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Jonathan Crow family honored at Bankhead

By Homer Crow

At the recent Bankhead Decoration Day ceremonies, held on May 31, 1998, the Jonathan Crow family was honored. Charlyne O'Rear introduced Homer Crow, who gave the history of the Jonathan Crow family.

Jonathan Crow is buried in the Bankhead Cemetery. To track the Jonathan Crow history, it is necessary to go back to the Isaac Crow family, because they are tied together. Jonathan's son, Greenberry, married Hannah Crow, who was Isaac's daughter. On Jonathan's side, no records were found except that he was born in S.C.

Found were records going all the way back to the 1600s on Isaac's side. The Crows came here around 1840. Isaac's dad and mother, John and Hannah, and Elizabeth Crow who married Jason Kirby--Lewis Kirby's dad and mother. Jason was in the Civil War. So all the Crows are tied together somewhere down the line.

Way back in the 1600s, there were five different Crows who came here from England. Some of them add an "e" to their name, they thought it sounded better. Somewhere back, they were all probably related, as the Crow name started in England back in the year 1106.

Going back through the history nothing was found where any of them were president. I did find where the king appointed one Crow to governor of Barbados.

One of the Crows married a Polk, who turned out to be the grandmother of Washington.

Isaac, my great-great granddad, had a pretty good parcel of land about three miles north of the Little River, and he started a family cemetery there. Later, others went in there with a bulldozer and cut in new roads, and destroyed the cemetery. I can't find it. I've seen it, but I can't find it any more.

Clark Crow was Isaac's brother, and his cemetery is at the Dude Ranch. To get there, you turn in at Jack Jones' Dude Ranch, and where Jack has an airfield, that all was Clark Crow's farm. Clark has a family cemetery there.

All of the Wrights are descended from Clark. Frances Jones Crow (who married Clyde Crow--now deceased) and Betty Jones Johnson were Horace Jones' daughters.



L/R: Homer Crow, Christina Crow, Lisa Crow, Alex Whatley, Frances Crow, Lila Pettet, Bernise Crow

Jonathan lived right out here just a short distance, and so did his son, Greenberry. This property right through here (indicating the Bankhead area) was Jonathan's property. He started a family cemetery here. This is really the Crow's family cemetery, Jonathan owned 80 acres and he sold it in about 1875. The cemetery all belonged to Jonathan, and when he sold it, it wasn't taken out, and the O'Rears gave the part here for the cemetery.

Jonathan fought in the Indian Wars. He is buried right here at the top of the hill where there is a little plaque. His son Greenberry Crow fought in the Civil War. He was shot in the leg and the arm, and also received a head injury. He walked with a limp all of his life. That was my great granddad.

Morgan Crow was Greenberry's son, and that's my granddad. He's buried right out here, too. My great granddad is buried here, my great great granddad is buried here. My dad is buried up at Little River, because mother's folks were buried there, and she wanted to be buried at Little River, so dad is buried there.

I guess I'll be buried right out here, too, so this is another Crow tradition.

This is memorial day, so I went back and looked further. Isaac's granddad fought in the Revolutionary War, and most of his brothers, too. So it comes on down from the

Revolutionary War, where John Sr. fought; then to the Indian Wars with Jonathan; and the Civil War with Greenberry. I had an uncle in the Spanish American War. I was in WWII in the islands in the South Pacific. Two of my brothers were in the army. I had two sons who fought in Viet Nam. Our family has all been tied up with fighting.

Isaac Crow had 12 kids, his first wife died, and he married a woman who had two kids. After she died, he raised the two kids, and then he married again and had nine more kids. Isaac died, and his wife took the family to Arkansas. Some of you might remember Sam Crow who died in 1957. He was a big singer. All the Crows were big people. The Joneses--Ed, here, is about my third cousin--they were all big people. Sam was about "that wide" and 6'1" tall, and sang with both arms and really got into the singing. He and my dad sang together a lot.

Homer introduced the Crow family members who attended the ceremonies. There were only a few members. Most of the Crow family have moved away from here. Chester and Clyde, my older brother, have died. Lester lives in Knoxville, Jesse is in Mentone, and Dewey is in Fort Payne.

Those here today are, Bernise, my wife, Frances Crow, Clyde's wife; Lila Pettet, Frances' daughter, my two granddaughters, Lisa Crow and Christina Crow, Barry Crow's daughters; and my great, great grandson, Alex Whatley, Lisa's son."

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●Sunday, June 20, FATHER'S DAY and
1st DAY OF SUMMER

●Saturday, July 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY

●Monday, July 6, 7 p.m.

Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall

●Tuesday, July 7, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting,
Dessie's Kountry Chef

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FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT, JERRY WATERS

Well, it is hard to believe May has come and gone. I understand our festival was a success though there were a few glitches as usual. In case you have not heard, the reason I do not have first-hand knowledge of the festival is that I was in a motorcycle accident just three days prior to the start of the festival. It seems an 18-wheeler decided to make a U-turn directly in front of me with no turn signals or warning of any kind. I was doing about 60-65 MPH, and I have to say, it was a very scary situation as it began to unfold in front of me. I was very fortunate to come out with serious, but not life-threatening injuries. It appears that the long term outlook for regaining some use of my left hand is good, but we won't know to what extent I will be able to use it for some time to come. I want to thank those of you who knew about the accident and stepped up to help make sure that the festival went on. A couple of friends of mine drove more than 3 hours from Florence to run the pontoon boat for me, and that was greatly appreciated.

Well, with the new summer and terms for officers approaching, I would like to make some suggestions for changes that I believe are very necessary if MAPA is to survive. One of our biggest problems in fund raising efforts at our festivals has been a shortage of volunteers. I propose that we should cut our festivals back to one per year, preferably the fall or Colorfest held the 3rd weekend in October. In the past couple of years, there have been numerous other events in this area being scheduled during the same time as our spring Rhododendron festival. Some of these, like the Gadsden Riverfest have huge budgets and attract big-time entertainment as well as huge crowds. These other events added to our shortage of able volunteers has put a real strain on our spring festival. It seems that the same handful of people are doing a festival, and, as soon as it is over, needing to immediately prepare for the next festival. Not only has this worn out a lot of peoples' willingness to help, but has also kept MAPA from accomplishing any community projects other than putting on festivals. I propose that by going to one festival per year, we can give that festival better attention, and then have time to work on other goals such as the Museum/Visitor's Center or helping with the restoration of the old gazebo that was at the entrance to the Mentone Springs, back at the turn of the century. It seems to me that we have just gotten too caught up in the festival-fund raising mode and have lost our sense of direction with regard to community projects.

I hope that those of you who love Mentone and MAPA will give me some feedback on what you think of this proposal. As for me, that is why I am part of MAPA, to try and do something to help preserve the beauty of the town so that others too might enjoy their visits here. I will give you a further report on the festival in next month's issue, after I get more details.

Please do not forget to come out for our annual July Picnic/Meeting on July 7 at 7:00 PM at Brow Park. It is a covered dish affair, and the food is always great. Hope to see you there!



MAPA MAY MEETING



Representative Ralph Burke

At the May meeting, the main topic was the Rhododendron Festival.

Following the discussion, Homer Crow introduced Representative Ralph Burke, who spoke on what was going on in Montgomery. He said that they had passed the general education budget, increased funds for several programs, i.e., medicare and corrections, foster care families, CHIPS (Children's Health Insurance Program Supplement), educational trust fund, as well as passing several bills. One increase was for the sum of seventy cents a month for cellular phones to establish a system for cell phones and E911 to work digitally to pinpoint where a person with a cellular phone is located when an emergency call comes through.

Following the oil lease windfall, the money in Alabama was invested in interest bearing accounts and use only the interest off the money to give to cities and counties. Under this program, every city and county in Alabama will receive a portion of those funds. For the City of Mentone, the first year was \$2,000, Valley Head received \$2,254, and Hammondville \$1,913. DeKalb County will receive over \$86,000. In order to do this, a constitutional amendment was passed and the state put the oil lease money into this fund. When the interest alone reached \$60 Million Dollars, then they divided it among the cities and counties.

Some projects Mr. Burke is interested in are: doing something with the old Valley Head Road when a new school and recreation center opens up this fall, the bridge of Alabama Hwy 117. Rep. Burke said he met with Mr. Jim Butts and he is to come to Mentone at some time and see the condition of the bridge.

Mr. Burke presented a very interesting program, and the members asked him several questions. Following the discussion, refreshments were served.

1998 United Postal Letter Carriers Food Drive a Success

Mentone Postmaster Denny Goss wishes to thank everyone who participated in this year's drive on Saturday, May 9. Seven Hundred pounds (700#) of food were collected in Mentone by the carriers.

According to Mr. Youngblood of the Fort Payne Post Office, it was a "tremendous success, and it couldn't have been done without all the neighbors and customers who so generously donated." This is a national drive that began several years ago. The total collected in DeKalb County was between 17,000 and 18,000 pounds. Congratulations to all the letter carriers who donated their time to pick up all this extra food and add it to the total.



1998 Moon Lake Elementary School
Sixth-Grade Graduation Class

Kimberly Faye Brisendine, Dustin LaWayne Burt, Emma McLaurin Corey, Coby Lee Harrison, Jonathan Kyle Hooks, Ashley Nichole Evans LaBuda, Adam Joshua Manning, Ashley Leann McSpadden, Mason Noel Plunk, and April Brittany Shelton (In alphabetical order)

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Pictures, pictures, pictures. At least they finally arrived. The postal service is not what it used to be. Pony riders and all. How about these pictures? Is there no end to what a star has to put up with? Moi's young people can not keep their hands off the magnificent one. Besides "play time" Moi really works hard as a guard dog. But it is really important to keep the humans happy--you know--they feed me, but not like I used eat. How does moi look without those extra 20 pounds? Great, of course. Moi is a superb canine specimen, as you readers can plainly see.

Sorry to hear that Miss Prissy has not returned. A real canine just can't be too friendly these days. AL will keep Moi up to date on any news in that area.

It's coming--one of these days real soon when my humans can get some time off from work, moi is making a Saturday of it by "hanging out" at the Mentone Superette to be adored, adored, adored by all my faithful Mentone fans, and others who happen to drop by to see the GREAT ONE!

Moi can hardly wait, so-- see you soon. Ask AL when the BIG DAY is going to be. Moi is sure AL will spread the word.

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Mentone Grapevine 11

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

The community mourns the untimely passing of one of its very active citizens, **James Alexander Berry**. He was involved in so many organizations and functions. He will be sorely missed. Condolences to his family.

Get well wishes go out to **Donyal "Foots" Rector** of Valley Head, who was in Erlanger, but is now at home. Hope he gets to feeling better soon. Keep him in your prayers, as well as his wife, Nancy and son, Rusty.

Jim Lyday had hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, June 2. Please keep him and his wife, Penny, in your prayers as he recuperates.

Mabel Kirk sends her best wishes to all her friends. She said she doesn't walk very well, although she has been out a couple of times with Amelia. Her last chemo treatment is this month, followed by a cat scan. Mabel hopes to see her many friends soon. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Lula McGee Blalock is doing better, according to a report from Jean Gauld this week. Continue to keep Lula in your prayers.

If anyone found a black and white shaggy haired Pekinese with a broken tooth at DeSoto Falls in May, please return her to the **Ed Disney family** at Nippersink in Mentone. The pet has been missing since early May.

Congratulations to **Linda and Scott Brubaker**, who are the proud parents of a baby boy named **Nicholas Scott**, who was born May 7, at 6 a.m.

Ruth Terrell hasn't been feeling her best lately. She has been in and out of the hospital several times, lately. Get well wishes go out to her.

