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JACK JONES COMMISSIONED HONORARY ALABAMA COLONEL

On the 14th day of October, 2004, Jack Jones, owner of Cloudmont Camp for Boys, Cloudmont Ski and Golf Resort, and the Shady Grove Dude Ranch, was presented with a certificate signed by Gov. Bob Riley. Jack was commissioned an Honorary Alabama Colonel by Governor Bob Riley of Alabama. Jack is shown here with his family after receiving the honor. A copy of his commission is shown on this page.

His family and friends came together at the Mentone Springs Hotel to surprise Jack with this honor. Jack said, "I thought it was just a family dinner night out." The presentation took place in the front part of the restaurant and afterwards, the family went to a separate dining room to enjoy their "night out."

In 1927, Jack came to Lookout Mountain to go to summer camp at Camp Cloudmont for Boys in Mentone. It was a YMCA camp founded in 1926 by the YMCA of Miami, Florida. He and Olive bought Cloudmont in 1947. On May 25, 2004, Jack celebrated his 86th birthday. Jack is very proud of this recent honor.

Jack volunteered and entered the military service on November 11, 1942. He was in the Army and he was assigned to Lowry Air Force Base as a rehab officer for the soldiers who were injured and coming back into the United States. Jack heard two officers talking about wishing they had someone to help the boys and he



L/R: Becky Jones, granddaughter of Jack and Olive Jones;
Ed Ringer; Staff Sgt. David Carney, Huntsville, AL;
Jack Jones, Honorary Alabama Colonel; Olive Jones, wife;
Nancy Jones, oldest daughter of Jack and Olive Jones;
and son, Gary Jones.

volunteered to work in that area. He set up a camp for their rehabilitation. While he was at the camp he saw a young man who could not use his arm and Jack started working with him and the boy made a complete recovery. Before long, he was placed in charge of the five Southeastern states. He was also stationed in Marietta, GA, for three years in charge of Rehab. He had many interesting experiences in doing what he did. He did a good job and enjoyed what he did.

After three years, Jack left the Rehab job and bought

Cloudmont. He and Olive have owned it since 1947. His air strip at Shady Grove is the center of where the airplanes set their directional signals and come out of Atlanta and Marietta, GA.

When Jack was out in Denver, one of the men at Lowry was a ski instructor who had escaped from Germany. During this time, we had to save our stamps for gas and when Jack took the soldiers up to ski they used the stamps for the gas. That's where Jack got interested in skiing; and they have been skiing at Cloudmont for about 35 years.



To all who shall see these presents greeting:

KNOW YE, That expressing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of **JACK JONES** I do hereby commission you as Honorary Alabama Colonel. You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of the office to which you are appointed by doing and performing all manner of things which benefit the citizens of Alabama, such as influencing the best young men and women in Alabama to serve our great state and nation in the Alabama Army and Air National Guard. And I respectfully charge and encourage you to use your outstanding leadership to improve the quality of life for our fellow citizens, according to the laws of Alabama and the United States of America. This commission is continuous in force so long as you are faithful to the State of Alabama and the United States of America. Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State, at the city of Montgomery, this 14th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and four.



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[Signature]
Major General
The Adjutant General

By the Governor,
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Governor of Alabama
Commander in Chief

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Thank you, God, for Another Year

Thank you, God, for another year,
'Tho 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 after all.

A time when friends were tried and true,
Gave of their love more than I knew--
And trials brought me nearer you.

Now as I enter a new year,
It is with faith and without fear,
Knowing you hold the future clear.

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

.... *Eloise Brown*

Prayer is communication
after meditation
In conversation
of adoration
and appreciation
and supplication
With your heavenly father--
Prayer is confession
Prayer is intercession
And a great blessing.

.... *Eloise Brown*

Time of Accounting (Luke 21:25-36)

There will be signs in the universe,
Distress of the nations will grow worse,
In perplexity at the seas' roar
Diminishing the receding shore;
Men fainting with foreboding and fear,
Knowing the time of accounting is near.
It will come to all who dwell on earth,
Take heed, assess honestly your worth.
Beware drunkenness, dissipation--
Endure the patience of preparation.
Because of life's cares do not mope--
But study to strengthen faith and hope.
Watch and wait in meditation, prayer.
Lest it come upon you like a snare.
Heaven and earth will pass away
But God's words will forever stay--
He will come in a cloud with power
And great glory in that hour--
Look up then without dread or fear
Knowing your redemption is near.

