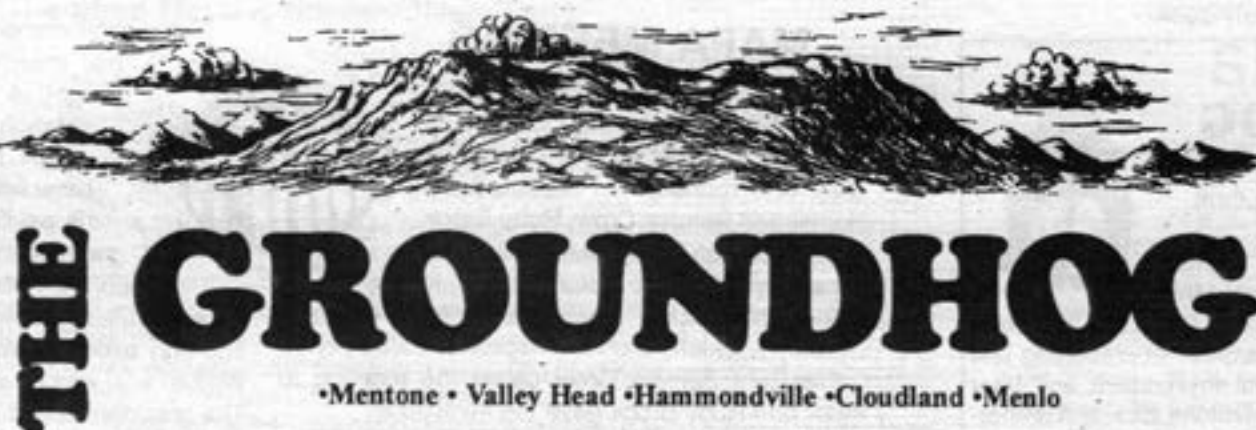


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July 2004

Mentone Pays Tribute to Probate Judge Paul Thomas

Judge Thomas slipped from a high rock at his mountain side home in Rainsville and fell about 45 feet to his death on Thursday, June 24, only a day after celebrating his 60th birthday. Sources from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department said Thomas apparently went outside to throw food scraps over the bluff, lost his footing and fell.

Thomas was first elected Probate Judge in 1976, the first of five consecutive terms. Thomas' 26 years of service placed him as one of the longest serving judges in Alabama.

Thomas' first political endeavor came at age 15 when he helped people without transportation get to the polls.

Thomas attended Fyffe High School, where he was captain of the football team and president of the Student Government Association. He graduated in 1962.

Thomas attended Northeast Community College and Florence State (now University of North Alabama), where he played on the football team.

He was named as solid waste supervisor for the DeKalb County Health Department in 1975, and elected to the Sylvania Town Council in 1976.

Thomas was re-elected probate judge four times, running unopposed in three of those elections. He served as president of the Alabama Probate Judges Association from 1989-1990.

Thomas was a member of the Broadway Baptist Church in Rainsville, and was a member of Rainsville Masonic Lodge and a Shriner.

Services were held at 2pm at the Tom Bevil Lyceum at Northeast Alabama Community College with the Revs. Roger Graham, Kevin



McCreless and Pat McFadden and State Sen. Lowell Barron officiating. Burial followed at Mt. View Cemetery Mausoleum. W.T. Wilson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Debra Thomas, of Rainsville; daughters, Paula Thomas of Fort Payne, and Angie Thomas of Scottsboro; stepson and wife, Brandon and Sharron Light, of Fort Payne; sisters, Glenda Lance, of Tyrone, GA., Frankie Traylor, of Powell, and Sylvia Williams of Section; and grandchildren, Blake Young, Jessica Shed,

and Savannah Shed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Miracle Baby Fund for Regina Webb, at First Southern National Bank, PO Box 680894, Fort Payne, AL 35968; or the general fund at Northeast Alabama Community College.

"Senator Lowell Barron said, "This is a sad day for the family and friends of Paul Thomas, as well as for DeKalb County and the State of Alabama. He was a true servant of the people, no matter if they were rich or poor. He had the biggest heart of anyone I've ever known. He spent his life serving others, whether it was through public office or in his private life."

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MAPA MEETING

The Mentone Area Preservation Association met on June 1, 2004, at the fellowship hall of the Church of God of Prophecy. Present were Homer and Bernise Crow, Ruby Brock, Penny and Jim Lyday, Dot Crow, Lucille Crow, Tom & Lynn Donald, Jack Jones, Marie Dillenbeck, Marilyn and Harry Acton, Dorothy Shelden, and visitor/speaker Pattie Bryan. President Bernise Crow called the meeting to order and Ruby Brock gave the invocation.

After a reading of the May 4 minutes, the minutes were approved as read.

Homer Crow gave the treasurer's report, indicating the bills had been paid from the festival, and the report was accepted. Homer Crow and Tom Donald were appointed to look into the choices for investments. The sum of \$100 will be mailed to the Volunteer Fire Department for the golf Tournament.

The speaker for the evening was Pattie Bryan, who spoke on rapacious growth in the area, canyon, and river. Her concern is for the environment and would like to see more citizens take an active part in preserving the flora and fauna that is native to this area and protecting the wildlife and also the trees from being clear cut. There are many different kinds of birds and butterflies that come each year to this area. Mentone is a bird sanctuary. Pattie said she has been a naturalist all of her life. It is important to educate the people and keep the area as natural as possible. She invited the members to attend any of the environ-



mental meetings that are held at the town hall meeting room at 6PM on Friday night. A discussion followed her presentation.

July 6 the annual picnic on the brow will be held at Brow Park under the pavilion. The new officers will be sworn in. The nominating committee reported that the same slate of officers had

accepted the appointment if the members so voted. The only exception was the member at large Hope Walker, who was now in Florida following a stroke. The president called for nominations from the floor and Dessie Brown was nominated as member at large. There were no other nominations. Penny Lyday made a motion to accept the slate of officers: Bernise Crow, President; Dot Crow, Vice President; Homer Crow, Treasurer; Marie Dillenbeck, Secretary; Jack Jones, Parliamentarian; Lucille Crow, member at large; and Dessie Brown, member at large. Marilyn Acton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Under new business, Homer reported that, at a recent board meeting, the executive committee was to look into investments.

The meeting was adjourned to have refreshments provided by members.

Remember the picnic on the brow under the food pavilion on Tuesday, July 6, at 7PM at Brow Park. Everyone bring a covered dish and enjoy the good food and fellowship, as well as a beautiful sunset. Homer Crow makes home-made ice cream and it's really GOOD!

Valley Head and Moon Lake
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It's has been a very busy season for us this year, so busy I have not had time write our monthly news later on updates in months. I thought I would just give an update on what all has been going since the last news letter. Months of Dec-Jan. We put up a new Structure Greenhouse, out in the Wind, Cold, & Ice to get ready for the spring. Jan-March was our growing season lots of planting went on at that time we grow the most plants we ever have grown in our life. March was also the launching off of our new website: www.theshe-datmentone.com, also at that time we did a fund raiser for Summerville School to help raise monies for new desk equipment for the children we raised \$500.00. April was our Plant Show and Open House. Our business at that time also did a fundraiser for Williams Ave. of Ft. Payne; we raised \$623.75 to help them build a new library for the children. May was the month we opened our gardens up. The first week we did a Wildflower tour. The next week we did a tour of Perennials, each week from there was color week. May is also the month for Decoration Season, & Wedding Season. Memorial weekend was the release of the Butter Flies into the gardens for the community to enjoy this summer we released 300 Butter Flies into the gardens for the community to enjoy this summer we released 300 butter flies hoping to have some of them migrate here in Mentone. We were honored to have Little River Canyon Park Preservation Staff to come to our release. Many children turned up this year and it was lots of fun. On the opening of the butter flies we discussed the process of the butter flies from a cocoon stage to a mature stage. The children's eyes sparkled with joy as they were allowed to look at them at each stage of growth. Then after our class we opened the envelopes up and released the beautiful butter flies there are 12 species to look at this year and hope everyone gets to see some of the zebra butter flies they are rare and from Africa. If you get a chance you may visit the website it will show you some of the rare butter flies that are flying in Mentone then maybe it will help you look for them. Our website also has upcoming events for this area as well, so if your are an out of townner and need something to do you can visit the site it has area events on it as well for the DeKalb area and State of Alabama area. The new building is on its way, along with us getting registered as a State Licenced Florist. Our business is a member of Alabama Florist association, I go to Auburn University to take a short course this year July 17 & 18 and next year will be my last advanced course to take. Our business will be a member of the State next month. We

will next year when we get our new store building done have FTD & Teleflora for the "cut Flowers", Gift Baskets, Funeral work. That means Mentone will have a full pledge licensed Florist & Gift Shop that will be able to ship any where in the us. We also are a Certified Registered Nursery & Grower with the State of Alabama and as of this spring now compliance to ship our product and plants all over the US. There was a procedure our Nursery had to go through to get compliance to ship plants all over the world if you or your business sells plants and would like to know how to become compliance please speak to David Baker. There is a special compliance stamp you must have and lots of paper work to fill out but it is worth the paper work so you do not get in trouble going from state to state. It took a year to get approved but well worth the wait. It's Fall & Christmas in July for the shop all sorts goodies to look at. All fireworks are Buy One Get one Free till the end of the month. We owe many thanks to many Sponsorships and Businesses for the support of our ongoing projects. Special Thanks to the following Business in the Mentone area in Alphabetical order:

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Mentone Community Church	White Elephant Antiques & Gifts

From the Editors:

Cheryl L. Baker requested that all of her articles not be edited in any way and run exactly as they are written. We have run it exactly as it was written.

