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Valentine's Day

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

What makes a memorable Valentine's Day? Is it a bouquet of long stemmed roses? Or perhaps a heart shaped box of chocolates? Those may be a part of it, but for many women these highly advertised symbols of love aren't what really matter. I've gotten bouquets and I've gotten chocolates but the Valentine gift I remember most fondly from my late husband to whom I was married over 35 years was a simple ceramic angel. That's the present that I still have and it started a collection of angels. When my dad died at age 85, he had a Valentine in his Bible that I made him almost 50 years earlier.

I talked to a few area residents to see just what they recalled as a memorable Valentine's Day present. Here are some of their replies:

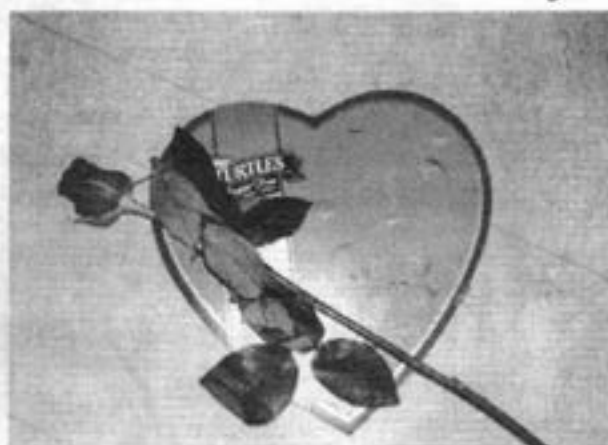
Alicia McManus of Big Jim's Bama Q recalls that her husband, Jim, was out on the road on Valentine's Day when he had two dozen roses delivered. It was very unlike him, she recalls.

Cathy Carson who works at Valley Head Drugs said that her husband always takes her out for a special meal and sometimes gives her flowers as well as giving the girls a single rose.

Rhonda Blalock of Little River Café said that her husband brought her a fig tree 12 years ago and she still has it. "He didn't even know that I wanted the tree."

Renea Shirey from the Valley Head Post Office relates that normally she and her husband don't exchange Valentine's Day gifts--just buying for their three daughters. But, one year, he surprised her with flowers. Her dream Valentine's Day gift, "If my husband would let me sleep late and clean up the house."

Lisa Smith from the Valley Head Water Works remembers her best present, "a Valentine that my daughter made when she was ten." Her daughter is now 23.



Candy and rose courtesy of
Bruce's Foodland in Ft. Payne

Jimmy Phillips, police chief in Hammondville, believes that the most memorable gift he ever gave his wife was 3 little bears that danced and sang "I've Got You Babe" in Sonny and Cher voices. "I took it to her at work and everybody there got a kick out of it."

If you don't see your significant other mentioned, don't just assume that I didn't talk to her (or him). Perhaps, there just wasn't anything to remember; but it's never too late to begin a memory. Eating out is right up at the top of favorites. Going through the drive through at a fast food restaurant, although nice, just won't work for Valentine's Day. Take her to your favorite restaurant (fast food excluded), go some place that is meaningful to you or pick from one of many area restaurants that are catering to lovers on Valentine's Day, February 14.

The Little River Café at 4608 DeSoto Parkway will have a special rib eye dinner for the evening meal on Valentine's Day. There will be an especially scrumptious chocolate cake for dessert.

Shorty's Café at 37757 Highway 11 in Hammondville will have a special steak dinner for two with complimentary chocolate desserts.

Old Barber Shop Café at 151 Commerce Avenue in Valley Head will have reservations only candlelight dinner with a special romantic meal. Call 635-0065 for reservations. There will be a drawing for door prizes.

Perhaps your weekday schedule doesn't permit a leisurely romantic dinner in mid-week; but I'm sure your significant other won't object to celebrating the weekend before or the weekend after.

The Hammondville Church of God is having a special prime rib dinner on February 9. Cost for a couple is \$10 with the public invited. Reservations must be made by February 1 by calling 407-738-7373. Each couple will have their picture made.

If Valentine's Day slips up on you and you somehow miss the Valentine candy displays, the ads for roses, and February 14 circled with a red heart on the calendar, just tell her that you had a special evening planned on February 16. Take her to The Crossroads Restaurant on Highway 117 in Hammondville. It will be one of their special occasion dinners that will allow you to make amends for forgetting.)

(See related stories throughout this issue.)

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THANKS

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9 year-old Dakota Newsome of Fyffe shot his first deer Saturday, January 13, 2006, while hunting with his step dad, Randy Clines, in Dawson, AL. He is the son of Randy and Carla Clines of Fyffe, and the Grandson of Bobby and Shirley Knowles of Mentone.

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY by Linda Brown

So much is happening in the Moon Lake Library that I hardly know where to start. The Winter Book Sale will start on Monday, February 19 in the back room of the M.E.R.F. Community House. It will conclude on Saturday, February 24. The back door will be open each day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. We will have a FRIEND of the Library or two on hand at all times to help you with your selections. We have some great books. Many are hardbacks that we already have on the shelves in the library. We have lots of paperbacks and other books too numerous to mention. Come and see!!

The Koffee Klatch sessions have started back. On February 13, we had a Scrap Booking session with Stephanie Moore. This was well attended and those who were on hand had a wonderful time. We will be doing Life Writing with Jane Faile on February 20. The last one for February will be the 27th when Wayne Geauteau will enlighten us on the subject of Tai Chi. I don't have the schedule for February completed yet. Look for the schedule posted on the community bulletin boards and in the library. You are always welcome to just come and talk with those of us who are there. We always have a pot of coffee on hand and we sit around two tables (pushed together) and talk and laugh and enjoy catching up on the happenings of the week. If you have a subject you would like to have offered or have something that you would like to share with us, let me know and I'll see what can be worked out.