Keep **Leroy Snider** on your prayer list. He recently had a kidney removed. His sister, Shirley Dixon said he's at home.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Hester**. She has made her mom, Vickie Biddle, a grandmother. **Caitlyn Cheyenne** was born on April 29th. Caitlyn came into the world with a headful of jet black hair and she is very pretty.

All the foreign exchange students are getting prepared to go back to their home countries during the month of June. They will be leaving by June 20. Please be sure and tell them how they helped to enrich your life or the lives of your children. I'm sure all the students have enjoyed learning from these exchange students and having their friendship.

Clara Nell Young has been on the sick list lately. She has been in the Huntsville Hospital lately, and hasn't been feeling well at all. We hope she gets well soon.

The Valley Head Ministerial Association held a Baccalaureate service for the Valley Head graduating seniors on Sunday, May 17. After the service, everyone went to the Valley Head Methodist Church for a pizza party. A good time was had by all.

Miss **Amanda Beth Moore** celebrated her 15th birthday on Sunday, May 27. (See picture elsewhere.)

George Porter, Sue Schwarz's father, is doing well after recent hip surgery in Oakland, MD. His wife, Ruth, is taking good care of him.

The Moon Lake Elementary School PTO held their May 12 meeting in the newly dedicated gazebo at the school. A ceremony took place that same day. (See garden club news, elsewhere.) The PTO plans to put some money toward picnic tables in the snack area.

Congratulations to **Kim Worthey** of Mentone and **John Johnson** of Rainsville who were engaged on Mother's Day.

Jane and Epp Mcadows were staying at Nippersink Lodge the last week of May. They were trying to get around to as many friends as they could, but if they missed you, they wanted to wish you well. They were enjoying their visit.

Charlyne and John O'Rear are looking forward to their annual O'Rear picnic to be held Saturday, June 6. They always have such good food and fun.

Ruby Daniel said she is doing fine at The Fountains. She does a lot of visiting. Her room number is 212. Stop by and visit with her when you are in Fort Payne.

At the Bankhead Decoration Day ceremonies, **Charlyne O'Rear** announced that they will be honoring the **Bill Pullen** family next year.

Jennifer Keefe will graduate with honors from the University of Georgia on June 20. She will receive a degree in Education and plans to teach. Congratulations, Jennifer.

Congratulations, also, to **Shawn Keefe**, who graduated from The Baylor School in Chattanooga, May 30. He successfully completed his fourth LaCrosse Season, as goalie of the team. Shawn was also very active in "Walk-About," a community service program for four years at Baylor. He will attend The University of Montana in the fall.

Congratulations to **Keith Langston and Dawn Farmer**, who were married on May 15. The ceremony took place at her mother's home in Fort Payne. Dawn's parents are Margaret Farmer and the late Woody Farmer. Keith's parents are Loy and Becky Langston. They all celebrated with a dinner at the Western Sizzlin.

On June 12, **Allison Crane**, granddaughter of Gladys and Bill Crane, is having a spend-the-night birthday party at her grandmother's home in Mentone for her 10th birthday. Overnight guests will be April and Jill Padfield, Katie and Paige Roberts, and sister Shannon Crane. Other guests will be Brooke, Kelly, Paige and Karen Wright, Ann and Bill Wright, Barbara and Ovic Blalock, Brandi Manning, Gail Roberts, and other friends. Happy Birthday, Allison, hope it is a great one!

American Legion Post 215 in Mentone recently put in a new culvert so they could extend their parking area in front of the hall. Once they finish, it will look great.

May 29, my daughter-in-law, **Kumi Dillenbeck**, left for a six-weeks visit in Korea. She will be staying with her parents who live there, while she visits with them and her husband, SSgt. **Walter Dillenbeck**, who is stationed there until December 1998. Before she left, I had the pleasure of visiting with her and several of her friends.

Congratulations to the **Green family** (**Randy, Brenda, Brian, and Tammy**) of Conroe, TX, on moving into their new home. Grandma Dillenbeck is looking forward to making a trip out there to see everyone and check out the new digs.

On Sunday, May 31, the entire congregation of the Mentone United Methodist Church went to **Linda and Bobby Brown's** new home for a "Blessing of the Home" service. Pastor **Linda Tucker** conducted the ceremony in their kitchen area, complete with communion. Bobby and Linda Brown and daughter **Carol Hazell**, and grandchildren, **Alex and Kayla**, were very pleased to show their guests their beautiful home. Congratulations, folks, it is a lovely home and it has been blessed by God.

At the May 17 Sunday Service, **Howard's Chapel** had 151 in attendance. It was standing room only and what a glorious service they had. Penny Lyday was bursting with the news when she came into the town hall.

Happy belated birthday wishes to **Donnie Davis** who celebrated his big 16th birthday on May 30. Your parents, sibs, and all your buddies from Valley Head High School wished you a Happy Birthday.

Happy June Birthday/Anniversary wishes to:

●1- Anthony and Judy Windom (anniv.), Sybil Hopper; ●2 - Lisa Harris, Glen Black; ●3 - George Westmoreland, Van Cooper; ●5 - Marsha McKinny, Kim McKinny; ●6-Arura Young. (Miss Rhonda Downer, teacher at Valley Head gets married); ●7-Sally Lewis; ●8-Dennis Mays, David Dean, Ralph Deleagarza; ●9-Alan & Tricia Black (anniv.); ●10-Lisa Moore, Joyce Wright, Michelle Chappell; ●11-Evelyn Hunt, James Young; ●12-Doris White; ●15-Campbell Smith, Cole & Jennifer Blake (anniv.); ●16-Lorie Carter; ●17-Andy Beason; ●18-Krissy & Phil Harris (anniv.), Ashley Langston (18); ●19-Johnny and Paula Cooper (anniv.); ●20 - Linda and John Tucker (Anniv.), Murrell Haney, Sherry Cox; ●21-Catherine Bailey, Trey Kinser (5), Nicky Langston (21); ●22-Jewell Rogers; ●23-Benny Goss, Jack Johnston, Luvenia Langston (76); ●24-Brenda Goss, Tyler Hester; ●25-Thann Owens; ●27 - Larry Tripp, Cecil Bridgeman, Robin and Jerry Hulgian (anniv.); ●28 - Annie Young (84), Rusty and Angela Chambers (anniv.); ●29 - Lisa Beene; ●30 - Janel Fraizer, Myrtis Brown, Becky Smith.

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

●Mrs. Eva Imogene (Jean) Matthews, of Mentone, April 26
●James Alexander Berry, 72, of Mentone, May 6
●Mrs. Geraldine H. Hawkins, 85, of Valley Head, May 10
●Mrs. Cassie Irene Cash, 91, of Mentone, May 13

I had an unexpected visit from one of my brothers, **Wayne Shelden**, from Jacksonville, NC. He had been on a driving/business trip to Tucson, AZ, and stopped in Las Cruces, NM, to visit with my mother, Dorothy Shelden, and my brother, Dale Shelden, who is recovering from recent heart surgery. On his way back home, Wayne made a side trip to Mentone, and I was surely glad to see him.

For those of you who read and heard that my dog **Prissy** was reported missing as of April 17, she has not been found. Please continue to be on the lookout for her. I truly miss her company, she was an ever-present help, and a "family" member. Thank you.

Remember that school is now out. Watch for the children. Don't forget **Father's Day on Sunday, June 21**.

I'd like to close with the following:

God be in my head and my understanding;
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.

Anonymous

(This was one of Dr. Pat's favorite verses. At the 1998 Moon Lake Elementary School 6th grade graduation exercises, **Emmy Corey**, Valedictorian, concluded her speech with these words.)



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Mentone Boy Scout Troop 106 Court of Honor

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

On May 11, 1998, Troop 106 met at Camp Jacobs on the Comer Scout Reservation for a cookout and the presentation of earned merit badges and rank advancements. Tom Oberle, full-time ranger of Camp Comer was the host. The food was donated by Prewitt and Sons of Fort Payne. Parents and many guests attended the festivities.

The Camp Jacobs area of the camp is maintained by The Order of the Arrow, which is an honor society for honor campers. David Gilbreath and Tom Oberle have been involved in scouting since they were children.

On the night of May 6, Ben Corey and Peter Hurt were elected into the Order of the Arrow by their peers. They have to go through an ordeal on June 6, at Camp Comer.

All boys received their 1998 registration cards and Campfire Patch. The scouts listed below received these items; and, in addition, the merit badges following their name were given. Also, with each rank (basic Boy Scout, 2nd Class, 1st Class), the boys get a mother's pin to present to their mother.

Ben Corey, Robert McReynolds, Greg Carreker, Kyle Hooks, Jason Oberle (leather working and computer), **Josh Hunt** (1st class rank, mother's pin), **Ben Stewart** (dog care, pets, leather working, Indian lore, citizenship in the nation, and 1st class rank, mother's pin); **Martin Cox** (personal management, pets, dog care, leather working, family life, citizenship in the community), **Josh Hughes** (dog care, leather working, pets), **Paul Whittle** (emergency preparedness, personal management, family life, safety, pets, citizenship in the nation, computer) (Andrew is from Rainsville, and in the reconstruction of his records, he received the advancements of Tenderfoot, 2nd class, and 1st class, along with the mother's pins).

Each scout in the troop earned a quality unit for 1998 and a Baptist award of excellence for the 4th year.

David Gilbreath, Scout Master, received his registration card and Campfire patch.

Other individuals recognized were John Hurt, Diane Gilbreath, Jim Ellis, Glenn Miller, Brandol Jones and Jim Jones (both of whom were absent), Jan and John Wilkinson, and Marilyn Campbell for her faithfulness in "watering the scouts" which includes bringing sandwiches and homemade items to each function where they work in the community.

The troop parked cars for the Rhododendron Festival and the Sequoyah Pow Wow the weekend of May 16 and 17. On May 29, 30, and 31, a 17-mile backpacking trip was planned for Cades Cove; however, it was rescheduled for June 12, 13, and 14. All scouts will participate in this trip. June 6 will be the Ordeal at Camp Comer.

July 5-11 will be summer camp at Camp Comer.

July 18-14 scouts will be leaving for Philmont and will be backpacking over Rocky Mountains for 100 miles.

Especially sad was the passing of one of Troop 106's greatest supporters, Mr. Jim Berry. His absence was so noticeable because Mr. Berry did so many things behind the scene and was present for every meeting. He provided encouragement and support for all their endeavors. His motto was, "What can I do for you." He will be missed by all the scouts in Troop 106, as well as all the citizens in the community who knew him and loved him. God blessed his life, and he passed that blessing on to everyone he met.

The community and the families of these scouts can be proud of them for their accomplishments. It takes a great deal of work and determination to follow through with all the requirements to receive the rank advancements and merit badges. These are the men of the future. Keep supporting them in all they do.



From left: Jane Brooks, Helen Longshore, Dallyne Jones, Judith Hammond, Inelle Hurt, Judy Shelley and Evelyn Graves. Pictured at right are Maurine Donahue and Martha Stanley.

Valley Head Woman's Club has annual spring luncheon

Gorham's Bluff Lodge, high on a steep bluff overlooking the Tennessee River, was the setting for the annual spring luncheon of the Valley Head Woman's Club. The view of the river below is breathtakingly beautiful.

Inelle Hurt read the 23rd Psalm for the devotional explaining each phrase as she read.

Retiring president, Doris Carmichael, reviewed the accomplishments of her administration and thanked club members for their cooperation and help.

The club expressed their appreciation of her tireless efforts on behalf of the club.

She was given some "fun" gifts denoting colloquialisms which had their origin in the Bible, an apple for you are the "apple of our eye," a pound of sausage so you can eat "the fat of the land," some change so you will not "be greedy of filthy lucre," a yard stick so you can "go out with an high hand."

