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Eulogy For Eloise Metcalf Brown

By Doug Hoyt

This morning we are gathered in this sanctuary of the church, a church that Eloise loved and a congregation that loved Eloise. She was a faithful member of the Valley Head UMC for many, many years. Her attendance here, her support, her help as the long-time church secretary, and her lovely poems for those special occasions were a blessing to all of us. We are all thankful for all her love and service to this church. From the attendance at this service and the many expressions of love and sympathy the family has received, there is no doubt she was a special, gracious lady and loved by many.

Eloise was born on February 3, 1913, Eloise Metcalf, in Dade County, Georgia. She married about the age of 17 to a lumberman, and collector of land, Robert Donald Brown. She had two children. She had a daughter Eldonna Brown Root, who has preceded her in a walk with the Lord; and a son, Robert Barry Brown. Her children gave her 6 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. Family was important to her, and she had enough love and compassion to go around in an extended family the size of a small city.

Eloise was telling my wife, Dael, how she recently visited the Valley Head School to read some poetry to the class. Two little children were beginning to argue that each was saying she is their grandmother. They were not related, of course; but it tickled her with their expression of love. She settled it by saying she would be both children's grandmother. I can see her smile, and the little ones hug her. We know she had enough love to make good on that pledge.

Eloise was active in so many ways in this community. She gave back in her early years when she and her husband worked to help the War Bond efforts. She was active in the Mason organization for women - the Eastern Star. She rose to the top position of Worthy Matron and served in that position for several years. She contributed many poems to The Groundhog each month allowing all the local readers to enjoy her gift.

She was one of the tireless and dedicated volunteer fundraisers for the United Givers Fund of DeKalb County. She was active in the United Methodist Women and served in other civic and community projects and efforts. She gave freely of

her time and talents to better this community. Her commitment to service in the community and gifts of her poems were honored on her 90th birthday by the Alabama Legislature with an accommodation for her many accomplishments. She gave so much of her time to improve the fabric of this community. Eloise came from a generation that learned to "tough it out," a generation that knew we are all in this together, a generation that was very unselfish.

Eloise was also an artist with so much promise and talent. She was so modest, I think many of us do not realize how creative she was. She was an excellent painter, she loved to oil paint and her home was a display of her works. Her poetry was one of her greatest gifts from God. Her words were always so gentle, so perfect for every occasion. She wrote many poems for funerals of friends. They were always so flattering, so touching in how their remembrance was captured so beautifully, so personal, in just the right words.

She designed her own home from top to bottom, corner to corner. It was a showcase home, set in a tranquil, natural setting. Her creative drive was strong. I hear it told that when she wanted the house to have one end being curved rather than square, the builder told her it couldn't be done. She waited until they left that evening and got her shovel out and dug the footers like she wanted, so they had no choice but to make it like she asked.

Eloise was a strong woman. She lived a long life celebrating 92 birthdays. At 92, she was as sharp as a tack. She was still active, driving herself and conducting her affairs. I just find that remarkable.

She loved her little house, loved her big dog, Grizzly. I understand she recently traveled off to Arizona with family, leaving the younger folks in the dust trying to soak up the beautiful nature. She got to see the Petrified Forest and other wonders, never complaining or seeming to tire. As every child should do on their 90th birthday, she got to go see Mickey and all the gang at Disney World. We understand it was a thrill, no matter what the age of the kid.

She was writing a book about a kitty. It was going to be called, Katie Was a Lady. She hoped to get it published. Like I said. She was still sharp as a tack. She was blessed by the Lord to live such a long, full life.



Eloise Metcalf Brown
at her Surprise 90th Birthday Celebration held in
February 2003

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MAPA MEETING

The Mentone Area Preservation Association met at 6:30PM, June 7, at the fellowship hall of the Church of God of Prophecy.

Present were Bernise Crow, Homer Crow, Lucille Crowe, Dot Crow, Dessie Brown, Marie Dillenbeck, Page Cunningham, Greg Coe, Sonny and Frances Gilbreath, Leroy and Joanne Crowe, and Dorothy Shelden.

President Bernise Crow called the meeting to order and Page Cunningham gave the invocation.

The minutes of the May meeting were read. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Homer Crow, Treasurer, passed out copies of the treasurer's report. After a discussion regarding investments and the income from the festival, two corrections were made to the report. The report was then filed. An audit committee was appointed to meet Tuesday, June 14, and audit the year end report. Those serving on the committee are Page Cunningham, Leroy Crowe, and Greg Coe.

The president then opened the floor for nominations. Page Cunningham made a motion to appoint Evelyn Graves, Editor of The Groundhog, to be an additional member at large on the Board. Greg Coe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. There being no other names submitted, Page Cunningham made a motion that the slate of officers be accepted by acclamation as follows:

President: Dessie Brown
Vice President: Dot Crow
Treasurer: Greg Coe
Secretary: Marie Dillenbeck
Immediate Past President/
Parliamentarian: Bernise Crow
Members at Large: Lucille Crowe,
Page Cunningham, and Evelyn Graves



Homer Crow seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Homer Crow installed the officers.

Bernise Crow thanked all the members for their help during her presidency.

Page Cunningham thanked Homer and Bernise for all the work they have done and was joined in by all the other members, unanimously. Others were thanked for the work done to make this past year a successful one.

The President then turned the gavel over to the new president, Dessie Brown.

The new president then said: Joanne will be sending cards to members this next year. Page recommended focusing on getting new members. Dessie as incoming president said that before the next meeting, which is the annual July picnic, she would be putting people on various committees, and focusing on membership, wanted to extend invitations to new members and potential members to attend the picnic. She stressed that she would need everyone's help and suggestions, which need to be put in writing to be voted on by the membership. The 1993 bylaws need to be updated and a committee will be formed to update them. The July 5th picnic was discussed, and Dessie will prepare a menu and assign food to be brought by the members.

The members thanked Homer Crow, Dot Crow, and Frances and Sonny Gilbreath for providing the refreshments.

There being no further business, Dessie Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bernise Crow.

See you at the picnic on the brow on Tuesday, July 5, at 6:30pm. Due to the 4th of July Holiday, this may be subject to chance at the last moment.

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The

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.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at our new time: 9AM. Help us welcome our new pastor, Jimmy Hall, and his wife, Ruth.

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

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

Harmony Grove Singing on July 2 at 10AM. Free hotdogs and drinks. Several groups will be singing. For more information, call 634-4690.

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, an Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

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** Worship Service begins at 11:15AM (EST).

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

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

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

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Leroy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, 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 Randall Beagles welcomes all.

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

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Pastor Les Brown welcomes everyone.

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

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

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ORGANIC

By John Baty

I was resting comfortably in my recliner having just finished a round of home fried chicken fingers and hot biscuits when the news anchor began reporting on the number of cases of Salmonella poisoning that had been reported in an area not so very far away. By far, the greatest offender was chicken. The warning was to wash the fresh chicken, not let the raw meat touch any cabinet top or other food, and be sure to cook it enough to kill the microorganisms. Try to serve the chicken shortly after cooking and take extra care with storage after cooking. My chicken fingers didn't seem to be as pleasing as they had before the newscast. Proliferation of organisms, over-crowding in broiler houses, unsanitary slaughtering and packing, attempting to prolong shelf life, all contributed to the danger of consuming chicken.