We are still looking for someone to do a Book Signing in April. We have a couple of good prospects right here in Mentone, but neither of them have given us the go ahead with planning yet. We would like to hear from anyone who has written a book or books and would be interested in talking to us about an event where they could tell about their book, sell the book and autograph the books as they are sold. Let us hear from you on this.

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors, the members were quite distressed that no one showed up to use the library. We have moved our meetings to the third Thursday of the month as a matter of convenience. Of course, the subject of what to do to increase the use of the library became a topic for discussion. After many ideas were discussed, it was decided that the best idea is to offer DVD's for check out. The regulations for these will be a little bit different in that they can only be kept for one week and only adults will be allowed to check them out. These may not be available immediately, as a committee has to purchase them, they have to be processed and placed on a shelf that has to be built or designated for them. Watch for them, we will have some available soon.

If you have books or DVD's that you would like to donate to the library, bring them to the library during the community open hours and leave them with the volunteer who is there. We will use them for the Winter Book Sale or to put on the shelves of the library. We are constantly amazed at the quality and quantity of books that we have and it has all been done by volunteers.

Another idea that was tossed around is a Model Train Day. The train in the Holiday Village was

such a hit that we thought maybe we could just set up several tracks and invite everyone to come and see them. We have had several people mention that they have older train sets that still run. If you have one and would be willing to let us display it for a day, tell one of the members of the Board or stop by the library during community hours and tell the person behind the desk.

Let us know if you find an error in your copy of the Community Calendar. As you know by now, we had to transfer all of the records from one person and their computer to another. Some of the information may have gotten lost or shuffled in the transition. We want to correct any errors before we publish the 2008 calendars. You can write us at the address below with any corrections, to order next years calendar or regarding an idea you have to make the library better. We would like to hear from you. Tell us what is on your mind and we will take it from there. We have tried many things and they did not seem to be what was needed so we discontinued them and moved on to something else. We are always open to new ideas.

We are going to offer the "Portable Library" to the Seniors at the community lunches again. Two ladies, Jill and Ann, will bring an assortment of books to the Community House and the Seniors can check them out and then bring them back in two weeks when they can be renewed or turned in. This is one of the programs that seems to be working for the community and we are pleased to be able to do this. If you attend the lunches and know of a book you would like to read, tell Jill and Ann and they will scan the shelves and see if we have it in the library. We have a good collection of biographies, if you are interested in those. We also have books on almost any subject you can think of. I call these the "number" books as they are in the computer under the Dewey Decimal System and have a number on the spine of the books. We have large print and Christian books of fiction. Tell the ladies if you would like any of these.

If you returned a book to the Book Drop during the holidays and have been told that you have a fine due, tell the volunteer to clear this off of your record. You do not pay a fine on books that are left in the Book Drop.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. and we meet in the library. This is an open meeting and you are always welcome to come and present an idea or just observe the proceedings. Even though we are having a meeting, we will always have one person on hand to check books in and out for you. Please continue to use the library on this day, you will not disturb the meeting.

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library or to make a suggestion, you may write to us at this address: Moon Lake Community Library
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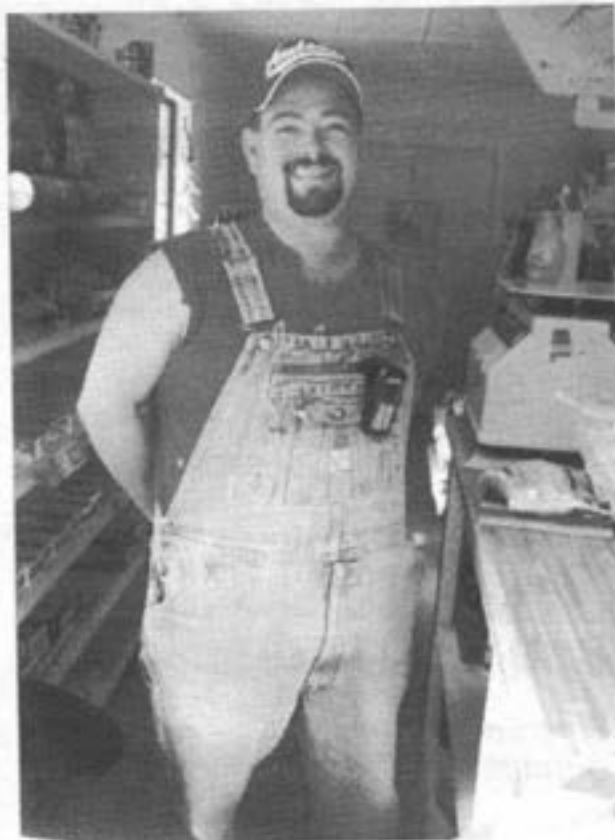
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Steve Crain

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

The gas pumps are the same. Not very much has changed on the outside but there are new faces and a completely new atmosphere at the convenience store/gas station at Mentone. Now known as the J & S #2 Convenience Store with its name reflecting the new owners, Jody and Steve Crain, there's a whole new look.

Because of the success of the Victory station that Steve and Jody own in Blanche, the gas company asked them to take over the Mentone location when the previous owner was ready to sell. They bought it on November 1 and after two intensive weeks of painting, cleaning, putting in new shelves and new coolers and restocking, they were ready for business.