.... *Eloise Brown*

Out With The Old-- In With the New

It was foretold, a change is due,
Time we can't hold, minutes are few.
Out with the old, you fairly flew,
Your wings you fold, for now you're thru,
Fate we can't mold, the past I rue,
I praise and scold as I review--
Your blessings hold, your pain, eschew,
So goodbye old, we say "adieu",
The bell has tolled, "merci beau coup"
And now behold, "Hello the new,
More dear than gold, makes your debut,
Your scroll unrolled, make dreams come true!"

.... *Eloise Brown*

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The
Country
Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Time moves on and things keep going even if the world seems to be in a state of chaos and confusion.

Last year was a year of good and bad, as usual. We lost a lot of dear Mentone residents, and miss them. But life goes on and we adjust to our losses. Many beautiful babies were born that makes thefill.

2004 was year of much rain for a change. We had been having short supplies of water and now we have had a surplus. That's much better than drought. Our trees, shrubs, and gardens flourished. The only thing that suffered from too much rain was our grapes. They just decayed and fell before ripening.

Our town has seen some good improvements. We have a separate water board and some areas have city water that did not have before. The new addition to the town hall houses the water board. It is well built and has a rock facade that matches well with the old part of the building.

We have a Welcome & Information Shop - great!

Christmas was a wonderful season for us, and I hope everyone shared the 25th with family, friends, and loved ones. We were blessed to have all our family but two grandchildren in Texas. Lee Cooper, who has spent a lot of time with us in past years, is in the SC National Guard and had just finished basic training and spent a few days with us, with his Mom and Dad of course--Gregg and Joyce. He was a tall, lanky 6'2" before training, now he is a 6'2" husky, muscular fellow. We were so happy to have him and proud of his choosing the military. Of course, we pray that he doesn't go to Iraq. It's a terrible place to be right now. We hope he can be assigned to duty here in the states. Joyce is still taking chemo and Lee is her only child--she needs him. She is doing well most of the time, but she has days when she is tired. Christmas Eve is our time for our dinner and we open presents, sing, carols, and read scripture afterwards. This year we had 21 people! It was a jolly good time. We don't have any little ones any more, but Christmas brings out the child in all of us!

Our town was bright and pretty, with new Snowflake light fixtures to replace our old decorations, and Gail Chambers should be congratulated by everyone for getting this project done. And the lighting at Mason Park was very attractive. The Welcome and Information shop across from the Mentone Market was bright and beautiful, full of fluffy red bows. And it

seemed that most people decorated. It's contagious; when one person adds colorful wreaths and swags, the neighbor wants to brighten up his place. The Mentone Springs Hotel was especially attractive at night.

I miss our former mayor, C.E. Britt. He would come in his motorized wheelchair and stop at the Hitching Post and visit for a while. I'm so sorry that he is not able to enjoy the nice sidewalks that would have made his trip to the town hall much easier to maneuver.

But I am happy to have Rob Hammond back. He was mayor in the 1980s, and did a good job. He probably has more to handle than he did then. We have many homes being built all the time in the Mentone area--nice ones, too. It's hard to believe how many have been built on Highway 89 where the road has not been paved. They have a view though that is the most beautiful v.... of any place on the western brow. It's a pleasure to drive that road and just see the lovely homes and the view. We used to visit Eagles' Nest up that road and enjoy the view. One can see past Rising Fawn, GA., on the right and just miles to the left and straight ahead is Sand Mountain. Then, later some young people used it as a hang-out and trashed it badly. I'm not sure who owns it now. It really should be an overlook park, kept neat, and clean for visitors. I believe Willie Nelson owned it once, or very near it, and he lost it when he was behind on his income tax. He could have made a very nice place of that property.

There are still some daffodil bulbs to be planted at my house--some I bought at the November garden club meeting. We never have too many of them. They brighten the yards early before anything but forsythia blooms. Our rhododendron bloomed for about a month in November and December. We had a hard freeze just before Christmas and that ended the unusual out-of-season blossoms.

This year 2004 was an unusual year, with many strange weather changes. The global warming may be the cause of more tornadoes, earthquakes, and hurricanes. Florida suffered with four major hurricanes that did damage to the coastal area more than once. Mobile, AL, got a little damage, and Gulf Shores got a lot of destruction. But nothing I have heard of caused the damage that the earthquake in the Indian Ocean caused. The awful high waves took most of one island out to sea. This is called Tsunami. At last report, they have reached a toll of 150,000 deaths and many are missing who will never be found. It's hard to imagine the horror the survivors have gone through. Our country and many others are doing what they can to help supply food, water and shelter.

On a brighter note, Margaret Baker is opening the restaurant at the Hitching Post. Magnolia Joe's has closed and sold some equipment to Margaret. Margaret and her friend are doing some work inside and arranging everything to her requirements. They will open probably March 1st. We will keep you posted.

