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DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD'S ALABAMA RESCUER ARTICLE

By Slate McDorman

DeSoto Rescue Squad wishes to acknowledge the accomplishments of two of our Squad Members: Richard Douthat and Gail Crider. Their brave heroism originates from both their spirited nature and the strenuous conditions of our service area. Further they have worked hard to share their experiences that help effectively locate and attend to emergencies.

To truly understand the achievements of these members, you must first understand a little bit about our terrain. DeSoto Rescue Squad services the towns of Mentone, Valley Head and the northeastern tip of Lookout Mountain in Alabama. It encompasses the slope of the mountain as well as many surrounding dips and crevasses. This makes our district close to 100 square miles. Mountainous springs, rocky canyons, and virgin forests blanket the region while sun drenched valleys and cloud enveloped peaks craft awe inspiring views. When night evaporates into day, the morning chill brings wondrous sights. Mingling with the balmy air from below, mountain condensation rises to actually form a cloudy haze right before your eyes, and sun filtering through this mist regularly paints rainbows across the sky! On top of the mountain, it's common to have a cloud sit in your front yard all day.

Unlike the majority of Alabama, we have vastly opposing seasons that lead to constantly changing environmental conditions. Spring grows into summer and pushes the temperature from frigidly cold to mildly hot. In fact, our weather has a habit of staying below the freezing mark well into the first week of May and then climbing forty or more degrees within a matter of weeks. The dropping temperatures of fall produce brilliant colors as the leaves change from green to yellow, orange, and finally red. As winter hits, the freezing weather can cause hazardous icy conditions.

Our unique location in the state also provides a key ingredient for the unexpected ice storm. With no warning, snow and sleet make surfaces slick and dangerous. Ice weighs down trees breaking their branches and trunks into pieces. I cannot give justice to the feeling you develop after hearing trees snap like toothpicks for hours upon end. During our last ice storm, our entire squad ventured out into treacherous icy conditions to clear roads and provide assistance to the community. Richard's and Gail's especially tireless efforts kept many families warm enough to weather the storm.

However, it does not take an ice storm to isolate us from the world. A thin sheet of ice makes most roads up the mountain inaccessible. Even helicopters have a difficult time traveling to the top of Lookout Mountain in these situations. Placed a fair distance from the nearest health care facility, there are times when only the DeSoto Rescue Squad is able to respond to emergencies. Richard and Gail have



Gail Crider and Richard Douthat

provided decades of combined service during these trying situations. Through bad weather, isolation and rugged terrain they both have given the community 100 percent of their time and effort. They have not only answered the call of duty but have dedicated themselves to going beyond it.

The population of our service area also proves to be a challenge. It is difficult to know the exact number of people in our area because many come here for privacy. Our best estimate puts this number at around 2000. For nine months out of the year, the thinly spread and sparsely populated terrain makes emergency calls difficult to locate. During the summer days, campers, hikers, bikers, climbers, cavers, bird watchers, yard sale chasers and many more make their annual pilgrimage through our otherwise sleepy community. In these hot months, tens of thousands from all corners of the world visit by the week. With the increase of traffic, the risk of accidents also grows.

An amazingly self-sufficient man, Richard likes to do things for himself instead of handing the task to someone else. For example, he delivered his daughter, Gwen, with the help of a midwife. Richard started his career in the squad in 1989 and was Captain from 1991-2001. After his tenure, Gwen took over his former position and still holds today. Richard's rescue credentials include Rapid Responder, AED (Automated External Defibrillator), O2 Provider, Rope Rescue, as well as Dive, Search and Recovery. His main sense of motivation comes from the joy he gets in helping those in need.

Richard's most rewarding rescue involves recovering a fallen climber from Eagle's Nest cliff. Eagle's Nest itself is a

cliff on a remote overhang that overlooks the states of Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. This is one of the most beautiful views and one of the highest drops in the area. The cliff is 180 feet high with an acute overhang of 14 degrees. At the bottom, shards of broken rocks lie where they have fallen from the cliff's surface. The rescue took place in Mentone during an ice storm. Temperatures ranged from the upper teens to the low twenties. The ice storm brought such severe conditions that trees were falling frequently. The fallen climber had just been released from the hospital the previous week (due to broken arms from another incident). Because of his previous injuries, as he repelled down the icy cliff, he lost his strength and fell over 100 feet. The impact broke both his legs, thrusting their fragments into his chest cavity. It took Richard and additional workers four hours in the freezing ice and snow to pull the climber out.

Along with Richard, Gail Crider embodies the heart of the DeSoto Rescue Squad. Whenever anyone thinks of the squad, Gail's face comes to mind. In her time of service, she has run more calls than most members combined. She still continues to do so despite a hurt leg (an injury she suffered in a job related incident a few years ago). Gail joined the squad because "I love the people," and she enjoys taking care of everybody. She proves this by going on every emergency call she possibly can regardless of time, temperature or difficulty. No matter what the situation, she tries to find a way to make herself useful. She feels she is following in her father's footsteps, because he was a rescue nurse. She also feels that she gained her ability from watching her father. Her certifications include: Certified First Responder and

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Update from the Mayor

The Bridges

Many Mentone citizens have expressed their longtime concerns over the safety of two area bridges on Alabama 117 to Senator Lowell Barron, Representative Todd Greeson, and Alabama Department of Transportation Director Joe McInnes. As a result, Senator Barron arranged to have Director McInnes come to Mentone, view the bridges, and hold a meeting at Town Hall. At the meeting, Mr. McInnes and division engineer Johnny Harris explained ALDOT's plans for the bridges.

Work on the bridge over the middle fork of Little River (Whalley bridge) could possibly begin this year. The contract for the bridge over the west fork of Little River (Skyline bridge) was to be let in 2007. However, Mr. McInnes informed us at the meeting that the ALDOT would make every effort to have the contract let in January 2006 and work would begin soon thereafter.