"Ah, Bolony!" I said. "When I was young, we killed our chickens off the yard, dressed them with our bare hands, took them to the family reunion, and let them set in the sun for half-a-day, then home and eat on the leftovers for two more days. Nobody ever got sick from food poisoning back then...." It's the crowding and impersonal mass slaughtering that causes the recent prevalence," she said. "Yours would be considered organic today"

"Well, that old pale stuff with the odor from the supermarket is getting old. I'll just raise me some chickens and put them in the freezer." "Could you kill them?" she asked. "You might get attached to them." "Kill a fryer?" I said. "Why, I used to attend the chicken fights when I was young. Watch the chickens kill each other and see the gamblers sit by the pit and eat fried chicken. Ain't nothing to killing a fryer!"

Twelve weeks later, I had fifteen of the finest Bard Rock broilers you could readily imagine. Having grown up on a truck farm and feeding animals, I had no trouble culturing these. "Grass," I said, "is the answer to fine chicken meat." I'm talking about grasses such as Blue grass, fescue, etc., understand! So, I fixed a moveable pen and let the Rocks graze on pretty days... "Are your chicken's ready to slaughter" she asked one day. "Yes," I said. "Today would be a good time to fry up some young, tender chicken."

I went out to the coop and looked them over. "I guess one of the roosters would be the proper choice," I said to no one. I looked them over again and discovered I was having trouble choosing one. I passed over Slim, and Robert, and Ralph. "Why not Ralph," I said. So I backed up and looked Ralph over. It seemed he was watching me more closely than the others. I reached in and picked Ralph up. He didn't struggle. They were used to being handled with the moving and all. Ralph was in good condition. Just about right for frying. I carried Ralph to the woodshed and placed a round stick of wood outside on the ground. I reluctantly got the axe and held it between my knees while I felt to see if it was sharp. I placed Ralph's neck across the block of wood and took the axe in my right hand. Ralph's eyes seemed to be looking at me in an accusatory manner. I raised the axe--and I held it up there until my arms began to tire. "Dammit to Hell," I said aloud. "I can't do it!"

I haven't eaten any chicken, lately. I'll probably try some at the next reunion. Someone usually fries up a batch.

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Doris Wilson, age 66, of Knoxville, died May 30, 2005 at DCH-Tuscaloosa. Graveside services were June 2, at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham with Rev. Allen Wadsworth officiating and Memory Chapel Funeral Home, a Dignity Memorial Provider directing.

Mrs. Wilson was preceded in death by her daughter, Doris Carlene Wilson; father, Taylor Floyd Blalock; and grandson, Scott Wilson.

Survivors include her husband, Carl B. Wilson; daughter, Karen J. Gunter of Knoxville, AL; son, Carl B. Wilson, Jr., of Nashville, TN; sisters, Carolyn Kilgore, Anita Meadows, and Cheryl Crane, all of Mentone, AL, and Mildred Watson, of Rome, GA; brothers Roy Blalock of Ft. Payne, and Huey Blalock of Mentone; mother, Geraldine Blalock of Mentone; special granddaughter, Carla R. Gunter of Knoxville; and grandsons, Thomas and Anthony Wilson, both of Vermont.

Honorary pallbearers were Paul Hubbard, Allen and Emma Wadsworth, Gary and Maureen Stock, Raymond and Iris Taylor, Grace Benton, Roy and Nona Crowder, Beverly Spencer, Dr. James R. Saxon, and the nurses of ACCU at DCH Regional Medical Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to a favorite charity.

Firefighter's Golf Tournament a Success

Even the misty fog that covered Mentone like a blanket on June 4th did not stop eager golfers from participating in the second annual Volunteer Firefighter's Golf Tournament held at Lil'Mole Run. Ten teams competed for prizes and of course "bragging rights".

The winners were:

First Place Team

Rodney Mitchell
Shan Gilliam
Landon Hilyer
Kelly Moses

Second Place Team

Mack Flannigan
Michael Flannigan
Shuan Flannigan
John Kincer

Third Place Team

Bobby Browder
Kevin Smith
Timmy Reed
Rick Belcher

Winner of the "Longest Drive" - John Kincer

Winner of the "Closest to Pin" - Bruce Cartlett

Door prizes, tee-shirts, hot dogs and Cokes made everybody winners. By helping to support our first line of defense made everyone community heroes. But the real winners are the friends and neighbors of these volunteer firefighters who benefit from their response to calls for help.

North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Report

During this past month our volunteer fire department has responded to the following calls:

Activity Report:

Structure Fire	0
Brush Fire	0
Vehicle Accident	1
False Alarm	1
Natural Disaster	0
911/ First Responder	2

The second annual Golf Tournament held at Lil'Mole Run Course in Mentone on June 4 was a very successful fund raising event for the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District (Mentone Volunteer Firefighters). There was a generous response from local businesses and supporters who sponsored each hole and donated food, drinks, tee-shirts and prizes.

All the donations, assistance, and participation are greatly appreciated. Plans for next year's event have already begun.

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EULOGY FOR ELOISE METCALF BROWN

A Celebration of the Life of Eloise M. Brown 1913-2005

A Celebration of the Life of Eloise M. Brown was held at 10 AM Friday, June 24, 2005, at the First Methodist Church in Valley Head. Minister Rev. Jeff Adkins officiating. The prelude was a Prayer from "Finlandia" by Mrs. Marion O'Dell.

Amazing Grace on the flute played by Ms. Allison Meadows
Scripture reading - Rev. Jimmy Hall
Eulogy by Doug Hoyt
Hymn of Promise by Melinda Adkins and Dael Hoyt.

A Time of Remembrance Rev. Jeff Adkins
Congregation Hymn, Mrs. Ruth Hall
Burial service at Valley Head Cemetery
Survivors:

Son & Daughter in Law:
Robert B. and Emilie Brown
6 Grandchildren
12 Great-Grandchildren
2 Great-Great-Grandchildren

Eloise was preceded in death by her husband Donald Brown and daughter Eldonna Brown Root.

Burt Funeral Home Directing

When I think of Eloise, a few words seem fit. I think of words like:

Fashion - She was always in the finest of fashion. Always to be seen in proper attire, and many times just the right hat. She was always bright and sunny and her clothes complemented her. Pink was one of her favorite colors.

Artistic - She was like an angel in her use of words. I know everyone individually has God-given talents--hers was to write poetry. It is fitting she addressed her final poem to the Lord.

Resilient - She had many challenges in her 92 years, but she persevered. Quit was one word not in her vocabulary.

Huggable - She was easy to be with, she loved people.

So, we reflect and really celebrate Eloise on a great life. She lived it fully, and lived it with **God as the center**. She would be smiling to see these church pews full. She asks us to celebrate her departure to heaven with a song and a smile, and that we shall do today.

To My Heavenly Father

Thank you, Father for this beautiful place,
that you created and gave us with love and grace.
I have enjoyed it with a grateful heart, but now
I can no longer do my part.
You have always been good to me,
please take me home for eternity.
You are my closest companion and friend,
a relationship that will never end.

I need not travel streets of gold, nor live
in a mansion big and bold.
Just give me a corner where green grass grows,
and flowers bloom including a rose,
and birds and animals happily sing,
and there is no pain for anything.
There is more beauty than ever seen,
enhancing happiness peaceful and serene.

Please forgive this humble plea,
I know you will do what is best for me.
To all precious ones that I must leave,
I entreat you, please do not grieve.
There is so much love for everyone in my heart,
It will always be with you, never depart.
Celebrate my departure with a song and a smile,
prepare to meet me in Heaven after a while.

Eloise M. Brown

TO OUR READERS

FROM: LAMAR & MARY AGNES FINE

As Summer begins, we want to update you on the progress of our next book... actually our next 2 books... *Yesterday's Secret*, the 3rd, in the series, and *Discovering Girls and Other Alien Experiences*, the follow up to *I Remember*... The text has been completed on both books and we are in the editing stage. We want to hear from you. Which book would you prefer we release first?