We had Dillon Crow, Coy's son, visit us Christmas week. He was here a year ago and we were happy to have him again. He is graduating from college in June and may pursue his studies after a break and get his master's degree. He lives in the outskirts of Dallas, Texas. Happy New Year to all of you and may the Lord be with you and give you peace.

Heaven

The future is charted and unknown
No matter how far we roam
We can always return home.
To see his shining face,
And experience his wonderful grace.
There is a higher power up above,
And we give praise for his love
We will all take a leap of faith
When he opens the Eastern Gate.

His wonderful book is a guide
And it leads us through our everyday lives
His book is always true,
And it was written for me and you.
He looks down on us from above
And sends his love on the wings of a dove.
He looks across the land
And sees in the heart of every man.

One day he will take us home
And we will walk on the streets of gold
Never look back on the days of old
It will be a wonderful place
And we shall see Jesus face to face.
We shall sit around his golden throne
Sing praises to him and live forever more.

Jeremy Dupree

(Dedicated to brother Jimmy Graves)

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The Log Cabin Restaurant and Deli was recently listed by the State of Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel brochure "100 Dishes to Eat Before You Die".

The Deli's famous "Chili Corn Pone" was one of the dishes you must eat before you die that was listed in the 2005 year of Alabama Food. In addition, the Log Cabin Restaurant & Deli was recently featured in New York's Travel magazine praising the food, rustic atmosphere, and warm hospitality denoting the South's charm to tourists with a special thanks to the owner, Collette Kerby, as a special tourist ambassador.

--NOTICE--

The Mentone Town
Council meeting for
Monday, January 10,
2005, 6PM
has been CHANGED
to
Tuesday, January 11,
2005, 6PM

Thank You!

The family of Mary Flannigan
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expressions of sympathy shown.

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



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



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(13) 7.25 ACRES, on CO RD 106, City water available, mostly cleared with lake site, Large Oak Trees, where the Old Homeplace used to be. \$66,000. REDUCED \$49,000.

(14) 80 ACRES of Wooded Brow property with creek and waterfall. Private drive with bridge. Great views, \$240,000.

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

(16) 10-acre parcel, Co Rd 633, wooded, drive, quiet, private location. \$35,000.

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CONCLUDING CHAPTER OF A 'LIL BIT TRASHY

By John Baty

"The American experiment" it has been called. "The taming of a continent" has been bandied about in our literary heritage. Recently, more sober heads have reflected that our frontier with its pseudo freedoms was just the transient growing pains of a civilization in the making. Perhaps our folk heroes, from the indomitable Paul Bunyan, John Henry, Casey Jones, thru our reactionary infatuations with Jessie James and Billy the Kid, paralleling our embellishments of Washington and Lincoln who supposedly held the handle of truth and virtue, were but dreams of our notion of societal perfection. The real America supposedly being revealed with the maturing and curing of the excesses of reckless youth.

If the period of the shaping of the nation with its philosophy of Manifest Destiny was not the ultimate image of America, then what was (is) that entity?

Man himself is but a fleeting experiment of the natural course of planetary evolution. Perhaps a chance phenomenon, unique in kind as well as in time. The entire Phylogeny of our existence is but a flicker of cosmic time. Will man, the genus Homo, thru some unlikely twist of chance, persist until the decline of our Sun's warmth and the inevitable uninhabitability of our planet? The chance of such a prospect appears grim indeed. The best knowledge available at this time seems to predict that our genus will follow the Buffalo, the Pigeon, the Dodo, and all of the many species which have been before, into the Permian and other mass extinctions, and we will be as if we had never been. We scorn predestination for the individual organism, and rightly so; but we can intuit, based on our observations, a predetermined end to our planetary system. And in that respect, there seems to beat work a predestination on a grander scale. Just what that destination will be is the preoccupation of all who might be led to wonder on who and what we are.

Perhaps the only lasting reality which those who have gone before us left in bequest was their appraisal of a kinship with the Earth and its emotional power to move the feeling individual to greater heights of awe and appreciation of things natural. The elicitation of eloquence by the beauty of the primitive environment is legendary. Perhaps it was best summarized in the Dunwashed Chief Seattle's letter to President Franklin Pierce in 1854:

The great Chief in Washington sends word that he wished to buy our land. How can you buy or sell the sky—the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. Yet we do not own the freshness of the air or the sparkle of the water. How can you buy them from us? Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shiny pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy in the memory and experience of my people.

We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of the land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs. The earth is not his brother but his enemy, and when he has conquered it he moves on. He leaves his father's graves, and his children's birthright is forgotten.