SNOW

By John Baty

Seven twenty-five p.m., April 13, 2004, Mentone, DeKalb county, Alabama, 1232 County Road 642. Your Author.

We just this minute entered our front door in somewhat of a hurry, eager to get in out of the snow. Big fleas (No, not flakes!) are easing down, pushed a little bit off the vertical by a gentle breeze. Night is falling and the twilight, made brighter by the white stuff, yields a mood, a prophesy which bodes of ill tidings. Swirling a little, twisted by occasional gusts, it sends an involuntary shiver down my spine.

I don't know how I might define it; or even if it could be defined, but something about this tiny aberration of the annual swing of the cycle stirs within me a fleeting glimpse of my own fragility here on this sphere:

Way out on one of the spiral arms of the Milky Way Galaxy, riding a ball of rock and iron of which I am a part, my atoms having been synthesized in the ultra-hot interior of some extinct star from the cosmos, a speck hurtling through the void of space at velocities which the mind cannot visualize, destination unknown, my egotism and arrogance crumble.

Is my shudder due to the small temperature differential between my body and those beautiful flakes, floating down silently deadly? Or is my shudder due to something else; to Man's fear of the unknown, to our helplessness to affect the pendulum's swing which so recently brought us into the light and will so soon swing us once more out and into darkness? Is my reaction thoughtful, objective left-brain calculation, or some primitive emotion from the vestigial reptile portion of my mind? For an instant I stand, awed by the thought. Then it is gone.....Whatever it was that fleetingly took me into the raw, undefined areas of confrontation between man and his hostile environment, vanishes as I close the door and hang my jacket on the rack. I tell her that I bet other people are reacting to this last dying gasp of Southern winter in the special and unique way of each: My gardening friend on Sand Mountain is, I am sure, looking at the sky as he covers his young tomato plants and saying, "Well! I have never!" And the regulars at the local coffee counter are discussing that time about eighteen years ago when we had a real April snow. And I facetiously tell her that those church people who left the little booklets the other day foretold of this event and correctly identified it as a sure harbinger of the end of time. I'm not sure, but I think that the physicist Paul Davies suggested that there is no one time, but each has its own time. the sixteenth Century mystical poet Angelus Silesius wrote:

Time of of your own making,
its clock ticks in your head.
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Kaylynn Allison Hulan

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DeKalb Interfaith Medical Clinic
Buys New Building

DeKalb Interfaith Medical Clinic, Inc. is a free clinic for those who are uninsured or do not have the finances to afford medical care. The clinic, located in Fort Payne, Alabama, is staffed by volunteers. There are doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, counselors, office personnel, social workers, pharmacy assistants and children's ministry leaders available. While limited in capabilities for some medical procedures on-site, patients are referred to outside facilities that accept referrals for many health care needs on a charity basis or a sliding scale fee according to income.

The clinic was opened on September 6, 2001. In the two and one-half years it has been open they have seen over 2000 patients, many of whom have returned when necessary for on-site treatments or referrals to dentists, optometrists, surgeons, assistance with medications, etc.

The clinic has recently purchased a building that will meet their needs now and provide adequate space for them to grow and function. The members of the Board of Directors have borrowed \$95,000 to buy this building and more funds will be needed to remodel to suit their needs. Until now, they have never had a fund-raiser. Individuals, churches and businesses have given abundant and adequate support. They are asking for your support to retire this debt and to purchase needed remodeling materials so they can continue the on-going support for patient needs.

You may make a one time contribution or a pledge of monthly support until this need is met. The physical address is 917 Godfrey Avenue, S.E. and the mailing address is: DeKalb Interfaith Medical Clinic, Inc., P.O. Box 680933, Fort Payne, AL 35968-1610.

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As we realize more and more a proven fact--
Freedom is the greatest precious treasure
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....*Edna Brown*

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Congratulations to Marjorie Harper for being accepted by the People to People Student Ambassador Program. Marjorie, as a student ambassador, will travel to England, Scotland, and Wales in 20 days. Marjorie would like to thank her family and friends and everyone who has supported her, especially the Valley Head PTA and Mayor Bob Jordan. We're proud of you and know you'll do your best to represent DeKalb County.

Editors note: We regret that the photograph included with this article did not make this publication.

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Town of Mentone
Receives ALM Gold Risk
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Approximately 670 public entities participate in one or both of the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) sponsored insurance programs which are the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund (MWCF) and the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (AMIC). The Board of Directors of both insurance programs approved the establishment of a Risk Management Award system in 2002. The award system recognizes those members who have instituted risk management and loss control activities in efforts to reduce their loss ratio. Risk management and loss control activities not only benefit the member's loss ratio, but also the overall success of the League sponsored insurance programs. Through the efforts of the Town of Mentone, employee, property and liability losses are being minimized; and --most importantly-- employees and citizens are reaping the rewards of a safer workplace and community.

Plaques were presented to recipients of the President's Risk Management Award which included the top 5% of those members with minimal losses for a five-year period. Three levels of certificates were presented to acknowledge the efforts and accomplishments of those participating members in the areas of risk Management for the year 2003. The levels included Gold, Silver, and Bronze for loss ratios of below 5%, 5% to 20%, and 20% to 40%, respectively.

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By Mary Alice Stout

Our recent calls have involved accidents and breathing problems. We're fortunate to have, as volunteers, 4 EMT's, 5 First Responders, and several willing volunteers.

Fire Fighter Class 101 will begin soon and all Tri-County Volunteers would like to see more folks (men and women) in the class. For more information contact Chief Wesley Welch at 706-862-6519, or Assistant Chief Howard Durham at 706-862-6400.

The World's Longest Yard Sale is coming August 7 to August 15, and Tri-County will be a participant. We will be on duty with fire and rescue equipment. Look for the Coke Trailer near the AL/GA state line, where we will be selling drinks and sandwiches. Yard sale spots are being rented to vendors and we are accepting donations of items for us to sell. If you would like to reserve a selling spot or donate—call Wesley or Howard (see above).

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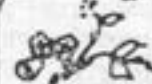
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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing

By L.C. Moon

We know that it is summer now by the hot humid days, the road sides lined with Queen Anne's Lace and by the pale green leaves of spring deepening to their summer green. Bug bites, chiggers, skin rashes due to Poison Ivy, oak and sumac are pesky culprits that also remind us that summer is upon us. As the saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This month I will discuss some ways to prevent some of the summer disturbances as well as natural ways to relieve the symptoms.

In order to prevent mosquitoes, the first step is to eliminate standing water and/or treat standing & gray water storage supplies. Natural ways to prevent mosquitoes from standing water is vegetable oil or mosquito dunks in bird baths or gray water storage (the layer of oil prevents a perfect mosquito breeding ground) and BTI (*Bacillus Thurengensis israeliensis*) for swampy areas. Planting lemon scented plants such as Lemon Balm, Lemongrass and Citronella are deterrents of mosquitoes. Of course bat houses and martin houses are also aids in mosquito control.

For protecting your body from mosquitoes there are several natural ways that are DEET free that really work. Everyone is different so what works for me may not be as effective on you. However there is one product of which I have heard many positive results for body pest control. It is an all natural body spray called "Swy Flotter" that we carry at Mountain Life- it comes with or w/o sunscreen. As an herbalist I have tried to make something comparable though nothing I have made for pest control works as well or smells as good! Neem oil is another natural way to repel mosquitoes from the body. Bathing with soap with the aromas of patchouli- I make a great glycerin based patchouli soap- or lemon is also recommended.

