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Our Town

By

LINDA BROWN



The holidays are over and you have time to do all of the things that you put off until after the holidays. Right? Well, if you are like me, you have more to do now than ever. There are so many worthwhile projects that we can volunteer to help with. I like working at the library and this also puts me in a position to work with the students at Moon Lake Elementary School. This is so much fun, I get to experience their enthusiasm and lack of inhibitions and, hopefully, they will benefit from the wisdom I may have gained through the years. They will try anything and it doesn't disturb them if that project doesn't work out as planned, they just try another one or another way of doing things. What a wonderful way to approach life! Why do we lose this ability as we age? When does our sense of wonder and curiosity wane and sometimes cease to exist?

Please continue to save your junk CD's for me again this year. We will need them to decorate the tree in the town hall next year. You can leave them at the town hall, Marie or Pam will give them to me. I always have the kindergarten class at Moon Lake as the Partridge Peas Junior Garden Club. The students change every year, but I think that working with children that young gives them a good start on a life of managing our environment. Maybe they will do a better job of it than we have. Have you looked at the right of way on our roads lately? There is a lot of trash that needs to be picked up. But, it is very dangerous to pick up on the side of our busy highways. The drivers will not slow down, even when they see you. What ever happened to good manners and common courtesy? We are living in a world that is moving too fast. We don't have time for the things that make life more pleasant for everyone.

Not much is going on in the town right now. One real problem is how to clean up some of the places where there has been a fire or the occupant of a home no longer lives there and now a vacant dwelling is causing a problem. One such place is a mobile home where a lot of junk cars and other debris were left and now it seems that because there is so much trash there, other people are starting to dump their junk in the yard. The town doesn't have the money to clean this up and there is no one to take charge of doing it otherwise. The state has put into place a way for towns to place a lien against the property and get it cleaned up, but this is a long drawn out process. One thing that we can all do is look at our own property and clean up any trash or garbage that we have. Recently, I read an article about how to get birds to come to your yard. The first sentence stated that you should start by thinking like a bird. Maybe it would help if we could look at our yards with the eye of a visitor or a prospective buyer. That might give us a wake up call and we could see that some things do need to be repaired or cleaned. The town

is working on a recycling center in Mentone. Maybe it will help when we have a place to take recyclable items.

The water works continues to try to find leaks in the lines. This is a major problem because some of the lines are so old and are cast iron pipes. We all know what happens when these get old, they develop tiny pin holes and water seeps out. If you see water standing in an unusual place or where it is usually dry, call the town hall and let them know. Brian Moon will check it out and maybe this will help decrease the water loss each month. The project of replacing the older lines in the town proper is moving very slowly. First all of the bids were illegal and it had to be rebid, then something else happened and bids have to be taken on separate projects. There is always a lot of red tape when you are trying to do things with low interest government loans. Hopefully, by this spring everything will be in place and this project can be started. It is about twenty years overdue. The rehabilitation of the older part of the water system has been discussed for many years. The money has never been available.

I was talking with a lady at the Rhododendron Garden Club meeting recently. She told me that she has started a collection of printed feed sacks. She doesn't cut them up, she just keeps them. These sacks could be called a piece of Americana. They are something that were common during one era, but are rare and a collector's item now. For the younger generation, fertilizer and animal feed once came in printed and solid colored sacks. These were large sacks that held a hundred pounds of what was in them. You could get two or three sacks that matched and sew items from them. Neighbors would swap sacks so that each would have enough to make a project. I learned to sew with feed sacks. My Mom would let me have the odd ones and I would make cushions, curtains and sometimes simple garments from them. They were also good for the many doll houses that I made and for doll clothes. I never played with dolls very much, but I liked to make clothes for them and set them up for display. My favorite thing to make doll houses from was Whitman's Sampler candy boxes. They had two layers and dividers. These were my first and second story and the rooms for my house. The furniture had to be very small. I made a lot of my tables from empty thread spools. Spools were made of wood then and made great furniture. Small match boxes were good for beds and larger furniture. These always had bedspreads and covers that were usually made from feed sacks. I had a tiny doll that would fit into these houses. She got a new house and had to move every time Dad bought Mom a box of candy. My first maternity dresses were also made of feed sacks. They were two pieces and you could use the print material for the top and a matching solid for the skirt. They were great because they were cotton fabric, which made them cool and easy to wash. I still prefer cotton for my clothes.

I am getting a lot of help typing this article. Recently, my grandson, Alex, went to trade day in Collinsville and came back with two kittens. They were cold, hungry and crying in a cage so he knew that they would have a better life with us. He was right, they now get canned food in the morning and all of the hard food that they will eat. They stay in the office and have a warm bed and lots of toys. They are a delight to have, but sometimes they get into things, such as walking on the keyboard while I

try to type. I hey think that all of the moving things on the screen are great fun.

Usually, when I write this article, I try to stay away from any subject that pertains to religion or a particular church. In other words, I try to be "politically correct". This month I am going to make an exception. I have been asked to tell you about the Chrismons that the Mountain Laurel Unit of United Methodist Women made and sent to the Methodist Children's Home in Selma, Alabama. We have an employee of the children's home who lives in Mentone and he has asked me to tell you this. Chrismons are the monograms of Christ. They are the symbols that history has ascribed to represent Him. Some are common things such as the fish and some are the Greek words that are used. The colors are always white and gold and they are used to put on a live evergreen tree during the Christmas season. The trees are displayed in the sanctuary or other part of churches. The women made a complete set of Chrismons and mailed them to the children's home. They were cross stitched and placed in round gold frames. The meaning of the symbol was printed on the cardboard backing. We were told that the children used this information and told the meaning of each as they hung them on the tree. This was the first Chrismon tree for the children's home, but I am sure that they will continue to do this. They mailed a picture of their tree to the congregation of the Mentone United Methodist Church and it was beautiful. We could see the Chrismons that the women sent on the tree. What a joy to be able to make someone happy with such a small gesture. I'm sure that the young ladies did not know the impact these would make on the children. You never know where the effect of one small act of kindness may travel.

I have been using a new format for this article for two months now. So far, I have not been able to make it fit the space that is allotted for it in The Groundhog. Maybe some day I will get it right. Marie and Evelyn do a wonderful job of getting everything in the right place. Have you ever seen The Groundhog when it was in the preparation stages? It is quite scary, you don't see how all of the large pages will ever come together and make such a nice paper. Jean McGehee gave copies of all of the back issues of The Groundhog to the library. I put about a third of them in an archival box yesterday. Dianne Kuehl was once employed in the archive department of a library and knows everything about preserving old papers. These are special boxes that are acid free. It seems that acid is the number one enemy of paper. We will continue to save copies and have them at the library. The older ones are very interesting because in the pictures everyone looks so young. There was a picture of me when I was directing the Mentone Crafts Festival. The person who was helping me said that I had aged well. I think that this was a compliment, I know that it was meant to be. If you are interested in looking at these, they will stay on a shelf in the closet that has been designated for use by the community side of the library. You can ask the volunteer who is there to get them for you. We will have them all in the boxes soon.

Stay well and enjoy the quiet and peacefulness of winter. Spring will be here soon and you know how busy we all get then. I can hardly wait for the bulbs that I planted to start blooming. The deer won't eat them, so I get to enjoy them as long as they bloom.

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

The Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library continues to grow and become better and better. I have mentioned that I wanted to start a section of publications dealing with the history of DeKalb County. Landmarks of DeKalb County Inc., an organization dedicated to preserving the history of this area, has given us some of their publications. Just before the holidays, I received a call from Judy Brown, a member of the Board of Directors and past president of the organization. She had gone through her copies and was able to donate several of the older editions of The DeKalb Legend and the first issue of Who Was Who in DeKalb County. This is a great addition to our DeKalb County History Section of the library. We now have the complete set of Who Was Who in DeKalb County! I am very excited about this collection and want to publicly thank James Ray Kuykendall and the staff of Landmarks and Judy Brown.