They have gas, general merchandise, roasted and boiled peanuts and tobacco products. You probably can't buy your weekly groceries on a regular basis there, but if you run out of something in the middle of meal preparation, you just might find it and you can be sure when you do that it will be fresh. You can also

accommodate those most important members of your family with baby food, as well as cat and dog food. If you've forgotten to stock on lunch items for brown bagging, there's fresh bread and sandwich items including hoop cheese and bologna. (Hey I went through four years of college on cheese and bologna sandwiches.) There's also a variety of those "healthy foods" that kids thrive on such as chips, cookies, and candy.

Steve, who is young and energetic, has a lot of ideas for continued improvements. He plans to carry fishing worms and other fishing supplies. He hopes to have a kitchen and serve food in the future. For now, if you're near there at mealtime, you can find several sandwiches in the cooler that you can nuke in the microwave for a "hot lunch".

Weekdays begin at 5 a.m., and it isn't very long until some of the area men gather to enjoy a cup of outstanding coffee for \$.50 and some conversation that is absolutely free. They can also add a sausage and egg biscuit to complete their breakfast. After they've recharged their batteries for the day and solved most of the world problems, they're ready to face the world. For those who enjoy something a little extra, there's a reasonably priced cup of cappuccino for \$.99. Hot chocolate is also available for those people who don't like coffee. (I understand there are some people in the world that fit this category, but I'll admit I don't personally know any.) If they linger long enough (and drink enough of that coffee), they are sure to appreciate the clean, public restrooms.

Weekday hours are from 5 a.m. until 7 p.m. but Steve sleeps in on Saturday and Sunday and doesn't open until 6 but he is open until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. He closes at 7 p.m. on Sunday. It is located on Highway 117 across from the Mentone Smokehouse B-B-Q and Grill.



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The Wildflower Café which will celebrate its second birthday in February has become a favorite eatery for locals and visitors from all over the country. Even though the term café fits the casual and friendly atmosphere, the gourmet food that is served up is more fitting of a fine dine restaurant. Articles about the café have appeared in *The Atlanta Magazine*, *The Groundhog*, *The Birmingham News*, and *The Fort Payne Times-Journal*. A photographer and food editor from *Southern Living* have spent time in the café preparing for an article that will appear in one of their issues.

Margaret Baker, the founder of The Wildflower Café, says that she opened the restaurant in February 2005 "so I would have a place to meet a friend for an espresso". Then, along came Chef Ben, a young man and accomplished chef with a dream of his own. He plans to expand the seating capacity of the café this year to accommodate the tourists who must wait for seating during the busy season.

Meantime, you can find Ben in the small kitchen creating some of the best food available on Lookout Mountain. Visit him at the café which is located behind The Hitching Post at the corner of Alabama Highway 117 and DeKalb County Road 89. Winter hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Wed, and 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on Thurs. through Sat. Sunday Brunch is from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. For reservations, take outs and catering call Ben at 634-0066.



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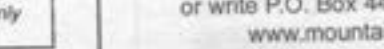
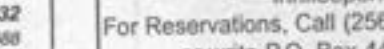
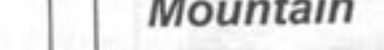
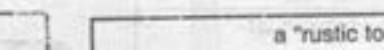
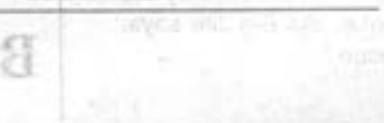


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Rhododendron Garden Club News By Linda Brown, Secretary

If the members of the Rhododendron Garden Club were having more fun, I don't think that they could stand it.

On December 12, 2006, twenty-one members and two guests met at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 12:00 noon. The meeting came to order with Sue Schwarz giving the thought for the day and leading the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

A holiday meal consisting of dishes prepared by the members was enjoyed by all. The "out-going" officers acted as hostesses. (I find this term to be a humorous way of describing officers who have just served for eighteen months in positions of leadership for the garden club. But, now that I think about it, all of them are "out-going".)

After the meal, Celestine Darnell, a member of the Fort Payne Garden Club installed the officers for the term of 2007 - 2008. She presented each of them with a gardening related gift as she reminded them of their duties. The members of the club pledged their support to the officers.

Gethryn Giles thanked the members for their support of her as president the past year and presented the keys to the building to Martha Wood, who is the elected president. Martha stated that she was looking forward to the upcoming years and was certain that the club would continue in the tradition of hard work and good results for which it has become known.

Tuesday, January 9, 2007, the regular meeting was called to order by First Vice-President, Margaret Baker. The thought for the day was given by Linda Brown who also led the pledge to the flag. Refreshments were served by Sue Schwarz and Jan Wilkinson to sixteen members and four guests, Wesley Chesnut, Jay Clark, Sam James and Tom Roark.

Jay Clark, a retired science teacher of Catoosa County, Georgia school system, presented a visual program of pictures of the wild flowers of this general area. Jay has composed a book of 374 species of common and rare wild flowers found in and around the tri-state area of northwest Georgia, northeast Alabama and southern Tennessee.

The book was offered for sale after the meeting. The title is, *Wildflowers of Pigeon Mountain* and you can order a copy by sending a check payable to Jay Clark, for \$29.95 plus \$3.85 s&h to: Jay Clark, 1120 Shinbone Valley Road, Lafayette, GA 30728.

This book is the best wild flower book that I have seen for this area. The color photos really bring the flowers to life and all you have to know is the color of the flower as the book is coded by color. The book includes shrubs, trees and vines that are also wild.