Personally, I think we are a little of all we have known: The good, the bad, the melancholy, the exuberant, the broad, the narrow, the liberal, the intolerant, the struggle, the fear, the wonder, the dreams, the hopes, the respectable, the elegant, the eloquent, the beautiful, the drab, and the trashy! Thank you for considering our thoughts.

RECIPE CORNER

By Sue Schwarz

Yes, friends, it is really here. That time of year when you have to remember to write 2005 on your letters and checks. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to a great new year.

My recipes this month are some that have been requested. The first one is an appetizer and the recipe was shared by Harriet Lillich. The second is from The Junior League of Birmingham's *Food for Thought*. Bon Appetite.

Caviar Pie

- 3/4 Cup minced scallions
- 6 hard-boiled eggs
- 3 T mayonnaise
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 2/3 C sour cream
- 2 two-oz jars caviar, one each red and black

Spread onion on paper towel til dry. Chop eggs and mix with mayonnaise. Spread over bottom of 8" spring form pan. Sprinkle minced scallions over egg mixture. Beat cream cheese and sour cream together. Drop by Tablespoonful onto onion layer and gently spread to cover. Chill overnight. Drain caviar and spoon on top of pie in a pleasing pattern just before serving. Serve with crackers.

Green Salad With Fruit

- Dressing:
- 1/2 C vegetable oil
- 1/4 C tarragon vinegar
- 1 T sugar
- 1/2 t tabasco sauce
- salt and pepper to taste

Salad:

- 1 large head red or green leaf lettuce
- 1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 C strawberries, sliced
- 1 kiwi fruit, peeled and sliced
- 1 C blueberries
- 1/2 C chopped celery
- 1 (3-3/4-ounce) package slivered almonds, toasted

To prepare dressing, combine first 4 ingredients blending well and add salt and pepper to taste. Tear lettuce into bite-size pieces and place in large salad bowl. Add fruit, celery, and almonds. Toss with desired amount of dressing.

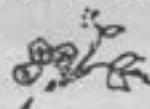
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At right, 2004 Moon Lake Homecoming Queen Starla Cash receives her crown from 2003 Queen Keisha Powell (at right).



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At lower left, the Senior Homecoming Court assembles. From left to right are Brittany Bain, Seth Massey, Starla Cash, Tyler Blansit, Colleen Castleberry, and Trey Kincer.



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January, so contrary, how can you deceive and lie? Winter's freeze becomes Summer's degrees and Spring like showers fool and rouse sleeping flowers. I do like the warm days better than the cold, but can't help being concerned about how it may affect the real Spring time.

I hope everyone had a Happy Christmas. I did! I just stayed home and let Christmas come to me and it did--in so many nice ways--of gifts and cards and good things being done for me by thoughtful and kind people, and I appreciate it so much!

I went to the Christmas party at the **Valley Head Community Action Agency**. Others attending were: Mae Talley, Orene Ledbetter, Faye Bell, Gloria White, Virginia Elkins, Edith Dean, Linda Blevins, Reba Hunt, Glenda Poe, Dianne Chesser, Melba Fuller, Billie Harper, Judy Suggs, Carolyn Castro, Virginia Weathers and Maureen Hammond. (Maureen left immediately afterwards for a doctor's appointment in Birmingham.) It was a great party with a delicious feast. It was so good for me to see so many friends I hadn't seen for sometime.

Jonathan Dean (David Dean's son) came home from Fort Leonard Woods, Missouri, for the Christmas and New Years holidays.

Marion O'Dell had Christy Poston, from Trenton, GA; and Darrell Smith, as guests with her family, for Christmas Dinner.

Those enjoying Christmas dinner Dec. 26, at the home of **Lillie Bowden**, were Jo, Jamie and Michael Welch of Chattanooga; Jennifer and Bob Waselewski and children, Kaley and Will and friend, Jay, from Land of Lakes, FL; Mark, Karen, Matt and Susana Freeman and son, John Thomas; Luke and Lee Freeman, from Valley Head; Ben Freeman from Fayetteville, AK; and Katie Freeman from Charleston, SC.

Mary and John Holleman had Christmas Dinner, Dec. 19, at their home. Those attending were Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis from Rainsville; Adelaide Biddle and David and Mary Lou Carmichael from Dallas, GA; Peachie and David Cearley from Alpharetta, GA; Betty, Michelle, and Jimmy Adams from Gadsden; Bill Holleman from Fort Payne, and E.T. Holleman from Valley Head. On Christmas day, Mary and John enjoyed another dinner at the home of Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis. The next Tuesday, Elizabeth had shoulder surgery at Gadsden Regional Hospital.

