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Hand in Hand Together

By Evelyn Graves

June is traditionally the month for weddings, and many a young bride has experienced a dream fulfilled as she has taken her place beside her groom on a lovely day in June.

Despite the fact that the divorce rate is 2 in 3 marriages, that the family unit has been destroyed, or at the best disturbed by divorce, that recent news reports show the horrible evidence that a mother would become so distraught that she would take the lives of her five children, and that wives are being battered and are seeking shelter, that abortion has become an option for an untimely pregnancy, and that seemingly in so many instances there is no regard for life or for the rights of others in a family relationship, there are still those who are willing to enter into the sanctity of marriage, believing that their marriage is going to be different, believing that they will be able to withstand the trying times that come to every marriage, and believing that they will be able to rear children in an unfavorable world and will be able to instill in them the proper values that will carry them through life and will allow them to become good citizens.

As I sat in the beautiful Mentone Wedding Chapel recently, in the quietness of the occasion, and listened to my husband read the wedding vows to a young couple, I thought back over our 33 years of marriage and wondered how many hundred times I had heard him read the same ceremony and watched as he shed tears as he thought about the tenderness and sacredness of the moment, the sincerity in the hearts of the bride and groom, their future life together, the inevitable pain and sorrow that is ahead for them, but knowing that ultimately their love for each other will sustain them.

..... "Beloved, we are gathered together to unite this man and this woman in the bonds of holy matrimony. Marriage is God's first institution for the welfare of the race. Originated in divine wisdom and goodness, designed to promote human happiness and holiness, this rite is the foundation of home life and social order, and must so remain till the end of time. It was sanctioned and honored by the presence and power of



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Jesus at the marriage of Cana, of Galilee, and marked the beginning of His wondrous works...so it is ordained that a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh, united in hopes and aims and sentiments...You must

promise to love her, to honor and cherish her in that relation, and leaving all others cleave only unto her, and be to her in all things a true and faithful husband so long as you both shall live." After the bride has also taken the vow, the final response by the minister is: "Then are you each given to the other for richer or poorer, for better or worse, in sickness and in health, till death shall part you."

My daughter has told me many times that I am the most positive person she has ever known. If I had written the final response, it might have read, "Then are you each given to the other to enjoy your beautiful life together, achieving your goals together, enjoying the blessings from the Lord, as your life together grows sweeter and stronger so that when trying times come, you won't even notice them because you have already prepared for those times in your giving to each other and accepting each other for who you are, never trying to change each other, but being complemented by the goodness you find in the individuality of the other. So go home now and love each other and have a long life together and when the parting time comes, go hand in hand together still."

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Margaret Taylor

As I assume the responsibilities of my new office, I do express a heartfelt plea to all of the residents and visitors of Mentone. I must ask you to please come forward and help us with MAPA and its goal of preserving the beauty and tranquillity of this majestic area. We must ask for your help in meeting our goals. We need all of you and your ideas in our attempt to preserve the beauty and basic Christian ideals of this area.

I offer an invitation and a challenge to each and every one of you. Please come visit our meetings with ideas and criticisms alike. Join us if you will, we need each of you. If you can't attend our meetings, please fill in and return your suggestions and criticisms to us. We have a drop box on the little storage building behind the Hitching Post for your convenience.

We would appreciate your giving us your NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER, ALONG WITH YOUR IDEAS AND/OR COMPLAINTS. Fill in as much as you are comfortable with. We really do want to hear from you.

We look forward to serving you and working with you this year. If we all work together, we should have a good and productive year.



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The August 7 and September 4 MAPA meetings will be held at the Mentone Springs Hotel at 7 pm. Everyone welcome.

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September 20 December 20

Other special or called meetings will be posted as required.

All meetings are held in the town hall meeting room at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.

John Bares, Zoning Administrator

AMENDMENT OF MAPA BYLAWS TO BE CONSIDERED

The Bylaws of the Mentone Area Preservation Association have been discussed and a couple changes are deemed necessary to help make the transition between the old and the new administrations. ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS states: "These Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present, or by proxy at any regular or special meeting of the members of the corporation, with twenty-one (21) days written notice to all members of the corporation."

These changes being considered are underlined below. To change Article IV (a) to read:

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION SECTION 1. (a) A slate of officers, all of whom shall have been members of MAPA in good standing for one year prior to their nomination, shall be nominated by a nominating committee of three members in good standing appointed by the President at the April meeting. The nominating committee shall give its report at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor will be in order at the June meeting. Officers will take office at the July meeting. Nominees must be members of MAPA who have been in good standing for one year prior to their nomination. However, if there is only one nominee for an office, it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the elective ballot of the organization for the nominee.

To add item (i) to the Duties of the Board
ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SECTION 2. (i) To take at least two bids on anything over the sum of \$200 or \$300.

The board plans to take up the amendments during the August 7, 2001, meeting.

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

August 14, 2001, 12:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONAL: Phyllis Cochran

HOSTESSES: Dee Matlock, Mickey Gough,
Phyllis Cochran

TOPIC: Dugs—the good, the bad, and the ugly

SPEAKER: Mimi Anderson, Master Gardener

LOCATION: Community House

THANK YOU !!!

We at MAPA wish to thank Homer Crow and Huey Mathews for all the work they put into the installation of the new concrete floor in the pavilion at Mentone's Brow Park. MAPA donated the material. Homer and Huey donated their labor.

We also wish to Give a special thanks to Ken Kirby for his help in the preparation of the site by donating his time and his backhoe.

I must ask all of you to say thanks to Ken, Homer and Huey when you see them around town.
Thanks, Margaret and MAPA

Notes from the Mayor's Office

Here we are again this month, trying to keep everyone informed about what's going on and the status of our activities. Town Council voted to meet at 6 p. m. all year.

The Streets, Parks, and Bridges group notes that we have repaired a number of potholes; there may be others that need to be brought to our attention. We are preparing a grant application for improvements at the caution light on 117 and Scenic Drive. There have been some sudden changes in applying for the program to establish our sports/recreation complex. These changes dictate that I postpone filing the application until 2002 to give us more time for planning. Our efforts are continuing to slow down traffic through town.

Our Judiciary and Ordinances committee is glad to report that our Radio Tower equipment is in operation; our policemen will be able to communicate far better than before. Community Watch participants need to be especially on guard this time of year as we've been experiencing a considerable increase in break-ins.

Finance and Budgets: This administration has been operating on a budget prepared prior to the beginning of the fiscal year (Oct. 1). We're happy to report that although we're \$15,000 ahead of budget, we are \$8,000 behind in sales tax collections. We will be preparing our new budget for fiscal year 2002 in September. We're reviewing the tobacco tax ordinances for the town.

The Beautification and Senior Activities committee is continuing a work ethics program in Ed Mason Park and around Town Hall. We have received a grant application for a tree grant from Alabama Power Company which I'm sure the Town Council and the Beautification Committee will want to pursue for the park and down 117.

The Tourist and Events people are working on the town's web site; they plan to use Barbara Nancarrow's lovely watercolors of scenes around town for this internet project (Even though she has been severely hurt by a massive stroke, her work is still with us!).

Water Board News: People who've been blessed to live in Mentone for 40 or 50 years can remember when water bills were just \$3.00 a month. There were no meters, either. But there's a downside to that time.

Pipes were galvanized iron; leaks were patched with cans or bicycle tubes; water lines went across pastures, yards, driveways, and under roads. The early meters are now non-or-ill-registering. We have tremendous water losses amounting to an average of slightly less than a million gallons a month.

We have started our meter replenishment program in areas where we notice meters are not operating properly and that don't have back-flow preventors. We have repaired a number of leaks in recent weeks, although this has not reflected a significant decrease in our water loss.

We have employed Joseph Lee as our new Water Department Operator. He comes to us with considerable experience in water distribution systems and has successfully met the ADEM requirements for Class 1 Operator. This August, he will attend continuing education courses which are required every year.

Because of the significant increase in water distribution costs, we are preparing a rate study which will be necessary for us to maintain and improve our water system.

Town Council and Water Board are members of this community and are all working for the betterment of our town, some of us were born here.

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Keep Ruth C. Porter of Oakland, MD. mother of Sue Schwarz, in your prayers. Her husband, George, recently passed away.

Please continue to keep Alma Crabtree, in your prayers. She came into the town hall this week to pay her water bill and said she is feeling better. The loss of her daughter, Rovene Truett, is still with her.

Congratulations to Jewel Rogers and Kenneth McDaniel who were recently married. Jewel now lives in Fort Payne.

Brow Park in Mentone was the site of a wedding on Saturday, June 23, and was used for overflow parking for another wedding on June 30. Brow Park has such a beautiful view and many people come to watch the sunset each evening.

Cecil Cox and Van Battles have recently completed their police officer training. Cecil works for the Valley Head Police Department and Van works for the Hammondville Police Department as assistant chief.

On June 5, Governor Don Siegelman announced the appointment of Sid Holcomb to the office of DeKalb County Commission President. The vacancy was created by the death of Charles Bell, who passed away May 19, following surgery to remove a pancreatic tumor. Mr. Holcomb took the oath of office on Monday, June 11.

Jennifer and Allen Huskey are the parents of a 7 lb. 11 oz baby girl, born June 20. They named her Angela Faith. She has a sister, Jessica, and a brother, Austin.

The DeKalb County Tourist Association was given the Business Beautification Award by the Fort Payne Garden Club and the Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce. The award was for the month of May. Director, Patty Tucker, thanked all the DeKalb County Master Gardeners who had worked so hard to make the facility in Fort Payne look good.

Congratulations to Effia Harrison, of Valley Head, who was recently awarded a Prides of Dixie band scholarship for the University of North Alabama. Harrison, the daughter of Oscar and Louise Harrison, played tenor saxophone in the Valley Head High School Band.

Congratulations to Andrew Baker, of Valley Head who was named to the fall semester Dean's List at LaGrange College. He is the son of Greg and Suzie Baker.

Charles Hammon is the new head coach at Valley Head High School. His appointment was confirmed by the DeKalb County Board of Education, after principal Gary Talley recommended him.