The existing bridges are 19 feet wide. Mr. Harris stated plans call for the new bridges to be 40 feet wide. They will be built next to the existing bridges. The old bridges will be removed when the new bridges are com-

pleted. The curves will not be entirely eliminated, but "flattened" to meet current design standards.

In the interim, 24-hour blinking lights will be installed at the approaches to both bridges. The state now has two radar signs in the area.

A public meeting will be held (according to Mr. Harris probably sometime this spring) to present the ALDOT's proposals for the replacement of the bridge at Skyline. A ten-day period for public comment will follow.

Mr. Harris has visited Mentone many times and is well aware that the natural beauty of Mentone is what attracts people to our area.

School Zone, Blinking Light

The ALDOT will install blinking lights at the Moon Lake Elementary School zone on Alabama 117. The lights will come on automatically during the hours students arrive and depart.

Senator Lowell Barron and Representative Todd Greeson provided funding for this project. Moon Lake Elementary School and the Town of Mentone are grateful for their support.

Mayor Rob Hammond

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By
BERNISE CROW

January was a long dreary month, weather wise, as is the usual thing. This year, we had some warm pleasant days with a few cold snaps in between. Homer and I have hibernated in Chattanooga for most of the month, read a lot, worked crossword puzzles, and relaxed. I had intended to visit some friends but was too relaxed to make calls. We, of course, shopped at estate sales and antique auctions. This is a hobby I've enjoyed for years. It's always fascinating to see new old things and be able to buy for the shop. We have enjoyed having Greg Coe go with us to some sales and I think he is "hooked". It is contagious. At an auction, there is a fervent auctioneer who keeps a lively rhythm with his selling technique and one can get caught up in it and buy things one doesn't need. Winter months are times for planning and making purchases for summer when we have visitors to our town and we are too busy to go shopping.

The Daffodils are up and will be blooming soon along with Forsythia. Here in Chattanooga, the January Jasmine is blooming—very bright yellow blossoms but they don't have the fragrance of the ones that bloom in warmer climates. It is amazing how some plants can tolerate freezing weather and others die. We have the Arum Lily and enjoy it at its different stages. It has beautiful shiny broad leaves with little yellow stripes all winter. Then, in May, it shoots up small blossoms similar to the Peace Lily. In August, the foliage dies down and bright red seed pods about 8" tall are colorful. They last about a month and then fall. Soon after that, the green leaves appear for the winter. I plan to take some of the plants to the garden club. Many people do not know what they are and want plants when we have the long yard sale in August. Ruby O'Rear, from the pioneer family of Mentone, gave these plants to me and many others. It is a lasting memorial tribute to a great lady that I loved. She also gave me an unusual plant called "Voodoo Lily". She called it "devil's tongue". It is very shiny and beautiful in a different way. It grows about 2 feet tall and has dark red blossoms about one foot long. Ruby said they have an offensive odor when they first open and then it van-

ishes. I've never seen it open to determine if the odor is bad. I won a blue ribbon with it for our display in the horticulture section of a flower show in Chattanooga a few years ago. The plant produces new ones all along in a terraced section of our yard in Chattanooga. I haven't transplanted one to Mentone but plan to do that this spring.

I enjoy "House and Garden" shows on TV that we get on cable in Chattanooga but can't get in Mentone. It is amazing what a professional crew can do with a house inside and then landscaping outside. Landscaping can make an ordinary home look fabulous. It can hide unsightly features and enhance the better ones.

Then, there is a crew that does a garage makeover. If your garage is like ours, it has everything but a car in it! We have two garages full of junk that could go to the dump. We need to clean out and start over and then, maybe, we would have room for what we need. When packrats clean up, it just makes room for more "collectibles." At our age, we need to downsize and just quit collecting things - "stuff".

We were sorry to hear about the death of Walter Paul (Sonny) White, of Alexandria, VA, formerly of Mentone. Sonny grew up in Mentone, graduated from Valley Head High School, and attended West Point. He was an intelligent man—a pride of our community. He worked with the state department in Washington and served most of his career in the mid-east. His brother, Mason, also lives in Alexandria and visits us here every summer. Sonny had not been well for some time, but we were shocked to hear of his death. He is survived by his wife, Colleen, and I believe he had three children also.

We were also saddened to hear of Sibyl Tipton's passing away. She was a fine person, always pleasant and neatly dressed. She was a community-minded person, working with the American Legion auxiliary where she was president at one time. We always enjoyed visiting with her at our dinner meetings at the Legion Post. She made the best dressing for turkey or chicken that I have ever eaten. I didn't know that she had been ill so it was a shock to hear that she was gone. Our lives are fragile in our present stage. May God bless and comfort all relations and friends.

On the bright side, Danny and Wendy Crowe have a beautiful baby girl. Danny is Leroy and Joanne's son, and Lucille's grandson. Danny and Wendy live in Oak Ridge, TN. Danny is in the Navy Reserve and will be going to Iraq with his group soon. This will be hard for him and his family. Remember these loved ones in your prayers.

Also, please keep our daughter, Joyce, in your prayers. She is still taking chemo treatments weekly at her home in Columbia, SC. She has days when her energy is low but other days she feels pretty well and stays busy. She is a person who never complains and is forever doing things for others.

It has been a very cold two weeks the last of January, but spring cannot be far behind. The change of seasons always brightens our days. Spring cleaning will soon keep us busy.

I look forward to Margaret Baker opening the Wildflower Cafe the first week of February. It will be nice to have food again at the Hitching Post. Be sure to go by and meet her. I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

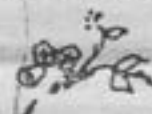
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Clay is the son of Charles and Sandra Sanders of Gainesville, Georgia, the grandson of John and Bobbie Smith of Mentone, Alabama, and the late T.J. and Susie Sanders of Pendergrass, GA. His great grandparents are Evelyn Bain of Attalla, Alabama, and the late J.R. Bain, and the late Paul and Nettie Smith, all of whom lived in Mentone.

