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2004 CELEBRATION OF LIGHT IN MENTONE



L/R: Kristen Emory, Brenda Goss, Gail Chambers, and Joan Byrum
By Gail Chambers

It all started with an idea and a handful of change. When I told my mother-in-law, Polly Chambers, about the Christmas decoration committee's plan to try and raise enough money to purchase new Christmas decorations for Mentone, she handed me a handful of change, and said, "Here, put this towards it." The next day, I told my daughter Krissy about our plan and she also gave me a donation. I told myself right then that this may not be so hard to do after all. And it wasn't!

We found out that all you have to do is ask. We contacted several organizations, hundreds of individuals and left donation jars in as many places as we could. We asked, and we received, enough donations to purchase 40 of the snowflake decorations and the displays for Mason Park.

On Thanksgiving Day, it all came together. The snowflake decorations were hung by several of the volunteer fireman. They only stopped long enough to eat their Thanksgiving Day meal at lunch and were soon back out hanging the rest of the decorations.

Saturday, the finishing touches were added. Saturday night the Celebration of

Light was held as scheduled, despite the rainy weather. The fire department opened its doors for use where lots of hot chocolate, cider, coffee and cookies were served. At 6:00, the group walked over to Mason Park and the lights were turned on. This is the first time that lighted displays have been placed in the park. The committee is hoping to be able to add more displays next year. Maybe a children's section with a choo-choo train or snowmen, etc.

After viewing the park, the group headed back over to the firehall for more refreshments and the singing of Christmas songs. Paula Easter, the Fine Arts Teacher at Moon Lake School, directed the children in a Christmas song presentation. With Hershell Pruitt at the keyboard and Charlene O'Rear leading the singing, the group joined together in the singing of more Christmas songs.

Pastor Rick Haworth from Mentone Community Church read the Christmas story from the Bible, and led the group in prayer. The singing of Silent Night brought the celebration for the night to an end.

Thanks to all those who helped make this Celebration of Lights a success. A

very special thanks go out to the following: the NLMFPD Volunteer Fire Department--Volunteer Firemen--for giving up their time with their families on Thanksgiving to hang the new Christmas Decorations. (Kevin Worthey, Jeff Harrison, Milton Chambers, Phil Harris, Sanford Hartline, John Chambers, Donnie Voils, and John Johnson) and also for letting us use their building for the celebration.

Others to be thanked are: Charles Flannigan for being so kind as to let us use his bucket truck to hang the decorations. Kevin Worthey and Milton Chambers for helping Brenda Goss and me put the lighted displays together, set them up, and get them hooked up to electricity. Krissy Harris for supplying the red bows for the park; and to you, the community. You came together and made the decorations possible through all your generous donations. From the ones that bought one or more Christmas decorations to the ones who dropped their pocket change into the donation jars. Every cent counted.

Special thanks to Ms. Susie Nelson in Bloomington, MN. Susie is the representative at Display Sales where the snowflake decorations were purchased. Susie had been most helpful throughout our transactions and so kind over the telephone.

It was a wonder feeling to drive through Mentone and to see what was accomplished. Kristen Emory, who had attended a family reunion in Birmingham, Thursday and then on to Selma to visit her parents and check on her dad's surgery, called to say how beautiful the decorations were and to tell me that she and Tom and the children had driven through town several times playing Christmas Carols. Brenda Goss also called me that night. Brenda and Benny had been to Tuscaloosa to visit their daughter Jana for Thanksgiving. Brenda didn't know that the

Firemen had put the decorations up. She said when they topped the mountain and saw the decorations, that she was so excited. I hope that everyone can be as excited about the new decorations as we are and will continue to enjoy them for many Christmases to come. Neither Kristen or Brenda knew the decorations had been turned on.

When you ride through Mentone during the holidays you will be able to see those lights shining brightly and know that you have been a part of making memories. If you would like to make a donation to help purchase more light displays for Mason Park, there is still time. Also, your donation will help pay the electric bill so we all can continue to enjoy the lights year after year.

There were two plaques made--one thanking those who purchased a complete Christmas Decoration(s); and another plaque for those who made a monetary donation to go toward the purchase of decorations. These two plaques will be hanging in the Mentone town hall meeting room, where you can view them.

When you drive through Mentone on Alabama Highway 117, you will see the myriad of lights on the light poles and in Mason Park that were made possible by the many donations received.

All the shops/stores in Mentone are decorated for Christmas and Mentone is alive with lights. Come out and enjoy this Christmas Season in Mentone.

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MAPA MEETING

November 2, 2004

The Mentone Area Preservation Association met on November 2, 2004, at the fellowship hall of the Church of God of Prophecy.

Present were Homer and Bernise Crow, Joanne Crow,

Lucille Crowe, Dot Crow, Dessie Brown, Marie Dillenbeck, Dorothy Shelden, Tom and Lynn Donald, Jim and Penny Lyday, Greg Coe, and Francis Gilbreath. Page and Margaret Cunningham came in at 7:30pm.

President Bernise Crow called the meeting to order and Jim Lyday gave the invocation.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Copies of the treasurer's report were passed to each member. A discussion was had regarding the Franklin Fund. Greg Coe made a motion to put the money into something that paid at least 4.5 percent.

Homer Crow gave a festival report: all of the 85 spaces were rented out for the Colorfest. The 2005 Rhododendron Festival was discussed and advertising needs to be in as many publications as possible for the festival since the date has been changed to the 30th day of April and the 1st day of May. Tom Donald volunteered to be in charge of notifying all the publications for advertising the festival.

Joanne Crow volunteered to send out cards to members who have been absent and/or who have been ill.

Homer announced that there will be no meetings in January and February 2005, as they are the coldest months of the year.



A discussion was had regarding what MAPA has done over the years and making sure that is posted on the internet web site.

The meeting on December 7 will be the Christmas party. Homer Crow made a motion that Dessie cater the party, and Page Cunningham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

To play the Dirty Santa Game at the Christmas party, each person is to bring a gift of no more than \$10. By general agreement of all members present, each one is to bring a toy for kids in addition to the Dirty Santa gift. These toys will be given to an organization that is giving out toys this December.

Dot Crow made a motion that Moon Lake School be given the sum of \$300 to help with the art and music teacher. Lynn Donald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made that if Marie is satisfied with the camera Homer let her use during the Colorfest for pictures for The Groundhog that she be allowed to keep it, along with the battery charger and carrying case; and reimburse Homer for the cost of the camera. Tom Donald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Page Cunningham made a motion that all meetings be held at 6PM, except during daylight savings time, at which time the meetings will be held at 7PM. Dessie Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The members thanked Greg Coe for the refreshments catered by Dessie Brown.

The members thanked Homer and Bernise Crow, Joyce Cooper, Coy Crow, Joanne and Leroy Crowe for all the work they did at the festival.

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

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Hello,

I appreciate the Groundhog and all the people who do so much work to keep it going.

Thank you.

I was once living in Mentone a Reporter for Alpine Camp Area and Tap Crow. I went from door to door getting news. I have memories that will last on & on. there was a swimming hole called Shigley Hole.

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NEVER GROW OLD

By John Baty

This morning, November 12, 2004, was foggy and damp with slick roads. Mary Sue and I decided to go to the Tiger's Inn there in Valley Head for coffee. It was early and I guess neither of us was fully awake yet. I wasn't. They have been adding some more building to the City Hall and Mary Sue must have been looking at the new construction and took her eyes off the road for a second. At that very instant a car in front decided to stop and take a long time about turning into the station.

I might have spoken rather quickly, but we were bearing down on the rear of that car a lot faster than I was comfortable with.

Neither of us spoke for a while, then she said, "A simple 'Look Out!' would have been sufficient." I decided to look at the changing colors in the big trees there on the side of the mountain. I thought a change of subject might help the occasion, so I asked: "Do they still sell flour in twenty-five pound bags?" "I think so," she replied. "I want a bag of it," I said. Now, she is used to my sudden wild schemes, which usually come to nothing but a lot of hard work and spent money, so she was silent for a while. "You know that doctor asked if you could lose fifteen pounds and you said yes. What are you going to do with twenty-five pounds of flour? May I ask?"

"Oh, I don't want the flour," I said. "I'll pour it out somewhere. I want the sack: A twenty-five pound flour sack. I'll wash it and when it's dry, I'll take it and go out in the woods and gather hickory nuts (not hickory nuts)." "What will you do with them?" I said "I'll hull them on a rock with a hammer. That is if I can find just the right kind of rock."

