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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE MENTONE AREA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (MAPA)

By Amelia Kirk Lolli

Thank you all for electing me as your new President of M.A.P.A. again. It was 100 years ago that I served as your President--or at least it seems that long!!!

It was February 2, 1982, when 37 residents and business people of the area met at Cragmere Manna to discuss the future of Mentone. Preserving the uniqueness of Mentone was the primary goal. On February 16th, they met at St. Joseph's Church, where a statement of purpose and primary goals were addressed. On April 5th, the group was activated; a constitution and by-laws were approved; a nominating committee named the future people for office; and the future plans were outlined. This was held at the Mentone Springs Hotel (The Hotel was honored for the most improvement as people pitched in and worked and painted to make it more pleasing); and they won the award from the Mayor, Sam Barrett, and Fern Fitzgerald and Betty Chapman, of the Rhododendron Garden Club.

In the coming months, a non-profit status was achieved and goals established. A few of the original members and their titles were:

Bruce BonFleur, Director

Sandra Padgett, Associate Director

Bernise Crow, Secretary

The Newspaper THE GROUNDHOG was started:

Charles McGehee, Editor

Bernise Crow, Managing Editor

Sandra Padgett, Jean McGehee,

and Donna Bukley, Advertising

After several meetings, many others came to help M.A.P.A., and we accomplished all kinds of wonderful things: started the Rhododendron Festival, The Fall Festival, Christmas in Mentone. There were Groundhog Day runs, parades down Alabama 117, high school girls participating in becoming The Queen of the Festivals, Grand Marshalls, ghostly story telling by the campfire on the corner at The Mentone Inn. Hot chocolate, coffee, and hot dogs were served; and everyone listened to the exciting stories by Mr. Baty and many more.

Then, along came June Jam, in Fort Payne--great concerts by our group "ALABAMA". They brought in sometimes 60,000 people and packed the motels and Bed and Breakfasts, and restaurants and helped all the local businesses flourish. M.A.P.A. had a booth at June Jam and sold coffee, hot chocolate, corn on the cob, and ham sandwiches. They had a great time and all pitched in and listened to the great music of the

Band Alabama and all their guest stars. I still have guests that stayed at the Inn write and call me--it is so great to have such nice people remember me after all these years.

To let you know a little of my background, I was born on my Granddad's and Grandmother's farm near Alpine Camp. There was no running water, no electricity, cooking was done on wood stoves, but we had great get-togethers singing, and working. A lot of people on Sunday would stop by and Granddad would invite them to stay. I think back to all the cooking my Grandmother used to do, but all had a great time. One of our guests was Colonel Howard, and I would sit on his knee and hear his stories. There was no T.V. We entertained ourselves and had lots of good old conversations and learning sessions.

In 1976, I bought the DeSoto Lodge from the Plotts, who were teachers from Florida, and the lodge was only open 2 months out of the year. When I bought it, I changed the name to THE MENTONE INN. Nelda Howe liked that as we were good friends. They were the original owners and friends of my Mother and Dad. Nelda was a great cook and I still have some of her recipes. During that time, I met so many interesting people from June Jam, Camp parents, and Mentone Festivals.

So, now I am back and ready to head M.A.P.A. Let's all start thinking of great ideas for M.A.P.A. to take on new projects. We need a lot of new blood to help with new ideas to keep Mentone interesting and for people to come and visit. Mentone will always be a quaint town unique with the summer camps and DeSoto Falls (when we get rain). You can relax in DeSoto State Park and enjoy the hiking trails, eat at some of the great restaurants, chit chat with the local people, stay at the Bed and Breakfasts, have a wedding, a reception, or a party.

M.A.P.A. in the past helped get a grant to fix the rock wall on Alabama 117; put up and maintain the bulletin board at the post office; has made donations to Moon Lake School, Valley Head School, the Fire Department (North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District) [NLMVFPD], Mentone's Boy Scout Troop 106; planted plants on Alabama 117; and put up a sidewalk from the Hitching Post to Dessie's.

NOW is the time to put forth our efforts into doing something great for Mentone. I and some other people in M.A.P.A. think a multipurpose building in Mentone would be great for M.A.P.A. to look into. It

could be for meetings, and hold historically all kinds of history and pictures of Mentone from its past to the present. We could rent the building for meetings for different affairs, art shows--there are so many things the building could be used for. WE REALLY NEED ONE. I know the DeKalb County Tourist Association does a lot to promote Mentone and the DeKalb County area, but when people come to Mentone, it would be so wonderful to have a building they could visit and see the history of just Mentone, including the camps, churches, schools, and see ALL the history of Mentone. Right now in downtown Mentone, we have the OLDEST most beautiful old hotel in ALABAMA--Mentone Springs Hotel. It is on the National Register of Hotels.

Our meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30; and, hopefully, like in the past, this next year, I would like to have at the meetings a speaker to inform us about things we need to know. As we get busy and older, we lose touch with things that are going on in this area, in the state, and in the world.

Also, at the end of each meeting, we have some food to enjoy and time to socialize. Please think about coming and join in and give M.A.P.A. some of your ideas.