After she received her main gift, an engraved silver tray, she was told she could say with Paul that most southern of

all colloquialisms, "I thank you all," which we have corrupted to "ya'll."

Jane Brooks, former president of the Alabama Federation of Women's Club and now editor of "The Alabama Club-woman," installed the new officers, using small boxes of cereal to denote the duties of each office, she installed the new officers: Evelyn Graves, president; Judy Shelly, first vice president; Inelle Hurt, second vice president; Judith Hammon, recording secretary; Dallyne Jones, corresponding secretary; Helen Longshore, treasurer; Martha Stanley, custodian; and Maurine Donahue, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Brooks was given an initialed gold pin as a gift from the club.

Evelyn Graves thanked the club for their confidence in her in choosing her to be president and asked for the continued cooperation of club members during the next term.

Guests in addition to Jane Brooks were Barbara Hammon, Louise Hammonds, Grace Jones and Sandra Pruitt.



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She was a loyal and helpful friend. On her, in everything, you could depend. Always patient, sensible and sweet. To the very end when her life was complete. She always strived for beauty and perfection. Now she can achieve it in joyful resurrection. All of us will soon meet in happy reunion. And all things understand in revealing communion.

--Eloise Brown

**A Friendly Valley View**By
ELOISE BROWN

Summer has arrived in all its lush beauty. June seems to be the month of roses, and they have never been more beautiful.

Congratulations to Dr. L.M. Coleman, a fine young man, who celebrated his 87th birthday in May. Christine and Walter Brooks took lunch and a cake to help him celebrate.

Congratulations, too, to a very special lady, Vesta Hawkins, who reached her 94th birthday April 24. Nancy Hawkins came from Birmingham and Annette Hawkins, Holly Roberts, and her six months old great-grandson, John Roberts, Nick and Lee Roberts from Atlanta, Geneva Smith and Velma Hammond all joined her on Sunday, April 26, at Dessie's at Mentone, for a nice birthday dinner.

Ted and Mary Louise Holleman, and John Holleman and Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis enjoyed a long week-end vacation in Panama City, Florida, recently.

We welcome the new substitute druggist, Jim Davis, at Morgan Drugs.

Norville Franklin took Christine Brooks, Norman and Danny Hulan, and son Matthew to El Paso, TX, to visit 1st Lt. James Hulan and wife, Chris, and new baby girl, Ashley, the first great grandchild. (See picture and announcement on this page.)

Ruth Winston is now living at Crowne Health Center. We hope that she and all the other elderly, who are having to make changes, will be contented and happy.

Mary and Ted Holleman's dinner guests Sunday, May 24, were Elizabeth and Dr. Coleman, E.T. and Gladola Holleman, John Holleman from Huntsville, Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis from Rainsville, Frances Ellis from Summerville and Adelaide Biddle. They enjoyed the time together and recalling memories of bygone days.

Richard Manning and Paulette's daughter and family (Susanne and husband and baby) visited relatives here recently.

Christine and Walter Brooks spent several days in Mobile and enjoyed a tour of Bellingrath Gardens and especially enjoyed a boat ride on the Southern Belle.

Gracie Brown's parents, Betty and Coy Butler and daughter, Cindy, from Cartersville, Ga., were her weekend guests and helped Dillon celebrate his sixth birthday. Dillon also graduated from

Kindergarten.

About ten members of the Blackburn family attended decoration services at Valley Head cemetery and ate lunch with Dot Blackburn. Bill Blackburn spent several days in BMC-DeKalb and Gadsden Hospital, but is now at home feeling much better. We hope he will not have any more problems.

Melinda and Jeff Adkins are spending a week in McGeasville, Va., and hope to visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington. When they return, Bible study will resume at Valley Head Methodist Church on Thursday nights. Jeff is also going to investigate acquiring a sound system for the church, which is looking resplendent with new paint and repairs.

Sharon and Barry Kay, and little Tully, will be moving to Valley Head any day, now. They will reside in the "used to be" Methodist parsonage. Welcome!

Stephanie and Floyd Creamer of Atmore, Al. are guests of her grandfather, Howard Hawkins.

The Sunshine Club met with Sue Clark for the April meeting. The May meeting was Thursday, May 28, at the home of Verence Hawkins.

The Valley Head UMW meeting for May was postponed and will be announced.

Venna Livingston and I are deeply grieved over the loss of a special friend. We, and all who knew him, considered Buddy an exceptional dog--so cute and so smart. He was Venna's constant companion, sharing in all her work and activities, being a vigilant guard, showing his love and devotion in every way. I saved my scraps for him and considered him partly mine, and we loved each other. He had 8 happy years, but alas a car hit him and instantly ended his life. We are sure it was unavoidable, but the driver went on his thoughtless way, leaving Buddy in the road to be mangled and unreported. Skippy Mathis came along and proved what a very special person he is. He stopped and took time from his busy day to pick up Buddy's body and report it to Venna with sympathy and understanding. He said he would take care of Buddy. All of us who know and loved Buddy appreciate this so much. We need more persons like Skippy Mathis who have a kind and understanding heart and prove it in action. He said he just couldn't stand to see him in the road and didn't want Venna to find him like that. Thank you so much for caring, Skippy.

My granddaughter, Laurie Dell, and her husband, Andrew, from Pasadena, Md., came to visit me, Sun. May 17, and I really needed them, as I had an accident on Friday night, May 15. Two cows ran in front of my car. The night was dark and so were the cows. It was a horrible experience. I have hurt in places I didn't know I had. My car is in the shop, and I should be. Seriously, I am thankful it was not worse. It was a miracle that it wasn't. I am so sorry about the poor cows. I am slowly mending. My cousins, Frances and Irwin Jacobson from Cupertino, CA, brought a delicious lunch and spent a few hours with me on Tues. May 26. So, if I have made mistakes and left out things, forgive me. I know you will understand.

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There must be a loose connection!

My motor needs an overhaul

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Are you sure it is there at all?

I'm afraid its running is o'er

I can not even blow my horn,

But what is there to blow about?

Its ego is so sad and worn,

It can no longer crow nor shout!

My lines are clogged with work and care

They no longer make any sense;

I need a filter to breathe the air,

My nerve belts are stretched and tense.

My upholstery has thick padding,

But it had all slipped out of place,

And it is bulging and sagging--

Lines once sleek are now in my face!

My radiator heats and boils,

Overflowing with frustration.

My joints need many kinds of oils,

Crack from crust of rustation.

Now, God, you are my mechanic,

So please get out your box of tools,

'Ere I'm a sinking Titanic--

You know all my parts and rules.

I want my motor running fine,

Without a rumble or a mumble.

Meantime, forgive my awful line

Of groaning, grunting, and grumble.

I know the repairs will be hard,

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Miss Amanda Beth Moore

Miss Amanda Beth Moore celebrated her 15th birthday on Sunday, May 17. Beth is the daughter of Lisa Moore of Blake and Vann Moore of Powell. She is the granddaughter of Glen and Wanda Black of Blake; Shelby Woods Langley of Powell; and Rodney and Berthell Moore of Sylvania. She is also the great granddaughter of Ms. Annie Young of Blake, and Mrs. Erma Black of Blake. Beth is in the 10th grade at Valley Head High School and is in the band. She was also 1st runner up and Miss Congeniality in the 1998 Miss Spring Fantasy Beauty Pageant at Valley Head. Beth has one sister, Adriana Miranda.



PIANO RECITAL

The students of piano teacher, Mary A. Clark, participated in a piano recital on Friday, May 22. Rev. Randy Addison volunteered the use of the Mentone Wesleyan Church for the recital. Approximately 100 people were in attendance with 20 students performing. The students played a variety of music which included classical, contemporary gospel, church hymns and country. Refreshments followed in the church fellowship hall. Everyone attending enjoyed the recital immensely. The following is a list of the participating students: Fawn Kitchens, Marie Hunt, Lori Hope, Justin Steel, Sarah Hurt, Vance Carden, Katie Gray, Kristen Addison, Danielle Johnson, Brandi Hawkins, Russell Harding, Lauren Addison, Phillip Waller, Randy Addison, Ashley LaBuda, Ben Windom, Jordan McWilliams, Keith Miller, Hannah McWilliams, and Jana Goss. Assisting Mrs. Clark during the recital was her granddaughter, Ashley Tuxbury. Helping with refreshments were Kathy Addison and Roma Hope.



Bernise Crow of The Crow's Nest Antiques at the Hitching Post and Rovene Truett of Ro's Kreations, both in Mentone, are among the people giving support to Landmarks with the sale of their publications. Two new books, Who Was Who In DeKalb County, Volume IV, and The Legend of Buster Duggan, are now available at drugstores, libraries, and specialty shops in the county.

--Thank You--

The family of Martha Hawkins wishes to thank the friends of Hammondville who sent flowers for her funeral.

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DREAM A LITTLE DREAM

By Rebecca Harper Barrier

Dream a little dream . . .

Wish upon a star, we've all done it at some point during our lives.

Sometimes dreams come true.

Sometimes they die a silent death. But sometimes you can have a dream that seems almost impossible, then everything falls into place as if it were written in the stars many years ago.

About this time last year, a man I've known all my life shared one of his dreams with me. I don't think I was really listening, because, if I had been really listening, I could have heard the tiny vibrations in his voice of quiet determination.

That man is Dennis Lewis, and because he has shared one of his dreams and love for baseball, Valley Head is finally going to have a Youth League Field.

If you haven't heard and don't know anything about it, drive by the corner of Church Street and Fourth Avenue and take a good, long look and see for yourself a dream becoming a reality.

Now I know that Dennis didn't do everything by himself and he's not the type of individual to take all the credit for something. He's had a lot of help from several people in the community, and he's going to need a lot more, because this will have to become a Community Project to be completely successful, and it will take M-O-N-E-Y.

So, I am asking each and every one of you who has a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, brother, sister, or anyone who enjoys watching kids play sports, to make a donation to the Youth League Field in care of Valley Head High School; or, if you prefer, stop by the Water Board and give your donations personally to Mr. Lewis. The field is on Valley Head High School property, and will be used by the students during school hours. There are still a lot of technicalities and legalities to work out, but I'm sure everything will fall into place as it was meant to be.

I wondered where and when he got his dream one hot, sunny afternoon as he stood on top of the bleachers of the football stadium looking across at the field. As he described how everything would be set up: the dugout here, T-Ball field there, fence line here, a soccer field this side. It probably happened many years ago when he was a little baseball player himself crammed into the back of Roy Blansit's FORD Pinto on the way to another school where they already had a baseball field.

You're probably wondering why I would write an article about dreams and baseball. Well, there is this beautiful, blonde haired, blue eyed, little boy I know, and he told me the other day about the most amazing thing that happened to him at his T-ball game. He was standing in the outfield and the ball was flying through the air and he reached his arm out and the ball landed in his glove--just like magic. "It was the most amazing thing," he said, "I caught the ball and everyone was cheering . . . for me."

Thank you, Dennis Lewis, for passing your dream along to the next generation. Sometimes the impossible takes a little longer.



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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9 o'clock each Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

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

Mentone Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10:00 and 11:00 AM services and evening services will be at 7:00 and 9:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Union Hill Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM. Worship is at 11 AM. Adult Choir practice is at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, and Evening Worship is at 7 PM. Wednesday evening at 5 PM is Youth Choir practice with GA's and RA's meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 5 PM. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing. The Ladies' Choir will be singing at the DeKalb Theatre on Saturday evening, June 6, during the June Jam activities.