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You return to your den in fear,
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Will keep us dunned in together.

If the sun hides its shining face,
You won't return to hiding place,
But will remain to do your thing
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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Gethryn S. Giles

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on January 11, 2005, at the Mentone Community House. There were 14 members present. Jerry Lawler was a guest. President Martha Wood called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

After the pledge to the flag, Marie Dillenbeck gave the devotional. The hostesses were Flo Kirby, Marilyn Knight, and Dallyne Jones.

The minutes of December 14, 2004, were read and approved. Get Well cards have been sent to Diane Kuehl, Peggy Roark, and Lucy Fowlkes.

Old Business: Margaret Baker reported on the status of the Fire Hall Garden. The area has been cleaned and some planting has been done. Planting will be completed after the last frost. Margaret requested donations of native plants for this garden.

It was previously announced that there will be a Landscape Design course in March, but this is not currently scheduled.

Announcements: •The president needs a list of all trees which were planted by members in the last year. •The Deep South Garden Club Convention will be in Tunica, MS, March 20-24. •The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., Convention will be in Dothan, AL, April 13-15.

Program: The program was an excellent video on planting, storing, and using herbs.

Martha Wood won the door prize. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be at the Mentone Community House at 12:30 p.m. on February 8, 2005.

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

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RECIPE CORNER

By Sue Schwarz

It is cold outside and during this kind of weather, our thoughts turn to warm, hearty foods. Bill's sister makes a delicious meat vegetable pie. It is not a "30-minute meal", but it is definitely worth the effort. Potato soup is always a good way to chase away the chills on a cold day. So, nestle in, find a good book and enjoy the cold.

MEAT VEGETABLE PIE - Dorothy Hewlett

1-1/2 pound beef stew meat
3T oil
1 medium onion chopped
3 cloves garlic minced
1/4 t salt
1/4 t pepper
1/4 C soy sauce
1 C water
pastry for one crust
2 small carrots chopped
1 small green pepper
2 firm tomatoes
3 T corn starch
3 T cold water
1 can small white onions, drained.

Brown stew meat in oil and add the next six ingredients and simmer for an hour. Drain and reserve liquid from meat. Put meat into a 9" pie pan. Boil meat juices. Make paste of cornstarch and water and stir into meat juices, stirring until clear and thickened. Put onions, carrots, and pepper over meat and pour thickened juices over all. Arrange tomato pieces and cover with pastry. Bake at 450 for 25-30 minutes.

CHUNKY POTATO SOUP

3 medium red potatoes cut into 1-inch cubes
2 C water
1 small onion finely chopped
3 T butter
3 T all-purpose flour
ground black pepper
3 C milk
1/2 t salt
1 C shredded cheddar cheese
1 C cubed cooked ham

Cook potatoes in 2 C water. Drain, reserving one cup of cooking liquid. Add butter to sauce pan and cook onion until translucent and tender. Add flour to saucepan and season to taste. Cook 3 to 4 minutes. Gradually add potatoes, reserved cooking liquid, and milk to onion mixture; stir well. Add cheese and ham. Simmer over low heat 30 minutes, stirring frequently. 8 servings.

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Sam Whatley - 7th.

Sam (Hoss) Whatley - 20th.

Garnett and Karen - 8th - each share their special birthday.

😊😊 Happy 😊😊

Birthday to each of you!

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY!!!



Zeb Kincer

Zebulon Harry Kincer will be 1 year old on Feb. 2, Groundhog day. Parents are John and Michele Kincer. He has two older brothers, Trey and Dawson! Grandparents are Harry and Brynda Hopper.

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DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD'S ALABAMA RESCUER ARTICLE

EVOC. Gail serves as Second Lieutenant in our squad and is responsible for the rescue truck. When asked what has rewarded her the most during her service on the squad, she answered that she has never attended an emergency call where a child has been killed. Her biggest disappointment is that her injured leg limits the tasks she can perform in the squad. However, her injury hasn't inhibited her dedication to the squad. Enthusiastically, she tells me "I'm giving it everything I got!"

For Richard, Gail and every member of the DeSoto Rescue Squad, the pleasure of serving in such a remarkable place brings joy along with the difficulties. Widely varying land formations, tumultuous weather, and sparsely populated areas along with traveling tourists keep the DeSoto Rescue Squad busy. These two veteran squad members who exemplify the dedication and courage it takes to provide help to people in such an extraordinary landscape.

We gratefully honor Richard Douthat and Gail Crider for their enthusiastic devotion and unwavering perseverance. From myself and the rest of the DeSoto Rescue Squad "Thank you."

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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

January has been so contrary with its ups and downs. February is always contrary, too, but we have been blessed so far, and so sorry for the places where there has been so much suffering and tragedy.

The Valley Head Woman's Club met Jan. 19, at the Valley Head School library with a good attendance. Dr. Roy Smith gave a very interesting history of area schools.

Thursday evening, Jan. 20, John and Mary and E.T. Holleman visited with Ansley and John McGinnis and Peachie and David Cearley at Elizabeth Coleman's house.

Betty Jo Lewis, Barbara Wesley and Linda Blackburn, from Florida, spent a week recently with Linda's parents, Dot and Bill Blackburn.

Martha Joan Killian from Aiken, SC, Oline Roberts and Sadie Cooper joined Carolyn Hairston in Fort Payne for lunch, recently, at the Cracker Barrel.

Selma McElhaney, from Fort Payne, spent the day, Jan. 25, with her sister, Ruth Pickett and Bert.