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MAPA Meeting

June 5, 2007, 6:30PM

The Mentone Area Preservation Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 6:30PM. President Dessie Brown called the meeting to order. Leroy Crowe gave the invocation and the blessing. Members present were Dessie Brown, Dot Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Leroy and Joanne Crowe, Lucille Crowe, Evelyn Graves, Page and Margaret Cunningham, Amelia Kirk Lolli, Wesley and Ann Chesnut, Gloria Sitz, Jerome Stephens, Dave and Claudia Wassom, Kim Albrecht, Clarence McDorman, L.C. Moon, and Sarah Wilcox, and Susie Marot; Larry and Mary Tidwell.

A speaker for the meeting was introduced. Mr. Larry Tidwell gave a presentation concerning long term care. Following the presentation, President Dessie Brown announced the names of the proposed slate of officers: President - Amelia Lolli; Vice President, Jerome Stephens; Secretary - Marie Dillenbeck; Treasurer - Leroy Crowe; Members at Large - Lucille Crowe, Evelyn Graves, Wesley Chesnut; and Parliamentarian, Dessie Brown as Past President. She called for nominations from the floor for each of the offices. There being none, Dorothy Crow made a motion to accept the nominees. LC Moon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The installation will take place at the annual covered dish picnic at the next meeting on July 3 at Brow Park. MAPA will furnish the meat, and everyone is to bring a covered dish.

Amelia Lolli introduced a new member, Andy Talton of the Mentone Springs Hotel, and announced that three new members would also be joining MAPA.

There being no further business, the members enjoyed the refreshments furnished by Joanne Crowe and Kerry Breithaupt.

The next meeting is the annual picnic at Brow Park on Tuesday, July 3, 6PM.

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Recently we were given an advertisement from a real estate ad, which was printed on the face of the New Year's edition of *The Birmingham News*, featuring an article by News Staff writer, Thomas Spencer.

The article was used in conjunction with the real estate ad to give an overview of the real estate market in this area. However, various persons were quoted in the article as to what their impression of Mentone is, etc.

Mentone was described as a "sleepy town" whose businesses and restaurants don't bother to open during the week. One reference to Mentone was made, implying that the business operated by his partner and himself was the only thing that was attractive to Mentone and that without it, Mentone was "Podunk."

We simply must rise up in defense of our community! Our forefathers came to this community and with sweat and prayers, they built their homes so that their families would have a safe environment. They built a school so that their children would have a suitable place to go, and from the beginning, the best teachers available were chosen to teach their children. They built a church and later other churches were built so that their families would have a suitable place to worship. They believed that a "couple" was a man and a woman from whom children could be reared. And by the way, we still believe in these same principles.

For a "Podunk" town, we have done very well. It has produced outstanding educators, engineers, doctors, and students on the Dean's and the President's lists at major universities. We have a local elementary school that is second to none in the state in academics and in inter-personal relationships with faculty, students, and parents.

We are two women who operate a business in the town of Mentone, and we "bother" to open our business to serve our clients (after, of course, we have delivered our children to school and done our work at home). There is no time to "sleep" at our place of business because we are quite busy all day long from 9 AM to 5 PM. If there is an emergency occurring with one of our clients, we are always happy to arrange a special time outside regular business hours to accommodate their needs.

This mountain may be "a little like a step back in time", but we like it that way. We seek constantly to maintain the principles on which this community was founded, and those principles never grow old.

Two Mentone Businesswomen

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"Songs from the 50's"

Larry Tidwell will be doing "Songs from the 50's" on Friday evening, July 6, at Dessie's Restaurant. Please make your plans to enjoy a good meal at Dessie's and relax to the music.

Massage Therapy in the heart of Mentone

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Some people seem to be born knowing what their life's work will be. Others take a little longer. Kerry Breithaupt is one of those that took a little longer. She began her working life as a dental assistant; but, like many that train for a profession, unfortunately, she just didn't find it a good fit. From there, she became a wallpaper hanger for 23 years and also was a real estate agent. She still hadn't found her mission in life.

It was a serious accident that influenced her to become a licensed massage therapist. She explained that she was severely injured on a job years ago. She went to a massage therapist and found that she got great relief from massage. "It was the massage not medication that brought me immediate relief. Because of my experience, I found myself going back to school at 42 to become a massage therapist."

Since completing her training and becoming licensed, she has worked for a chiropractor, worked at an aesthetic medical spa, and been partners in a day spa. Along with being a licensed therapist, she is also licensed to teach and has been teaching (and continues to teach) in Mobile at the same school from which she received her training.

"It's natural for me to teach because of my personal experience with the benefits of massage therapy. Students need the clinical information but they also need more."

Once she had determined what she wanted to do when she grew up, trained for that profession, she needed the perfect place to practice. She feels that she has found that perfect place in Mentone. She was no stranger to Mentone. She and her husband used to spend vacation time here, hiking the trails and enjoying the serene beauty that can only be found in these mountains.

