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MY FRIEND, BARBARA

By Evelyn Graves

This is the night before The Groundhog goes to press, and Marie and I are working diligently to wrap it up, but something is lacking. We don't have anything for the front page. My mind begins to race, and I think, "January" - what can it be? Quickly, I thought of a very special person who means a lot to me. She was born on January 18, just two months before my own birth.

Barbara Alice Bailey was born to Floyd and Catherine Bailey. She has one brother, Gerald Wayne. Barbara is the granddaughter of Roscoe and Ethel Brown who were early settlers to Mentone, and her paternal grandparents were Raymond and Alice Bailey who came from Birmingham. Her grandmother Bailey passed away before her grandfather Bailey settled with his family in Mentone.

I have many fond memories of Barbara. We were very close friends from the time we were able to sit up and recognize each other. Her parents and she lived in the house with my parents when I was born. This was not uncommon for families to share living quarters if the house was large enough to accommodate two families and if they were congenial.

My mother and Catherine shared in the meal preparation and other duties around the house. They soon moved to a house of their own, but our friendships continued.

Barbara spent a lot of time in our home, as I did in hers. She was a very sweet, happy child who was a pleasure to be around. We entertained ourselves for hours "pretending." It wasn't necessary to have a lot of expensive toys to be happy. Our own creativity was all we needed. We played with our dolls, played in the meadow above our house flying kites, picking up apples that had fallen on the ground, hiking through the woods, and riding our bicycles.

I remember one incident on the bicycle that nearly killed us both (at least we thought we were going to die). It was my brother's bicycle, and he was always working on it, taking it apart, and leaving off parts in the process. I volunteered to take Barbara home on the bicycle rather than have her cross the "footlog" that lay across the branch between my house and hers. She loved the footlog and usually managed to fall in the branch, accidentally, of course! (Just like when she fell in the fish pond at her house, accidentally of course!) She loved water and learned to swim early.

Back to my story—we started on our journey to her house. When we got to the end of my driveway, Barbara was holding around me, gripping the handle-



Barbara Bailey

bars. I could not turn the wheel, got excited and ran across the road and up a tree. The bicycle threw us off and fell back on top of us. My brother had taken the grips off the handlebars and the naked bar hit me in the chest. I looked around and Barbara was semi-conscious, lying on a big rock in the ditch. We were both in a great deal of pain. Barbara suffered a bruised kidney and cuts and bruises, and I was sure my heart was punctured. We both survived. I never was very adept at bicycle riding and should have let her fall in the branch, because it would have been much safer and more fun for her.

Barbara and I wore dresses made by the same pattern, hats alike, and even shoes. We were baptized at the same time in Little River and share so many memorable experiences.

We survived those days of childhood, and as our ways separated when we started to high school, we did not spend as much time together as we always had. We still loved each other, but circumstances separated us.

Barbara and Ovie first showed a romantic interest in each other at a candy pulling held in the Berry Patch at Mentone. After that, Ovie says they just "stuck together."

Barbara grew up early and was quite popular in high school. She fell in love with Ovie Blalock, and they married in her senior year of high school. They raised five children—Jimmy, Lesley, Raymond, Barbie and Barry. They now have 16 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Barbara and Ovie were quite active in PTO and other school activities in which their children were involved; and they enjoyed their children. All of them were beautiful babies, and the boys grew up to be quite handsome; and Barbie was always a beautiful child, looking so much like her mother did when she was a child.

Barbara has many activities to keep her busy. She loves sewing, reading, cooking, and traveling. She is a member of the Rhododendron Garden Club, is treasurer of Local Lodge 436 of Woodmen of the World. She and Ovie volunteer with Habitat House, being a part of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Convention. They help with the construction of a house every year and then attend the convention. She has been part of the DeKalb Rescue Squad, is a volunteer at the Mentone Community Library, and is active in church activities.

Barbara's life has been very fulfilling, and I am happy that I could share in a part of her life. I love her very much.

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In The Shadow of God's Hand

A personal testimony by Cheryl Baker

A new year and very proud of it! Everyone knows that last year was a very hard year for me. Hopefully, this one will be much better. I can say it feels great to be loved by everyone in the community. I do not know how to thank you for helping David and me get through my sickness. I want to say a big "Thank You" to everyone from St. Joseph's on The Mountain. Everyone there has helped us out in ways I will always be grateful for, especially when it came to my children and husband who has been definitely tested on how much love he had for me.

For almost a year now, I have been sick. It has not been easy, but I'm slowly recovering and recuperating from what I went through in March 2002. I'm very positive about this year and will not let anything get to me. I have been through the worst anyone can think and certainly survived it. Many of you were very concerned and had a right to be, for I was very sick; and now I am getting better. We all always think and hope—it will never happen to me—but it did and will especially when you think things are going so good. It can happen to you, bring you down and you can get very sick or very ill—so ill you feel as if you were going to die—and indeed I felt that way. I never knew what people who had to have radiation or steroids felt like, until the unexplainable happened to me. God only knows why it happened to me because no one can figure out why it was me. I can say it is good to have friends and family. I have lots of friends and never knew how many until after 7-1/2 months of suffering. I finally told a friend and next thing you knew everyone knew and were helping us, and

it was the best help ever.

I was trying to work after receiving radiation and steroids, which was a big no, no. I could not even keep my head up, much less tell someone hello when they walked in the store. I thought I would never live to tell this story but I did. I know that I was not such a happy and cheerful person last year but you must keep in mind I had a lot of treatments and I can only say if you were one of those persons I did not talk to I'm sorry but I was not feeling quite myself then. I'm sure you can understand now why I said I cannot be exposed to the sun you will have to bring it in. Not being around my plants was very hard on me, knowing how much I loved them was very hard. I was inside a lot last year and everyone wondered what happened. I got sick—very sick—had what science called flesh eating bacteria. There are 2 types and one can kill; the other one I will just live with it for the rest of my life. No it's not contagious. If it was, my whole family would have it. I'm just very protected on what I touch and how much more often I wash my hands now. Never knew how much bacteria is floating in the air or what lives in waters or what lives in the soils or what is around us until I got this. I found out everything there is to know about this and thought I would not live to tell this story. It was a miracle from God, I think, that it did not turn into the deadly type. I do have a very bad spot on my leg that has ruined my bone but that will remind me more often to be careful on what I touch, eat, or smell.

I'm back but slowly recuperating. I have lost 47-1/2 pounds and am really thin—have not been this thin since I had Gage.

I'm feeling better and better each day and recovering my strength and thanks to my new doctor who is curing me—Dr. Lui, who finds herbal tea can help me better than giving me radiation or steroids which it has. Acupuncture, too, has helped me more that radiation or steroids. I just want to say thank you, Dr. Lui, for helping cure me of this scary bacteria and everything else that was ailing me.