Jean and John Jones and family were joined by Martha and Herbert Stanley, Charles and Louise Hammond, and Sadie Cooper, in Trussville, AL, Thursday, Jan. 20, for the funeral of Carolyn Holcomb, sister-in-law of Jean Jones.

Bobby and Gail Hawkins came from Brewton, AL, to attend the funeral of Clyde Hawkins.

Sincere sympathy is extended to these relatives and friends.

Grace Jones took Mary Holleman to lunch at the Cafe Luanne in Fort Payne, recently.

Kay Rhea, from Rossville, GA, and Joyce Smith of Mentone, spent the day, Monday, with their relative, Sadie Cooper.

Sharon and Sam Ambercrombie from Pickens, SC, and Jessica Sudderth and son, Jette, from Charleston, SC, spent several days, recently, with Marion and Charles Odell and Alina.

Dr. Robert Ringer, from Marianna, FL, came Thursday, Jan. 20, to spend the weekend with his brother, Ed Ringer. Friday, they went to Birmingham for Ed's appointment with Dr. Pappas. They attended Valley Head Methodist Church Sunday, and afterwards enjoyed the spaghetti luncheon at Valley Head Masonic Lodge.

It was interesting to read on the front page of the Chattanooga Times Free Press, Wed., Jan. 26, that Tom Kilgore, chief executive of Progress Ventures, Inc., has been chosen as president of T.V.A., effective March 3. Why is that especially interesting? Because the 56-year-old engineer is a native of DeKalb County—the son of Othell and the late James Kilgore of Ider. His mother is the former Othell Phillips of Valley Head. It is inspiring to hear of someone who has persevered and achieved such outstanding success.

Ice has been predicted for this weekend. I hope the prediction will be wrong.

I hope everyone receives a lot of love on Valentine's Day and all year.

Remember Spring is just around the corner!

Wintery Clouds

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

They hover over hills and plain,
Their tears fall down in icy rain—
Enveloping earth as in a 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.

...Eloise Brown

Rod of Correction Prov. 22:15

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child,
to make him do things hurtful and wild,
but the rod of correction aptly applied—
shall drive it out, teach rightly to abide.

...Eloise Brown

February's Days

February's days are dark and dreary,
of wintery weather I am so weary
Then above the dead grass green stems I behold—
I know soon they will be crowned with Jonquil gold.

Things may seem dead, skies gloomy and gray
All will revive, there will be a better day—
I hear frogs and Robins happily sing—
There is the promise of another Spring!

...Eloise Brown

Paper Hearts

Valentines are paper hearts,
Frothy with ribbons and lace,
Eloquent of lovers' arts,
Speaking of beauty and grace.

Bringing joys to hearts of youth,
Causing dreams at least for a while—
May be toys without the truth—
Just to decisive and beguile.

Only time is proof of love—
Companionship of sharing—
United by God above,
Into strong circle of caring.

Paper hearts are nice to receive,
But give me hearts that are real—
Always true and never deceive—
To embrace, to share and to feel!

...Eloise Brown

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Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

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Amethyst is their purple gem—
It should adorn a diadem.
The symbol of water bearer,
ignites the indigo wearer
with forceful electricity.
There is no egocentricity
to prevent tolerance for all.
They heed the thirst for knowledge call.
Many achieve fortune and fame,
Igniting an eternal flame.
Washington, our first president,
His life in truthful service spent,
Lincoln—the great emancipator—
Was a freedom and justice demonstrator;
Many others rose to power and fame
And enjoyed their hour of shining name—
Some had powerful dreams
That only emitted feeble gleams—
Aquarians will always encourage, uplift and cheer
themselves and others and always endure.

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Moon Lake's students and staff showed their Tiger spirit during Hat Day recently.

THE TIGER

The Monthly News from

Upcoming Events @ M

Monday, February 7...

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Fancy hats and bright smiles decorate the heads of Moon Lakers of first-, third-, and fifth-graders on this page.

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at Moon La



GRADE 1

All A

Honor Roll

Isaac Browder
Kara Goss
Katelyn Grider
Byton Haynes
Amelia Lee
Elizabeth
Meadows
Jimmy Swain
Tommy Tullis
Mackenzie
Willingham

All A&B

Honor Roll

Eli Durham
Justin Easler
Dawson Kincer
Dylan Lewis
Tommy Tullis
Andrew Williams

GRADE 2

All A

Honor Roll

Alex Davis
Jacob Gilbreath
Sarah Graham
Kalee Hatfield
Kali Haynes
Shelby Jackson
Caleb Johnson
Alexis Manifold
Kaitlee McGee
Orion Nicely
Levi Owen
Samantha Purvis
Taylor Purvis
Amelia Saferine
Meagan Sutton
Marysa Wigley
Brook Wright

All A&B

Honor Roll

Paige Smith
Cody Smith
Abigail Wallace

GRADE 3

All A

Honor Roll

Bleu Davis-S
Jonnie Frost
Veronica
Kinoshita
Mikey Peters

All A&B

Honor Roll

Brittney Harr
Michael
Langston
Jaimee McG
Adam Miller
Kamissa Smi
Megan Wald

PAW PAGES

Moore Lake Elementary School

Moore Lake Elementary School

Term reports will be sent home

PTO meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Presidents Day holiday

Direct Assessment of Writing (grade 5)

Hat Day was one of several special events planned during the school's homecoming week.



On this page, students in kindergarten and second grade display their head-top finery.

Students were members
of the grading period honor roll
at Moore Lake Elementary School.

GRADE 4

All A

Honor Roll

Beth Durham
Adam Faulkner
Danielle Powell

All A&B

Honor Roll

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

GRADE 5

All A

Honor Roll

Raven Brown
Tiffany Easter
Alexis Hatfield
Caitlin Kirby
Kaylee McMunn
Hailey Saferite

All A&B

Honor Roll

Stevi Hayes
Christian Henry
Jessica Howard
Brandi Miller
Daniel Phillips
Ryan Wilks

GRADE 6

All A

Honor Roll

Brittany Bain
Tyler Blansit
Colleen Castleberry

All A&B

Honor Roll

Josh Faulkner
Seth Massey
Humer Stone



Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: MAPLE- HOW SWEET IT IS!