Massage is no stranger to the Mentone area. Donna Sutton has been providing massage for years. Now with Kerry's arrival, Mentone has another wonderful massage therapist.

Kerry is now associated with Mentone Health Foods, located behind the Mentone Springs Hotel.

With the addition of Kerry, Mentone Health foods provides one stop for body, mind and spirit. Mentone Health Foods also offers all natural and organic foods, individual and gourmet chocolates and local produce when available. The store provides all natural bath and body care, hand blended soaps, the best quality supplements, natural gifts and handmade art, organically grown meats, juices, vegetables and fruit. Consultations are available with Matt St. John, Alabama's only State-Licensed Naturopath and L.C. Moon, Mentone's Folk Herbalist. More natural therapists are coming in the near future.

The store has a welcoming atmosphere. Kerry's clients get a feeling of peace and well being upon entering her massage room. The walls are painted a soothing dark blue, the lights are dim and the music is low and relaxing. Before a massage session begins, she gets a health history and finds out what medications the client takes. This helps her determine the type of massage that would afford the most benefit for them. She is certified in Swedish Massage, deep tissue therapy, hot stone therapy, neuromuscular therapy, and Belavi face-lift massage among others. She explained that she does an integrated massage combining a number of therapies. "I can provide both luxury and a therapeutic massage. Many people consider massage not a luxury, but a necessity," she explained.

The benefits don't stop when the massage is over because Kerry always tries to give clients exercises and breathing techniques that will continue to help them.

Kerry has no set hours but sees clients by appointment mornings or evenings. She also does "out calls" where she will come to your house or place of business for your massage. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 256-254-9802. She offers either half-hour or one-hour sessions. Special prices are available until the end of July to introduce area residents to the benefit of Kerry's massage technique.

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NANCY LUSK HAS NEW HOUSE

June 19, on a trip back from Huntsville, Marilyn Blanton Campbell stopped in to pay a call on Mrs. Nancy Lusk at Miss Nancy's new house in Sylvania. The yard is still "a work in progress," but the house is quite finished and absolutely beautiful. Miss Nancy sends hellos to all her friends in Mentone and wants everybody to know that she is happy in her new surroundings.

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3 - Larry Smalley	23 - Taylor Blalock	
4 - Gerry Disney; Orion Nicely	25 - Robert Brown, Allie Blalock; Dr. Bill Berry	
5 - Marilyn Knight, Nathan Jones	26 - Allen cherbonneau	
6 - Elizabeth Brown; Al Kuehl Eileen Perry in memory	27 - Marcus Sutton	
7 - Jimmy Blalock	28 - Marilyn Hodge	
8 - Marilyn Action; Gail Smalley; Rachel Manifold	29 - Ken Kirby	
9 - Rhonda Blalock	30 - Rachel Collins; Brenda Green;	
11 - Garrett Collins, Barbie Hester, David Bridges	31 - Kenneth Cash; Paige Wright	
13 - Jolee Brown	ANNIVERSARIES:	
15 - Jessica Green; Kira Mae Goodwin	1 - Mr. & Mrs. Byron Gilbreath	
16- Penny Lyday; Kattie Bird Cobble	5 - Donna Smith	
17 - Kayla Hazell, Coy Crow	6 - Herman & Mattie Golden	
18 - Ronald K. Jones; Raymond Blalock	7 - Roland & Carolyn Hendon	
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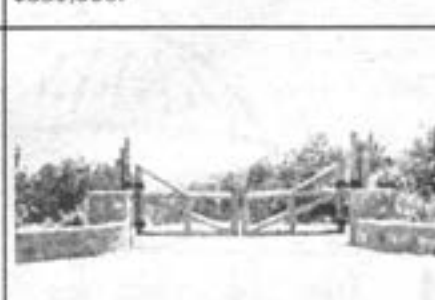
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"Jennifer's continuing commitment translates into success for every child," said Judi Paul, Chairman of the Board at Renaissance Learning.

To receive Renaissance Model Classroom recertification, an educator must demonstrate that students are maintaining high-quality practice for a minimum of 12 weeks. Additionally, educators must be actively working with individual students to meet Renaissance-recommended standards and be helping each student work at the level that promotes the most growth.

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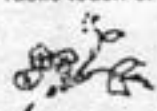
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It's a PARTY!! at Mountain Mamas

By Ellen Spangler

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. Continuing our practice of celebrating women who work behind the scenes, often the hard-working backbone that keeps the whole business moving forward and upward, we are honored to have our cake cut by Marie Dillenbeck, Mentone's Town Clerk and Magistrate. Not only has she been the clerk since '97, Marie has helped put together The Groundhog since '92, and been secretary of MAPA more years than we can remember.

The cake cutting will happen at 1:30pm. Come and celebrate our 13th Birthday with us **Saturday, July 14th, 1 to 5pm (GA time)!**

Several women artists will be demonstrating their art. Three potters are coming from Carrollton, GA, Angela Goff, Melanie Drew, and a young artist, April Hanahan, 9 years old.

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 landscape paintings with log cabins, ponds, and life-like trees.