"Those things are hard to hull," she said. "You never can hull enough to use for a cake or anything."

"Yeah, I know," I said. "You spend a whole day picking up hickory nuts, then you spend all the next day shelling out about one-half cup of the goodies (never called them nut meats!), and then I can't eat them with my two lone crowned teeth. I could grind them up and put them in a cake or pie but that would mess up my fifteen-pound loss. I'll probably set them in the cupboard and let them dry out for a couple of years. Then, when they start to grow mold on them I'll reluctantly toss them out to the birds."

"But, for a couple of days, I'll be young again, and it will help my spirits, my depression, my heart, and my very being. As the old man who had worked all morning without speaking, said: 'Yeah, I think I'll just do that.'"

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Thank you all!
Joyce Huskey

Wintry Clouds

The clouds hang low and weep with shame,
Burdens of dreariness they came,
A blight upon the wintry day,
In veils of mourning black and gray.

They hover over hill and plain,
Their tears fall down in icy rain
Enveloping the earth in shroud
Like death bowed down, meek and cowed.

The streams all scream, with anger swell,
As shaft of sun now breaks the spell.
The clouds break down, dissolve in fear,
In wisps of fog, then disappear.

~ ~ Elsie M. Brown

Make Room For Jesus

There was no room at the inn,
For Jesus to be born,
There was no room just then,
On that first Christmas morn.

Is there room for him today?
Or do we shut him out--
In our work or in our play,
Or whatever we're about?

Cleanse your heart, make it wide--
Make room for Jesus there
Invite Him in to abide--
And give Him loving care.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

November was a nice month, weather wise, some cooler days but no really cold ones. We got our potted plants inside, but a few impatiens are still blooming outside.

November brought us Veterans Day celebrations and we were entertained by a lovely program sponsored by Moon Lake School. The fourth grade teacher, Nancy Frost, had arranged a presentation by the students. The children wore white T-shirts with the United States flag painted on them. Their art and music teacher, Paula Easter-Chamlee, worked with them while the students painted their own shirts. They sang patriotic songs directed by the music teacher and each of them had a little recitation. Of course, our great grandson, Alex Whatley, was one of the group. Their program was very meaningful for remembering our veterans. Most of the men were World War II vets, but Terry Hutcheson represented the Vietnam group. Afterwards, they served us a wonderful brunch in the cafeteria. The children came around and spoke to everyone and helped Dr. Bill Berry with serving food, orange juice and coffee.

Our World War II veterans are aging—most of them are in their 80s. Soon, there will not be any left, so I'm glad the memorial to that awful conflict has been built in Washington, DC. A bus load of local veterans went to see the memorial recently. Jimmy and Maxine Wright, Howard and Jo Carson, and Ed Ringer represented our Legion Post #215. J.B. Elrod, formerly from Mentone and now Ft. Payne, also went and said it was a great experience.

On Veterans Day, we had a covered dish dinner at the American Legion Post #215 here in Mentone, as has been done for years. It was a foggy, rainy evening, but there was food enough to feed an army and Rudolph Bell had built a good fire in the fireplace making the place nice and cozy.

Ed Ringer showed a video presentation that covered the trip to Washington and we could get a good view of the memorial. It is outstandingly well done. The narration was done by Angela Wilson of Ft. Payne. I would like to go next spring when the cherry trees are blooming.

Thanksgiving is the next great holiday. But it is so much overshadowed by Christmas preparation that we tend to downsize its importance. It is one of the best when we can get together with our families and thank God for being able to do that.

Now, in December, we are busy, busy, busy. There are parades, open house, parties, and school activities. It's a wonderful time for various things with shopping for just the right gift, baking, and cleaning.

Our MAPA Christmas party is always a lot of fun. Dessie is going to cater our dinner at the Church of God of Prophecy on December 7th at 6:00 PM. We invite anyone who would like to come, but you need to bring a toy for a child and a gift with a value of at least \$10.00 to play "Dirty Santa". We need to have reservations given to Dessie by December 1st.

God Bless you all and Merry Christmas. Remember our boys in Iraq and pray that this awful war will end soon.

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The Shed Floral & Nursery News Update

On November 5th, 2004, at 6:00 P.M. we started the lighting of our store and followed it up with Fireworks at 6:45 P.M. then every one walked through the store with just Christmas lights on and Christmas Music Playing. We all ate good food that night and drank home made Apple Cider that cooked down for 2 days um good everyone said. We had a good turn out & good time. Many children came out and took a picture at the Candy Cane tree. Lynn Flanagan's new little one had the most fun looking into the camera and seeing all the pretty lights. Our trees of festival was very fun we gave out many door prizes and people from all over as far as Forsythia Georgia came out to this wonderful event. The Folk Music Played and we had Robbie Smith, Lusty Smith, David Ashley, & David Wright who played good folk music that night for everyone. We also did a bonfire and sat around it drinking the apple cider and watching the fireworks display. Because the town of Mentone was issued in Southern Living this year and we did Katherine Sutherlands House this year, everyone is into Southern Living. We were asked to do, by many of you a Southern Living Christmas, so we are. Lots of Cool Natural and Country Home decorations to look at. I have started making our wreaths and we will be doing lots of different and unique ones this year, that people have come by and asked us to do that are issued in the Southern Living Magazine for December as well as Country Home & Garden. The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts Fund Raiser has begun and remember they do a lot for our community. Poinsettias we will donate \$ 1.00, Cut trees \$ 3.00, Live Wreaths or Artificial Wreaths \$ 1.00, 10% on Store Merchandise & \$ 1.00 on Amariyllis. The 10% of Store Merchandise includes all merchandise such as Ornaments, Gifts and Arrangements. Everyone knows we launched off a new website this year, I want to make certain everyone knows we have an events page for every ones advertisements on upcoming events that is free. We will list the events on there for free but if I do not know about them, I cannot list them. People have called for this month such as the City of Hammondville, there Parade and Christmas Party is listed on there. Moon Lakes, the libraries and many other events get listed on there all the time all it takes is a phone call. Last month we had 3200 hits that visited our website. Our website is posted in many magazines as such as The Times Green, South East Growers, Tennessee Greens, The Times Journal, Garden Bazaar, Proven Winners Program & Website and the list goes on. At www.provenwinners.com, when you go to look for a grower or a retailer in Alabama we come up, with our website as a direct link to our link. So many people are visiting that site all the time and it is a free advertisements for all of our locals. We want to thank everyone who came out that night to include all the church members from our church as well as businesses that surround us. Remember to tell a friend about the site and look at the events page every month there is always something listed on there new. We have a specials page as well if you have something on sale we can put that on there too. It is nice to see everyone working together as we all do, our community depends on one another a lot. I know as the PTO said last month they have raised more for PTO because everyone worked together and worked very hard. That is right all of us parents work hard to see our school improve as well as our community stay clean and have maintenance done when it is needed. We thank all of you that has helped us out in knowing what you like and want us to carry of want us to grow for you and we always hope you continue to tell us what you want from us and what you want us to grow for you. We did not earn the best customer service award last year along with the best looking plants and nursery for the year for nothing. It's you that has made this dream come true for David's-Dad "Spokey", we will continue to grow as long as you tell us what you want from us and what your needs are. This has been family ran and owned since 1981 we will continue to do so and pass it on hopefully to our wonderful children and then to there children that is what we hope. Here are some pictures of November 5th, our open house. If you did not make it we to this open house we will see you next year always the first Friday night in November and no you do not have to buy anything just come out and enjoy the music, eat food and have fun the mountain way. It's for all ages as you can see, all the children had lots of fun.

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

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A Friendly—

Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Did you miss me last month? I missed you—each one who was not represented in The Groundhog. I spent several days in BMC DeKalb—very sick—but thankfully and miraculously (I think) I am recovering. Nell Mohny in a recent column, stated "Gratitude is Life's most Important Virtue." She gave Cicero, the Roman scholar and statesman credit for that statement. It was his belief that all other virtues come from grateful hearts. Since we are now in the Thanksgiving season, when we are supposed to be concentrating on our blessings and being especially thankful, I have a very grateful heart full of gratitude for all who have been so kind and thoughtful to me, beginning with the ambulance drivers, doctors, nurses, and everyone that contacted me was especially sweet and thoughtful, and the nurses and therapists at home. All the visits, flowers, cards, and food meant so much—Thank you, each one!

While we are discussing gratitude—the **Valley Head Quarterback Club** is very grateful to everyone who made a contribution, or helped in any way, to make this a successful year.