Teri Campbell, daughter of Paul Campbell and Jonnie Faye Benefield, received her Bachelor of Science degree with cum laude honors during the 2001 Commencement exercises at Judson College in Marion, Alabama. Ms. Campbell is from Mentone, Alabama.

Congratulations to DeKalb County JSU students Mark Adam Blalock and Gregory Allen Crow of Mentone and Kathryn B. Akins and Joel Carson Matthews, Valley Head, who were named to the Dean's list.

Glenda Hollis is the new innkeeper at the Mentone Inn. Welcome to Mentone, Glenda.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

- Floyd E. "Sampy" Lee, 101, Valley Head, 6/3
- John Edward "Jack" Carson, Jr. 71, Ft. Payne, 6/5
- Walter "Scutter" Smith, 71, Mentone, 6/10
- Clifford Barnett, 86, formerly of Valley Head, 6/11
- William Arthur Flannigan, 76, Mentone, 6/14
- Rovene Crabtree Truett, Mentone, 6/18
- Ruby Shigley Daniel, 93, Mentone, 6/24
- Richard Hugh Gass, 59, Valley Head, 6/25
- Luther Davis, 73, Mentone, 6/30

Rev. Jimmy Graves has been filling in when Brother Bill Russell is not in the pulpit at Moon Lake Baptist Church. Brother Jimmy is one of God's chosen who keeps preaching and loving it!

Congratulations to Lisa Jones, daughter of Buz and Linda Jones, who was selected for honor societies at the University of Alabama, including Omicron Delta Kappa, Anderson Society (top 24 seniors), Mortar Board, Blue Key, Phi Kappa Phi, and Order of Omega. She will also serve as president of ODK and Phi Delta Sigma, the pre-dental honor society, and vice-chairman of Homecoming 2001 for the coming year.

Happy July Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: •1 - Ann Hatchow Pelletier, Mike and Barbara Petersen (Anniv. 42 years); •2 - Terry Hartline, Jerry and Merle Stokes (anniv.); Larry and Gail Smalley (Anniv.); •3 - Jerry Lewis, Nick Black, Kenneth and Gail Chambers (anniv.); Larry Smalley; •4 - Gerry Disney; •6 - Dessie Newberry, Eunice Moore, Elizabeth Brown (Gulfport, MS); •7 - Alex Wooten; •8 - Joey and Kumi Dillenbeck of Huntsville (anniv.); Kaylee Tucker; •9 - Rhonda Blalock; •10 - Alan Bell, Frank and Linda Hill (Anniv.); •11 - Alan McElhane, Garrett Collins, Barbie Hester; •12 - Danyale Kyles, Cindy Harrison, Charles Gray; •13 - Tracie Pullen, Penny McElhane, Sissy Crider, Jolee Brown (Gulfport, MS); •14 - Pat Blankenship, Jeffery Hopper; •15 - Lois Foshee, Gage King, Jason Dean, Bro. Gary Moore; •16 - Catherine Wright (in memory of), Chris Dusby; •17 - Kayla Hazell, Christopher Glenn Black, Kayla Willbanks; •18 - Loy Langston, Becky Langston, Kimberly Willbanks; •19 - Syble Tipton; •20 - Craig Hulan, Barry Blalock; •21 - Eddie Langston, Jody Brown (Gulfport, MS); •22 - Jewel (Rogers) McDaniel, Keith Langston, Linda Clark; •24 - Barbara Davis; •25 - Linda Smalley Gregory, Robert "Ben" Brown (Gulfport, MS); •26 - Glenn Cryer, Pam Dean; •29 - Erma Black; •30 - Zack Dean; •31 - Jack (Buffalo Man) Martin, Paige Wright.

On June 27, my mother, Dorothy Shelden went back to Las Cruces, NM, where she lives. I sure do miss her and so do my animals. I enjoyed having her with me to talk to, eat meals with, enjoy TV shows, and go places. Her many friends in Mentone have been asking about her. I miss her.

Late last month, Channel 48 came and visited the camps in Mentone to tape a TV segment on the camps. Terrence McCabe, of the Mentone Tourism and Events Committee talked to them the day they were here.

Hope you all had a safe and happy Fourth of July and that you're enjoying the summer.



Valley Head Elementary School Honor Roll 2nd Semester 2000-2001

1ST GRADE	3RD GRADE
Ms. Carroll	Ms. Crider
<u>ALL A'S</u>	<u>ALL A'S</u>
Victoria Ferguson	Norma Hidrogo
Alexis Hatfield	<u>ALL A'S AND B'S</u>
Kaleb McKenzie	Rebecca Freeman
Trey Moore	Nathan Hannah
Matt Myrick	Miranda Lewis
Jesse Shankles	4TH GRADE
Morgan Smith	Ms. Knott
<u>A'S & B'S</u>	<u>ALL A'S</u>
Juan Gonzalez	Andrew Cooper
Megan Poe	Zach Foster
Kara Young	Aubrey Shields
1ST GRADE	Marjorie Harper
Ms. Coots	<u>ALL A'S AND B'S</u>
<u>ALL A'S</u>	Patti Grider
Casey Atkins	Kasic Hicks
Susan Castillo	Sara McSpadden
Morgan Gregory	Chad Wooten
Brianna McKinney	4TH GRADE
Angel Westbrooks	Ms. Wisner
<u>ALL A'S AND B'S</u>	<u>ALL A'S</u>
Brittany Daniel	Ariana Beard
Mitch Gregory	Sydney Hixon
2ND GRADE	<u>ALL A'S AND B'S</u>
Ms. Keith	Araceli Cruz
<u>ALL A'S</u>	Brittany Miller
Nick Gatlin	5TH GRADE
Brian Jones	Ms. Allen
Amber Matthews	<u>ALL A'S</u>
Jessica Thornberry	Justin Grider
Samantha Ogden	<u>ALL A'S AND B'S</u>
Tyler Tidmore	Timmy Burch
<u>A'S & B'S</u>	Matthew Fuller
Jason Hall	6TH GRADE
Levi Hulan	Ms. Cooper
Jessica McKenzie	<u>ALL A'S</u>
Brendan Wilbanks	Dallas Manning
Halie Westbrooks	Billy Wallace
2ND GRADE	<u>ALL A'S AND B'S</u>
Ms. Haymon	Corcy Dobbins
<u>ALL A'S</u>	Amelia Hannah
Payton Day	Chris Moran
Shelby Headrick	Ashley Tinker
Trevor Lewis	Josh Williams
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Blake Gregory	Ms. Camp
Kayla Reynolds	<u>ALL A'S</u>
Blake Wilks	Faviola Mendoza
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<u>ALL A'S</u>	Zack Cooper
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Emerald Poe	
James Hawk	
<u>ALL A'S AND B'S</u>	
Ashley Anderson	
Dillon Brown	
Taylor Gatlin	
Matthew Moran	

Cruelty to animals law more harsh

Abandonment now a felony in Alabama

By SHEILA JOHNSON
The Times-Journal

Alabama's animal cruelty law has been updated to provide serious punishment for those who abandon their unwanted animals, dumping them on country roads, in neighborhoods, or leave them behind when moving. Animal Abandonment is now a class C felony.

The DeKalb County SPCA staff receives about 30 to 40 animals daily, beginning in May, through the summer months, and well into November.

Around 600 of the 3,500 unwanted animals received yearly have been abandoned by their irresponsible owners, who dump them onto other citizens in the county, believing the animals will be able to get along on their own.

However, by the time they are brought into the SPCA, most are suffering from starvation, diseases or injuries which are often eventually fatal.

The updated cruelty law went into effect May 15, and takes the lead in the southeastern states to include abandonment to cruelty charges.

The DeKalb County SPCA conducts around 100 cruelty and neglect investigations in the county each year, and will aggressively seek to prosecute anyone known to abandon their animals.

Pet owners are urged to be responsible for the animals they add to their families, for all life is precious and our pets deserve love and sensible care.

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TONY HENDON

TONY HENDON, a senior at SAND ROCK, was elected to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES during the sixty-fourth annual American Legion Alabama Boys State, which was held June 10-16 at the University of Montevallo. TONY is the son of ROLAND AND CAROLYN HENDON of MENTONE.

Alabama Boys State is a leadership program for young men who have completed their junior year of high school and are expected to be a campus leader during their senior year. It provides delegates with a working knowledge of how our government functions on the city, county, and state levels. Acceptance into Alabama Boys State is a privilege and granted by invitation only. Delegates are selected by their school faculty and community leaders.

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Gulledge to lead CASA

By STEVEN STIESEL
The Times-Journal

Michelle Gulledge has been chosen to direct the Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound (CASA).

She will replace Collinsville's Johnnie Justice, who worked with the organization for 17 years.

"She has done a great job all these years and I hope I can continue to do the positive things she has started," Gulledge said.

CASA is designed to assist elderly and homebound persons with activities of daily living. Volunteers provide support services which enable the elderly to maintain their dignity through independent living.

CASA free services are based solely on need, without regard to income, race, age, social status, or religion.

Gulledge has been president of CASA's board for several years, working as a volunteer with the organization.

Previously, she was secretary of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and its director for the last three years. She also served as program manager for the Adult Training Center.

Gulledge graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1986 with her studies focused on sociology and social work.

She said CASA needs help from volunteers to make a difference in the lives of the elderly and homebound. Jobs for volunteers include visitations, homemaker service, handyman service, transportation, shopping assistance, nutrition, sitter service, telephone reassurance, information and referral, outreach, board membership and financial support.

CASA learns of the needs of many homebound persons through referrals from hospitals, nursing homes and other sources.

NEW ADDITION AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

By Mary Alice Stout

THE MOSTLY SHOP, an addition to MOUNTAIN MAMAS CRAFT SHOP, recently opened. Fayann Schmidt, Mountain Mamas potter, says, "The Mostly Shop contains a little bit of this and a little bit of that. You'll never know what bargains you will find in there!"

THE MOSTLY SHOP is located in the log cabin to the right of the main Mountain Mamas shop. The women who create the handmade items in Mountain Mamas are stocking THE MOSTLY with collectibles, antiques, and used furniture. Items will be added each weekend through the summer and fall.