Fabric artist, Helen Farley, will be working on her needlepoint or cross-stitch. Her hummingbirds and rosters are favorites with our shoppers.

Fine View Nursery's Reesa Barton and Susan Seago, Menlo, GA, will be teaching mini-workshops on making simple hummingbird feeders.



As well as the work of these artists, Mountain Mamas has handmade items from more than 70 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 where AL Hwy 117 ends. 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 Thursday, August 2, through Sunday, August 5. 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 a local community group. 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.

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

A special guest was present for the June meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Community Library. Brenda Wisner, Principal of Moon Lake Elementary School, came to meet the members and to become more familiar with the uniqueness of the library. As most of you know by now, the space in the library is shared by the students of Moon Lake Elementary School and the people of the community of Mentone.

The members of the Board gave a quick review of the activities the library has been involved in. This was beneficial for the members and for Mrs. Wisner. We tend to forget many of the things that have happened in the past. A few of the events mentioned were: the summer reading programs for children, the traveling book program and serving lunch for the seniors, the Koffee Klatch, the Reading for Pizza program for the students, the Meet the Author Day with John Baty, the holiday open house with the winter village, several cultural events for the students, including Old Time Music, cello teaching and playing, creative dance, poetry workshop and juggling and clowning. The members and Mrs. Wisner agreed to continue to work together to offer Moon Lake Elementary School students the best education possible.

The regular business included a report on the recent work day. It was well attended and the amount of work accomplished is hard to believe. Tons of books were covered and shelved, surfaces were cleaned, including vacuuming the floor, books were counted and an

inventory of all books was started. This will be continued at a later time. A report of the books of fiction showed almost 4,000 books on the shelves! We will count all of the books at a later date. This is an amazing number of books considering that almost all of them have been donated.

It was reported that we have seventy-five FRIENDS of the Library. We now have very nice pens to give to FRIENDS when they renew their membership or join. We try to offer something special to these special people when we can. They will be offered the chance to come to the book sale on the opening morning, Thursday, August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The sale will be open to the public beginning at noon on Thursday and continue until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th. Come and see what we have to offer. We have many good books that are duplicates of those on our shelves, many that are text books or technical information which we do not put on the shelves and of course paper backs, lots of paper backs. Come early and browse awhile, we have very good deals on our books. Many of the vendors who are coming to set up in Mentone for the Longest Yard Sale stop and buy books to read when things are a little slow.

Once again it is time for the Community Calendar sales. The 2008 calendar will have many more daily listings and all known school events will be listed. The Character Words will be continued by Mrs. Wisner and all known meetings of the area will be listed. In addition to this, the ads offer information and telephone numbers of most of the businesses of the Mentone area. What a bargain for only \$5.00!!

This has been the price of a calendar since the first issue. We try to keep this price to enable everyone to have a calendar. We hope to reach more parents with students in MLES this year. It is fun to see whose birthday is on the calendar. Order yours from a member of the board or use the form provided in this issue of *The Groundhog*. A form will be sent home with each MLES student in September. Fill this in and return it to the office of the school and they will be picked up.

We never know what or who we will meet each day. I attended the garden club meeting and while I was there Jan Wilkinson informed me that a group of young people was coming to the library to do a service project that afternoon and would I come over and help her show them what needed to be done. Jan and I had just arrived at the library when a van carrying thirteen young people from Camp Coca Cola pulled into the parking lot. These young people are at Camp Adahi in Cloudland for this camp. They arrived with hoes and rakes. The grass at the library had just been mowed and they proceeded to rake that which had piled up from the mowing. Some of them raked and bagged several wheelbarrow loads of dry grass and others weeded and tidied the flower beds in front of the library and along the sidewalk to the school buildings. They were great to work with and we appreciate them thinking of us and for doing some much needed work at the library.

We would like to invite everyone who is spending the summer in Mentone to come and see the library. We have been able to help several families complete a summer reading list assigned to them by other schools. For some of these books, we go to the school side for

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help. This is a very good aspect of the library, students can check out books from the school side on the library card of their parent or guardian.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library will be Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the library. The library will be open for the public during this time and we urge you to continue to use the library during our meeting. Call Jan Wilkinson, 845-5048, to be placed on the agenda.

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library or to make a suggestion, you may write to us at this address:

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HWY 337/HAIR LAKE RD -279+/- acres, pasture/row crop. Paved road frontage off Hwy 337 & Hair Lake Rd. Water-owner-gas. Will consider some subdividing.



LAHUSAGE-MENTONE, AL - A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. New development which will be featuring Little River frontage tracts off County Road 103, starting at the dam on Lake Lahusage. Amenities include private entrance, power, public water, common area on Lake Lahusage, plats available soon. Owners/ Brokers. C.S. Baker, Broker/ Developer. Call for more information. Broker participation invited.



THE VILLAGE on Lookout Mountain, Cloudland--New development with 10 unrivaled and unobstructed brow lots. Breathtaking views of Shinebone Valley. Restrictive covenants, private, public water. Call for more information.