I really thought I was going to go crazy and was going to die and even was going to get a coffin because I thought there was no hope for me. I was a frightened child of God's, and did not know whether to believe in God or not; but He has shown me what to believe and has helped me through this and has changed our lives (David and mine), forever and ever. I never had doubt that God could do miracles. I just had given up because I was down—very down—and to the point of no return and felt I was not going to live and almost gave up on faith until I asked the Lord, "Please help me get through this. I know many things have happened that are good and bad, but I ask you to spare me to raise my family and to forgive me for whatever terrible sin I have caused." To this day, I still do not know what it was so terrible I did, but he has spared my family and given me my life back and yes, indeed, many things have changed around here.

Sundays are church days for us; and, sorry, but no one can come between us and God. I have lived to tell a miracle for a reason and I'm not messing it up between me and the Lord.

You can call it whatever you want to, but too many miracles have happened for my family and I'm a true believer and will

not miss my church. Everyone is questioning about John Deere and is it a part of John Deere Co. The answer is, yes it is a part of John Deere the Co. with tractors. They have expanded out all over the US and have a big branch in Birmingham called John Deere Landscapes. We just are not growing Perennials we will be growing annuals as well and will be growing all summer long well into the fall, as well as into winter.

So guess what—we had to put up another greenhouse and, yes, we had to gutter connect it to another one, but that gives me more room to grow more perennials for you guys. We are also a grower for greenhouse growers over in Center, AL, and have many Nurseries and Landscapers who buy from us. So, you may want to shop early and not wait. I will try to keep the plugs coming and cuttings going but Lord help me if this stuff comes back.

David is going to be here this year helping me run the greenhouses and store. I cannot do it by myself until I get completely better, and no one knows how long that will be before I have my strength back 100%.

All Landscaping will stop by April 1st. I'm sure that will be more than enough time for him to get done what he needs to get done. Once again thank you—the community for the support and leadership you have shown David and me. There are many people to thank and I just do not know where to begin.

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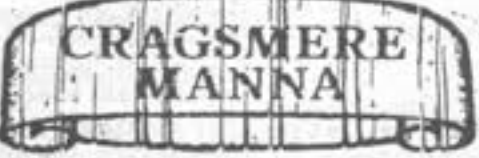
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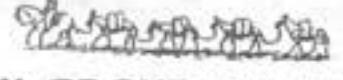
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By

LINDA BROWN



I have always heard that everything comes in cycles. I can remember winters in Mentone when it would be 0 degrees and colder. Now it seems that this type of weather is back. Several people told me that they had 2 degrees, which is what we had. I was talking to my daughter, Gail, about keeping water for her cattle during the cold. She told me that it was zero at her house and her pond was frozen solid. She had to break the ice with an axe to get water for the cows.

Years ago, I think it must have been in the 60s, I can remember that someone drove a Volkswagen "bug" onto Little River. It was frozen that hard. This was just above the dam at DeSoto Falls. Also, Max Cash and his family and neighbors would ice skate on Moon Lake. If I remember correctly, they would even build up a fire in the middle of the lake, on the ice. Of course, I could write a small book about the ice and snow storms that have occurred over the years. The point I seem to be trying to make is that we may be going to have more really cold weather.

Things seem to be rather slow now. The weather hinders construction on the water lines and other outside work. Even with the cold weather, I think that some of the new lines will be filled with water and ready to use by March or April. The next project for the water department is replacing old lines more or less in the Mentone town limits. This was where the first water lines were laid and therefore they are worn out and need replacing.

The Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library has been facing some growing pains recently. This is such a new concept that we have had to make the rules as we found they were needed. So far as we can find out, there is only one or maybe two other combination libraries in the state of Alabama. Therefore, we can't call anyone for advice. The school and community have done a tremendous job with this project. We now have a library filled with good books, have a system in place so that books can be checked out and have volunteers who work in the library so the public can visit. We need more people to help on the open days. One of the things the Library Board is considering is opening on Saturday and maybe dropping one of the night openings. We need your input on this. If you want to help in the library or have an opinion on opening on Saturday call me at 634-8006. You will probably be asked to help about six times a year. We really do need more volunteers. Karen Saferite will be training people to work in the spring. Please call me and volunteer by at least the first of April.

We also want everyone to see the library, you can come by on any Tuesday (4-6 pm) or Thursday (5-7 pm). We have had so many paperbacks donated that we are not taking any more at the present time. We still would like to have hardback books, especially the newer ones. Someone suggested recently that this would be a good way to honor a birthday—give a book to the library in their name. Someone will send an acknowledgment of the gift if you want them to.

The Zoning Commission continues to have problems with signs that do not meet compliance. If you plan to place a sign anywhere in Mentone town limits, please go by the Mentone Town Hall and talk to the mayor, CE Britt. He is acting as the Zoning Administrator right now. This is a job that is hard to fill. The commission is considering making this a job with a salary or at least an expense account. This will cause us to have to charge for some of the services, as this commission does not have and never has had a budget. All positions have always been filled by volunteers. If you plan to build or remodel a house or other building, you need to go by and talk to him. This only takes a few minutes but sometimes can prevent you having to hold up on your project until you get a certificate of compliance.

There is a dear lady in Mentone, Nancy Lusk, who cleans up and makes new clothes for the dolls that are given to the Salvation Army in Fort Payne. She is in great need of snaps, bias tape, Velcro, hooks, and other small sewing items that can be used to make doll clothes. If you have any of these items, you may leave them at the Mentone Town Hall and Marie will let me know and I will get them to Nancy. Please have them in a sack or box so they will not make too much clutter in the town hall. This is a wonderful thing that she does and we should help her in any way.

I do not know yet when the tutoring program at Moon Lake School is starting back. I really miss seeing the children. I have not been over there very much since Christmas and I feel that something is missing in my life. I really enjoy being with the children. A new reading program is being started. I understand that this will use adults, who are not employed by the educational system, to come and hear students read or read to an entire class. There is a kick-off meeting soon and I will let you know if more people are needed.

I put out the word that I needed Christmas cards for next year's Christmas tree at the Town Hall. I got enough cards to start my own business. I do not need more cards, but I do continue to collect the "junk" CDs that everyone gets in the mail. These make wonderful ornaments and the Junior Garden Club members love to work with them.

Speaking of the garden club, I have attended two meetings recently to plan the schedule for next year's flower show at the VFW Fair. Even though this will be in September, all printed material has to be ready by the early part of spring. Now is a good time to start thinking about what you would like to enter in the fair, and order the seeds or whatever you need to do. This time of the year is a good time for planning and it makes you realize that spring will come.

An interest in gourds has revived itself. Many garden club members are now planting gourd seeds.

The more unusual the better. There are duck gourds, birdhouse gourds, snake gourds, dipper gourds, and many others. My Uncle Gaither used to say that all he made in the way of a crop was gourds and homebrew. The gourds would die if you worked them and the homebrew would work itself. He had a wonderful sense of humor, but there is much truth in that statement.