Sadie Cooper visited her Uncle Melvin Smith at Ider recently. He celebrated his 99th birthday on Oct. 23.

Karen and Mark Freeman have returned home from a business trip to Palm Springs, CA. They stopped in Fayetteville, Ark., to see their son, Ben Freeman.

The **Valley Head Woman's Club** met for their October meeting at the home of Mary Holleman with Doris Carmichael and Sadie Cooper as co-hostesses. The Woman's Club was organized in 1930. Mary's mother, Maria Ellis, was one of the original thirteen members. The November meeting of the club was Nov. 17, at the home of Helen Longshore with Judith Hammond, Maurine Donahue, and Dallyne Jones as co-hostesses. It was a performance by the Northeast Alabama Community Chorus with Director Charlene Larson and accompanist Joseph Burke. They gave eleven selections in their usual great style to a good crowd.

Adelaide Biddle and Mary Lou Carmichael, from Dallas, GA, attended the retired banker's meeting in Fort Payne and then visited Mary and John Holleman.

E.T. Holleman and Carole Chandler visited Betty Adams in the Gadsden Care Home on Nov. 17.

Christine Brooks had hip surgery, Nov. 15 at Gadsden Regional Hospital. She remains in Gadsden for therapy. We hope she will have a complete and fast recovery.

Linda Thomas and Jill Smith, from First Methodist Church, in Fort Payne, have returned from a ten-day

missionary trip to Chile. They went with a group from the Tuscaloosa Methodist Church. They enjoyed the trip, but hated to see the real hard poverty of the region.

Jimmy, Janet, Brent and Patrick Cooper and Sadie Cooper, attended the Auburn-Kentucky ball game at Auburn, Oct. 23.

Tom and Andrew Killian and families from Atlanta, John and Dianne Roberts and daughter, Jennifer, and son Jeremy, from Cullman, AL, spent the day, Nov. 6, with Oline Roberts. Jeremy was on leave from Iraq.

Lillie Bowden spent several days, recently, with her daughter Jo Welch and her husband, Mike, in Chattanooga.

Dael and Doug Hoyt spent the weekend in Carravell, FL, recently, and attended the Florida State-Duke University ball game. They also visited the beach at St. George's Island and did some fishing.

Valley Head is grieved to lose **Rev. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins and family**, as they are moving to Knoxville, TN. He has been pastor of Valley Head Baptist Church for eleven and a half years. Rev. James Young will be temporary pastor.

Ruth Pickett, Martha Stanley, Gwen Payne, Ruth Hammon, Louise Hammond, and Priscilla Monroe went with **Sadie Cooper**, Nov. 23, to the Tea Room in Fort Payne for lunch, to help her celebrate her birthday.

My cousins, **Blanche and Bill Fuller**, from Madison, AL, came Nov. 14, and brought a good chicken dinner and spent the day with me. We were joined by Barry Brown in the afternoon.

Welcome to the world **John Thomas Freeman**, who entered this world, Oct. 1, 2004, at a Birmingham hospital. His parents are Matt and Susana Freeman of Valley Head. He is the grandson of Mark and Karen Freeman of Valley Head, and Federico and Pilar Marin of Palma de Mallorca, Spain, great grandson of Lillie Bowden, of Valley Head, and Mary Freeman of Hateville, GA.

Ben Freeman, of Fayetteville, Ark, spent Thanksgiving holidays with his parents Mark and Karen Freeman.

It is hard to believe that another year is almost gone. They fly by so fast!!

I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving and a joyful Christmas! It is hard to think of that when I still see beautiful golden leaves still on the trees outside my window and my azaleas are trying to bloom!

November's Flowers

November's flowers because they're rare,
Are much more precious and much more fair.
Colors seem brighter, all vivid hues,
Must be strong, lest cold Winter subdues,
Changing the landscape from brown and gray
To myriads of colors bright and gay.
November flowers bless Autumn scene
With strength and beauty and hope serene.

— Eloise M. Brown

Spiritual Gifts

Father, I bring you my Christmas list
Of the gifts I would like to receive—
Of different spirits they consist—
Things all need badly I do believe.

Give me, O God, a receptive mind,
To receive divine revelation;
Perseverance to seek and to find
Eternal values' compensation.

The spirit of your humility
Exemplified in your lowly birth.
The quiet calmness and tranquility
To bless my soul and this troubled earth.

The spirit of sensitivity
To beauty of and feelings and all needs,
A spirit of love with activity
In duty expressed in kindly deeds

Visions of splendor in starry skies,
And every day common place things too,
Eternal hope and faith that never dies
Dreams and aspirations that come true.

Spirit of music to fill my soul
With anthems like the angels sing,
Overflowing in melodic role
The message of joy Christmas should bring.

Appreciation, --give most of all--
For that most precious gift given men,
Adoration and worship enthrall
Where all living and giving begins.

When spiritual gifts are given and possessed
Their gifts are returned to You--
Self and others are happy and blessed
And You receive all that is due to You.

— Eloise M. Brown

Holy Merry Christmas

(acrostic)

Holy season, sacred divine,
Only Jesus gives it meaning--
Loving, giving, each heart his shrine--
Yielding self to his redeeming.

Merry, happy, joyful season,
Eternity promised to all who believe
Reality of God's given reason--
Reigning where Jesus can be received.
Yearning for joy and eternal peace.

Christ, our savior, most precious gift,
Heaven to earth--happiness to increase--
Reigning in hearts with upward lift
Immortal blessings of happiness and peace.
Stars lighting the way now as then,
Traveling to a heavenly goal--
Mankind can be forgiven sin
Adoration and praise for a redeemed soul
Season of sanctity, sanity and salvation--
Celebrated with joyful Christian celebration.

— Eloise M. Brown

THE GOOD TIMES

In Memory of Jimmy Graves

By Katie Gray

There were many good times before my grandfather got really sick. He would always play golf and play with my brother and me. When I was little, my brother, Allen, and I would have to come to my grandparents in the morning until time for school since our mother had to go to work early. Papa would sometimes take Allen and me to the Tiger's Inn Restaurant in Valley Head for breakfast before school. Those were the good times. There were nights I would spend the night and I would sleep with him and my grandmother in their bed. I thought that was the life. We would stay up later and watch movies and talk. We had fun. There were times we went to the mall and ate out and went on other adventures. When I was three, I had to have a blood transfusion, and Papa was always there. If I had any scrapes or cuts, he was there. Papa was a pastor all my life, and he was always going to hospitals visiting people. He always thought about other people and not himself. It never fails he would always have a war story to tell in a sermon and at home or he had some joke to make us laugh. He was always ready to tell me about the war when I had a history paper to write. There was never a dull moment when Papa was around.

There are many more memories to tell about the times with my grandfather and I could go on and on. The most cherished memories are those of when I was a child before Papa became sick, and I am sure there are some I cannot remember, but I will always remember the love my grandfather had for my brother and me.

I am privileged to have such a loving, caring, and compassionate grandfather, and I am grateful that I was older when he passed away. I have all those memories to hold onto and cherish. I will always miss him, but I just remember that he is in a better place. And when the Lord calls me to be with him, I am ready to go and see Papa. I love you, Papa, and I will always remember you in my heart, memories, and prayers.



UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

A Tribute to Jimmy Graves

By Sandra Graves Pruitt

There are many things I could share about my father, but the important thing to me was his love. He loved people and cared for his family very much. He always thought of others before himself.

My father was a Baptist minister for many years and always had a "Pastor's heart." To me that meant he loved his churches and all the members, even the ones who were not loveable; he loved them anyway. Even after he became very ill, he asked me in the hospital to help him phone a friend just to see how he was. His phone calls to me were often short and to the point. He just wanted to see if I was all right and tell me that he loved me. He kept in touch with many people in the same way. On Tuesday, when things really started to seem he would not come home, my pastor came to the hospital. We all joined hands around his bed, and Pastor Rick prayed a very comforting and needful prayer. When he finished, Daddy said to him in a weakened voice, "Stay close to Jesus." Even to the end, he was thinking of others.

I am very proud to say Jimmy Graves was my father. He lived what he believed every day. There was never a doubt that he loved me. It was an unconditional love—a love I didn't have to earn, and a love that was there no matter what. To love someone and to be loved is a gift. Share your love with someone every day. That is what my father did every day.

(See also page 18.)