The next regular meeting of the club will be February 13th at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 10 a.m.

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

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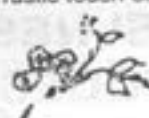
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Big Jim's Bama Q



Jennifer, Big Jim, Alicia,
Donn and Brandy

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," a saying so old that most of us don't know where it originated; but, generally speaking, statements that have stood the test of time have a great deal of truth in them. When Hurricane Katrina hit Mobile, the McManus family would have found it difficult to find any good in the devastation that struck their home.

Jim McManus tells the story. "We had 7 feet of water in our home. We started to have a big pity party but Alicia (his wife) and I thought about it. This just wasn't us. We had a big old grill and there was plenty of firewood that had blown up against chain link fences. We had a freezer full of meat that was thawing and plenty of hungry neighbors. We just started cooking and feeding people. When churches from the outside areas started sending supplies, they sent meat so we just kept on cooking.

"When we got our insurance settlement, we decided that we didn't want to rebuild in Mobile because we didn't want to go through anything like that again. I had traveled extensively driving a big truck. We decided that we wanted to either settle in Springfield or the Fort Payne area.

"There was some space available next to the Hammondville Quik Stop. We cooked some barbecue for them to sample, and they invited us to stay. We came up here with two end tables and some lawn chairs (and of course, that big old smoker)."

Big Jim's Bama Q opened on July 3. That big old "ill wind" turned out to be good for the McManus family and area residents who appreciate good barbecue. Jim and Alicia's son and daughter moved up here to help them run the business. The family has found a church home at Hammondville Church of God and a host of friends there, as well as among loyal customers.



Big Jim checks the meat
as the smoke pours out of the grill.

Big Jim went to Hog Wild in Mobile this past February. Out of 95 competitors, among them some of the biggest and most established barbecue "professionals" in the state, he placed 20th on Grandma's Sweet Sauce and 34th in ribs. He plans to do even better in the March 2007 competition.

There's nothing pretentious about Big Jim's. No white tablecloth dining but then who wants a white tablecloth with barbecue. As a matter of fact, the tables themselves are limited. Just a couple for al fresco dining, which Alabama's unpredictable winters have made doable most of the time this year. Take out continues to be very popular. The pulled pork sandwich and the combo plate are among the most popular items. Plates include two sides with baked beans, and slaw always available. Other sides changing daily. A little bird informed me that Alicia's homemade potato salad is a real treat. She makes the sauces and potato salad at a commercial kitchen in Mentone.

Big Jim plans to open another eating establishment at the top of Bankhead Hill in the Mentone area on February 14. His son, Donn, who has worked in a lot of 5-star restaurants and his daughter, Brandy, will operate it. It will feature barbecue along with other menu items.

Big Jim's is located at 11877 Highway 117 in Hammondville adjacent to Hammondville Quik Stop. They are open Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. You may call in orders at 635-0208 and your food will be ready. Major credit cards are accepted for purchases of a minimum of \$10. You can find it by the address, enticing smell, or smoke. As Big Jim says, "Ain't no smoke, ain't no barbecue."

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On December 2, 2006 the "Celebration of Light" was held at the Mentone Town Hall and in Mason Park. After a slight delay due to electrical problems, the lights in the park were turned on. There were four new light displays. The Cascading Fountain, God Bless America, The American Flag with Eagle and saluting soldiers, and the Peace on Earth display. Without the generous donations from the community this would not have been possible. Thank you.

Moon Lake Elementary School students entertained the crowd by singing a variety of Christmas songs under the direction of Paula Easter, who teaches Art, Music, and Spanish at the school. They did a great job! We hope to have them back again next season for the lighting celebration. Mulling Cider, Hot Chocolate, and Cookies were served in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room sponsored by the Mentone Christmas Decorations Committee. Mayor Rob Hammond was present to welcome everyone.

Plans are still in the works for the building of the Gazebo in Mason Park. So far, \$1050.00 has been donated and designated especially for this purpose. (Wouldn't it be great to have the Gazebo in the park this next season to have a shelter for the children to sing under?) A total cost has not been established yet, since the plans are not complete. If anyone is still interested in purchasing one of the 5' Forked Fancy Snowflake decorations, they are still available. We have been informed by the Display Sales (the company where they were purchased) that the price has been reduced to \$269.00 each for a limited time before February 27th. The decorations were originally \$459.00 each when we started this campaign. The committee would like to purchase several more in order to branch out to some of the side roads in town. There's a new name plaque in town hall, so there's still room to have your name and the name of your loved one added in memory or in honor of them.

The Snowflake decorations usually stay up through the month of January in celebration of Winter.

Mr. Harold Broyles of Mentone has again "kicked off" the 2007 campaign by being the first to donate to the decoration fund.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that displayed lights and did so in a tasteful manner. It is important that we be proud and take pride in our town by making it pleasing to the eye for our citizens and visitors alike that pass through our town. Maybe this season we can talk more of the business owners into displaying lights on their properties.

If you would like to make a donation to the Gazebo Fund or the Snowflake Decoration Fund, you may do so by sending your donation to the Mentone Decoration Committee, P.O. Box 13, Mentone, AL 35984. For any comments or questions, call Gail Chambers at 256-634-4507.