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

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 PM. Wednesday evening service is a time of prayer, worship, and to allow specialized ministries to be boosted. The first Wednesday night before Sunday is Youth services, the second Wednesday night is mission services, the third Wednesday night is Heritage services, and the fourth Wednesday night is Care Ministries (local missions). Pastor Tanner states they would most assuredly be blessed by your presence. (Hebrews 10:23-25.) Women's Breakfast is every third Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Men's Brotherhood is every fourth Saturday at 8 AM in the church.

The time for the evening service at the **Valley Head Baptist Church** will be changed June 7. Discipleship Training will be at 6 PM, with Worship at 7 PM. Vacation Bible School will be June 8-12, from 9 o'clock until noon, for ages 4 through 6th grade. There will be a Brotherhood Breakfast and meeting on June 13. June 21 will be the 3rd Sunday dinner.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday and Worship at 11 AM. Youth Choir practice is at 4 PM each Sunday. Discipleship Training is at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM. The Men's Prayer group meets every Wednesday at 6:45 AM and Church Bible Study is at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. Team Kid is 6:30-7:30 PM. The van runs at 5:30 and should return at 8:30 PM. The Youth and Youth Ministry team through Change Your World are available to do whatever they can to help you (cleaning, light construction work, etc.) We also need your help. Would you be willing to host students in your home, help provide a meal, help serve a meal? Please contact David Tucker at 635-6644 for more information.

Only Believe...ministry holds regular services as follows: Monday night (prayer) 6:30 PM. Thursday 6:30 PM, Sunday

2:30 PM. We are a non-denominational/full gospel church. Pastor Susan Kendrick welcomes everyone to come and be a part of this work.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services at the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. Everyone is welcome. Each Saturday, Sabbath School 9:30-10:45 AM. Worship Service 11:00-12:00. Thursday nights Prayer & Bible Study 7 PM. Pastor Wilbor Atwood, Lay Pastor - Bill Pyke. Every 2nd Saturday, we have a vegetarian fellowship meal after church. We invite everyone to come worship and eat! Please keep our mission in the Philippines in your prayers as they try to win souls for Christ.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM. Worship is at 11 AM. Sunday evening service at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening services at 7 PM. (All times are EST). The church is located two miles behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland. You may call 706-862-2651 for directions. Monthly gospel singings occur every fourth Saturday. Everyone is invited to join us for all of the singings and the church services and become involved in the life of the church.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church**, and Pastor Richard Pope, invite everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM. Morning Worship is at 11:00 AM. Evening Worship is at 6:00 PM. Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6:00 PM.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** held their 5th Sunday covered dish luncheon on May 31, after which the entire congregation went to Linda and Bobby Brown's new home for a "Blessing of the Home" ceremony. Starting June 3, at 6 PM Wednesday night Bible study will resume and will be on the Book of Genesis. Annual Conference is June 7-10. **Vacation Bible School** is June 22-26. Everyone is welcome.

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

The weather here in Mentone has been absolutely wonderful; and all that April rain has produced an abundance of blooms. Especially beautiful this year are the peonies, azaleas and rhododendrons—they seem to really thrive on this El Nino's crazy weather patterns.

Unfortunately, with all the beauty around us, we have to put up with the other unusual things that El Nino is responsible for—and that is an abundance of ticks. The scientists report that there will be huge outbreaks of hanta virus which is carried by rats and field mice. This mild climate has been good for the rodent population (Hanta virus is an hemorrhagic virus). Nature seems to be trying to handle that problem, and we did not seem to realize it. Then, I heard a report on the cat population explosion and put two and two together. (I had wondered why my two tabbies had multiplied into nearly 15 in the last two years!) It seems like nature is trying to take care of the problems itself. Also reported are swarms of grasshoppers and mosquitoes (mosquitoes carry encephalitis which is an inflammation of the brain).

I am writing about this to warn the citizens hereabouts to take the necessary precautions and steps in dealing with the problems. So far, every time I have ventured outdoors to do some chore or gardening, I have later found a couple of ticks crawling on me; and I had not even wandered into any brushy areas—just walking around the yard and lawn seems to be enough to pick up a few of the creepy crawlies.

I found these tips on dealing with critters, but I have not experimented with many of them; so I don't know how reliable they are—but it's worth a try.

MOLES: give them a dose of castor oil. Mix three parts castor oil with one part dish detergent. Use four tablespoons of the mixture in a gallon of water and soak the tunnels and entrances with it. I have tried by planting castor beans, which seems to have worked in the designated areas, so far. The plant oozes a toxic chemical into the soil that does away with moles and voles.

RABBITS: place dried sulphur (available from any feed and seed store) or wood ashes around the edge of the garden. •Sprinkle blood meal around your crops after each rainfall, but don't use it if you have dogs, as they are attracted to the scent and will start digging up whatever is there. •Sprinkle powdered red pepper around the garden or on the targeted plant (rabbits have very sensitive noses and this may help keep them out).

ANTS: Sprinkle some hot pepper flakes where the ants are nesting or roaming. •Mix about one pound of used coffee grounds in one quart of hot water and pour it on the ant hills. •Sprinkle uncooked Mali-O-Meal cereal where you see fire ants.

CUTWORMS: Sprinkle used coffee grounds around your plants or use slit toilet-tissue rolls as collars on the plants' stems.

Wondering how to turn your tomato plants into perennials? At season's end, simply cut back your best plants and store them inside in either soil or sand and be sure to keep them moist and away from frost. The following season, you'll begin with mature plants that are only weeks away from bearing fruit. You'll get two years of tomatoes from the same vine. If you plant a beefsteak variety, that means you could probably get 200 pounds or more of delicious tomatoes.

Happy gardening

(e-mail:MadeleineCircleBRanch@juno.com)

DeSoto Rescue Squad News

By Jennifer Smith

Hello again! June is here and we are still busy working on our building. With the weather, it has been difficult to get a lot done. But now, hopefully, nice weather is here to stay! We sent out a fund raiser letter in mid-May. So far, we have gotten a very good response and we hope to make this an annual drive.

Another fund raiser in the works is our 1st Annual Cornbread Cook-off! It is to be held Saturday, June 20th from 12:00 til 2:00 at the Mentone Community House. Applications for the contest are available in The Groundhog or from any Squad member. There will be 2 categories to be judged: regular cornbread or Mexican cornbread. Contestants must have their entries in by 11:00 A.M. The entries will be judged at 11:30 A.M. and the presentation of awards will be at noon. The Squad will also be pre-selling \$5.00 tickets for a BBQ plate that will be available from 12:00 til 2:00. There will also be door prizes, a bake sale and lots of fun! We hope to see everyone there! Come by and see our new building!

We are still actively seeking new members, so if you are 18 years old or older and have a desire to help people, come by and see what we are all about. Our meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of the month at 6:30 P.M. at the Mentone Community House. The public is welcome to attend! As always, thank you again for your continued support. Anyone with questions or comments, please feel free to contact one of our officers.

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DeKalb County Library Spring Sale a Success Again Joanne Durham, Chairman

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Thanks go to the many donors and buyers. These people were informed by the following media and civic groups:

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The principals, teachers, students, and their parents at Forest Avenue, Williams Avenue, and Fort Payne Middle Schools deserve thanks for the donation drives.

The members of the Fort Payne Culture Club and volunteers donated in excess of 1700 hours in the preparation for and conducting of the sale.

The library staff was extremely patient, accommodating, and helpful, even though we infringed on their workplace and time. They are overworked and underpaid, and we made their workload heavier. To them, thanks many times over.

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WEST FORK OF LITTLE RIVER - 3 ac. tracts, 150' to 300' River frontage on the pristine Little River. Choose from
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New shop opened in Mentone

SERENDIPITY Treasures for the Home



Owners, Margaret Pope and Connie Cook, two sisters
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Mentone, have done just that. **SERENDIPITY**, meaning the
ability to find something great by chance, opened up May
1st. The two ladies feel that Serendipity provides
an outlet for their creative energy, which would
otherwise not be utilized. Margaret is a real
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Rainsville. Connie owns and operates Artistic
Framing in Fort Payne. "We are glad to be here,"
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• Table toppers
and under skirts -
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Massey of Ft. Payne.

• They will have a
small gallery which
will feature a differ-
ent regional artist
each month.

• They will have
pottery crafted by an
artisan from
Summerville, Ga. - -
Sue Owens.



Wedding Announcement



Mr. Merrell, Miss Reed

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Michael Reed of Singapore and New
Orleans, Louisiana, announce the engagement of their daugh-
ter Rachel Kelly Reed, to Ronald Clifton Merrell II, son of Dr.
and Mrs. Ronald Clifton Merrell of Northford, Connecticut.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wirt
Fountain Wilhoit of Warenton, Georgia, and the late Mr. and
Mrs. Edward Raymond Reed of San Mateo.

Miss Reed graduated from Singapore American School in
Singapore and received a bachelor of science degree in psy-
chology from Tulane University in May 1997. She is
employed by Health South Corporation in Houston.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs.
Leland Marshall Cox of Mentone and the late Mr. and Mrs.
Greene Lawrence Merrell of Birmingham.

Mr. Merrell, whose mother is the former Marsha Cox of
Mentone, was graduated from Stratford High School in
Houston and received a bachelor of arts degree in political sci-
ence from Tulane University in May 1977. He is employed by
Universal Computer Systems in Houston.

The wedding will be solemnized Saturday, June 6, 1998, at
the Myra Clare Rogers Memorial Chapel on the campus of
Tulane University in New Orleans, with The Rev. Melvin K.
Gray of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Houston,
Texas, officiating.

A reception will follow at The Elms Mansion.

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(6) COZY AND COMFORTABLE log and frame cottage with log garage-guest house-12x24 enclosed and heated in-ground pool on over 1 acre with a DeSoto Parkway location. \$149,500. Owner says make offer.



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OTHER LISTINGS

- (10) WEEKEND OR WEEKLY RENTAL available. 3 bdrms and 2 baths will accommodate 8 people. For more information, call Susan Collins.
- (11) PLENTY OF PRIVACY is yours on these beautifully wooded 8 acres located on East Lake Drive. Ready to build on and convenient both to Menlo and Mentone. \$27,500.
- (12) 10 ACRE TRACTS - gently rolling-heavily wooded-with creek. Close to downtown Mentone on private road. "Lightly" restricted. \$25,000.
- (13) MORE THAN 2.3 KIDS? Room enough for an above-average sized family in this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with living room, dining room, den bonus room, and full basement on 1.7 acres. Come stretch out! All for only \$155,500.
- (14) VACATION IN THE BACKYARD! It's relaxing just being at the 11 acre parcel of land in Mentone. Beautiful rock formations and lots of privacy. for only \$45,000. Make your reservation to see it today.
- (15) OVER 6 ACRES on DeSoto Parkway - greatly rolling with beautiful landscaping and great building sites. \$35,000.
- (16) ALMOST 2-1/2 ACRES on DeSoto Parkway. No restrictions - great commercial location. \$22,500.
- (17) 1.75 ACRES on the "West" Fork of Little River less than 1 mile from downtown Mentone. \$30,000.
- (18) Opportunity is knocking - 68 acres of partially wooded land in Mentone close to the old Park entrance. Lots of privacy. \$89,000.

Southern Properties has buyers looking for building lots, brow property, River property, farms and acreage.

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Cecil Reed, Grand Marshal, riding in convertible driven by Jack Jones, with Festival Chairman Karl Yatooma in passenger seat.