Mosquitoes are not the only pesky insect culprit as most of us know. Chiggers, Ticks and fleas are even more inconspicuous. Swy Flotter, I have noticed, is also a good deterrent for these three. Though once the fleas are in your house or concentrated in your yard or dog house- diatomaceous earth is a non toxic dust that will kill the fleas. You can even put this dust on your pets. Chiggers are very unassuming and if you step in a patch or pick wildflowers coated with them then it is very difficult to imagine that you will not take some home on your body. My Great Grandfather Hank Gillies was a naturalist and writer that wrote in a *Reader's Digest* article in the 40s that bathing

before outings in the woods makes you more prone to chiggers. He attested that if you took a bath before going into the forest that you were sure to get chiggers. If you get chiggers- Tea Tree oil is one of the best natural remedies. Lots of people use fingernail polish but I have had better results with Tea Tree. Applying sulfur on your pants legs is said to deter tick bites- but I just use the Swy Flotter and check myself real good after I leave the woods.

In order to deter Poison ivy, oak and sumac rashes- avoidance is best. Remember- Leaflet three, leave it be. The next best thing to prevent outbreaks of plant rashes is Jewel Weed. Mountain Life sells a Jewel Weed salve- made by Ginger Kogelschatz of Shinbone Valley Farm- that has proven successful in preventing and treating the rash. It is best to apply the plant or salve before potential exposure &/or immediately after exposure in order to prevent or lessen the severity. I also use Tea Tree essential oil for the rashes. It seems to help dry it up faster. Ginger and I each also make a therapeutic beeswax salve that have had great results aiding healing & itching.

The therapeutic beeswax salves that I use & recommend for rash- I also recommend for bites, stings & itching as well as to aid in healing. Tea Tree, Lavender and Peppermint essential oils are all great for itch relief. If you are outside and begin to itch or get a sting- plantain is a good choice of plant to pick, chew on for a moment and then place on your bite or sting. Chlorophyll that makes the plants green is known to be great to help neutralize the itch of a bite or sting so truly many of the green leaves will help relieve itching. If you have tobacco handy it is helpful to moisten it and apply it to stings or spider bites to help draw out the poison.

There are many other answers and remedies for bug bites, stings and rashes. It is wise to consult your health care provider for allergic reactions and snake bites. If you have insect allergies then there are more extreme measures that should be taken such as blood purifiers like yellow dock, burdock and yellow root. Rattlesnake weed and black-eyed susan are plants known to aid in helping treat a snake bite victim.

I hope your summer is safe and enjoyable. Come by and see us at Mountain Life "Well House".

Please call or email with any questions- (256)634-3333 or LCMoon03@aol.com

RECIPE CORNER

By Sue Schwarz

We just got back from a week in one of our favorite places, which means I haven't properly found new recipes for this month's column. Therefore, I'm pulling out an old column with a couple of favorites of ours. The recipes are two easy chicken recipes that are great this time of year. One is a salad. I found this one in a *Southern Living* a few years ago, and Bill and I have enjoyed it on a regular basis. The other is for a new slant on chicken tenders. My sister-in-law, Dorothy, passed this one on to me. The recipe calls for frying the chicken in olive oil, but I find that it is easier and better for those of us who need to watch fat intake to bake it.

GREEK CHICKEN SALAD

- 3 cups shredded romaine lettuce
- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 cup garbanzo beans, drained
- 2 tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 3/4 cut Kalamata olives, pitted (or black olives)
- Lemon-Herb Dressing
- 1 (4-oz) package crumbled feta cheese

Combine first 5 ingredients in a large bowl. Toss with Lemon-Herb Dressing; top with cheese. Serve with toasted pita bread triangles. Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

LEMON-HERB DRESSING

- 3 T Lemon juice
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 T chopped fresh mint
- 1 T chopped fresh oregano
- 1 T chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 t salt
- 1/2 t pepper

Whisk together all ingredients until well blended; chill. Yield: about 3/4 cup.

CHICKEN TENDERS

Mix together and marinate one pound of chicken breast tenders diced one-inch square in:

- juice of one lemon
- 1 t salt and 1/2 t pepper
- 1-2 large cloves garlic
- 1/4 C olive oil

Dredge chicken chunks in bread crumbs with parmesan cheese (equal portions of each). Fry in olive oil or bake on a pan sprayed with cooking spray at 400° F for ten minutes, turn them over and bake them 10 minutes more.



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By Morgana McVicar

Joy of Movement is a new Creative Arts Center in Mentone. It is located at Sutton Place on Ala. Hwy 117, next to Donna Sutton's Massage Therapy studio. The Center's philosophy is to improve physical and emotional health and to bring joy and creativity to each participant. A variety of movement forms are available that represent this philosophy and offer choices for self improvement this summer.

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Jeannie's Group Fitness class introduces gentle stretches, firming and toning, and rhythmic movements for overall body conditioning. It is a great one hour workout to get you into shape fast.

Morgan's Belly Dancing class teaches therapeutic movements that are easy to learn and enjoyable to practice. Did you know that years ago Ronald Reagan's first Council on Physical Fitness highly recommended this exercise as best for women since it

exercises every muscle in our bodies? Today it has finally shed its reputation as being lewd and has become extremely popular with women of all ages and ethnicities.

Kyle's Hatha Yoga class is wonderful for bringing a sense of strength and balance to our bodies. Kyle is truly an excellent teacher who guides and encourages Yoga's continuous process of opening, softening and lengthening the body. She teaches the positions with an emphasis on breathing and self awareness, and her class is appropriate for both beginners and experienced practitioners.

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Ann Chambless from Scottsboro, AL, speaks to Culture Club members on organizing a Friends of the Library. Christina Wise and Martha Wood were among the members interested in this project.

By Judy Brown

The Fort Payne Culture Club met on June 3, 2004, at the home of Christina Wise. Members enjoyed a covered dish dinner with beautiful DeSoto Falls picture perfect in the background.

Celestine Darnell was responsible for the program. She introduced Ann Chambless from Scottsboro, who organized the Friends of the Library organization in Jackson County. Ann has been active in the project for 37 years and spoke of the benefits of such an organization in a community. The Culture Club has been interested in helping establish a Friends of the Library in DeKalb County. Ann brought with her scrapbooks, and other information, of the chapter of Friends in Jackson County, showing creative

fundraising projects to help their library. The program was very informative and provided guidelines for organizing such a group of volunteers. Members appreciated Ann coming from out of town to inspire them with her enthusiasm. We hope that the information Ann provided will be the basis for a group of interested citizens to form a support system for the library in DeKalb County.

After the program, Christina Wise, president, presided over a business session. Members thanked Christina and co-hostess Joanne Durham for planning the dinner meeting. The July meeting will be at the home of Virginia Setze in Mentone. Margaret Baker will be in charge of the program.

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Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Life goes on and with it comes change. Nothing can stand still, if it does it will fall over. Even the guard at Buckingham Palace, who seems to stand perfectly still, is in constant motion. Mentone, where most of us would like for time to stand still, is moving and changing. Sometimes we do not see the subtle changes of aging and wear. This seems to be the case with the condition of the roads and drainage systems at the intersection of Alabama Highway 117 and County Road 89. Take a really good look at things there. The water from a rain will run down the side or across the highway, the culvert under Peachtree Street is totally stopped up and these are just two examples.

All of this is to let you know that the work being done at this intersection is not only to enhance the beauty of the area but also because the conditions there were becoming quite a problem. I had not paid that much attention to any of the problems until I started to look at what this grant project will do. Now, after walking around most of it in a rain, I realize that basically the water has no where to go. All of the drainage ditches are stopped up or nonexistent. The rivers of water that come down the hill by the Mentone Springs Hotel have washed big gullies down the sides of the road and the water continues out into Highway 117.

Hopefully, when the project is finished the drainage will be taken care of and also we will have sidewalks to walk on instead of uneven ditches. The project itself is going great, except for the hindrance from the rain. This slowed the work down and caused some congestion to have to be in place over a weekend. The town and the contractor thank you for your patience during this time of construction. When it is finished, we will wonder how we did without it. The project is being put into place at a good time, if there is such a thing, after the spring festival and before the fall one and the celebration by the Mentone Springs Hotel. It should be finished before the Longest Yard Sale unless Mother Nature decides otherwise. We cannot control the weather.