Please e-mail us and let us know what you think. (The first chapter of *Discovering Girls and Other Alien Experiences* is now posted on our website at www.lamarfine.com. Check it out!)

Also, because we are concentrating on finalizing these two books, we will not do as many festivals as in previous years. (Check our website to see exactly where we will be.) Two years ago, we did 26 weekend festivals throughout the South, which was not only grueling, but left little time to work on new books.

This year we are planning more speaking engagements. During the past few years, we have spoken to over 100 church, civic, and book groups. We love the opportunity to talk about the books and tell how a mother and son came to write together... especially to write love stories... but mainly we love to visit with our readers.

If your group needs a program, please let us know. Our program is short (usually 15 minutes or so, although we can adjust it to fit your needs). It's fun, light, and entertaining. We have spoken to book clubs, seniors groups, singles groups, church and civic groups.

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COMER SCOUT RESERVATION CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Once again, the mountaintops above DeKalb County are filled with cheers, laughter, excitement and celebration as the first week of The Greater Alabama Council, Camp Comer summer camp season opened this week. Each year, thousands of Scouts, Leaders and Scout parents travel to Lookout Mountain in Fort Payne and Mentone to experience Boy Scout Summer Camping at its best.

So, what's special about this year's camping season? Camp Comer has a rich Scouting Tradition, and this year, Scouts and Scouters join in the celebration of Camp Comer's 40th Anniversary.

Comer Scout Reservation consists of 864 acres atop beautiful Lookout Mountain in DeKalb County Alabama, and is made up of two camps. Camp Mike is the Boy Scout part of the reservation where qualified and trained staff members provide leadership for advancement in aquatics, climbing, COPE, ecology, handicraft, outdoor skills, and shooting sports. Camp Jacobs is the family camping area where the A-Frames are located and are available for families of Scouts.

For Scouts who are experiencing their first year of camp, "Eagle Bound" Comer offers a special program designed for scouts who have not yet completed their First Class Rank requirements. This program gives first year campers a great start on their journey to earning their Eagle Scout rank. The camp also offers supervised free-time activities in aquatics, climbing, and shooting sports.

Comer also offers the Xtreme Adventure Base high adventure program for older Boy Scouts and

Venturers. The XAB program offers Scouts opportunities to go caving, climbing & rappelling, canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking, and whitewater rafting.

With its cool summer temperature and beautiful Lake Republic, rocks, and a mountain atmosphere, Camp Comer has facilities and provides programs and activities that make this destination a popular camp for not only Scouts throughout the 22 counties served by the Greater Alabama Council, but Scouts from all over the southeastern part of the United States. Scout Troops from as far south as Louisiana have made Comer their summer camp of choice for many years.

Comer's summer program is designed to give Scouts the most exciting and productive summer possible, and its mission is to deliver the promise of Scouting to every Scout who honors DeKalb County by choosing to attend Camp Comer. The summer of 2005 promises to be the best camping year since the camps opening forty years ago with almost 100 more youth from the Greater Alabama Council attending Comer in the first week alone.

The Boy Scouts is a UGF funded member agency that provides a needed service throughout the year and touches the lives of thousands of boys in DeKalb County.

For information on how you can join or start Scouting programs in your area, visit the Greater Alabama Council website at www.1bsa.org or contact the Council by phone at 1-888-490-8955.

UGF ANNOUNCES GOAL FOR THE 2005-2006 CAMPAIGN

The UGF Board of Directors recently approved a goal of \$295,000 for the 2005-2006 UGF fundraising campaign according to Debra Dawson, UGF Executive Director. This year's goal was set after the Budget/Admissions Committee reviewed the current member Agencies, and proposed to the board to leave each agency at level funding. This year's goal of \$295,000 is achievable and the Campaign will kick off on September 14, 2005.

Agencies currently funded by UGF include: American Red Cross, ARC of DeKalb County, CASA, DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center, Easter Seal Society, Fort Payne Child Development Center, Fort Payne DeKalb Rehab, Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Greater Alabama Council, Boy Scouts of America, Partnership for a Drug Free DeKalb, Rose Haven, Salvation Army, and USO.

Laurie Parker will be serving as the Campaign General Chairman for the 2005-2006 Campaign. Laurie has already recruited and met with her Steering Committee and Division Chairmen. She is continuing to work with volunteers to make this year's campaign a great success.

The theme for this year's campaign has not yet been chosen. UGF has used the same Theme for the past several years, "Enriching Lives Through United Giving". This year, the UGF member agencies are submitting ideas for the theme, and the Awareness Committee will choose a theme from those that have been submitted.

The fall of the year would not be the same without the UGF fundraising campaign. It's always an exciting time, and if you would like to volunteer or help UGF in any way, please call us at 845-4006.

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Rhododendron Garden Club News **By Linda Brown, Secretary**

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on June 14, 2005 at the MERF Community House. President, Gethryn Giles, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Harriet Lillich gave the devotional and prayed the blessing. President Giles led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and in the unison reading of, A Gardener's Prayer, the official collect of the club.

Dorothy Cyr and Margaret Baker served refreshments to eighteen members and two visitors. The decorating theme was in keeping with Flag Day by using the patriotic colors of red, white and blue.

Sue Schwarz introduced the speaker for the day, Susan Ashby, who is a horticulturist and also Sue's daughter. Susan presented an interesting program entitled, Pesticides. She gave many useful and helpful tips for preventing pests and diseases from destroying the plants in home gardens. She stated that many remedies can be made in the kitchen. Susan assured the club that the use of purchased products can be used as they are all approved for use in home gardens. One of the more common sense tips was to use a pair of needle-nosed pliers to catch and destroy grasshoppers and Japanese beetles.

The business meeting resumed with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by Linda Brown, secretary, and the presentation of the treasurer's report by Sue Ann Jones.

Committee reports were called for by President Giles and the following reports were given by the chairs of their respective committee.

Martha Wood, Horticulture, reported that she had brought two wild plants to the meeting that are very similar and presented a challenge to the members to identify them correctly. Also, she had brought a number of dahlias and other plants to share with the members.

Dorothy Cyr, Conservation, shared a reading admonishing each member to be good stewards of the earth. She urged everyone to "Recycle, Reuse and Reduce." She distributed brochures of the Fort Payne Recycling Center and urged everyone to take advantage of this service.

Jan Wilkinson, Earth Day, thanked everyone for their help with the cleaning and planting of the Butterfly Garden at Moon Lake Elementary School on Earth Day. Eighteen members and their spouses helped with this project. Now the weeds need to be pulled and some plants may need watering. The students will resume care of the garden as soon as school starts. She gave each member a copy of, Advice from a Tree. This is the advice the tree gives to everyone: "Stand tall and proud; sink your roots into the earth; be content with your natural beauty; go out on a limb; drink plenty of water; remember your roots and enjoy the view!" She showed the members the plaque presented to the club by Moon Lake Elementary School inducting the club into the school's Hall of Fame. The plaque honoring the club for their work done with Youth Gardeners was presented at the Sixth Grade graduation ceremonies on May 19, 2005.

Mary Ellen Fielder, Hospitality, gave an update on members who have not been feeling well or have been injured and stated that she will send cards to them in the club's name.

In keeping with the celebration of National Garden Week, June 5 - 11, 2005, Linda Brown reported that books on gardening had been the featured display at the Moon Lake Library for June. During the designated week, the display was accentuated by the recommended symbol of a bouquet of green and white balloons.

The club agreed to purchase the book, Handbook for Flower Shows, for the Moon Lake Community Library. It will be available for use in time for the fall VFW Fair Flower Show. The book will be updated as needed to keep its contents current.