Dot and Bill Blackburn's daughter, Linda, and friend, Betty Jo Lewis, from Orange Park, FL, and Barbara Wesling, from Vero Beach, FL, spent Christmas holidays with them.

Joe Pickets graduated Dec. 18 from Nursing School at Gadsden State College as an L.P.N. Those attending his graduation were his parents, Ruth and Bert Pickett, his wife, Lillian, Lisa and Jimmy Pickett,

from Knoxville, Patricia Spencer, Jonathan Pickett from Rock Springs, GA.

Sadie Cooper's children and grandchildren spent Christmas day with her.

Edith Dean, Doris Chamblee, Glenda and Geni Laws, Kelly, Parker and Tatum Broyles, and Sarah Haushalter met at the Cracker Barrel in Fort Payne for an enjoyable lunch together, Dec. 29.

Ruth and Bert Pickett had 27 children, grandchildren and friends with them for Christmas dinner.

Jewel Shelburne's daughter Pat, and husband, Pat Patterson and son, Evan, from Madison, AL, spent four days with her during Christmas. Her son, Hal Burton and wife, Katherine, from Grant, AL, spent New Year's weekend with her.

Doris and Jim Carmichael spent Christmas weekend with daughter Emmy and her husband, Mark Ricketts and family in Birmingham.

Geneva and Patricia Smith had twelve members of their family with them on Christmas eve.

Edith and Alvin Cox attended the Christmas party of the Good Sam Motor Home Club in Chattanooga, Dec. 15. They had Carolyn McNairy and two sons and families with them for Christmas Day.

Spencer Ringer took Ed Ringer to visit Spencer's parents Dave and Susan Ringer, in Florence, Miss., Dec. 23. They returned Dec. 28 and went to Birmingham on Dec. 29 for Ed's doctor's appointment. Harold Allen (Joyce's husband) spent New Year's Day with Ed.

Venna Livingston enjoyed her family Christmas dinner with Sue and Sam Moseley in Atlanta.

Susan Higginbotham is recovering from surgery at BMC-DeKalb. We hope she has a quick and complete recovery.

Dael and Doug Hoyt have returned home after attending the Toyota Gator Bowl game of Florida State and West Virginia University at Jacksonville, FL. They were elated that Florida State won 30-18!

Chad Hawkins, a former principal at Valley Head School, died Dec. 31, 2004, in Gadsden. He and his wife taught here for several years. He retired as Academic Dean of Gadsden State Community College.

Syble Tipton of Mentone and **Elizabeth Jones**, a long-time resident of Valley Head died. We send sincere sympathy to their families and friends.

I attended the December meeting of the **Sunshine Club**, which was a luncheon meeting at the Western Sizzlin in Fort Payne, Dec. 16. Others present were Lillie Bowden, Patti Spencer, Barbara Palmer, Ruth Pickett, Jewel Shelburne, Lillian Pickets, Ada Campbell, Verence Hawkins, Nonov Clark, and Sarah Barnhill. I was shocked and thrilled to win the door prize--a gorgeous red Amaryllis plant in full bloom!

I hope and pray that everyone in the world will have a happier and better year in every way--may it be better for everyone to be alive in 2005!

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The Mentone Town Council meeting for Monday, January 10, 2005, 6PM has been **CHANGED** to Tuesday, January 11, 2005, 6PM



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Church News

By Evelyn Graves



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Joy of Movement offers 8-week classes

During the week beginning January 10th, 2005, classes will begin in **Line Dancing, Yoga, Belly Dancing, Sacred Dance, Creative Movement, and Modern Dance.** **Line Dancing** is on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00. Classes include warm ups, steps, routines, and cool downs. **Yoga**, taught by Kyle Dersham, will be offered again on Tuesdays. Class is from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Mats are provided. **Belly Dancing** for all levels will follow from 6:30-8:00. Class includes basic dance technique, veil work and finger cymbal rhythms. **Sacred Dance** will be offered on Mondays from 5:00-6:30. This class will begin with gentle stretches followed by creative movement exploration to celebrate faith and spirit. Those interested will have the opportunity to participate in local presentations. Several local dancers will also be assisting in teaching this class. **Creative Movement** for 6-10 year olds will be offered on 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 3:30-5:00. **Modern Dance** for 10-18 year olds will be offered on 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 3:30-5:00.

All classes are on Alabama time and the cost of an 8-week session is \$55.00. Please call Morgana if you are interested in attending in order to reserve a place in this exciting Winter Schedule. Her number is (706) 862-6150.

Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Pine

By L.C. Moon

Not known to be as stately and beautiful as our native hardwoods, Pine, however, is a blessing not to be overlooked. Pine is one tree that most anyone can identify, which is a benefit because of its many uses. There are several different kinds of pine trees—though they tend to have similar healing properties.