Gourds were used by the pioneers for many practical purposes. They were used as dippers, baskets, bowls and as containers for about everything. My grandmother had a gourd dipper in a cedar water bucket on her back porch. I now that was the best water I have ever tasted. It did have a slight taste of cedar, but it was wonderful. The well must have been what was called a "dug" well. It was big enough that we drew the water up in a regular sized water bucket. The covering was built up about four feet from the floor out of boards. The lid would slide over the hole or back to draw the water. It did not rise up, so I assume that it was held in place by a big nail or peg. I would have liked to have had the water bucket and dipper, but they were sold when the house was put on the market. For those of you who may not know, a "dug" well was dug by hand with shovels as opposed to the ones that were dug by a machine. Many men have made their living by digging wells. It usually costs so much a foot and could take as long as two or three weeks to reach a stream of water that was deemed good. As a child, I loved to see and hear the well-digger operate. That was only the beginning, the home owner still had to put in the casing and draw out all of the water so that clean and pure water would come. Then either a windless or a pump was installed. The pump was always a hand pump and one of the best places I ever found to get a mashed finger. The handle was pushed up and down to create the pressure to force the water out of the spout. If you got the fingers of one hand under the pump handle while you were pumping with the other one, you were sure to have a very sore finger. I did it several times.

A windless is a contraption that uses a rope which coils around a round log that is propelled by a handle stuck into the end of it. At the end of the rope is a bucket. This bucket is lowered into the well and then when it is filled with water, the rope is wound back around the log to bring it up. Then you pour the water into the container you have brought to the well for that purpose. On the end of the handle was usually a small child as this was one of the favorite tasks for my mother to send us to do. I have drawn water from my grandmother's well when I had to throw all of my weight into it to get the bucket to come up. It's a wonder I didn't go into the well along with the bucket!

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Tell someone you love them, then prove it by your actions. Recently I read that 67% of the people in the United States say, "I love you" to someone (or maybe something) every day. That's a lot of love. Isn't there a song entitled, Love Makes the World Go Round? Think about love and the many kinds of love but most importantly act on your love.



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WHAT DOES LOVE MEAN?

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8-year olds, "what does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think. (From the Internet)

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love."

Rebecca - age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."

Billy - age 4

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."

Karl - age 5

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."

Chrissy - age 6

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."

Terri - age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

Danny - age 7

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."

Bobby - age 5

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend whom you hate."

Nikka - age 6

"There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them."

Jenny - age 4

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day."

Noelle - age 7

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."

Tommy - age 6

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night."

Clare - age 5

"Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken."

Elaine - age 5

"Love is when mommy sees daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford."

Chris - age 8

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."

Mary Ann - age 4

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones."

Lauren - age 4

"I let my big sister pick on me because my Mom says she only picks on me because she loves me. So I pick on my baby sister because I love her."

Bethany - age 4

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you."

Karen - age 7

"Love is when mommy sees daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross."

Mark - age 6

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you do mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

Jessica - age 8

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The
**Church
News**
By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9:00 AM 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 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6 PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6 PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotion at 8:30 AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. All are invited to attend! Sabbath School and Song Service: 9:30-10:45. 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. Road 239 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30 AM each Sunday, and Communion Services at 6 PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, dedicated their new sanctuary and church building on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 3 PM. Their new location is at 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular worship services are at 10 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM. 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 10 a.m., Worship service at 11 a.m., Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6 p.m., and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 pm.

Anyone interested in observing the **Sabbath and Holy Days**, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 85, off Highway 11, approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2248 for information.

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

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

The **Mount Calvary Baptist Church**, Cloudland, Georgia, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday evening at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Singing April 27, 7:00 GA time. Special Singers will be the Brown Brothers.

Lighthouse Fellowship assembly has moved to 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 - 10 AM; Worship - 11 AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-862-2607.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM, Worship at 11AM, Wednesday Bible Study at 6 PM. 256-634-4137.

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Alfred Chambers and his wife Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

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

Mentone Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible Study Wed. 7:00 - 7:45 PM. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

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

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend any of their services or activities. Two Morning Services with Children's Church are at 8:45 AM, with Sunday School at 10 AM, and the second service at 11 AM. GAs meet at 4:30 PM, Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM, followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time, Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer.

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

Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church, 1041 Yankee Rd, Cloudland, GA 30731, 706-398-7018, now offers a 24 hour Prayer Line. Need Prayer? Just call and leave your message. Other activities include: Sunday School - 10 AM, Worship Services - 11 AM & 6 PM; Monday 7-8 PM - Informal Prayer Time; Wednesday 7 PM - Mid-week Prayer Service; Thursday 7-8 PM - Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and You!

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama, regular services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Les Brown. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 2 PM in the fellowship hall; and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30 PM at the church.



The
**RECIPE
CORNER**

By
SUE SCHWARZ

As I write this, it is the coldest morning of the season and I am enjoying being able to stay inside and get some of those things done that I have been putting off, including writing this article. Bill and I had the opportunity to travel to the Bahamas over the holidays and enjoyed the warmth and the good seafood. We renewed a friendship with some folks that live the dream of owning their own island. Phoebe shared a recipe with me for Bahamian fish stew which I made and we all enjoyed and I will share it with you. I also have found a great coffee cake that is put in the pan and refrigerated overnight before baking...how handy is that!

I hope you enjoy both recipes and stay warm, enjoy good food and the company of good friends and family.

OVERNIGHT COFFEECAKE - Sylvia Goesser

- 2 Cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 Cup brown sugar
- 2/3 Cup butter or margarine, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 Cup buttermilk
- 1 Cup apples peeled and chopped
- 1 Cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Mix dry ingredients together in a bowl and set aside. In another bowl, cream granulated sugar, 1/2 C of brown sugar, and butter. Mix in eggs, buttermilk and flour mixture. Fold in apples. Pour into a greased 9-by-13-inch greased baking pan. Combine remaining 1/2 Cup brown sugar, walnuts, and sprinkle over batter. Cover with foil and refrigerate until next morning. Uncover and let stand about 30 minutes. Bake 45 minutes in a 350-degree oven.

BAHAMIAN FISH STEW - Phoebe Gale

- 1 pound firm fleshed fish (we used grouper)
- 3 or four potatoes cut into 1/2 inch dice
- 1 onion, chopped
- water to barely cover the potatoes
- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- salt and pepper to taste

Cook potatoes and onions until done. Add fish which has been cut into bite size pieces and cook until fish is opaque and flakes easily. We used fish that had been previously cooked and added it after the potatoes were done to heat through. Add butter, thyme, salt and pepper, and enjoy.



ENGAGEMENT OF CARLA RENE KING AND DURWOOD SCOTT DUTTON

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar King of Mentone, AL, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carla Rene King, to Durwood Scott Dutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Dutton of Calhoun, GA.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Fay King of Harrison, TN, and Luther King, Jr. of Mentone, AL, and Martha Moses and the late Charles Moses, of Sulphur Springs, AL.