2006 Christmas Decoration Celebration



Decorations in Mason Park



Paula Easter and the Moon Lake School Elementary Class singing at the "Celebration of Light" Ceremony in Mason Park

At the top of the article is a photo of the Decoration in front of Town Hall on AL Hwy 117



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By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

"It was a leap of faith that brought us here," Tony Wilson stated. He along with his wife, Cathy, and sister, Beth came here from Magnolia Springs in Baldwin County near Gulf Shores to the slower pace of Mentone to open a restaurant. He cooked at several larger restaurants on the Gulf, most notably Jesse's Restaurant, well known to both Gulf Coast vacationers and locals. "It was difficult to run a large restaurant and there were just too many people in the area," he said.

"We looked in North Georgia and several other areas but Mentone just seemed perfect," he explained. Their initial feeling of having found a "home" in Mentone has become reinforced from the strong local support that they've found. Since they opened in October of 2005, the community has embraced them and they have embraced the community.

It all began when they came up here to visit one of Tony's mom's friends in Mentone. It was Cathy's first time to come to Mentone but she explained, "Once we spent a little time here, we knew that this was the place for us."

Their across-the-highway neighbor, Marilyn, from the Hummingbird House, helped Cathy and Beth with the decorating. A neighbor made the large sturdy farm table in one of the rooms. Local potter, Mike Miller, made most of the dishes and the walls are covered with artwork from local artists.

The local touch doesn't stop with art and decorations because most of their customers are repeat customers whose initial contact is from word of mouth. From the time they open for an early lunch, the constant stream of customers are local bankers, construction workers, local Red Hat Clubs and other neighbors who have come to appreciate the eclectic menu of fresh cooked to order cuisine.

Tony has strong credentials. He graduated with a Master's Chef degree from Johnson Webb and also studied at a culinary school in Charleston but he doesn't just depend on what he learned in school to please his customers. "When something isn't working on the menu, we take it off. We listen to what our customers say."

All the portions are extremely generous. It would be difficult to leave without being full and many leave with a take-out box for another meal. They serve homemade pies but I don't personally know anybody who is able to do justice to a meal and still eat dessert.

He is getting ready to change the menu adding some light casseroles and wild game items. Currently his best sellers are shrimp and fish, fresh from the Gulf Coast, USDA Prime Angus beef and barbecue. They also sell a lot of hamburgers. All their sandwiches are served with fries that are hand cut and a special treat, almost as crisp and thin as potato chips. My personal favorite is grilled chicken with cheese. Carleton McCurry, architect, and his wife, Kathryn who live in Gulf Shores in the winter and Mentone in the warmer months were attracted to Windwood Farms by the Shrimp Po-Boy served with Tony's special sauce. "It's the best I've tasted this side of the coast," Kathryn explained. She added upon reflection, "Maybe the best I've tasted anywhere."

Beth and Cathy also have a lot of input into new items on the menu. A recent addition was a Dixie Burger with a fried green tomato and grilled onions as a special touch. I happened to witness and sample a new creation called a Shepherd's Burger that had grilled onions and mashed potatoes on it. It was really good and if it's on the menu that next time I eat there, it just might nudge grilled chicken out as a favorite.

Tony has created his own marinades and he is getting ready to bottle them. They should be available for sale by spring.

The restaurant, which seats about 45-50, is open Thursday through Saturday for lunch and dinner and for Sunday lunch. On Sunday's there is a steady crowd of after-church diners who appreciate good old southern fried chicken, shrimp or barbecue along with other menu items.

Windwood Farms is located at 4277 Highway 117 in Mentone. Because of the size and the popularity, it is helpful to call 634-0055 for reservations at night to ensure that you don't have to wait.



Kathryn Gray on Southern Wesleyan University Dean's List

Congratulations to Kathryn Gray of Mentone for earning a place on the Dean's List for the 2006 fall semester at Southern Wesleyan University, in Central, South Carolina. Being on the Dean's List requires a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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Dispelling the myth that its kind of music is aimed solely at classical music lovers, the **Saint Louis Brass Quintet** will present a nicely varied program when it appears at the **Mason Hall Performance Center, David L. Walters Department of Music, on the Jacksonville State University campus, Friday, February 9, at 7:30 P.M.** The concert is free and open to the public.

Take two trumpets, one French horn, a trombone, and a tuba—put them in the hands of virtuoso performers and some lighthearted demonstrations and you have the Saint Louis Brass Quintet. The concert starts as any concert might, but as it moves along the music gets lighter and the Quintet presents the humorous demonstrations for which it is famous.

"We have a lot of fun with the audience," trombonist Melvyn Jernigan told a reporter after a concert last fall. "It starts out really kind of straight and then gets lighter as we go along," said Jernigan, a music educator who has performed with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra in addition to his quintet role.

A special event for this tour is the new work "Aesop's Fables", by Anthony Plog, in which the brass music is used to accompany the clever stories.

The program will feature American composers of both the jazz and classical genres. The Quintet has commissioned two jazz-oriented arrangements—the famed "Sweet Georgia Brown" and a medley, "Tribute to Pops"—and will present them at this concert together with a new commission, "Daylight at Midnight", by Dana Wilson. Trumpeter Allan Dean has written many of the arrangements, including some songs and other music of the Renaissance, and tangos by the Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla.

Humorous demonstrations offered by the quintet have served to enhance their reputation as an extraordinary musical group. One such demonstration will focus on the history of brass instruments all the way from the time of King Tut to the present, including the straight trombone and the French horn fashioned from a twelve-foot length of garden hose.

In addition to Melvyn Jernigan, members of the quintet include trumpet soloists Allan Dean and Ray Sasaki, hornist Thomas Bacon, and tubist Daniel Perantoni.