Martha Wood won the drawing for the door prize and the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting of the club will be July 12th at the MERF Community House at 12:30 p.m.

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

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By Jane Faile

All over the country, people are writing about their lives, and, in doing so, are preserving valuable family history. Have you ever wondered about your parents' courtship? What were the stories told as you and your family sat on the front porch? What kind of clothes did you wear? What was Main Street like? Who were your personal mentors as you entered adulthood? What events of your childhood and teen years shaped the person you became?

In a life-writing class, we each bring a one to two-page story about a topic the group has agreed on; for example "where was I on an important day in history," or "first car," or "turning points." Each person reads her or his story, and we offer suggestions and comments, the class is always supportive, never critical. The focus in life-writing is getting to the truth of your story, and that means that we create a positive, trusting atmosphere in the group.

The life-writing group currently meeting in Mentone consists of nine women and men, four of whom have been writing together for four years now. We've shared some of our stories in *The Groundhog* before, and hope to offer more in upcoming issues. If anyone is interested in starting their own life-writing group (six to eight people is ideal), call Jane Faile at 634-4557, and I'll give you some guidelines.

Where do I live?

When we moved to Mentone from Fayetteville, GA, the first question we were asked by our family and friends was, "Where is Mentone?" After they got the general idea of where it was, the next question was, "How do you get to where you live?" These directions were answered as to the direction of where they were coming from, which was not hard at all. Coming from Summerville, GA, take GA Hwy 48, which turns into AL Hwy 117 at the state line; and, before getting into Mentone, turn left onto CR 165 and continuing until you turn left onto Rd 1970. We are the 2nd house on the right. Or come into Mentone, turn left onto CR 165, or right if coming from the West, go to the stop sign, turn left onto CR 177. Continue on until you get to another stop sign, turn left onto 106, then right onto 1970, etc. No problem. No one ever got lost that I know of with these directions.

The big problem was trying to give directions to the local people and new-found friends that we were meeting. Of course, they all knew where Mentone was, but after giving them the same directions as I had given the "aliens," I got a blank stare. I was soon told that they did not know road numbers, as numbers were given to the roads not too long ago when 911 was put into effect. They would ask, "Is that close to where so and so lives?" And, of course, I knew very few people at that time, so we would spend much time with questions and answers on both sides trying to figure out where in the world I lived. By that time, I wasn't even sure where I lived!

I soon figured out everyone knew where the Moon Lake Baptist Church was, so that was a good starting point. Next, getting them to CR 106. They also knew where Morgan's cattle farm was. (They called that Morgan's Road, not what the road sign reads.) After much dialogue, eventually they would exclaim, "Oh that is the back road to the beer store!" This came

LIFE WRITING IN MENTONE

from the men. From the women, "Oh, that is the road to Lake Lahusage; do you live near the lake?" I would reply, "Lake who? I don't know of any lake anywhere close to where I live." Then, I would get a brainstorm and ask them if they knew where Eric Kirby lived, which is near Gray's house, although a Mr. and Mrs. Lacey live there now. Well, that was the big clue, as everyone knew that Eric had built a stucco house, which must have been the only stucco house built on the mountain. When I told them our road was the next chert road past his house, (it took me a long time before I figured out what chert was) we were almost home!

After being here several years, I finally learned where Lake Lahusage is and how to pronounce it. I have also learned to forget road numbers when trying to tell someone where I live, as they still don't pay any attention to them. I now even find myself giving directions to someone's home in the local way...go past so and so's house, and continue on until you reach so and so's camp, and if you pass so and so's farm, you have gone too far...etc., etc.!

As to the local people of Mentone and the surrounding area, I have never found anyone anywhere more friendly, loving and generous in giving help when needed than the ones who live here. We have found Mentone a true treasure and feel blessed to have found a community such as this.

Marilyn Knight

Books and Me

When I was little, one of my favorite places in the whole world was the small library in my hometown. Every Saturday morning, Mama would take me there for the children's story hour, and then we'd stay a while so I could browse through the books, selecting one or two to check out. As I got older, the library was a kind of refuge, after age 12, you were allowed to enter the back stacks where the "big people's books" were shelved. I'd go there after school and just linger, looking at titles, reading passages here and there, maybe checking out a book; during the summer break, I'd sit in the library's air conditioned comfort and read Shakespeare's plays, do research on whatever held my current interest, or just look through books.

I love books. I love the way a hardback feels in my hands, substantial and firm. I love the slightly musty smell that accompanies all bookstores and libraries. I love to look at the orderly progression of books, numbered in the Dewey Decimal system or some computerized pattern; I love the colors, the bindings, the different shapes of books. I love the sounds of book places - the quiet of a library, the soft music in a bookstore, the whispered conversations (have you noticed that even in the big bookstores like Barnes & Noble people never talk very loudly?). And, to state the obvious, I love what's IN books--new ideas, stories about interesting people and places, how to make things, beautiful pictures. So, any opportunity I get to gather more books, I take, passing old ones to used book stores and to charity book sales--such as the ones held for the Fort Payne and Mentone Community libraries. It's the Fort Payne Culture Club's sales for the Fort Payne library that I want to write about.

In Spring of 2000, as a newcomer to Mentone, I attended my first Fort Payne Library book sale. It was a freezing March day and the line outside the library stretched into the parking lot. After a half-hour wait, standing among other book lovers and chatting about the treasures we expected to find, we were allowed to enter and the scramble began. Books were piled in boxes everywhere; I could sense the order to it all, but the chaos of the crowd made it very hard to find the authors and titles I was searching for. I must have been there two or three hours, finally exiting with several bags of books. I'd made a point to introduce myself to some of the people working the sale, offering my services for the next year's book sale. I knew I could make sense of at least one area of the sale--the romances, a type of literature I know pretty well. All the romances were jumbled together with the general fiction. Believe me, romance readers are a frantic lot--we know which authors we're looking for and we'll scrounge furiously until we find what we want.

The following February, I got the call to arms. Book sale preparation had begun. Being a new volunteer, I didn't want to push my ideas on their well-established group, but my suggestion that we sort out the romances from the general fiction was well-received, and I offered to be in charge of that. So, for the next four years, I was the "romance queen," sifting through all the thousands of books, making sure the romances were in their separate spot in the room. It was a pleasure to have book buyers tell me how they liked the set-up.

I'm happy as a cat in catnip when I'm sorting through all these books. The company was fun, too, because we always talked about titles and authors and made recommendations to each other. I enjoyed seeing titles like **What Really Matters** and **Self Matters** side by side in the boxes. And it was interesting trying to figure out how to classify certain books - does **The Feminine Mystique** go under social studies? Politics? Psychology? How about **Bushisms** - politics or humor? Where do you put **Taoist Teachings** - religion? Philosophy? And do people who read Danielle Steele look for her books under general fiction or romance? (or, as one buyer said, "she doesn't write fiction; she writes novels!") I loved watching people search for books--some would hold the books almost tenderly, caressing the covers and reading blurbs or first pages, others flipped them around, careless of where they landed. Sometimes I'd hear a squeal of delight when someone found a long-sought title, and there were often expressions of surprise and even shock when patrons were told that on "bag day," yes, they could fill a whole grocery bag with books and pay three dollars for the whole thing.

In the past couple of years, I've been volunteering at the Mentone Community Library, delighted that we have such a wonderful book center right here in our little town, and I enjoy sorting books for our part of the "500 mile garage sale." People have told me that I'm a librarian at heart, but that's not quite true. I just love books, and being able to sort and place them, talk about them, swap recommendations with other book lovers, and just be around books is heaven on earth.