Mr. Britt came home for Father's Day and from what I heard a good time was had by all. The next two days were a little hard on him but he called the office on Wednesday and his voice was strong and he even laughed a little. Those of you who have been around him know how distinctive his laugh is. It was very good to hear it again. Everyone continues to ask about his health and all say to send him their best. He asked me why we had not called him more to ask how to handle things and I told him that we had not run into anything that all of us together could not handle. I'm not sure that he liked this answer, but we have all felt that his job now is to take care of himself and get better. I could not have

asked for better help than I have received from Marie, Alan, Tyler, Mike, Johnny and the council members. Marie has really been my right hand.

Johnny Ferguson has had a shoulder problem. He had microscopic surgery on it. He said that the main thing done was cleaning up all of the ligaments and other things that he has worn out over the years. He will be back on the job full time before long. He has been in a lot of pain but is recovering on schedule. Mike has been covering for him but I'm sure that he will be glad to have Johnny back to help, especially with all of the construction work and camp openings and closings.

For quite some time Alan has tried to get grass to grow in all areas of Mentone Brow Park. Some places were under pine trees and dead trees that kept dropping limbs so the grass seeds would not come up and grow. Recently, he and I made the decision to have some of the pines and dead trees cut and the debris cleaned away. This caused a little concern by some of those who live near by. Please be assured that we are not doing anything to harm the park in any way, only to improve it. All of us realize that the historical significance and integrity of Mentone must be preserved. We also realize that when there is a danger to the public it is our obligation to remove the danger. We all need to realize that our goals are the same. Sometimes, the town may have to be a little more aggressive than individuals or even businesses in its approach to the long term solution.

Have you noticed the large metal bin beside the town hall? This is the new recycling bin. It is available to recycle paper, cardboard and plastic. The bin is open the same hours as the town hall offices. We do padlock it at night. If household garbage should ever be put into it, it would be almost impossible to remove it and the odor. We are very proud of the new bin and look forward to many years of use from it. We are working on a contract to have it emptied at the Fort Payne Recycling Center. Please use it and let's do our part to help save our environment for the generations to come. This will be the only world we have, at least until we discover a way to go into outer space and live. Please do not leave any items on the ground around the bins. This is very unsightly and could become a health hazard.

Someone put a dead animal or some other offensive object in the container behind the town hall that is used for the office garbage. We were able to remove some of the odor with a product made for this purpose. We hope that this will not happen again. Most of the time, these things are done by those just passing through and not the people who live here permanently. The large roll-off containers will continue to be in place at least through the month of September. The grant for these ends in October and so far I have not been able to find another one to continue the service. Recycling is not a big priority with our government officials right now. I will continue to look and let you know if we can continue to offer this service. In the meantime, bring all metal items to put in the container during the first full week of every month and large bulky items to be disposed of during the second week. No containers will be available during the third or last week.

The announcement of an election for mayor and town council members will be made on July 6, 2004. After this announcement anyone who qualifies can apply for an application to run for one of these

positions. Watch for the posting at all of the regular places around town.

The Groundhog continues to be one of the most widely read and best loved newspapers in DeKalb County. I often have people tell me that not only do they enjoy it but so does their cousin in New York or Utah or some other place we never think of reaching with our little hometown paper. Marie and Evelyn do a good job with the contents and getting it in circulation. Almost everyone who comes into the town hall picks up a Mentone brochure and The Groundhog. Much of the time, Evelyn does the proofreading of my articles. This month I finished the one for the library before I did this one. When she gave it back to me to correct, we both had a good laugh at the way I had worded the information regarding the book sale at the library. I had written that it would be "under the porch" of the library. Of course, I meant "on the porch" and was thinking of under the roof of the porch. We said that after the sale we could use the hole we dug under the porch for a storm shelter. When you do the writing it is almost impossible to catch such mistakes, this is why someone else must do the correcting.

Recently, the Mentone police officers have had to respond to security alarm systems that were going off for no reason. Sometimes a thunderstorm will set these off or even a dog walking across the eye beam might do this. Please, if you have such a system, make sure that it operates correctly. Because of the remote area and the many miles that the officers patrol, this time spent traveling to a false alarm could cause them to be later responding to an accident or a fire. If this continues to happen, the town council may have to consider adopting a policy where the owner of the alarm pays for each trip after a limited number of times. Other towns have had to do this, because of the costs to the town and the time factor.

This time of year always makes me think of how many jars of vegetables, fruit, jellies and relishes I would can each summer when my children were young. This was really hard work and done with no air conditioning in the house. After several years of canning everything, we purchased a freezer. This was a little easier but still lots of work and some things could not be frozen. Now, most things are easier bought at the supermarket and most of the time even cheaper. One thing I still do is make jelly. I have yet to find a bought jelly that tastes as good as home made. We do not eat as much jelly as we used to because all of us eat cereal for breakfast instead of toast or biscuits. I usually can tomato juice, because we always have more tomatoes than we can eat and this is easy to do. Last year I made salsa, but maybe I cheated, I bought a product that only had to have tomatoes, vinegar and sugar boiled with the contents and canned. This was much easier than chopping all of the ingredients and tasted just as good. The peppers and onions were reconstituted when liquid was added and the spices were just right.

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

We are having a wonderful time each Saturday in the Summer Reading Program at the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library. Our attendance is off this year from last, but this does not dampen our spirits or take away any of the fun we are having!

The program, Step to the Beat — Read!, has an enrollment of six regulars, and Where in the World Are We?, has four persons attending each week. Both groups have had visitors almost every session. We can still enroll you if you would like to join us. Saturday, July 17, will be our last session and the library will be closed on July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

The library has an amazing number of books that are on the New York Times best seller list. We are very proud of this, especially since we depend on donations to acquire most of our books. You may want to come in and check out our new arrivals. They are displayed on the check out counter. Of course, we know that we will soon have a call for the new autobiography by Bill Clinton. If you have a copy and need a place to put it when you finish, you might consider donating it to the library. We have bookplates that we can place in the front of a book stating that you have given this book in honor or in memory of someone.

We are continuing to collect books for the Longest Yard Sale. Our days of sale are going to be a little different than the advertised dates. We are going to start selling on the morning of Friday, August 6 and continue on Saturday, August 7. The reason for doing this is because many of the people coming in to town on Friday are coming to set their booth up in Montone and they seem to be looking for something to read. Look for books on the front porch of the library. All proceeds will be used to purchase items needed in the library.

There will be a training session this fall. If you would like to volunteer to work in the library during open hours, please sign up at the library or call one of the board members. The open days are Tuesday evening and Saturday mornings. The hours may change with the seasons. You will always be with someone, we do not allow anyone to be there alone. On the average, you will work about once every two months.

Some of our volunteers have asked to be placed on the calendar each month. They say that they enjoy it this much and also it keeps them in practice using the computer. The computer program is very easy and complete printed instructions are available in a drawer if you have to do something you are not familiar with. The community part of the library is staffed totally by volunteers. Plan now to help this fall, we need you.

The members of the Board of Directors will select an acronym for the word FRIENDS at the June meeting. We asked Gene and Gethryn Giles to think about this and they came up with so many that we had to have a month to read and study them. I will let you know what our selection is in this column next month. This will give more meaning to being a FRIEND of the Library. You may become one of this group by coming by the library or calling one of the members of the board. You will get a tote bag with our logo and information on it immediately and we are planning some fun things for FRIENDS in the near future.

Summer is a little slower at the library than other times of the year. Mainly, this is because Diane

Kuehl, who enters all of the new books into the computer, works at a summer camp and she is not available to prepare any books right now. When she enters one or several in the computer, she then puts them on a special shelf in our closet and the volunteers who work the next open date will stamp, label, cover and place them on the shelves ready for checking out by the public. We can't wait for Diane to finish with her "paying job" and come back to work.

We have had some people stop by the library for very interesting reasons this summer. Some need directions to somewhere or open days for a certain business or the name of a good bed and breakfast inn. Whoever is on duty that day tries to answer all of their questions and send them away saying that Montone and the Moon Lake Library were a nice place to visit.

The members of the Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who has helped the library in any way. Our job is much easier because of you. Thank you to our volunteers, to our FRIENDS, to those who have given books or other items, to those who buy our books during book sales, and to those who come by and check out the books. A building cannot be a library without books or persons who read them. We have several patrons who come almost every time the library is open. We look forward to seeing them.