By L.C. Moon

There are several different types of Maples living in our habitat. The Red Maple (also known as swamp or scarlet maple)--Acer Rubrum- is the most common in our area. All of the maples give the gift of brilliant color during the fall season. Not just beneficial as food for the soul, red & sugar maples are known for the wonderful gifts that they impart upon us for healthy bodies.

Acer Rubrum is known as a tonic for the whole body. The inner bark and leaves of the red maple are known to benefit the liver, spleen and soothe the nerves according to Jethro Kloss in Back to Eden. Kloss recommends a heaping teaspoon full to a cup of boiling water. I generally bring water to a simmer or low boil then pour the hot water on the leaves and allow the tea to steep at least 10 minutes. I simmer inner bark for 10 to 30 minutes depending on the potency I am trying to achieve. Kloss advises 3 cups daily on an empty stomach unless you have pain in the liver or spleen; in which case he recommends drinking a wineglassful every hour or two. Darryl Patton, author of Mountain Medicine, quotes Tommie Bass as recommending red maple as a wonderful tonic for women with hot flashes and female complaints. I would combine squaw vine (partridge berry) with the red maple as a female tonic. The Physicians Desk Reference for Herbal Medicines also mentions Acer Rubrum as a folk medicine for female complaints. Patton recommends boiling 2 cups of inner bark to a half gallon of water for twenty minutes, then replacing water that has boiled away and boil for another five minutes. Patton recommends drinking a hot cup as needed through out the day. Alma Hutchens author of American Indian Herbalogy states that Acer Rubrum is a good muscle toner for new mothers. Hutchens also recommends Acer Rubrum as a good poultice for boils while Patton recommends it as a good remedy externally for sore tired eyes. According to National Audubon Society Field Guide to Trees- Eastern Region states that the pioneers made ink and a cinnamon-brown dye from the red maple.

The silver maple--Acer Sacharrinum--is also common in the Lookout Mountain range. Silver maple does yield sweet sugar sap but

the yield is low. Boxelder- Acer negundo- now known as a weed tree on the east coast, was tapped by the Plains Indians to make sugar from the sap according to the National Audubon Society. The sugar maple, Acer Saccharum- is a tree favored by many during the spring because they tap the trees for their abundant sweet maple syrup. However the Sugar Maple is not abundant in our area. Maple syrup is known as a cleansing tonic and nourishing sweetener. Maples are tapped at the first sign of warming weather, often as early as February in the south. The sap that rises first is known to carry the greatest amount of nutrients. The xylem layer that the sap travels through is 1 to 3 inches beneath the bark. It is recommended in A Forager's Year by Susan Tyler Hitchcock to drill the holes angling up at about 2 inches deep in a tree that is at least one foot across. Spiles are inserted into the drilled holes in order to funnel the sap out of the trees. For centuries sumach &/or elderberry have been used as spiles because of their pithy insides that may be hollowed out like a straw. One gallon per day of sap is said to be a good flow though there is known to be 100 - 250 gallons of sap flowing through the maple tree on a springtime day. Each day the sap is to be harvested. According to Hitchcock the easiest process then is to freeze the sap until you have enough to process. It takes between 32 to 60 gallons of harvested maple sap to equal one gallon of syrup or four and a half pounds of maple sugar. I recommend the book A Forager's Year if you are interested in harvesting maple sap.

Maple is truly a blessing for the palate and the eyes to feed the body and soul. The fall of 2004 on Lookout Mountain the Maples gave us what seemed to be an unending supply of color all the way through the month of November. If you would like to try the maple leaves or inner bark you may contact me. I will not have any of the native maple harvested until this spring but will help how I can to get you the form of Maple that will work best for you. You may contact me at (256)634-3333 or LCMoon03@aol.com for maple, LCMoon Herbal products and soap as well as other botanical and natural therapy information.

Walter Paul (Sonny) White

Walter Paul (Sonny) White, a native of Mentone, died January 13, at a hospital in Fairfax, Virginia. Mr. White, who died a week short of his 75th birthday, was a retired Foreign Service officer, with the U.S. Information Agency. He was also a retired major in the Marine Corp reserve. His foreign service assignments included India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, and Israel, among others.

Born in January 1930 to W. Paul White and Margaret Moorman White, he was educated at Valley Head School and the Univ. of Georgia. While at Georgia, he was editor of the school newspaper, The Red & Black.

Mr. White's natural mother died in 1935; and, in 1937, his father married the former Alice Jane Davenport. Survivors include his wife of nearly 50 years, the former Colleen Kelly of Washington DC. Also are two sons, David White of Seattle, Washington, and John White of Washington DC; a daughter, Kathleen Margaret White of Portland, Oregon, and a brother Mason White of Arlington, Virginia. He also had two grandchildren.



Mrs. Ruby Inez Hill Biddle Blalock

April 1, 1922 to January 10, 2005

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at Jordan Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Ron Johnson officiating.

