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"Neighborhood News from the Heart of Lookout Mountain"

July 2009

A New Outlook for Cragmere

By Ronda Bruckno

Cragmere has been a favorite restaurant to so many visitors and Mentonens over the years. Many happy memories have been made there; engagements, birthdays, weddings, family reunions and so forth. They had the best prime rib and remember the strawberry pizza that made Southern Living Magazine! Many have dropped by my office to chat and ask what is going on at Cragmere? Are they opening a new restaurant? Is it going to be a new Bed and Breakfast? What type remodeling are they doing?

Not long ago I was driving down County Road 89 enjoying all the beautiful rhododendrons and wildflowers when I came to Cragmere

Restaurant. I saw Charles Flannigan's truck there and decided to check it out. Lucky for me Joe Johnson, the new owner, who lives a little farther down the brow was also there. Joe and his wife Em are very nice people who are making a great contribution to this community. The Johnsons moved here from Fair Hope, Alabama a few years ago. They appreciate the history and the beauty of Mentone and want to preserve it. Joe is a real visionary and he had a dream to create a home place from one of the most popular landmarks in Mentone.

Joe chose Charles and Steve Flannigan whom he said, had diligently and faithfully been working with him on his present home on the brow. He said it was very important to him to have someone who was as honest and trustworthy as the Flannigans. Charles and Steve are hands on supervisors. They were on the job bright and early every morning and brought in many local craftsmen who took pride in their workmanship. As I tell you about this project I want to share with you the names of the workers who did the work.

As you enter the foyer, you can appreciate the original cabin that was built by Ned and Margaret Jackson shortly after the civil war. (It is believed that Ned was a freed slave. Margaret was a midwife and did laundry work. They lived there until the early 1900's.) This

area is now a dining room with the historic fireplace intact. Over the years many diners have had their special dinners served in this room.

Nathan Owens and Josh Goss did a beautiful job on the wood-

work with as much original woodwork as possible being restored.

One of the most exciting rooms to me is the kitchen. It has to be one the largest and most beautiful kitchens in Mentone. This room had to be totally gutted from the floor to the roof. Black granite counters highlight the

kitchen with numerous powder blue country style cabinets. There are four windows brightening up the corner just above the kitchen sink. A wonderful island with storage is next to this corner area and it is so well designed for ease of cooking. Em also has the latest stainless steel warming drawer. New concrete was poured for the floor and Mike Boldin laid the ceramic tile. Another wonderful feature is the huge walk-in pantry large enough for extra refrigerators and freezers plus wall to wall shelving. A gourmet cook would feel blessed to work in this kitchen.

The great room with a vaulted ceiling is surrounded with windows looking towards the brow. There was new hardwood put in this room by Gerald Garnett and a door going out to the rock patio which was carefully crafted by George Knight. The painting was done by Shawn Goss and Calvin



Coats.

There is a rock room on the main level that may be used as a bedroom. There are also a full and a half bathroom which once served as the restaurant baths. The historic fireplace in the rock room has been preserved. This room is like a sunroom with all the craftsmen style windows. A nice and spacious master is on the main level.

Upstairs is three additional bedrooms for all of the Johnsons friends and family along with a full bath that have been newly added. Beautiful new hardwood floors and lots of windows to brighten the rooms.

Last but not least, the setting of this magnificent home is on approximately 3 acres with 300 feet with brow view. Steve

Flannigan who always does an outstanding job is working on the landscaping of the home. It will be a real showplace.

All in all it has been an exciting and successful remodeling endeavor. If you know

any history or interesting stories and memories about this property, please mail them to me at Mountain Properties, PO Box 255, Mentone, AL 35984 or email rondab@centurytel.net. I would like to share them with the Johnsons. As I mentioned earlier they love the history of Mentone.



Charles and Steve Flannigan



Nathan Owen & Josh Goss

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The time has come for us to shorten our list of obligations and concentrate on personal and immediate goals.

We are printing and binding a new novel, *My Sister Robin*, and hope to revise and upgrade some of our previous work.

We ask our Editor to drop our name from the list of contributors and we thank Evelyn and all who have been involved with publishing our thoughts.

Thanks and good luck to all,
John S. Baty

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What Spending a Summer at Alpine Camp Means to Me

I have a friend that works on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Though he is now just an intern, he feels that the work that he does there will eventually catapult him into a position that will allow him to change the world. His days are spent cataloguing important documents, memos that change our nation. To my friend, he is assisting in changing the world, and, in a sense, I agree.

My days are somewhat different. I clean up after boys that put half of their food on their plate and the other half on the surrounding regions of the table. I mediate arguments over whether a four square ball that hits on the line of the court is in or out. By mid-morning, I am drenched in sweat. There are no memos, except for the staff notes that announce the night's activity and the need to make sure that campers are actually taking showers.

I, too, change the world.

In my opinion, our nation has forgotten its children. Instead, we are replacing them with small adults, with miniature versions of ourselves. They carry Blackberry cell phones, spend the majority of the day slaving over piles of homework, and interact with peers that are every bit as socially cunning as we are. What keeps me coming back to Alpine is the feeling that I am spending my summer teaching children how to be children again.

Their days are spent in activity, whether it is by playing flag football on the Team Sports Field, learning to canter a horse at the barn, or participating in the camp's physical training program. A camper at Alpine finds little time for idleness and is fine with that. The number of broad smiles that I have seen break across boys' faces this summer after scoring a goal in a soccer match or flying through the trees on the zip line proves it.