She is a 1998 graduate of the University of Montevallo, and is employed by Georgia Bureau of Investigation in Atlanta, GA.

Grandparents of the prospective groom are the late Lionel and Beatriz Soriano and the late Hulon Dutton and Julie Mae Manning.

He is an Assistant Special Agent in charge with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation assigned to the Anti-Terrorism Division in Atlanta, GA.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m. at the Moon Lake Baptist Church in Mentone.

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall. All friends and relatives are invited.



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 sunrises 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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Barbara in High School



Barbara at 7 years old



Hwy 48, Menlo/Cloudland - New home features 3 BR, 2 BA, open, airy great room w/double fireplace, pine floors, master suite on main level. Other amenities include metal roof, wrap around deck, cedar shake siding, circle paved drive, very private secluded 2 acres with winter brow view. \$185,900.



County Road 103, Cloudland - Specious, rustic cedar home has 3 BR, 2 BA, great room, eat-in kitchen-dining area combined, home office, double garage, nice front porch & rear deck, recent CHA, metal roof, paint, situated on 1 acre, landscaped, some rock formations, winter view. \$139,000.



County Road 60, near Menlo - 1994 modular features 3 BR, 2 BA, great room, dining area combined, kitchen w/all appliances & lots of cabinet space and bar, master w/walk-in garden tub, rear porch, front deck, just remodeled, new paint, carpet, linoleum, light fixtures, bath fixtures, doors. Situated on 2.24 level acres. Priced at \$51,000.



Chelsea, Blowing Rock, Circle - Rustic 1-1/2 story, 3 BR, 2 BA, wrap-around deck, rock work, winter view. Nestled at the foot of Lookout Mtn. on 10 acres, private, 2 years old. \$128,500.



Chattooga Drive - Lake Weiss lake front, neat 2 BR, 1 BA, newly remodeled, vinyl, windows, hardwood, berber, CHA, screened porch, dock, seawall, double lot, private, great area. \$159,900.



Menlo Area - Country home features 2 BR, 1 BA, roomy kitchen, nice size den, side porch, some recent remodeling, situated on 8 acres w/barn and pond. \$78,500.

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Tologa Area, 28 acres, great view of Lookout, water, gas, wooded and pasture, restricted, 5900 AC, or offer.

Mentone Area, Co Rd 633, 20+/- acres, gate driveway, some fencing, private. \$60,000.

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Dakota, Jared, & Levi Ratliff



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Other photos can be found throughout this issue.



Lee Brown



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If your picture is in this issue and doesn't have a cutline, we regret that we didn't get your name. We hope you enjoyed Santa's visit and will come back again next year.

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ne Market and taken by Kristen Emory.



Tom Harrison Sr.



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L/R: Emily Crowe, Ellee Crowe,
and Anthony Smith

Emily Crowe and Anthony Smith to Wed on February 8.

Ellee Crowe proudly announces the forthcoming marriage of her mother, Emily Crowe of Henagar to Anthony Smith of Valley Head in a private ceremony at Chestnut Grove Church on February 8, 2003.

Emily is the daughter of Teresa and Wayne Wynn of Ider and Gery and Janice Crowe of Fyffe. She is employed at B&C Hosiery in Henagar.

Anthony is the son of Faye and Sammy Collins of Valley Head and Dewey and Martha Smith of Lafayette, GA. He is employed at Shaw Industries, in Valley Head.

The three of them will reside in Henagar.

I READ THIS VERY SLOWLY.....SUGGEST THAT YOU DO TOO, IT'S PRETTY PROFOUND.....

I have a friend who lives by a three-word philosophy: "Seize the moment." Just possibly, she may be the wisest woman on this planet. Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

I got to thinking one day about all those women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible.

How many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had been thawed? Does the word "refrigeration" mean nothing to you?

How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched Jeopardy! on television? I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, "How about going to lunch in a half hour?" She would gasp and stammer, "I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast. It looks like rain." And my personal favorite: "It's Monday." She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together.

Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect. We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Stevie toilet-trained. We'll entertain when we replace the living-room carpet. We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college.

Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of "I'm going to," "I plan on" and "Someday, when things are settled down a bit."

When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Roller blades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord.

My lips have not touched ice cream in 10 years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my hips with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a triple-Decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy.

Now...go on and have a nice day. Do something you WANT to.....not something on your SHOULD DO list.

If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

Make sure you read this to the end; you will understand why I sent this to you.

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night? You better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is short. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask "How are you?" Do you hear the reply? When the day is done, Do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told your child, We'll do it tomorrow; and in your haste, not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Just call to say "Hi"?

You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is short. The music won't last. When you run so fast to get somewhere, you miss half the fun of getting there. When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift....Thrown away... Life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

It's National Friendship Week. Show your friends how much you care. Send this to everyone you consider a **FRIEND**. If it comes back to you, then you'll know you have a circle of friends.

(Readers, National Friendship Week was August 18-24, 2002, but this message taken from the internet is really full of advice that can be put into practice daily and that will mean so much to others.)



THE WONDERFUL SUCCESS OF JOHN DEERE AND THE SHED



L/R: John Deere landscaper Darby, Cheryl Baker, retail store manager Lindy Taylor

By Cheryl Baker

What a victory for recent Huntsville Botanical Gardens Grower Cheryl Baker!! I was in the store and a Birmingham customer called and asked for fall perennials and was looking for very specific ones that were hard to find in Birmingham and I stated, "Yes, I just

happen to have a flat or two available." The customer drove down here with a friend to pick them up and she said, "Would you call my landscaper 'Darby' to make sure we have the right material?" I said, "not a problem." I called Darby; we spoke about her plants and we got to know each other. At that time, she asked me about wholesale and I replied, "Yes we do." I explained to her what type of farm we were and what was available on our farm.

The customer went home and took the plants with her and she was very pleased. She said the plants looked good considering what type of summer we have had. She was very interested in a wholesale price list and was very interested in our company meeting with them and discussing what type of plants we could grow for them. I met with them on Monday and, in the next 4.5 hours, we discussed several plants the John Deere Division would like us to grow for them.

Lindy and I agreed we had very few greenhouses but in a year or two that could all change, we could add more. It would just take the time in cleaning off the land and getting it ready to put up more greenhouses if needed. She said we all will start off slow. We will be taking Perennials, Native Plants, Rare Plants such as Pitcher Plants, as well as Proven Winner Plants down there for their retail center to sell. They will be making display signs and I will come down and give them a seminar for their retail customers on growing Native Plants, and Rare hard-to-find Plants, and Proven Winner Plants, since our company is trained and certified in all those areas.

We are not only marketing the Huntsville area but are branching out into the Birmingham area as well. We are growing each and every year and continue to expand when needed. We said we had about 15 acres to play with and, indeed, we are keeping very busy

with the new accounts we are growing for. Like we said in the past, we are growing and getting bigger and bigger. If you want the good stuff, you will need to be here in April even if you have to keep it in the house until it quits frosting here; because we will start shipping about April 19th to the Botanical Gardens and John Deere Landscapes.