Photos from the parade



Boat rides at DeSoto Falls (Homer Crow is in the suspenders)



L/R: Rhododendron Queen Rachel Smith; 1st Princess Amelia Freeman; 2nd Princess Annie Daniel; and 3rd Princess Rene Brendle



L/R: Haylea Fossett, Annie Daniel, Rene Brendle, Shannon Eberhart, Rachel Smith, Amelia Freeman, Tricia Goodman, contestants in 1998 Rhododendron Queen Pageant



Shannon Eberhart was the winner of a two-year Leadership Scholarship for full tuition to Northeast State Community College. MAPA President Jerry Waters presented her with the scholarship during the 1998 Rhododendron Queen Pageant.

Photos from the entertainment at the pavillion



Rhododendron Queen Rachel Smith drawing the winning name (Marie Roy from Prattville, AL) for the beautiful stained glass rhododendron crafted by Chuck Peters.



Thom Rayne of New York



Rhododendron Banner designed by local artist Cheryl King, won by Shirley Mitchell of Rainsville.



Jimmy Worthey, Mentone Waterworks, and his son, Lee, repairing a broken water line at the festival.

The Flag of the United States of America is one of the oldest of the national standards of the world, older than the Union Jack of Great Britain or the Tricolor of France.

During the early days of the Revolutionary War, a variety of flags were used by the different colonies and military commands. Prominent among these were the "Pine Tree" and "Rattlesnake" flags with various arrangements and motifs.

Late in 1775, a committee of Congress with Benjamin Franklin at the head, after consulting with Washington, then in command of the army at Cambridge, decided upon the form for a new flag. This flag consisted of thirteen stripes, red and white, with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew on a blue field in the canton or union. This preceded the Declaration of Independence and indicated that the colonies had not wholly broken from the mother country. This flag was first unfurled by Washington, January 2, 1776. It was probably this flag which was raised by Paul Jones on his vessel and carried by the American fleet which sailed out of Philadelphia in February 1776.

During 1776 and 1777, a number of flags with thirteen stripes came into use and the need of a definite national emblem was realized. On June 14, 1777, Congress passed an act stating "That the Flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." This was the birthday of the Flag as we now know it, and June 14 is now celebrated as "Flag Day." This new flag was probably first displayed on land during the Battle at Fort Stanwix, New York, although there are a number of authorities who claim that the first Stars and Stripes displayed in battle was at the Battle of Bennington, Vermont, August 16, 1777. At any rate, this flag, as displayed, remained the national standard until 1795. The first display of the Stars and Stripes by the Continental Army was when the Flag was hoisted over Fort Stanwix, New York, on August 3, 1777.

In the meantime, Vermont and Kentucky had become states, and on January 13, 1794, Congress voted that the Flag should have fifteen stripes and fifteen stars. This Flag remained in use for 23 years, and it was "The Star-Spangled Banner" of which Francis Scott Key wrote in 1814.

In April 1818, Congress passed an act providing that the Flag should have the thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union should display twenty stars, representing the number of states then in the Union. It also provided that, on the admission of every new state to the Union, a star should be added on the following July 4th; and this has been the regulation ever since, accounting for the number of stars now shown.

The red, white, and blue colors and their arrangement in the Flag are often interpreted as expressing the very character of our nation. The Continental Congress of 1777 declared that the white stars in a field of blue shall represent a "new constellation." George Washington described the white in the Flag as symbolizing our desire for liberty—the land of the free. We say the red signifies the courage and sacrifices of the nation's defenders, and the blue has been likened to the loyalty and unity of our citizens.



The Flag of the United States of America has 13 horizontal stripes—alternating 7 red and 6 white—with the red stripes at top and bottom. The canton, or union of navy blue, occupies the upper left-hand quarter next to the staff and extends from the top to the lower edge of the fourth red stripe. The 50 stars in the blue field equal the number of states admitted officially to the Union. The stars are arranged, with one point up, in 9 horizontal rows. Rows 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 have 6 stars each. Rows 2, 4, 6, and 8 have 5 stars each, with stars centered diagonally between stars in the longer rows above and

below.

There are the 43 rules for proper display and use of the United States Flag, as established by generally accepted custom and by Public Law 94-344 approved by Congress and signed by the President of the United States. A few basic rules are:

1. It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
2. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
3. The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
4. The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; Easter Sunday (variable); Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.
5. The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.
6. The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.
7. The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every school house.

The Flag is very much a part of our daily lives. We should always respect it because it represents everything we are as Americans—everything we hope to be.

This information was taken from a booklet written by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Additional information concerning proper Flag usage and copies of the Federal Flag Code may be obtained from the Americanism Department, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Broadway at 34th, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

GRILLED MARINATED VEGETABLES

Jennifer Smith, Mother's Market

- 6 large flat mushrooms
- 3 bell peppers
- 6 zucchini, cut in half lengthwise
- 2 red onions, thickly sliced
- 2/3 cup teriyaki sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 4-5 fresh basil leaves, chopped or
- a large pinch of chopped fresh tarragon

Cut the vegetables into bite size pieces and thread them onto skewers, alternating the colors. Mix the teriyaki sauce with the garlic and basil, add the skewers, and let marinate 20-30 minutes.

Put the skewers on the rack over hot coals and grill about 5 minutes, turning from time to time. Brush with olive oil before grilling, if desired.

HEALTH NUGGET

By Dowe C. Foreman

Cow Fries?

Hi there! Happy Summer to you! This article is about cows and fries. Now, not hamburgers (and why aren't they called 'cowburgers' anyway?) And fries, just cows and fries. I love a cow, I really do. I just don't want to eat one.

Anyway, I just read an article I thought was interesting. A lot of major fast food chains have started frying their chicken and fish in vegetable oil or shortening instead of animal fats. This is in response to a lot of public concern over cholesterol and saturated fats, which you get from animal fats. I was very happy to read that, for every little bit helps. THEN, I finished reading the article. It seems that McDonalds, Burger King and Wendy's cook their fries in a beef tallow-vegetable shortening blend, because it tastes better, and they want to keep their customers happy. Hmmmm, I think they just missed the boat.

Vegan Recipe

By Dowe C. Foreman

Oven Fries

- 1/4 C nutritional yeast (may leave out)
- 1-2 T olive oil
- 1 t salt
- 1 t onion powder
- 1/2 t garlic powder
- 8 medium potatoes sliced into fries

Mix dry ingredients together. In large bowl, toss raw fries and oil until coated. Sprinkle on dry mixture and toss to coat. Spread evenly on 2 large baking sheets sprayed with Pam. Bake at 375° for 40-60 minutes. Turn after about 20 minutes.

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Beautiful two story log home overlooking the east fork of Little River sports 3 BR, 4.5 BA, kitchen, formal dining, great room with mountain stone fireplace, screened porch overlooking river, den with wet bar & mountain stone fireplace, 2 car garage, shop, and storage areas plus large unfinished attic on 2.5+/- acre tract showcased by mountain laurel, rhododendron, and natural beauty of the mountain. Too many amenities to list, and priced at only \$139,500.00 (No. G-57)



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full bath, and all have access to huge deck. Large enclosed 2-car garage with workshop, side and front porches, central H/A, plus wood heat, gravelled drive, and all the amenities to make this a wonderful getaway home. Priced to sell at only \$159,500. (No. A-64)

LAURAWOOD - Million dollar view of brow, and this fine mountain home has everything you need to get away from it all. Situated on 1.75+/- acres, you can see miles of splendor from your own enclosed back deck. Home has large great room with beautiful wood floors and includes living room, dining and kitchen, with large storage/utility, plus large master bedroom and full bath. Breezeway separates main section from two additional bedrooms and



CLOUDLAND - Fabulous A-Frame just completed and built to meticulous standards, this fine home has glassed-in great room with beautiful hardwood floors, rock fireplace, dining & kitchen with quality built-ins, plus large master bedroom with walk-in closets and huge master bath that has it all. Centrally located utility and storage, plus large screened porch. Upstairs has large bedroom, bath and storage space. All of this plus L-shaped wrap deck porch, central H&A, and musical doorbells. Privacy plus luxury, and priced at only \$149,500.00. 12+/- acres. (No. G-58)



CLOUDLAND - If you're looking for luxury, convenience, and mother nature at her finest, this property is a MUST SEE!! Private drive, great landscaping, and soothing sounds of the east fork of Little River running thru your backyard, plus your own river fed rock pond are just a few of the exterior amenities this 6.33 acre mountain tract has to offer. Main level of home has huge great room with living/dining/kitchen, plus large fireplace, MBR, MBA, plus storage, utility and half bath, sunroom and 2 C garage. Finished basement holds large bonus/rec room with wet bar, 1 or 2 bedrooms, full bath and storage. Decks on each level overlook river. Too many extras to list. APPT. ONLY!! Priced at \$169,500.00. #G-34



HWY 117 - MENTONE, Ala. - Mountain River Estates-3.48 +/- acres with road frontage, and 400+ ft. of river frontage overlooking the middle fork of Little River. Approx. 2300 sq. ft. cabin style home under construction. Beautiful natural foliage, rhododendron, and mt. laurel provide the quiet setting and privacy of this mountain home. \$149,500.00.



NOTICE: To better service, we are opening our Mountain Office - location directly across from the Trade Center on Hwy 48. Weekend hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or by appointment.

We are also interested in sub leasing rooms for antiques, displays, etc. Pay phone Available. Please contact Steve Baker for information.

OTHER PROPERTIES

EAST BROW - SCENIC VIEW LOTS

All our lots offer uncluttered views - watch the sun and moon rise in elegance.

Outlook Properties - Hwy 157 - Cloudland: Lot 8 - 2.38 acres - 151 ft. of brow - \$37,500.00

Lot 10 - 1.28 acres - 150 ft. of brow - \$27,500.00

Restricted with easy access to Hwy. 157. Great view of valley and surrounding mountains.

Hwy 157 - 10 acres backs to State property on two sides. \$3,000 per acre. Sold as a whole.

Hwy 157 - Walker County - 13.58 acre tract wooded with a wet weather spring. \$3,000 per acre. Sold as a whole.

Hwy 157 - Cloudland

T1 - 1.60 acres - 100 ft. of brow

T2 - 1.52 acres - 100 ft. of brow

Beautiful views - easy access. Restricted. \$35,500.00 each or will tender as a whole.

Mountain River Estates - Hwy 117 Mentone

Phase 1 & 2 now open. 3 to 5 acre riverfront tracts starting at \$27,500.00

4 to 15 acre mtn. stream tracts starting at \$10,000.00

Farms - Cherokee County, Ala. - Fullerton Road

114 acres - 2200 ft. +/- frontage on the Chattooga River. 63 acres open cropland with balance in

uncut timber. Panoramic view of Bogen Mtn. & valleys, farmhouse and barns. \$228,000.00.

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Lisa Somerville Jones 1998 Fort Payne High School Valedictorian

Lisa Somerville Jones, the Valedictorian of the Fort Payne High School class of 1998, is the daughter of E.N. "Buz" and Linda Jones of Fort Payne. Her brother, Alex, is a junior at the University of Alabama.

Lisa is the granddaughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones of Valley Head, and the late E.N. Jones Jr., and Mrs. Margaret Thomson of Northport, and the late W.J. Thomson.

Lisa was selected as Junior Marshal and is a member of the National Honor Society, French Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta.

Achievement awards were received in French I, Honors C.P. Biology, and C.P. Chemistry. Lisa has served as Class Secretary for three years and is Vice-President of the National Honor Society.

Other organizations in which she was a member are Key Club, SADD, Student Council, and Office Help.

Lisa has lettered in varsity cheerleading, golf, and track. She was a member of the Girls 2nd Place State Golf Team and the 5A Girls State Track Championship Team.

Lisa was selected School Beauty, Outstanding Senior, and "Best Dressed" in the Senior Who's Who. She also was a member of the cast of the Senior Play, *Wizard of Oz*, and served on the Prom Committee.