Alpine also believes that boys should be able to recognize and appreciate beauty. Their mornings begin with an early morning devotional given by a counselor. Set in the woods and on rock bluffs throughout camp, the devotional areas are set apart so that campers can meditate on scripture amidst the work of the Creator about whom they are reading. Throughout the day, the boys are encouraged to seek out beauty by taking a hike on the trails around camp, or maybe canoeing down the placid streams of Little River. For some campers, these are the first encounters

with nature, having traded in the urban sprawl of their homes for the pastoral landscape of Alpine's campgrounds.

A summer spent at Alpine is a summer spent molding the future. If it is one that produces a few more men that realize the importance of an active life and desire to seek out beauty in the world, I feel that judging a couple of four square games is well worth it.



Harrison Ford is from Tupelo, Mississippi and is a senior International Studies major at the University of Mississippi. This summer will be his second on staff with Alpine Camp for Boys.



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Saturday, July 4 – Independence Day

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, Fire Dept Volunteers

Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 PM, MAPA meeting,

Moon Lake Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 13, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting,

Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

Tuesday, July 14, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club,

M.E.R.F. Community House

Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 PM, American Legion Hall,

Post 215 Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting,

Board Room, open to the public

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2009** meeting dates for the **Valley Head Water Works Board**, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be as follows:

Monday, July 13
Monday, August 10
Monday, September 14
Monday, October 12
Tuesday, November 9
Monday, December 14
Monday, January 10, 2010

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.

The **2009** quarterly meeting dates for the **Mentone Planning Commission**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the **3rd Thursday** of the following months:

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Thursday, January 21, 2010

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.

The **2009** meeting dates for the **Mentone Waterworks Board**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, on the 4th Thursdays as follows:

Thursday, July 23
Thursday, August 27
Thursday, September 24
Thursday, October 22
Tuesday, November 19
Thursday, December 17

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.

The **2009** 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 13
Monday, August 10
Monday, September 14
Monday, October 12
Monday, November 9
Monday, December 9

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1-Terry Hutcheson
 2-Byron Emory
 3-Larry Smalley
 4-Gerry Disney, Orion Nicely, Charles Hicks
 5-Donna Smith, Nathan Jones
 6-Elizabeth Brown, Al Kuel
 7-Jimmy Blalock, Zoe Lovechio
 9-Rhonda Blalock, Kaylee Tucker
 10-Caroline Baty Key
 11-Garrett Collins, Barbie Hester, Kanissa Smith, David Bridges, Stan Jeffery, Page Cunningham
 12-Charles Gray
 13-Jolee Brown
 14-Bob Crow
 15-Jessica Green
 16-Cecil Baty
 17-Kayla Hazell, Coy Crow, Andrew Hicks, Katie Bird Cobble
 18-Raymond Blalock, L.C. Moon, Brenda Wisner
 19-Oksana Cherbonneau
 20-Barry Blalock, Judy Dowlat
 21-Jody Brown
 23-Taylor Blalock
 25-Robert Brown, Allie Blalock, Dr. Bill Berry, Scott Meadows
 26-Allen Cherbonneau
 27-Marcus Sutton

28-Jim Leftwich
 29-Ken Kirby
 30-Rachel Collins, Brenda Green, Lujean Pierce
 31-Marris Pierce, Paige Wright

Anniversaries:

1-Mr. & Mrs. Byron Gilbreath
 6-Herman & Mattie Golden; Larry & Gail Smalley
 7-Roland & Carolyn Hendon
 8-Joe & Kumi Dillenbeck
 11-Wesley & Kat Griffith
 13-Roger & Judy Dowlat
 16-Walter & Lucy Fowlkes; Kenneth & Kathy McMunn
 17-Leroy & Joanne Crowe
 18-Ken & Flo Kirby
 21-John & Bobbie Smith
 20-Amanda and Charles Gray; Glenda & Stan Jeffery
 23-Jim & Dallyne Jones; Tom & Virginia Setze; Allen & Jan Cherbonneau
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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; Women on Mission meet at 1PM 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. 635-1001.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 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 (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM Sunday. Bible class or Lent/Advent services every Wednesday at 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. Everyone 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 at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

The **Fort Payne Christian Center** and Pastors Ken and Elaine Hollman 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.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloutland, 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 morning at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night and Thursday night at 6PM.

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.

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. Daniel Lee of Rainsville is the pastor.

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 Lords Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship. 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 6:30PM. Rev. Terry Turner is the regular pastor at Moon

Lake.

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 10AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

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

Summit Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School-10AM; Morning Worship-11AM. Wednesday evening-6:30PM. Randall Beagles welcomes all.

Mentone Community Church Schedule: Sundays: Sunday School 9:30AM; Worship 10:30AM; Family Service or Small Groups 6:30PM. Wednesdays at 6:30PM: Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group; Adult Bible Study.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM. Evening ser-

vices begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church, Mentone

A special "thank you" to all who helped make our fund-raiser a success during the Festival in Mentone May 16th. The proceeds will be used to make repairs on the Bell Chimes, and go into the Prayer Garden account for when that project begins. We are planning another fund raiser for during the Yard Sale in August, more to come on that later. Our services are held on Sunday at 10:30AM, and all are welcome. Please join us at St. Joseph's.

GOD
IS EVERYWHERE



DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

Get along with each other, and forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, forgive that person because the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

Jesus says, "Use your head, but don't lower your standards." You be the one who interrupts that vicious cycle of paying one another back. Don't get on the roller coaster of resentment and anger. You be the one who says, "Yes, he mistreated me, but I am going to be like Christ. I'll be the one who says, 'Forgive them, Father, they don't know what they're doing.'"