Interment was in Bankhead Cemetery. Pallbearers were Radolfo Lopez, John Lawton, Jedidiah Lawton, Tommy Hill, Thad Heinrich, and Jesse Lawton. Survivors include daughters; Linda Biddle (Stan) Lawton; Rita Biddle (Johnny) Wynn. Father of her children: Calvin W. Biddle. Brothers: T.H. Hill; Freeman (Sybil) Hill; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

GRACE HOWARD

Mrs. Grace Bolen Howard died Thursday, December 9, 2004, in Milwaukee, WI. Born in Greenwood, MS, Grace was the daughter of Henry Bolen and Lottie May Rickles. A graduate of Ole Miss, Grace met Milton Williams Howard II, her husband of 58 years, while working for the TVA in Chattanooga, TN, during World War II. After the couple moved to Decatur, GA, Grace substitute taught, was very active in Girl Scouting, and was one of the founders of the AAUW Book Fair. Later, while living in Jackson, MS, she became very much involved in miniatures, creating beautiful room boxes, which she eagerly shared with others. She and Milton were also very active in Gem and Mineral Societies in Atlanta, Jackson, and Mentone, AL. A true nature lover, Grace took special interest in and care of the birds wherever she lived, always providing them with houses, fresh water, and food, regardless of the weather. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Mary Ann Howard of Stone Mountain, GA; daughter and son-in-law Martha and Richard Whitaker of Whitefish Bay, WI; 5 grandchildren: Walter, Andrew, and Christy Howard, and Nathan and Beth Whitaker; sister-in-law, Peggy Howard of Decatur, GA; and cousin, Johnny Ray Rickles of Greenwood, MS. A graveside service was held on Sunday December 19, 2004, at 2:00 PM in Greenwood, MS, at Odd Fellows Cemetery. Williams & Lord Funeral Home of Greenwood, MS, was in charge of arrangements.

Milton W. Howard III

Milton Williams Howard III of Decatur, formerly of Stone Mountain; Mentone, Alabama; Jackson, Mississippi; and Decatur, died Thursday, August 7, 2003. A graduate of Georgia Tech, he worked as a Civil Engineer in Chattanooga, Atlanta, and Jackson, Mississippi. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Grace Bolen Howard, sister, Elizabeth Howard of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; son and daughter-in-law, Peggy Wise Howard, of Decatur; aunts, Martha Brady of Laguna Hills, California, and Auvergne Brady of Atlanta; five grandchildren: Walter, Andrew, and Christy Howard of Stone Mountain, and Nathan and Beth Whitaker, of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin; and two nieces, Jennifer and Ginger Howard, of Atlanta. A memorial service was held Tuesday, August 19, at 4PM at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, in Stone Mountain. Williams & Lord Funeral Home of Greenwood, MS, was in charge of arrangements.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard lived in Mentone from 1977 until 1995. They were active in the United Methodist Church

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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.

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(2) RUSTIC CABIN, on the East Brow. See Weiss Lake in the distance from these 7 acres. 2 bedroom 2 bath with open living, Kitchen area, Large Loft, all appliances stay. \$124,900.



(3) WEST FORK SUBDIVISION. Private, yet only minutes from Mentone. 2 lots with combined footage on water of 593 ft. 4.4 acres wooded, on the cul-de-sac. \$65,000.



(4) COMPLETELY REMODELED AND LIKE NEW. One level Ranch-style home, with apartment. 3 bdrm, 3 bath. Living room with stone Fireplace. Separate dining room. New kitchen cabinets, counters, flooring. New Roof, lifetime warranty windows. Screened porch and breezeway. Wired Generator. So much more. Containing 3.6 acres M/L Hwy 117, with commercial potential. \$420,600. MUST SELL \$110,000.



(5) BRAND NEW, Weekend Getaway Cabin with 2 bedrooms 2 baths. Tin roof, Rocking Chair Porch. On a private wooded Acre. \$89,000.



(6) EAST FORK AND THE DINKY LINE RAILWAY. An historical part of this 75 acres of wooded wonder. 3 Springs and river. Undeveloped with paved road frontage. \$275,000 (10255) LMP145



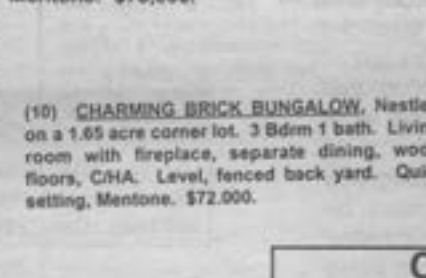
(7) WEST FORK SUBDIVISION. 5.9 acres with 700 ft on the River. Trails throughout. Large Hardwoods and abundance of Unique Foliage. Private yet only minutes from Mentone. \$78,000.



(8) MENTONE FARMHOUSE, with 4.46 acres to Room. 2 bdrm 1.5 bath. Country Kitchen, Pine Floors throughout. Deck and outbuildings. Newly Re-wired, plumbed, C/H/A, vinyl siding and a Root Cellar. \$118,500.



(9) INVESTMENT PROPERTY 2 bdrm 1 bath cottage in Mentone, with One acre. Needs some cosmetic work. Sold as-is. \$49,500



(10) CHARMING BRICK BUNGALOW. Nestled on a 1.65 acre corner lot. 3 Bdrm 1 bath. Living room with fireplace, separate dining, wood floors, C/H/A. Level, fenced back yard. Quiet setting, Mentone. \$72,000.



OTHER PROPERTIES

(13) 7.25 ACRES, on CO RD 106, City water available, mostly cleared with lake site, Large Oak Trees, where the Old Homeplace used to be. \$56,000. REDUCED \$49,000.

(14) 80 ACRES of WOODER BROW PROPERTY with creek and waterfall. Private drive with bridge. Great views. \$240,000.

(15) HIDDEN BROW ESTATES, Cloudland, GA. Spectacular Views East side. 7.5 acres, 500 ft. of brow frontage, private, large Rock bluffs, \$162,500--will divide.

(16) 10 ACRE PARCEL, Co Rd 633, wooded, drive, quite, private location. \$35,000.