The Saint Louis Brass Quintet has numerous recordings to its credit and has been in existence for more than thirty years, presenting hundreds of concerts across the country and internationally. The musicians have been funded for touring by the Missouri Arts Council, the Illinois Arts Council, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

SWEET MILK BISCUITS!

John Baty

Have you ever experienced one of those times when you eat up everything in the fridge and everything in the cupboard, everything in the house no less, and are still hungry? Nothing you drink seems to satisfy? At 11:40 p.m. tonight, I was in the kitchen opening cabinet doors, standing with the refrigerator door open looking for I don't know what. There was no bread; we had the last for supper. Both kinds of milk were long gone. Peanut butter and crackers hadn't satisfied. There was some relish and some jelly. Mayo and pork and beans didn't much tickle my fancy.

She came through and heard me grumbling about no buttermilk. "I'd make some biscuits if I had buttermilk," I said, "Or even some skim. Don't have nottin." "There is some milk powder if you want to go that route," she said. "OK," I says, "Mix me up a little."

Now, I know there are those who make good biscuits with the powder — well, adequate biscuits; buttermilk is king in this case — but I don't know all the little ins and outs of the trade, yet.

As I mixed the dough I was wondering if they would be light enough. Suddenly, the thought of my late brother-in-law, Yewell Underwood, came from somewhere and I had to smile a little. Yewell was not only my Sister's husband, he was a friend, and enjoyed a lot of pastimes which I enjoyed also. We both liked target shooting with small bore rifles and we got pretty good at it. But they say practice makes perfect. We were not perfect, but down in the pasture where we did our shooting, there was a sizeable heap of spent .22 cases. We both fancied gamefowl and kept a few around. We both played the guitar; I a little, he a lot. But his specialty was trotlines. Yewell spent an immense amount of time constructing himself a flat-bottom boat. It was heavy, hard to paddle and dangerous in a wind. We would haul it over to Hollywood on Guntersville and put out a trotline or two. A time or two we got into trouble and were lucky to get the old boat back to land. I still can't smile much when I recall a night or two when the wind changed. Yewell was a farmer, and being very fair of complexion, wore a straw hat; all the time. I was trying out a new reel one evening and had a big ol' plug with three trebles on it. I "retch" way back for a long cast and let her go. I hooked something heavy and then Yewell's straw hat came over my head and landed at the water's edge. I looked around and there was Yewell, and he was not smiling.

We tried all kinds of trotline bait, but usually we "fiddled up" earthworms (Or he did. I just never could get the right vibes with that rock), set a screen wire minnow trap in the branch the night before and Yewell made his dough balls. Cats and carps would take these three baits and we had better luck with them. I don't remember ever successfully eating those old scavengers, but to feel something of unknown species and unknown weight jerking the trot line like a bull yearling was reward enough.

We lost a lot of minnows and the ol' earthworms didn't catch many fish, but the dough balls were always consistent. And once a hook was set in one of Yewell's dough balls, it was there unless a big something ripped it off. I never knew how he made the dough balls; how he got them to such an indestructible toughness. I don't think I ever asked him for his recipe.

Yewell passed on, as we say, this summer and carried with him many talents and a never-absent ability to find humor in almost anything. But justice is not always done in this life. Some nefarious profiteer stole Yewell's dough ball recipe and sold it for a biscuit recipe to the fast food industry. And Yewell never got a smidgen of the credit. So spin the wheels of fate.

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Little River Café



By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

It took a lot of work to get Little River Café open. It had been shut down for a year and it showed. When they opened about four months ago, the hard work that Carolyn Cram, her husband, Bruce, her daughters, Tracy Payton and Rhonda Blalock, and her son-in-law, Bruce Blalock, put into it paid off. The wooden floors were polished. They had added etched glass at the counter giving an elegant touch. Everything now looks as clean and fresh as the food tastes. It took quite a vision to see what the café could become. "Rhonda explained, "The Lord led us here. We looked at a lot of different places but we looked here, we knew that it was the one."

Carolyn had a convenience store in Menlo, GA, but she had always dreamed of owning a family restaurant where she could serve good country cooking with a home cooked taste.

The café has a star theme that is repeated throughout the decor. There's a rustic Gatlinburg feel about it. It may look "finished" but it continues to be a work in progress. They hope to add a gift shop in the upstairs area.

Little River Café, a family operation, caters to families who enjoy a clean restaurant with a friendly atmosphere. In addition to mother and daughter, Carolyn and Rhonda, daughter, Tracy, also works there. Their aunt, Joann Bain, from Gadsden makes the desserts.

The majority of their customers are local with big crowds from New Oregon United Methodist Church enjoying Sunday lunch after church. They also get an out-of-town clientele from Birmingham and Huntsville. However, there is an occasional visitor from just a little farther away. Actress Lee Benton from TV's "The Young and Restless" was a recent diner. She bought a picture from off the wall that wasn't even supposed to be for sale. She gave her personal endorsement on an autographed picture that said, "I love your food".

Lunch specials are served daily from 11 am. that include a meat and two veggies with a choice of



bread. A full service menu is also available from 11 am. until 7:30 p.m. and includes appetizers, soups, salads, burgers and dinners.

Specialty sandwiches include a French Dip or Reuben as well as more typical southern fare, a Hillbilly Bologna that has fried bologna (just in case you aren't a really hillbilly and don't know how bologna is supposed to be eaten). They are served with chips and pickle pears with mustard and mayonnaise on the side. Sandwiches are served on your choice of white, wheat or rye bread.