Isn't it presumptuous to come to the throne of grace if we haven't been gracious to the people in our life? How can we approach a God of mercy if we ourselves have hearts full of bitterness or anger? We must take care of relationship problems - make up with a spouse, get along with fellow church members, love our neighbors - then we will be fully united in prayer with the Father. (Thoughts from Max Lucado's "Walking with the Savior")

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GET BACK TO NATURE! 3 ACRES NOW AVAILABLE between DeSoto State Park and Mentone. Secluded, scenic area where spectacular log homes and rustic cabins are tucked back into the woods. 3 acres surveyed out of larger tract. Public water at road. MORE ACREAGE AVAILABLE! \$49,900 (17412)

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HEAR THE RUMBLING of the CREEK that is located on the back of this beautiful 5 acre tract of land. Enjoy the summer by the creek and watch the wildlife roam. Great price at \$22,500!! (18851)

AMAZING BLUFF VIEW! Septic tank & driveway are already in place and ready for your new home. Survey & Restrictions in file. \$65,000 (17215)

LOOKOUT AND SEE ALL BELOW AND IN THE DISTANCE... Spectacular views of the valley below from this wooded lot. Build your home or cabin here. \$149,900 (18231)

ENJOY PEACE AND QUIET with this 9.11 tract on Lookout Mtn. Three tracts being sold as one! Build or invest you are sure to be a winner with this property! Only 32,000!! (18756)

PHEASANT FAWN SUBDIVISION! Situated within the cul-de-sac is a level building lot on Lookout Mountain. Inside the city limits with underground utilities and mild restrictions. Just minutes away from downtown, LRC and Desoto State Park. 1.94 acres! \$28,500 (17071)

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GEORGE WASHINGTON, FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY (1732-1799)

by John S. Whitaker

His portrait is on one-dollar bills, some quarter dollars, the Purple Heart, and the walls of many school rooms and museums. A white marble monument, 553 feet, 5 1/8 inches high is named for him. He is George Washington. The marble monument is the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. Additional tribute is paid him by the fact that 26 of our states have a city named Washington, 29 have counties, and 18 states have a county and a city named for Washington. (In Alabama we have a Washington County, the oldest county in the state.) Thousands of streets, bridges, parks, and schools honor him by bearing his name.

GW (George Washington) was born February 22, 1732, on Pope's Creek in Westmoreland County, Virginia. His father was Augustine Washington and his mother Mary Ball Washington. A total of six children were born to the couple: George (1732), Betty (1733), Samuel (1734), John Augustine (1736), Charles (1738), and Mildred (1739).

When he was nearly the age of three years, the family of GW moved to the Little Hunting Creek Farm. This large farm contained more than 5000 acres and later was called Mount Vernon.

In 1738 GW's father bought Ferry Farm, which contained 260 acres and was located near Fredericksburg, Virginia. Young GW began attending school while he lived at Ferry Farm, and the next seven or eight years were spent in school. He was described as a good student in math but not so good in spelling and literature. His father died when GW was eleven years of age. About three or four years afterward, his schooling ended, and he began to help manage the plantation. Ferry Farm was worked by twenty Negro slaves, as was customary in those days. Thus, GW began living as a young country gentleman.

From 1747 to 1752 GW began learning to be a surveyor. Just 15 years of age, GW began working as an assistant to local surveyors. He later was appointed the official surveyor for Culpepper County, saved his money, and was able to buy about 1500 acres.

The French and Indian War (1754-1763) was a struggle of Great Britain and France for ownership of lands in the New World. In 1753 GW became engaged in this struggle. He had applied to the governor for a commission in the militia and received the rank of major. He learned much about military tactics and read and studied the literature about military life. Soon GW and a small party were ordered take a message to the

French headquarters at Fort Le Boeuf, which was near Erie, Pennsylvania. The message, which demanded that all French troops leave the Ohio River Valley, was rejected, and GW took the reply back to Virginia to Governor Dinwiddie. GW suggested that a fort be built on the site where the Ohio and Allegheny rivers joined. The governor sent a group of frontiersmen to build the fort. And they did.

GW, now a lieutenant colonel, was sent to man the new fort. When he and his troops were some 200 miles from the fort, he received news that it had been captured by the French. The French called in Fort Duquesne.

Lt. Colonel Washington and his men had a skirmish with a small troop of French soldiers. Ten French soldiers were killed, one wounded, and 21 prisoners were taken. GW lost only one soldier.

About 60 miles south of Fort Duquesne GW and his troops built a fort and called it Fort Necessity. On July 3, 1754, the fort was attacked by the French. GW, now a colonel, only had 400 men. They lost. However, GW and his troops were allowed to leave the fort. The discouraged troops arrived in Williamsburg, Virginia, two weeks later.

In October, 1754, GW resigned his position in the British Army. All colonial officers were being reduced in their rank; Washington refused and resigned. He returned to live at Mount Vernon to rent it from his brother's widow.

GW was later invited to act as aide-de-camp to Major General Edward Braddock. He received no pay for his services. On July 9, the army of General Braddock was attacked by the French and Indians. They were defeated handily, as mass pandemonium broke out, and General Braddock was wounded. He died three days later. GW himself was not injured in the battle, and afterwards, he rode home to Mount Vernon.