To volunteer, become a FRIEND, donate books or any other question you might have, call me, 634-8006 or Sue Schwarz, 634-4271. To mail a donation or other material: Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library (or MLESCCL) P.O. Box 481, Montone, AL 35964. Open Tuesday, 5 -7 p.m. and Saturday, 9 -11:59 a.m. COME AND VISIT!

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Fort Payne Culture Club Installation of Officers

The Fort Payne Culture Club met on May 6, 2004, at St. Philips Episcopal Church for dinner and the installation of officers. Club members enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Judy O'Daniel, and served by hostess Frances Smith, and co-hostess Celestine Darnell.

The meeting was called to order for the installation service. Dorothy Cyr introduced our guest, Helen Lucas, who graciously accepted an invitation to install the new officers. Helen, who has had a long and distinguished career in nursing, used a very creative crayons and coloring book theme for her installation. The new officers for 2004-2006 are: President: Christina Wise; 1st Vice President: Celestine Darnell; 2nd Vice President: Virginia Setze; Secretary: Dean Eberhart; Treasurer: Nancy Tcherneshoff; Historian: Ann Sawyer; and Parliamentarian: Faye Thompson.

Avice Pearson, outgoing president, turned the gavel over to Christina Wise, who briefly told of her ideas for the next club year. Avice Pearson was given a round of applause for her hard work and dedication to the club as president. The club presented her with a lovely serving bowl as a token of appreciation for her leadership. A short business session followed. It was announced that the June meeting will be held at the home of Christina Wise in Mentone. The meeting was adjourned.

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Programs for Kindergarten
through Sixth Grade Students



The Moon Lake 6th grade graduation was held on May 18, 2004. This year's graduates are: L/R: Row 1: Jessica Zakary, Keisha Powell, Alex Blackburn, Leanna Webb, Savanna Williams; Row 2: Chelsey Stoker, Desiree Cash, Brittany Streeter, Keshia Carr; Row 3: Jeffrey Becker, Ethan Crider, Bryan Phillips; Row 4: Daniel Scott, Kaleb McMunn, Frank Graham, Brandon Willingham, Josh Williams



The 2004 Kindergarten Graduates are: Row 1: Jimmy Swain, Mikayla Owen, Byron Haynes, Kateland Grider, Amelia Lee, Sierra Chambers, Emily Brown; Row 2: Eli Durham, Mackenzie Willingham, Harley Bentley, Elizabeth Meadows, Kara Goss, Savannah Wallace; Row 3: Robert Baker, Dylan Lewis, Dawson Kincer, Tommy Guthrie, Isaac Browder, Andrew Williams; Row 4: Teacher Phyllis Sarratt



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Summer has come to full fruition, flowers are a blooming exhibition, and people lucky enough to have gardens are beginning to reap good things to eat.

Martha Joan Killian visited her mother, Olene Roberts, on Mother's Day. Martha Joan's son, Andrew Killian and wife Venita and baby, Emily, and Tom Killian and sons, and John Roberts and wife and daughter were also recent visitors and sadly, Jeremy Roberts, who was leaving for Iran.

Maureen Hammond has moved from Rome, GA., to Fort Payne near her son, Ken.

My granddaughter, **Robin Darby**, and her husband, Ray, came from Collierville, TN, Sat., June 5. We were joined by Cindy and David Meadows at the Old Rock Cafe at Henagar for a good dinner. Afterwards, we went by to see Ryan and Alison Johnson and their new kitten and dog.

The **W.M.U. of Valley Head Baptist Church**, met Tues., June 15, at the home of Sadie Cooper. Those present were Ruth Pickett, Priscilla Monroe, Clara Bridgeman, Louise Hammond, Gwen Payne, and Lillian Pickett.

Ruth and Bert Pickett were hosts at their home, Sun., June 13, for Bert's 65th High School Reunion--the 1939 Class of DeKalb High School. There were 19 members present.

Lily Bowden's daughters, Karen Freeman and Jo Welch, came to her house and had brunch, and helped her celebrate her birthday, Tues., June 15.

Karen and Mark Freeman had a birthday supper for Luke Freeman at their home Thurs., June 17. Ben Freeman was home from Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Sincere sympathy to the family of **Robert Phillips**, who died recently. He was a long-time resident of Lea's Chapel.

It is good to hear that "**Cotton**" Hester is home and better; and Mary Holleman is better after a three-day stay at BMC DeKalb.

Christine Brooks had surgery (Mon. June 21) at BMC DeKalb. We hope she will have a fast and complete recovery.

E.T. Holleman spent Father's Day with his son, Bill, and wife Becky, in Fort Payne. His granddaughters, Amy Helms and Abby Ward, and their husbands and great grandson, Will Helms, were also present. They presented him with a nice patio set.

Ed Ringer visited his brother, Dr. Robert Ringer, in Marianna, FL. for several days. They also went to Panama Beach. Ed's sister, Joyce Allen, and her husband, Mack, spent Sunday, June 20 with Ed, and attended Valley Head Methodist Church with him.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** had a very interesting and successful Vacation Bible School. The theme was Rickshaw Rally. They had pretty Chinese decorations and Chinese style food the last day.

Commendation once more to **Inspec Tech Inc. of Valley Head** for winning the Alabama Small Manufacturer Award for 2004 and abject apology to Susana Marin Freeman for leaving her name out with the picture. She is a very important member of the team, as each one is, and we are very proud of them.

Dael and Doug Hoyt and Dael's mother, Kio, have returned home after traveling to Aurora, CO, where they visited Doug's mother, Beverly Hoyt. They also visited relatives in Oklahoma City, and Doug had a nice trip to Tallahassee, FL. He went to watch the Seminoles in the baseball championship, which he enjoyed very much.

Venna Livingston's sister, Oval Young, from CA, spent several days with Venna and they met their brother, Woodrow Young, from Gadsden, in Fort Payne, and spent the day with him and enjoyed lunch together.

Everyone enjoy the lovely summer days, but be very cautious of the many hazards that seem to be increasing around us.

CLOSE TO NATURE'S HEART

God, keep me close to nature's heart,
Of its throbbing life, keep me a part;
Of its changing moods, keep me aware,
For its creatures let me love and care.

When Autumn paints its changing leaves,
May I rejoice or grieve as it grieves,
When Winter brings its sleep and rest,
May I relax, with peace be blest.

As Spring blooms to resurrection,
My soul must feel its perfection
In Summer's full grown fruition--
May I enjoy its sweet condition.

As I live fully each passing day--
My thoughts continue thus to pray,
"Please keep me close to sky and sod,
So I may know myself and God!"

.... Eloise Brown

Precious Sunshine

Sunshine is so precious
Its light is a blessing.
"Tho teasing and spacious
Earth feels its caressing.

When days come a glooming,
Dark and weeping despair,
Sunshine comes a blooming,
Clearing, cheering the air.

Sunshine without your rays,
What on earth could we do?
Dark and cold all our days,
None could live without you.

So precious is sunshine,
From dawning to sunset--
A blessing so divine,
We should never forget!

.... Eloise Brown

Happy Birthday, U.S. of A

It's the birthday of our nation,
It is time for play and celebration,
It is time, too, for appreciation.

For all who have paid a big price
In suffering and sacrifice
Trying to create paradise.

How much did they fail or succeed
What do we have--What do we need?
How do we pray--our cause to plead?

What have we done for our land?
Do we even care or understand
The qualities that make it grand?

Are we really patriotic?
Some are merely idiotic--
Creating scenes so chaotic!

It is the birthday of our nation--
It is a time of evaluation
And a time for rededication.

To Christian principles of its founding--
Gratitude for all its blessings abounding
To heed the need for freedom sounding.

For its leaders we should pray
For strength and wisdom for each day
To make decisions in the right way--

For the preservation of the earth
For each person's good and worth,
'Til death from moment of birth.

Many countries--north, south, east, west,
In many ways have failed the test--
Despite our faults, we love you best--

So, Happy Birthday, dear U.S. of A,
Have forever more this we pray--
Each one better in every way.

May God always richly bless
Your people with peace and happiness
And love to abolish all hate and stress!

.... Eloise Brown

July Chastisement

The winds of July
Surge hot and dry
Neath the angry eye
Of a dark'ning sky.

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Then loudly grumbles
Then lightning humbles
As water tumbles.

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(1) **PEACEFUL COUNTRY** - This 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, brick home has living room, kitchen widening and separate den, all located on 9 acres of wooded property and waiting for you. Call for your appointment TODAY! \$72,800 (PLS #12173)



(6) **LESS THAN 1 MILE** from downtown Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an open porch on front and a sunroom on the back. All appliances to remain including washer and dryer, 2-car carport with workshop and a 20x24 building for extra storage...office...craft shop, etc. \$89,900 (PLS #11801)



(11) **Almost maintenance-free BROW HOME** with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with island, cozy living room with fireplace, den/pool room with pool table already there. Great views of the valley - \$250,000.



