarence McDorman, III, Thomas Slate McDorman, Sim Moseley, Mike Moseley (Suzanne), Great Grandchildren Isabella and Gibson Moseley. She is also survived by her sister, Jonell Crouch and her brother, Clay Slate. In addition, she claimed two "honorary" daughters, Barbara Adkins and Shirley Austin (Bill), many beloved nieces and nephews and an incalculable number of dear friends. Because all of her survivors cherish such dear memories of her at her river home, a celebration of her life will be held in Mentone this fall.

A poem about Mentone, authored by Libby Hughes, hangs on the wall of our old house. These words crystallize Mrs. McDorman's feelings toward Mentone and the influence it had on her soul.

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The McDorman Family

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YOU WILL FALL IN LOVE with this custom built log home situated on a private, wooded lot of over 2 acres in Mentone. This unique property offers log and pine walls, great room with wood burning stone fireplace, dining area, sleeping porch, kitchen with hard rock maple counter-tops, open front cabinets. 2BR/2BA complete the downstairs. Upstairs, an open loft with built-in beds and space enough for extra guests. Offered for \$325,000. (16773)



YOU'LL FEEL RIGHT AT HOME in this charming farmhouse on a beautiful level lot of over one acre. Wood floors and wood walls, comfortable living area, large dining room, kitchen with walk-in pantry, 2 bedrooms and a lovely bath with whirlpool tub, and more. Major renovations have been completed on much of the house. \$178,900 (17131)



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NATIVE MOUNTAIN FOLIAGE creates a level of privacy for this 3BR/2BA brick house on 3 lots with 300' on the West Fork of Little River. Split BR design, large family room with cathedral ceiling and mountain stone wood-burning fireplace, screened porch overlooking a walkway to the river. 2 storage sheds (1 with electricity), an attached 2-car garage, and CH/A. \$269,000 (16371)



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YOU WILL LOVE COMING HOME to this cabin with 3.3 acres in Mentone. SELLING FURNISHED. 3BR/2.5BA cabin has everything you need! Main level master BR and glamour bath with jetted tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. Upstairs are 2BR/1BA. Call now and make your move to Mentone today! \$189,500 (16059)

WHAT A VIEW! 4 acre tract with 300' of brow frontage and gorgeous rock formations. It can all be yours to build your mountain getaway or your dream home. \$265,000 (17175)

NATURE AT ITS VERY BEST describes these lots. You can buy this 10 acres with 300' on Little River with lovely views, nice timber and natural landscaping. Co-broke with Prime Realty. \$100,000 (16843)

THE VERY BEST OF NATURE describes these lots. You can buy this 11.8 acres with 500' on Little River with lovely views, nice timber and natural landscaping. Co-broke with Prime Realty. \$120,000 (16844)

IF YOUR HEART LONGS FOR COOL MOUNTAIN BREEZES AND NATURE IN YOUR BACKYARD, then you must see this beautiful property. 35 Acres adjoining DeSoto Park is home to native plants & flowers, mature trees, unique rock formations, and

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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Linda Brown, Secretary

The Rhododendron Garden Club of Mentone met July 8, 2008 at the M.E.R.F. Community House. Ten members and eight guests were present. President, Martha Wood called the meeting to order by leading everyone in the pledge to the flag of the United States of America. The inspirational minute was given by Gethryn Giles.

Martha introduced Jerome Stephens, president of M.A.P.A., who offered the help and support of this organization. He encouraged individuals to contact him with ideas to help promote the image of Mentone.

Martha introduced Billie Harper, member of the Kaplin Garden Club of Valley Head. She introduced her son, Michael Harper. Michael is the owner of Alabama Organics, Indoor - Outdoor Garden Center, located near exit 231 of I-59 at 3348 Bethel Road in Hammondville, Alabama. Michael presented a program on Organic Gardening/Farming. He stated that organically grown vegetables do not contain chemicals, therefore they are much safer to eat. He advised using compost made with rotting leaves, peelings, limbs, grass and other material. Oil and grease should never be added to compost piles. The best place for a compost pile is under a tree close to your garden. Green fertilizer is also recommended. Green fertilizer is sometimes called cover crops. This is the planting of such material as clover, which is planted after the garden is harvested. At maturity, it is plowed under the soil and left to decay. Crop rotation and the addition of manure is also beneficial to the soil.