We also have a copy of Lookout: the Story of a Mountain in our library, written by Robert Sparks Walker. It was given to us by Sara Campbell in memory of Edith O'Rear Craig. This book is no longer in print and Sara went to great lengths to find one to give to the library. Thank you so much, Sara!

Now we need to use these books. While they cannot be taken from the library, you can come and read and research during the open hours. Also, copies can be made of any pages. A copier is always on when the library is open.

Our Birthday Calendars have been a great hit with all who have seen them. I have already started to rely on it for local phone numbers. Every ad has the phone number of that business, so you can see the number you need at a glance. We do have a few extra calendars for sale. If you would like one, call me, Linda Brown, 634-8006 or Marilyn Mathews, 634-3645 and we will see that you get one. There is an order form in the 2004 calendar for you to order one for 2005. Also, we will try to contact more of you next year. The cost of the calendar, including listings for the birthdays and anniversaries of everyone under your roof, is only \$5.00. You can also add an "In Memory" of a close family member and/or the birthday of someone in the military at no extra charge. These are really a bargain and very informative.

The FRIENDS of Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library are sponsoring an essay contest for all students in fifth and sixth grade of Moon Lake School in conjunction with the celebration of American History during the month of February. Parents and teachers have been informed of the subject and rules

for writing the essays. The title will be An American Hero. Three winners will be chosen by a panel of impartial judges. The cash prizes will be 1st place - \$50.00, 2nd place - \$25.00 and 3rd place - \$15.00. The students who have written the winning essays will read them aloud at the PTO meeting of February 10. Good luck to all of those who enter the contest. We are looking forward to working on this project.

A new feature of the library is being added this month. Harriet Lillich has submitted the first book review. We hope to make this a regular feature. If you would like to critique a book, type your comments and mail them to MLESCL, PO Box 184, Mentone AL 35984 or drop them off with Marie at Mentone Town Hall. We would like to have at least one per month. I haven't talked with the editors as to the placement of these, but hopefully it can be on the same page.

Our FRIEND of the Library this month is, Cleo Jones. Welcome, Cleo! She also plans to work as a volunteer in the library.

Last month, a wonderful lady who lives in Mentone sent me this statement about books: "Books make men dream dreams, see visions, and build air castles, and live in an imaginary world, and fight imaginary battles and enjoy imaginary victories. They are the tools with which we tunnel the mountains, and span the chasms, and harness the lightning and chart the seas. They are impartial friends, as free and genial with the child as they are with the aged, as open to the unlearned as they are to the learned. They are companions who do not tire of our company, but linger far into the hours of the dark night with us unfolding their hidden secrets. He who gives a friend a book gives him a passport to some mystic shrine; he gives him a staff upon which he can lean and limp until he is able to stand and run and fly."

-W.W. Melton

The Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Community Library meets on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Our meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. However, to be on the agenda for any meeting, you must call Jan Wilkinson at 845-5048 at least three days before the meeting.

You can mail a suggestion, contribution or any other material to: Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library (or MLESCL), PO Box 184, Mentone, AL 35984.

The hours the library will be open during the winter months are: Saturday, 9 to 12 and Tuesday, 4 to 6. COME VISIT THE LIBRARY!

Meet SHARYN McCrumb
by Harriett Lillich

One of the joys that 2003 brought to Mentone was the addition of the library shared by Moon Lake School and the community. Being an avid reader, I am always on the lookout for authors new to me, so I thought that The Groundhog might introduce a new column in which people shared their favorite writers and books. So, to put a new twist on an old phrase, I am putting my words where my mouth is and will offer an author who was new to me. I hope this will be the first of many authors for us to share.

Sharyn McCrumb is a prolific author whose works have enjoyed frequent appearances on the New York Times best seller list. Being herself a native of the mountains of North Carolina, she writes about the land and people of Appalachia. She describes her books as quilts, weaving "legends, ballads, fragments of rural life and local tragedy." They are filled with the history and folklore of the mountains, and in them we meet memorable characters like Nora Bonesteel, a woman filled with wisdom and the gift of "sight" or Sheriff Arrowood (pronounced Arrwood), both of whom appear in many of the author's works.

So far, I have read two of her books, She Walks These Hills and The Rosewood Casket. Beautifully written, the books remind me of lovely songs that tell a story. I want to read more and intend to do so. One of the most acclaimed of her books is The Song Catcher which has won many awards. Her newest book is Ghost Riders, a Civil War story that is told on many levels past and present. I understand that Nora Bonesteel appears again in this one. I can't wait to read it, and in the meantime, I intend to check out every one of her books that our community library has in its collection.

Some of the other works by this author include:

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By Gail Smalley

It started as a "what if", a "have you seen so and so" type conversation. The conversation grew--a high school reunion to include several high school classes, six to be exact. We called it the mega reunion blast and it lived up to our expectations. It included Valley Head classes 1968 through 1973.

We began the celebration on Friday afternoon, Oct. 31, at the Homecoming parade, where we were bestowed the honor of Grand marshals, with some help from Coach Jamie Blalock and our float driver Heath Blalock (who by the way did not run over any of the "old people"). We had a very good turnout with excellent weather. When the parade ended, our tour guide Norma Hulan (class of 73) took us down memory lane through the halls of the high school.

Norma then led everyone in the library, which she had tastefully decorated in purple and gold memorabilia. Once in the library, we had a reception for classmates and teachers through the years. We all enjoyed excellent food and laughed until we hurt.

We then walked up to the football field (for some this was the first time to see the new field) for the homecoming game, where we filled our reserved section and overflowed into other areas of the bleachers.

While at the game, which everyone enjoyed, Coach Charles Robert Hammon arranged a presentation to recognize retired Valley Head football players.

After a very good win by the Valley Head Tigers, several of the classmates met at The Tigers Inn. Debra Sharp volunteered to keep the "TI" open late and had some wonderful sandwiches and chili ready when we arrived. There was standing room only in the Tigers Inn that night, but no one minded standing. The night had been fun, even if there had not been more to come.

The next day, Saturday, November 1, started with a golf tournament at Lil Mole Run in Mentone. Roger Haney (Class of 72) coordinated the golf tournament. I did not attend this event, but I was told they had a good turnout, excellent weather, very stiff competition, and a lot of fun.

Saturday afternoon at 4 PM, the finale started with classmates from all over the country coming into the Terrapin Hills banquet hall. We had a very good turnout with approximately 160 people attending. We were served an exceptional meal prepared by Luann Hastings and her staff. The night really got going when DJ Jim Booker began playing the best music ever recorded, which would be music from the 60s and

70s, of course.

There was hugging, laughing, and squealing all night. I would bet that several of the females from the class of 1972 did not have voices the next day. After the party, there was a "Depot Meeting" in Valley Head for some of the old gang.

Those of us on the event planning committee received many compliments and thanks from our classmates and their spouses. Several people asked if we could do it every year. We decided to shoot for 3 years, with plans being made now for September 2006. We would like to add a couple more classes to the next one, if they are interested. I would not understand why anyone would not be interested, our mega blast reunion was truly a blast.

I would like to thank a few people that helped us pull off this event and who were not members of our classes. Thanks to Morgan, Jamie and Heath Blalock, Charles Robert Hammon, Mr. Monroe, Cheree at Violets for the beautiful centerpiece memory candles, Robert and Debra Sharp at the Tigers Inn, Luann Hastings at Terrapin Hills, Mentone Community House committee, Don Sharp for pictures and DVD and our DJ Jim Booker. Thanks to any others that I may have overlooked.

