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UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

By Deslyne Brown Waits



CASH FAMILY HONORED AT BANKHEAD DECORATION DAY



Newest Cash family member Anna "Kate" Katherine Cash (inset) was born May 16, 2000. Mother Sherri is holding Kate at hospital. Father Andy Cash is preparing to take his family home. They were unable to attend the ceremonies, but wished to be included with the family.

My Grandmother Grace Cash Scott, was the youngest daughter of Samuel Wallace and Maude Elizabeth Cash. Some of my first memories as a child are of her telling me stories about growing up on this mountain. She could start talking about my Great Grandfather, whom she always called "Papa", and I would be transported to the little dirt patch in the woods where my Great Gran Cash lived. I would be able to smell oil smoking in the lamp they used for illumination. I could taste corn bread, pinto beans, and fried potatoes that would be dinner. I could hear one of the boys chopping wood outside, and could feel the love that they had for one another. According to Gran, her Papa and Mama gave them the most important thing a child can receive from its parents, Love.

We often receive mail offering to research a family tree. It is a big business today, and the internet has opened many doors for people searching for their ancestors. I, fortunately, need no computer to help me find out who my people were. Thanks to a Grandmother, Great Uncles, and Aunts, I know more about my Cash ances-

tors than any computer could ever tell me. They were farmers, miners, and lumberjacks. They lived off the land by hunting and fishing. Grandma Cash knew of herbs and roots, native to the mountain, that would heal wounds and cure ills. They loved to play music and sing. They loved this country and God. They were the backbone of Appalachia.

Samuel Wallace Cash and Maude Elizabeth Willingham married in 1895. They had eleven children. Two children died in infancy. One son, Bascum, died tragically when he was only twenty years old. Grandma and Grandpa buried him at Amire in Menlo. The rest of their children: Albert, Joseph, Thelma, Lewis, Sam, Harry, Grace and William are our fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, aunts and uncles. They are buried here at Bankhead. This has become our families' final resting place.

Great Grandpa Cash was a farmer and a coal miner. He was a loyal member of the mine workers union, and devout member of the Church of God. I read a quote of his in a book, published by the University of Alabama. The title of the book is Poor but Proud. Grandpa Cash is quoted as saying, "I have been farming and mining ever since I can remember, and I still don't know which is the worst to make a living at." Great Grandpa would be amazed at how most of us could insert our occupations in his quote and it still be true. One of his legacies to us was his work ethics. We Cashes are hard workers.

I never liked coming to this cemetery. I have helped Mom and Gran clean off the graves for decoration many times. Gran was always telling us how she wanted to be buried, and how she wanted her grave to look. She found comfort in coming here, and honoring her family by taking care of their graves. I find that I am more like her every day. I, now, as she did, find that same peace in

coming here.

I have always found comfort in being a part of this wonderful family. I told my husband that it is so easy to be a Cash. You see, they practice something that is as natural as breathing. They love one another unconditionally. Great Grandpa and Grandma gave their children the most valuable legacy that is possible, unconditional love and family support. They not only raised their kids, they helped raise us, too. Acceptance, unselfishness, selflessness, and love of God has given us the strength to survive violence, disease, war, poverty, and prejudice. We are hundreds strong thanks to our Cash ancestors. It is our responsibility to keep the family history alive. It is also our responsibility to continue to love unconditionally.

Do not let their flames burn out.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews

I thought my remarks in the last issue of The Groundhog was to be my last one for MAPA's year, but Marie reminded me she needed one more. I will use this opportunity to report on the Mountain Craft Fair.

The weather was uncertain, and we have a new name and date for our spring festival. These are some of the reasons the festival did not attract as many vendors or patrons as some of the festivals have in the past. However, we feel it was good and that it will be better next year. We learned from our mistakes and the vendors had some good suggestions for us. We will not be able to implement all of them immediately, but we will continue to try to make both of our Festivals beneficial for everyone. My biggest disappointment is that we do not have more local vendors. The purpose of our festivals is to help our area and we would like to have more local craftsmen and artists participating.

"Thank you" somehow does not seem adequate to express appreciation to everyone who helped us make the Mountain Craft Fair a success. Once again, Betty Bain has been an invaluable Chairperson. Betty does a great job, and it is our good fortune that she will help us. A lot of work was needed to get the Brow Park ready, especially after the damage from the ice storm. Homer Crow, Gerald Taylor, George Walker, and Huey Mathews cleaned the ice storm debris from the parking lot; Page Cunningham, Homer, George and Huey mowed the parking lot; and Page, Gerald and Huey repaired the ice storm damage to the electrical wiring.