JIMMY GRAVES:

MY HERO

By Allen Gray

I hear people talk about their heroes all the time and almost invariably their heroes are people they've never met. Most often they are sports stars or musicians or politicians, which anyone that keeps up with what's going on in the world knows that these people are so tainted they couldn't be a criminal's hero.

Now, let me tell you what a hero really is. Hero—a person you spend time with, that you talk to, that teaches you, a person you look up to, a person that will sacrifice for your sake because they care for you; the relationship is reciprocal.

My parents divorced when I was 8 years old and my father moved to Indiana. My Grandfather took over his fatherly responsibilities. He took me golfing, hunting, to church, to the Tigers Inn, everywhere. He taught me to ride a bike, shave, about Jesus, life lessons; everything he had learned as a man over his life passed on to me. All I am today as a man I owe in large part to Jimmy Graves; my hero. So, I say to you, It's never too late to love and/or to be a hero; but remember a true hero should know that you exist and what your name is.

I am privileged to have such a loving, caring, and compassionate grandfather, and I am grateful that I was older when he passed away. I have all those memories to hold onto and cherish. I will always miss him, but I just remember that he is in a better place. And when the Lord calls me to be with him, I am ready to go and see Papa. I love you, Papa, and I will always remember you in my heart, memories, and prayers.



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Christina Wise, Margaret Baker,
and Bebe Graham enjoy refreshments

Fort Payne Culture Club

The Fort Payne Culture Club met at the home of Celestine Darnell on November 4, 2004, for the regular monthly meeting.

Christina Wise, president, called the meeting to order. Following the roll call, Frances Smith, program chairman, introduced Adam Evans, who is the city planner for Fort Payne. Evans gave a very informative and detailed report of the City's plan for revitalizing downtown Fort Payne. The greenway along the Dye Branch behind the Big Mill Antiques Mall will be extended. The city recently purchased the Kean Electric Building just across the railroad on 5th Street, N.W. It has been torn down, making it possible to see the small park and walking trail, which is located behind it.

The city is also working on plans to acquire the property where the Rainey Hotel stood. If this becomes a reality, the service station now situated on the property will be torn down and the site used for something that would tie in with this historic section of town. There is also a possibility that the building south of the Opera House will become available for use in connection with the downtown district.

Evans also reported that the roof on the historic Depot needs to be replaced, and it will be quite expensive. Also, Game Time, Inc. has donated a skate park to the city that will be erected on a site yet to be decided. The city will pay the freight for shipping the park. The city will be applying for grants to help cover the cost of these plans.

After the program, the speaker joined members in a time of fellowship and refreshments, served by our gracious hostess, Celestine Darnell, and co-hostess, Dorothy Cyr.

A business session followed. Christine announced that the Christmas Pageant that she has directed for several years will be held at the Northeast State Jr. College Lyceum. After committee reports, the meeting was adjourned.

The Cedar Bluff Woman's Club

Cedar Bluff, Alabama: The annual holiday Tour of Homes sponsored by the Cedar Bluff Woman's Club will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2004, from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The tour will include two homes and the Purple Myrtle B&B.

The \$5 tour ticket includes a map and driving directions to each of the featured locations and is good for the entire tour. Advanced tickets may be purchased at the Cedar Bluff Town Hall and regular ticket sales begin on Saturday, December 4th, at any of the tour stops. To buy a ticket and join the tour, just follow the roadside signs to the nearest tour site.

Following the tour of homes, everyone is encouraged to join in the "Christmas In The Park" festivities at 7PM across from Town Hall for special music, community fellowship, illumination of the park's Christmas lights, and the arrival of Santa Claus.

For more information on the tour of homes, please contact Jane Rice at 256-779-6518.

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RECIPE CORNER

By Sue Schwarz

As I was sitting here thinking about my article this morning, I got a call that a dear friend has passed away. A lot of you knew Bessie Moxley. She died this morning (November 29) after a long bout with lung cancer. She inspired us all with her spirit and love of life. Good journey, Bessie.

I have been enjoying a cookbook that was written by Rebecca Noojin of Mentone and Gadsden titled *My Fair Ladle*. I am sharing apple recipes today, one from the book, and one that has been in the column before. It is so easy and good that you do need to try it.

SCALLOPED APPLES - Rebecca Noojin

- 4 large apples
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1-1/2 Tablespoons sugar
- 3 Tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 Cup water
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1-1/2 cups sharp cheese, grated

Core apples and slice. In a mixing bowl, combine cinnamon, flour and sugar. Toss apples in flour mixture until well coated. Place apples in a 1-1/2 quart casserole. Combine water and lemon juice and pour over apples. Top with butter cut into bits. Cover and bake at 325° F for 35 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle cheese on top. Cover and bake an additional 5-10 minutes until cheese melts. NOTE: This is a good winter brunch dish.

NORWEGIAN APPLE PIE

- 1 Egg
- 3/4 Cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup diced apple (one whole apple)

With wooden spoon mix ingredients in order given, folding in nuts and apples last. Bake in greased 8" pie pan at 350° F for 30 minutes. Serve warm or cold with ice cream or whipped cream.



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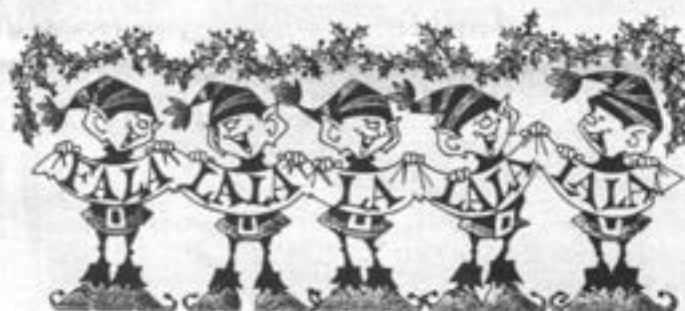
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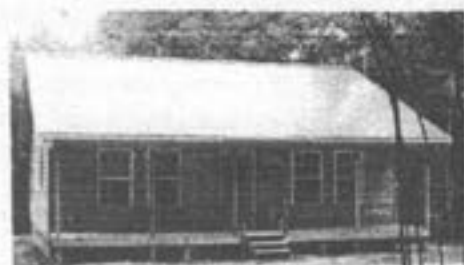
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(10) **INVESTMENT PROPERTY** 2 bdrm 1 bath cottage in Mentone, with One acre. Needs some cosmetic work. Sold as-is. \$54,900



(11) **Cloudland, Hwy 157N. TWO Rustic Cabins** and 4 acres. First Cabin One room, sleeping loft, Kitchen and Bath. Wrap around Deck. Second Cabin, Living Kitchen combo, Bedroom and sleeping loft, Bath. Back Deck with Hot Tub. \$75,000.



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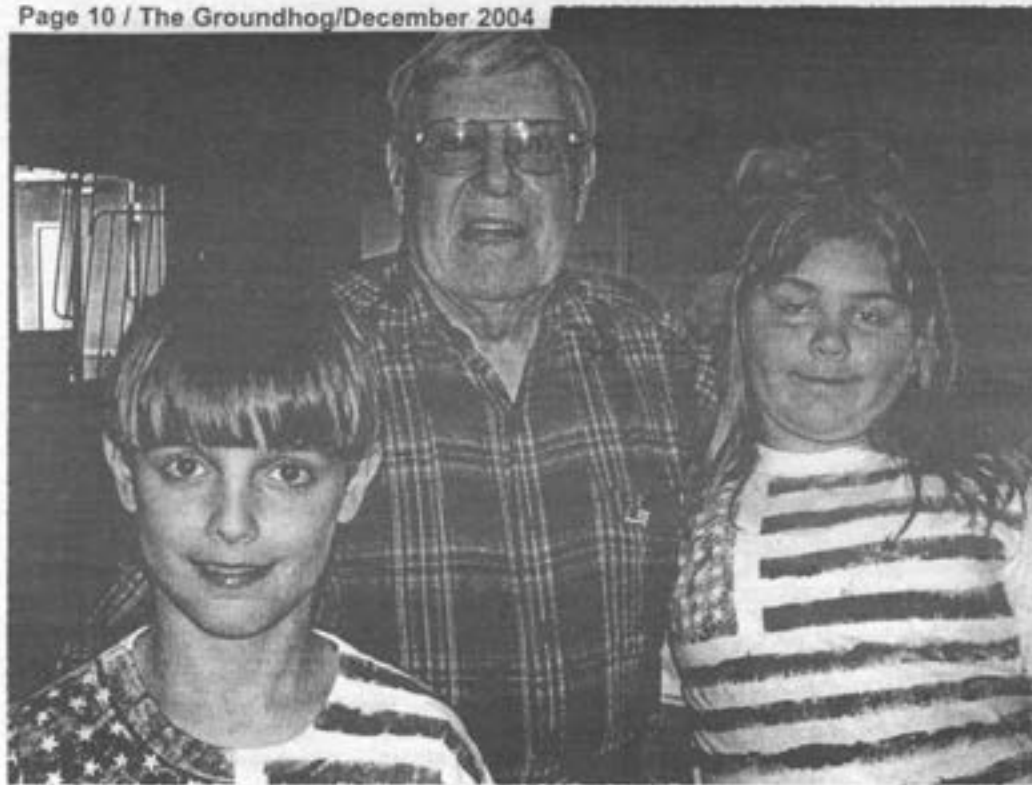
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Moon Lake's fourth graders presented the school's annual Veterans Day program for local heroes, followed by breakfast in the cafeteria. At left, classmates **Adam Faulkner** and **Danielle Powell** greet veteran **Jim Lyday**. At lower left (from left to right) **Gage Jones**, **Michael Chambers**, **Abbigail Lee**, **Austin Jones**, **Amber Hilliard**, **Landon Crowe**, and **Alex Whatley** sing a patriotic tune.