(17) ONE AND ONLY LITTLE RIVER CANYON. 3 acre tracts with a view of the Canyon Bluff. Very secluded and access private rd. with locked gate. Call for appt. \$40,000 and up (11959) LMP143

(18) DEEP WATER FOR BOATING, LAKE LAHUSAGE. Come and enjoy this 3.3 acre tract, with 180 ft. on the water. city water available. Build your dream in Mentone. \$79,000. SOLD

(19) 3.18 ACRES ON HWY 117, Mentone. No restrictions. Wooded with city water available. \$20,000.

(20) 1.14 ACRE BUILDING LOT off Desoto Parkway, Mentone area. City water, private. Joins boy Scout Camp. \$17,500.

(21) INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES. Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$8,000.

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(11) AN INCREDIBLE, ONE-OF-A-KIND CUSTOM DESIGNED HOME with breathtaking view in Cloudland, GA., 1.5 acres with 100' road and brow frontage. Approx. 6000 sq ft home with 3000 sq ft. heated space. Heart Pine floors, all log walls, cedar-lined closets. French doors, four porches, two fireplaces. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, granite countertops, oversized shower, antique footed tub. Top quality appliances, furniture quality cabinets. Charm and elegance found in custom Millwork and moulding. 100 yr. old Chestnut Mantle, and 1000 sq ft dormitory type bedroom, rec room and sitting room upstairs. Full basement with parking for 4 cars. Whole house generator. Gated. Asking \$425,900.



(11) UNIQUE LOG, STONE, AND CEDAR SHAKE LODGE. Custom through and through, complete with Heart Pine Plank floors. Open Great Room with stone fireplace. Loft with built-in beds. Commercial kitchen with fireplace. French doors open to the sleeping porches and Master Bdrm. A must see, with so much to offer. Storage shop which can be turned into guest quarters. Small log cabin on the private 2.3 acres also. \$274,900

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

This is the month of love!! I'm sure that there is a better reason for Valentine's Day, but I have always thought that maybe February is such a dreary month that someone thought it needed a holiday. What better time for a holiday that uses red as its primary color and candy, flowers and cute little cards as the theme?

Don't forget to tell everyone that you love them. Love yourself by coming to the library and checking out a book that you want to read. We have lots of books on almost any subject that you could choose. The next time you are in the library, go to the section that is numbered using the Dewey Decimal System. A book on almost every subject is included in this section.

The Moon Lake Library has been very fortunate to have received so many quality books in the short time that we have been open. Our research department is very good and almost everything that you need to know can be found in our books. If you can't find it in a book, we now have access to the Internet, so I'm sure you can find it there.

We have many of the works of fiction that are currently on the best seller's lists. The people who donate books regularly buy these books, read them and then give them to the library. Many times when a person can't find the book they are looking for, they will make the statement that they will buy it and then donate it to the library. This keeps our shelves stocked with very good books.

The use of the library seems to have slacked off some now that the weather is uncertain. This is the ideal time to use the library. The nights are long and cold and reading a book is a good way to pass the time. When the ice storm hit Mentone the last of January, we did not open the building on that Saturday. Our reason is simple; safety. We were concerned that someone might fall even if they could get to the library. I heard reports that the drive-way and the parking lot were very slick. We will never be open on Tuesday if school has been cancelled because of weather. You may want to keep these facts in mind and not go under these circumstances. Again, our number one priority is safety.

Community
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The students of the fifth and sixth grades of Moon Lake Elementary School have written their essays and they are now in the hands of the judges. The title is: An American Patriot. The last report from the judges was that they never would have believed how hard it is to pick only three winners. The winners will be announced at school on Friday, February 4. These essays will then be read at the PTO meeting on February 8. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded and the three winning essays will be printed in March issue of The Groundhog. I have asked for extra space so that all of them can be printed. Watch this column and see who the young people of today think are American patriots. I think that you will be very surprised and very proud of the way they are thinking.

Dianne Kuehl will be training three new volunteers in February. We are always pleased to have new people who want to work in the library. These will be trained to keep the library on open days, but if that is not something that you want to do there are many other tasks that need doing. Call me at 634-8006 and tell me what you would like to do to help out in the library.

OPEN DAYS: TUESDAYS, 3 - 7 P.M.
SATURDAYS, 9 - 11:59 A.M.

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



(2) 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. Priced at only \$425,000. (PLS #13085)



(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 & 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. \$249,500 (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 deck, 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 #10906)



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



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



(8) MENTONE ... Rustic Cabin-Currently being remodeled - 1 bedroom with bedroom loft, living and dining room has cathedral ceiling, kitchen with ceramic tile countertops, utility, front porch, wooded area. \$95,000 (PLS #13047)



(9) NEW CABIN ON BRUSH CREEK! You can be the first owners of this all NEW 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with vinyl siding, metal roof, laminate and ceramic flooring, central heat & air, 550' screened porch/deck and so much, much more all on 1.31 acres. Call for more details \$127,500. (PLS #13267)



(10) ESTABLISHED TIRE BUSINESS! This 40x100x14 metal building houses 3 lifts, 4 roll-up doors, concrete floors, Office, 2 restrooms, space heaters & window air unit and all inventory included. Call today for more information \$336,600. Price reduced to \$199,900.



(11) 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 \$325,000 with five acres. (92 acres available) Call for more details. (PLS #12481)



(12) 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 brow view. The front of the home is covered with ivy and is accented with a picket fence adorned with roses and surrounds the herb garden. The property also features a detached double garage with storage and an additional bedroom with bath upstairs. Don't wait...this is a must see! \$449,000. (PLS #12933)



(13) Unique with lots of History and 250' of Waterfront! Come home to in-town seclusion in this lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with lots of room to expand. This home was built in 1923 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. Claw-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 is the site of the old covered bridge. Must see to appreciate. \$450,000 (PLS #12963) (PHOTO TO LEFT)



(14) 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)



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



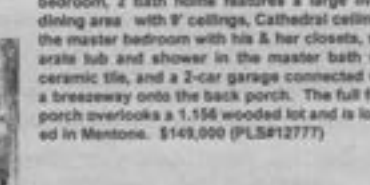
(16) LOTS OF CHARM IN A NEW HOME-This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features a large living/dining area with 9' ceilings, Cathedral ceiling in the master bedroom with his & her closets, separate tub and shower in the master bath with ceramic tile, and a 2-car garage connected with a breezeway onto the back porch. The full front porch overlooks a 1.156 wooded lot and is located in Mentone. \$149,000 (PLS #12777)



(17) 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)



(18) 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.