VH classmates 68-73



Homecoming parade grand marshals



1968-1976 Classmates in the parade



Leonard Keith w/Sarah and Coach Ronnie Haushalter



Mrs. Doris Carmichael with students

Reception in Valley Head Library

Scenes from Moon Lake Elementary School Harvest Festival 2003



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Andrew Crowe & Brittney Harrison



2nd place - 5th Grade
Hunter Stone and Starla Cash



Denita & Butch Manifold enjoy the old Moon
Lake yearbooks that were for sale



Amelia Saferite plays a game at the 1st grade table
with teacher Jennifer Gorham



Kenya Sharee Bain

On June 7th, 1986, God let us borrow one of the most special angels in Heaven. For 17 years, Kenya brought a lot of happiness to all of us. If you were down and out, she was the one to bring you right back up with her beautiful smile and just the right words.

But December 15, 2003, God decided he wanted her back home in Heaven with him to be his Angel in Heaven instead of here on Earth!

Kenya may be gone from here, but her spirit will live on forever.

We would like to thank each and every one of you throughout Valley Head, Mentone and the whole DeKalb County area, with our deepest heartfelt gratitude for the prayers, thoughts, food, flowers, and donations during our time of grief!

Thank you again,
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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Christmas has come and gone, and its always a little bit sad. All the beautiful Christmas carols have been sung, the gifts have been wrapped and opened with anticipation; the extra good food prepared and enjoyed. Now we need something to pep us up again. I love the bright lights, lovely wreaths, the hustle of getting it all together. It is a most exciting time of the year.

Then comes the day of reckoning--all the lights, Christmas trees and other decorations have to be removed and stored for another season. It's fun getting all my santas, angels, creche, and wreaths out of storage and decorating the tree, but it isn't nearly as much fun having to remove them, box them, and label the boxes, so we can find them next year. Now that it's done, we can rest a while.

January is a good month to reorganize--to think about gardening and planting new things. The month goes fast and spring will come soon. I can think of more things to do than several men could do! I want more beautiful flowers, a pond with a circulating pump, water lilies and a few goldfish. We have a place where we want one, but not the energy to do all of this. Coy is good to do these things for us, but he works at other jobs and can't do everything. We would need a full-time gardener to do the things I want done. Anyway, it doesn't hurt to dream.

Joyce and Gregg have been on a Caribbean cruise and were away when we had the ice on the trees and nine degree weather. They had a good time and it gave Joyce a relaxing time away from the chemo treatments.

While they were gone, Homer and I stayed at our little home in Chattanooga, sitting by the fireplace and watching TV. I worked on a scrapbook and had Christmas film developed and put in an album. I have some good snap-

shots of the garden club that should go in a scrapbook for Martha Wood. She is doing an excellent job as president. She is a master gardener and can give us good ideas for growing things.

Of course, Ann Wright is a master gardener and has been for years. Her mother, Lillian Bialock, had a garden that was outstanding. There were very few plants she didn't have growing in her yard. She loved to share her plants, too. She gave me all the plants I wanted to start a garden when I married. I shall always have pleasant memories of her, and it's good to see Ann carry on with a most beautifully landscaped garden one could find.

Anything special in life (or death) has flowers. So we should grow them and learn to arrange them beautifully for our own tables, for weddings, anniversaries, or whatever occasion. Flowers seem to make any occasion special. I am very fond of gardenias. I used them on a prayer book for my wedding. I've always wanted to grow them, but our winters are too cold for them. Their sweet fragrance is hard to describe. We have planted some, but only one survived and it didn't bloom. I think I'll plant one in a large pot that I can keep indoors and perhaps have some blooms. Right now, I am enjoying a big white poinsettia our friend Kathy and her daughter, Kelly, from Baton Rouge sent us for Christmas. It is lovely. Some people force bulbs into bloom in the winter months and that gives them some color. I've always intended to try that but have not thought of it at the right time--procrastinator that I am.

Green plants are healthy to have in our homes--and I have plenty of those. They give off oxygen and keep moisture in the air. Our homes are awfully dry when we keep them heated in the winter months. Most of mine go outside on the deck in the summer months and grow profusely.

Flowers and music speak to the hearts of all of us. Some of us like the old classics, even Beethoven and Bach; some like old folk tunes that originated from Ireland; some like country, and some like the loud "Boom Box" type. I love the classics and some country, especially gospel, because I was reared singing that kind with shaped notes. And I like Blue Grass Music, but not necessarily the vocal part. Blue Grass and Country Music has become far more popular than it has ever been. People used to make fun of that kind as hillbilly stuff, but cannot do that now. Some country

singers are very well received and are quite well educated and wealthy. Can you imagine a wedding without flowers and music?

Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." has reached the hearts of all patriotic Americans. It was played many times on national TV programs following the awful terrorist attack on 9-11 in New York.

Gardening magazines are some of my favorites. I can spend hours reading about horticulture and landscaping, still dreaming, but pleasant dreams. Anyone can plant bulbs and enjoy the early blooms of crocus, daffodils, and tulips. The daffodils are the easiest to grow and they will stay with you longer. Tulips are lovely, but have a tendency to get smaller in a few years. It will be time for crocus to raise its little heads any day, now.

The song of the mocking bird is music to my ears, but I don't have any where we live now. They do serenade me in Chattanooga; and sometimes I hear one when I'm at the Hitching Post. Maybe they just don't like being on the brow of the mountain. We have many other varieties that entertain us.

Dallyne Jones reminded us at the January garden club meeting, to keep water thawed in the bird bath when it's cold weather. She said to get your husband to pour a kettle of hot water on the ice--but I'm the one to do that here. They do want water when they feed on seeds. And another thing we don't do is provide suet for them. This will help keep them warm.

If you are feeling blue and have a bit of cabin fever, play some music and watch the birds. This will lift your spirits.

God bless those who have lost loved ones recently--the family of Arthur Goss (Lightning), the Flarity family lost father and son, the Bain family who lost the beautiful young girl, a senior in high school; the family of Clyde Smith, who we have known many years. These losses are always felt by their loved ones, but with faith and prayer, one can survive.

Keep happy thoughts and think spring. Every cloud has a silver lining.



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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: A Matter of Faith

By L.C. Moon

In the Appalachians and the foot hills, there are plants and trees everywhere you step or look that have the capability of "Giving ease". "Giving Ease" is a term coined by Tommy Bass-folk herbalist of Shinsbone Ridge who passed on in August of 1996. My article this month is inspired by a book I got as a gift, "Trying to Give Ease...Tommie Bass and the Story of Herbal Medicine," by Crellin and Philpott of Duke University.

Tommie Bass of Cherokee County, AL, still is a major cornerstone in the herbal and natural healing community. I firmly believe and have seen evidence to support the fact the Tommie Bass has a great impact on our freedom to use botanicals as medicine. Many influential people were touched by Tommie Bass and helped dispel the myths that jaded many people's opinions regarding plants and trees as a nutritional food and medicine.

In 1994 our rights to use herbs and supplements were in danger of being taken away. Largely as a result of Bass' impact, the 1994 Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act was passed, and it states that herbs can legally be marketed and used as food and supplements, unless otherwise proven unsafe by the government.

A simple man from the backwoods helped to bring freedom and truth to the world. For instance, he stayed at his shack in the woods and allowed people to come to him for free advice and medicine. He often showed them the herb in the wild that would give them ease and how to harvest it themselves. Word of Mouth of Mr. Bass' successful advice regarding teas and salves spread, therefore giving more faith and credibility to botanicals as effective medicines.

Many professors at Duke University experienced the impact that Tommie Bass had on people and the social impact he made in the community. By virtue of Tommie Bass remaining true to what he knew--Tommie did not fall victim to media hype, nor time restraints as a result of financial encumbrances. Tommie Bass was able to afford the time to be free and teach other people about faith and freedom. Tommie did not set out to teach the world about faith and freedom. When people went to his humble home, they always seemed to recall stories about how time was not a factor for Mr. Bass. His understanding of the essence of life was pure. In a fast moving society of stress, many people do not know the meaning of faith or freedom. People inadvertently learn the benefits of health and freedom from people like Tommie Bass.