NORTH CEDAR STREET, CLOUDLAND--Perfect mountain getaway. Living room w/ fireplace, eat-in kitchen w/ fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, sunroom, garage. Call for more details. Selling for division among heirs. Bring all offers. Listed at \$89,900.

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THE VIEW IS BREATHTAKING! Located near DeSoto State Park, this cabin constructed of cedar log siding offers stacked rock fireplace and wood floors. Kitchen has white appliances, and a roomy pantry. 3BR/2.5BA, concrete drive and retaining wall which circles the back of the home is located on 2.2 acres and makes this home a MUST SEE! \$249,900 (16317)



WHY GO ANYWHERE ELSE when you can enjoy all the amenities with the 3BR/2.5BA home on 6.49 acres? Large great room, oversized bedrooms, sunroom, den with fireplace, workshop, barn, pond and so much more to offer. A true paradise and priced for \$329,500. (16056)



LOOKING FOR PEACE AND QUIET but still need the security of being close to downtown? We've got it! This 4BR/2BA home is surrounded by 3 +/- acres, yet is close to downtown Mentone. Kitchen and dining combination, finished basement, CH&A, and more. \$179,900 (16376)



OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY Hitching Post built in 1896 located at the corner of Hwy. 117 and 89 in Mentone consists of Crow's Nest Antiques with inventory, Gourdie Shop, Wildflower Cafe and a real estate office. Call today for all the details and a tour of this unique property. \$450,000 (16094)



ADD YOUR PERSONAL TOUCH to this under construction log cabin in Mentone. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, wood floors, screened porch and gas log fireplace make this a perfect retreat for any season. \$184,500 (15545)



RELAX in this almost new home on Brush Creek. Featuring living/dining area, screened porch, all appliances including washer & dryer. Come see this one before the opportunity passes. \$146,500 (16079)



THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE MANY, BUT PROPERTIES LIKE THIS ARE FEW!! This beautiful traditional 5BR/4BA brick home on over 40 rolling acres has ceramic kitchen w/island and all the extras. Approx. 18 acres cleared, nice large barn and livestock pond. \$429,000 (14651)



WEEKEND RETREAT or ideal for year-round living in this 3BR/2BA home newly constructed in Mentone. Overlooking 4 acres with an additional 4 acres available for purchase, living room with rock fireplace, dining area, kitchen with all appliances and so much more. Living, dining, kitchen and master bedroom have Poplar wood walls. A rare opportunity and priced to sell at \$189,900. (16257)



A MOUNTAIN TREASURE FOUND! Historic Mentone cottage and cabin on the brow with in walking distance to town...Formerly an old carriage house, features wood walls, pine and slate floors throughout. CH/A, 2BR and baths, kitchen, and great room with beautiful rock fireplace. \$479,000 (15522)



PANORAMIC BROW VIEW from this rustic designed frame and rock home. Greatroom with rock FP, formal dining, kitchen and breakfast area. Master suite, plus 2 guest bedrooms, upstairs has 2 additional BR plus sitting area. Make your appt. today! \$695,000 (15856)

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ENJOY THE GORGEOUS VIEW OF THE LAKE from this NEW construction in Mentone offering 2BR/2BA, large open living room with fireplace, spacious kitchen with dining area, master bath with garden tub and more. Call for your appointment today. \$229,000 (15985)



VALLEYS AND MOUNTAINS. The view is SPECTACULAR. Custom built log home, wood walls and floors, stacked rock fireplace, large kitchen and dining area, 3BR/3BA, screened-in porch and back deck. Restricted subdivision. Get away from the busy life in this mountain hideaway. \$369,000 (15616)



FIRST TIME OFFERED! Enjoy the gorgeous view of the valley below. Kitchen has breakfast bar and stainless appliances. Huge master bedroom has private deck, master bath offers clawfooted tub placed in front of the fireplace. Outside enjoy the stacked rock fireplace/bbq grill. Garage apartment has separate entrance, kitchenette, BR & BA. \$699,000 (15736)



THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT to this classic Southern home. Downstairs offers 2BR, bath, and great room. Upstairs you'll find another large BR with walk-in closets, bath and an open balcony. 2.42 acres creates a relaxed feeling. It can be yours for only \$194,500. (15263)



ENJOY GOING TO WORK IN THE MORNINGS? If not, then perhaps you should consider investing in your own business. Lookout Mountain Nursery is now for sale. This operating business offers 9 greenhouses with inventory included. Don't delay on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. \$99,500 (16393)



ALL THE WARMTH AND CHARACTER OF YESTERDAY in this 4BR/3BA home. Features include a wood burning fireplace, wood floors, a gracious amount of windows which allow natural lighting in the rooms and a large laundry room that also features a 2nd kitchen. Possible office or craft room. So many rooms, so many options. Use your imagination. \$165,000 (16128)



NEW CABIN ON THE BROW with 1750 sq ft. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master suite has jetted tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. Cathedral ceiling in living room with rock fireplace. Large deck to enjoy the view. \$235,000 (16390)