In August, 1755, Governor Dinwiddie persuaded GW to accept a new commission as colonel. His main task was to protect the 350-mile western frontier against Indian attacks. The French were constantly encouraging the Indians to attack the settlers of this area. Also, GW felt that a new attack should be made on Fort Duquesne. Thus, in 1758 a newly formed army set out for the fort. On the way an advance force was ambushed by the French and Indians, who killed more than 300 British soldiers. In late November GW and his main army reached Fort Duquesne, only to find it was burnt and totally abandoned by the French. GW returned to Virginia, resigned his commission, and returned to Mount Vernon. He was 26 years of age and one of the most popular men in the colonies.

The Treaty of Paris, which was signed in

1763, officially ended the war. By the terms of the treaty Great Britain received Canada and most of the French possessions east of the Mississippi River. Florida, owned by Spain, also went to Great Britain. Spain received all French land west of the Mississippi River, and the Isle of Orleans, which included the city of New Orleans.

The years from 1759 to 1773 were peaceful years for GW. He married a widow, Martha Dandridge Custis on January 6, 1759, in New Kent County, Virginia, at the bride's home and lived there about six weeks, but then moved to Williamsburg, Virginia. In April, 1759, the GW family moved to Mount Vernon. GW inherited the plantation in 1760. GW now became a skilled farmer, a businessman, legislator, a warden of the Church of England, and a county court judge. Gentleman farmer that he was, GW was growing and learning about men, country, and legislation.

There was a small movement—and it kept growing—for the colonies to break with the mother country. At the meeting of the Second Continental Congress in May, 1775, the Declaration of Independence was adopted. GW was appointed as commander-in-chief of military forces of the colonies on June 15, 1775. He accepted, said he wanted no salary, but would work only for the expenses he would incur as commander-in-chief. For the next 8 years he retained the position, fought against the greatest nation in the world, but won, won to make a free country—the United States of America.

All the odds for his winning the Revolutionary War were against him. Many of his troops were poorly trained, supplies often were depleted, recruits were difficult to gain and keep in the army, and about 1/3 of the colonists were in favor of the British forces. Probably the lowest point in the war for GW was the winter in Valley Forge, 1777. But, in spite of these factors, he was able to lead his forces in a final victory at Yorktown, New York. General Cornwallis surrendered on October 19, 1781. A preliminary peace treaty soon began in Paris in April, 1782, and was ratified by the United States on April 19, 1783. The final treaty was signed on September 3, 1783.

The treaty gave liberal boundaries to the colonists, gave the right to fish on the Grand Banks, and recommended that Congress restore the rights and property taken from the Loyalists. GW met with Congress, left a bill of expenses for \$100,000, resigned his commission, and reached Mount Vernon in time for Christmas, 1783. He was 51.

The new nation was now under a government called the Articles of Confederation. The Second Continental Congress had ratified a draft for this government; it became effective on March 1, 1781. It provided a

weak central government: Congress could not levy taxes, regulate trade, or interfere with the states or their citizens. There was no uniform system of monies in the states; thus, a trip from one state to another was often wearied, simply because of the different kinds of monies in each state. These weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation led to the establishing of our present United States Constitution.

The Constitutional Convention met on May 25, 1787, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Then on September 17, 1787, a majority of delegates had agreed to accept the form of government as dictated in the Constitution. It became effective on June 21, 1788. Early in February, 1789, members of the first Electoral College met and unanimously agreed that GW should be President. GW was inaugurated on April 30, 1789 as the first President. He was 57.

The "untrodden ground" that GW was walking included items such as the following: signing the first important bill passed by Congress on July 4, 1789, to set taxes on imports; choosing the first members of his cabinet in 1789; first national census began in 1790; the first 10 amendments to the Constitution became law on December 15, 1791; and the first veto, April, 1792, which was to raise the number of representatives from 67 to 120.

GW's second term, after a unanimous vote, began in 1793.

One event, actually the first test of federal power occurred in Pennsylvania when some of the farmers refused to pay a federal tax on whiskey. Federal troops were sent by the President to western Pennsylvania and crushed the rebellion quickly and easily. In 1795, another act occurred when GW signed the Jay Treaty in August and allowed trade to be continued with Great Britain. GW retired from public life and went to his home in Mount Vernon in 1797. He was 65. At home he managed more than 8000 acres.

On December 14, 1797, at about 10 p.m., death came to GW. He had been outside riding in snow and sleet, and contracted what was probably a streptococcal infection of the throat. The three bleedings he endured, in which an overseer and doctors drew about three cups of his blood, didn't help his situation. Then the great statesman slipped quietly away. AND WE SHALL NEVER, EVER FORGET YOU, GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY—THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

NACC Scholarship Recipients

David LeVance Carden

A 2009 graduate of Valley Head High School and recipient of a \$1,000 Tuition Scholarship, David Carden is the son of Angie Carden, of Mentone and the late Tim Carden, of Valley Head.

High school activities included FFA Vice President, Beta Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Scholars Bowl Team Captain and Mu Alpha Theta.

David received a Bronze Presidential Community Service Award for 100 hours of Community Service.

David plans to major in Environmental Engineering.

Jessica Dawn Easler

A 2009 graduate of Valley Head High School and recipient of a Summer Semester 2009 Scholarship, Jessica is the daughter of Dudley and Becky Easler, of Mentone.

High school activities included Science Club, Beta Club, and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

Jessica served as a 2008 Homecoming Attendant. She plans a career in Pediatric Oncology Nursing.

John Marcus Crider

A 2009 graduate of Valley Head High School and recipient of a Visual Art Scholarship, John is the son of John Crider and Judith Crider.

High school activities included Science Club, Beta Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Published a Book, Who's Who of American high School Students.

John plans to major in Science.