Balance is what we hope to achieve when we strive for health. That balance must be achieved mind, body and soul. Bass allowed people to experience what a "healer" was really all about. He knew the importance of people assisting in their own therapy--hence the reason he had folks harvest their own herbs, dig up roots, scrape bark and prepare their own teas. His nature and legend allowed people to have faith. Whether the faith comes from the person giving you the herb, faith in the herb, faith in

God for putting the herb on Earth as a medicine, faith in native American lore regarding the herbs--the fact is that faith is a part of achieving "ease".

Science gives people faith in modern medicine. Unfortunately, there are not enough double-blind studies conducted in the United States on herbs to give faith to the masses about the importance of nutritional herbalism. Rational herbalism is a term that is placed on the scientific study of herbs in which the effectiveness is only accepted if it can be scientifically proven. In rational herbalism, you take away two important factors in providing ease--faith and responsibility for your own health and ease. Nutritional herbalism or folk herbalism does not separate the person from the complaint and allows what seems to be "miraculous" results to not have to be explained away but to be accepted and documented as such.

In the times of Tommie Bass and his grandfather, there were usually a handful of herbs that were used regularly for nearly everything. For instance, catnip is great for reducing a fever, easing a teething child, easing colic or gas, worming a cat, etc. Folks like Tommie Bass were valuable assets when yellow root, sassafras, ratsvein, poke or mint would not do the trick. Back in the early part of the nineteenth century and before, most everybody in the Appalachians knew how to bring ease to the common complaints with a handful of herbs, though still relying on the likes of Mr. Bass for anything they could not provide ease for themselves. For instance, something like indigestion, the majority would not know what to do to get ease when the handful of herbs did not work; but, Mr. Bass would recommend Sourwood when someone had indigestion as a result of too much acid in the body. Though Mr. Bass was not schooled in these areas, his instincts and inherited knowledge allowed him to understand the principles of energetics and fighting fire with fire--these principles have been used in healing arts in many different cultures and is the basis of homeopathics today.

It is largely a matter of faith as to what will provide ease. One factor that makes this even more so true is that, in order for any therapy to work, it must be used consistently and at the correct dosage. If you begin a treatment with doubt, then you are less likely to notice subtle changes that take place during the healing process and, as a result, you may falter in your own responsibility because of lack of patience, discipline, and faith. As I remind people all the time--"Herbs are not usually a magic overnight cure. A regular regimen must be employed." One other factor that tends to leave people with less faith is noticing a sudden substantial difference and then they quit taking the herb. The body needs time to balance. When the problem returns, people often blame the therapy for not working instead of taking responsibility for their own health and understanding the need for patience, persistence, and faith.

If you have any questions regarding herbs, you may contact me at Mountain Life. (256) 634-3333; www.MountainLifeMarket.com; PO Box 224, Mentone, AL, 35984

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Visiting at the Mentone Market. Blann Bell is shown visiting with Saddler and Byrum Emory in the Mentone Market early in January. Blann is the brother of Joan Byrum and Kristen Emory's uncle. He is from Sardis, Alabama, where he owns a contracting business. He came to Mentone to visit his family and check out the Market, owned by Kristen and Tom Emory, as well as to visit with other Saddlebred horse enthusiasts.

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Annual Christmas Ornament Fund

On December 7, 2003, the annual "Christmas Ornament Fund" began its sales with the first Christmas Ornament sold to benefit the Moon Lake Elementary School. This year's ornament was designed by Vickie Carmichael from Birmingham, Alabama. It depicted one of the turrets in the Old Mentone Springs Hotel, surrounded by a wreath. The metal ornament sold for \$12.00 each with all profits going to the Moon Lake Elementary School. Each year, a different design will be featured with the profits going to the school. This year's goal was achieved by the many contributors and sponsors who purchased their one-of-a-kind memento of Mentone. The ornament sales were able to raise \$1,000 for the School. Thank you to all who were involved.

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The Dekalb County Genealogical Society held its first meeting of the year at 10 AM, on Saturday, Jan. 10, at the DeKalb County Library in Fort Payne. Plans for 2004 were discussed.

Second 9-weeks Honor Roll Moon Lake Elementary School

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Seth Massey

Hunter Stone

GRADE 5

ALL A's & B's

Starla Cash

Josh Faulkner

Trey Kincer

Josh Whitaker

GRADE 6

ALL A's & B's

Ethan Crider

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Brandon Willingham

"Family Trip with Naomi Judd" aired on Food Network

The Mentone Springs Hotel was featured in a segment of a special Food Network entitled "Family Trip with Naomi Judd" that aired on Food Network, January 11, 2004, at 8:00 pm Central Time. On October 21st and 22nd, 2003 Riv Media finished filming of the segment at the Hotel. They filmed most aspects of the Hotel, including food preparation, Hotel environment, and points of interest in and around Mentone. In addition to the DeSoto Falls, filming was done around the Brow Park, the Hitching Post, and the White Elephant Antiques and Gift Galleries. Riv Media, based in Knoxville, Tennessee, filmed almost seven hours of film to be edited into a fourteen minute segment. This exposure to the Mountain could be as beneficial as the recent Southern Living article written by Tanner Latham in their October issue. Some other periodicals have shown lots of interest in coming to Mentone to produce additional stories about our unique area of Alabama.

Bryan College Dean's List

News Release - DAYTON, Tenn. - Two hundred twenty-eight students at Bryan College, including one from Mentone, Ala., were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2003 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade average on Bryan's 4.0 scale.

Kenneth Miller, son of Glenn and Linda Miller of Mentone, was recognized for his academic achievement.

Bryan is a four-year Christian liberal arts college offering bachelor's degrees in 15 areas. The college has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* for nine consecutive years as being among the Top Tier of Southern liberal arts colleges.

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The families of Tommy and Stanley Flarity would like to thank the citizens of Mentone who helped meet the recent financial expenses resulting from the funerals of both Tommy and Stanley. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

News from The Shed & Scouts Fundraiser for Pack 106

As you know each and every year we have done a scout fundraiser this year was one of the best fundraisers we have had for the scouts ever. We have raised \$422.00 which our goal was \$300.00 that was \$122.00 over the goal for both the Cub & Boy Scouts. As you can see our fundraiser is a success. We are honored by the community support we have in this community. I have not yet seen a better community than Mentone. It is by far means one of the biggest Christian communities. Where all Christians come together when someone is in need of help and lend a helping hand and I hope to continue to see that progress. I was glad to see so many churches in our store this Christmas as you know our store has turned into a Floral & Nursery over the years and is leaning on carrying more Christian items but it is very hard to find good Christians items, how ever, I look very hard every year and getting in more and more Christian items not just for Christmas but all year around items. We are launching off many new items for some of the next fundraisers for many schools: Thomas Kinkade Bears, & The Bearington Bear Collections. We became an authorized dealer over Christmas. I will open up January 25th, with these new collections for 2004 they will be seasonal Bears for every season. We are hoping it will quit raining to get our new store on the way but if it takes time to dry out and warm up it will get done when it warms up. How ever we have many new gifts for the spring for Valentines and Easter and yes we deliver, and do free gift wrapping for what ever season it may be. We actually use seasonal paper, hand made bows and cards we do that for funerals as well to. Yes you heard right funerals; in the funeral dept. we have Potted Flowers and Silk Arrangements for Funerals, Decoration, every day Occasions and Holidays. How ever we are not going to get off the subject of what is new in the store you will have to come and look for yourself as many of you have already done so and remember we are a member of Alabama Florist Association. The Scouts have raised \$422.00 as I said above earlier. David and I want to thank many of you to include Businesses & Churches. I have decided to list all Businesses and Churches due to the fact if we listed everyone who supported the scouts it may take up 2 pages of the paper and that would be unfair, but you know we love you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts as well as the scouts really appreciate the moneys they have received. The money will be used to support the ongoing programs they have as well as use it to purchase uniforms or badge materials they may need for they work very hard to earn there badges as well as create the programs they have for years to come. Once again thank you from the bottom of our hearts. With these people and the community as well as support from many other communities such as the surrounding areas touching Mentone the fundraiser would have not been a success if it was not for you. You have made the Scouts of America's dreams live on. I

just want to make certain that 2 businesses know we did not leave them out on purpose last time your names are recognized in this fund raiser. We apologize we had to make it short and accidentally got cut off. How ever those two businesses were The Zoo of Mentone & Mentone Market, they purchased a lot of fall items on the last fund raiser. We love you 2 and very sorry your names were left out and everyone please recognize these 2 businesses they are new to Mentone and made a very good purchase each time with our store. We love you 2 and very sorry that your name was left out. Very glad the Mentone Market brought it to my attention as well. Thank You. Here are the listings:

Adamsburg Church of God
Boy & Cub Scouts
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Bama Green
Chattooga Press
Cloudland Presbyterian Church
Cranberry Corner (Staff & Employees)
Crystal Lake Lodge
DeKalb Tourist association
First State Bank Of DeKalb County
Floyd Medical Center Rome Ga.
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The Bistro
The Ground Hog (Evelyn & Marie)
The Rose Cottage
The Times Green
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From the Editors: Cheryl L. Baker requested that all of her articles not be edited in any way and run exactly as they are written. We have run it exactly as it was written.

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This Christmas came faster than any ever came before. My Christmas cards, as well as some of the gifts I had bought, hid themselves (or the "gremlins" hid them). I ordered more, they didn't come until this week, so for the first time, I failed to send cards. I appreciated, so much, all I received.

Geneva Smith had all her family present for dinner on Christmas eve. Thirty members of our family and friends met at the home of Barry and Emily Brown on Christmas Day for a feast provided by everyone.

Lillie Bowden went to Land of lakes, Florida, with her daughter, Jo Welch and family from Chattanooga for a five-day vacation. They visited Bob and Jennifer Waleski and family.

Matt and Susana Freeman spent three weeks with her parents the Fredrick Marins, in Malorca, Spain.

Ben Freeman came home from Fayetteville, Arkansas, for Christmas.

Marion O'Dell's daughter, Sharon, from Pickens, SC, and her granddaughter, Jessica from Charleston, SC, spent two days with Marion and family.

Ed Ringer spent Christmas with David Ringer and family in Florence, Miss.

Peachie and David Cearly, from Alpharetta, GA, Tommy and Irma Allison from Arden, NC, Ansley and John McGinnis from Florence, SC, spent the weekend of Jan. 4, with Laura Margaret Allison and Elizabeth Coleman.

Jimmy and Janet Cooper and family, and Van and Teresa Cooper and family had Christmas dinner with Sadie Cooper. Patrick and Tyler were home from Auburn for the holidays. Sadie visited her uncle, Melvin Smith, at Ider, on Jan. 12. He is 98.

Oline Roberts spent Christmas with her daughter, Martha Joan Killian and family in Aiken, SC. Mozelle Hixon from Montgomery, was visiting her daughter, Katherine, in Aiken, so they had a chance to spend some time together.

Mary and John Holleman had their Christmas dinner, Dec. 21, with 14 present, including Betty, Jim and Michelle Adams from Gadsden; E.T., Bill and Becky Holleman; Laura Margaret Allison; Elizabeth Coleman; Adelaide Biddle; Julia Hickey from Dallas, Ga; and Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis from Rainsville. John and Mary ate Christmas dinner (on Christmas) with Nelson and Elizabeth, who, by the way, have a new granddaughter, Emily Paige, born Jan. 7. She has a brother, Tyler Jay.

Jean Jones said that they had a good attendance, despite the bad weather, for their very impressive live nativity scene, during Christmas.

Ruth and Bert Pickett's grandson, Mathew Pickett, his wife, Vanessa, and daughter, Isabella, came home from Camp Pendleton, CA, for the holidays. Twenty-seven attended their Christmas dinner. After Christmas, Jan. 7, Ruth and her sisters, Betty Bracken

and Selma McElhaney and niece, Helen Bracken, went to Hot Springs, Ark. They spent two days and two nights at the Arlington Hotel. The hot baths made their arthritis feel much better.

Mildred Laws has returned to Collinsville Nursing Home after a stay in BMC DeKalb Hospital. She is still in serious condition. Her daughter, Edith Dean, has pneumonia. Chris Brown has not completely recovered from the pneumonia he had Thanksgiving. Lillie Bowden is feeling better. We hope all the sick will soon be completely well.

We were so glad to have about twelve members of our pastor's (Rev. Wayne Nesbitt's) family visit our church last Sunday. We hope they can come back often to the Valley Head Methodist Church. We would be happy to welcome visitors every Sunday.

The **Sunshine Club** met at Estie Palmer's on December 16. Those present were Ann Wright, Verence Hawkins, Evelyn Clark, Barbara Palmer, Billie Harper, Susie Clark, Elizabeth Bauerle, Ada Campbell, Lillie Bowden, Ruth Pickett, Patti Spencer, Lillian Pickett, Elaine Burt, and Eloise Brown. Lillie Pickett gave the devotion and Lillie Bowden won the nice door prize. A nice thank you note was received from The Way Home for our recent contribution.

I am so slow and time so swiftly flies--

Sadly--more and more I realize--

That time and I fail to synchronize!

I hope this will be a happier, saner, world this year for everyone.

Wintry Clouds

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

They hover over hill and plain--
Their tears fall down in icy rain--
Enveloping the earth in deathly shroud--
Thunder threatens brave and loud.

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

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But the rod of correction aptly applied
Shall drive it out, teach him rightly to abide.

...Eloise Brown

Thank You, God, for Another Year

Thank you God, for another year,
Though sometimes chastening and severe--
The time was precious and very dear.

Now it is gone beyond recall,
With its mistakes to stand or fall--
But it was a good year where with all!

Now as I enter a new year--
It is with faith--without fear.
Knowing you hold the future near--

May I no precious moment waste
Live each one fully without haste--
With proper priorities rightly placed.

Thank you, God, for another year,
For this world, hold it near--
In peace and happiness so dear.

...Eloise Brown

Door of the Year

The door of the year is open wide
Inviting each one to come inside
And partake of treasures it may hold,
Of golden moments, and pleasures untold.

New opportunities to achieve,
New hope and faith in good to believe;
New understanding of life to use
For better purpose--inspire, enthuse.

So enter the New Year's open door,
Partake wisely of its treasure store--
That it may be the best year ever--
That we may be good, wise and clever!

...Eloise Brown





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Donna Katherine Bouldin

By Terry Bouldin

Donna Katherine Bouldin was born in Scottsboro AL, March 22, 1956, the daughter of Virgil W. and Oma L. Bouldin. The Bouldin family moved to DeKalb County in 1973, and Donna finished High School at Valley Head in 1974. Donna was a member of the First Baptist Church of Fort Payne and was a staunch supporter of mission programs, having personally participated in several mission trips with church groups. Down through the years, Donna earned her Bachelors Degree from Jacksonville State University with a strong background and a deep love for the arts and sewing.

Donna was a creative person and was always trying to create something on the sewing machine or work on another art project often thinking about what she could design for another season of missions or Vacation Bible School.

She had a strong interest in civic offices, having been involved with organizations both in Mentone and in Ft. Payne. She was in MAPA from its beginning for many years, holding different offices and seats on various committees. She was a long-time member of the local Artist Guild in Ft. Payne.