Jane Faile

Caring About Mentone

As I recently thought about the wee mountain where George and I settled in our retirement, I remembered a prayer from Sunday's service: a good earth which God has given us, and for wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. I care about this fragile home of ours, Earth, especially right now, I care about Mentone. Are we conserving Mentone? Do we have the wisdom to use the gifts so generously given? Sometimes I ride when I ride down County Road 106 and see a mess. When the mess becomes so awful that I stand it another minute, I get George and the kids and arm ourselves with gloves and trash bags to begin the clean-up process. I can't bend over and pick up the bottles any more, but I can use the "pick-up" that a friend made for me to pick up the ends from every fast-food restaurant in the area. One day, we are rewarded with seeing a lovely stretch of road with sunlight filtering through the trees and Nancy Smith's horses quietly grazing in the pasture, but it doesn't take long for the litter to pile up again. Not too long ago, our Mayor supported Boy Scouts in a clean-up project, but again, the mess reappeared all too quickly. Our neighbors, John and Jane, have helped, and Wayne and I have tried to clean Road 117, a dangerous undertaking for a while, it too looked fresh and clean. Instead of seeing the unsightly paper, beer bottles and cans, we could focus on the valley below and the mountain in the distance. The local garden club had a pick-up day on road 117, and a man whose name I don't know, stopped and offered his truck to carry away the bags we filled. So, the community caregivers encourage me. Lyle has led massive efforts to clear away the trash from the foot of the mountain to the Georgia line, and the Hollis of the Mentone Inn provided refreshments for all those who helped.

Mentone faces an environmental decision as each summer arrives. With mosquito season returning, we try to eradicate the threat of the West Nile virus. A plan was proposed. The danger of this remedy is to our gardens, and to our breathing. It can't be measured, but concerned citizens offer suggestions. If only our population will heed their advice and eliminate the breeding sites for these pests. I, for one, have been anxious to learn what I can do, especially since George and I have a low-lying yard back of our house with seasonal standing water. Hurrah for those who have done the research and told the rest of us what to do.

We've cared about environmental issues for a long time, especially since most of my adult life was lived in Mobile, one of the worst polluted cities in America. I'm grieved over raw sewage spills into Mobile Bay and oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico. I cringe when I drive from Mentone to Mobile and see the vast areas of land being cut that loggers continue to do, stripping the land of its forest. The chemical plants dump their waste into the river system...and on and on goes the list. I could do much more to try to protect our town, but one sixty-plus year old "bag lady" will never be able to pick up part of Road 106, support Arbor Day, and follow instructions about the mosquito problem. I will continue to pray "For the good of the land which God has given us, and for the wisdom to conserve it."

Harriett Lillich

Look Who's 4!



Keegan Johnson

Keegan Johnson turned 4 on June 6, 2005. He celebrated on his special day at home with a Taco dinner and cupcakes; and the day before, with a "Darth Vader" party at Chuck E. Cheese's Pizza in Hixson, TN. Even though it was from Mentone, he had 14 children and 20 adults come celebrate with him. Since it is Super Chucky Summer at the restaurant, a special birthday appearance was made by Super Chucky. The birthday boy and his guests had a special dance with Chucky in honor of his birthday. Everyone had a great time.

Keegan is the son of John and Kim Johnson, big brother of Kaden Johnson, grandson of Milton and Gail Chambers and the late Edward Worthey, and great grandson of W.A. and Polly Chambers, all of Mentone. He's the grandson of Joann Johnson of Falkville, Alabama, and the late Marvin Johnson of Rainsville; the great grandson of Luke and Mildred Crouch of Chickamauga, GA; and the great great grandson of Mary Crouch of Hixson, TN.

It's a Boy, Again!



Kaden Brody Johnson

John, Kim and Keegan Johnson are proud to announce the birth of their son and baby brother, KADEN BRODY JOHNSON, on April 27th, 2005. Kaden was born at 12:01 p.m. at Gadsden Regional Medical Center in Gadsden AL. He weighed 7 lbs, 13 oz, and was 22 inches long.

His grandparents are Milton and Gail Chambers and the late Edward Worthey of Mentone, and Joann Johnson of Falkville, AL; and the late Marvin Johnson of Rainsville. Great grandparents are Luke and Mildred Crouch of Chickamauga, GA, and W.A. and Polly Chambers of Mentone. His great great grandmother is Mary Crouch of Hixson, TN. His uncles and aunts are Phil and Krissy Harris of Valley Head, AL; Alfie and Kristy Chambers of Trussville, AL; Brent and Michelle Black of Henagar, AL; and Kevin Worthey, Rusty and Angela Chambers, and John and Mary Chambers, all of Mentone.

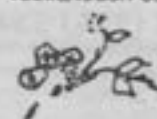
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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Itches, Rashes & Summertime Pests

By L.C. Moon

When it comes to insect bites, stings, poison ivy, oak & sumac, I hold fast to the theory that "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." There are many plants that help prevent the itchy annoying bites and rashes that distract us from the beauty of summer. When the itches do plague—nature can offer relief. I hope you enjoy reading about friends, family, research, and my own experience with how to embrace nature and its many helpful ways to allow you to have a wonderful natural experience in the summertime.

Mountain Mint is a local gem of a plant. The unmistakable silvery leaves (in late summer) and potent minty smell broadcast to the insects to stay away. According to Dr. James Duke's experience, Mountain Mint is even more effective than the well-known pennyroyal as an insect repellent. Dr. Duke says in *The Green Pharmacy* to pick the leaves and rub them all over your skin and clothes. I believe making a tea of mint and drinking several cups would make you even less appealing to pests. Dr. Duke does not mention the insect repelling benefits of Mountain Mint in *Peterson's Field Guide to Medicinal Plants Eastern/Central*, though he does mention calamint as a good alternative to pennyroyal. Pennyroyal is particularly known for getting rid of fleas, though my friend Dana Goggans swears by mopping with it to get rid of ants. "Caution should be taken if you are pregnant, as pennyroyal and other mints are known to increase the risk of miscarriage. If I were going to use any mints as a repellent while pregnant, I would choose catnip. An acquaintance of mine recently told me that she read catnip essential oil is proven to be more effective than citronella—though I cannot testify to this.

Paw Paw is a delicious native fruit with a poisonous insecticidal seed. Unfortunately, the fruit is usually scouted out and harvested by the wild animals before humans get a chance to harvest off of this common shrubby native tree. The fruit is often referred to as banana flavored, though my friend Ginger Koeglschatz refers to it as custard flavor, which I feel is more accurate. Ginger cultivated a Paw Paw tree on her land that becomes filled with large delicious fruit and is also filled with many of the poisonous seeds, whereas the common native usually has only two or three fruits, and each fruit only contains one seed. It is more practical to use the cultivated Paw Paw if you were going to use the crushed and powdered Paw Paw seed for its known use of getting rid of head lice.

Walnut is another native tree with bug free benefits. Walnut leaf tea is said to get rid of bed bugs. I've never had experience with bed bugs, but I have with ringworm. In truth, ringworm is a fungus and not a worm, though lots of people still think it is a worm. I've had great results using the juice from the husk of a green walnut. Bruise the green walnut and rub the juice on the round patchy area. It will sting and scab up a bit; but, in my experience, the area stopped itching immediately and was gone by the time the scab healed.

Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac are culprits to many of the annoying itches of summer. Folklore says that Jewelweed (*Impatiens Capensis*) will prevent you from getting the rash, particularly of poison ivy. Here, I will mention my friend and much respected herbal comrade, Ginger, again, because of her dedication to the plants. She makes a Jewelweed salve. Ginger is so dedicated that she put the Jewelweed to the test by intentionally exposing herself to the itchy plant. The results were definitely that the Jewelweed helped lessen her breakout irritation as well as the length of the rash. One thing she also learned is that persistence in applying the salve is the key to success. It is good to have the salve on hand while in the outdoors, so that once you come in contact with the poisonous plants, you immediately rub the Jewelweed salve on the exposed area, particularly when you are not near cold water and soap. The juice of the plant is also effective to rub on the exposed areas. Many people in the area have had great relief from the poison ivy and oak rashes as a result of using the salve. My personal best results and what I often recommend is using diluted tea tree essential oil along with the salve if the rash is already well established and started to form blisters. I have also seen clay be very effective in reducing the rash. One more key thing to remember is washing the rash with cold water rather than hot.

Another very well respected herbal comrade is Darryl

Patton. He talks of his teachings from Tommie Bass in his book *Mountain Medicine* - available at Mountain Life Market-- in which Tommie recommends eating small young leaves to prevent allergic reaction to the plant. I have never tried this; but Darryl has, and he really believes that it will work for up to a year. I found, in my notes, that Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) is known to relieve a poison ivy rash, though I cannot remember where I acquired the information.

For the itches of insect bites and stings, you can walk out in your front yard and get one of the best plants for the job-- Plantain. A poultice of the leaves (mashing up the leaf or chewing it a bit) applied to the bite or sting will ease your discomfort, though it may not heal it as fast as Tea Tree oil and/or a salve. The juice of Purslane is known to relieve the sting of a caterpillar. Mayweed, Lemon Balm, Hounds' Tongue (*Cynoglossum Officinale*) and Jewelweed are all known to be great to stop itches when applied as a poultice or mixed in a salve. Wild Comfrey is in the Forget-me-not family with Hound's Tongue, while Comfrey (*Symphytum Officinale*) is in the Borage Family. I would not hesitate to use either Comfrey for bites, stings, rash, etc., because I have had great results with *Symphytum* in treating all skin afflictions. The most unusual insect bite reliever I found out about from *Peterson's Field Guide* was Ragweed leaves as a poultice.

Spider and snake bites are also treatable with nature. All varieties of Echinacea are known to be beneficial in treating spider and snake bites. Native Americans were said to make a tea or chew the root. I would also use a topical application, whether as a liniment or in a salve. Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*) is known to be beneficial in treating snake bites, though I would also use it for spider bites, as it has similar benefits to Echinacea. Wild Calla also known as Water Arum (*Calla Palustris*) Root is made into a poultice for snake bites as well as the root of Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium Yuccifolium*). Wild Yam is known to be one of the best remedies for a brown recluse spider bite. It is also great for insect stings.

The one itch that I did not find a relief for from local nature was Chiggers. Just as with Poison Plant Rashes, Chiggers seem to go away under the treatment of Tea Tree Essential Oil. Again, after using the undiluted oil, I follow it with a salve for itching and healing with great results. My great grandfather was a naturalist and respected his Cherokee heritage before it was popular to embrace your heritage. In his quest to embrace nature and his heritage, he found that not bathing was the best, most effective way to help prevent Chiggers. His philosophy was that natural human odor was not appealing to the Chiggers. I cannot confirm anything other than what he said in his own personal writings. He spent lots of time in the woods during the summer--each time after he bathed in creeks and lakes, within a few days, he would have the Chiggers; but when he would go weeks without bathing, he would be Chigger free. I would say for society today, this is not probable for most of you to try. A natural insect repellent or sulfur are the only other natural alternatives I know of.

There are two other natives that I found interesting information about in the *Peterson's Field Guide*--Sweet Flag and Goat's Rue. Sweet Flag is known to deter insects. Goat's Rue (*Tephrosia Virginiana*) Root is known as insecticidal and contains rotenone, which allows it to deter vermin, as well.

Garlic and Tobacco are two plants that you may not easily find wild, though I believe in the both of them passionately for deterring insects and treating their bites and stings. Wormwood is another well-known insect repellent that won't be found wild unless it escaped from an old home site. Other common natural insect repellents are citronella, tansy, and diatomaceous earth.

Last, but not least, Rita Shirley, came in and told me she rid herself of her ant problem inside with common table salt.

The most effective and convenient insect repellent that I know of for the body is Swy Flotter by Kiss My Face. I carry it at my store, Mountain Life Market/L.C. Moon Herbs in the heart of Mentone. It is deet-free, so effective, and good smelling.

Any questions or comments, please come by, call or write: L.C. Moon at (256) 634-3333, or
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By Sue Schwarz

It is almost time to celebrate our country's birthday. We hope you all have a great holiday and please take time to appreciate this country of ours and what a privilege it is to be living here, and especially here on this wonderful mountain tip. If you are in a quandary about what to do with those cucumbers that have overgrown, **Danish Style Cucumber Pickles** may be the solution for you. This recipe came from Bill's uncle, Kai Olsen. The second recipe is for **Fruit Pizza** and was recommended by one of our young house guests as the perfect dessert for July fourth. She recommends using blueberries and strawberries and bananas for the fourth.

DANISH STYLE CUCUMBER PICKLES

- Kai Olsen

Peel 6 large cucumbers. Split lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Combine and bring to boil: 1 Cup sugar, 1 pint cider vinegar, 1 cup water, one large onion sliced, 1 Tablespoon peppercorns, 1 ounce whole dill seed, and 2 ounces whole mustard seed.

Simmer 10 minutes and add cucumber slices. Simmer 5 minutes more. Place cucumber slices in jar, pour liquid over cucumbers. Keep in refrigerator. Best if not used for 3 or 4 weeks. These are very good sliced thin and used as a garnish for deviled eggs, or with any kind of sandwich meat.

FRUIT PIZZA - Mimi

1 (18 oz) roll refrigerated sugar cookie
1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened
1 (4-1/2 oz) whipped topping, thawed
1 pt. fresh strawberries
2 or three bananas sliced
1 (1lb) can sliced cling peaches drained
1 (8oz) can pineapple chunks, drained, (optional)

ORANGE SAUCE

1/2 C sugar
dash of salt
1 T corn starch
1/2 C orange juice
2 T lemon juice
1/4 C water

Stir together sugar, salt, and corn starch in a small saucepan. Gradually stir in orange and lemon juice and water. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Continue to boil for 1 minute. Remove from heat and let cool.

Cut cookie in 1/8 inch slices. Arrange on slightly greased pizza pan. Arrange in circle, overlapping, starting about 1/4 inch from rim of pan. Press together to make a solid crust. Bake at 300 F until outer edge is slightly browned, about 10 minutes. Center will not be brown. Let cool. Blend cream cheese and whipped topping together. Spread over cooled crust. Arrange fruit over filling. Note: Other fruits may be substituted, and use however much you find appealing. Spoon orange sauce over all fruit, cut in wedges and serve.

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Grandparents are Doug and Judy McMahan of Valley Head and Barbara Webb of Mentone, and the late Grady Webb.



Krissy Worthey Harris

Krissy Worthey Harris graduated Sigma Kappa Delta from Northeast Alabama Community College on May 13, 2005, where she earned an Associate in Applied Science Nursing degree. Krissy is married to Phil Harris of Valley Head, Alabama, and is the daughter of Milton and Gail Chambers and the late Edward R Worthey of Mentone, Alabama.

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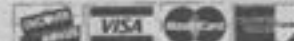
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Trey Moore, of Valley Head, reads his winning essay during the DARE Program event. Also pictured (from left) are Jimmy Cunningham, Charles Warren, Miss America Deidre Downs, and Sheriff Cecil Reed.