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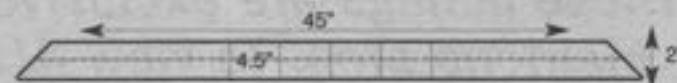
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ENJOY LAZY AFTERNOONS and watch the sun set on the large deck of this fabulous like-new custom built home on the brow in Mentone. Features include pine floors and walls, gas log fireplace, cathedral ceiling living area, 3 bedrooms AND a loft, full appliance package, privacy fence, and so much more. You'll wish you had brought your overnight bag. \$348,500 (17847)



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The team left on May 28 at 11 pm and drove all night to Orlando where they caught a flight to Jamaica. The weather was very hot in Jamaica and the team climbed a waterfall and went snorkeling to beat the heat. Most of the time was spent providing Vacation Bible School to the children, repairing the facility, and digging and pouring a 20 x 24 concrete pad which will eventually be used for a chapel.

RAMBLIN: WEARING WALKING SHORTS

By Bill Crane

The boss and I are hoping that our doctors will give us the go ahead to travel to Mentone for our annual visit during August. If we get the green light from them we will arrive there no later than Friday, July 31. If we do come, you may be assured that I will not make the same stupid mistake I made on arrival last summer.

The entire Southeast was in a heat spell the last day of July last year when we traveled to Mentone for our visit. To partially offset the heat while driving, I wore my walking shorts, and they felt good! The next day, Saturday, August 1 was going to be another hot day so I continued wearing my shorts. That day was the first Saturday in August when the Blalock Family Reunion, my wife's family, was to be held. Dress was casual at the reunion, so I continued to be the most comfortable possible by wearing walking shorts to it that night.

A strange thing, a least to me,

happened at the reunion. I was the only person wearing walking shorts! On seeing this, I questioned why some of the natives didn't combat the heat like me by wearing walking shorts, but I didn't give it a second thought. There is always one in a barrel so I was the one that night. I did wonder how hot it had to be for them to wear shorts.

The answer to my question came at 2:00 AM the next morning. I woke up with my left leg itching. I scratched it, and the right leg started itching, so I scratched it. I must have scratched my two legs for a half an hour before I got up and looked at them. They were covered with chiggers! I counted twenty-one between my left knee and toes! I have never itched so much before in my life! Fortunately, I found a bottle of rubbing alcohol and started getting the chiggers drunk. Even so, the itching lasted some two months, and it was Christmas before the last chigger had been run off.

Live and learn. Wear long pants when you ramble around outside during the summer at Mentone!

SHALOM.



Pictured left to right: 3rd row: Brad Newell, Gerald Bailey, Greg Henry, Keith Miller, Jared Bare, Kaleb McMunn. 2nd row: Kara Miller, Buddy Holmes, Angela Chambers, Jessica Spriggs, Kaylee McMunn, Rev. Phil Spriggs, Rusty Chambers (Youth Director), Andrew Wisener, Christian Henry. Seated: Phyllis Bailey, Donna Franklin, Glenn Franklin. Not pictured: Kerri McMunn.

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Funeral services were held June 10, at W. T. Wilson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Larry Haynes officiating. Burial followed in Head Springs Cemetery.

He is survived by wife, Bonnie Marie Grider Easler; daughters, Betty (Ronald) Porter; Joyce Steele; Marie (Harmond) Cockrell; Floree Douglas all of S. C.; Darlene (Robin) William of Tenn.; Mary (Artie) Steele, and Anna Easler both of Mentone; sons, Oscar (Doris) Easler of S. C.; Dudley (Becky) Easler; John (Becky) Easler; Sam Easler; Jake (Melinda) Easler all of Mentone; sisters, Stella Faulkner and Sadie Rushtone both of S. C.; brother, Harold (Geraldene) Easler both of S. C.; 35 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents, Walter P. and Fanie Easler; five brothers and four sisters.

LALOCK

Henry A. "T" Blalock, 62, of Mentone, passed away June 4, 2009, at his residence.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

He is survived by son, Danny L. Blalock; daughter, Bridgett A. Blalock both of Valley Head; sisters, Debra Blalock Plunk of Fort Payne; Sandra Blalock Bersell of Ill. and two grandchildren.

HENRY

Sue McLaurin Henry, 79, passed away June 4, 2009, at her home in Mentone.

She was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, on Jan. 13, 1930, the daughter of Edmund and Marjorie Henry. She graduated from Rosedale High School in 1947 and received her BA in English from Mississippi State College for Women in 1951. Sue taught secondary English at a number of private and public schools in the southeast - Southern Seminary in Buena Vista, Virginia; Chatham Hall in Chatham, Virginia; Ashley Hall in Charleston, South Carolina; and The Lausanne School in Memphis, Tennessee, where she served as Academic Dean.

In 1972, Sue began working fulltime at Camp DeSoto as an assistant to the director. Sue later became a co-director of the camp, and in 1978 she became the owner/director. After her retirement in 1995, Sue remained actively involved in Camp DeSoto by teaching poetry in the summer, leading retreats during the fall-season, working with SERVE staff and Project Phoebe, and participating in the year-round activities of the camp.

She was a member of Cloudland Presbyterian Church in Cloudland, Georgia. During her early years of living on Lookout Mountain she was a member of Summerville Presbyterian Church in Summerville, Georgia. She was a board member of the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation, serving as a founding member and later as president. Sue was involved in the community of Mentone, with special interest in Moon Lake Elementary School and Senior Lunches.

A Service of Celebration will be held at 11 a.m., Aug. 8, at Camp DeSoto in Mentone.