NATIVE MOUNTAIN FOLIAGE creates a level of privacy for this 3BR/2BA brick house on 3 lots with 300' on the West Fork of Little River. Split BR design, large family room with cathedral ceiling and mountain stone wood-burning fireplace, screened porch overlooking a walkway to the river. 2 storage sheds (1 with electricity), an attached 2-car garage, and CH/A. \$289,900 (16371)



PICTURE PERFECT. 2-story located on Lookout Mtn near DeSoto State Park. Wrap-around porch and deck in back. Open floor plan, great room with wood burning fireplace, custom kitchen, separate dining room, and rec room. Master Suite with a private balcony, jetted tub, walk-in ceramic shower, and walk-in closet. Sited on 4.9 acres. Easy living awaits you, call for your appointment today. Priced at \$399,000 (16391)



STROLL TO EVERYTHING IN MENTONE from this picturesque cul-de-sac location. This home as a lot to offer. Four bedrooms, 3 baths, living, dining and den with wood burning fireplace and great studio over garage. Three levels of decking with farmable mountain and valley views. Privacy fencing and more. \$454,900 (16366)



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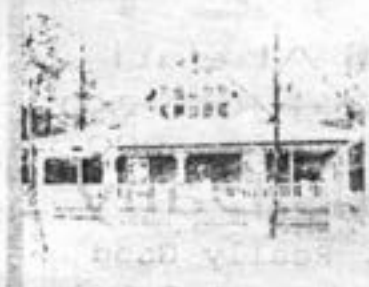
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The lodge is located on the west bank of Little River about one fourth mile upstream from DeSoto Falls. It is built entirely of native materials, except the large cedar posts used across the front of the lodge, which were shipped by flat car from Lebanon, Tennessee. The lodge is 81 feet long and 48 feet wide. The foundation and living room walls are of stone. The remainder of the structure is built of wood cut and milled right here on the mountain. The two story lodge contains nine rooms with baths, a rustic living room with a large stone fireplace, dining rooms, kitchen and a screened porch with chairs and rockers overlooking the river. A balcony above the living room gives access to six bedrooms on the upper floor. Downstairs, off the living room, are three bedrooms. The lodge is furnished in handmade hickory furniture.

In October 1944, Nippersink was sold to Miss Annelee Tucker and Miss Elizabeth Lowe of Thomasville, Alabama. It was these two ladies who conceived the idea of converting the big old summer home into an inn.

Miss Tucker and Miss Lowe were school teachers who had spent a number of summers as supervisors of girls' camps in the area and had been looking for property suitable for a country inn. The adventure proved successful, and, in 1952, Tuclo Cottage (Tucker and Lowe) was built near the main lodge. It houses four bedrooms with baths and a living area. In 1960, they added Hope Cottage, a similar structure just south of Tuclo Cottage. "Hope" because, at the time, they hoped they could pay for it.

Then came retirement for The Teachers and in January 1973, Nippersink was purchased by George and Osceola Hauge. Captain Hauge (a retired naval officer) and Mrs. Hauge built a home for themselves just up river from the lodge and together they continued the tradition of warm, friendly hospitality begun by Misses Tucker and Lowe.

Meantime, Geraldine and Ed Disney, who had been guests at Nippersink, bought a cottage just up the river from the lodge in 1977. They became friends with the Hauges, and when the Hauges decided that they really wanted to retire, they encouraged the Disneys to take over the lodge, and they did just that in the summer of 1979. They have been happily welcoming guests ever since.

The Hauges, after selling to Geraldine and Ed, retired to Spanish Fort, Alabama. Miss Lowe and Miss Tucker made their home in Thomasville, Alabama, until Miss Tucker died in July 1989 and Miss Lowe in February 1991.

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The Alfred C. Ellis reunion photo 1896

This is an old picture, probably made on the 1st year anniversary of the death of Alfred Ellis who was born in Sulphur Springs 1843. Shown are all the children of Alfred and his widow, Margaret Evaline Painter Ellis. Alfred died September 12, 1895. This picture would have been made in the fall of 1896. The location of the photo would have been in the High Point Community. I don't believe this photo has ever been published.

Two individuals in the photograph are not identified. Hopefully, there are some readers who can identify who these individuals are, one male and one female. They are on the back row and on both sides of Alfred "Bud" Ellis who is holding the book.

Seated from L/R: Carl Ellis w/Minnie, his wife Mary Cordell Ellis w/Ora, Julia Ellis, Margaret Evaline Painter Ellis (widow of Alfred Ellis), Alcy Ellis (Shankles), and Anne Ellis.

Standing from Left to right: Jason Ellis, Dessie Ellis (Moore), unidentified lady, Alfred "Bud" Ellis, unidentified gentleman, Mary Ellis (Hal), Margaret Ellis (Keith). It is possible that the gentleman shown is a preacher and the lady could be his wife.

Submitted by A.C. Ellis, great grandson of Alfred and Margaret Painter Ellis.