George Walker and Huey repaired our signs, and Homer and Huey and Chuck Peters put them up. Jack Johnston made it possible for us to have our banner up and removed on time. The American Legion helped us to mark spaces for the dealers. Jimmy Wright, L. B. Hammon, Luther King, Ed Ringer, and Huey worked, with rain threatening every minute on Thursday afternoon, to get this done in time for the dealers to be able to set up their booths. Margaret and Gerald Taylor, Homer and Huey removed all the signs, and finished clean up on Monday.

Betty and I cannot possibly attend the MAPA booth all the time. Hope and George Walker, Margaret and Gerald Taylor, Page Cunningham, and Bernise and Homer Crow, made it possible for us, along with Huey, to be free to solve other problems and visit with our vendors. We had several items for sale and accepted new and renewal memberships in MAPA. We had a very successful booth thanks to the team work we had.

COTACO CREEK coordinated the entertainment on Saturday and until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, with local dance groups ending the day. We had a lot of compliments on our entertainment again this festival, and it seemed to attract quite a crowd. We appreciate the fact that all the entertainers donated their time and talents to help MAPA and Mentone.

A special thanks to all the vendors who set up their booths in spite of the threat of wet weather. We enjoyed having them with us and look forward to seeing them again at Colorfest.

The Fire Department brought our new fire truck to the festival both days for display. If you have not seen the truck, it is again on display in front of the fire station. Also, they advertised our festival on their marquee for several weeks.

I also wish to thank the Mentone Police Department, Chief Johnny Ferguson, and Asst. Chief, Jeff Bain, as well as Sheriff Cecil Reed, who provided Deputy Tim Bailey to assist with any traffic problems and other needs during the Memorial Day Weekend and the Mountain Craft Fair.

Any festival requires a lot of work; because of the hard work and cooperation of all these people, ours was a success in spite of the weather. Again, I would like to express my appreciation to each of you.

Many of you have already seen the display we have in Brow Park explaining the view and the surrounding area. The information was provided by Jim Lyday and Homer Crow. If you have not seen it yet, I would like to invite you to visit it. Even though we did not get all the "finishing touches" completed to make the information more attractive visually, it generated a lot of attention during the festival. We will be adding these touches soon.

The next MAPA meeting will be Tuesday, July 4, at 6:00 p.m. at Brow Park. We would like to invite you to meet with us.



MAPA June 6, 2000, Meeting

The Mentone Area Preservation Association Meeting was called to order by President, Marilyn Mathews. The invocation was given by Ruby Brock.

There were 18 members present.

Treasurer Dessie Newberry stated that she received a letter from the State of Alabama regarding an application for a grant to update the brochures. Rick Chapman made a motion to apply for a grant to update the brochures, which was seconded and passed unanimously. Dessie reminded the members dues should be paid at this meeting.

Old business: Marilyn Mathews thanked everyone for their help on the Mountain Craft Fair. Betty Bain, chairman, also thanked the members for all that was done to help her as chairman.

A motion was made and seconded that the third weekend in May be the regular date for the festival and that it go back to the name Rhododendron Festival.

MAPA will again participate in the 450 mile yard sale during the third weekend in August, August 17, 18, 19, 20. MAPA will be accepting articles during July. Those wishing to donate items are being asked to bring cleaned items with a price tag attached to the items. A storage place will be determined by July.

The MAPA annual picnic on the brow will be July 4 at 6 p.m. at Brow Park. Dessie is to prepare a menu and assign members a category.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers: Marilyn Mathews - President; Dot Crow - Vice President; Dessie Newberry - Treasurer; Marie Dillenbeck - Secretary; Members at large: Betty Bain and Hope Walker. Nominations from the floor were called for: Amelia Lolli made a motion that we close the nominations, which was seconded by Bernise Crow. Amelia made a motion that the slate of officers be accepted as presented, which was seconded by Penny Lyday.

Marilyn Mathews made an acceptance speech in which she thanked all the members for having confidence in her for another year, and especially thanked her husband, Huey, for his support, without which she could not have accomplished any of the goals.

Under other business: Bernise said that the sidewalk is still needing work. Volunteers will work on it during the week of June 12-17.

Dessie requested each member to consider bringing someone new to the July picnic meeting on July 4 at 6 p.m., as July is membership month. Since the meeting falls on July 4th, if this date changes, members will be notified.

Rick Chapman, Chairman of the Budget Committee announced that he will have a budget report ready for the July meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to have refreshments.



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Ellen Spangler with an example of her handmade earrings.