There will be all sorts of new and exciting plants. Looking for Solomon Seal or trillium? If you are attempting to grow those by bulbs, check with me on all three colors we will have in the spring—bulbs shipped in from Langeveld Bulb Co. See you soon and have a wonderful year.

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Miss Sadie Elisabeth-Lyn Durham crowned Miss Christmas Angel International Total Miss

Miss Sadie Elisabeth-Lyn Durham was crowned Miss Christmas Angel International Total Miss Saturday, December 7, 2002. She also received the titles of Most Beautiful Girl and Most Beautiful Smile. These titles have earned Sadie a trip to the International Total Miss Pageant, which will be held in Gatlinburg, TN, in June 2003.

Sadie is the six-month old daughter of Crystal Durham of Sulphur springs and Jereme Haynes of Sand Rock, AL. Sadie is the granddaughter of Alvin and Sherry Durham of Sulphur Springs and Debbie Ladd of Sand Rock. Sadie is the great granddaughter of Nellie Durham of Sulphur Springs and also Dan and Becky Fletcher of Florida.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

This was written for the month of December, but did not get to us until after the paper was printed. We print it in this issue with Bernise's permission.

This is the time and season when we become too busy with baking, shopping, and decorating and forget about the real reason for the season. We are to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. And it's strange, though, that even those who do not worship Christ get the feeling of loving and giving that is not felt as deeply at any other time of the year.

This year, we have not put up a community Christmas tree like we have done for the past 15 years, but we have not had help to do these things. In the past, George Walker and Homer have cut the tree, set it up on the lot at the Mentone Inn, and then helped decorate it. Now, George is unable to do it and Homer cannot do it alone. The Christmas lights have not been hung along the streets of Mentone because Jack Johnston, who has hung them for years, had a heart attack and can't do it this year. Maybe next year we can work something out with someone else who has access to a bucket truck.

God tidingo. We lost Homer's brother, Jesse, on December 4, after he had been ill for a long time. The loss is felt deeply and shared by many. Jesse was a kind, loving brother, and it is so sad to lose him; but he was suffering from many ailments. It has to be a relief to know he is at peace now with no more pain.

We did go ahead with Homer's birthday party just over a week later. Our daughters had already planned everything and mailed invitations. I suppose it eased a bit of the sadness we felt by having relatives and friends fill the house. This was Homer's 80th birthday, and we felt it should be properly celebrated. We had many birthday parties for Jesse that we will long remember (his birthday was December 30).

Mildred Burgess, Homer's sister, stayed with us one week while Jesse was in the hospital and got to visit with him. She then went back to her family in Plano, Texas, for Thanksgiving. Mildred's daughter, Darla Bante, had been diagnosed with cancer, but her last examination showed no signs of it! She will still have surgery, but not as drastic as originally planned. Darla lives in San Diego, and while she is recuperating and off from work for a while, we hope to have her visit us. She works by computer from home or anywhere after she gets set up. We are keeping an eye out for a suitable house in hopes Mildred and Darla choose to live here. We tend to grow closer together when we lose a loved one and want to gather all the family near us.

We go on with life and enjoy the day—each one considered a bonus.

The birds are busy at our feeders. I suppose most natural seeds in the woods are gone. The goldfinch are back with us and not very gold now in the winter colors. One can see yellow breasts when they fly; otherwise, they wear a brown coat. It seems that they would freeze to death flitting around in 20 degree weather, but it doesn't seem to bother them. The big flicker frequents the feeder and the smaller birds leave when he takes a perch. He gets one sunflower seed at a time, takes it up in a tree, holding it between his feet while he pecks on it, then flies back for another one. It looks like he uses more energy obtaining the food than would be worth the effort!

We have had a good time practicing for the Christmas Cantata at Valley Head Baptist Church. Peggy Bentley has directed us again this year, and she works hard to keep us pronouncing words correctly and reading our music. We started practice in October on Monday nights. It was very good music and, to me, the best part was the "Amen" chorus with DeVan Jackson singing lead. What a voice he has! Pavarotti, move over. Jan Wilkinson, Dianne Kuehl, Walter Pullen, Dallyne Jones, Sue Schwarz, Bob Crow, Alyce Springer and I were the Mentone members of the Community Choir. We really missed George Walker this year. He wasn't able to participate in the choir, but did attend the presentation at Valley Head Baptist. We sang at Moon Lake Baptist at 5:00 p.m. and at Valley Head at 7:00 p.m., Sunday evening. Both churches offered wonderful food afterwards for all present. What a blessing that was because no one had time for an evening meal at home! Many thanks to all who prepared the food.

George and Hope Walker stayed in Mentone long enough to attend the cantata presentation before leaving for Tampa, Florida, to spend the winter months. We miss them when they leave, but are glad they can escape the cold weather we anticipate. We expect them back in March when the weather has warmed up a bit. (One year, they had just returned when we had the big ice storm.)

I love the sounds of Christmas—the Salvation Army volunteers are ringing their bells expecting donations to be dropped in their pails. That is an organization I feel we should support.

We get cards, address labels, calendars, etc., almost every day and all of them are soliciting for a good cause, but we cannot donate to all of them. The best policy is to stick with one organization you feel is the best and forget the rest. Then when we finish sorting all of these things from our first class mail, the phone rings and a telemarketer wants to change our phone service or check our septic tank or, in Chattanooga, sell us aluminum siding (for our brick house). If the postal service would raise the cost of posting junk mail, maybe we wouldn't have to pay so much for first class mail.

This year, I thought I wouldn't send many Christmas cards, but it is hard to find a cut-off place on my list. I do enjoy receiving cards, especially from those who write notes or those we have not seen in a long time. It was a pleasure to hear from Louise MacMillan who lives in Metairie, LA. She has heart problems and has no living relatives, so we are always happy to hear from her. She would love to come to Mentone if she thought she could make the trip. Another friend, Betty Steinman in California, sends a Christmas letter every year telling the main activities of each member of her family, which is most interesting.

Homer received many birthday messages from relatives on "Something to Crow about" on the Internet. He must have given his birth date when he signed on the service.

We do not shop much for Christmas gifts any more, mostly only for Alex Whatley, our great grandson. He is seven years old now and a little too big for small toys. He likes games and is learning to play chess and checkers. He'll be fun to shop for.



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(2) NEW CONSTRUCTION - Adorable cabin at Mentone, private location, two bedrooms, 2 baths, central heat and air, fireplace with open loft overlooking living area. Private lake. All on 5.7+ acres. \$99,000.



(3) COUNTRY COTTAGE IN MENTONE - offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rock fireplace, pine floors, a wet weather branch and 2 wooded lots. WAIT, there's more—this home is fully furnished including the beds and linens as well as the coffee pot. You can own this get-away today for \$74,500.