CANDLES GALORE-Susan Bradley, candle maker, has recently added a full line of scented votives to her candle section. She brought in many new colors of her popular scented floating roses, which are beautifully hand-sculpted. These make a unique and memorable gift idea. To view Susan's complete line of candles and accessories, go to www.candlesmith.com.

YES! I CAN! Is a four-hour course on preparing and canning peach jam and bread and butter pickles. Mary Alice Stout, Mountain Mamas chief canner, will teach a "hands-on" course at Cloudland's Mountain Grove Bed & Breakfast on Saturday, July 28th, from 1:00 to 5:00pm (GA time). Mary Alice provides all the materials and instructions. You get to take home jars of what you've made in class. All you need to bring is your favorite paring knife and \$30 class fee. To register call Mountain Grove at 706-862-6676. For more information, call Mary Alice at 706-862-2142.

Mountain Mamas Pottery and Craft Shop is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from noon to 6:00pm (GA time). It's a short trip from Mentone. Go east on AL 117 (it becomes GA 48), and the Shop will be on your left, just 1/2 mile past the GA/AL state line.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our annual request for funds. This fund drive provides the base for the services that Tri-County Fire/Rescue offers. We have never charged a fee for helping someone and we will respond to any call, any time and any where we are paged out. We operate from our donations, food sales, yard sale, and (this year) a check from Chattooga County, GA. Many of you have been VERY generous with your donations.

Again, THANK YOU!

To those who have not yet responded—it's not too late. PLEASE send a donation to Tri-County Volunteer Fire-Rescue, 12511 Hwy 48, Cloudland, GA 30731. Give to the extent you are able. Each donation is sincerely appreciated and DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Remember, your donation is tax deductible.

FIRST RESPONDER AND FIRE FIGHTER 101 CLASSES are to begin soon. If you are interested in either or both classes, please call Assistant Chief Durham at 706-862-6400. Volunteers are always welcome.

TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout

THE WORLD'S LONGEST YARD SALE will be held August 16-19. Tri-County Volunteers will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, bar-b-que, and ice cream. Yard sale items will be sold as well as handmade dolls, birdhouses and cookbooks.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please donate items for the yard sale, and come by during the sale and find great bargains for yourself. Tri-County will set up at the Fireworks Stand, located at the GA/AL state line where GA Hwy 48 joins AL Hwy 117.

To donate yard sale items, call our Assistant Chief, Howard Durham (706-862-6400), or members Janet Harris (706-862-2128), Charla Huskey (706-862-6344) or Mary Alice Stout (706-862-2142). Any of these volunteers will be happy to arrange pick up of your items.

Handmade dolls, birdhouses, and cookbooks were sold at the Rhododendron Festival by Tri-County Fire/Rescue.



Pictured is Tri-County volunteer,
Mary Alice Stout, selling a doll.

Photo by Donna Smith

THANK YOU
(and it's not too late...)



TASTES FROM THE COUNTRY is a cookbook published by Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue with over 200 favorite recipes from many local great cooks. Copies of the book are still available for \$8.00 from any Tri-County volunteer, Mountain Mamas Craft Shop in Cloudland, or at Danny's Used Cars in Menlo.

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The RECIPE CORNER

By
SUE SCHWARZ

I have finally settled down enough to write another column for your enjoyment. This month I am sharing the old standard easy peach cobbler recipe. I am sure a lot of you have and use this recipe and if you don't, it is worth a try if you have a family (like mine) that enjoys cobblers. I learn hard, sometimes, and after many years of using this recipe, I have found that if I do exactly as the recipe says, I get much better results. I had been cooking the fruit, then making the batter and putting the fruit in as soon as I poured the batter in. I have found that if you pour the batter on top of the fruit and let it sit while you cook the fruit, that you will have a nicer cakier top to your cobbler. You can also use the equivalent of blackberries or other fruit. The other recipe is a new one for me, but one we enjoy, especially this time of year when we are trying to find good salads and the tomatoes are beginning to become available. So, dear readers, stay cool and enjoy your summer.

EASY PEACH COBBLER

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar, divided
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- pinch of salt
- 1 cup milk
- 4 cups fresh peach slices
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ground cinnamon or nutmeg (optional)

MELT butter in a 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Combine flour, 1 cup sugar, baking powder, and salt; add milk, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour batter over butter (do not stir).

BRING remaining sugar, peaches, and lemon juice to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly; pour over batter (do not stir). Sprinkle with cinnamon or nutmeg, if desired.

BAKE at 375 for 40-45 minutes or until golden. Serve cobbler warm or cool.

YIELD: 10 Servings.

WHITE BEAN, TUNA, AND TOMATO SALAD

- 1/3 cup chopped green onions
- 5 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 1 can (16 ounces) cannellini beans
or other white beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (6 ounces) albacore tuna in water,
drained and flaked
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh basil or parsley
- lettuce leaves or cut lettuce

Combine first five ingredients in a large bowl. Add tomatoes, beans, and tuna, toss gently to coat. Stir in basil, cover and chill. Serve on lettuce-lined plates. Serves 4.

Column was originally run in July 1997

News & Events from Mountain Grove at Cloudland



Jim & Marilyn Munneke of Ohio visited the arca on their way to attend an Elderhostle program in Gulf Shores

Is it already summer? My how time does fly. The Mountain Grove crew does double duty with our ExperienceWorks school field trip program and this spring was a busy one. We hosted school groups from around the Southeast at our Lookout Mountain Camp location where students spent 3-4 days soaking up the beautiful Mentone scenery while hiking, exploring, and learning about nature and how to work together as a team. Our spring Program Coordinator, Carrie Walls, is with us this summer as Innkeeper of Mountain Grove. Carrie is a lovely young woman with a degree in Psychology from Berry College where she trained with Outdoor Education expert Mike King. In addition to her many skills as a group facilitator and outdoor leader, she is a gracious hostess.

Our blueberries and plums are coming along, following on the heels of a huge cherry crop this year. Mary Alice Stout of Tri-County Rescue & Mountain Mamas fame made the most delicious cherry jam from them and is coming back this month to offer a workshop called "Yes! I Can!" about how to make jam and bread & butter pickles. She will offer this class on Saturday, July 28th from 1 to 5pm (Eastern Time) in the Mountain Grove kitchen, and everyone who participates will get to take home the goods. The cost of the class is \$30. Space is limited to the size of the kitchen, so please call early (706-862-6676) to reserve a spot!

Also starting this July is a Spanish Conversation class at Mountain Grove. This is a class for beginners or those who would like to brush up on this beautiful and easy to learn language. This is a fun, easy-going class taught by Susan



Carrie Walls is the innkeeper at Mountain Grove this summer.

Cherones. The class will meet for two hours on Monday & Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 Georgia time (5:30-7:30 Alabama time) starting July 16th and running through August 14th. The cost for this class is \$60. Call to reserve your place: 706-862-6676.

A Wellness Weekend is also being planned with physical therapist Holly McWhorter and local massage therapist Donna Sutton (256-634-3032). The body-mind-spirit connection will be explored during this hands-on weekend that will include massage, fitness, stress management, and overall wellness.

Around the B&B, things are blooming. Our beautiful landscaping by Coleman Thompson of Horticultural Services in Menlo (706-862-2824) is springing to life with all sorts of flowers raised for Mountain Grove by Oak Hill nurseryman, Paul Beckman. Mrs. Mac Hilburn has provided the beautiful hydrangeas, which are now in full bloom. Our magnolia has been beautiful and we even have a few late blooming rhododendrons coming into bloom right now!

We have had some wonderful guests from as near as Tuscaloosa & Atlanta and as far away as San Diego, Miami and Cleveland. It's so interesting to learn what brings folks to our neck of the woods. Some have come intentionally for the tranquility of the mountains or for workshops and retreats held in the area, and some, like the Munneke's pictured above, stopped off to see the state park on their way to Gulf Shores, not knowing that Lookout Mountain would become a future destination place all its own one day. The mountain will capture your heart if you let it! Come see us! (706) 862-6676 or (800) 226-5585

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It's been another great year, and we would like to thank you for all your tremendous support. Not only through your donations, but also with the "thank you's" and "nice jobs" we have been hearing from you.

We have been working hard over the past year to move forward with our training. The majority of our members are now trained as First Responders or at the Paramedic level. We have members certified in EVOC, which stands for Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, and are in the process of working on rope rescue and water rescue courses. We are also certified in extrication, which involves removing patients from vehicles that have been damaged to the point that conventional ways of removal are not possible.

We plan to continue our training so that we may better serve you.

We are just a few steps away from having our new rescue vehicle ready for the road. Believe me, you will know it when you see it! It will be equipped to respond on emergency medical calls, as well as rope, water and other rescue scenes. We hope to have it on the road before the end of the summer. We have also purchased critical pieces of equipment for the truck including a suction machine. We had hoped to be getting a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) courtesy of the State of Alabama, but due to a shortage of funds those plans have changed. Therefore, we are attempting to obtain a new one to replace the one we have now which is badly outdated, but an AED is extremely expensive. Also, we recently put our two boats in the water to make sure everything was in working order and things

went great. We cleaned them up and they are ready for service.

We hope to continue the progress we have made over the past year, but, to do that, we need your help. Please remember us when you consider giving donations this year. Any help you could give us would be greatly appreciated. Also, keep an eye out for other events we have planned this year, including an auction with the proceeds going toward that expensive AED.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us, Jim McCray, Captain, 634-0207 or Richard Douthat, 1st Lieutenant, 634-4813.

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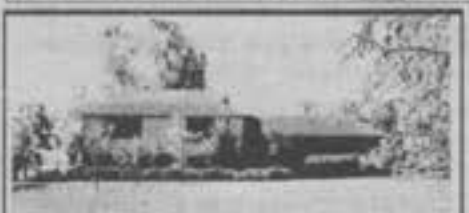
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Moon Lake School Library Building has begun

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Last year, in May, the Moon Lake School Library Committee met the \$50,000 matching goal, and the anonymous donor matched the amount. Last year, we reported that plans were under way to have the library in place sometime in August or September 2001. The site preparation began in June. The projected completion date is December 2001. You can see the preparation of the site for the new library as you go east on Hwy 117 just before the drive to the Mentone Community House.