Insect control can be accomplished with the release of good insects into your garden and by hand picking the bad bugs. He listed three main reasons to garden organically. They are: 1) food safety, 2) food quality and 3) to save ourselves and our world. He said that any product which has OMRI on the label is 100% organically grown.

Martha reminded the members to look for the ad in Hortensia, the publication of the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., placed to honor Beverly Hoyt, Betty Jo Johnson and Virginia Setze, who are honorary members of our club.

The plans for a flower show at the Mentone Springs Hotel on August 29, 2008, were reviewed. Dianne Kuehl and Jill Whitten were asked to attend the luncheon to select a site for the club's design.

Martha stated that she had written a letter to the members of the DeKalb County Commission asking them to consider adopting an ordinance to protect the watershed of Little River.

The VFW Fall flower show was discussed. The club will enter a floor design entitled, A Holiday Show or Time for a Holiday. Members were urged to start thinking about individual exhibits to enter in the show. Schedules were available for those who wanted them.

Several announcements were made and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be: August 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the M.E.R.F. Community House.

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

NOTICE!! CRISIS AT MENTONE!!

The freezer at Lookout Mountain Wild Animal Park on AL Hwy 117, in Mentone, went out and an enormous amount of meat was ruined in the loss. There is not enough food to feed the animals. It has become a crucial situation. Since this is a non-profit organization, there is no provision made for supporting the cost of feeding the animals. If you have meat in your freezer that has freezer burn and you do not intend to use the meat, please get it to Lookout Mountain Wild Animal Park on AL Hwy 117, in Mentone; or if you know about a deer that has been hit by a car, or if you have a cow to die, please notify them of this so the animals may use the meat. If you have a surplus in your garden, the cats love vegetables and fruits. They like apples with worms in them. They just eat right through them. For further information concerning this crisis, you may telephone 256-634-8211.

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Fourth of July Art Show

By Liz Stephens

With great anticipation, we followed the red flags to the 4th of July Art Show. Nestled among the hemlocks of the Tall Meadow Rue Chapel, we found local and area artist displaying works of all styles and mediums. What a way to spend a beautiful afternoon in Mentone meeting friends, enjoying Mother Nature and all the colorful paintings and wares on exhibit.

Lucy Mitchell of Mentone featured oil paintings, pastels and prints, which are currently on display at the Mentone Springs Hotel. Georgia Wade of Cloudland, GA featured folk art and arty falarties. Chuck Peters of Cloudland, GA displayed stained glass art pieces that are now on display at the Wildflower Café in Mentone. Justin Manning of Valley Head featured Hypertufa container gardening, concrete elements and counter-tops. Wil Henry Cobble III of Fort Payne displayed exquisite handmade Windsor chairs which can be viewed at the Singing Trees Artisan Studio in Fort Payne. Vicki Dodd of Boaz featured mosaics, stepping stones, painted windows and woven purses. Carol Elrod Pogue displayed New Orleans style paintings. Nancy Kelly Vann, Carolyn Warren, Julie Kay Nelson and Malin Selman, also known as the 4:30 group, are from Birmingham and featured various types of art. Tres Taylor of Birmingham and Mentone featured art works on tar paper which are currently displayed at the Crow's Nest in the Hitching Post. Dorothy Ticking and grandchildren, students of Tres Taylor, also displayed painting on tar paper.

The art show will be held again next July 4th and we look forward to seeing it become an annual event.



Helen Taylor exhibits works by Tres Taylor.



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Don't Get Carried Away With Ants

So many people are telling me that they are having problems with ants this year. Frankly I've never seen them as bad as they are. The ant that concerns me the most is the carpenter ant.