(4) ROOM TO ROAM - this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers lots of extras. Great room with cathedral ceiling, wood floors, separate recreation room, 2 car garage with large storage room, barn and fenced pasture on 45 private acres connecting DeSoto State Park. \$249,900.



(5) LOOKING FOR A MOUNTAIN RETREAT - This is it! 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. \$355,000.



(6) LOCATED ON DESOTO PARKWAY, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 lofts, wood floors throughout, screened porch, deck with hot tub, 1 bedroom guest cottage, greenhouse and 2-car garage with storage room...too many features to list them all! A must see to appreciate - only \$249,900.



(7) LITTLE RIVER CAFE. A well-known and established business featuring a fully equipped kitchen and dining room with 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. The lunch crowd is waiting, so don't take too long! \$129,500.



(8) THIS CUSTOM BUILT HOME offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in area kitchen, entertaining sized living room with fireplace and a multi-purpose basement that could serve as a guest room, office or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blend home and nature all on 2.9 acres. Once you see it, you'll want to own it. \$199,000.



(9) BRING YOURSELF to this 3 bedroom, 1 bath cottage...part of Mentone located between Mentone Springs Hotel, with walking distance to all shops and festival activities. What a bargain at \$59,900. SOLD



(10) ENJOY LIFE UNINTERRUPTED In this custom built get-away on secluded acres. Two bedrooms, 2 baths with wood floors and a fireplace offer a cozy atmosphere. A front and back rocking porch to complete the picture. Hurry before someone buys the cabin of your dreams for only \$125,000. (CONTRACT PENDING)



(11) CALM YOURSELF IN THE PEACEFUL SETTING of this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Features include a 2-story living room with loft and wood burning fireplace, large country kitchen, whirlpool tub in the master bath, 2 hot tubs and a 98' above-ground pool. Also comes with over 21 acres, stocked pond, barn, shed, storage building and view of Lookout Mountain. \$169,000.



(12) RELIVE THE GOOD OLD DAYS in this distinguished older home made of sturdy stone. The 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, office, living room, dining room and kitchen have all been totally renovated within the last year AND it comes with a view of Lookout Mountain. Buy it today and move in tomorrow. \$122,500.



(13) ALL THIS HOUSE needs is a new owner—it already has new paint, new carpet, new hot water heater and a new roof. Add maintenance-free brick and 2 acres and you have a great starter or retirement home. Call on this 3 bedroom today. \$79,000.



(14) RUSTIC STONE PATH leads to this hand-hewn log cabin on the edge of Lookout Mountain. The two story living area features a mountain stone fireplace and exposed beams. Master bedroom is on the main floor with large bedroom and sleeping loft on the second floor. Front and back porch with open deck and a great view. \$225,00.



(15) ROCK AND FRAME HOUSE with large living room, eat-in kitchen, 3 bedrooms, one bath, wood burning fireplace, covered front porch, garden spot, 2 acres, all for \$99,500.



(17) NO DOWNTOWN SKYLINE SPARKLES below this Mentone "brown" home. Almost maintenance free, featuring 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 decks to view the picturesque valley, wooded countryside and farmlands. \$510,000.



(18) RUSTIC MOUNTAIN LODGE minutes from DeSoto State Park - can be used for single family or commercial business. Great location for hunting, four-wheeling, or just relaxing. Pine and rock floors, great room with fireplace, 2 loft bedrooms with cat walk, screened and open porches, hand crafted cabinets and doors. Two-room guest-house included. Buy with 5 acres for \$150,000, or all 20 acres for \$195,000.



(19) SATISFY YOUR APPETITE for private living and roominess with this enticing log siding and mountain stone refuge. The great room features vaulted ceiling, huge stone fireplace, kitchen island, recessed cooking area, cabinets and cozy dining area. Large master bedroom and bath with Jacuzzi and walk-in closet. Log canopy on front and covered patio on back, 3-car garage and attic storage. Located on five acres with pond in Laurelwood. Too many amenities to mention...call for more details. \$279,000.



(20) AFFORDABLE DREAM - Wake up in beautiful living for real world price. This "like new" house offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great room and den. The large front porch looks out on 2.54 landscaped acres with paved drive. Only minutes from downtown Mentone. REDUCED TO \$114,500.



OTHER LISTINGS

(22) OVER 9 acres on West Fork of Little River close to Mentone on a paved public road with access to city water, 365' of river frontage, several building sites allowing for subdivision or keep as a whole. \$135,000.

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

(25) Just listed 4.3 +/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$49,500.

(26) Almost 600' on the West Fork of Little River, gently rolling and heavily wooded all within 1 mile of Mentone. \$79,000

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

(28) PRIME PROPERTY on Hwy 11 North. This 130+/- acre tract enjoys the setting of the valley with pristine views of pastures, ridges and Wills Creek which meanders through the property.

(29) LAND! Surround yourself with trees, gentle rolling pastures, water, and a beautiful view of Lookout Mountain. 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy. 11 between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$423,000

(30) 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. Don't wait—act today! \$180,000.

(31) VACATION IN YOUR BACK YARD - 25.8 +/- acres at the end of the road, heavily wooded with Laurel Creek running through the property. Ready to build your dream cabin or subdivide. Only minutes from Mentone or DeSoto State Park. \$2890 per acre.

(32) Brow Property...1.7+/- acres on County Road 166 near DeSoto State Park. \$34,000.

(33) LOST AND FOUND IN MENTONE. This 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow would make a great place for you to get-away. Some updating required, front-screened porch, electricity has already been upgraded, central heat and air, well and city water available all on 2+/- acres. \$39,900.



(20) CUSTOM BUILT 4 year old log home. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large country kitchen with all appliances, living room with cathedral ceiling, exposed beams, rock fireplace with insert, wood floors and open stairs to 2nd floor. Include a full front porch, 2 side decks, one car garage and 1.7 +/- acres and you are ready to move in. Reduced to \$138,500. Co Broke with Prime Realty.



(21) LOG HOME with 8 acres on Lookout Mountain. Features spacious living room with large rock fireplace, dining room, and a step-saving kitchen. This home has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and sits on 8 private acres with rolling pastures, pond, and barn. Call today! \$138,000.



(22) ALMOST NEW CABIN with 3 bedrooms on Road 9002 in Mentone on 2 +/- acres with access to Brush Creek. Fresh paint inside and out, spacious living room with wood burning fireplace, decks upstairs and down, all appliances and it is ready to move in. \$129,900.

UNFRIENDLY WORLD

By John Baty

This morning I arose from a refreshing sleep at 2:44 a.m. I was exhausted last evening and retired to get even before the great Gray cock, Ol' Dixie Chick gave in and got his pole. Ol' Dixie Chick and his female consort, lil' blue hen, have agreed to live here in a sort of symbiotic relationship and furnish me with material on which to reminisce about the good old days. I have agreed, as my part of the arrangement, to keep the water from freezing in his cup and he lamenting: "Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink!" He is faithful in his duty. I am sometimes less so.