(15) **ESTABLISHED Service Station/Convenience Store** for sale - near Little River Canyon. All equipment and inventory to remain. \$239,900.



(18) **VERY NEAR TO LITTLE RIVER CANYON!** With an operative campground on almost 5 acres, this scenic spot is located next to the Little River Canyon National Preserve and the proposed Jacksonville State University Field School. Included are eleven RV campsites with water and electricity, numerous tent sites, 2 bath houses with showers, commodes, sinks, and two 80-gallon hot water tanks. All this plus a 2-bedroom house and a large storage building \$135,000.



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



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



(12) **SPECTACULAR VIEW** - Original cottage built in 1945, remodeled in 2001 to include 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, living & dining area with stone fireplace. Guest quarters separated by a breezeway with huge back deck overlooking a pristine tree farm. \$425,000 (PLS #12515)



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



(19) **CABIN IN MENTONE** - you will love coming home to this adorable cabin now being built near DeSoto State Park. Cabin features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, pine floors throughout, and rock fireplace. 8'x40' porches on front and back with Yellow Pine exterior and metal roof. \$139,900.



(3) **THIS CUSTOM BUILT HOME** offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in kitchen area, spacious living room with fireplace and multi-purpose basement and includes 2.9 acres. \$199,000. (PLS #10234)



(8) **NEWLY REMODELED** - This immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has new exterior paint and a brand new central heat and air system, wood floors, large front porch, 2 decks, wood burning fireplace and lots more. Sellers are leaving the appliances and most furnishings. Call to see today! Priced to sell at only \$123,500. (PLS #125050)



(13) **VALLEY HEAD** - This beautiful southern home and farm have more than you can imagine! 4 bedrooms each with its own bath, two half baths, great room with stacked rock fireplace, and all on 23 acres. \$899,000. (PLS #11858)



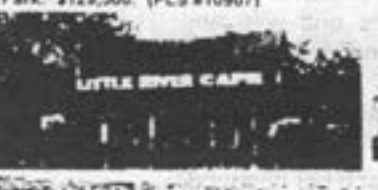
(17) **GREAT LOCATION!** This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home sits on 2 acres on County Road 106 in Mentone. Property has CH&A, stove, refrigerator and updated wiring. Sold "As-is" for only \$39,900. (PLS #12683)



(20) **NEW CONSTRUCTION** - Rustic country cabin at Mentone. One bedroom, one bath, with sleep loft, wood floors and walls, 2 story great room with wood burning fireplace, front and back porch with cedar posts and wonderful view of creek on property and Comer Boy Scout Camp Lake. \$98,500. (PLS #12401)



(4) **ROOM TO ROAM** in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offering lots of extras. Great room with cathedral ceiling, wood floors, recreation room, barn and fenced pasture on 3 acres connecting DeSoto State Park. \$129,500. (PLS #10907)



(9) **LITTLE RIVER CAFE** - featuring a fully equipped kitchen and dining room with a large porch for outside eating stage for entertainment and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. \$129,500 (PLS #10215)



(14) **ESTABLISHED TIRE BUSINESS!** This 40x100x14 metal building houses 3 lifts, 4 roll-up doors, concrete floors, Office, 2 restrooms, space heaters & window air unit and all inventory included. Call today for more information. \$235,500



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



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

OTHER LISTINGS

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

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

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

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

(25) 4.3+/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,900.

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

(27) **CRESTLINE PARK SUBDIVISION** - several wooded lots now available near DeSoto State Park. Restricted covenants for permanent or vacation home. Water and Electricity available. \$25,000 each. (PLS #12394)

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

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

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

(31) 3.68 +/- acres on the Brow near DeSoto State Park. \$59,900.

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

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

(34) **MENTONE** - Beautiful Wooded lot for your weekend get away or home of your dreams. \$16,500 (PLS #11955)

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

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

(37) **Don't wait any longer**...we've just listed 3.28 acres priced at \$16,400. (PLS #12291)

(38) 11.98 acres on county Road 106 in Mentone. \$68,000 (PLS #12412)

(39) **PEACEFUL AND SECLUDED**, but not too far out! 34 acres with paved road frontage and lots of timber near Hammondville. No restrictions. \$88,000 (PLS #12363)



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

We are in the midst of a beautiful season. Our mountain breeze is wonderful and keeps us from too much heat. Our visitors are loving the mountain air and our little Mentone area. At the Hitching Post, we give a lot of history orally and sell Zora Stayhorn's Mentone History book.

Recently, Bob and Eugenia Smith were guests at Nippersink and came by to see the Hitching Post. Bob said that things had certainly changed since he was here seventy years ago. I would say they have changed a great deal in the last five years! What has not changed is the peace and quiet and the slow pace of life we enjoy. Bob also said that he worked here as a "soda jerk" once to relieve someone and he learned to make floats from ice cream and cokes, and he was hooked on them for life.

Today, I enjoyed the visit of Paul Harvey, great grandson of Mr. Harvey who was Mayor of Mentone in the 1940s. He had many pleasant memories of coming here to visit his Grandfather, Clarence Harvey, and eating ice cream served here in our building. He had his lovely wife and two beautiful little girls with him. They reminisced with him as they went to DeSoto Falls, the Mentone Springs Hotel, and other places.

Our daughter, Doreen, has moved to Florida, and we miss her very much. Joyce will miss her most of all! She and Doreen have been very close in the last three years, working together and sharing happy times (and some not so happy). Doreen would drive Joyce to Birmingham for her treatments on days when Gregg couldn't come from South Carolina. Of course, now we take her when necessary.

On the 12th of June, we celebrated two birthdays and had a great time! Just being together is all it takes for our family to create a gala event. My niece, Carol Pogue, came from Harriman, Tennessee. It is a pleasure to have her any time! Her birthday is June 3rd and our son Barry's is the 7th. We combined their parties. Gregg Cooper was here and our grandson, Lee was with him.

After our birthday dinner, Barry's son, David Bruno, entertained us with music and song. We think (No, we know) he is very good. He went to another room for a few minutes and composed a song for Barry. It was good (and funny)! David was on the entertainment program at our Rhododendron Festival and everyone seemed to enjoy his singing/guitar playing style. His little daughter, Josie, was with him and she insisted that he sing a song he wrote for her. Barry and his wife, Donnah, are so very proud of David and Josie.

Our garden club toured Christina Vincent's garden near Adamsburg for our June meeting. It was a nice day and the scenery all around Christina's place was

beautiful and interesting. It was like entering a well kept park, surrounded by tall trees that resembled a virgin forest. We were delighted to follow Christina and hear her give the name and history of some unusual plants. Her Japanese and Siberian iris were the showiest blooming plants, but there were many other interesting trees and shrubs. Underfoot was the soft carpet-feel of zoysia grass which made walking easy. There was a barn close by where a mother hen and baby chicks were picking up food from the grass. I had not seen a barn lot hen and chicks in a long time. The Vincents own about 23 acres there, including Isom Falls. That was very exciting for me. When my sister, Jean, and I were kids, we lived near the falls and spent many happy hours walking around the area, picking wild huckleberries. I had not been back there in many, many years.

We are excited about the sidewalk being done to connect with the one presently in place in Mentone! The addition goes across the front and side of the Hitching Post and will make a better walking area. It will be a bit messy during construction, but shouldn't last long. Mayor Britt was responsible for getting a grant to help pay for the project. I just hope he improves fast and will be able to enjoy it with us.

We have had a rough pile of asphalt left in front of the Gourdie Shop since Highway 117 was re-surfaced years ago. It will be wonderful for visitors to have a neat, safer place to walk.

The Mentone walking tours have recently been enjoyed by visitors and by some local people. It is free and those who donated their time to serve as guides did a good job. They give some historic facts about older Mentone establishments and that is good! We have needed that for a long time. I wish we had a van that could take people on tours all the way to DeSoto State Park. That would include DeSoto Falls, Cragmere Manna, Howard's Chapel, Nippersink Lodge, and Granny Dollar's homestead. I acted as hostess once for a bus tour from Atlanta and they seemed to enjoy it. Randy Still had Cragmere Manna at the time and he was a good entertainer. He told all the fascinating history of that building. And Nippersink has a wonderful history dating back to the 20s or 30s.