Pinus Strobus has needles in clusters of 5. It is known to be a reliable remedy for chest ailments—bronchitis, coughs, influenza, etc. *Pinus strobus* is also known as a remedy for sore throats—tonsillitis, laryngitis. One of the reasons it is known to work for these conditions is because it expels phlegm from the throat and lungs. *Pinus strobus* combined with sassafras is an even more effective expectorant. Historically *Pinus strobus* is known to be a successful treatment for rheumatism, kidney trouble, scurvy and diabetes. For diabetes combining the inner bark of poplar with *Pinus strobus* is known to be most effective. The medicinal properties of *Pinus strobus* are contained in the inner bark and sprigs.

Peterson Eastern/Central Medicinal Plants & Herbs by Duke and Foster states that *Pinus echinata*—short-leaf pine—was used by American Indians to induce vomiting. A cold tea of the buds is known to expel worms. A "pitch tea" was used as a laxative, for tuberculosis and kidney ailments.

Pinus palustris—longleaf pine—contains the sap needed to make turpentine. Turpentine can be toxic but has been used for colic, chronic diarrhea, worms, to stop bleeding from tooth sockets and for abdominal tumors. Tommie Bass employed the use of turpentine for a variety of ailments. One of these uses he taught Darryl Patton was that they used a rag soaked in turpentine and kerosene put to a wound to prevent lock jaw.

According to *Magical Aromatherapy* by Scott Cunningham, the scent of the needles of *Pinus sylvestris* are used for healing, purification, protection, physical energy, magical energy and to manifest money.

Darryl Patton's book *Mountain Medicine* states that *Pinus strobus*, *palustris* & other species may all be effective. Darryl believes pine is essential for a good cough and cold remedy as a result of the resin and vitamin C. He also writes that a tea of the needles or sucking on the resin of pine will help ease a sore throat.

Should you ever be in the situation to need a survival food, pine needles are high in vitamins A & C. You can use the needles in a tea, cooked as a vegetable or ground with the inner bark to make flour. You can also use pine in a survival situation as a source of light. The resin acts as a torch when lit, especially if you use a dry leaf of mullein to harvest the sappy resin off a tree and burn the two together on a bowl shaped rock or shell. The resin of pine also acts as a healer to wounds and can double as a bandage for wounds. If you have a mullein leaf available you may also use that to cover the resin and wound to prevent dirt from getting trapped in the sticky resin.

It is always wise to contact your healthcare provider if possible before medicating yourself. If you are in a survival situation pine is the tree to find.

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Valerie Saferite and Karen Herndon at their graduation from the National Park Service Training Academy in Franklin, North Carolina

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Karen and Valerie are both certified as Seasonal Law Enforcement Rangers. Karen has passed the test for the national register.

They entered the academy in early September for the 10-week course. Not only did they have to meet strenuous physical requirements, but they also had to pass examinations for Fire Arms Training, Medical First Response, rescue, and other law enforcement activities.

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

Happy New Year to everyone!! As you make your New Year's resolution for 2005, let one of them be to use the Moon Lake Library more this year. We need patrons! It can be very disheartening to stay there for three hours as a volunteer and not have anyone come to use the library. The only time you will ever have to pay for anything is when you let a book become overdue (only ten cents a day) or if you are using the copier. Where could you possibly get a better deal than this? Even if you don't want to check out books, there is much information to be gained by visiting and using the research books. We have a large section now that contains the history of DeKalb County and Mentone. Recently, we had a work day and moved this section close to the rocking chair. Now you can relax while you learn about Mentone.

Everything seemed to slow down during the holidays and the Moon Lake Library was no exception. The library was closed on several of the regular dates in December. The members of the Board of Directors hope that you were not inconvenienced by these closings. It is very hard for a member of the staff of Moon Lake Elementary School to be on hand to open the library when they are on holiday breaks. All of the staff have been wonderful to open and close the library for the community hours and we certainly appreciate their efforts. The library is one of the best examples of community involvement and cooperation that can be found anywhere. It takes a lot of time and effort by many people to have it open for you to use. Remember, there are no paid personnel connected with the community library. Everyone works as a volunteer.

I hope that you have your 2005 library calendar up and in use by now. These are a wonderful source of information. Many of the telephone numbers printed in the ads are ones that I use often. It is very convenient to look at the calendar instead of having to get the directory and look up the number. Remember to use this feature of the calendar and also to support the businesses who bought an ad. The ads are very much a part of the money making aspect of the calendar. Without the advertisers we would not be able to continue to offer the reasonable price that you can buy the calendar for. A big thanks to all of you who bought a calendar and to those who purchased an ad. There may be a few calendars left somewhere if you need one. Call Marilyn Mathews at 634-3645 and she can tell you where to get one.