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By John Baty

Dry weather causes root vegetables to be tough and harder to boil tender. All who come from a background in the farming communities are well aware of the effect which weather has on texture and flavor of food. We were taught in high school that it was not so much the age of beef cattle from which the steaks were cut but the physiological condition of the animal at slaughter which dictates tenderness of steaks. The tender meats coming from cattle which were gaining weight at slaughter as opposed to tougher beef coming from animals losing weight when butchered. At least that was the wisdom of that time which has now become, well, dated. Current knowledge may be entirely different. It is a fact that attitudes toward indiscriminate and wasteful exploitation of animals as food is changing in some "circles." The final cost of quality beef being so great compared to other foods, plus the "Disney Syndrome" and the stricken conscience when a fellow animal is put down.

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There are hungry people, still, but to methods which would alleviate that hunger some questionable practices might be examined.

It is harder to have home grown food when the weather plays to the extreme as it has this year. I, personally, have changed my eating habits. Most of the time now, we turn off the air, pull off more clothes, get out in the Sun and try to perspire a little and eat less. By such methods, I have brought my total cholesterol from 202 to 167. A fellow told me once when temporarily short of funds that "one can live on a lot less than he thinks he can." Shortages are not much of a problem today, but the elimination of hunger seems to be linked to poor quality food.

I did check and it is true. That was a tomato the kids were playing softball with up at the road.

Yeah, we can see humor in these things. . . In fact, laughing at our own folly is a form of aerobics.

It is true, though, that a bill was introduced in the last session of the U.S. Senate which would charge anyone caught at a political rally with a whole tomato with possession of a lethal weapon.

I have always loved humor, and don't mind when it is directed at me. Once when I had rabbits, I went to a former County Farm Agent, Mr. O'Daniel, to ask about any potential damage to the rabbits which might result from applying Roundup under the fence. After suggesting mixtures and methods, he looked at me with not the slightest hint of facetiousness and said: "A good substitute for herbicide is a hoe!"

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The Norace Baty Family

The Norace Baty Family of Mentone and surrounding areas met June 3 at the home of John and Mary Sue Baty where they entertained John's niece, Sandra Vinson Berry and husband, Nolan. Nolan is an attorney in Branson, Missouri, where the couple makes their home.

The family met and enjoyed lunch in the Blue Lantern Music and Dance facility, which is owned by

John and Mary Sue. It was a day of reminiscing, good food, picture albums and story telling.

John and Nolan compared their methods of guitar picking. The day ended with fond, emotional good-byes, and promises of being there next time!



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Rhododendron Garden Club News

By Linda Brown, Secretary

"Variety is the spice of life." This old saying held true for the June 12, 2007 meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club. The meeting was held at the home of member, Margaret Baker. The business meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice-president, Margaret Baker. Twenty members and guests were present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Harriett Lillich. The inspirational minute was given by Jill Whitten.

Several members gave reports on various activities. Some of the topics included the discussion of the destruction of the mountain area by contractors. Everyone was urged to distribute the wildflower brochure that has been prepared by the club. The members were made aware of some of the effects of global warming and a discussion was held as to what we can do to help the situation. A request was made for everyone to save junk CD's and stickers for projects with the Partridge Peas Ecotots during the upcoming school session.

Harriett Lillich gave a further update on Earth Day at Moon Lake Elementary School. She stated that all grades made wonderful posters and had a poster parade on Earth Day. This was such a success that the parade was repeated for the Parents Teachers Organization meeting.

The scheduled flower show of July 10, 2007 was discussed. Summer in Mentone has been chosen as the title of the show. The Design Division is for garden club members only, but anyone can enter the Horticulture Division. The final plans were made and all chairs of committees were reminded of their duties. Sue Ann Jones, Chairman of Staging, asked the members to meet at the M.E.R.F. Community House on Monday, July 9, at 5:30 to prepare for the show.

The program was a cooking demonstration given by Ben Keener, chef at the Wildflower Café in Mentone and Jay Rivett, Master Gardener and owner of Jay's Garden Variety. The emphasis was on the use of herbs. Ben prepared wonderful dips and baked dishes using herbs and Jay told us of the many uses of herbs.

He defined an herb as a plant which some part of (roots, stems, leaves, flowers or fruits) can be used for food, medicine, flavoring in food, or scents. History shows that herbs were used in Egypt as far back as 3000 B.C. The Native Americans, including the Cherokee tribe, used herbs for medicinal purposes and dyes. Some of the herbs that are native to this area include: mint, bloodroot, bunchberry, yarrow, purple coneflower and sage. He reminded everyone to make sure that the herbs they use are safe, as some are poisonous.

The next regular meeting will be July 10, 2007 at the M.E.R.F. Community House and will be a Small Standard Flower Show entitled, Summer in Mentone. Entries for the show will be received from 7:00-9:30 a.m. and judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. The show is open to the public from 1:00-4:00 p.m. No charge for admission.

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

The

Church News

By Evelyn Graves



The 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.

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, Valley Head. 635-2002.

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.

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.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 11AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road NW (DeKalb County Road 85), Fort Payne. Phone: 256-845-4842. The community is welcomed. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Bible Class every Wednesday @ 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 256-845-4314.