There are four kids meals on the menu and desserts that make you wish that the meal portions weren't so generous. You really need to leave room for Carolyn's Homemade Fried Apple Pie that tastes just like what many of us grew up with. Go ahead and splurge and add ice cream. You can always start your diet tomorrow.

Drinks include tea, coffee, a variety of fountain drinks, Stewarts Bottle sodas, fresh squeezed lemonade, juice, milk, and herbal and green tea.



The restaurant seats 70. You can dine in or order carry out by calling 845-2225. They are open Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. They are located at 4608 DeSoto Parkway.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

John Baty

The other day I was talking to a friend and he seemed to be down on his luck and rather blue. He asked me if I recalled the old song by one of the country singers titled "I'm Busted." "Sure," I said. "I'm busted financially and emotionally," he went on to say, and told me that the only reason he was hanging around was to see what the heck was coming next.

I told him that I realized that people sometimes got just that low, I explained that I had been reading about the ultimate fate of the Universe where some physicist was writing about total entropy and complete disorganization of matter with heat death of the Universe. I said that sometimes I suspect that all the degenerative maladies which befall senior citizens is nothing but an unspiral of our DNA so that we are incapable of building new cells. When the old cells die off, they are not replaced, and we just slowly and inexorably disappear.

He wanted to know where I got such a flunky idea as that, and I said that it was prophesied long ago that it would happen. The old adage "Old Indians never die, they just fade away!" My Daddy was a quarter American Indian.

He muttered some half-intelligible word, then went to pay for his gas. I thought I noticed, as he opened the door and half tuned, that he was smiling. I hope he was.

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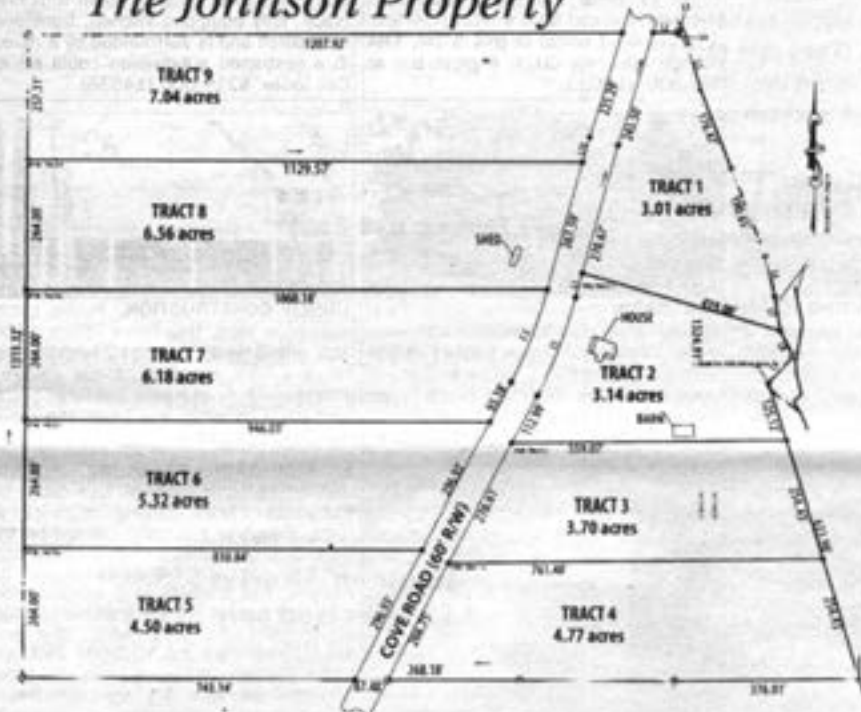
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consists of 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, open living area, rock fireplace, CH/A, wood ceilings and floors. Insulated windows, batt and board siding, stained glass dormer. \$145,000 (15322)



THE CHURCH IN THE WILDOOD:

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THE BARN:

it is a lofty 2 bedroom, 2 bath cabin. The living area features 17' gambrel wood ceilings with old tin end walls. Large wood burning fireplace, wood floors throughout. Screened porch, CH/A. Come see for yourself. \$169,000 (15320)



RUSTIC CEDAR SHAKE EXTERIOR, and Exquisite Interior, describes this New 3 bedroom, 3 bath home in Mentone (Shady Grove). Wood Floors and 30 ft wood Ceilings. Rock FP, Textured Drywall, Open Great Room design. Over sized Laundry. Master Suite has 3 closets, Built in Furniture, Hot Tub and a 2 person Block and Tile Shower. 2550 SF of Heated space, 3 sets of French doors leading to the 2100 SF wrap-around porch. Many more amenities awaits. Located with 2 acres of wooded property. \$440,000. (15512)



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LEROY SNIDER
ONE OF THE GOOD ONES
by Linda Brown

Leroy was one of those people who would do anything he could to help anyone. He was what I call "one of the good ones." Leroy was born in a cabin above the Mentone Brow Park, close to where the water tanks are now. He went to school at Moon Lake Elementary School. Leroy lived almost seventy-three years in Mentone, Alabama.

Leroy's life span was from January 11, 1934 until December 19, 2006. During this time Leroy saw many changes occur in the town that he dearly loved. In his own quiet, unassuming way he was a big part of these changes. As a young man he worked at any job that was available. Leroy was a big man and soon earned the reputation of being very strong. I have heard stories that say he could load an iron bathtub onto a truck by himself. (An addition to this story is that he carried said bathtub down a set of stairs before loading it, but I never talked to anyone who saw this.) Another story was that he could load a large riding lawn mower onto a truck by himself. This was a natural thing to Leroy and he accepted this strength just as he did any other part of his life.