Let the members of the board know if you enjoyed the little lighted trees in the windows during the holidays. We think that they add to the decor of Mentone, but we may be the only ones who think so. Let us know how you feel about our doing this. Many times we think that what we do matters and is appreciated when, in fact, it is not even noticed by others. Always let others know that you appreciate their efforts. Nothing ever happens without some effort by someone and usually it is a lot more effort to do something than anyone realizes.

A case in point is the new holiday decorations that were in place in Mentone for the holidays. I cannot imagine the time and effort it must have taken to collect the money, purchase the lights, install the brackets, wire the poles and hang the lights. All of this was done by a few people who saw the need. This was not done by any one organization, it was a community effort by those willing to volunteer their time and efforts. This was indeed a labor of love and I really appreciate their dedication to seeing this

project through.

The members of the board are looking forward to getting many more new and up-to-date books for the library this year. We invite those of you who received books for Christmas gifts to donate them to the library when you have finished reading them. This is a good way to recycle and to remove some of the clutter that seems to be the bane of our existence. Our goal has always been and will continue to be; to serve the literary needs of Mentone. Let us know how we can better accomplish this. We need and want your ideas and even your criticisms. Sometimes criticism ruffles our feathers a bit, but can you name a better way to learn?

Yet another reminder to the students of fifth and sixth grades of MLES: Don't forget that the essay contest will be soon. I am in the process of preparing the criteria now and will be bringing this to your class rooms soon. I will talk with Dr. Berry and see if it will be possible to use the presentation of these as the program for the February or March PTO meeting. I have not checked their schedule for an open date.

Remember that the title is: An American Patriot. Cash prizes will be awarded and the three winning essays will be printed in The Groundhog. Please pay special attention to a detail called, "Works Cited." This is where you will list the credits for your information at the end of the articles. Start now and select your subject and write your essay. Then read and reread your material until you get it exactly like you want it to be.

There seems to be some confusion concerning the open hours for Tuesdays. The library will be open to the community from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. But, the volunteers who keep the library need to be there only from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. This is because Mrs. Lasseter is staying from 3 until 4 and will help anyone who comes in. This should be especially helpful to those of you who have children in school. You can go by the library directly after you pick them up and check out a book for yourself or get some information that they may need to help them with a school assignment.

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

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



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



(3) New cabin on the brow near DeSoto State Park! You'll feel right at home in this cabin on the brow featuring 2 bedrooms (1 up & 1 down), 2 baths, open living room with rock fireplace, kitchen cabinets with tin inserts, sunroom, unique wood siding, large back deck, enclosed landscaping and so much more. \$249,500 (PLS #12951)



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



(5) Looking for a MOUNTAIN RETREAT-- 8 self contained cabins, office building that could be converted into living quarters, numerous RV and camp sites all on 13+ secluded acres adjoining DeSoto State Park. \$395,000. (PLS #10906)



(6) LESS THAN 1 MILE from downtown Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an open porch on front and a sunroom on the back. All appliances to remain including washer and dryer, 2-car carport with workshop and a 20x24 building for extra storage... office... craft shop...etc. \$49,900 (PLS #11605)



(7) GREAT GET-A-WAY! Privately located 2 bedroom A-frame on 2 plus acres. Wood floors and walls, newly remodeled bathroom, double paneled windows, fenced yard, storm shelter, PLUS a large workshop and a 2-car carport. \$89,000. (PLS #12294)



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



(9) LITTLE RIVER CAFE - featuring a fully-equipped kitchen and a room with a large porch for outdoor entertainment and a rustic charm. Charming renovated old home located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. \$129,500. (PLS #10215)



(10) ESTABLISHED TIRE BUSINESS! This 48x100x14 metal building houses 3 lifts, 4 roll-up doors, concrete floors, Office, 2 restrooms, space heaters & window air unit and all inventory included. Call today for more information. \$235,500.



(11) WHAT A VIEW you get from this 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home featuring 2-story living area with open balcony and mountain stone fireplace. Large kitchen with island and bay window eating area. Offered for \$225,000 with five acres. (82 acres available) Call for more details. (PLS #12481)



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



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



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



(15) PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home sits on 6 acres and borders Brush Creek. \$74,500. (PLS #12686)



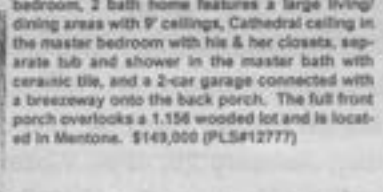
(16) LOTS OF CHARM IN A NEW HOME--This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features a large living/dining area with 9' ceilings, Cathedral ceiling in the master bedroom with his & her closets, separate tub and shower in the master bath with ceramic tile, and a 2-car garage connected with a breezeway onto the back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



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



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



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



OTHER LISTINGS

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

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

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

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

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

(25) LAND! 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy 11, between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$364,750.