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The following students were members of the first nine-week grading period honor roll at Moon Lake Elementary School.

GRADE 1

All A Honor Roll

Robert Baker
Isaac Browder
Sierra Chambers
Eli Durham
Kara Goss
Kateland Grider
Byron Haynes
Dawson Kincer
Amelia Lee
Dylan Lewis
Elizabeth Meadows
Jimmy Swain
Tommy Tullis
Andrew Williams
Mackenzie Willingham

All A&B Honor Roll

Emily Brown
Mikayla Owen
Savannah Wallace

GRADE 2

All A Honor Roll

Alex Davis
Jacob Gilbreath
Sarah Graham
Kalee Hatfield
Kali Haynes
Shelby Jackson
Caleb Johnson
Kaitce McGee
Levi Owen
Samantha Purvis
Taylor Purvis
Amelia Saferite
Meagan Sutton
Abigail Wallace
Marysa Wigley
Brook Wright

All A&B Honor Roll

Alexis Manifold
Orion Nicely
Paige Smith
Cody Smith

GRADE 3

All A Honor Roll

Adam Miller
Kaniusa Smith
Megan Waldrop

All A&B Honor Roll

Bleu Davis-Stone
Jonnie Frost
Brittney Harrison
Veronica Kinoshita
Michael Langston
Jaimee McGee
Mikey Petersen
Tristan Smith
Alexis Shepherd

GRADE 4

All A Honor Roll

Beth Durham
Adam Faulkner
Lily Harrison
Jill Hope
Danielle Powell
Augusta Smith

All A&B Honor Roll

Allie Blalock
Michael Chambers
Landon Crowe
Amber Hilliard
Austin Jones
Gage Jones
Abby Lee
Taylor Poff
Alex Whatley

GRADE 5

All A Honor Roll

Raven Brown
Tiffany Easler
Alexis Hatfield
Christian Henry
Kaylee McMunn
Brandi Miller
Daniel Phillips
Haley Saferite

All A&B Honor Roll

Hope Carden
Gage Foster
Jessica Howard
Michael Kinoshita
Caitlin Kirby
Megan Petersen
Sinjhin Smith
Ryan Wilks

GRADE 6

All A Honor Roll

Brittany Bain
Tyler Blansit
Colleen Castleberry
Seth Massey

All A&B Honor Roll

Starla Cash
Josh Faulkner
Dillon Kean
Trey Kincer
Hunter Stone



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 dog, my cat, and my cousins.—*Emily Brown*
 r, my brother, my mom, and my dad.—*Sierra Chambers*
 and my school.—*Eli Durham*
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 , little puppy dogs, and my teacher.—*Tommy Tullis*
 the Lord, and our play.—*Savannah Wallace*
 he Lord.—*Andrew Williams*
 cousins, the world, and the church.—*Mackenzie Willingham*
 ... by *Jennifer Gorham's first-grade class*

The fourth-grade class sponsored a school dance to raise funds for this year's PTO Harvest Festival. Students and parents alike enjoyed the Friday evening of food and music! Shown enjoying the festivities below (clockwise from lower left) are Bleu Davis-Stone, Raven Brown, Hope Carden, Jessica Howard, and Brandi Miller.



Upcoming Events @ Moon Lake Elementary School

sday, 12/14 @ 6:30 p.m.: PTO with schoolwide Christmas concert
 rday, 12/11 @ 10:00 a.m.: Moon Lake vs. Ider (5th/6th boys basketball)
 rday, 12/11 @ 11:00 a.m.: Moon Lake vs. Ider (3rd/4th boys basketball)
 rday, 12/11 @ 12:00 a.m.: Moon Lake vs. Sylvania (4th/5th girls basketball)
 rday, 12/18 @ 9:00 a.m.: Moon Lake vs. Sylvania (3rd/4th boys basketball)
 rday, 12/18 @ 10:00 a.m.: Moon Lake vs. Plainview (5th/6th boys basketball)
 rday, 12/18 @ 11:00 a.m.: Moon Lake vs. Plainview (4th/5th girls basketball)
 lay, 12/17: last day of school before Christmas holidays
 sday, 1/4: first day of school after Christmas holidays



Community Library Board president Jan Wilkinson visited Leslie Bunch's sixth-grade class to share her travel experiences in the north African country of Algeria. Algerian children had prepared a greeting banner in Arabic, which now hangs on a classroom wall. The sixth graders were treated to a sampling of Algerian foods. Above (from left to right) are Jan Wilkinson, Seth Massey, Trey Kincer, Chaz McSpadden, Casey Green, Dillion Kean, Brittany Bain, Colleen Castleberry, Hunter Stone, Starla Cash, Josh Faulkner, and Leslie Bunch (Tyler Blansit is hidden behind Hunter Stone).

The Moon Lake Elementary School Junior Beta Club recently inducted Raven Brown, Hope Carden, Starla Cash, Colleen Castleberry, Tiffany Easler, Alexis Hatfield, Christian Henry, Jessica Howard, Caitlin Kirby, Kaylee McMunn, Brandi Miller, Megan Petersen, Daniel Phillips, Savannah Pinegar, Haley Saferite, and Ryan Wilks. Below, chapter secretary Brittany Bain and president Hunter Stone induct fifth-grader Haley Saferite as faculty sponsor Karen Prestwood looks on. Other club members are Tyler Blansit, Josh Faulkner, Trey Kincer, and Seth Massey.



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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Holly

By L.C. Moon

Holly is an American favorite for decoration at Christmas time. The leathery green leaves of a holly are perfect for adorning wreaths and making fresh decorations. They dry nicely and keep their color if kept from direct sunlight. The red berries that are present at the base of the leaves add an extra Christmas touch. When enjoying the holly decorations that you will inevitably see in the month of December, keep in mind that it's uses range beyond decoration.

I was always told not to eat the red berries on the holly tree because they are poisonous. They can be toxic but it is the dosage that makes them toxic. According to Peterson's Field Guide Eastern/Central Medicinal Plants, the berries of an American holly-*Ilex Opaca*--act as an emetic, diuretic and laxative if an adult chews only ten to twelve berries. They were made into syrup to treat children's diarrhea. American Indians chewed the berries for colic and indigestion. According to Peterson's Field Guide chewing 10-12 red berries acts as a strong laxative. The Physicians Desk Reference for Herbal Medicines states that 5 berries can lead to nausea and vomiting, 10 berries can be poisonous and 20 to 30 berries can lead to gastrointestinal inflammation.

The leaves and bark of an American holly also have a medicinal purpose. The bark tea has been used in cases of pleurisy, gout, fever, rheumatism, worms, malaria, epilepsy and tumors. The leaf tea will help the body eliminate waste. The American Indians drank *Ilex Opaca* leaf tea for measles, colds, flu and pneumonia. They used the tea as drops for sore eyes and externally for sores and itching according to Peterson's Field Guide Eastern/Central Medicinal Plants. Tommie Bass was quoted in Trying to Give Ease and the PDR for Herbal Medicines also

claims- that American Holly has been used for rheumatism though neither specifies what part to use for this purpose.