When you have this problem most inspectors will find carpenter ants in your wall cavities, attics, crawl space, voids under your cabinets, etc. They can be very destructive critters and cause serious structural damage if they find a nesting place in your home. Outside your home, carpenter ants usually live in dead or rotted trees and tree stumps or wood chips. These ants have been known to travel as far as 300 feet in the night to feed on sweets, meat, grease and pet food. As the colony grows they will develop satellite nests.

Regular inspections and proper maintenance will greatly reduce the risk of infestation.

1. Never stack firewood in the house, against the sides of the house, garage, or on the deck. Store wood up off the ground and be sure to inspect your wood before bringing it inside.
2. When building a porch or deck, make sure that you use pressure treated lumber and that the posts going into the ground are sitting on concrete, not on dirt.
3. Check for soft, moist, rotted wood and replace it.
4. Inspect the foundation and repair any cracks.
5. Inspect crawl space to make sure it is dry and well ventilated. You may need a vapor lock.
6. Inspect gutters and downspouts. Make sure water is going away from the house. (This one item has caused many surprise water problems to homeowners.)
7. Remove all dead, rotting trees and tree stumps near your home.
8. Trim shrubs and tree branches at least 12' away from home.
9. Keep house clean with no available bait to feed on. Take garbage out daily, don't leave it overnight.

I have heard all sorts of ways to get rid of these pests, like sprinkling cloves and cinnamon around the kitchen sink, dark black strap molasses mixed with yeast and boric acid into a thick paste, put this paste onto paper plate near the ant trail. The molasses attracts them, the yeast explodes them and they take back the boric acid to the nest to kill off the others. Also there are grits, rice, sweet & low, etc. Other control methods may include the application of baits, insecticide dusts, liquid residuals and flushing agents. Lowes and Wal-Mart have a spray that is odorless and kills the ants you come in contact with, but the other ants will keep coming.

Once a colony is established, you will probably need the help of professionals to find the nest and destroy them before they destroy you or carry you away. Hope this has helped you in some way.

If you need advice on buying or selling your home, please feel free to call me.



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Obituaries

BLACKBURN

Dorothy Phillips Blackburn, 91, of Valley Head, passed away July 4, 2008, at her residence.

She was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a native of and a long time resident of DeKalb County. Dot served as mayor of Hammondville for eight years, seven years as town clerk and five years as a city council member. As mayor, one of her many accomplishments was the completion of the town park and recreational facilities. She served as president of the DeKalb County mayor's association and was a board member of TARCOG for several years. She was an active member of the Valley Head Eastern Star and Valley Head Woman's Club. She served four terms as worthy matron of the Eastern Star and served one term as president of the woman's club. She was a member of the executive committee of the DeKalb County Hospital Board for ten years and was instrumental in securing the certificate of need for the BMC DeKalb Hospital. Dot was very active in local and state politics. She and her late husband, Henry (Bill) Blackburn, operated a grocery store in Hammondville for more than 30 years. They also owned and operated a rolling store that served much of northeast DeKalb County.

Funeral services were held July 9, at Burt Funeral Home, Valley Head Chapel, with Revs. L.A. Smith and Darrell Haney officiating. Burial in Valley Head Cemetery.

Survivors include: daughters, Linda Blackburn, Orange Park, Fla., Martha Gibson (Bill), Valley Head; grandsons, Mark Gibson (Jane), Dallas, Tex., Keith Gibson, Fort Worth, Tex.; great-grandchildren, Matthew, Jordan, Sean and Morgan Gibson; special friends, Betty Lewis and Barbara Wesseling, Orange Park, Donna Pierce, Valley Head.

BATY

Sara C. Baty, 86, of Mentone, passed away July 5, 2008, at DeKalb Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held July 8, at Burt Funeral Home with Rev. Marlin Starnes officiating. Burial in Bankhead Cemetery.

Survivors include: son, Richard Baty, Summerville; daughter, Alice Durham, Cloudland; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by husband, Robert N. Baty, Jr.