Lisa is a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church where she helps with the nursery. She is also secretary of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Lisa was selected to be on the Southeast Region staff for the Universal Cheerleader Association (UCA) this summer. She plans to attend the University of Alabama this fall and major in the field of medicine.

--Pardon Us--

Due to the number of pictures for graduation and other special events, several pictures that were mentioned in the May issue to be in this issue, will be found in the July issue. Thank you for understanding.



The Valley Head High School Class of 1998

Justin Baugh, Rene Brendle, Krystal Brown, Kesha Burgess, Kenny Busby, Teri Campbell, Richard Fuller, Paxton Harp, Sandra Hinders, Amy Zell, Nathan Keith, Belinda Knowles, Kim McElhane, Jason Meadows, Adriana Miranda, Josh Morrow, Chad Mosher, Jennifer Nolen, Juan Pelaez, Hanno Perrey, Myriam Raebler, Brandi Shirley, Heather Smith, Kelly Spencer Westbrooks, Shane Storey, Johnathan Tate, Tara Tipton, Greg Wassom, Crystal Wright.



Teri Denise Campbell and Rene Brendle

1998 Valedictorian

Teri Denise Campbell is the Valedictorian of the Valley Head High School Class of 1998. She is the daughter of George and Johnnie Faye Benefield of Mentone.

Teri ranked number one in her class and has served as president of Beta Club and the senior class, chaplain of Fellowship of Christian Students, and editor of the yearbook staff. She participated in basketball, track, and cheerleading.

She has received the Bryant-Jordan Scholar/Athlete Award.

DAR Good Citizenship Award, and has been named to the All-Area, All-Area Tournament, All-County and All-Regional Tournament basketball teams.

She is a member of Mentone Church of God, where she teaches Sunday School, sings in the choir, and participates in youth group activities.

Her plans for the future include majoring in Pre-Law at Berry College, going to law school at the University of Alabama, and returning home to become an attorney.

1998 Salutatorian

Rene Brendle is the Salutatorian of the Valley Head High School Class of 1998. She is the daughter of Junior and Patricia Brendle of Valley Head.

Rene ranks second in her class and participates in various activities. She is a member of Beta Club, Student Council Historian, Fellowship of Christian Students vice-president, co-editor of the yearbook, and is on the Scholars Bowl Team.

She is on the track and field team and has participated in volleyball, basketball, and cheerlead-

ing. She had been involved in Toys for Tots, Red Ribbon Week, and is a DARE role model. She was a Youth Appreciator Optimist Club Winner, and is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Rene is a member of Highpoint Church of God. She is a member of their sign language team and sings in the choir.

She plans to first attend Northeast and later transfer to UTC to get her master's degree in Physical Therapy.



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(1) **EAST BROW, CLOUDLAND, GA.** What a view from these 2 to 3 acre lots located off Hwy 167 North. Rock formations, wooded, private with 100 to 250 ft. of breath-taking edge of the world view. Starting at \$32,000. Owner financing.



(2) **CUSTOM DESIGN AND BUILT HOME.** Mentone. 3 Bedroom 2 Bath, formal Dining with Tray ceiling. Living Room has a Stack Rock Fireplace. 12x24 deck, CHIA. Lots of Cabinets in Kitchen with top of the line Appliances, and many appealing Extras. \$135,000.



(3) **FARM WITH A VIEW** 20 acres of pasture, on the West Brow of Lookout Mountain. 3 Bdrm 2 bath custom-built Modular Home. Living room, Dining, Den with Rock fireplace, CHIA, all appliances. Also a 30x40 Garage/storage building. Beautiful panoramic Vista. \$125,000.



(4) **LAUREL CREEK LAKES.** Wooded lots, starting at \$8000. Lakeside and pasture lots starting at \$12,500. Mentone area, County Road 106. Restrictive covenants. Owner financing available.



(5) **3 to 5 acre tracts at MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES.** Available, prices starting at \$27,500. ALSO AVAILABLE 15 acres on the East Fork of Little River. \$78,000. 3/4 acre lots on East Fork \$10,000.



(6) **ENJOY THE PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN CAMP.** GROUND/RETREAT. 20 acres, 2 cabins (1 furnished), Well House, 3 septic tanks, Separate water line and underground power for future cabins or campfires. Secluded Mentone location. \$70,000. Owner finance to Qualified buyers.



(7) **CLOUDLAND, GA.** Home or Business could be the agenda of this 3 Bdr 2 Bath, approx. 1,600 sq. ft. completely fenced. Stone fireplace CHIA rustic pine paneled on 1 acre. Located on Lookout Mountain Parkway, Hwy 48. \$87,000.



(8) **MENTONE, CUTLER AVE.** 3 bdrm, 2 bath older home. Detached garage, Large trees in yard. 2 story with upper deck. City water. \$48,000.



(9) **SPRINGTIME PARADISE.** Large Rock formations accent this quaint 2 Bdrm 2 Bath, located off of DeSoto Parkway (Co. Rd. 933) Mentone. Sun room and screened porch. Central Heat/Air, Hardwood, carpet, vinyl floors. Partially furnished, and all appliances, with large entertainment deck on back. \$74,500.



(10) **3 ROOM FARM HOUSE ON 15 ACRES OF LUSH PASTURE WITH STOCK POND.** Approximately 58% field, three outbuildings with small barn. City Water on paved County Road 625, Mentone. Priced at only \$68,500.

OTHER PROPERTIES

(11) **AVAILABLE WOODED ACREAGE.** Secluded with private access, 10 acres and up. \$1,500 to \$2,500 an acre. Owner financing available to qualified buyers. Restrictions apply.

(12) **30 ACRES ON THE WEST BROW.** Old scenic road, minutes from State Park. Enjoy the privacy, peaceful woodlands, and panoramic view. Priced at only \$135,000. Owner finance.

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(14) **ADJOINING DESOTO STATE PARK** - and across from Howards Chapel, great commercial property or to build your Log Cabin. 5.5 acres with over 300 ft. of paved road frontage, Co. Rd. 165. Large rock formations. All for \$39,500.

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Twelve Rules for Raising Children

Author Unknown

Submitted by Cheryl King Keefer

Remember that a child is a gift from God, the richest of all blessings. Do not attempt to mold him in the image of yourself, your father, your brother, or your neighbor. Each child is an individual and should be permitted to be himself.

Don't crush a child's spirit when he fails. And never compare him with others who have outshone him.

Remember that anger and hostility are natural emotions. Help your child to find socially acceptable outlets for these normal feelings or they may be turned inward and erupt in the form of physical or mental illness.

Discipline your child with firmness and reason. Don't let YOUR anger throw you off balance. If he knows you are fair, you will not lose his respect or his love. And make sure the punishment fits the crime. Even the youngest child has a keen sense of justice.

Remember that each child needs TWO parents. Present a united front, never join with your child against your mate. This can create in your child (as well as in yourself) emotional conflicts. It can also create feelings of guilt, confusion, and insecurity.

Do not hand your child everything his little heart desires. Permit him to know the thrill of earning and the joy of achieving. Grant him the greatest of all satisfactions, the pleasure that comes with personal accomplishment.

Do not set up yourself as the epitome of perfection. This is a difficult role to play 24 hours a day. You will find it easier to communicate with your child if you let him know that Mom and Dad can err, too.

Don't make threats in anger or impossible promises when you are in a generous mood. Threaten or promise only that which you can live up to. To a child, a parent's word means everything.

Do not smother your child with superficial manifestations of "love." The purest and healthiest love expresses itself in day-in, day-out training, which breeds self-confidence and independence.

Teach your child there is dignity in hard work, whether it is performed with callused hands that shovel coal or skilled fingers that manipulate surgical instruments.

Do not try to protect your child against every small blow and disappointment. Adversity strengthens character and makes us compassionate. Trouble is the great equalizer. Let him learn it.

Teach your child to love God and to love his fellow men. Don't SEND your child to a place of worship. TAKE him there.

If you give your child a deep abiding faith in God, it can be his strength and his light when all else fails.

Happy 3rd Birthday



Laurelle Brooke Miles

Laurelle Brooke Miles turned 3 years old on May 6th. Walt and Julie Miles are the proud parents.

Happy 2nd Birthday



Kaitlyn Nicole Dean

Kaitlyn Nicole Dean celebrated her 2nd birthday, April 5, 1998. Kaitlyn is the daughter of David and Pam Dean of Valley Head. Her grandparents are John and Edith Dean of Valley Head, and Calvin and Myra Lanier of Rainsville. Kaitlyn has three big brothers, Zackery, Jonathan, and Jason.

--Thank you--

Kathy McMunn wishes to thank all those who brought food following the death of her father, Britton Kirby. It was a blessing not to have to fix food. If anyone left dishes at her house, please call and make arrangements to pick them up or have them delivered. Again, thank you.

Happy 3rd Birthday



Benjamin Taylor King Keefer

Benjamin Taylor King Keefer celebrated his third birthday, May 28. His parents are Cheryl King and Dick Keefer. Grandparents are Mrs. Wanda King of Boaz, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hyche of Attalla, and Mr. and Mrs. James Keefer of Panama City, Fla. His siblings are Shawn and Jennifer Keefer. Benjamin's hobbies are football, LaCrosse, Soccer, and Volunteer Fireman.

Birth Announcement



Ashley Kaitlynn Hulkan

James and Kristina Hulkan announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley Kaitlynn on March 17, 1998. Ashley's dad is the Executive Officer of the 178th Maintenance Company of the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade of Fort Bliss, TX. Her mom, who is employed by El Paso Independent School District, teaches math at Andress High School. Ashley is the granddaughter of Danny and Norma Hulkan of Valley Head, AL and Andy and Doris Williamson of Greenup, KY. Her great grandparents are Walter and Christine Brooks, Clyde Hulkan and Norvel Franklin all of Valley Head, AL.

Birth Announcement

Haland Wade Tate

Scott and Tamara Tate of Covington, Ga., announce the birth of their son, Haland Wade Tate, on May 13, 1998, at 10:06 a.m., in DeKalb Medical Center, Decatur, Ga. Haland weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz., and was 20 inches in length. Grandparents are Reggie and Eleanor Tate, Mentone Ala.; and Tony and Linda Bobo, Decatur, Ga. Great grandmother is Mrs. Mildred Wade of Collinsville Ala.





The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

May is the month when all beautiful things of the earth come alive. The plants and seeds that have been dormant for the winter months burst forth with new life. Everything is so fresh and clean before the heat of summer. This has not been the usual spring, though, because of a late frost and the heavy winds and rains we have had. Our rhododendron were not as full of blooms as usual, but the mountain laurel was extra special. I have never seen it so heavy with blooms. The dogwood didn't do well, but the azaleas and many varieties of wildflowers have bloomed profusely. The rhododendron in our yards and along the path in the town have been beautiful, but those on the banks of Little River were not as full of blooms as usual.

The Rhododendron Festival was a fun time. We had a good arts and crafts show with about fifty-five vendors, good entertainment, and plenty of good food. So, if you were a guest, I'm sure you enjoyed it.

Our president of M.A.P.A., Jerry Waters, was in the hospital in Huntsville following a motorcycle accident, and missed the whole thing. He suffered a badly broken wrist, bruises and abrasions, but we are thankful to have him alive. He is at home in a great bit of pain, but is improving. Doreen is having to look after the Package Store and run home to check on Jerry. She also had to handle the entertainment at the festival and run back and forth to Huntsville. She will be ready for a vacation as soon as possible.