Trey Moore, son of John and Lesa Moore, was recently recognized at the Rainsville Civic Center for his winning essay that he wrote while in the DARE program at Valley Head School. Trey placed in the top 4 in the county and was awarded several prizes, including a new bicycle!

Mom and Dad are so proud of you!!

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY by Linda Brown

The summer continues to go by and I hope that you are reading lots of good books. The Community Library has books on every subject. If you don't know how to look for books on the shelves, the look-up stations that are used by the students have the community books in them. Just type in the name of the book, the author or even a clue word and the available books will appear on the screen. The letters and/or numbers before the title will let you know where the book is located on the shelves. CF is Community Fiction, CFLP is Community Fiction, Large Print, Bio is biographies and those with a number are non-fiction about all subjects. The Community Fiction takes up the largest part of the library shelves. The biographies are under the left counter just as you enter the front doors. The Dewey decimal (numbered) ones are on the wall with the front windows. Also, there is quite a selection for younger readers on a stand in front of the windows and Christian fiction books are marked by a red dot on the spine of the book. The volunteers who are keeping the library are always there to help you find what you are looking for.

Three members of the Board of Directors recently made another trip to McKay's to trade books. This is a store in Chattanooga where they take duplicate books that we have received and trade them for books that are not in the library. I have not heard what they were able to find this time, but I did see a long list that they were planning to look for. The ones they were able to find will probably not be on the shelves until September or so. Dianne Kuehl is our member who enters books into the computer and she is working at a girl's camp this summer. This is quite an involved process and none of the other board members have learned how to do this. She has to locate the book in the Library of Congress, get a number for it and then put it into the Moon Lake system. Sometimes she can't find the book in the Library of Congress and then it almost takes an Act of Congress to get that book into the system. Dianne also trains the volunteers, so we will not have another training until September. If you would like to volunteer in the Moon Lake Library, let us know so we can schedule a training for you as soon as possible.

You can see that operating the library takes a lot of time and effort from a lot of people. Have you ever noticed that you don't realize how much work something is until you become involved with it. I always use a garden as an example, it's rather easy to plant a garden, it's keeping the weeds and grass out that is hard. The library is well established now, it's keeping it going and keeping the interest of the people of Mentone that is hard now. We would like to have more patrons visit than the volunteers can take care of, but so far this hasn't happened. We need you to come and use the library!

The members of the Board of Directors are looking forward to the book sale in August. We now have the dates, it will be Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6. We will open by about 7 a.m. and close about 5 p.m. We will not open on Sunday. We have some really good books to sell, so come by early and look at our selection. As of now, we do not have any books that will be priced over \$5.00. Most of them will be a dollar and paperbacks will be two books for a dollar. This will be the best place to find bargains on the entire route of the Longest Yard Sale. If you

are a dealer in books, we ask that you come by during the last hours of our sale and make us a price. We will not keep these books over for another year. We need the space to store books to be processed for the shelves.

Please note that the Moon Lake Library will not be open on Saturday, July 2 or Tuesday, July 5. We decided that these dates were both too close to the holiday and felt that everyone would be taking vacations or going to family activities. The next open date will be Saturday, July 9. If you have books that are due on either date the library is closed, drop them in the drop-box. You will not be charged a late fee. If one does show up on your record please call me and I will erase it.

We are all looking forward to the opening of school soon so we can put some of our activities with the students in place. We have some very exciting things planned for this school year. If you do an activity or would like to see something tried, let us know. We are always open to suggestions. We especially need someone who plays a musical instrument to volunteer to spend one day at the school. In this day of high technology we would like to make the students aware that there are really instruments that do not have to be turned on with a knob.

Let me remind you again that August will be the month to renew your status as a FRIEND of the library. If you are not already a FRIEND this will be a good time to become one. To become a FRIEND we ask for a donation to the library of twenty dollars or more. This money is used to offset the operating expenses of the community side of the library.

At our June meeting, the members of the board decided that we need more shelves. We have asked Bill Schwarz to make us another unit. This is a good example of how our money is spent. Even though Bill volunteers his labor, there is the matter of buying materials such as lumber, nails, stain, etc.

Come and see us at the library and at our book sale on August 5 and 6. You are always welcome to come and sit in our rocking chair. You can read or just sit and "people watch". Some of the best times in Mentone can be found at the library. Many of our volunteers come by and just hang around for awhile. They say that they just love to do this and this is their favorite place to be.

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Workshop Report for West Fork Little River

The Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments (TARCOG) conducted a workshop concerning the West Fork Little River on June 2, 2005, at the Mentone Community House. The purpose of this workshop was to gain local insight on current and future issues facing the West Fork Little River.

The workshop began with introductions and a brief description of the purpose of the project. Credit was given to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management as the funding source for the project. This was followed by a presentation on the current conditions of the West Fork Little River. Issues discussed in the presentation were: why water quality is important, water quality test results of the West Fork Little River, project setting, population, land use, soils, topography and slope, septic issues, sedimentation and development issues. All of the information

in the presentation was obtained from the current Conditions Report on the West Fork Little River written by TARCOG.

Following the presentation, a series of questions were asked to the attendees to obtain their view on the West Fork Little River. Some concerns expressed by local officials and residents were: the high recreational demand in the area, litter/trash, factory farming, loss of endangered plants and animals, increased sedimentation and construction without regards to water quality. In addition to questions addressed at the workshop, a public survey was distributed with recommendations on how to protect water quality. See the list to the right about ways to prevent non point source pollution.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the West Fork Little River survey brochure, contact Lindsay Barrios at (256) 716-2482 or lbarrios@adss.state.al.us.

Ways to Prevent Non Point Source Pollution of the West Fork of Little River:

- Keep litter, pet wastes, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
- Try to apply fertilizer when heavy rain is NOT likely to wash it away.
- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints, and other household chemicals properly. Instructions are usually on the containers.
- Clean up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease, and antifreeze. Do not hose them on the street.
- Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.
- Encourage local government officials to develop construction erosion/sediment control ordinances in your community.
- Have your septic system inspected and pumped, at a minimum, every 3-5 years, so that it operates properly.
- Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorous to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into the West Fork Little River.

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(9) Colonial Brow Home - 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths with open kitchen & great room w/ fireplace, sun porch, formal dining room, authentic heart pine floors, a detached double garage with an additional bedroom and bath. \$449,000 (PLS #12933)



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(15) NEW & Furnished - Adorable new cabin featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, pine floors throughout and a rock fireplace. 8' x 40' porch on front and back with Yellow Pine exterior and a metal roof. \$149,900 (PLS #12642)



(16) North Brow - New construction featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas burning fireplace, front porch, back deck and more with approximately 1000 sq. ft. of living space. \$295,500 (PLS #13110)



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(19) Valley Head - Don't miss your chance to see this recently updated brick rancher in Valley Head offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sunroom and so much more. \$134,500 (PLS #13771)



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(21) Almost complete! This new cedar-sided home sits on 3.3 +/- acres and features 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, open kitchen/dining/living combination, gas log fireplace, central heat & air, large front porch and more. \$158,500 (PLS #12909)



(22) Valley Head - 3 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with living room, formal dining, kitchen, utility, screened front porch, CH&A, detached garage/storage and all on a corner lot. \$74,900 (PLS #13173)



(23) Valley Head - 2 1/2 bedrooms, 1 bath, glassed-in front porch, formal dining, AND a 1 bedroom, 1 bath guest house, 3 marble terraces for entertaining or just relaxing. MUST SEE! \$99,500 (PLS #13721)



(24) Valley Head - 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, beautiful sunroom, wood privacy fence, decorative fish pond, security system and storage building. \$105,000 (PLS #13688)