(19) NEW CONSTRUCTION ON THE NORTH BROW IN MENTONE. This new home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas burning fireplace, front porch, back deck and more with approx. 1000 square feet of living space. Make your appointment to wake up to this magnificent view on a daily basis. \$295,000 (PLS #13110) (Photo to the right.)

OTHER LISTINGS

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

(21) If you have picked your house plans, but have no place to build...call about this 4 acre parcel that has just been listed on County Road 827 in Mentone. \$28,000.

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

(23) 4.3+- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,900.

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

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

(26) 11.38 acres on county Road 106 in Mentone. \$66,000 (PLS #12412) (SOLD)

(27) 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. \$488,000. Price reduced to \$169,900.

(28) 3.68+- acres on the Brow near DeSoto State Park. \$44,000. Reduced \$54,900.

(29) 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. \$169,900.

(30) RETREAT, RETREAT, RETREAT - This 40 acres is partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. \$172,000.

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

(32) 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) (SOLD)

(33) Don't wait any longer...we've just listed 3.28 acres priced at \$14,400. (PLS #12291)

(34) MENTONE Brow Property - 2.3 acres on the Brow of Lookout Mtn. Priced at \$200,000

(35) MTN. RIVER ESTATES - Phase II-Building lots available starting at \$27,300. Restricted Subdivision. Waterfront available. Call for more details. (PLS #12967 & 12968)

(36) BROW Property...1.7+- acres on County Road 166 near DeSoto State Park. \$37,500 (PLS #10133)

(37) LEAVE THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF THE CITY behind and build your home on this newly listed 10 acres in Mentone. This property is mostly wooded and offers lots of privacy. There is an abandoned log structure on the property (no value given in this structure). \$99,000 (PLS #13077) (SOLD)

(38) NEWLY LISTED 4.23 acres on Hwy 117, just outside the Mentone City Limits. Property is suitable for residential or commercial, so call today for all the details. \$19,900

(39) HERE'S YOUR CHANCE...Acreage on DeSoto Parkway! 6.05 acres with no restrictions on County Road 89 near DeSoto State Park. Priced at only \$78,500.



North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District

During the past month our volunteer fire department has responded to the following calls:

Structure Fire	1
Forest Fire	6
Vehicle Accident	1
False Alarm	
Natural Disaster	1

In addition to responding to the alarms that come in through 911 our firefighters work in other ways to contribute to the people they serve.

The members of our Volunteer Fire Department supported the community last month by installing the new Christmas Decorations along Hwy. 117 and by representing our area in Christmas parades in Ft. Payne and Valley Head winning second place. They collected money from within their membership to provide a wonderful Christmas for a local family.

Volunteer fire fighters serve rural communities across America without pay and often without proper equipment to keep them safe. They are our first line of defense.

Ready and Willing

If you would like to help:
Donations are tax deductible and may be
Mailed to:
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Fire Protection District
PO Box 154
Mentone, Al. 35984

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District will sell vehicles as listed below at public auction. These vehicles are being offered for sale by "sealed bid" with no warranty expressed or implied. Each item will be sold separately and will be sold "as is". Payment must be made on day of sale. Payment by personal check must be accompanied by bank letter of credit which guarantees funds. NO Exceptions.

These vehicles may be viewed from February 28, 2005, to sale date of March 05, 2005, at the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Building on State Highway 117 located in Mentone, Alabama.

Bids to be marked as "Sealed Bid" and turned in on or before March 04, 2005, at 4 p.m. CST. Bids shall be mailed to: North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 154, Mentone, Alabama 35984.

Vehicles to be removed on day of sale.

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District reserves the right to Reject Any and All Bids.

Vehicles to be sold are as listed below:

1956 GMC Pumper Truck (pump does not work)

1987 Chevrolet, 1-ton service truck,

Minimum Bid: \$1500.00

1968 American-LaFrance, Pumper/Ladder

Truck, Minimum Bid: \$6000.00

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Community Announcement

Wildflower Cafe Open House
Tuesday, February 8
from 8 am to 12 noon.

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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

**Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all
that is within me, bless his holy
name. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits:**

Psalm 103:1-2

2004 has come and gone and I'm afraid many of us did not take time to see all our benefits. An old song says count your blessings see what God has done. When I begin to look over the past year, I found too many blessings to count. I had so much to thank God for I couldn't afford to complain.

Try counting all your benefits, you will find you have more to be thankful for than you have to complain about.

Happy New Year!

Senior Lunches

Will begin Wednesday, February 16, 2005

and continue through April 6, 2005

Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Mentone Community House

Please come and enjoy the food & fellowship!

Hosted by the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

●Tuesday, February 1, 6:30 PM, DeSoto
Rescue Squad, Mentone Community House

●Wednesday, February 2
GROUNDHOG DAY

●Tuesday, February 8, 12:30 PM
Rhododendron Garden Club,
Mentone Community House

●Tuesday, February 8, American Legion
meeting 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall

●Monday, February 14,
VALENTINE'S DAY

●Monday, February 14, 6PM, Town
Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall
meeting room, open to the public

●Wednesday, February 16, 11:30 AM, Senior
lunches begin, Mentone community House

●Monday, February 21, PRESIDENTS' DAY

●Thursday, February 24, 4PM, Waterworks
Board Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting
room, open to the public