We have have had as our guests, Rev. Harry Russell and his wife, Margaret, from Lakeland, Florida. They are lovely people who appreciate the beauty of nature and, of course, we showed them much of that in Mentone. I think we may have overdone the sightseeing for them, since they are not used to our mountain terrain and the walking is a little rough at times. We took them to Little River Canyon, to Canyon Mouth Park, to eat at Muffins, near Centre, and that took one day. We enjoyed as much as they did because we do not take time to see all the wonderful sights in our own surroundings. We went to DeSoto Falls and to Rev. Dennis Mays' home on the brink of the falls, for a direct view of the falls and the lovely mountain laurel surrounding the area. We spent one morning visiting Eleanor Teverson at the Raven Haven Bed N' Breakfast. It was a pleasure to tell them the history of the place, but Eleanor is such a gracious hostess that they remember her better than the house or the landscaping.

It was fun to point out to them White Hall Methodist Church, which we enjoy in the scenic view from our deck, since they are Methodists. Harry and Margaret are both pianists and love to sing our southern gospel songs, so you would not believe how much we enjoyed singing every day. We had our minister, Rev. Al Cherbonneau, his wife Jan, and their exchange student, Hano Perry, come for dinner one evening and we all sang following the meal. Harry writes poetry and brought some copies to Homer and me. The one I am including at the end of my article. Harry wrote about the time my sister, Jean Matthews, passed away. It means a great deal to me.

Have you noticed the improvements on many places in Mentone? Some homes are so neat it hurts me and makes me want to work at home and at the Hitching Post.

J.P. Nation worked all last summer on his place and it looks great! He lost about forty pounds doing it, but maybe he didn't mind that. A little work goes a long way, but it takes constant work to keep a home looking neat and attractive. At one time, M.A.P.A. gave a plaque each month to the home owner who had made the most improvements on the place. I think we should do it again. It was a rotating plaque and was passed to the next winner. We had judges to decide who received it each month. When we have visitors they are impressed one way or the other. One eyesore can ruin the entire neighborhood. A clean, neat yard is certainly more impressive than a messy one. Homer's grandmother Magnusson said many more people saw the outside of your house than would ever see the inside.

School is out and summer camps will open, which signals the beginning of summer activities. Mentone becomes lively for a few months with the sweet voices of youth. I love to hear them singing when they pass by on a bus. It is a wonderful time of their lives and they are making memories for a lifetime.

Enjoy these beautiful days of summer. If it gets a little too warm just remember the cold wet days of January.

They Go Before us

(Upon sitting in "Mary's" place in the pew on a Sunday morning.)

They go before us
Who walked this way,
They go before us
Yet walk beside us day after day.

They go before us
Yet no footfall we hear,
They go before us
Our hearts to cheer.

They go before us
To make the way,
They go before us
To unending day.

They go before us
In love and faith we follow on,
they go before us
And our hearts are reborn.

They go before us
No sad farewell,
They go before us
And wait until.

--S. Harry Russell

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Jean Matthews

A Tribute To My Sister, Jean Matthews

By Bernise Crow

A great vacancy has occurred in my life with the passing of my sister, Jean Matthews. She was my only sister and we shared many happy and sad events in our lives.

Jean was a quiet, gentle, unassuming person who never sought honor or recognition for any of her achievements. She worked hard but took time to enjoy the things of nature. Nothing pleased her better than going to a lot she owned on Kentucky Lake, setting up a tent, and living in an outdoor setting for a few days. This was her escape route when the problems of life became pressing. She loved simple style living, but was adventurous and was known for attempting what the average person would think impossible. A few years ago she saved money for a trip to Montana. She had a fascination with "the Big Sky Country." She divided her money, putting half in the right pocket and half in the left pocket of her slacks. When one pocket was emptied she knew it was time to start home.

Jean married quite young and had not finished high school. Following a divorce she decided to further her education and get a college degree. She had always read a great deal and had an intelligent, inquiring mind. She took the G.E.D. test and passed that easily, started classes at Northeast State Community College while working days and caring for our ailing mother. She finished at Northeast, transferred to Jacksonville State, driving there for night classes while still working. She received a degree in psychology, and how proud of her, those of us of her family were. She then got a job with the Department of Human Resources and worked until she retired a little over two years ago. Sometimes the pressure from her job was trying, especially when she had to deal with the abuse of children, but some cases were rewarding. She wept all the way home one time when she was trying to get assistance for an elderly couple who was having problems about paying their utility bills. She had been to their home on a routine check when the check came to them in the mail. She loved to sing and was part of our singing group in the seventies when we sang gospel songs professionally with the group called The Happyland Singers.

Jean was the mother of four beautiful children: Carol Pogur of Knoxville, TN, Joe Elrod of Mentone, Pamela Baggett of Mentone, and Lou Ann Johns of Atlanta. She is survived also by her husband, Roy Matthews. They all were a comfort to her during her illness.

She was a member of Moon Lake Baptist Church and is buried at Bankhead Cemetery.

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Moon Lake Elementary School Kindergarten Graduation

On May 26, 1998, at 9 a.m., the Class of 2010, graduated from Kindergarten to the 1st grade. Those students are:

Alex Blackburn	Bryan Phillips
Desiree Cash	Keisha Powell
Ethan Crider	Daniel Scott
Holly Davis	Peter Stevens
James Hawk	Leanna Webb
Whitney King	Paige Weber
Kaleb McMunn	Karisa Wilburn
Chaz McSpadden	Brandon Willingham
Michael Norman	Savanna Williams

Sarah Hurt, pianist played the processional and recessional. The Class Awards were handed out by Phyllis Sarratt and the Diplomas by Bill Berry and Phyllis Sarratt. A reception followed in the gymnasium.

Moon Lake Head Start Graduation

On May 26, 1998, at 5:30 p.m., the Moon Lake Head Start program held graduation exercises for the following children:

Brittany Bain	Jason Hall
Aubrey Cash	Dillion Kean
Starla Cash	John Kincer
Mary Castleberry	Brandi Miller
Steven Clark	James Phillips
Samuel Easler	Kayla Reynolds
Steven Elrod	Christopher Templeton
Gage Foster	Joshua Whitaker
Casey Green	Jared Blake Wilks

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Summer Adult Education Classes held through September 11

Have you made your summer "to do" list yet? It might include such things as:

- order Braves tickets
- visit Aunt Edna
- take kids to Tennessee Aquarium
- enroll in adult education class

What?? Enroll in an adult education class this summer? That's right. Summer can be a good time to improve your reading skills, learn to speak English, or brush up on academic skills to take the GED test, help kids with homework or enroll in college in the fall. Free classes are taught in a relaxed, non-threatening environment. Books and materials are provided at no charge upon enrollment. You don't have to do anything ahead of time to enroll—simply attend the location of your choice at the designated time. (See list below.)

All paperwork is done right in class. A free academic assessment using a standardized test will identify any skills needing remediation. An open enrollment policy means you may begin when you wish, and remain in the class for as long as you need it. You also work at your own pace—as quickly or as slowly as you choose. You might even find yourself having fun. (Probably more fun than visiting Aunt Edna!)

For more information, call your local board of education or the education office at 638-2957. Classes will be held this summer through September 1, at the following locations:

DeKalb County: Ft. Payne Nat. Guard Armory (GED); instructor - Judith Hammond; Monday and Wednesday, 9 AM - 12 NOON

Ft. Payne Nat. Guard Armory (Reading); instructor - Virginia Ellis; Wednesday 9 AM - 12 NOON

Ft. Payne Middle School (GED); instructor - Dawn Proia; Tuesday 6-9PM

Ft. Payne Middle School (ESL); instructor - Elizabeth Hamrick; Tuesday 9-11 AM & 4-6 PM, Thursday 4-6 PM

Rainsville Public Library (GED); instructor - Nini Thrash; Tuesday 6-9 PM.

Thank You, Adult Education Volunteers

We would like to express our gratitude to all the wonderful people who work with our program on a volunteer basis. I know that some places need a national reminder of whom to recognize and express appreciation to, but I can assure you that is not the case with Adult Education.

Our volunteers touch the lives of our students in so many ways by sharing their time, knowledge, wisdom, and through their dedication. They are the people who help make this program a success by being able to supply the extra special touch that often makes the difference.

Thank you, each and every one of you!

From, Dawn Proia, ESL/Volunteer Coordinator
Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program

Valley Head Band News

By Lisa Moore

Congratulations to Effia and Annie Harrison, daughters of Oscar and Louise Harrison of Valley Head, and the granddaughters of Mrs. Delia Underwood of Valley Head. Effia and Annie were both representatives for Valley Head Band at the Jacksonville State University Honor Band on May 8th and 9th. Both girls did a wonderful job. They are both very musically talented and always do their best.

Congratulations also to Jared Fischer, Beth Moore, Tracie Pullen, and Annie Harrison for winning superior medals at county solo and Ensemble at Plainview on April 25th.

Remember Band Students: Band Camp will begin on July 27 and end on July 31, at noon. Camp will begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp each day, and will end at 4 p.m. (except on Friday). Lunch will be from 11:30 until 1:00. Cost for the camp will be \$50.00, which will include uniform rental and gloves, along with a new uniform bag. A picnic will be held at DeSoto State Park on Friday, July 31, beginning at 5 p.m. After the business meeting, a cookout will be held. All parents and students are invited to attend.

Parents should also get with Cindy Ogle, Lisa Moore, or Kathy Robertson, to set a date to work in the concession stand during football games. If each parent will volunteer to work at least one game, there will be no need for anyone to work two or more of them. Please help with this, because it is very important.

The Valley Head Band and the Valley Head Beginner Band held their spring concert on Thursday May 7, in the school auditorium. The concert was scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., but due to the stormy weather, it began earlier. Both bands did a great job, and we are looking forward to seeing and hearing them next school year. They played and marched in the Parade at the Rhododendron Festival in Mentone and did an excellent job. Thanks, Band.

The winners of the Miss Spring Fantasy Pageant will be pictured and listed in the next issue of *The Groundhog*. Thanks goes to all who participated in any way.

The band has had a very good year thanks to all of you who have supported it. We appreciate every one who did. It is because of your support that we have such a wonderful program, with a great band director and a group of super kids who have lots of talent.

The Valley Head Band Boosters have elected the officers for the 1998-1999 school year. Officers are: President, Lendell Chappell; Vice President, Patti Watkins; Secretary, Cindy Ogle, and Treasurer, Annette Chappell. Anyone, especially parents of band children are urged to join the band boosters and help out in any way you can. They are currently working on a new band room and need your help.

Valley Head PTO

By Lisa Moore

The Valley Head PTO has elected its new officers for the 1998-1999 school year. They are: President, Lynn Jenkins; Vice President, Becky Wagner; Treasurer, Lisa Moore; and Secretary, Margie Daniels. All these officers are very new to this, and they ask that you please help them out by showing up at the PTO meetings and by being there to vote on important issues. Remember, the PTO is a very important organization that affects the lives of your children and the future of the school. Please be there to show your support and concern for the things happening in the school. Membership dues are \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family.



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Rebecca Crider Chapman

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DEDICATION OF THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN, BIRD HABITAT, AND CLASSROOM GAZEBO AT MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

May 12, 1998, the day hot-boiling summertime arrived in Mentone for the year, the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club assembled with the entire student body of Moon Lake Elementary School for a short ceremony to dedicate the gazebo, the butterfly garden, and the eco-center to all Moon Lake students past, present, and future. Now, that is without a doubt one of the most beautiful places in Mentone, but it most certainly did not start out that way.