The cost is estimated to be between \$240,000 and \$275,000 for 3432 sq. feet (66 x 52). The building will be block interior with the outside to be in keeping with the buildings in the Mentone area.

The preliminary plans call for two handicap accessible bathrooms, office, computer room, circulation desk, storage room, built in shelves, risers for story telling time and for watching videos and television, look up stations, an open area, and other features.

If you were unable to make a donation while the drive was going on to match the \$50,000, you can still make donations and you can also make them in the name of a loved one, or in the memory of a loved one. Patron cards can be mailed to friends and family, letting them know that a donation in their name has been received for the new library. Many new books will be needed. Donations can be made for books.

The DeKalb County Board of Education has generously assisted with the funding to make this library one not only Mentone can be proud of, but also DeKalb County and the general public. This library will accommodate the students at Moon Lake School during school hours, and also allow the public to use the facility at other hours. These have not been decided at this time, but by the time the building is completed, there will be a schedule out to let the public know the hours.

The entire committee continues to be enthusiastic about this project and hopes that you will continue to support this community effort. Members on the committee are: Bill Berry, Jean Corey, Marie Dillenbeck, Kathie Disney, Carol Hazell, Larry Johnson, Gary Jones, Dick Keefer, Jenn McGehee, Kathy and Kenneth McMunn, Lyle Nicely, Barbara Petersen (general chairman), Karen Prestwood, Pat Schoen (librarian), Sarah Wilcox, and Jan Wilkinson.

You may send your donations to Moon Lake School, New Library Fund, P.O. Box 166, Mentone, AL 35984.



Moon Lake Elementary Staff Certified Alabama Reading Initiative Instructors

On Friday, June 15, Mary Etta Bailey, DeKalb County Board of Education Chairman, presented certificates to instructional staff members from Moon Lake Elementary School who had that day completed a two-week Alabama Reading Initiative training course in Meridianville, Alabama. (FRONT ROW, L/R) Mary Etta Bailey; Moon Lake Principal Dr. Bill Berry; (2ND ROW, L/R) Jennifer Gorham, Karen Prestwood, Nancy Frost, Wendy Haynes. (BACK ROW, L/R) Leslie Bunch, Phyllis Sarratt, Myra Mills, Rosee Swain, Linda Lawton, Lynne Wagner.

Photo by Marie S. Dillenbeck

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

The Instructional Staff at Moon Lake School recently completed two weeks of training for teaching the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI), a program that teaches reading more efficiently and effectively. The daylong classes were held in Meridianville, Alabama, with the teachers driving back and forth each day to attend the course. The staff came back enthusiastic, but tired.

Completion of the training program enables Moon Lake School to be designated as a Literacy Demonstration Site (LDS). This means that other schools will be able to visit Moon Lake and consider if they want to be a part of ARI.

Three schools in DeKalb County will be implementing ARI this fall. Ruhama was designated as a LDS last year. Moon Lake and Collinsville were chosen as sites for implementing the program this fall.

Moon Lake School Principal Dr. Bill Berry said, "The program involves faculty meetings where we sit down and bring together ideas and strategies gained in training to create a school-wide plan and classroom intervention plans. We appreciate the support from the Board of Education, Superintendent Richard Land, and Representative Todd Greeson in making the training possible."

Moon Lake Elementary has already implemented the

Accelerated Reading Program, where each student uses a computer-generated reading test that indicates the student's individualized reading level.

After finding the student's reading level, they begin choosing Accelerated Reader books. Each Accelerated Reading book has a point value based on its readability and level and length. After the student reads an Accelerated Reading book and takes a quiz on the computer, he receives points based on the book's point value and how well he did on the quiz.

Students keep track of their daily practice on their reading logs. On these forms, the student records his reading level range, the name of the book he is currently reading, its reading level, point value, and the number of pages read each day. When he finishes the book, his score on the Accelerated Reader Quiz is recorded on the log sheet and the teacher initials it.

The ARI program is designed to significantly improve reading instruction and ultimately achieve 100 percent grade-level literacy among public school students. The staff at Moon Lake are excited about and are planning for the opening of school in August, so that they can pass on to their students what they learned during the training sessions.

Moon Lake Elementary School continues to be "firmly planted, forward moving."



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Peggy Hamby

Two Computers donated to Mentone Community House as tribute to Peggy Hamby

**By Dorma Hutcheson,
MERF Board Member**

The Mentone Community House recently received a generous gift of two new computers from Mentone residents Doris and Bobby Hamby. A goal of the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation (MERF) has been to offer computer classes at the Community House and that goal will soon be realized thanks to the Hamby's donation.

The new computers will be set up in the room designated as a computer lab/classroom. The computers are identical and come complete with monitors, keyboards, sound and printers. They are easy to operate and utilize the current technologies many people need in this computerized world.

The MERF Board envisions computer classes for Mentone residents of all ages. The Moon Lake students who are tutored at the Community House will also have access to this wonderful resource. The computers can be used to teach both computer skills and other topics. In the future, MERF would like to expand the computer lab and add Internet access.

Doris and Bobby Hamby have lived in Mentone for ten years. Doris is a native of Crossville, TN, and Bobby of Spring City, TN. Their daughter, Bobbie, lives in Fort Payne with her husband and three children.

Bobby graduated from Spring City High School in 1971. He then went into the Army and worked with computers in the 82nd Airborne. Bobby came to the Fort Payne area 21 years ago when VI Prewett hired him to write computer programs for his hosiery company.

Seven years ago, Bobby started his own computer business in Fort Payne. Custom Words is located next door to Tru-Value Hardware in the North Y. They build and sell computers along with other accessories and software. Bobby and his staff are known in this area for their excellent service and repairs.

Doris and Bobby have given this gift in memory of their daughter, Peggy. Peggy graduated from Fort Payne High school and went on to get a degree in Adolescent Child Psychology from the University of Alabama. Peggy died in 1999 at the age of 26 when her former husband shot her. Peggy's last class at the University of Alabama was on family violence. The Hamby's gift is a wonderful tribute to Peggy and all that she accomplished. We are very grateful for their contribution to our community.

Editor's note: This article ran in the April issue of The Groundhog, but the picture of the daughter to whom the gift tribute was made was misplaced. We are pleased to be able to reprint it in this issue.

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Winner of the \$1,000 drawing was a vendor at the Festival. Mrs. Wyndall Griffin of Hokes Bluff, AL, is shown on the left next to Margaret Taylor, the new MAPA president.

Photos by Gerald Taylor



MAPA ANNUAL PICNIC

MAPA has poured a concrete floor for the second pavilion at Brow Park. Two festivals a year and the annual picnic are held on the brow. With the concrete floor, both MAPA and the Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District/Volunteer Fire Department will be able to sell food items at the October Colorfest and the May Rhododendron Festival.

The annual MAPA picnic was held at Brow Park on Tuesday, July 3rd, amid lots of rain. The rain didn't keep away the following members: Jim & Penny Lyday, Hope & George Walker, Sherman & Mickey Gough, Gerald & Margaret Taylor, Homer & Demise

Crow, Huey & Marilyn Mathews, Rick & Betty Chapman, Lucille Crow, Ruby Brock, Marie Dillenbeck, Dot Crow, and Dessie Newberry. Ed & Gerry Disney were unable to make it because Nipperville was "full up." We missed you, Ed and Gerry, maybe next year. Just as the picnic was ending and the rain had all but ended, too, the sun was seen through a small break in the clouds as it set for the evening. The food was plentiful and excellent, the company great, and the sunset spectacular—as usual. P.S. The home-made peach ice cream was delicious! Thank you Dot Crow and Homer Crow.



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Date	Program	Speaker	Time
July 6	Archaeology of our Local National Parks	Larry Beane	8:00 PM
July 7	Lifestyles of Ancient Americans	Harry Holston	8:00 PM
July 13	Venomous and Poisonous Organisms of AL	James Rayburn	8:00 PM
July 14	Amphibian Metamorphosis	James Rayburn	8:00 PM
July 20	Native American Arts and Crafts	Billy White Fox	8:00 PM
July 21	Native American Music and Stories	Billy White Fox	8:00 PM
July 27	Creepy Crawlies	Stephen Faughn	7:00 PM
July 28	Plants, Humanity and the Environment	Salas Al-Hamdani	8:00 PM
Aug 3	Archaeology & Prehistoric Inhabitants of AL	Clara Hill	8:00 PM
Aug 4	Legends and Myths of Early Alabama	Angela Morgan	8:00 PM
Aug 10	Venomous and Poisonous Organisms of AL	James Rayburn	8:00 PM
Aug 11	Amphibian Metamorphosis	James Rayburn	8:00 PM
Aug 17	How to Find a Real Deal	Robert Lindley	8:00 PM
Aug 18	Wildflowers	Don Spalding	8:00 PM
Aug 24	Moon Views	Laura Weirkauf	8:00 PM
Aug 25	Seeing Stars	Laura Weirkauf	8:00 PM
Aug 31	Insects and Arachnids	Cole Barton	7:30 PM



MAPA, and the Mathews.

Can you believe that it is already the month of July? This year has gone by so fast! The recent rains were very welcome. After the past several summers that were so dry, it is nice to have an occasional shower. I really like not having to water the plants in my yard.

I hope that everyone will take the time during this month to think about the freedom that we have in America. Even if you don't believe in the principles that America is founded upon, you still have the freedom to disagree. If you think that government is too big and you have to pay too many taxes, you have the freedom to think this. Also, you have the freedom to say that you disagree and you have the same degree of freedom that any other citizen has. Think about this after you think that I shouldn't have written it.

Recently, I read an article about the men who signed the Declaration of Independence. Some of them were killed for their actions. Many were tortured and driven from their homes into hiding. Families were displaced and homes were lost to the family forever, all because they signed their names to a document. They signed because they wanted freedom and believed in the demands of the document. I'm sure that they knew the risks they were taking and were willing to act according to their conscience. We sometimes forget the great sacrifices that our forefathers made to give us the country we now call home.

The Town of Mentone is moving along at an even keel now. Many programs are in place. Now comes the hard part, the maintaining of said programs. It is always easier to plant a garden than to keep the weeds out of it. Many good programs and organizations fail because of the boring and tiresome tasks of keeping them going.