POTTS

Hoyt Eugene Potts, 63, of High Point community went home to be with His Lord and Savior on July 1, 2008. Gene suffered from the effects of Agent Orange from his service in Vietnam. His exposure to these chemicals caused diabetes, heart disease and stroke, from which he suffered for years. For the past few months, Gene was recovering from a severe stroke in Chattanooga when widespread cancer was discovered. After three months battling this condition, Gene passed away in his home surrounded by friends and family, and in the peace of his salvation in Jesus Christ.

A memorial service was held July 5 at High Point Church of God in Valley Head with burial at Bankhead Cemetery. Burt Funeral Home, Valley Head, directing.

Survivors include his blessed and loved wife of 40 years, Karen Ann Killebrew Potts; treasured children, Michael Eugene and his family of Hillsboro, Oregon, Melanie DeAnn and Joey Garrett of High Point, and Mona Jean Potts of High Point. Gene adored all six grandchildren, Mikhaila and Zachary Potts, Anna and Alex Garret, Austin Potts, and Andru Smith. Other survivors loved ones include his loving mother, Naomi Potts, Mentone; brother, Ronald Lee Potts, East Ridge, Tenn.; sisters, Barbara Ruth Kelly, Chickamauga, Cloyce June Allen, Fort Payne; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dearest friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hoyt Ulyss Potts; grandparents, Marion and Minnie Ola Potts, and Ed and Lula Bain all of Mentone.

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Snappy Graphics in Mentone will be open on Saturdays and after 4pm by appt. Due to the lack of business and no lack of bills, I've been forced to take a job during the week. I will still have the shop open on Saturdays and will be doing jobs in the evenings, so if I'm in the shop, feel free to stop in. I've been open here in Mentone for over 3 years and have enjoyed meeting many wonderful people on the mountain, as well as visitors to the mountain. But I do need a regular income and benefits, so I will be available as time permits. I will occasionally be closed on Saturdays, as well, whenever I have a car show to work. I do evenings at various VW car shows putting pictures on T-shirts and other items. Stop in on Saturdays to order any screen printing, photo shirts, photo cups, caps, mouse pads, or tote bags, as well as vinyl and magnetic signs. I will still be making all these great items. Thank you for your patronage. Beverly Smith

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AUGUST, THE EIGHTH MONTH OF A.D. 2008

By John S. Whitaker

The month of August was named for Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus (63 B.C.-A.D. 14). The title Augustus was conferred on him by the Roman senate when he became the first Roman emperor in 27 B.C. The word "Augustus" means "the exalted."

The flower for August is the poppy and the gem is the sardonyx.

There will be several hot days in this month called "dog days," which began in July and continue into August. Ancients believed that as the star Sirius (or Dog Star) neared our sun that it gave additional heat to our sun, thus producing more heat.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS IN AUGUST

1- Colorado became the 38th American state in 1876.

-Switzerland celebrates the Swiss National Day, going back to A.D. 1291

2- The first census began in America in 1790. The first census takers counted slightly less than four million people.

3- Christopher Columbus began his first voyage from Palos, Spain, in 1492. This was the beginning of many explorations in the New World.

6- The first atomic bomb to be used in warfare was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945. Estimates of the number of people killed ranged

from 70,000 to 100,000 people.

- Jamaica declared its Independence Day as August 6, 1962.

9- A second atomic bomb was dropped on Japan on the city of Nagasaki. It is estimated that 40,000 people were killed. (These powerful bombs created a great fear around the world; rumors were that these bombs could "blow up" the world.)

10- Missouri became the 24th American state in 1821.

- This date is recognized as Family Reunion Day in America.

- Ecuador became independent in 1830.

12- Thomas Alva Edison invented the phonograph in 1877. The first words on the first phonograph were, "Mary had a little lamb," spoken by Edison himself.

14- Japan surrendered unconditionally to allied forces; World War II was now over. This day became known as V=J Day (Victory Over Japan Day). The treaty was actually signed on September 2, 1945.

15- India became independent on this day in 1945.

17- Indonesia declared its independence on this day in 1945.