She is survived by sister, Anne Henry Harvey of Madison, Miss.; nephew, Thomas Brooks (Renee) Henry, and his daughters Melissa and Laurie; nephew, Edmond Taylor (Nancy) Henry, and their children Taylor and Katy; niece Frances Anne (Lawrence) Vonk, and their children Brooks, Joshua, Nicholas, Andrew, Sydney Lane, Thomas, and Anne; godchildren Jane and Chad Stephens and family; Jean and John Corey and family, and Phil and Marsha Hurt and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Edmund T. Henry.

MEADOWS

Richard (Epp) Meadows, age 87, formerly of Mentone, passed away at Fairhope, Alabama on June 9, 2009. Memorial services were held Friday, June 12. He is survived by his wife, Jane Meadows.

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The exciting happening for the month of June is the Appreciation Luncheon for all FRIENDS of the library. You could be receiving your invitation soon. You can become a FRIEND with a donation of twenty dollars or more. If you are a FRIEND and do not receive an invitation, call Sue Schwarz. Once again, our entertainment will be the "Singing Seniors" of Senior Lunch time!! We like to hear them and they seem to enjoy doing it.

Hianne Kuehl has informed us that she has received the information to start on next year's (2010) calendar. If your information is not correct, please let us know. We will correct it. If you want a calendar, let us know that and we will put you on the list. I depend on my calendar for phone numbers of local businesses. It is great to just look there instead of having to locate a phone book. I also enjoy seeing the birthdays. For instance, today is June 15 and when I look at my calendar the only person having a birthday today is my grandson. Just proves how special he is!!

The members of the Board of Directors approved plans to have many new programs in the coming year. Some of them are: letters to all local schools advising them of our open hours and the fact that we have many good research books. This could be a great help for students who are required to write reports and essays, a story time for children on Saturday mornings, a travelogue to Italy, the Reading for Pizza program for Moon Lake Students, Holiday open house, the Winter Book Sale and another Meet the Author Day.

We decided to let the Koffee Klatch evolve on its own. If you are interested in this, let us know at the desk in the library. If there is an interest, we will start this back after Labor Day. If you have something that you can demonstrate on Saturday morning let us know. We are open to all suggestions. I would like to start the quilting club again. This time we would piece and make a quilt from scratch. More things are made from "scratch" than can be

counted. Let Beverly know if you are interested.

Doesn't this sound like the library is always a good place to be. We meet so many new people through the library. People from Mentone and the surrounding area come to the library. Any time the doors are open means that the librarian, Beverly Ashley, and a volunteer are on duty. You are welcome to go in to check out books and DVD's, use the computers, look at our great collection of local history or just sit in our big white rocking chair and enjoy yourself. One of the most enjoyable but also the saddest event of the day was the dedication of the special history case to the loving memory of Gene Giles. Gene served as a member of the board from 2003 until his death in 2009. We miss him very much. Present were his wife, Gethryn, and daughter, Kim and her husband and two children.

We think that this case, which contains the books of local history and the yearbooks of Moon Lake Elementary School, are a great addition to the library. We urge everyone to look at the exhibit and make copies of any information or read it while in the library. We cannot allow these books to be checked out as most, if not all, are not replaceable.

To be on the agenda for a meeting, call Jan Wilkinson. Write to us: Moon Lake Community Library, PO Box 481, Mentone, Alabama 35984.



Attending the dedication of Local History Case in memory of Gene Giles in the Moon Lake Library were: Ann Chesnut, Mickey Luck, Jan Wilkinson, Gethryn Giles with Anna, Kimberly Strickland, her husband, Jeff with Audrey, Linda Brown, Sue Schwarz and Dianne Kuehl.

A Tribute to Gene Giles

On June 4, 2009, the Moon Lake Library was the setting for the dedication of a Local History Case in memory of Gene Giles. Gene was a member of the Board of Directors for the Moon Lake Library from 2003 until his death in 2009. Gene was dependable, if he said he would do something you could know that it would be done. Gene was wonderful to be with, he had a most pleasant disposition and was always upbeat about new things and ideas. Gene was funny, he always had a joke for us. Most of the time they were slanted toward the Cajun way of thinking. He had a special way of telling jokes which made you want to be with him and want him to tell more.

The case contains books and articles of history of Mentone and the surrounding area. There are books which have been compiled over the years by those who know the area and also, some of the yearbooks of Moon Lake Elementary School. Everyone is welcomed to read and copy these books but we cannot allow them to be checked out as they are not replaceable. The members of the Board of Directors and special guests; Gene's wife, Gethryn, his daughter, Kimberly Strickland, her husband, Jeff and their daughters, Anna and Audrey attended the ceremony.



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Preparations for the Final Updo

By Evelyn Graves

On Tuesday, June 2, I finally made my way to The Clip Joint. Our local beauty shop, to get a permanent in my hair. The perm was long overdue, and I had forgotten how enlightening a two-hour wait at a beauty shop can be.

When I arrived, Jennifer Cruz, hairdresser, was assisting her client (who was also her aunt), Estelle McSpadden, to get into the chair for a shampoo. She and Mrs. McSpadden's daughter were steady-ing Mrs. McSpadden and straightening her in the chair, assuring her that she was not going to fall, encouraging her to lean back and allow her head to rest in the shampoo bowl, adjusting the dark blue throw on her lap, and straightening her sweater on her shoulders. Finally, the shampoo was completed, and she was guided back to the styling chair, assisted by her daughter and Jennifer, and this time Amy Kirby, owner of the shop, left me with my wet, stinking perm half rolled to guide the entourage. After much ado to get her comfortably seated, the styling began.