The several committees that have been put into place by the town are doing a wonderful job. The citizens have really put forth an effort to make Mentone a better place to live. Some of the efforts can be seen more readily than others. The Beautification Committee can see their results immediately. You can, too, by looking at Mason Park, the areas in front of the Town Hall, and on the roadside in front of the Town Hall. They have cleaned, cleared out and replaced many of the plants. It is beautiful and an asset to the town.

All of the other committees are working just as hard. Some of their efforts take more time and planning and many times that ugly word MONEY comes into play. With such a limited budget, it is hard to do all that we want to in our small town. Sometimes we just have to put a project on hold until the means to accomplish it are in place.

I have found someone who is just as impatient as I am with things that drag on for long periods of time. That person is Sam Franks. We are both inclined to pray, "Lord, give me patience and give it to me NOW." I find that if I do something now, then I don't have to think about it anymore. The Mentone Water Department has a new employee.

About

Our Town

By

LINDA BROWN



Joseph Lee can be seen about town quite a bit now. He will be reading the water meters and repairing and installing water lines. Many of us already knew Joseph because he is a volunteer fire fighter with the NLMFPD. Also, his dad, Robert Lee, had the black smithing shop at the Mentone Crafts Festival for many years. We remember Joseph as the little boy who was always helping him. Welcome to Mentone, Joseph!

Gail Chambers and I attended a meeting of the DeKalb County Firefighters Association in June. This was a real eye opener for me. I learned that most of the volunteer fire departments are funded by and serve the area of the town in which they are located. Quite often, they are asked to help with a fire in other towns, but this is a voluntary and courtesy action. This is so different from the way North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District is structured. Even though the fire hall is located in Mentone, the volunteers serve and protect an area from the Georgia state line on the North and East, to the town limits of Valley Head, Alabama, and to the DeSoto State Park on the South end. This is quite a large area. It is not set up to be funded by the Town of Mentone.

Sammy Cash was instrumental in the development of the NLMFPD while he was working for the Alabama Forestry Department. Sammy could see that a lot of homes would not have fire protection if it were just a Mentone fire department. Because of this structure, the NLMFPD depends greatly on donations from individuals. The Forestry Department makes an annual contribution, the Town of Mentone contributes annually and we now have the tax fund, which can be used only for fire fighting equipment or training. The amount of taxes collected by DeKalb County is divided between at least twenty departments and the DeKalb Association gets a percentage. The NLMFPD is trying to save the amount received from the tax fund for a nest egg to obtain a new fire truck.

At the last meeting of The Book Club, several members were discussing the way things were directly after World War II. One of the things most of us remembered was the

sacks that animal feed and fertilizer came in. They were made of cloth, some of which were printed and some solid colors. I remember the main colors being pink, blue, green and yellow. Families would trade and bargain until each had enough sacks of the same color to make a garment. We all remembered that most of our school clothes were made of sacks. Usually a skirt or pair of shorts was made of the solid color and a matching top was made of the printed fabric. The woman of the house would go to the store when a large purchase of feed or fertilizer was to be made. She would select the sacks she wanted and expected to get the ones she picked. Can you imagine the frustration of the clerk when Mama wanted the ones on the bottom of a large stack of sacks?

I learned to sew with the ones that had no matches or were just plain ugly. They were wonderful for decorating doll houses and "play" houses. They were great for curtains and bedspreads. With a little imagination, several sacks could be set together to make a rug by using a few quilting stitches. They could also be used for dress-up. All you needed for evening gowns, long skirts and fur wraps was some sacks and safety pins.

They were very handy to make doll clothes. The ultimate delight was when a flour company put ready-to-cut doll clothes on their sacks. All we needed was a pair of scissors and a needle and thread. Of course, the clothes did not always fit the dolls we had, but then we just made a doll they would fit from another sack. Crayons were great for making eyes and mouth and cotton was always available for stuffing.

Sheets and towels were also made from sacks. These were usually the white ones. They sometimes had the label printed on and no amount of washing or bleaching would remove it. Most sheets and all towels had words and/or numbers on them. The sheets were sewed together to the desired size and hemmed. The towels were not hemmed as they were used for everything from drying little bodies to wiping up spilled milk from the kitchen floor. So much for the "good ole days."

The Book Club really does read a book each month. We all agree on a book and then meet together at The Community House to discuss it. It just seems that many books evoke these memories in us. The books are ordered for us and we pick up next month's book at the current meeting. This is a program sponsored by the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation. We have decided to read one or more of The Classics each year. In August, we are reading, To Kill A Mockingbird. Now that is a classic!

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CLAY SANDERS

On Saturday, June 2, the Gainesville High School Red Elephant baseball team won the Georgia AAA State Championship. Their record this year was 34-1, with the only loss coming from AAAAA Marist.

Clay is a junior at Gainesville and starts on this team in the shortstop position. He is the son of Charles and Sandra Smith Sanders. His grandparents are John and Bobbie Smith of Mentone, Alabama, who were in Gainesville to watch the championship games. Clay's great grandmother are Nettie Smith and Evelyn Bain, also of Mentone.



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Attention all Business Owners:

In February, Mayor Britt had the first meeting of several committees that were formed to help with the managing and improvement of Mentone. About twenty-five business owners attended to establish the Tourism and Events committee. At that meeting, the consensus was that our efforts needed to focus on some core items before improving or establishing any new events. What developed was several subcommittees: map development, style and image, website design, survey and events. We have been meeting regularly as a full committee and as subcommittees. This letter concerns the efforts of the website committee.

Many of us know that the Internet is a great resource for information. At this time, a website called www.mentone.com is owned and operated by a Fort Payne man. It does have a link to the DeKalb County Tourism Association but it does not have a good representation of Mentone. In fact, many of the links on the site refer to Fort Payne businesses and activities. The tourism and events committee felt that Mentone should have a website that conveyed its natural beauty and slower pace of life and could be used by both residents and visitors. The committee has looked at websites, webmasters and different designs. The vision for the website is a simple, informational and appealing website. There will be nine categories for businesses to be listed under: Dining, Accommodations, Attractions, Real Estate, Services, Shopping, Camps/Retreats, Organizations/Information and Special Events. Businesses, who agree to participate, will provide a set amount of information to be listed: business name, phone number, contact person, hours of operation, and website link. Each business listing will be \$25 for one year assuming participation is healthy. Any business that would like a page link from their listing may purchase it at their own expense from the webmaster (at this time, the cost should be around \$100 for one page). Local artists' drawings will be used on the website to depict the natural beauty and creativity of our area. The committee will use Blizzard Internet Marketing Inc. (www.blizzardinternet.com). Expected costs should be \$100 per page for website design with the intent of ten pages (a main one and nine business categories). Website hosting and maintenance for one year will be \$300. Website promotion will be \$300 for one year. Approximate total cost will be \$1600 for one year, so at least 64 businesses need to participate. If by chance, extra money is collected, the surplus will be used to develop more pages or go to other subcommittee work such as the map design. Mentone's Town Council has agreed to purchase three domain names for the website on an annual basis. Town council will help more financially when its funds allow it.

The committee needs to know the level of participation to determine if we can continue in this endeavor. Please respond by sending the information (in the box to the right) by Friday, July 20th, to: Mentone Tourism and Events Committee, P.O. Box 443, Mentone, AL 35984, with a check for \$25 per business listing.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact any committee member: Deanna Merz 634-3055, Terrence McCabe 634-3047, Sarah Wilcox 634-4673 or Huey and Marilyn Mathews 634-3645.

By email: sawilcox@mindspring.com

Thank you.

The Website Committee

WEBSITE QUESTIONNAIRE

Businesses, Please Respond To The Mentone Website Committee by July 20th.

☐ NO, I would not like to participate.
Business name or contact person: _____

☐ Yes, I would like to participate in the Mentone website project. Please include the following information:

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Contact Person: _____

Business Hours: _____

Website Link: _____

Category to list under: _____

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Everyone seems to be building or remodeling in our area, and it is good to watch the progress. Dewey Crow has been building near us for a long time. He has definite ideas about what he wants done and he hunts for different materials to use. Pam says she is ready to move into the house, but Dewey has a lot more to finish before they can move in—maybe by Christmas. They have a wonderful view and we like to go by and take a look at the scenery. Everyone on the brow has a different angle of the valley and mountains beyond.

I believe the Cupps, who are across the road from us, have about finished their beautiful log home. They come as often as they can and enjoy bringing their grandchildren. They are lovely people and we will be glad when he retires and they can live here full time.

All these new places spark a renewed interest in architecture. I take Architectural Digest and love to see what one can do (with time and money) to an ordinary house by adding a few features to give it interest. They show before and after pictures, and in-progress shots. Of course, a little decorating goes a long way toward making a house a home that is restful and charming. I'm glad the day of rigid formal parlors is out. One can have beautiful furniture that is comfortable and that can be used daily. The parlor used to be reserved for special guests and the family seldom used it except to clean and dust. Home is a man's castle, and I am going to have to arrange a cot for Homer's mid-day nap. He doesn't want to lie on a made-up bed and he works outside and gets dirty, so he needs a cot on the screened-in deck where he can settle down with a glass of lemonade and take a break.

Homes are different things to different people: some want a very quiet private place, others want a show place for special people, some are a mixture of both. Ours has always had an "open door" policy. Visitors are welcome. We have a few antiques and a collection of books and teapots to show off, but nothing expensive. Today, as I write, the valley below is soft and peaceful looking, with the sun almost down and a misty haze covering everything. I can barely see the spire on White Hall Methodist Church, which is my favorite view. How peaceful it is. Twilight time is my favorite time of day. Everything has a soft glow and the street of the day seems to fade away and home is a haven of rest.

As you drive the parkway toward DeSoto Park, you will surely have enjoyed the daylilies all along the road, but they have been especially pretty at the Edmund Crowe place where they have bloomed profusely on each side of the road. We have some in front of our house, but they have a little too much shade and are not as full of bloom.

Linda Steinberg, who has a home on the Parkway, thinks we all should grow daylilies in front of our homes. It would be impressive, and they bloom a long time. Someone at Mildred Perry's place has been working on the entrance, cutting weeds and bushes and planting flowers. It looks

very attractive. A bit of work makes a big difference, or a lot of work, I should say.