Donna battled serious health problems for many years, having been operated on several times for pituitary tumors. She passed away April 1, 2003. She will always be remembered in the hearts of family and friends, and the countless others whose lives were enriched by her love, warm smile and her vision.

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Richard B. Blalock
1st Class Seaman
South Pacific - World War II

The horrible memories of wartime are still very vivid in the mind of R.B. Blalock, and he still remembers the deaths of his buddies simultaneously in the blazing explosion of kamikazi debris aboard the U.S.S. Suwannee on which Blalock (22 years old) served at the time. He himself was critically injured and found himself drifting in and out of consciousness during the hours that followed, at one time stumbling blindly down a corridor aboard ship --and to his horror, found himself tripping over the bodies of his closest friends.

For months afterward--at least twelve weeks--Blalock says he was treated aboard five different hospital ships and island infirmaries, where he was sickened by the sight of other burn victims as they became infested with maggots around their bandages.

His own body is scarred from the burns of the explosion--his legs, hands and face.

His back was hurt in the powerful blow that resulted when he was thrown across the deck and against the hatch, and over a six-inch thick oil line.

Fifty years after the explosion, Blalock received a Purple Heart. He keeps it in his living room inside his efficiency apartment in Fort Payne, where he lives near other senior citizens.

R.B. has outlived his wife, Bobbie Jean Goza of Valley Head, who died of a heart attack in 1985. His daughter Patty Watkins and son Jack Blalock live locally.

He says, "I'm still glad I'm living. The heroes are the dead people not me."

The Groundhog is pleased to honor three veterans whose pictures were not submitted for the November 2003 issue, in which other veterans were honored.



Carl Huey Blalock
U.S. army
May 14, 1969
May 13, 1971
Texas and South Vietnam



Roy Wayne Blalock
U.S. Army
August 5, 1955
August 4, 1969
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Mentone Environmental Committee Meeting, Wednesday January 28, 6:30 PM

By L.C. Moon

The Mentone Environmental Committee is planning a meeting for Wednesday, January 28, 2004, at the Town Hall, to discuss clean up efforts. Lyle will bring us up to date on his research regarding the most effective and cost efficient ways to control mosquito population, as well as maintain our ecological diversity. Everyone in the community is invited to the meeting to make suggestions, as well as to find out how you can contribute to keeping Mentone safe and clean. The committee urges anyone who can contribute time to the clean up and mosquito control to attend.

Mentone is a place where it is a pleasure to live and visit. We want to maintain our unique welcoming environment, as well as to keep it safe. It is our responsibility as a community to put forth the effort to clean up and keep our home beautiful. West Nile is a good excuse to take extra measures to clean up for mosquito control, but should be done to maintain our environmental friendly and diverse atmosphere. The last thorough clean up done by the Boy Scouts of Troop 106 should inspire us as a community to maintain. We need to start making little clean up efforts around our homes daily so it will be easier come late March and early April.

Mosquitoes can reproduce in a large leaf that holds water or a small amount of water in a cup or can. There is not too much we can do about all the leaves, but there is something we can do about garbage we see around our home, work, or play. If you must keep a gray water supply, there are mosquito dunks that do not affect your ability to use the water through it does not allow mosquitoes to reproduce.

It is wise to safeguard ourselves against the possible danger of one of our very young or elderly citizens from getting bit by a West Nile infected mosquito.

Next month, I will let you know about more ways that you can protect your skin and your home from mosquitoes. Thank you.

Contact L.C. Moon - 634-3333

or Lyle Nicely - 634-4124, for more information.

RECIPE CORNER

By Sue Schwarz

Happy 2004! We hope all of you had a great holiday season and are off to a good start in this new year. Bill and I started off the year with our daughter and her husband and got the thrill of coming home to freezing temperatures last week from a week of temps in the 70s in the day and 60s at night. What a shock!!!! I am sharing two recipes that I enjoyed during the past month of gatherings and I hope you enjoy these also.

Flour Tortilla Torte

1 6 oz pkg Chocolate Chips

2 cups Sour Cream

3 T Powdered sugar

4 Flour Tortillas (7"- 8" diameter)

Milk chocolate for shaving over the top

Melt chips, 1 cup of sour cream and 1 T powdered sugar in top of double boiler; Stir until smooth and cool. Put 1 tortilla on plate and spread evenly with 1/3 of chocolate mixture, continue, ending with tortilla on top. Blend rest of sour cream and powdered sugar and spread evenly over top and sides of torte. Chill, covered with large inverted bowl, for 8 hours or overnight. Shave chocolate over top before serving. Serves 8-10

Blue Cheese Cheesecake - Peggy Hewlett

Crust: Spread 2 T butter on sides/bottom of 8" springform pan. Crush 1 cup of 'cheese-its' and sprinkle bottom and sides with crumbs. (Put excess crumbs evenly across bottom of pan for thicker crust.)

Filling: 16 oz softened cream cheese

8 oz blue cheese

3 eggs, slightly beaten

1/4 C flour

1/4 t salt

1 C hot picante sauce (medium or mild may be substituted)

1 C sour cream

1/2 C chopped green onions

1/2 C chopped walnuts

Blend cheeses, eggs, flour, salt, picante sauce and sour cream. Fold in onions. Pour mixture into pan and sprinkle top with nuts. Bake 1 hour. Cool and chill overnight. Garnish. Serve at room temperature with crackers.

Notes from the Mayor's Office

A new year and it seems last year either did not end or the new year is going at record speed. This is only January and the reports now required by state and federal agencies besides our own reporting for the council and water board is more than we can say grace over. The mayor's and clerk's job in a small town are supposed to be parttime. However, that probably was in the olden days before Government Accounting (GASB34) and quarterly reports on grants, etc.

The Town is considering joining the FEMA Flood Insurance Program. There will be a public hearing on Thursday, February 12th, at 6:00 PM in the town hall meeting room.

We have committed on different proposed projects every month and I am sure that everyone is tired of hearing about them. It appears we may have cleared most of the legal and plan requirements. The schedule is as follows:

●Improvements at the caution light:

Bid: end of February

Start construction: end of March

Finish: mid-end of April

●Water Board Office Addition to Town Hall:

Bid: Contract awarded: Sam's Construction,

Fort Payne; Start construction soon as possible; Finish: approx. 5 months.

●Recycling Center: Open by first of April

Clearing site: January 31

Fencing of site: March 15

●Tank: Contract awarded to Caldwell Tank:

270 days to completion

●Rehab of Old Water Lines in Town:

It appears we may be about to award that contract in the next few days.

●Environmental Committee Meeting on clean up

and use of the Recycling Center

January 26, at 6:30 p.m. at town hall

●New Water Rates: After much analysis, the Water

Board has reached a decision on the new water rate, which goes into effect this month. The new rate will increase to \$24.60, including tax. The old rate was \$20.35, including tax.

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(1) **PEACEFUL COUNTRY** - This 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, brick home has living room, kitchen w/dining and separate den, all located on 9 acres of wooded property and waiting for you. Call for your appointment TODAY! \$72,000 (PLS #12173)



(2) **CLOUDLAND, GA** - New listing with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 3500 square feet. This log home was built in 1928 and is filled with character. Priced at \$172,500. (PLS #11807)



(3) This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in kitchen area, spacious living room with fireplace and multi-purpose basement and includes 2.9 acres. \$199,000.



(4) Room to roam in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offering lots of extras. Great room with cathedral ceiling, wood floors, recreation room, barn and fenced pasture on 48 private acres connecting DeSoto State Park. \$249,900.



(5) Looking for a mountain retreat--a self contained cabin, office building that could be converted into living quarters, numerous RV and camp sites all on 13+ secluded acres adjoining DeSoto State Park. \$395,000.