There is a magic aura about this place. Visitors tell us how they love the feel of the area. It's hard to explain. It attracts many types of interesting people; artists, photographers, writers, and those who are just retiring to a friendly village where there is a peaceful atmosphere. And we love it!

Our July MAPA meeting will be a picnic held at Brow Park. This is very good time for socializing, having a good covered dish meal and enjoying the scenery (weather permitting). One year, there came a toad-strangling rain and we were thrilled to have a cover over the pavilion. But it didn't hinder our gathering! Anyone who would like to come is welcome. Bring a dish of your choice and join us! The picnic will be on July 6 at 7:00 p.m. (P.S. Homer makes the ice cream.)

Have a happy, safe 4th and remember our boys in Iraq and pray that they will return soon and safely.

God Bless the USA!

Mentone Wedding Chapel

Nestled in the woods atop Lookout Mountain, near Mentone, Alabama, this quaint little chapel is surrounded by ferns, forest and flowers. The chapel is a scaled version of traditional Appalachian churches of days gone by. Stained glass windows filtering soft forest sunrises and soft organ music accent an ambience fitting the wedding ceremony. Inside wooden pews will seat approximately 60 guests.

Linda Patterson, owner of the chapel, said the idea for it began with a bell, and now that bell rings as newlyweds exit the door of the chapel.

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(5) ONE OF A KIND LOG, STONE AND CEDAR SHAKE LODGE. This unique find is complete with Heart Pine Plank floors throughout. Open Great room and a loft with built-in beds. Stone fireplace in Living area, and the custom kitchen with a stone fireplace. French doors open to the sleeping porches and master Bdrm. A must see, with much more to offer. ~~\$299,000~~ REDUCED to \$275,000.



(9) WEST FORK SUBDIVISION 5.9 acres with 700 ft on the River. Trails throughout. Large Hardwoods, and abundance of Unique Foliage. Private yet only minutes from Mentone. \$78,000.



(12) VALLEY VIEW FOREST, 11 acres with Well, Septic, drive, power and a great East Brow View. Adjoins Wild Life Management, and Little River Canyon National Preserve. \$58,500.



(2) RUSTIC CABIN, on the East Brow. See Weiss Lake in the distance from these 7 acres. 2 bedroom 2 bath with open living. Kitchen area, Large Loft, all appliances stay. \$124,900.



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



(10) FAMILY SIZE HOME, with 3 acres within walking distance to downtown Mentone. 3 bdrm 2 bath, C/H/A all new flooring, Cabinets and counters in Kitchen. Living room, dining, office or 4th bdrm. 16x30 workshop and other outbuildings. A steal at for \$94,900.



(13) OLDER FARMHOUSE, LOOKOUT MTN with 5 acres. 3 Bdrm 2 bath. Living room, screened porch. Storage buildings and an old Barn. Quiet area, Murdock Rd. \$75,000.



(14) COMMERCIAL COTTAGE STYLE would make a wonderful gift shop. Gallery retail store of any kind. Heart of Downtown Mentone. 5 rooms 1 bath, Kitchenette. If you ever wanted a business, here is the Opportunity. \$80,000.



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



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



(4) MENTONE COTTAGE. all new plumbing. Stone fireplace. Remodeled with new flooring throughout. Sits on 3 lots. 3 bdrm 1 bath. Screened porch & fenced. ~~\$73,500~~ REDUCED \$65,000.



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

(11) BROW HOME IN MENTONE. 3 Bdrm 2 bath with 3 car garage. Newly remodeled 1.5 acres with a great view. Scenic Hwy. ~~\$235,000~~ REDUCED to \$199,500. (Photo to left.)

OTHER PROPERTIES

(15) INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES. Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.

(16) WILD RIVER COMMUNITY. 220x300 on the East Fork of Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and Rapids. \$30,000.

(17) WILDLIFE ABUNDANT on these three 20+ acre tracts. Mostly Open Land, Rolling hills, ponds. May be purchased individually or together. Priced \$2,000 an acre. Located in Mentone area with deeded access road.

(18) CANYON VIEW FOREST adjoins National Preserve, and wildlife Management. 5 acre tract, wooded with drive, power, well installed. Private access behind locked Gate. Overlooks Little River Canyon National Preserve. \$60,000. **SOLD**

(19) LAUREL CREEK LAKES SUB. Lots 1&2 approx 2.77 acres wooded with half of Arrowhead lake. Surveyed and perked. Great place to build that Weekend retreat. \$23,500. CONTRACT PENDING

(20) 7.25 ACRES, on CO RD 106, City water available, mostly cleared with lake site, Large Oak Trees, where the Old Homeplace used to be. ~~\$66,000~~ REDUCED \$49,000.

(21) 80 ACRES of Wooded Brow property with creek and waterfall. Private drive with bridge. Great views. \$240,000.

(22) STATELINE ROAD, CLOUDLAND 26 acres of land with level fields and half wooded. Fruit orchards. Mobile Home built with den, bdrm, bath, cannon room, utility. All appliances. Fenced yard. \$86,000, or will sell residence and 4 acres. \$45,000. **SOLD**

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

(24) BUILDING LOTS, ADJACENT TO BROW. 4 lots over an acre. Level surveyed, perked. Paved Road 89 North. Mentone. Lightly restricted. \$12,000 each.

(25) VALLEY VIEW FOREST 12 acres on the East Brow. Adjoining Wild Life Management and National Preserve. (pending)

(26) ZONED B-1. Build a business in the Middle of Mentone. 2 lots with Plenty of Rock to use from the old foundations and the Wood also will be part of the sale. Enough to build back a unique place. All for \$35,000.

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John Baty

My Daddy, Norace Baty, did, at times, indulge in facetiousness to get a laugh on some of his friends. I recall that if I or someone close to him was having difficulty performing a task, he might take over and do it for us. Sometimes he would then comment, "Now that's the difference in a man and a monkey."

If my reading comprehension is anywhere near being on track, then Harvard paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould (Probably the staunchest modern defender of Darwinian Evolution) and cosmologist the late Carl Sagan have written that the "real" difference between man and other mammals is that one has some of what we call intelligence and the other has a little more of that same commodity. Same in kind but not in quantity.

I guess that those great scientists were probably right, but I have my own opinion. I believe that the real distinguishing characteristic is the lengths to which a man will sometimes go to "put one over" on a close friend. I'm sure that no creature other than man would create so complex a scheme to be able to laugh at a close friend.

Now, Daddy was not a practical joke, but once in a great while when chance presented an opportunity, he would not pass up a little fun.

Ol' Glory, the title of this writing, was not a flag. Ol' Glory was a horse ("Horse" being a name for an equine and not designating gender.) This "horse" was a bay mare. She was a rather small red mare with a white blaze down her face. Daddy bought Ol' Glory in 1948.

All the persons I am intending to write about were good friends, therefore, I will use their real names. All of them are deceased except for myself and my brother, Larry. Daddy bought Ol' Glory from my oldest brother, Glenn Baty. Gave him, if I remember correctly, twenty dollars for her. Bought the mare to use in plowing a garden and pulling a one-horse wagon. Glenn bought the mare from his brother-in-law Bill Lusk. Bill told Glenn that he had worked her. Glenn had only worked her once when he hitched her to a buggy. Said she appeared to be a "good buggy horse." She was also a very nice riding mare. Bill and Glenn had ridden her with good success. I, John Baty, was twelve years old when Daddy bought Ol' Glory in 1948. I rode the horse, too. Glenn had told us that, when he rode Ol' Glory, he found her to be somewhat nervous and prone to "run away" if one gave her a slack reign.

Ol' Glory

We soon learned that Ol' Glory was very particular about when she worked and what type of work she would do. She would pull a scratcher (a type of plow with three to five spring teeth) or a planter or other light plow, but she refused to pull any heavier plow like a one horse turning plow. (The little Oliver Grover turner was only slightly heavier than a scratcher.) Also, she balked at pulling the one horse wagon. And I learned one day that she would indeed run away if you gave her a slack reign when riding her. Daddy had borrowed some harness for her from Glenn until he could buy some of his own. I was returning it one day, and I was intending to ride Glory back to our house after the harness was removed. We had our own collar for her and I climbed aboard with her wearing only the collar.