Father's Day was celebrated at our home with three of our four children. It was a beautiful day and a most pleasant one for us. Coy helped Homer with the home-made peach ice cream, and the grilling of steaks. We talked about how we used to make the ice cream in a hand turned freezer and everyone took turns with the crank. It seemed better than it is now with the electric freezer, but probably it seemed better because of the effort put into making it. We use Homer's mother's recipe, and somehow it never tastes as good as hers. She could make the best I ever ate.

We lose dear friends and loved ones all the time and sadness covers us. It's hard to see them go, but we know we are born to live for a time and a season and then it's time to go. We work hard to build up to a desired plateau in life and then it's time to die and leave it to another generation. We should not grieve over our loss, but we are human and we do.

Dr. Bob Boatwright, a gynecologist practicing for thirty-five years and then retiring and going to seminary to become a priest, passed away at his home in Chattanooga last week. Our hearts were saddened to hear the news. He wanted to minister to people in a spiritual way the last years of his life, and he did. He was ordained here at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church and spent some time here. He and Charlotte had a second home on Hwy 89 near the Georgia line.

And we have lost William Flannigan, Walter (Scutter) Smith, and Rovene Truett here in Mentone, all within a week. Rovene was a beautiful lady who came here from Birmingham to take care of her mother and to have a little gift shop. She decorated her shop so pretty I would just gasp when I walked into the little building. She could take simple things and turn them into a lovely creation. She called her shop Ro's Kreations. Then she moved it to the White Elephant where they could take care of it for her after she became ill. Our sympathy goes to the families of these dear ones.

Today at the Hitching Post was interesting. Many nice people were visiting. Sales were few, but the visitors were enjoying themselves. A sweet girl, from near Nashville, played the old pump organ and filled the building with beautiful music, some classic and old hymns.

And we had a church bus from south Georgia with Penny Lyday's sister in the group. They had refreshments at Jim and Penny's and then visited here and were having dinner at the Mentone Springs Hotel.

Three men were here early this morning who were rafting on Little River later, but they wanted to know the history of the town and what accommodations were available. They will return with their wives and hopefully I can sell them something.

June has been a great month, weatherwise. We have had good rains and the temperature has not been extremely high.

We are getting flags ready to fly. The Fourth of July is upon us. I hope your families get together for ice cream and whatever suits you.

Our MAPA picnic was on the 3rd of July. Everyone brought a covered dish. Homer made ice cream, as usual.

God Bless America as we remember our country's freedom—the anniversary of our independence.



Lookout Mountain Natural Healing

Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus Carota*)

By L. C. Moon

The showy white flowers and lacy leaves of Queen Anne's Lace are lining the roadsides. Poison Hemlock resembles Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus Carota*) though the purple in the center of the flower cluster and the concave umbels are distinguishing features for safe harvesting of Queen Anne's Lace.

Queen Anne's Lace is often referred to as wild carrot. The root of the plant can be cooked and eaten the same as a garden carrot. The wild and garden carrot have similar nutritious benefits. Liver, cancer, kidney, and bladder troubles are sometimes treated for a brief period with a carrot diet. Wild carrot root can expel bowel worms and may increase menstrual flow. It may also be grated so that it can be used as a poultice for most all skin disorders.

Eating large amounts and frequent consumption of red meat can cause sluggish liver and uric acid accumulation. Boiling one ounce rattle snake master root (*Cynum aquaticum*) with one ounce Queen Anne's Lace root in 1-1/2 pint of water until it is 1 pint of liquid, straining and drinking one wine glass full four times a day, can balance the liver.

Though the root is the most commonly used part of Queen Anne's Lace, the seeds and flowers are also used. The seeds are ground to a powder and made into a tea for colic and to increase urine flow according to *Back to Eden* by Jethro Kloss. The seeds are also contraceptive. There are no studies about the long term effects, but it is commonly used by women in India. They take one teaspoon of seeds during the time of ovulation or immediately after intercourse during their fertile time and for a week after, according to *Childbearing Year* by Susan Weed. The blossom tea is useful in treating dropsy.

Queen Anne's Lace, also known as wild carrot, is beneficial inside and out. It is difficult to find it commercially sold. Be careful not to confuse it with Poison Hemlock if you harvest it. For external use of carrot seed, you can find my preparation called Wisdom Years Skin Serum.

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(6) HISTORIC HOME IN VALLEY HEAD. You'll love this 4 bedroom house with its large screened-in front porch, spacious living room and dining room, high ceilings and brown hardwood and wood floors, plus a new roof, new central heat and air, new exterior paint, situated on over 1 acre. Reduced! \$179,000.



(7) YOU'LL BE THE FIRST! Homeowner that is in this new subdivision on DeSoto Parkway in Mentone. This new construction is now complete with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, central heat and air, storage building, and metal roof. All bedrooms have a personal bathroom and this new home is sitting on a large corner lot. Call us today for your appointment. \$189,900.



(8) MENTONE - Same and same, 6 bedrooms, spacious kitchen with 2 stoves, separate dining, same wood floors, 8 some fruit trees, woods and cleared lands, room for horses, plus you can ride your golf cart to the course nearby. Reduced \$110,000. Call today!



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(11) WATCH THE SUNSET from the deck of this rustic country cabin. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, two-story living area with mountain stone fireplace, large kitchen and sunroom all with a charm of their own and sitting on 5.8 acres of brow property. \$179,999.



(12) OWN A NEW HOME WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF BUILDING - Perched on the edge of the mountain, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath all moved cottage with sleeked stone fireplace can be a weekend get-away or permanent residence. A must see for \$100,000.



(13) ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED is right here! This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in area kitchen, entertaining sized living room with fireplace and a multi-purpose basement that could serve as a guest room, office or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blend home and nature all on 2.5 acres. Once you see it, you'll want to own it. Call today for your showing. \$225,000.



(14) MENTONE - Impressive rustic contemporary home before you as you drive down the driveway. Main house features 3 floors each with a bedroom and bath, living area, office space and/or sitting room, decks and porches surround the house with magnificent views of the valley and mountains. A 3-car garage with 1 bedroom apartment also sits on the 2.7 acres all for \$215,000.



(15) WANT TO BE YOUR OWN BOSS? Why not buy the Little River Cafe? A well-known and established business featuring a fully equipped kitchen and dining room with large porch for outside eating, stage for entertainment, and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Geyser, and only 12 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. What a deal for only \$169,500.



(16) ENJOY LATE SUMMER AFTERNOONS in the picture book setting of this 3 bedroom 2-1/2 bath home featuring a 2-story porch on front and sunroom on back, a detached garage and patio all situated overlooking gardens and creek. With a winding paved driveway bringing you into the 76 acres, this house has everything you might be looking for. Call today for an appointment. \$249,000.



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MENTONE

by John Baty

Any who may have chosen so will have read or heard of the history and naming of the tiny hamlet on the West brow of Lookout. Situated approximately at the west end of the short axis of the mountain proper. Present boundaries of the real estate, some refer to as the "city of Mentone," encompass approximately five square miles. Efforts are apparently underway to more or less make the little town "ship-shape" and bring her into proper conformity with whatever constitutes that "thing" which we are wont to think of as a city.

Mostly of curiosity. I attended a workshop consisting of town officials and citizens of that gray zone outside the city limits but within the so-called police jurisdiction. I had heard they were to iron out some sort of awkwardness or friction arising over possible taxation. Clearly, the meeting was well polarized from previous activity on the matter. Both sides showed obvious tension and were on their best behavior.

I randomly thought and wondered how many more such meetings with similar agendas were in session across our nation, indeed around the planet.

As I sat there listening to these very sincere people, each one interested, apparently, in doing the right and proper thing, a distinct feeling swept through my mind that the dollars and acres and businesses were not the real issues here; that somehow they, we, were not grasping the true significance of what is at stake here. If we were to forget for an instant these physical entities under discussion, we could readily discern that we here this evening are only a fraction of those who think, and historically have thought, of themselves as Mentonians. The real population of Mentone runs from South of DeSoto Park to well into Georgia. Indeed, Mentone has no boundaries. It stretches over all this mountain, across the entire Southeast, across America and around the Earth. Mentone is not some number of tons of sandstone conglomerate from ancient seas of three hundred million years past. It is more realistically regarded as a fierce and independent spirit existing everywhere that truly free people reside. Existing in the minds of man and woman. Mentone, to my thinking, has always been more a name or a means of identification, a lifestyle, a concept, a spirit, a human value, a small piece of the cosmos, rather than a city.

Back across time to the removal of the last Native Americans, settlers, have been coming to this area, this town. Newcomers have usually been, and are, considered as foreigners, outsiders, transplants, until each proved himself or herself. Families having been here for a century or so have tended to view any new arrivals with caution, with skepticism.

This skepticism has always existed here, but could readily be explained by ethnocentrism or xenophobia. More recently, we have heard referrals to "us" and "them." This type segregation usually harbors dangers, as it is quite possible that some of us could be some of them, while some of them could readily be some of us. I would like to think that it may not be so important where we were born, but what is now in our mind that matters most. May be, in fact, all that matters. It is true that, relatively speaking, this is a poor community, poor in material possessions. There are no great and impressive buildings, no multi-billion-dollar industries. Only a smattering of humble private businesses and recreational establishments. Plenty of run down decaying buildings, monuments to a poorer, harder time of struggles and dreams and dramas and pathos. Monuments to a harder race of pioneers who were motivated by honor and dignity and fairness and altruism.

The other day I drove up from Valley Head and as I topped out over the brow, there sat a minivan in the middle of the road. The van sported a Northern license plate and the driver and passengers were looking first up the brow, then down the Parkway, then gesturing ahead. Stalled in indecision. As I sat there and waited, I mentally spoke to them: "Yeah! You have found it! And that's all of it! Every last damn little old building of it! It must look unimpressive. But you can't see it all. Most of it is inaccessible to you. You will never see it, my friend; you can only feel it; viscerally identify with it. It can only grow on you with time. A lot of time. It takes effort and struggle and stubborn pugnaciousness and "I don't care if I do die" attitude to be a Mentonian. It is nice to have a clean sharp little town, but that will always be subordinated to the image which exists in the collective mind-brain of its citizenry."