Anyway, I arose with a gnawing hunger; a craving for buttered biscuits and karo corn syrup. I have the real article, pure sorghum molasses from up Amish way, but I go sort of conservatively with it since my spouse and my doctor have attentively indicated it as the culprit in a recent acceleration in bathroom use.

And I started cleaning off the bar/counter, of whatever of things not specifically relevant to a cooking spree. Well, you know, the tape measurer, that jar of odorous hand cream, yesterday's Times-Journal, that copy of the fibromyalgia article, three audio cassettes, which were unlabeled and I could not 'put up' without knowing their contents, three or four paper towels where I had eaten the three suppers yesterday evening, and that half pan of chicken soup that was left over. Let me hasten to add, in anticipated defense, that she had worked all day and I met her at work at quitting time and asked her to chauffeur me out into the back roads and wilds of North Sand Mountain and help me load an ancient, rusty, but very valuable and necessary sawmill mandrel weighing upwards of four hundred pounds. She was more exhausted than I and dropped off to sleep while I was playing some of my atrocious violin (I mean fiddle). I played Katy Hill, and then switched off on Sally Goodin. When I roused her and asked for her opinion about my ability on Sally Goodin in the Key of A, she replied that my rendition of Katy Hill was similar to the way the others had played it. I gently put the fiddle to bed in its case and suggested we do the same.

So I got out the bowl of the right size this a.m. and spooned in just the right amount of self-rising. Poured in the correct amount of corn oil, and got the buttermilk from the fridge. There wasn't enough of the buttermilk, so I ran a little water into the empty jug and shook it up good. The dough appeared just about right.

I then went to the drawer for the wax paper and discovered there was none. After having reactivated some of my favored sawmill language, I folded three layers of paper towels and rolled her out on them.

After the hot biscuits, the margarine, the Karo, which was not enough for both of us (I mixed in a little of the Amish stuff), I had less need for the sawmill language. I would reserve it for the rust, which had to be removed from the 'new' shaft.

She arose when I yelled come and get it. After looking over my setup, she took some bacon (a rare commodity in this house) from the fridge and put it in the microwave.

As I recounted my problems with the construction of breakfast, she said that those missing items were on her list, but they didn't sell them out on the sawmill circuit of North Sand Mountain.

We talked about what our mothers had used to roll out the dough on. Mine used a freshly laundered dishtowel. I don't think she washed it between every bread making

either. I commented that a clean cotton cloth would not shed any hazardous contaminant into the dough. Whatever bacteria and wild yeast that grew on the cloth would be killed in the heat of the baking. We discussed what should be done with the left over paint in the three cans there by the door.

I said that I would have moved them already, but 'they say' not to (or is it to not?) let the old latex stuff freeze. We wonder. Do you reckon that paint manufacturers know about the fragility of the latex paint? And could it be for that reason they don't put it in half-gallon cans? Naw, they wouldn't do that! Would they? I commented that most of man's new fangled concoctions are unstable. Most of this stuff which we hail as scientific advancement will come undone if exposed to the rough environment of sun, wind, rain, and cold. These vinyl floors here, if thrown out on the ground, will curl up, become stiff and brittle and rock open. You know, Nature's stuff like water and crude oil and gold bullion is practically indestructible. Until 'modern man' started monkeying with it. Some of that stuff on the wax paper might get into the dough also. I don't know what wax paper is, anyway. Nor what is in and on those paper towels. Nor what is in the self-rising that I used, nor the contents of the margarine, nor the Karo, nor the decaf, nor the glaze on that mug.

She said we didn't know the chemical nature of any residue left on those 'clean' dishtowels after being doused in a modern enzyme detergent. I said that lye soap was fairly benign, I reckoned. Animal fat and wood ash and what else? Does anyone recall? Is there any way to insulate our selves from our own undoing? My grandpa, John Baty, died of stroke at age seventy, and probably the stroke was caused by high blood pressure. Almost the entire family has inherited the weakness. He lived seventy years, and that was before diuretics or calcium channel blockers. My other grandpa, Sherwood Smith, stroked at age eighty-three while milking a cow. Of my Daddy's family, none died younger than sixty-five except a brother who was killed in an accident. None of my Mother's siblings died before age seventy except one infant who died from catching fire at the fireplace. Many of my cousins have developed severe health problems long before reaching the ages of our grandparents. I had some problems beginning at age thirty-six. A brother-in-law (no blood kin, of course) died with heart attack at age thirty-seven.

The medical services and help available now are keeping many of us propped up and existing. And I and all of my acquaintances are grateful for that fact. We are all wiser now. Tobacco, alcohol, cholesterol, and the natural stimulants; caffeine, etc., have been indicated as hazardous. And rightly so, I guess. But what sinister danger is lurking out there, or in here, that I am not aware of? Why are so many young people, wonderful people succumbing to the dreadful afflictions which were once thought of in relation to the aged? Is it the food? The air and water? The stress? The unsatisfactory purpose? The inactivity? Genetics? What? What is doing it? Lack of exercise?

Even with our best aids, it is an unforgiving and sometimes unfriendly world. Or maybe our set of expectations is simply unrealistic.



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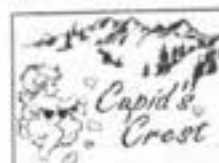
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In Memory of Jesse Crowe (Nov. 27, 2002)

To my beloved friends and family:

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees
Around the world below
With tiny lights like heaven's stars,
Reflecting in the snow
The sight is so spectacular,
Please wipe away the tears,
For I am spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.
I hear many Christmas songs
That people hold so dear,
But the sound of music can't compare
With the Christmas choir up here
I have so much to tell you
The joy their voices bring.
For it is beyond description,
To hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart
But I am not so far away,
We really aren't apart,
So be happy for me dear ones,
You know I hold you dear,
And be glad I'm spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.
I send you each a special gift
From my heavenly home above.
I send you each a memory
Of my undying love.
Please love and keep each other
As my father said to do
For I can't count the blessings
Of love he has for each of you,
So have a Merry Christmas
And wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.

Submitted by Nellie Croley

RUN THROUGH THE RAIN

"She had been shopping with her Mom in Wal-Mart. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red-haired, freckle-faced image of innocence.

It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Wal-Mart.

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world.

Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

Her voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in. "Mom, let's run through the rain," she said.

"What?" Mom asked. "Let's run through the rain!" She repeated. "No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied.

This young child waited about another minute and repeated: "Mom, let's run through the rain." "We'll get soaked if we do," Mom said. "No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

"This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?" "Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now, some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD let's us get wet, well, maybe, we just needed washing," Mom said.

Then, off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars; and, yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And, yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories... So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories every day.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

A friend sent this to me to remind me of life. Hope you enjoy it. I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN....