It seems that Mrs. McSpadden has on occasion had dreams of the death of friends and loved ones, and in a few days their deaths did indeed occur. She feels that the Lord has revealed things to her from time to time. She had a stroke in the center of her brain, and very recently she dreamed that the Lord told her she was dying. She set about immediately to get ready for this event by going to the funeral home and buying a preneed funeral of her choice, buying a new dress which she wore to church Sunday because she wanted "to be sure it would be comfortable for burial." The next thing of concern was her hair. She has never had her hair cut in all of her 75 years. It is still dark with very little gray, and it reaches in excess of three feet down her

back. She wears it in loose curls on top of her head. She wanted Jennifer to do the hair one time before her departure to be sure it would look nice for her funeral - when the final "updo" is done.

The long strands of hair were carefully combed with a wide-toothed comb and dried very gingerly to avoid hair loss. Several large clumps of hair fell to the floor during the drying/combing process, and finally it was ready to roll into curls. With the aid of a picture in her younger, better days furnished by Mrs. McSpadden herself, Jennifer began the tedious process of teasing each strand of hair. Before the strands were curled, Jennifer placed several wave clamps across the top of her head just above the front hairline, according to Mrs. McSpadden's instructions. Then she curled each strand on her finger beginning at the tip of the extended strand and rolling to the scalp, and then she anchored each curl with a hairpin. During this process, Jennifer would ask her periodically if she was all right, and she would check with Mrs. McSpadden to assure that what she was doing met her approval. At one point, Mrs. McSpadden answered very candidly, "It'll do." At one time in the process, I heard her say, "You are supposed to leave one end attached." Mrs. McSpadden's daughter and Jennifer were constantly repositioning her in the chair, sitting her up straight, and placing her feet on the rung of the chair to prevent falling.

After the almost two-hour process, Jennifer turned the swivel chair around for Mrs. McSpadden to view the finished product before she sprayed her hair and attached the hair net to keep it in place.

Upon one look at her hair, Mrs. McSpadden sprang from her chair, forgetting all about her disabilities and impending death, took the comb in her hand, and told Jennifer, "Get in that chair and let me show you how to fix it." Jennifer took her seat immediately on command, and

Mrs. McSpadden combed through Jennifer's perfectly arranged hair, placed the clamps in the front, and began to roll a strand.

I grabbed my telephone and snapped a picture just before Mrs.

McSpadden's daughter jumped from her seat to stand beside her mother just in case ...

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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Linda Brown, Secretary

The Rhododendron Garden Club met in the M.E.R.F. Community House on June 9, 2009. Eleven members were present to enjoy the refreshments served by Margaret Baker and Gethryn Giles. Dianne Kuehl, president, called the meeting to order by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect.

This seemed to be one of those days when everything goes wrong. The members are very familiar with the cliché, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." The speaker for the day had called to say that she could not come due to illness in the family. Willing to drop back and punt, the club decided to watch a DVD on the subject of special gardens. The player and television refused to con-

nect so

that did not materialize. We resorted to the next best thing, a discussion. The members discussed the Educational Booth which the club will be responsible for in the VFW Fair Flower Show. This discussion gave many good ideas and thoughts regarding the saving of our planet and "going green".

Dianne convened the business meeting with the necessary reports. Among these reports was the Horticulture Report by Martha Wood. Martha reminded everyone that when transplanting plants they should be covered in dirt only up to the crown. The crown is where the roots and the leaves meet. This is especially true for trees. She said that now wasn't the time to plant trees, wait until much later in the year or even the first of next year. February is maybe the best month as this will ensure that your trees get the proper amount of water. Martha also advised to soak clay pots in water before the first

use. This will condition them to hold water better. She gave this hint which has nothing to do with gardening but effects all gardeners and everyone with a cell phone. She said to call 888-382-1222 on your cell phone to put a block on unwanted marketing calls.

Madelon Houghland was the recipient of the door prize.

Next meeting: July 14, 2009, at the M.E.R.F. Community House. Ann Houston, member of the Rainsville Garden Club will be speaking on the subject of Hostas. Everyone is invited to come and hear this program. We are always pleased to have visitors.

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MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes from May 11, 2009

The Mentone Town Council met on Monday, May 11, 2009, at 6 PM, at its regular meeting. Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order and conducted the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Hammond gave the invocation.

On roll call, present were Mayor Hammond, Larry Sanders, John Paul Verdon, and Gail Chambers. Gerald Bailey was absent. Wesley Griffith arrived at 6:10 p.m. Also present was Chief of Police Lamar Bray and Officer Jeremy Bell. Visitors present were Karen Britt and Paul Todd.

The minutes from the April 13, 2009, meeting, were reviewed, copies having been provided to the council prior to the meeting. After a review of the minutes, Larry Sanders made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Gail Chambers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The financial report was reviewed. John Paul Verdon made a motion to accept the checks written for March. Larry Sanders seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Hammond inquired if the slab for the Gazebo had been poured. Gail Chambers reported that S & S Construction of Fort Payne is the company that will be pouring a 24x24 octagon shape pad on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week (May 12 or 13). There were two bids one for \$1600 and another for \$2000.

Mayor Hammond reported that the electronic recycling day held on Saturday, May 2nd, turned out to be a rainy day; however, there were approx. 1600 pounds of electronic equipment, according to the company that provided the bin. There will be another pickup by the same company in April of next year.