There are those who would change the area to a thriving little metropolis, which might be better exploited for their profit. Others would rather let her lie and maintain the status quo.

Mentone has always been more of an idealization of the emotional mind than anything physical and subject to examination through the ordinary senses.

I suppose it is inevitable that the area will not escape the inexorable crush of people and time, but to hasten her death by accelerating the introduction of greater city life, carrying with it all the pathologies of the modern human condition, would be a final humiliation to our fathers who struggled here.

Our mountain is relatively unpolluted. Little River is one of that rare breed of clean-water streams still in existence. Do we owe it to ourselves to keep our little microcosm of everything on this planet that still has some purity, something real, something valuable, the way it has always been? We have something here which does not readily meet the casual eye.

As Vernon Gray spoke in the Mentone Heritage Foundation's promotional film, "Magical Mentone," there is magic here, something unique, rare, valuable. Though many have tried to separate the filthy lucre from that valuable magic, only a few have enjoyed modest success and always something is lost in any rude pursuit of wealth. I suppose the quest for money doesn't have to be synonymous with destruction. I don't recall ever witnessing a particular instance of such, though. The best hereabouts is elusive indeed.

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UGF ANNOUNCES GOAL FOR FALL CAMPAIGN

The UGF Board recently approved a goal of \$350,000.00 for the 2001-2002 fundraising campaign according to UGF Executive Director Barbara Turner. Ms. Turner said, "This year's goal was set after our Budget Committee reviewed the current member agency requests for 2002 funding and the requests of two new applicants, Rose Haven and Partnership for a Drug-Free DeKalb. Both applicants were approved and will be added as new agencies in 2002." This year's \$350,000.00 goal is \$20,000.00 more than last year's.

Agencies currently funded by UGF include Alabama Easter Seal, American Red Cross, The ARC, Boy Scouts, CASA, Children's Advocacy Center, Child Development Center, Fort Payne-DeKalb Rehabilitation Center, Girl Scouts, The Salvation Army, and USO. The two new agencies, Partnership for a Drug-Free DeKalb and Rose Haven will bring the total UGF Member Agencies to 13.

Linda Sterling, who headed up last year's very successful campaign, will be serving again this year as Campaign General Chairman. Sterling has already met with her Steering Committee, UGF Executive Committee, UGF staff, and the Division Chairmen. Another meeting is set for June 20 with Division and Team Chairmen to review their individual goals for the campaign and to make plans for recruiting additional volunteers.

The theme for this year's campaign has not been determined. Last year's theme was "Don't Let The Chain of Love End With You." This will be the 43rd. annual campaign for the UGF organization which was incorporated in DeKalb County in 1958.



Some members of DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center Board.

L/R: Lisa Norquist, Treasurer, Lisa McDonough, Vice-President, Janice Ferrell, President, Mike Early, Executive Committee, Paula Davis, Holiday Choral Festival Committee, Tim Tidmore, Long Range Planning Committee, Gayle Johnson, Secretary, Roger Lindsey, Golf Clinic Committee.



DEKALB COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

"Providing services to children and families through child abuse prevention and intervention, briefly describes the work that this agency does here in DeKalb County."

Elizabeth Wheatley has served as the Advocacy Center's Executive Director for the past 8-1/2 years. She is responsible for overseeing the various programs as well as the daily operations of the Center. Her staff includes: Amber McPherson, Healthy Homes Program Coordinator, Dot Burke, Parent Education Coordinator, Phyllis Watkins and Gail Chambers, Parent Educators; Vicky Stone, Administrative Assistant; Debbie Burt, Forensic Interviewer; Nina Hancy, Family Advocate; Thomas Whitten and Carol Crain, Therapists; and Chad Germany, Prevention Specialist.

Ms. Wheatley says she has a very active and hard-working board consisting of 19 members. She says the board meets monthly except for the month of December.

Each board member serves on at least one committee. Janice Ferrell is the current Board President and serves on the Executive Committee along with Lisa McDonough, Lisa Norquist, Mike Early, and Gayle Johnson. Other board members are: Paula Davis, Tim Tidmore, Roger Lindsey, Dick Koefer, Mary Anne Cole, Marilyn Genelin, Robin Smith, Jerry Clifton, Jason Mayfield, Angela Shugart, Rita Crowe, Gena Isbell, Carolyn Hemphill, Angela Lang.

Wheatley says, "Maintaining funding is the agency's biggest challenge for this year. Not knowing what the future holds with our State funding and grant renewals probably makes this the toughest year so far."

The uncertainty of their funding sources makes their planned fundraisers even more important. Two upcoming events are the Golf Clinic to be held at Terrapin Hills Golf Course on Monday, July 30, and the "World's Longest Yard Sale" coming up in August.

The Golf Clinic is for youth ages 10-18 and will be conducted by Scott Weatherly and Lay Shelton. Twenty male and twenty female applicants will be accepted for the Clinic and registration forms will be available July 2nd. For more information, call 997-9700.

Agency Board members, staff, and other volunteers will set up at 1921 Dogtown Rd. SE for the "World's Longest Yard Sale" to be held the third weekend in August. "Last year's event was a good fundraiser for the organization and we are hoping to do even better this year," Wheatley said. The DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center is one of 11 member agencies funded by the United Givers fund Campaign.

(See photo on this page.)



Dill Shau Monroe

UGF SPOTLIGHT ON

FORT PAYNE-DEKALB CO. CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

For the past 25 years, Mary Sibert Davis has been the driving force behind the Fort Payne-DeKalb County Child Development Center. In September of 1976, the Alabama Department of Human Resources contacted Ms. Davis to see if she would be willing to re-open the Center. The Fort Payne Center had closed after only three years in operation.

Because Contract Centers were the only available resources for parents receiving subsidized help with child care during this time, it was crucial that the Center be re-opened as soon as possible.

Ms. Davis was administrator for the Cherokee County Child Development Center but did agree to also assume the administration of the DeKalb site. By October, 1976 the doors of the Fort Payne-DeKalb Child Development Center re-opened and have remained open ever since. Kay Jones is the current Center Director. She has a staff of 12 teachers and three support personnel. Mary Davis continues to serve as the Executive Director of the Center and administers the overall program.

In 1985, the four Child Care Centers, now in Cedar Bluff, Fort Payne, Boaz, and Guntersville, incorporated as the Cherokee, DeKalb, Marshall Child Development Corporation. Today all activities of the Corporation are under the Childcare Resource Network, Inc. This agency is a non-profit, private corporation governed by a six member board. This program is also administered by Ms. Davis. She has a support staff of seven employees. Throughout the years, Ms. Davis has been known and respected as a tireless advocate for children both on the state and national level. She has served as a member of the "Panel of 200" for the Child Care Information Exchange, an international publication, was a participating member of the Joint Governor's Legislative Task Force on Child Day Care and served as Chairperson of the subcommittee on Quality in Child Day Care for the Task Force. She co-authored "Day Care Issues for Alabama" in *Alabama Issues 1990* for the Center of Governmental Services at Auburn University and was a founding member and served as co-chairman of the Alliance for Alabama Child Care, a national model for child care advocacy.

Ms. Davis was recently recognized at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Cherokee County Child Development Center and received resolutions on behalf of the Alabama Legislature and the Alabama Senate. She has a reputation among her colleagues and all who know her for the compassion she has for children and for helping them be the best they can be.

"The Fort Payne-DeKalb Child Development Center is unique", Ms. Davis said, "in that it is the only local, non-profit Center that allows parents to pay a discounted cost based on family size and number of family members." She said, "Support from United Givers Fund, the City of Fort Payne, the DeKalb-Baptist Health Center and other community organizations help to make it possible."

During the past fiscal year, 190 DeKalb County children, age 18 months to 12 years, received quality, age-appropriate, child care at the Fort Payne-DeKalb Child Development Center enabling their families to be employed.

(See photo of Dill Shau Monroe on this page.)
Photos submitted by UGF

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

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

The Valley Head United Methodist Church prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Anyone who would like to share their prayer needs are invited to call Verna Livingston at 635-6350 or Mary Holleman at 635-6241, so the church may pray for them. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

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

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM. Morning Worship is at 11 AM. Evening Worship is at 6 PM. Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 845-4842, has regular Sunday services at 8 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM.

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

Anyone interested in observing the Sabbath and Holy Days, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 83, off Highway 11, approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2246 for information.

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

Pastor Rev. Gerhard Grau invites the public to attend the Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland, which begins at 10 AM, (EST), and the Menlo service which begins at 11:15 AM (EST).

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church is truly growing, and we hope you will come visit and take part in our services - Sunday School 10 AM; worship hour - 11 AM; 'Children's Church' also at 11 AM - Sunday night at 6 PM and Wed. night at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland.

Lighthouse Fellowship All are welcome to our church just south of the Georgia/Alabama line on State Road 48. Our services: Sunday School - 10 AM (AL time), morning Worship - 11 AM (AL time). Pastor Obie Walker, 706-862-2607.

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

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

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

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

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

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday, Morning worship and Children's Church are at 11:00 AM. First Place meets in the Fellowship Hall and GAs meet at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM, followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time, Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Pastor LaRue Caraway.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The new Pastor is Frankie Jones. See writcup below.



Frankie Jones
New Pastor at Mentone
United Methodist Church

Frankie Jones is a Life Long Methodist, born and reared in Hamilton, Alabama, the youngest of five children. She is married to Rev. David A Jones, pastor of Section/Dutton United Methodist Churches, where they live in the Section Community with two children--Jerry, age 18, and Aubrie, age 4.

Frankie has been an avid church worker since her teen years where she attended Boxar United Methodist Church. Mrs. Jones attended Licensing School for pastors in 1996 and has served 3 appointments since that time with the most recent being in the Tuscaloosa district. She is now currently enrolled in the Alabama Course of Study for Methodist Pastors in her third year and is completing course requirements for an Executive Bachelor of Business Administration at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama.