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Send this to the people you'll never forget. It's a short message to let them know that you'll never forget them. If you don't send it to anyone, it meant you're in a hurry and that you've forgotten your friends. Take the time to live!!! Keep in touch with your friends. You never know when you'll need each other



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MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

Mid-term reports for the third 9 weeks will be sent home on Monday.

February 10, with report cards for the third 9 weeks going home on Monday, March 17.

PTO will meet on Tuesday, February 11, and Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 PM in the gym.

School will be on holiday for Presidents' Day on Monday, February 17.

Miss Alabama, first runner-up to Miss America this year, will visit Moon Lake on Wednesday, February 19, at 10:15 AM.

Friday, February 28, will be Spring pictures and cap and gown pictures.

Achievement testing will occur the week beginning March 31.

Congratulations to Heather Smith, the sixth grader who won this year's spelling bee and will represent the school in the county spelling bee.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S 6TH GRADE WHO'S WHO!

BEST ALL AROUND
Newley Ingram & Heather Smith
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Vance Garden & Ashley Henry
MOST COOPERATIVE
Vance Garden & Ashley Henry
MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT
Frank Graham & Brittany Hester
CUTEST
Avery Kaltwasser & Jamie Sherwood
NEATEST
Avery Kaltwasser & Jamie Sherwood
MOST STUDIOUS
Daniel Hughes & Jamie Sherwood

MOST TALENTED
Nathan Jones & Ashley Henry
MOST ATHLETIC
Newley Ingram & Kara Miller
APPLE POLISHERS
Thorn Rich & Jessica Easler
MOST DARING
Danny Green & Maggie Hollis
FRIENDLIEST
Dustin Cash & Tiffany Trautman
MOST DEPENDABLE
John Whitaker & Heather Smith
QUIETEST
Jesse Stoker & Megan Smith
LOUDEST
Steven Barkley & Jacqueline McGee
CLASS CLOWNS
Daniel Hughes & Jacqueline McGee
MOST HELPFUL
Frank Graham & Jessica Easler
MOST CREATIVE
Nathan Jones & Sierra Nicely

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S CLASS FAVORITES!

MR. & MISS MOON LAKE
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Avery Kaltwasser & Jamie Sherwood
MR. & MISS 6th GRADE
Avery Kaltwasser & Jamie Sherwood
MR. & MISS 5th GRADE
Kaleb McMunn & Leanna Webb
MR. & MISS 4th GRADE
Hunter Stone & Katie Crabtree
MR. & MISS 3rd GRADE
Raven Brown & Caitlin Kirby
MR. & MISS 2nd GRADE
Gage Jones & Abigail Lee
MR. & MISS 1st GRADE
Tristan Smith & Amber Crowe
MR. & MISS KINDERGARTEN
Levi Owen & Amelia Saferite

2003 Birthday Column

Happy February
Birthday/Anniversary
wishes to:

- 1- Jeff Willoughby
Micah & Michael Moore
- 2- Karen Davis
Terry Bouldin
- 3- Eloise Brown
- 4- Ben Windom
Leslie Thornberry
- 7- Kayla Powell
Mack & Debbie
Flannigan (anniv.)
- 8- Myrtle Blansit
- 9- Willie B. Langston
- 10- Sybil & Danny
Hopper (anniv.)
- 11- Kayla Voils
- 13- Craig Hall
- 14- J. Young
- 15- Michelle Williams
Stacy Blansit
- 16- Tommy Kigore
- 17- Ginger Tuxbury
Trey Moore
- 18- Gail Crider
William "Jug" Crow
Rachel Harrison
- 21- Wendy Manifold
David Ashley
Michael Stephens
- 22- Derek McMahan
Lisa Cordell
- 24- Brandon Overstreet
Payton Day
Michael Chambers
- 26- Sanford Hartline
- 27- Nancy Rector

Happy March
Birthday/Anniversary
wishes to:

- 3- Nate Wilson
Laura Martin
- 4- Ruth Porter
Durrell Owens
- 5- Elko Key
Shelby Langley
- 6- Inez Guffey
- 11- Marie Hunt
- 12- George Shankles
- 17- Donnie & Lisa
Strickland (anniv.)
Mary Jane Hunt
- 18- Sherry Lewis
- 19- Thomas Jacob
Shepherd
Michelle Moore
Savannah Smith
- 20- Wanda Simmons
- 21- Wanda Black
Donna Bouldin
- 22- Jimmy Cooper
- 23- April Blansit
- 24- Rick Chapman
Jimmy Phillips
- 25- Evelyn Graves
- 26- Angie Laney
Peter Stevens
- 27- Gary Talley
Sharee Jenkins
- 28- Betty Chapman
(in memory)
Brigitte Modglin
Frankie Lewchuk
Cindy Bethune
- 30- Maureen Brower
Donyal "Foots" Rector
(in memory)
- 31- Denee Jenkins
Ruby Daniel
(in memory)

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Karen Prestwood



Susan Hooks



Milton Chambers



L.M. Flannigan



Josephine & Willis Blalock



Kyle Carden

Thank you!!

To all the parents, students, grandparents, teachers and community members who participated in any way: whether you helped hold a bake sale, bought a dinner, sold snacks, bought tickets, attended the Harvest Festival, donated items, or participated in any of the large variety of tasks leading up to the big night — THANK YOU!!! You are what made our 2002 Moon Lake Harvest Festival a success. Thanks for everything you do for the students of Moon Lake Elementary.

Sincerely, The Moon lake PTO

Mentone Post Office Hours

Monday - Friday
Open 8:00 am - 12 noon
1:30-4:15 pm
Saturday 8:30 a.m.-10:30 am
United States Postal Service
Mentone, AL 35964
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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Sunday, Feb. 2, GROUNDHOG DAY
- Wednesday, Feb. 12, 11:30 a.m. Senior Lunches begin at Mentone Community House
- Monday, Feb. 10, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Saturday, Feb. 8, Boy Scouts Founded, 1910
- Tuesday, Feb. 11, 12:30 A.M., Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 P.M., American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Friday, Feb. 14, VALENTINE'S DAY
- Monday, Feb. 17, PRESIDENT'S DAY
SCHOOLS CLOSED/HOLIDAY

- Thursday, Feb. 27, 4:00 pm., Water Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Monday, Mar. 10, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, Mar. 11, 12:30 A.M., Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, Mar. 11, 6:30 P.M., American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Wednesday, Mar. 12, Girl Scouts Founded, 1912
- Monday, Mar. 17, ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- Friday, Mar. 21, SPRING BEGINS!!!!
- Thursday, Mar. 27, 4:00 pm., Water Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

These things I command you, that ye love one another. John 15:17

According to John, love is not only a request, but a command. It seems to me that love is one thing we all need more than anything; and on Valentine's Day we are required to do something special for those we love—like a phone call, or take time for a short visit.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Senior Luncheons

to begin at Mentone
Community House
Wednesday, February 12,
at 11:30 a.m.

MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

NEW COMMUNITY HOURS

TUESDAY 4 - 6 PM
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- January 15, 29 • February 12, 26
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