Yaupon holly-*Ilex vomitoria*--is another native holly. The best way to distinguish it from an American holly is that it has rounded teeth and berries growing in tight clusters. Yaupon holly is known for preventative and ceremonial purposes among American Indians. Several reference books allude to the fact that American Indians made a very strong leaf tea and drank large quantities to induce vomiting in order to cleanse the body before a ceremony. Another interesting fact about *Ilex vomitoria* is that it may be the only plant native to North America that contains caffeine. David Winston--Cherokee medicine man, author & American Herbalist Guild Board Member--was a speaker at a symposium I recently attended. According to David Winston, the Cherokee make a tea--called Black Drink--of the roasted berries in order to cleanse "spoiled saliva". Spoiled saliva is a term used for the way you feel after a really bad dream or when something happens to you that leaves "a bad taste in your mouth". Winston stated that the yaupon holly was not generally used to induce vomiting (emetic); however there are cases in which Black Drink is combined with Eryngo (*Eryngium aquaticum*) & Indian Physic (*Gillenia trifoliata*) as an emetic.

It is wise to keep the harvested berries of any holly out of reach of children and to consult a healthcare provider before using any holly. If there is an accidental overdose of the holly then activated charcoal &/or medical attention is advised.

If you have any herbal questions, you may contact me at (256) 634-3333.

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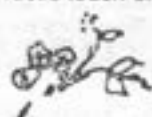
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(2) CLOUDLAND, GA - New listing with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 3500 square feet. This log home was built in 1928 and is filled with character. Priced at \$138,000. (PLS #11807)



(3) New cabin on the brow near DeSoto State Park! You'll feel right at home in this cabin on the brow featuring 2 bedrooms (1 up and 1 down), 2 baths, open living room with rock fireplace, kitchen cabinets with tin inserts, sunroom, unique wood ceiling, large back deck, enclosed landscaping and so much more. \$269,500 (PLS #12951)



(4) Wide Open Spaces! You'll have plenty of space to roam on this 8 acres complete with a 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a large pond and stream all surrounded by nature. The home features an open kitchen and living area, wood floors, sun porch with gas iron stove, large bedrooms, and baths, 3-car carport with storage, front and side dock, and list goes on. Call to make your appointment today! \$179,900 (PLS #12941)



(5) Looking for a MOUNTAIN RETREAT - 8 self contained cabins, office building that could be converted into living quarters, numerous RV and camp sites all on 13+ secluded acres adjoining DeSoto State Park. \$395,000. (PLS #12906)



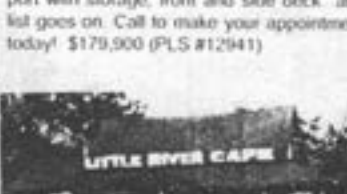
(6) LESS THAN 1 MILE from downtown Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an open porch on front and a sunroom on the back. All appliances to remain including washer and dryer, 2-car carport with workshop and a 20x24 building for extra storage, office, craft shop, etc. \$89,900 (PLS #11605)



(7) GREAT GET-A-WAY! Privately located 2 bedroom A-frame on 2 plus acres. Wood floors and walls, newly remodeled bathroom, double paned windows, fenced yard, storm shelter, PLUS a large workshop and a 2-car carport. \$139,900. (PLS #12294)



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



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



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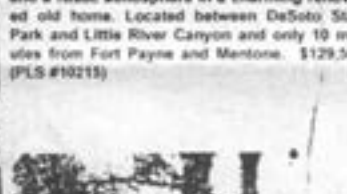
(11) Almost maintenance-free BROW HOME with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with island, cozy living room with fireplace, den/pool room with pool table already there. Great views of the valley. \$250,000.



(12) WHAT A VIEW you get from this 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home featuring 2-story living area with open balcony and mountain stone fireplace. Large kitchen with island and bay window eating area. Offered for \$225,000 with five acres. (\$2 acres available) Call for more details. (PLS #12481)



(13) Magnificent Brick Colonial on the brow in Mentone! You'll never want to leave this 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath home with open kitchen and great room with fireplace, sun porch, formal dining room, 10' ceilings, transom windows, authentic Heart Pine floors and so much more. The large back deck overlooks beautiful rock formations with a fabulous lake view. The front of the home is covered with ivy and is accented with a pocket fence adorned with roses and surrounds the herb garden. The property also features a detached double garage with storage and an additional bedroom and bath upstairs. Don't wait, this is a real find! \$449,000 (PLS #12933)



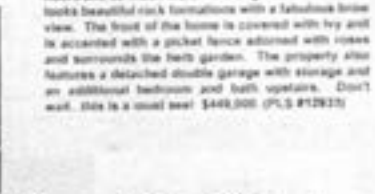
(14) Unique with lots of history and 250' of waterfront! Come home to in-town seclusion in this lovely 3 bedrooms, 2 bath home with lots of room to expand. This home was built in 1925 and is filled with character. Features include an over-sized living room with fireplace and dining area, spacious kitchen including a large island workspace with a vegetable sink and eating area, sunroom with fireplace, large bedrooms, wood flooring throughout, lots of storage, screened porch with rock floor, front and side covered porches, back deck. Close-foot tub in the master bath. Sitting area with bay window in master bedroom, and so much more. Enjoy the 250' of waterfront on West Fork of Little River, and in the side of the old covered bridge. Must see to appreciate. \$450,000 (PLS #12965)



(15) NOW under construction. This cedar-sided home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open kitchen/dining/living combination, gas log fireplace, central heat & air, large front porch and more. Contract now to customize to your liking. \$145,000 (PLS #12909)



(16) PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home sits on 6 acres and borders Brush Creek. \$74,500. (PLS #12688)



(17) Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



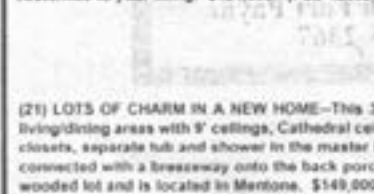
(18) RETREAT TO LAUREL CREEK! You can be the proud owner of this new construction with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen/dining combo, living room with feature window and fireplace. Exterior to be reverse board and batten. Contract now to customize to your liking. \$124,000. (PLS #12892)



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



(20) CABIN IN MENTONE - you will love coming home to this adorable cabin now being built near DeSoto State Park. Cabin features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, pine floors throughout, and rock fireplace. 8'x40' porches on front and back with Yellow Pine exterior and metal roof. \$149,900.



(21) LOTS OF CHARM IN A NEW HOME-This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features a large living/dining area with 9' ceilings, Cathedral ceiling in the master bedroom with his & her closets, separate tub and shower in the master bath with ceramic tile, and a 2-car garage connected with a breezeway onto the back porch. The full front porch overlooks a 1.158 wooded lot and is located in Mentone. \$149,000 (PLS #12777) (Photo to the right)



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- (22) MENTONE - Build your cabin on this secluded yet convenient lot located near DeSoto State Park. \$19,500 (PLS #11730)
- (23) GENTLY ROLLING, WOODED VACANT LAND IN VALLEY HEAD. Perfect for development. Extensive paved road frontage. 62 acres listed at \$3,000 per acre.
- (24) 4.3+/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,500.
- (25) BUILD YOUR WEEKEND GET-AWAY on this 1.17+/- acres filled with spectacular rock formations behind city hall in Mentone. \$14,500.
- (26) LAND! 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy 11, between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$384,750.
- (27) 11.58 acres on county Road 106 in Mentone. \$66,000 (PLS #12412)
- (28) LAND AND LAKE - 40+/- acres with a 5+/- acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake was stocked with Bass and Bream 2 years ago and is approximately 35' deep. \$180,000.
- (29) 3.68 +/- acres on the Brow near DeSoto State Park. \$59,900.
- (30) OPPORTUNITY AWAITS - 10 acres on Hwy 117, East of Mentone. 3 mobile homes and 2 one bedroom apartments and room to grow. Outside the city limits - no restrictions. \$158,500.
- (31) RETREAT, RETREAT, RETREAT - This 40 acres is partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. \$170,800.
- (32) MENTONE - Oakwood Subdivision on Co Rd 1970 with 3 acres. Proposed building site has already been cleared for your new home. \$37,500 (PLS #11954)
- (33) LOOKOUT MTN. - Build your dream home on 3 beautiful wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. Water and power available. Some restrictions. \$23,000 (PLS #12002)
- (34) Don't wait any longer...we've just listed 3.28 acres priced at \$16,400. (PLS #12291)
- (35) A RARE FIND...Established summer home featuring 1 bedroom, 1 bath with 3 living areas (2 with mountain stone fireplaces) and access to large deck overlooking the valley below. Sitting on over 2 acres with almost 500' on the West Brow of Mentone. \$425,800

The

Church News



By Evelyn Graves

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Young Harmony will be in concert on December 11, Sat. Night at 6PM at the **Mentone Community Church** 106 Summerville Road, Mentone, AL. Also singing will be **Sounds of Victory** on the same evening. For more information, call 256-634-4770

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

The Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library continues to be the happening place! We are having lots of fun with all of the activities and events! Even the meetings of the Board of Directors are usually fun, that's because we have Gene Giles as a member and he keeps everything light and sets the mood of not taking ourselves too seriously. The members of the BOD consists of: Jan Wilkinson, chair, Bill Berry, Linda Brown, Judy Dowiat, Gene Giles, Dianne Kuehl, Marilyn Mathews, and Sue Schwarz. We work together well and have accomplished a lot in the short time that the library has been open. One thing that we had to overcome was the fact that we had no guidelines, we literally learned how to do things by trial and error.