As a certified Rural Chaplain with the Rural Chaplains association, Frankie enjoys working in all areas of children's ministry and living the Gospel. She said, "The main focus of my ministry is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and live an example of servant ministry in the Wesleyan Tradition. I am enjoying serving the Mentone United Methodist Church and look forward to meeting everyone in the community and surrounding area."

Recently the Mentone United Methodist Church held its Bible School. The Theme was "Way to Go! Good Neighbor Tours." Pastor Jones was able to participate in three days of Bible School and regretted that she had to spend two days in Montgomery where she is attending school.



A Friendly— *Valley View*

By
ELOISE BROWN

Summer has grown up to full fruition, which is a beautiful and enjoyable condition—Most people feel the urge to get out and go or get out and do in the yard or garden.

Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis are on an extended tour of the Northwest states. They and Mary and Ted Holleman had dinner together at Decie's Restaurant before they left.

Linda Blackburn, from Orange Park, FL, spent a week with her parents, Dot and Bill Blackburn, recently.

Rev. Jeff Adkins, and Melinda and Amelia Adkins and Doug and Dael Hoyt are spending several days at Fairfield Glades Resort at Crossville, TN. Barry Pickett, from Chancy's Chapel, at Dutton, brought the message at Valley Head Methodist Church and message in beautiful music and song, July 1.

Coy Butler Sr., and Cindy and Coy Butler Jr. of Cartersville, GA, spent last weekend with Gracie and Chris Brown and Dillon.

Kelley and Dean Chadlin, from Dootin, FL, visited Kelley's parents, Brenda and Buddy Burnett, recently.

Peachie and David Cearly, from Alpharetta, GA, spent several days with Peachie's mother, Laura Margaret Allison, and aunt, Elizabeth Coleman.

Gail and Bobby Hawkins, from Browton, AL, spent Mon. afternoon, June 25, with Sadie

Cooper. Hazel Johnston, originally of Valley Head (who was Bobby's and Sadie's aunt), died June 15 and was buried at the Boone Cemetery, June 19. She was also survived by her daughter, Kay, and son-in-law, David Rhea of Ringgold and brother, Clyde Hawkins of Valley Head. She was a lovely lady.

A.J. Patti, Robert II, Mandy and Justin Brown, Ashley Johnson, Dustin Burt, Emily Brown and Beverly Wright, have returned home after spending several days at Navarre Beach, Florida.

Lightning was bad in Valley Head, Fri., June 22, especially at the Eugene Smith house—ruining three phones, cable lines, TV, VCR, and microwave. It also did damage at Joe Smith's house and Clara Bridgeman's.

Edith and John Dean had thirty friends and family members for a covered dish dinner after the decoration service at Valley Head Cemetery, May 27. John's mother, Edna Dean, was able to come be with them from Collinville Nursing Home.

Juanita Smith's sisters, Florence Caddis, from Brent, AL, and Cora Sue Barnes, from Clanton, AL, spent the day, June 20, with Juanita and Eugene.

Beverly and Shane Wright are spending several days with Shane's mother, Norma Wright at Lawrenceburg, TN.

Congratulations to Beverly and Shane Wright on their ninth wed-

ding anniversary and to Robin and Jerry Hulan on their twentieth anniversary. Robin said Jerry had had her longer than her parents.

Ruth and Robert Hammon have taken Robert's mother, Garnett Hammon to the Smokey Mountains for a vacation. She will be 93 years young in September, and still a beautiful lady.

I was delighted to receive a note from Peggy Howe this month. She was a native of Valley Head and had a lovely singing voice. She moved to LaFayette, GA, Dec. 31, 2000, to be near her sister-in-law, Vivian Ellis. She said Vivian will be 84 this month and "still going strong." Peggy will be 93 August 8th. Still driving and doing her house work. She sent me a picture of me, Geraldine Hawkins and Velma Hammond made at her 85th birthday party. She also gets *The Groundhog* and said she enjoys my news. I know the "old timers" will remember her and her family.

Christine and Walter Brooks have returned from a nice trip. They went thru Sequatchie, TN, on to Nashville, into Indiana, and into Illinois. They saw beautiful corn fields, sometimes as far as their eyes could see, and fields of tobacco. They went to Fort Knox where Walter took his basic training in 1945. They enjoyed seeing General Patton's museum there. They came back thru Paducah, Ky.

Robert Quimby and wife, Jay, spent several days, recently, in Valley Head.

Lynne Jenkins got a good report after surgery in Chattanooga, for which everyone is thankful.

Mozelle Crowe had surgery at BMC-DeKalb, June 20. We hope she will be much better now.

Juanita Smith spent three days in Gadsden Regional Hospital for a check up, and said she is feeling much better.

Billie Pickett is still having a rough time, going to Memorial

Hospital once a week for treatments.

It's good to hear that Coley Morgan is better, also Dwight Gray is home and feeling better.

Kavin Hill, only thirteen years old, who lives in Clanton, AL, has an inoperable tumor of the brain stem. He is the nephew of Florence Caddis. She is Juanita Smith's sister. Remember them in your prayers and all others who are sick or in trouble.

This is a late item I think I failed to get last month. Ed Ringer, Sherman Gough and Jimmy Wright, went to Liberty Parkway, in Birmingham for the opening of the Alabama Veteran's Memorial May 27. A veteran, representing World War I, 104 years old was present, also a representative from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and Desert Storm. The speakers were Admiral Mitter, who is in charge of the Pacific Fleet, and Gov. Don Siegleman. The memorial has a courtyard with a column for each medal of honor winner from Alabama and on the walls of the memorial, a list of all from Alabama who lost their lives in the 20th century wars.

Friday, May 25, Emily Brown, Beverly Wright, Cindy Meadows and I, went to Collierville, Tenn. for Sharon Elise Darby's high school graduation, which was Sat., May 26, at The Pyramid Auditorium in Memphis. She is my great granddaughter, daughter of Robin and Ray Darby. There were 420 graduates. She was awarded a school scholarship and a state scholarship. She will attend Midway College at Midway, Ky., studying Equine Sciences. Her sister, Kirsten had graduated from eighth grade the week before.

She was awarded Academic Excellence Award, Citizenship Award, and accepted the award for the Junior Beta Club.

Ray gave us a tour of Memphis. Among things I hadn't seen before was

the Pink Palace that was built by Clarence Saunders, owner of the Piggly Wiggly Stores. He was the originator of self-help supermarkets and the innovation of shopping carts to make people buy more.

The others returned home. Sharon, Kirsten and I, flew to Las Vegas, Sunday evening. We arrived at night to the sight of a landscape that looked like a solid blanket of sparkling diamonds. We met my granddaughter, Laurie Dell and her husband, Andy, there, and stayed at the Flamingo Hotel after a quick tour of Las Vegas sights and on to Flagstaff next morning, for a wonderful tour. I'll have to tell you more next month, as I've taken up enough space.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday!

July Chastisement

The winds of July
surge hot and dry
'neath the angry eye
of a darkening sky.

Which softly mumbles,
then loudly grumbles.
With lightning humbles—
as water fumbles.

With ferocious ire
to put out the fire
of Summer's desire
lust of dust to mire!

—Eloise Brown

Freedom

Freedom is a priceless treasure
Which we are not apt to measure.
For we take this gift for granted
We have not groveled nor panted
Shackled within tyranny's bars
Bruised by its woundings and scars.
Only those know its worth and price
Whose valiant efforts and sacrifice
Helped achieve it and pay the cost—
They know without it, all is lost.
It is more rare and precious each day,
Not many in this world can say,
"Freedom blesses my native land,
I hold high its torch in my hand!"
We must remember a proven fact—
We must protect it from all attack—
For freedom is a priceless treasure
That nurtures hope, peace and pleasure.

—Eloise Brown

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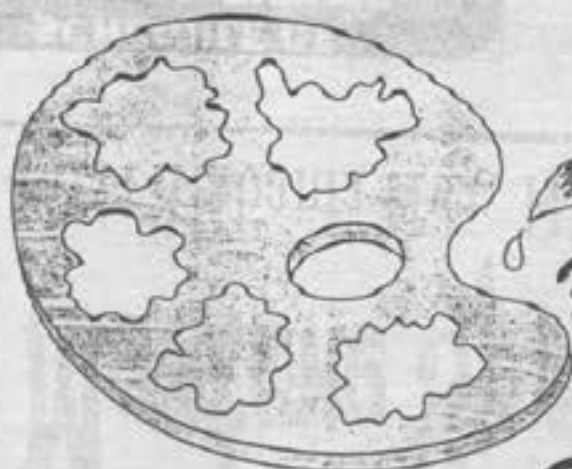
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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, July 9, 7 P.M., Town Council meeting. Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, July 10, 12:30 p.m., Rhododendron Garden Club meets at the Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. American Legion American Legion Hall, Mentone
- Thursday, July 26, 1:30 pm., Waterworks Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, August 7, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting at Mentone Springs Hotel, everyone welcome

\$\$\$ REWARD \$\$\$

Lost Chocolate Toy Poodle on Hull Street on July 4th. His name is Simba and is wearing a brown leather collar. His owners would like to have him back as soon as possible.

Please call 256-634-4941, Mentone
Car Phone 256-546-6194
Car Phone 770-335-4607



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Fight the good fight of faith,
lay hold on eternal life.

1 Timothy 6:12

Many boys have given their lives fighting for our country so that we could have freedom. We wave our flag and give honor to them. But there is also a battle going on every day fighting evil that is destroying homes. We must fight the good fight of faith if we are to lay hold on eternal life, a life that has no end.

Keep fighting the good fight of faith!

KAOLIN GARDEN CLUB

meets on the 2nd Monday of each month
at 6 PM at Valley Head City Hall
Contact Marty Smith for more information.

MCNUTT REUNION

Everybody come to Valley Head Park
Saturday, August 11th,
at 1:00 pm. c.s.t. (Ala.Time)

HELP GET THE WORD OUT
PLEASE TELL EVERYONE:
COUSINS, AUNTS, UNCLES, ETC.
LET'S HAVE A GREAT REUNION THIS YEAR!
EVERYBODY SHOW UP!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you have any questions, call...
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- August 1, 15, 29
- September 12, 26
- October 10, 24
- November 7, 21

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