Mayor Hammond and the council thanked Jeremy Bell for his service to the Mentone Area and stated that Mr. Bell's last day is the 15th, as he will be going to work for the DeKalb County Sheriff's office. Lamar will be working 5 days a week, and in the interim, Kirby Johnson, who has been an auxiliary officer, will be working part time on the weekends until we see how that goes. The Town of Mentone will save some expenses on insurance and retirement.

John Paul Verdon inquired about the house and cabin rental zoning issue in Mentone. Mayor Hammond said they had talked about it at the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission wants to look at the issue further. Lengthy discussions were had concerning violations, rental amounts, length of rental, and fees. Mayor Hammond stated that any changes would be implemented by the zoning board members after some work sessions with Bob House concerning the zoning changes. Discussions on zoning issues continued.

There being no further business, Larry Sanders made a motion to Adjourn at 6:45PM, seconded by John Paul Verdon.

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Travels close to home

Gadsden, Alabama

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Third in a series on short trips that can be made in one day. Each article will include something special to see or do and a good place to eat while you're there.

If you own at least one book or have ever read a book for the pure pleasure of reading, you owe a debt of gratitude to the Gutenberg Press. Up to this time books were handwritten on clay tablets then later on animal skins. With this method, it took from a year to 18 months and from 50 to 70 animal skins for each book. Books were very expensive and quite time consuming so only the very rich had access to them. There were only two classes of people, the very rich and the very poor and the poor couldn't read because they didn't have access to books. With the advent of Gutenberg's Press which introduced moveable type to Europe, books were cheaper and more plentiful. This led to the development of the middle class. The Gutenberg Press has been called one of the greatest inventions of all times.

At Gadsden's Center for Cultural Arts Ink & Blood exhibition, you can see a life-sized replica of Gutenberg's Press. You can watch as pages from the Bible are printed on the replica with an explanation of the process.

Continuing through the exhibit at your own pace, you can see nearly 100 authentic artifacts. The collection includes authentic Dead Sea Scrolls, 5,000 year-old clay tablets, Hebrew Torahs, ancient Greek texts, Medieval Latin manuscripts, original pages from Gutenberg's Bible and rare first edition printed English Bibles. You can stroll through and learn about the development of the Bible, still the best-selling book in the world. There are Tyndale Bibles, a Wyclif New Testament and a Geneva Bible also called the Pilgrim's Bible because it was the first one used in the United States. It was the first translation to use the word "church". Although there is a lot of rich history there's some humor too. There is a page from "The Wicked Bible" so called because the translator omitted the word "not" from the commandment about adultery making it read "Thou shalt commit adultery." Because of his mistake, he was bankrupt and spent his remaining years in prison.

The King James translation is the one with which we are most familiar. It lacked any competition for 300 years and was known simply as Holy Bible. It is the most printed book in history. Until the Declaration of Independence, printing the Bible in the colonies was illegal because the king had a patent.

The exhibit continues through October 31. Viewing hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5. Exhibition rates are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3-12. A special group

rate is available. You can call 256-543-2737, Ext. 26 or e-mail: inkandblood@culturalarts.org to schedule a group tour. For more information visit www.inkandblood.com or www.culturalarts.org.

First Friday in Gadsden offers a different type of leisure interest which attracts not only locals but visitors from surrounding states. It's a free family friendly event. On the first Friday of each month the 400 and 500 block of Broad Street are blocked off, businesses stay open late, downtown rocks with live music and there are food vendors and beer and wine tastings. The hours are from 6-9. You can park at the Gadsden Convention Hall and ride the trolley free to the downtown area. The first Friday in July will offer all this and more. There's too much going on for one day so it will continue into Freedom Saturday (July 4).

There'll be classic cars, a Patriotic Pooch Parade, a watermelon eating contest, a sweet tea and homemade ice cream freeze-off. A special piece of arts will be unveiled to honor William Havilland Carrier in recognition of his contribution to the development of air conditioning. Saturday's festivities begin at 2 p.m. At 7 p.m. the Broad Street Bridge will be closed to automobile traffic to allow people to begin to gather there to watch the 9 p.m. fireworks display.

Gadsden also offers a Third Thursday concert series each month. It features local and regional bands and takes place between Pitman Theatre and the Senior Activity Center. The next concert takes place on July 16 and will feature Blue Eyed Grass. Gates open at 5:30 with the concert taking place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

More information on any of these events can be found at downtown-gadsden.com. You may click on the tab of the event that interests you for more information.

Gadsden has one of Alabama's more beautiful natural parks in Noccalula Falls. Viewing the falls and the imposing statue of Princess Noccalula is free but park admission

allows you to see the Animal Habitat that includes indoor habitats that house birds, Taz the caiman, fish, hamsters and more. The outdoor habitat has Shelia, an African lion, llamas, small goats, Pearl the Mule plus several other animals. The main feature of the park is a notable 90 foot waterfall with a gorge trail winding through its basin and past caves, an aboriginal fort, an abandoned dam and pioneer village; you can enjoy the park by walking or riding the train that winds through the park.

Gadsden has many fine places to eat but one of my personal favorites is Top of the River. For those who aren't fortunate enough to enjoy the restaurant before, it features, as you might guess, sea food. My personal favorite is grilled catfish fillets but I've never heard anyone who didn't enjoy their dining experience and their



food. It definitely caters to southerners because where else can you order turnip greens as an appetizer. The turnip greens, cornbread served in its cast iron skillet and scrumptious Cole slaw are a meal themselves allowing a good portion of that grilled catfish to go home for another meal (or two).

Next month will feature Fields of the Wood Bible Park and Brother's Restaurant in Murphy, NC.