On Monday, December 6 at 7 p.m., we are planning our first "Festival of Trees". This promises to be a fun night. Under the direction of Paula Easter-Chamblee, art and music instructor for Moon Lake Elementary School, each grade at MLES will decorate a Holiday Tree. These trees will be displayed in the library and everyone is invited to come and see them and hear the Moon Lake Choir sing. As with most of our activities at the library, this is a two-fold project. One, some of you who have never visited the library will have a chance to do so and two, this will give the students a chance to show everyone what they can do. The members of the board are planning to decorate a tree also. We will use the theme of antique toys. You know, the ones that we all played with when we were children. Come and join us for what will be a fun night.

Also, a special tree will be available to you on this night. This will be a "Book Wish" Tree. This tree will be decorated with cut-outs in the shape of a book. Each shape will have the name of a book that someone wants to read and would like to see placed in the library. You will be given a chance to select a shape from the tree and secure this book as your gift to the library. The school library has been very fortunate in acquiring money to buy books this year, but I understand that there are some books that the older students would like to have. Since this is the second half of the year, money is not as readily available, so we have asked Mrs. Tonya Lassetter, school librarian, to add the names of some books to our tree. If you do not want to buy the book yourself, you can donate the approximate cost of the book and our committee will buy it and place it on the shelves. You can do this as a donation from you or as an honorarium or memorial to someone. We have beautiful book-plates that can be placed inside the books for this purpose.

Since the community library must support itself, we are always looking for a way to increase our funds. We will have Christmas decorations made of recycled books available for sale on December 6 and throughout the holiday season. You may have your choice of silver or gold books, decorated with silver and gold poinsettia or a limited number decorated with white or red poinsettias. Look at them when you visit, they are a perfect holiday accent for your coffee table in the den or living room.

Our largest fund-raiser for the year is the community calendar, this has the birthdays and anniversaries of all who buy a calendar and the meeting dates of most organizations in Mentone. The ads at the top and bottom offer much information about the area, including phone numbers. If you have ordered one from a member and it has not been

delivered yet, call and remind them. If you did not order one or need extra ones, call a member of the board and they will help you locate one. We appreciate all of the community support that we receive on this effort. Marilyn Mathews is chair of this project and does a wonderful job. Carol Hazell is responsible for the colored picture on the 2005 calendar. Thanks to both of these ladies for their help and support.

We have added many new books to the shelves. Recently, someone from Birmingham remarked that they could not believe how up-to-date our books were, that we had some that were not in many of the Birmingham libraries yet. Of course this made our hat size increase by several sizes, but we knew that they were right. We are very conscientious about watching the best-sellers lists for the newest books. Most are donated to us and Sue and Dianne do a wonderful job of trading duplicate copies in for others that we need at McKay's in Chattanooga. We also have started to collect paperback and hardback books for the Longest Yard Sale in August 2005. This is the only reason we accept paperbacks now, trial and error has shown that they are not checked out very often, therefore, we don't put them on our shelves anymore. If you would like to donate books to the library, please bring them by during any of the hours that the Community Library is open.

The FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY met on Saturday October 30 and had a work day. We covered books, shelved books, moved books and cleaned the room. We had a wonderful time together and enjoyed the barbeque lunch that was provided. We try to do this about twice a year; this keeps us caught up and also serves as a learning experience in the way a library is kept and operated.

As a service to our senior citizens, we carried a selection of books to each Senior Lunch this year. They were given a chance to check out books and then return or renew them at the lunch in two weeks. This enabled them to have access to books if they were not able or could not come to the library during the hours that it is open. This program was well received and we hope to offer it again when lunches resume. Now that they understand how it works, maybe more will take advantage of it. Thanks to Virginia Setze and Judy Dowiat for organizing and implementing this program.

A reminder to the students of fifth and sixth grades of MLES: Don't forget that the essay contest will be soon after the holiday vacation. Remember that the title is: An American Patriot. Cash prizes will be awarded and the three winning essays will be printed in The Groundhog. I'll be coming to your rooms with all of the details in January. One thing that seemed to cause problems last year was the credits listed at the end of the articles. Start now and select your subject and write your essay. This way, you will have plenty of time to fine-tune your material and to list your sources of information in the correct form.

Watch this column for the announcement of another book signing this spring. Featured will be Frank Chappell of Huntsville who authored, Dear Sister.

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

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by Mary Alice Stout

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Then sadly to our dismay, He called our Precious Baby Girl.
He reached down and took her hand
And said come home with me my child
As a choir of angels began to sing, Kenya began to smile
She sang I could only imagine how this day would be.
Would I shout hallelujah, would I fall down on my knees?
Saint Peter opened the Pearly Gates, as she went running by
She slowed down just a little, so she could slap him a high five.
She asked where's my Halo, and what about my wings?
Oh, yeah, who do I talk to about helping the other angels sing?
I know our hearts are broken because we can't see her everyday
But she's not gone for ever, she is just away.
But if she could talk to us one more time
I know just what she'd say:
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AND I'LL SEE YOU ALL ONE DAY!

(Written by her Aunt Donna Crabtree)
We love you Kenya.
Love Maw Maw & Paw Paw Crabtree
Aunts, uncles, cousins,
and lots of Family and Friends



Kenya Sharee Bain

We little knew that morning
that God was going to call your name.
In life, we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone;
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide;
and though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same;
but as God calls us one by one;
the chain will link again.

"Kenya"

You will never be forgotten.
Your memories live on every day of our lives.
We love you Baby Girl.
Love, Mom, Jeffrey & Jacob
and the rest of the family

St. Joseph's

On-the-Mountain
Episcopal Church

presents

Angel Tree

for Christmas 2004



The purpose of the Angel Tree is to provide gifts to children of families who, for some reason, cannot provide for themselves. Last year, St. Joseph's located and provided gifts to families in both Mentone and Valley Head. Seven families and twenty-one children were given Christmas gifts last year. We hope to serve more this year.

Here's how it works. Anyone who knows of a needy family in the Mentone or Valley Head area who would otherwise be without a Christmas, should call the church office at (256)634-4476, or come by the church and leave the name of the family, the number of children and their clothing sizes. A tree will be put up in the church and each child will be represented by an angel and hung on the tree. The tree will have the child's age, sizes, and favorite toys or games. Anyone who wishes to provide for that child will take the angel from the tree, shop for him or her, and return the gifts wrapped to the church. The gift, along with a holiday food basket, will be delivered on or before Christmas Eve.

Anyone in the community is invited to participate! Whether you bring a name or take an angel, you are welcome to help St. Joseph's provide a memorable Christmas to some needy family!

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James Edward Graves**1-13-27 to 11-19-04**

James (Jimmy) Graves passed away on November 19th at Redmond Regional Hospital in Rome, GA, after a long illness.

During the early part of his life, Jimmy lived in Rome, GA, with his parents, his brother Milton Graves, and sisters Betty Chitwood, and Anne Hellums. The family moved to Fort Payne in 1942. They were active in Second Baptist Church, and Jimmy was called into the ministry when he was 15 years old. He preached his first sermon at Vernon Baptist Church in 1942. Since that time, he served as pastor of Minvale Baptist Church, Ruhama Baptist Church, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Chavies Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church (Signal Mountain, TN), White's Chapel Baptist Church (Gadsden, AL), Bethel Baptist Church (Graceville, FL), First Baptist Church of Rainsville, Welcome Hill Baptist Church (Trion, GA), Happy Home Baptist Church (Henagar, AL), Allen Memorial Baptist Church, and Union Hill Baptist Church (Ft. Payne, AL).