In the beginning, that area back behind the gymnasium consisted of a terribly dangerous trash pile with cast-off tin from a roof in a bygone day, all sorts of rusty and bent nails, broken glass, etc., complete with holes for falling into, and the children were strictly forbidden to go back there purely because of the threat to life and limb. Just prior to the dedication ceremony, the ladies were sitting around discussing what had been back there even before the gymnasium was located in that spot. Apparently, in another day and time, that had been the area traversed by the students daily regardless of which of the outdoor amenities they were undertaking to visit. There was general agreement that the girls' convenience was in one direction and the boys was in another.

Moon Lake has been there a long time, and it has always been a school of superior quality. The ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club can take great pride in the fact that this project has given the children of Moon Lake a chance to study environmental science in a way that few students ever get to do. Each class has its own little area where they set out plants, label their specimens, pull weeds, and study. The students take pride in what they do, and, without actually realizing it, they are learning a lot more about plants, worms, insects, etc., than most grown people know after years of deliberate study.

From time to time the ladies of the garden club—and anybody else who is subject to drafting for that purpose—go over and work with the children planting, weeding, and enjoying the beauty of the butterfly garden and the eco-center. President Jan Wilkinson related a charming anecdote about having been over there for a recent work day. She had been working helping with some planting when a little boy asked her if she knew about earthworms. In an attempt to find out what the boy knew, she then asked him to tell her about them, and he proceeded to enlighten her to an amazing degree. What the child had to say was indeed correct and quite detailed. Mrs. Wilkinson was amazed that the boy was as well versed in the life cycle of the earthworm as he was. Later, in a detailed study of biology, that particular child will be able to use that information to his advantage.

Hands-on experience makes learning much easier for virtually everybody, and the students at Moon Lake School are certainly no exception to that theory. The ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club had been concerned about gardening's dying out as an avocation, but they have come to the conclusion that is not to be, because the students are taking home what they learn and helping their parents and grandparents with planting, weeding, and other gardening tasks.

The butterfly garden and the gazebo started out as a vision in the mind's eye of Mrs. Ann Wright who became Chairman of the Special Projects Committee. In the beginning, Mrs. Wright along with Marie Dillenbeck and Dr. Pat Seymour, applied for a grant from Exxon and started work on the gargantuan project of reclaiming the trash pile. With drafted forces, bulldozers, backhoes, and lots of work, the surface of the ground was eventually rendered acceptable in the sight of

the committee, and the planting process began. Planting has been a long and drawn out procedure, but the results have definitely been worth all the effort that anybody and everybody has expended on that particular endeavor.

When she spoke at the dedication ceremony, Mrs. Ann Wright made the point that the eco-center and the butterfly garden had evolved into a much greater project than she had ever imagined in the beginning. Virtually everybody at Moon Lake has contributed in some way—everything from words of encouragement on up—to the development of the butterfly garden and eco-center at Moon Lake. In the remarks that Dr. Bill Berry, Principal of Moon Lake School, made, he told about how he always takes school visitors to the butterfly garden and eco-center first purely because it is the most beautiful place on the whole campus.

The gazebo is the final step to the completion of the Rhododendron Garden Club's commitment as far as this project is concerned. Mrs. Wright was joking when she said that her family was her main qualification for being Special Projects Chairman, but there was a certain degree of truth to that too. Over the years, Mrs. Wright has drafted various ones of her sons to work on the garden club projects that manifested themselves, and the particular skill demanded by the situation at hand dictated which son got pressed into service on a specific occasion. When it was landscaping that needed doing, Russell was the son who got elected to do the work. When it was stone masonry that needed doing, David was the son appointed to do the job. He built the rock sign at the Moon Lake School. When it was carpentry that needed doing, Mark was the son drafted to serve. Mrs. Wright's husband, Bill, is quite versatile, as well as being a very nice person, and he tends to get drafted right regularly to do a little bit of anything and everything that happens to need doing at the moment. He always manages to donate plants when the Rhododendron Garden Club needs them for a planting in the park, in the butterfly garden and eco-center, etc. He digs, prunes, fertilizes, and does all sorts of things having to do with plants. In addition to everything else he does, he is Mrs. Wright's inspiration be proud of the way it looked. Furthermore, the gazebo will provide an outdoor classroom for use by the teachers in studies of various units in environmental science, and that should prove to be quite pleasant to the students as well as a plus educationally.

After the dedication ceremony, the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club adjourned to the cafeteria at Moon Lake where Mrs. Becky Blalock and Mrs. Brenda Hopper had prepared a very good lunch of chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, apple sauce, salad, sliced tomatoes, carrot sticks, rolls, Angel Food cupcakes, iced tea, and water. Mrs. Mary Crow and Mrs. Dallyne Jones were the club hostesses, and that put them in charge of decorating the cafeteria before the club members arrived there. The hostesses covered the tables with white tablecloths, and decorated them with flower arrangements done with peonies, rhododendrons, lady slippers, some greenery, and some other spring flowers in pastel shades. The ladies enjoyed their meal immensely, and Dr. Bill Berry got pressed into service as the waiter who quite proficiently supplied ladies with refills on tea and water as well as bringing more rolls and additional chicken.

After lunch, the ladies returned to the gazebo for the regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club. President Jan Wilkinson called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Dianne Kuehl read a devotion-

al using scripture references to Jesus and his feelings about children since the children had been such an integral part of the dedication ceremony and everything that had led up to it. Mrs. Wilkinson thanked the hostesses and recognized guests Georgia Stevens and Christina Wise.

Secretary Marilyn Blanton Campbell called the roll, and the ladies answered with the name of a plant that attracts butterflies. Mrs. Campbell continued to read the minutes of the March meeting. There were no minutes for the April meeting, since it was a trip to Oak Hill, the home of Martha Berry on the campus at Berry College at Rome, Ga. Treasurer Mrs. Barbara Blalock gave the financial reports.

Mrs. Karen Wright reported on the Ecoteers and Junior Gardeners. She stated that pine trees were given out to the students at Moon Lake, and a lot of work had been done in the eco-center with everybody involved having had a wonderful time. A meeting is to be scheduled later to discuss projects for the children. In the absence of Patti Bryan, Mrs. Karen Wright went on to report that the fifth grade and the second grade at Moon Lake had five Christmas trees this past year, and those had been planted for Arbor Day. That seemed like such a good idea to the ladies, because it gave the children a feeling of direct connection to the meaning behind the celebration.

Mrs. Mickey Gough gave a horticultural hint that will, no doubt, prove valuable to many people in the future. Mrs. Gough reminded the ladies that many people like to literally get their hands into the soil when they plant in their gardens, and that process not only gets the hands dirty, but it tends to dry them out just something awful. Her solution to the problem of the combination of dryness and soil was simple. Mrs. Gough said to dissolve effervescent denture cleaning tablets in water and soak the hands in that solution. Not only does it make the hands come clean, but it also restores the natural moisture to the skin. There are times when we could all use that even if we are not avid gardeners. Should we or should we not tell the manicurist?

Mrs. Wilkinson decreed that it was beyond time to pay dues and announced that the Alabama Annual Convention is scheduled for June 10-13, in Decatur, Ala. Mrs. Wilkinson expressed her special thanks to Mrs. Ann Wright who had worked so faithfully as Special Projects Chairman for the Rhododendron Garden Club to make her visions for the butterfly garden and the eco-center a reality. It would take no telling how much print space to do justice to Mrs. Wright and her service to the community, so a short summary will have to suffice. Mrs. Wright is a firm believer in beautifying the community, and, since her ideas make the world around us so very lovely, we can all benefit from them. She is a tireless worker who is resourceful, generous with her time, her talents, and her finances, as well as her family. Thank you, Mrs. Ann Wright! You deserve a lot more in a way of tribute.

The Sickness and Worry Report caught the ladies up on community misery, and President Wilkinson ended the garden club year with a discussion of the treasures we had all gleaned from the year's programs and activities.

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



**Dr. Bill Berry, Moon Lake
Elementary School Principal,
shakes hands with Mark Wright**

Photos on this page are of the property approximately four years ago at Moon Lake Elementary School before any landscaping and planting were done. See next page for additional photographs

Photos continued from previous page on Dedication of the Gazebo at Moon Lake Elementary School



Gazebo Is Reality!

This is the eight-sided gazebo that Mark Wright designed, cut out at his home, brought to the site, and supervised the all-volunteer crew that actually erected the structure.

Mrs. Leslie Bunch's class representing the student body. All of the students in attendance that day were at the dedication ceremony.



Rhododendron Garden Club Heroes

Joey Blalock, David Smith, Pam Cardwell, Mark Wright, and Carl Jones, at the dedication ceremony, part of the all-volunteer crew. Not present at the ceremony and not pictured are Ashton Jones and Randy Solomon.



Mrs. Ann Wright whose dream became a reality



View from inside the gazebo, showing plants against the gymnasium wall and just to the left of the classroom size gazebo.



The White Elephant Antique Galleries in Mentone has a new look and lots of new items



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Judy Pierce, Asst Manager

Open
10-5 Every day
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Paul Whitmire, Manager, and Judy Pierce, Assistant Manager, extend an open invitation to come and shop in the newly renovated White Elephant Antique Galleries. Most of you know Paul Whitmire, the previous owner of the Big Mill Deli in Fort Payne, now doing business as White Elephant Antique Galleries.

Select an item just for your home—paintings, glass-

wares, furniture. All rooms are now open in which you may find many great items. Bring your family and friends and shop. Camp mothers are welcome. Drop the kids off at camp and come by and select that just-right item for you or as a gift for someone else.

We need new customers and the old customers need to keep coming back. Select from new merchandise daily. Come and sit a spell on the front porch.

The structure was built in 1914 as a 2-story annex to the Mentone Springs Hotel. It contained 24 rooms, each with a private bath. At that time it was named Sunset Hotel. In 1976, it was purchased by individuals and was operated as the White Elephant Galleries.



This room contains antique furniture and glassware





Valley Head Depot

The Valley Head Depot is the latest print of local artist, Donna Bouldin. She completed it this year, and the print is now available. You may contact Donna Bouldin at 205-624-4245. The depot is believed to have been built by William Winston. It was given to the town of Valley Head by the railroad company. At some time, the depot was torn down. If anyone has any information about the depot, please contact Donna Bouldin or The Groundhog.



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Check the church column for dates of Bible School.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

A wise son heareth his father's instructions; but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

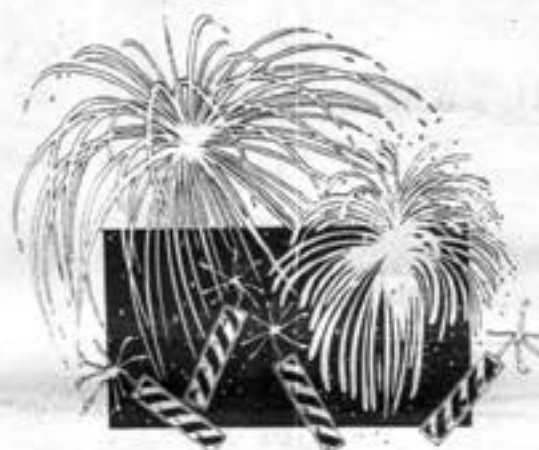
Prov. 13:1

A wise son maketh a good father.

Prov. 15:20

Father's Day is a time to show special honor to our fathers. Let him know you are proud of his good instruction that would make him glad. Call him or go see him. He loves you.

Happy Father's Day.



Cornbread Cook-off Application!

Name: _____
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Entry Fee \$3.00 payable to: DeSoto Rescue Squad
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Be at the Community House at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, June 20th.

Judging will commence at 11:30 A.M. followed by the presentation of ribbons and lunches will be available at 12:00 P.M.

All entries must be homemade (no mixes)

Will be judged on presentation, texture, and taste.

Two categories, please pick only one....

_____ Regular Cornbread

_____ Mexican Cornbread



1st Annual

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