(6) **LESS THAN 1 MILE** from downtown Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an open porch on front and a sunroom on the back. All appliances to remain including washer and dryer, 2-car carport with workshop and a 20x24 building for extra storage... office... craft shop...etc. \$92,500 (PLS #11805)



(7) Postcard setting with this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring a 2-story living room with wood burning fireplace, large kitchen, 2 hot tubs and a above-ground pool, stocked pond, barn, shed, storage building and 21 acres. **ONLY \$125,000.**



(8) Own this thriving, well-established restaurant in a prime location of downtown Mentone. Fully-equipped kitchen and dining room that seats 125 people, both turn key and financial information furnished to serious buyers. \$397,500. Seller will sell real estate for \$250,000 and lease-back restaurant.



(9) **COUNTRY AT ITS BEST** describes this rustic style home with spruce ceiling--floors and walls. Add charm to the 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and great room, large front porch looking out at a beautiful field from the 3.5 acre wooded lot. Listed at \$150,000. (PLS #11719)



(10) **INCREDIBLE VIEW! IMMACULATE HOME!** This lovely brick home features over 5000 square feet of living space, 5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, with decks, patios, circle drive, beautiful landscaping and situated on over 3 acres for privacy. Owners must relocate...All reasonable offers will be considered! (Additional lot available also.) \$459,000 (PLS #11917)



(11) Almost maintenance-free **BROW** home with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with island, cozy living room with fireplace, den/pool room with pool table already there. Great views of the valley. \$270,000.



(12) Established old home place in historic Mentone. House is over 100 years old and is restorable with 16.8 acres. This home has several primitive barns and sheds all surrounded by huge Oak trees. Retreat to an era gone by for less than \$100,000.



(13) High on a hilltop! Situated on almost 23 acres, this beautiful southern home and farm have more than you can imagine! Four bedrooms each with its own bath, and two half baths, spacious great room with stacked stone fireplace, huge laundry/hobby room, finished walk-out basement with full den, fireplace and built-ins, handsome study also. Property totally fenced with new wood fence, huge barn with horse stalls and a concrete basketball court inside. \$899,000. (PLS #11858)



OTHER LISTINGS

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

(19) **WEST FORK SUB.** - 254' of river frontage (Little River) Gently sloping with great building sites. Lightly restricted. \$40,000 (PLS #10134)

(20) **LAND** - Wooded Corner Lot just South of Downtown Mentone. \$5,500. (PLS #11805)

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

(22) 4.3 +/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,500.

(23) Almost 600' on the West Fork of Little River, gently rolling and heavily wooded all within 1 mile of Mentone. \$70,000.

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

(25) Hwy 11 North - 130 +/- acre tract enjoys the setting of the valley with pristine views of pastures, ridges and Wills Creek which meanders through the property. \$600,000.

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

(27) **LAND AND LAKE**...40 +/- acres with a 5 +/- acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake was stocked with Bass and Bream 2 years ago and is approximately 35' deep. \$180,000.

(28) Brow property ...1.7 +/- acres on County Road 166 near Desoto State Park. \$37,500.

(29) 3.68 +/- acres on the Brow near Desoto State Park. \$59,900.

(30) **OPPORTUNITY AWAITS** - 10 acres on Hwy 117, East of Mentone. 3 mobile homes and 2 one bedroom apartments and room to grow. Outside the city limits - no restrictions. \$158,500.

(31) **RETREAT, RETREAT, RETREAT** - This 40 acres is partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. \$170,000.

(32) **MENTONE** - Beautiful Wooded lot for your weekend get away or home of your dreams. \$16,500 (PLS #11955) (Can be purchased with PLS #11954 for \$53,000 for a total of 6.3 acres.)

(33) **MENTONE** - If you're looking for just the right place to build your weekend get away or even a permanent residence, this property is waiting on you. Wooded, although a proposed building site has already been cleared, this property is what you have been looking for. \$37,500 (PLS #11954) (Can be purchased with PLS #11955) for \$53,000 for a total of 6.3 acres)

(34) **LOOKOUT MTN.** - build your dream home on 3 beautiful wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. Water and power available. Some restrictions. \$25,000 (PLS #12002)

(35) **LOOKOUT MTN.** - 3 acres near Cloudmont on County Road 614. \$49,500 (PLS #11764)

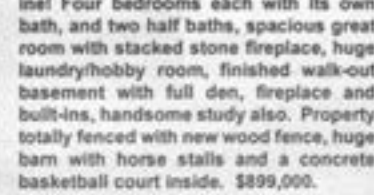
(36) **A GREAT FIND** - 18 plus acres on County Road 106. Heavily wooded, road frontage and city water available. Great for subdividing at \$4250 per acre.



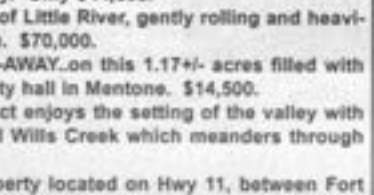
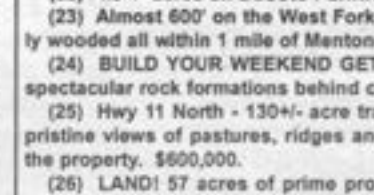
(14) **ROOMY RANCH!** This 3 bedroom, 1 bath has more space than you can imagine, making this a **MUST SEE!** This house offers a large eat-in kitchen, spacious living room with gas log fireplace, additional den that could serve as a formal living/formal dining/play room or office, 3 car carport, 2 outside storage sheds, covered entertainment area, shared tree-lined concrete driveway AND a heated 20x40 pool with pool house. What more could you want. \$139,900. (PLS #12159)



(15) **NEW LISTING!** 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 9.89 acres with 1800 square feet, appliances to stay, rock fireplace and located near DeSoto State Park. \$150,000. (PLS #11809)



(17) **COZY COUNTRY CHARM** in downtown Mentone - 2/3 bedrooms, 1 bath with antique footed tub, living/dining combo, pine floors and walls, rock fireplace, central heat and air and a storage building on 2 acres. Fenced side yard. \$72,500. (PLS #12051)



(16) **QUALITY CONSTRUCTION IS A TIMELESS ASSET.** This 3 bedroom home on a level, shaded 3/4 acre lot offers tongue and groove wood walls, hardwood and pine floors under the carpet, spacious rooms, ample closet, CH&A, roof only 5 years new, den which could be a 4th bedroom and a large outside storage building/shop. Just minutes from downtown Mentone. \$69,900. (PLS #11935)

The Long Journey Book Signing

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

On December 31, 2003, Jimmy Graves of Mentone was the honoree at the occasion of his book signing party. His book, The Long Journey, is dedicated to his pulmonary specialist, Dr. Tony Warren, who initiated the desire for Jimmy to write about his own life. The Long Journey contains "the details as I can remember, of my childhood, my military experience, and my ministry."

Guests who attended were: Anne and Jay Hellums (Jimmy's sister from Albertville, AL); Betty and Briggs Chitwood (Jimmy's sister from Ft. Payne); Milton and Ozella

Graves (Jimmy's brother from Rome, GA); LaDonna Burton (Jimmy's niece from Rome), and her daughter, Bliss Burton; Sandra (Jimmy's daughter) and Hershell Pruitt, and Katie Gray, granddaughter; wife Evelyn Graves; Dr. and Mrs. John B. Isbell III, from Ft. Payne; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Isbell from Ft. Payne; Reverend and Mrs. Jim Griffin from Rainsville, AL; Reverend and Mrs. Orien Ledford from Rainsville, AL; Paul Bray from Ft. Payne; Mentone Mayor C.E. Britt and wife, Karen; Marie Dillenbeck from Mentone; and Marjorie Berry, from Mentone.



Jimmy shaking hands with Mayor C.E. Britt after he has signed his book. Marjorie Berry and Evelyn Graves in the background.