(26) 11.98 acres on county Road 106 in Mentone. \$66,000 (PLS #12412)

(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) 3.68+/- acres on the Brow near DeSoto State Park. \$54,800. Reduced \$54,900.

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

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

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

(32) LOOKOUT MTN. - Build your dream home on 3 beautiful wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. Water and power available. Some restrictions. \$23,000 (PLS #12002)

(33) Don't wait any longer...we've just listed 3.28 acres priced at \$18,400. (PLS #12291)

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

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

(36) BROW Property...1.7+/- acres on County Road 168 near DeSoto State Park. \$37,500 (PLS #10132)

(37) LEAVE THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF THE CITY behind and build your home on this newly listed 10 acres in Mentone. This property is mostly wooded and offers lots of privacy. There is an abandoned log structure on the property (no value given to this structure). \$59,000 (PLS #13077)

The Wildflower Cafe

By Margaret Baker

The Wildflower Cafe, which will open behind the Crow's Nest the second week of February, did not come about because of a needs assessment of extensive marketing research. It came about because of an individual's need to have a place to meet a friend for coffee.

While driving back to Mentone from a trip to Atlanta in the fall of 2004, I complained to my husband about not having a place in town to meet a friend for coffee. His response was, "Why don't you do something about it?" Not one to let a challenge go uncontested, I immediately started thinking about a coffee shop/restaurant that would serve as a meet-up place for locals and our tourists. I did not know at that time that the space behind the Crow's Nest had become available.

After sharing my thought about a coffee shop with several friends, Rebecca Davis, a friend that I had made while working for a political campaign, said that she would like to work with me in establishing the business. Her interest gave me the incentive to move forward. Rebecca is an amazing young woman who shares my interest in people, service to the community, and a love for the natural beauty of the area. She is the wife of Charles Davis and the mother of three sons, A.J., Marty and Alex. A.J. is a talented artist and student at the renown Savannah School of Art. Marty is a bright young college student with an

interest in political science and environmental science. Alex is in the second grade at Moon Lake School.

It was not difficult to come up with the name of our restaurant. Wildflowers abound on Lookout Mountain and we gardeners do whatever we can to preserve them. For centuries, wildflowers have been used as food and medicine. We intend to provide food and fellowship to nourish the soul at The Wildflower Cafe, but the wildflowers will be limited to the use of decorating our space.

Our early morning fare, served from 8:00 am to 11:00 am will include stratas, fresh baked muffins, biscuits and sausage gravy, croissants, bagels, the Wildflower version of egg McMuffins, and fresh fruit. Freshly roasted morning coffee and custom brewed espresso coffee drinks will be featured.

The lunch menu, served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, will include delectable salads, gourmet sandwiches, all time favorite soups, and one special Entree each day. Distinctly southern home baked desserts will finish off your lunchtime meal.

Rebecca and I look forward to spending time with you. We hope to become friends with all of the people who step through our door. Through friendships we all are blessed.

God's Minute

By Ruby Brock



Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Rev. 4:11

As we look back over the year 2004, let us be thankful for the many good things God as done for us, and take time to thank Him because He is worthy of all we can do.

And as we look forward to the new year, praise and honor God for the blessing in store for us to enjoy in 2005. In everything, give thanks.

Happy New Year!

CORRECTION

The Groundhog staff wishes to apologize for the error in last month's issue in Mrs. Brock's God's Minute. Below is the message that she had submitted, and when a correction was needed, the wrong message was brought up and printed.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God, it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and unto his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100

This is a time for thanksgiving and thanking the Lord for his promises to us. His birth and his death were to save us for all eternity if we but believe in him and his promises.

**Remember that Jesus
IS the reason for the season.**

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 Tuesday, 3-7 pm
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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Tuesday, January 11, 12:30 PM
Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Monday, January 10, 6PM,
Town Council Meeting,
CHANGED TO TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 6PM,
Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, January 11, American Legion meeting 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- Monday, January 17, Holiday,
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Thursday, January 28, 4PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public.
- Tuesday, February 1, 6:30 PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad, Mentone Community House
- Wednesday, February 2
GROUNDHOG DAY
- Monday, February 14, VALENTINE'S DAY