As I was leaving the yard, Jimmy Baty, my nephew who was three years old at the time, asked me to make her run. I kicked her in the ribs with my heels and she left there like she was drag racing. She ran the three hundred yards to our place at an incredible speed and turned into the yard. My brother, Larry Baty, was four years old and he was down on his knees and hands in the driveway "playing" with some rocks. Glory jumped over Larry and veered more to the left when she hit the ground. I kept going on and out under the apple tree. I landed on the back of my neck and shoulders and slid out along on the Bermuda grass. Daddy and Mama came running. Mama was screaming and Daddy was trying to decide whether to whip me. Seeing I was hurt some, he decided against punishment. It was a long time before my neck was free of pain as I obviously injured the bone in some way. (I am lying here on the bed as I write and my neck and shoulder are hurting with the arthritis in the joints. I wonder how much of that pain I can blame on Ol' Glory?) Larry was unhurt. Daddy tried every trick and ruse he knew to get Glory to pull the wagon (an empty wagon is not heavy for a horse). She would balk and refuse to pull. Finally, in complete frustration, Daddy resorted to whipping and beating the mare, but to no avail. Glory was not going to work and that was that.

I think Daddy kept the mare around for over a year, finally ceasing entirely to use her for work.

I now come to a point in my story where I will name and characterize some people and I wish to say that all these people were good friends and are all now deceased.

Daddy would go to Valley Head on Sunday morning and meet some people he knew. Frank Hutcherson, Mr. Calvin Goza, Hatchie Hammonds, Bob Dean, and a few others would be sitting on the Depot loading ramp, whittling on cedar sticks with their razor-sharp pocket knives.

One day, Frank Hutcherson asked Daddy if he knew of an old "plug" horse that he might buy to plow his garden. Daddy told him he had exactly what he described. I think Daddy priced her at \$15. He later told me that he was willing to give Glory to Frank, or to ask only \$10 but he was afraid that Frank would think there was something wrong with her and not take her. Frank came and got Glory and paid what Daddy asked.

Frank lived across the street from Valley Head High School and his garden was only about one hundred feet from the window of the school office. I think Frank's garden was already planted and some of it was old enough to cultivate. With someone to help him, Frank decided to plow his garden. He hitched Glory to some kind of plow. She pulled the plow out to the middle of the rows then stopped and turned her head to the side and refused to budge. Frank went through the usual sequence of attempts to encourage her, each step with increasing intensity. Finally, he started slipping her with a folded rope and she took off across the garden, sort of frog hopping and turned at about forty-five degrees to the line of travel destroying tender young plants as she went. In complete frustration, Frank resorted to some high-level profanity, which he was not accustomed to using. He was shouting so loud that the school principal left his office and went over to the garden threatening to call the law if Frank didn't watch his language. Said he was trying to teach children to behave and Frank was no decent example. "He meant for him to quit disturbing the tranquility of the school work."

The next time Daddy went for his Saturday morning business, Frank and the others were on the Depot steps. As Daddy walked up, Frank opened his knife and threatened to open up Daddy's abdomen right there on the street. Frank said in an accusing tone: "You knew that horse wouldn't work and you didn't tell me!" "Well, yes," Daddy replied, "I knew how she was, but you didn't ask if she would work or not!" Twenty-five years or so later, they were still wrangling over that deal. "Yeah, I remember that horse you sold me!" Frank would say. I wonder if any monkey or any animal other than man has engaged in such camaraderie?

Photos of the work being done at the intersection of Co Rd 89 and AL Hwy 117 in Manton on the Pedestrian/Bicycle Linkage and Scenic Beautification Project. The grant is from the Alabama Department of Transportation, FY 2002 Transportation Enhancement Program. There will be turning lanes and sidewalks at this intersection.



Church News

By Evelyn Graves



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lighthouse Fellowship, Cloudland. Turn at the produce stand, pass the tennis court, and go to the stop sign. Go right two blocks. A church alive is worth the drive. Sunday School 10AM; Worship - 11AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-852-2607.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM, Wednesday Bible study at 5PM. 255-634-4147.

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

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

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

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

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

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

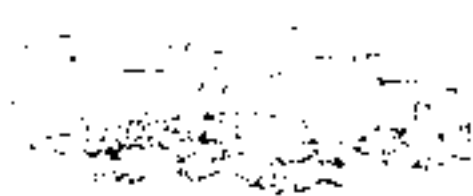
The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Pastor Les Brown welcomes everyone. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 11AM in the fellowship hall and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30PM, subject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

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

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

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

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



St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church
Mentone, Alabama

Announces

Summer Sunday Evening Services

June 20, thru August 29th at 6:00 P.M.

Compline
June 20th

(Book of Common Prayer)

Night Prayer
June 27th

(New Zealand Prayer Book)

Homecoming Moon Lake Baptist Church

Sunday, August 29

All former members are invited to attend the morning service at 11AM. Former pastor, Gary Kendrick, will be the speaker. Lunch will be provided, followed by singing and fellowship in the afternoon. Please make a special effort to attend.

Dial-A-Devotional

634-0103

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

Mentone's Mayor, C. E. Britt, is currently at the Oak View Nursing and Rehabilitation, PO Box 449, 960 Highland Avenue, Summerville, GA 30747

Anyone wishing to contact him or send him a letter or card may do so at the above address.



MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL 120TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating the opening of the Mentone Springs Hotel as the "Oldest Hotel in the State of Alabama". Revisit, Rediscover, and Relax at the "Crossroads" now called Mentone, Alabama

Schedule of Events

September 3, 2004

Walking Tour of Mentone concluding at Brow Park to celebrate a Lookout Mountain sunset with storytelling by Jack Jones. Meet at the Hotel for Horse and Carriage Rides to Brow Park just like in the early days of Mentone. Red Door Cafe to serve refreshments and sweets and treats on the Brow.

Mentone Springs Hotel Flower Show a competition of local Garden Clubs from the area showing their expertise in flower design throughout the Hotel.

September 4, 2004

Celebration Dinner to celebrate 120 years of history in the Hotel. Listen to tales from previous owners Ray and Sandra Padgett.

September 5, 2004

Low Country Boil served on the Porch of the Hotel. This is one of the most popular meals served on the Hotel's 3000 square foot porch.

My Fair Ladle book signing by Rebecca Noojin local author whose cookbook is one of our chef's favorite bibles.

September 11-12, 2004

Desoto Fiber Guild group of Women Weavers meet annually at the Hotel displaying their work. Seminars of Chair Caning, spinning of thread, weaving fabric, and other items having to do with textiles. Learn to cane your chair. Or just watch some great ladies at work with what they love to do.

Antique Show on the Lawn displays of antiques and pottery from areas around the Mountain.

September 17, 2004

Candlelight Dinner on the Porch an evening of fine dining on the Porch of the Hotel with Pianist Charlie Teer entertaining everyone.

September 18, 2004

Barbeque on the Lawn a casual affair of good food, simpler times, and the entertainment of the "Big Band Era" echoing from the Gazebo Stage. Barbeque chef David "Rabbit" Richards shows off his unique Barbeque skills.

September 19, 2004

Gospel Choral Recital an exciting concert of local churches and their choirs performed in the Gazebo on the front lawn of the Hotel. A throw-back to the old spiritual revivals of the past.

September 25, 2004

Ladies Golf Tournament at Cloudmont Saddlerock Golf Course. Award ceremony to be held at Rusty Fox Cafe.

Men's Golf Tournament to be held at 'Lil Mole Run Golf Course with Award ceremony to be held at Rusty Fox Cafe.

Barefoot Dance Party The summer is ending, but there is always One Last Dance and Mountain Romance to be enjoyed. Dance to the up-beat rhythms in the cool green grass of the front lawn.

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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light

Matt. 11:28-30

It seems to me that Jesus gives us an answer for this. Everyone you see has problems they can't solve, but Jesus just said come unto me, I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me. My yoke is easy. You can find rest unto your souls. The body may get tired but the soul can have peace, and that is what we need most of all.

Let Jesus give you rest!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Sunday, July 4, and Monday, July 5, 4th of JULY HOLIDAY
- Tuesday, July 6, 6:30 PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, July 6, 7 PM, MAPA Picnic on the Brow, Brow Park, 7PM. Bring a covered dish.
- Tuesday, July 6, Mayor Pro Tem to give notice of the 2004 elections.
- Monday, July 12, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, July 13, 12:30, Rhododendron Garden Club Meeting, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, July 13, American Legion meeting 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- Saturday, July 17, 1-5 PM, GA Time, 10th Anniversary of Mountain Mamas
- Saturday, July 17, 6:30 PM, Mentone Musical Mountain Strings, Mentone Square - the lawn of Mentone Inn
- Thursday, July 22, 4PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public