Dr. John B. Isbell III, Jimmy Graves, Paul Bray (Korean War Buddies)



In line for refreshments: Dr. John Isbell, Evelyn Graves, Dr. Charles Isbell, Barbara Isbell, Jay Hellums. Seated: Wyvette and Orien Ledford



Standing: Rev. Jim Griffin, Etta Griffin.; Seated: Jimmy Graves, Rev. Orien Ledford, Wyvette Ledford.



The table was beautifully arranged with an assortment of delicious food.

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(2) **MOUNTAIN CHATEAU** Cloudland community. Open Greatroom, Rock FP, 2 bdrms plus a Loft Suite with bath. C/H/A, full bath down, Wood accents. 16x15 screened porch and New Deck. Finished basement and 1 car garage. Easily maintained yard. \$191,500.



(3) **RIVER PROPERTY**, East Fork Little River Estates. 4.4 acres nicely wooded and 120 ft on the river. City water, private road. \$50,000.



(4) **BREATHTAKING VIEW** on the West Brow, GA. 5.25 wooded acres and 230 ft on the Bluff. City Water. Paved Road. \$89,000



(5) **ONE OF A KIND LOG, STONE AND CEDAR SHAKE LODGE**. This unique find is complete with Heart Pine Plank floors throughout. Open Great room and a loft with built-in beds. Stone fireplace in Living area, and the custom kitchen with a stone fireplace. French doors open to the sleeping porches and master Bdrm. A must see, with much more to offer. ~~\$296,000~~. REDUCED to \$275,000.



(6) **NESTLED ON A SHADY LOT** sits this 3 bedroom 2 bath cottage with Rock fireplace and screened porch. A Metal roof soothes the sound of summer rain. Located on DeSoto Parkway, minutes from Park and Mentone. \$69,900.



(7) **MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES**, A River runs through it! Direct Access from the Lookout Mtn. Parkway, on AL Hwy 117. Minutes from Mentone and Cloudland, GA. Three to 7 acre riverfront Tracts starting at \$35,500. Five to fifteen wooded stream tracts from \$21,000. Restricted covenants apply.



(8) **COMPLETELY REMODELED AND LIKE NEW**. One level Ranch-style home, with apartment. 3 bdrm, 3 bath, Living room with stone fireplace. Separate dining room. New kitchen cabinets, counters, flooring. New Roof, lifetime warranty windows. Screened porch and breezeway. Wired Generator. -So much more. Containing 3.6 acres M/L. Hwy 117, with commercial potential. \$120,500.



(9) **CHARMING BRICK BUNGALOW** sitting on 1.65 acre corner lot. 3 Bdrm 1 bath, living room with fireplace, separate dining, wood floors, C/H/A. Level, Fenced Backyard, quiet setting. Mentone \$69,000.



(10) **WHAT A LIFETIME FIND**. All anyone could ask for in one location. Start with 80 acres of wooded and pasture. 3 miles of trails. 2 residences. One small cottage, 2 bdrm/1bath. 20x30 garage. With a small pond on the upper 40. Continue down the winding drive to the Main house, 3 bdrm/2 bath on a 10-acre LAKE stocked with fish. Private and Serene. Mentone. \$349,500.



(11) **CREEKSIDE AT LOOKOUT**. Two Brow tracts available. 5 acres with over 400 ft on the Brow. Wooded with drive. \$95,000. Also 7.7 acres wooded with 300 ft. \$115,000. Gated subdivision. Common areas for hiking. Cloudland, GA (Photo to the left.)

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OTHER PROPERTIES

- (12) **SECLUDED** wooded acreage, with power, septic, well, driveway installed. Homesite area cleared. Lightly restricted. 11 ac M/L. \$40,000.
- (13) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES**. Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.
- (14) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY** 220x300 on the East fork of Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and Rapids. \$30,000.
- (15) **WILDLIFE ABUNDANT** on these three 20+ acre tracts. Mostly Open Land, Rolling hills, ponds. May be purchased individually or together. Priced \$2,000 an acre. Located in Mentone area with deeded access road.
- (16) **CANYON VIEW FOREST** adjoins National Preserve, and wildlife Management. 5 acre tract, wooded with drive, power, well installed. Private access behind locked Gate. Overlooks Little River Canyon National Preserve. \$60,000.
- (17) **WOODED LOTS** on Dempsey Ave. Mentone 200x300 = 1.38 acres. \$16,000.
- (18) **RESORT AREA RIVERFRONT PROPERTY**. Building lot with 299 feet on the West Fork River. Woods and rocks. Call for appt. to view. \$43,500.
- (19) **LAUREL CREEK LAKES SUB.** Lots 1&2 approx 2.77 acres wooded with half of Arrowhead lake. Surveyed and perked. Great place to build that Weekend retreat. \$23,500.
- (20) **EAST FORK LITTLE RIVER ESTATES**. 3.8 acres with 1.75 ft on water. Located in Cherokee County. City Water, wooded, private road. Restricted Covenants. \$35,000. **PENDING**
- (21) **7.25 ACRES**, on CO RD 106, City water available, mostly cleared with lake site, Large Oak Trees, where the Old Homeplace used to be. \$56,000.
- (22) **BUILDING LOTS, ADJACENT TO BROW**. 4 lots over an acre. Level, surveyed, perked. Paved Road 89 North. Mentone. Lightly restricted. \$15,000 each.
- (23) **19 ACRES BLUFF PROPERTY**, located on Wade Gap Rd. Wooded with **SOLD** ations distant Brow Views. Great for Weekend cabins and/or your very own retreat. \$60,800
- (24) **39 ACRES of Wooded Brow property** with creek and waterfall. Private drive with bridge. Great views, \$240,000.

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**NEWS RELEASE:
Gospel Concert
January 25, 6:30 pm**

Rev. Leon Smith, baritone, will present a Gospel concert at Mentone Community Church on Sunday, January 25th at 6:30 pm.

Rev. Smith has been involved in Gospel music as a baritone and lead singer for nearly 45 years. He is a graduate of Spring Arbor University in Michigan and has a Master of Divinity degree from Emory University. He is a retired elder of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. After a career as a corporate executive, Rev. Smith was called into the pastoral ministry and served United Methodist churches in the North Georgia Conference for 18 years.

Since his retirement in 1999, Leon has devoted more time to his Gospel concert ministry. Leon's long singing career includes concerts throughout the eastern United States and Canada, radio and television appearances, and the recording of a dozen albums and CDs. His latest CD is entitled, "Jesus, Use Me." Leon has eight grown children and thirteen grandchildren. He and his talented wife, Connie, (who joins him in the recording studio as pianist and vocalist) live in Cartersville, Georgia.

The public is invited to attend this concert of inspiring Gospel music. Call the church at 256-634-4210 for more info.

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News
By
EVELYN GRAVES**



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

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

The **Valley Head Methodist Church** prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 5PM. Bible study is Wednesday night at 6:30PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Sunday School is at 9AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10AM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Alfred Chambers and his wife, Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 5:30PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



For more information, please contact the Groundhog Club at 410-241-1234. The Groundhog Club is a non-profit organization that has been operating since 1980. We are proud to be a part of the Groundhog Club and to help support the Groundhog Club's mission.





Throughout this issue of The Groundhog you will find photos of Santa and his visitors. These were taken at the Mentone Market and provided to us by them. Look and see if you recognize any of those who are pictured. If you had your picture made with Santa and it is not in this issue, please look for it in the February issue. There was just not enough space for all of them at one time.

We thank the owners of the Mentone Market for their generosity and interest in Mentone and providing this opportunity to the public

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, Jan. 19, Holiday for Birthdays of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert E. Lee
- Thursday, Jan. 22, 4PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Monday, Feb. 2, GROUNDHOG DAY
- Monday, Feb. 9, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, Feb. 10, 12:30PM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7 PM, American Legion Hall, Post 215 Meeting
- Saturday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day