Jimmy was married to Imogene Lyons of Fort Payne in 1947. They had two children, Edward Lee Graves, and Sandra Dale Graves (Pruitt). Imogene died in March, 1965, of cancer. Jimmy took his children to Graceville, FL, where he attended Florida Baptist Theological College before returning to Fort Payne, where he met and married Evelyn Ruth Jones of Mentone, AL, in 1967. He later received his Masters of Divinity degree from Southern Bible Institute.

Jimmy served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was discharged as a Master Sergeant.

Jimmy is survived by his wife Evelyn, his son Edward Lee and his wife Kit, his daughter Sandra and her husband Hershell Pruitt, his brother Milton Graves, and sisters Betty Chitwood and Ann Hellums. He also has 6 grandchildren: James Graves, Lee Graves, Allen Gray, Katherine Ann Gray, Shawn Stratmann and Adam Reynolds. He also has three great-granddaughters: Savannah Graves and Gabrielle and Julianna Stratmann.

Touched By An Angel**By Evelyn Graves**

One beautiful day in early September, 1967, I was standing on the corner of First Street in Fort Payne waiting for a friend to finish her last minute assignments before she joined me for lunch. It was too hot for me to sit in the car to wait, and I stepped out of the car and just stood there for a few minutes. I was wearing a white dress with a yellow scarf at the neck. What I did not know was that in those few minutes I waited, a man had stopped his car on First Street to wait for his niece to join him for lunch on her birthday. She worked in an adjoining office to my friend. In a matter of three days, the man had found out from her who I was, had sought my permission to call me, and I was committed for a date with him.

This was the beginning of a beautiful, but short, courtship with Jimmy Graves, which culminated in marriage on December 30, 1967. Jimmy told me so many times that "God had chosen me for him, and not only did God make that choice, He pointed me out to him because I was standing there in the sun clothed in white with a halo around my head!"

I had prayed all of my adult life that God would choose for me the man who would be right for me, but at the same time would be pleasing to God. I knew beyond the shadow of a doubt that God had chosen for me as well, and I know that "He doeth all things well."

It seems that everything I have ever done carried with it a tremendous challenge, and my marriage to Jimmy was no different. His first wife had died three years before with cancer, and she had left two children, Eddie, 16, and Sandra, 7 years old. By the time Jimmy and I married, they were, of course 19 and 10 years, respectively. Becoming a wife and mother all at the same time was not easy, but it was fun, and rewarding, and God never failed me. Jimmy was very supportive in my teaching and training of Sandra, and she became such a lovely young Christian lady who has given back to me much more than what I invested in her. Eddie joined the military service the very week that I met Jimmy, and I did not have the privilege to enjoy the time with him that I did with Sandra.

Jimmy was given the opportunity to pastor several churches in Alabama and Georgia after we married, and together we worked diligently to serve them, and we saw many wonderful things happen for the glory of God.

In October, 1985, Jimmy was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, a horrible disease that completely destroys the lungs. He fought hard a battle of eighteen years with this disease, but he never really gave up. He continued to pastor as long as he was able, and he had a constant telephone ministry where he called people who were sick, shut-in, disabled, and people with other problems who needed prayer and a kind word from someone who loved them. In addition to these personal contacts, he had the Dial-a-Devotion telephone ministry which may be reached at 634-0103. I intend to continue with this program because he wanted me to do that, and I have a burden for it also. Jimmy truly had a pastor's heart. So many pastors today feel that their only responsibility is to preach the word. This is important, but believe me, young pastor, if you take care of the needs of the flock and love your people and minister to them as Jesus did, He will give you the words on Sunday that you need. You will have something to preach about from a heart that is filled with love.

For the past three months, Jimmy's disease had worsened. He had two bulging disks in the thoracic area of his spine, and a compression fracture. It seemed that there was no relief for his pain, and this complication really distressed his respiratory system.

God saw fit to take Jimmy out of his suffering on November 19. His funeral service was beautiful and very fitting for a dedicated servant who was as much human as he was godly. He was so good to me, a joy to be with, and the last words he uttered before he was placed under heavy sedation were to me, "I love you." I was able to tell him that I loved him also. We enjoyed almost 37 years together, and I truly feel that I was the one who was "touched by an angel."

(See also page 6.)

**Mentone
Wedding
Chapel**

Nestled in the woods atop Lookout Mountain, near Mentone, Alabama, this quaint little chapel is surrounded by ferns, forest and flowers. The chapel is a scaled version of traditional Appalachian churches of days gone by. Stained glass windows filtering soft forest sunrays and soft organ music accent an ambience fitting the wedding ceremony. Inside wooden pews will seat approximately 60 guests.

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

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Snappy Tees has long-sleeved tees and sweat shirts available for the cooler weather. Give a personalized gift of a photo shirt, cap, mug, mouse pad, or tote bag for this holiday. Mountain shirts and clocks are on sale for 20% off for the holiday shopper. Fall and winter discount specials are available for new screen print customers at Snappy Tees located at 3219 AL Hwy 117 in Mentone, just 3 miles from the AL/GA state line.

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The Last Resort First Anniversary Open House

The Last Resort, Mentone's most unique vacation rental, will soon be celebrating its first anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend the open house on Sunday, December 5, 2004, from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Free house tours and refreshments will be available for all who attend.

The Last Resort opened in December of last year. It features three rental units: **The Lovenest** is the romantic honeymoon/anniversary rental with one bedroom, one bath and full kitchen. It sits up on top of a hill and has a lot of privacy from the other two units. **The Hideaway** is a queen suite with one bath and kitchenette. **The Lodge** is the two bedroom, two bath house. **The Lodge and Hideaway** can be opened up together to offer three bedrooms and three baths in one rental. Both of these rentals are located on the side of the mountain, offering a fantastic year-round view.

What makes this vacation rental so unique is the decorations and architecture. It is not your typical cabin motif. Guests have said that it feels more like a retreat for artists or writers than a vacation unit. The owners, Bill and Terry Grissom, say that in a couple of years, this will be their permanent residence and

have decorated all of the rentals to have a very home-like feel. The house features a "floating" staircase, cathedral ceilings, lots of balconies, two person jacuzzi tub, wood burning stove and more. Terry did all of the decorating and use different paint/wall covering techniques in each room.

The Last Resort is located at 16263 County Road 89, 4-1/2 miles from the caution light in Mentone and about 1/4 mile south of Camp Corner. It is located on the brow. For more information about the open house or for rental information, please call Bill or Terry at 205-853-9361

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Christmas Ornament Drive 2004

Each year we design a new Christmas Ornament for Sale with all Proceeds going to Moonlake Elementary School Art Department. This year's ornament has arrived for Sale at the Hotel. These make great stocking stuffers, ornaments for your tree, or just keepsakes for yourselves. They are available at the Hotel for only \$ 12.00 each. Last year we sold out in just two weeks and were able to raise \$ 1000. 00 for the School. We have ordered twice as many as last year in hopes of raising \$ 2000.00. See you at the Hotel. Happy Holidays!



Hammondville/Valley Head Christmas Parade & Party

Parade Line Up at Valley Head School
3:00 p.m. December 4, 2004- Parade
begins at 4:00 p.m.

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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. Mark 15:24

I wonder why everyone wanted part of His garments? Was it not enough that they had crucified the one who had done nothing but good? He healed their sick, fed those who followed Him, watched Him nailed to the cross, and cast lots for His clothes. Was it because they loved Him? I think not. When we enter this Easter season, how will we worship Him? I know how I want to worship Him. I want to thank Him for all the many things He has done for me--most of all for loving me enough to save my soul; and I want to love Jesus with all my heart, not just for His clothes.

Happy Easter Season!

Community Library Hours

Tuesday, 3-7 pm
Saturday, 9-12 am

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Friday and Saturday, December 3 & 4, 7:00 PM, The Christmas Story Pageant, NE Ala Comm College-Tom Beville Lyceum
- Saturday, December 4, 4 PM, Christmas Parade, Valley Head and Christmas Party at 5PM, Hammondville Town Hall Santa to be there.
- Tuesday, December 7, 6 PM, MAPA Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall, Church of God of Prophecy
- Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, December 7, 6 PM, MAPA Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall, Church of God of Prophecy
- Monday, December 13, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, December 14, 12:30 PM Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, December 14, American Legion meeting 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- Thursday, December 16, 4PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Saturday, December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Saturday, January 1, 2005 HAPPY NEW YEAR

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