- (25) Commercial Property - 11.61 acres on the corner of Hwy. 11 and Hwy. 117, also front Palmer Road and Lyons Road. Mostly cleared with a home and apartment duplex included. \$399,000 (PLS #13561)
- (26) 4 acre parcel on County Road 627. \$28,000 (PLS #13269)
- (27) 1.17 +/- acres filled with spectacular rock formations behind Mentone City Hall. \$14,500 (PLS #10951)
- (28) LAND & LAKE - 40 +/- acres with a 5 acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake was stocked with Bass and Bream approx. 5 years ago and is approximately 35' deep. \$169,900 (PLS #11041)
- (29) Opportunity awaits - 10 acres on Hwy. 117, East of Mentone. 3 mobile homes and 2 one bedroom apartments and room to grow. This property is outside the city limits - no restrictions. \$158,500 (PLS #11474)
- (30) Retreat to this 40 acres on County Road 121, Valley Head. Partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. \$140,000 (PLS #11476)
- (31) Mentone - 3 wooded acres with a proposed building site already cleared. \$37,500 (PLS #11054)
- (32) Mountain River Estates - Phase I & II - building lots available, some with river frontage. Restricted subdivision. Lots start at \$27,300 Call for more information.
- (33) 1.56 acres on the brow near DeSoto State Park. \$37,500 (PLS #10133)
- (34) 4.23 acres on Hwy. 117 just outside the Mentone City Limits. Property can be used as residential or commercial. \$19,900 (PLS #13271)
- (35) Beautiful BROW lot on DeSoto Parkway. .55 acres with beautiful rock formations and gorgeous sunsets. \$95,500 (PLS #13627)
- (36) JUST LISTED - 11 acres in downtown Mentone. Can be purchased as a whole or split in lots. \$115,000 (PLS #13656)
- (37) Hammondville - Building lots starting at \$5,000/lot. Call for more information.
- (38) Beautiful BROW lot on Co. Rd. 89 North. \$85,500 (PLS #13638)
- (39) 1.82 acres on North Brow in Mentone. \$110,000 (PLS #13638)

For other land/lot listings, please call our office at 256-845-6000

It's a PARTY!! at Mountain Mamas

By Mary Alice Stout

Mountain Mamas Crafts and Rock Shop is inviting everyone! There will be lots of **Birthday Cake**, cold herbal tea, and **Door Prizes** on the hour. We are honored to have our cake cut by Joanne Christian, Postmaster of Menlo/Cloudland, Georgia, for the past 18 years. This will happen at 1:00pm. Come and celebrate our **11th Birthday** with us **Saturday, July 9th, 1 to 5pm (GA time)**!

Several women artists will be demonstrating their art. Melanie Drew, the **leaf bowl** artist from Carrollton, GA, will return with clay and leaves. She will show us how she shapes leaf imprints into pottery bowls.

Angela Goff, also from Carrollton, will show how she does her pottery style—**inspired by Dr. Seuss and Harry Potter**. She was featured in last month's Groundhog.

Stained glass and mosaic artist, Linda Munoz from Mentone, AL, will be creating a new mosaic piece. Linda has been making stained glass panels for over 25 years. She took a glass course when she and her husband bought a home because she knew she wanted to fill it with glass. A retired registered nurse, she now spends some time every day making mosaic pieces and stained glass.

Andrea Brandon of Ft Payne, AL, the artist who **paints on anything—gourds, rocks, plates, vases, wood, etc.**, will bring her paints. We never know what she will be painting—if it's a blank surface she'll paint it! Andrea is most known for her paintings of mountain cabins and trees.

As well as the work of these artists, Mountain Mamas has handmade items from more than 60 women artists—local and regional. We're located in Cloudland, GA, on GA Hwy 48, 1/2 mile east of the GA/AL state line. **Come and celebrate with us!**

For more information call Mary Alice at 706-862-2142. Check out www.mountainmamas.com.

World's Longest Yard Sale At Mountain Mamas

The Yard Sale will be held Wednesday, August 3, through Sunday, August 7. The yard sale trail stretches from Gadsden, AL, to Cincinnati, OH. The path goes on Lookout Mountain Parkway, right in front of Mountain Mamas, and we will be open every day with extended hours.

The Mountain Mamas will be selling donated items for Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue. If you have items to donate, you may drop them off at Mountain Mamas. We also have yard sale spots for rent at \$5 a day. Call Mary Alice for more information—706-862-2142.



**Mountain Mamas
Crafts & Rock Shop**

50+ Regional Women Artists

Pottery • Fine Art • Candles • Folk Art • Soaps
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Artists demonstrating, Door Prizes!!!

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(We'll be open & have **Yard Sales Aug. 3-7** during the **World's Longest Yard Sale!**)

We have a few selling spaces left for rent—\$5 a day. Call Mary Alice.



Linda Munoz at Mountain Mamas finishing a mosaic



Melanie Drew, Carrollton, GA, at Mountain Mamas, making bowls from imprints of leaves.

Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue News

By Mary Alice Stout

Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue is preparing to participate in the **WORLD'S LONGEST YARD SALE—Thursday, August 4 through Sunday, August 7. YARD SALE items are needed!**

Donations of items to sell are always appreciated. On our "wish list" is the donation of something BIG that we can raffle—a car, RV, motorcycle, ATV, boat, canoe, etc., etc. BUT, we do love to sell any items, no matter how big or small!!!

To make arrangements for your donation of items, call Chief Welch at 706-862-6519, Assistant Chief Durham at 706-862-6400, Secretary Mary Alice Stout at 706-862-2142, or Treasurer Donna Smith at 256-634-9008.

YARD SALE spaces for rent—If you would like a spot to sell yard sale items, call Chief Welch or Assistant Chief Durham.

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Mentone Community Celebration

Tony "Falling Leaf" James

Keyboard

Johnny Adams,

Saxophone

Mentone's Mountain Goddesses

Saturday Night, July 2, 8 p.m.

Fireworks start at 9:30

On the Lawn of Mentone Inn.

Bring your own Chair Or Blanket



Music on the Mountain

MENTONE MUSICAL MOUNTAIN STRINGS

July 16, 6:30 pm, presents:

Georgia and Letty



Wildflower Café

July 23, Presents:

Miss Gloria (blues)

God's Minute



By Ruby Brock

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

Judges 17:6

In the days before Israel had a king, they had God's law. But, people ignored it and did what was right in their own eyes (Jud.17:6). What a bitter price they paid for such freedom! The book of Judges tells of their disobedience, which resulted in oppression by pagan neighbors.

Still today, many people, and even some professing Christians, ignore God's clear revelation of Himself in His Word. They think they are free to form their own ideas of what God is like and what He expects. Strongly influenced by a godless culture, they live at the center of their own little world and walk in their own ways. That creates moral and spiritual confusion.

We must take God's Word seriously if we are to show our world that Christ gives us freedom to do what's right.

Christ Came to give us liberty

By dying in our place;

Now with new freedom we are bound

To share His love and grace.

 **BOOK SALE**
Aug. 5 & Aug. 6
Moon Lake Community Library

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Saturday, July 2 - Fireworks Display at Mentone Square, see flyer above.
- Monday, July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
- Tuesday, July 5, 6:30 PM, MAPA Picnic on the Brow, Brow Park Food Pavilion
- Tuesday, July 5, 6:30 PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad, Mentone Community House
- Monday, July 11, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, July 12, 12:00 PM Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, July 12, American Legion meeting 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- Thursday, July 21, Mentone Book Club, 10 AM
- Thursday, July 21, Mentone Planning and Zoning Committee, 5PM
- Thursday, July 28, 4PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Waterworks Board Room in the new water complex, open to the public
- Thursday, August 11, School Begins