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

The **Fort Payne Christian Center** and Pastor Ken and Elaine Holliman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10 AM, Wednesday evening at 6PM. God Bless you.

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), 5760 Gault Ave., NE, Fort Payne, AL. Rev. Billy Dempsey, Pastor, Sunday School 9:45AM; Sunday Worship - 10:55AM.

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.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Daniel Lee of Rainsville is the pastor. Everyone is 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.

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. Wednesday night 6:30PM. 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 Summer Schedule: Sunday - Coffee Fellowship 9:30AM followed by Worship 10:00 AM in the Family Life Center; Wednesday - Small Groups for Adults, Youth Group and Kid's Classes 6:30 PM.

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. 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.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10 AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Potters House Church. We are a small community church filled with the love of Jesus, where everyone of all denominations is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Worship is at 2 PM with Bill Miracle Pastor. We serve a meal at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, and our Bible Study starts at 6:30 with Sabra Gann, Teacher.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 10AM(9AM GA time); Church Services 11AM(10AM GA time); and Sunday night services 6PM(5PM GA time).

New Oregon United Methodist Church, 1204 New Oregon Drive NE, Ft. Payne, AL 35967. The activities of New Oregon include: Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. and Evening worship at 6:00 p.m. Sunday morning fellowship time is from 9:20-9:40 a.m., followed by Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and all activities of the church.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30 p.m. The pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is Dr. Bill Russell. Moon Lake Baptist Church had the kickoff for Vacation Bible School on May 27 at 5PM. VBS will run Monday-Friday 6 - 9 PM, May 28-June 1. Ages: 3 - 6th grade.

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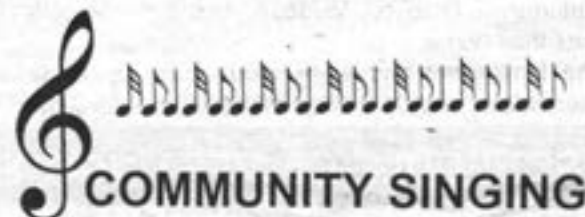
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National Geographic Article

According to the DeKalb Tourist Association, the *National Geographic* article about Mentone United Methodist Church that was to be in the July issue has been postponed. The dedication ceremony for **The Hallelujah Trail**, which is the main topic of the article, has not taken place. It is scheduled for this September in Decatur, AL.

Once the dedication ceremony takes place, the article about **The Hallelujah Trail** will be written and the two churches that will be included in the write up are the Mentone United Methodist Church and First Methodist Church in Fort Payne.



COMMUNITY SINGING

Moon Lake Baptist Church and Howard's Chapel will co-host a community singing to be held at Moon Lake Baptist Church on July 7, at 4 PM. All churches are invited to attend. Special guest singer will be Larry Tidwell from Birmingham.

"Songs from the 50's"

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Matthew 22:17,21(KJV)

When the Pharisees, in an attempt to tempt Jesus asked, "Tell us therefore, what thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" Jesus' reply was, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

We, as American citizens, need to be concerned with the things affecting our nation, and we need to exercise our right to vote, and we should support our political leaders and pray for them and honor our country.

When we are dealing with spiritual matters, however, we need to give our allegiance to God and follow His leadership in all things.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The meeting dates for the **Valley Head Water Works Board**, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be as follows:

Monday, July 9, 2007
Monday, August 13, 2007
Monday, September 10, 2007
Monday, October 8, 2007
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Monday, December 10, 2007
Monday, January 14, 2008

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00PM in the Valley Head Water Works office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works Building. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works Building prior to the meeting date and time. The location of the meeting will also be posted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2007** meeting dates for the **Mentone Town Council**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

Monday, July 9
Monday, August 13
Monday, September 10
Monday, October 8
Monday, November 12
Monday, December 10

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2007** quarterly meeting dates for the **Mentone Planning Commission**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be as follows:

Thursday, July 19
Thursday, October 18
Thursday, January 17, 2008

All meetings will be held beginning at 5:00PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2007** meeting dates for the **Mentone Waterworks Board**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, as follows:

Thursday, July 26
Thursday, August 23
Thursday, September 27
Thursday, October 25
Tuesday, November 13
Thursday, December 20

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00PM in the Mentone WaterWorks office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board of the Mentone Town Hall, adjacent to the water office. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Mondays - July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 5:30 PM, N.L.M.V.F.P.D. Weekly Meeting
- Monday, July 2, 6:30 PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad Meeting, MERF House
- Tuesday, July 3, 6:30 PM, MAPA Annual Picnic at Brow Park Pavilion
- Thursday, July 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY (Display your Flags)
- Monday, July 9, 6 PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, July 10, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, MERF House
- Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 PM, Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Thursday, July 19, 5 PM, Town of Mentone Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting, Town Hall Meeting Room
- Thursday, July 26, 4 PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public
- Wednesday, July 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
- August 2,3,4,5 - WORLD'S LONGEST YARD SALE - starting in Gadsden, AL, and following the Lookout Mountain Parkway to Covington, KY
- Thursday, August 9, 1st Day of School

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