18- Virginia Dare became the first child to be born in an English colony in 1587. Her parents were Ananias dare and Ellinor White. They were part of the 117 settlers living on Roanoke Island. However, the entire group vanished, and

we know them today as the "Lost Colony."

21- Hawaii became the 50th state in 1959. (Just think: there were only 48 states when I studied American History in the 5th grade!)

24- British troops captured Washington, D.C., and burned the white House in 1814 in this war, the War of 1812, our second war with the British.

25- The Democratic National convention begins in Denver, CO.

26- Amendment 19 was proclaimed in 1920, and then women were given the privilege of voting in elections.

27- Petroleum oil production began in America when Edwin Laurentine Drake struck oil in Titusville, PA. (Note: the well produced 10 to 35 barrels of oil daily. He sold the oil for \$20 a barrel, but, as others learned Drake's drilling methods, the price eventually fell to 10¢ a barrel.)

28- Spanish explorers, led by Pedro Menéndez Ariles, landed in Florida and established the oldest permanent city in America in 1565.

Most of the public schools start the 2008-9 school term this month. Be ready. Learn.

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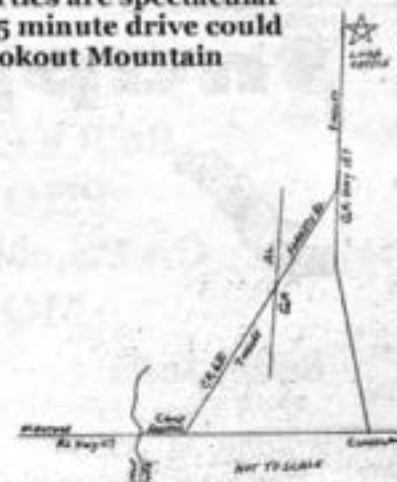
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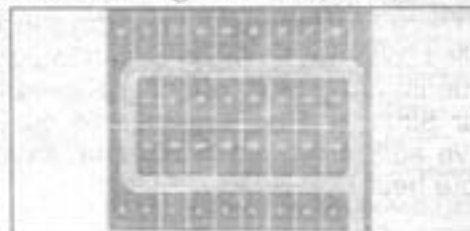
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14th Year Celebration for MOUNTAIN MAMAS

By Ellen Spangler

Mountain Mamas Crafts and Rock Shop celebrated its 14th birthday on Saturday, July 12th. Janet Cochran, Northwest Georgia's Regional Tourism Representative for the Georgia Dept. of Economic Development, began the celebration by cutting the cake, saying, "Mountain Mamas is an excellent example of places for tourists to visit. It promotes the work of local women artists and is an economic stimulus for the area."

About 75 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 homemade cake, both chocolate and carrot, as well as apple spice iced tea for everyone. There were door prize drawings on the half hour with a total of 14 prizes awarded. The grand prize was a \$20 gift certificate to Mountain Mamas Shop that was won by Ginnie Sams of Rising Fawn.

Potters demonstrating their techniques during the afternoon were Melanie Drew, the leaf-bowl potter, and Angela Golf, from Carrollton, and Val Featherstone of Rome, GA. Kay Worsham, Summerville, GA, was showing basket making.

Susan Seago of Fine View Garden Center, Menlo, GA, helped visitors make gourd birdhouses, a very fun experience for those who sometimes got as much colored paint on their hands as on the gourds, and for those who watched.

Mountain Mamas began 14 years ago when 8 craftswomen got together to create a place for all women artists in the area to show and sell their arts and crafts. There are now over 70 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 handmade 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, 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 to December, and all day during the World's Longest Yard Sale. Also by appointment—call Mary Alice Stout 706-862-2142. Visit our web site: www.mountainmamas.com



"2 of the owners, Ellen Spangler & Mary Alice Stout, with Janet Cochran cutting the cake"

"Landscape artist Andrea Brandon, Ft. Payne, demonstrating techniques"

"Enjoying the festivities are Ellen Spangler, MAPA President Jerome Stephens and his wife Liz"

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