In 1974, Leroy went to work at Camp Laney. No one is sure how long he worked for Rob Hammond. He was responsible for seeing that the cabins were in good shape, for feeding and caring for the animals, for keeping the grounds clean and any other chores that can occur around a boy's camp. Leroy went about his duties in such a quiet manner that not many people realized what a major part he played in the smoothness with which Camp Laney ran.

At some point, Leroy started to help with the water department of Mentone. When we searched the records, it seemed as though he started by helping in any way that he was needed. The records indicate that Leroy started to work full time for the Town of Mentone in 1983. He was the only employee listed under the water department at this time. While working in this capacity he installed

new water lines and repaired the older lines when needed. Leroy became quite a plumber out of necessity.

Leroy's health deteriorated as he aged. He had several illnesses that left him unable to speak and unable to walk for any distance. When I visited with Leroy and Shirley Dixon, his sister, during his last years, he would always smile and lift his hand for me to come over to his chair and shake hands with him. He never seemed to feel sorry for himself because of his condition. I learned to communicate with him and he always indicated that he was doing fine.

Leroy loved his town and the people in it and they loved him. He will be remembered for his dedication to the job at hand and for his willingness to help where there was a need. Never one who wanted to be far from the home that he loved, Leroy is buried in Little River Cemetery in Mentone, close to the graves of his parents and twin siblings as well as other relatives. Leroy will be added to the list of "the good ones."

Moon Lake Community Library Winter Book Sale

The Moon Lake Community Library Winter book sale is scheduled for February 19th through the 24th at the M.E.R.F. Community House located behind the Moon Lake Library in Mentone. The hours are 9:00 AM — 5:00 PM each day except the 19th. The sale will be open to the Friends of the Library only, from 9:00 AM — 12:00 PM on that day, and then from 12:00 PM till 5:00 PM to the general public. Beginning the 20th, the hours are 9:00 AM — 5:00 PM.

We have a large selection of books to offer so mark your calendar now! See you at the book sale!

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The Church News

By Evelyn Graves



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

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

Mentone Community Church Services are from 10-11AM throughout the summer. No evening services except for the youth. Wednesday evening services remain at 6:30PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Potters House Church. We are a small community church filled with the love of Jesus, where everyone of all denominations is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Worship is at 2 PM with Bill Miracle Pastor. We serve a meal at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, and our Bible Study starts at 6:30 with Sabra Gann, Teacher.

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

Dial-a-Devotional 634-0103

is provided daily by Evelyn Graves as an extended ministry of the Moon Lake Baptist Church. Feel free to call any time of the day or night.



Ann Downing in concert
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Ann Downing in concert will be at the
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The **Mentone Revival Center** on County Road 642 is starting its yard sale on the 2nd Saturday of February at 8AM and continuing on the 2nd Saturday each month.

Thank you for your donations to our Christmas fund last year. We delivered clothes, presents, food and toys during the Christmas season.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 meeting dates for the **Mentone Waterworks Board**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, as follows:

Thursday, January 25
Thursday, February 22
Thursday, March 22
Thursday, April 26
Thursday, May 24
Thursday, June 28
Thursday, July 26
Thursday, August 23
Thursday, September 27
Thursday, October 25
Tuesday, November 13
Thursday, December 20

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

Senior Lunches
at the Mentone
Community
House will begin
on February 14th
and go through
April 11th.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Monday, January 8, 2007
Monday, February 12, 2007
Monday, March 12, 2007
Monday, April 9, 2007
Monday, May 14, 2007
Monday, June 11, 2007
Monday, July 9, 2007
Monday, August 13, 2007
Monday, September 10, 2007
Monday, October 8, 2007
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Monday, December 10, 2007
Monday, January 14, 2008

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 quarterly meeting dates for the **Mentone Planning Commission**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be as follows:

Thursday, April 19
Thursday, July 19
Thursday, October 18
Thursday, January 17, 2008

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 meeting dates for the **Mentone Town Council**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

Monday, January 8	Monday, July 9
Monday, February 12	Monday, August 13
Monday, March 12	Monday, September 10
Monday, April 9	Monday, October 8
Monday, May 14	Monday, November 12
Monday, June 11	Monday, December 10

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



DEVOTIONAL

When we think of **Valentines Day**, our thoughts turn to **LOVE**. We usually think of the love of sweethearts or marriage partners. However, there is a greater love than even those; and that is Agape love demonstrated by Jesus Christ in His suffering and death on the cross bearing our sins and offering His forgiveness for us. I Corinthians 13 is a beautiful passage of scripture describing how important love in its many forms is in our lives:

1 "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Friday, Feb. 2 - **GROUNDHOG DAY**
 - Monday, Feb. 5, 5:30PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad Meeting
 - Monday, Feb. 12, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
 - Tuesday, Feb. 13, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
 - Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30 PM, Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall,
 - Wednesday, Feb. 14, VALENTINE'S DAY
 - Wednesday, Feb. 14, SENIOR MEALS begin again and go through April 11, at the Mentone Community House
 - Monday, Feb. 19, PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY (SCHOOLS ARE OUT)
 - Thursday, Feb. 15, 10AM, Mentone Book Club,
 - Thursday, Feb. 22, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public
 - Wednesday, Feb. 20, 6:30PM, Mentone Area Arts Council (MAAC) Board Meeting, at the Mentone Community House, open to the public
 - Tuesday, March 6, 6:30PM, Mapa Meeting, Dessies
- (1st meeting after Winter. Plan to attend, FESTIVAL coming up.)

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