MOUNTAIN MAMAS ADDING MORE COLLECTABLES

By Mary Alice Stout

Mountain Mamas Pottery and Craft Shop has just opened another display room. It's filled mostly with collectables. Three especially interesting items are a turn-of-the-century pie safe, a late 1800s wash stand, and an early 1900s folding washtub stand.

A DEMONSTRATION of Earring Making will be given by Ellen Spangler, Saturday, June 24th, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Ellen has been making earrings for years, from a variety of stone beads. Some people feel that different stones carry different energies, and like many Native American culturists they understand that the "spirit" of all things from nature can aid us in our daily lives. For those of you who wish to add a special healing energy or a particular balance to your life, Ellen will help you choose the

right stone beads. Then she'll make the earrings while you wait. Or you can order some to match a special outfit.

Fayann and Morgana, our resident potters, have added some new items, and Susan, the candle maker, has added more candles. The stained glass pieces from a local artist are now hanging in one of the front windows. Come by and browse!

Mountain Mamas Craft Shop is located in Cloudland, GA. It's a short drive from Mentone, AL. Just go East on AL Hwy 117. At the GA-AL line, Hwy 117 becomes GA 48. Go 1 more mile and Mountain Mamas is on your left.

We're open FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY from NOON to 6:00 PM, GA time.



Tri-County members pause for a photo after filling the truck from Lake Lahusage. Pictured from left to right: Junior member Justin Green, Assistant Chief Jim McCray, Darryl Adams, Jamie Harris, Chief Taylor Adams, Donald Whitaker, Jill Neal, Daniel Huskey, Heath Blalock, Janet Harris, Donna Smith, Charla Husky, and Denise Green. Not pictured are members James and Howard Durham and photographer Mary Alice Stout.

Photos for these articles on this page by Mary Alice Stout

DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

Tri-County Fire/Rescue pays for its training and equipment with donations from the community and fund raisers. Two-way radios are needed so the members may communicate with each other and 911. Is there someone in our Cloudland/Mentone Area that could help us purchase a dozen radios? If yes, please contact Chief Adams at 706-862-6515 or mail your donation to Tri-County Fire/Rescue, 12333 Hwy 48, Cloudland, GA 30731. Thank you.

TRI-COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout

As you cross the AL-GA state line going East into GA, look to your right, and, on most Sunday afternoons, you will see the 15 volunteers of the Tri-County Fire/Rescue in training. Pictured on this page is a recent training session on pumps, hoses and water. The volunteers practiced filling the truck from a hydrant and from Lake Lahusage.



Chief Adams adjusts the water pump as Tri-County volunteers Heath Blalock (L) and Darryl Adams (R) offer suggestions.



Jill Neal (L) and Charla Huskey adjust the nozzle as Chief Adams instructs



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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Continue to keep Charlie and Jewel Rogers on your prayer list. Charlie has undergone cancer treatments in the last few months.

Keep Rovene Truett on your prayer list as she continues her treatments. She stopped in the town hall recently and said she has good days and bad days, but she's always been so thankful for everyone's cards, calls, visits, and prayers. Keeping a happy spirit is helping her cope from day to day, she said.

Please continue to keep Kathryn Jones in your prayers. She is steadily declining and is still undergoing cancer treatment. Also remember Herman Jones, Jr., who has cancer and will be having surgery June 20.

The benefit singing for Lora Dell Perkins to help her with her medical bills was held at the Moon Lake Baptist Church on Saturday night, May 27. Those attending were blessed by the testimony of Lora Dell, as well as those who provided the musical entertainment.

Congratulations to Pam Dean of Valley Head who has a brand new niece, Taylor Ann Lanier. Proud parents are Pam's brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Tammy Lanier. Taylor was born early in the morning on May 31st. She was born almost a month early, but is doing great.

Congratulations to Shaunathan Clint Bell and John Nelson Kirby, both of Valley Head, who recently graduated from The University of Alabama, having received Bachelor's degrees at the end of the winter quarter.

Eunice Cookie Franklin is not back at her summer place in Valley Head. She returned from her Jacksonville, Fla., home in May. Welcome back!

Happy Birthday early to my grandchildren: Elizabeth Brown, July 6; Jolee Brown, July 13; and Robert Brown, July 25; and also to their dad, Jody Brown, July 21. I'm looking forward to seeing you the weekend of July 14, 15, and 16. I love you.

Deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Elba Smalley, 89, of Sylvania, who passed away on April 27.

Happy June Birthday/Anniversary wishes to those having birthdays in the remainder of June:

•16-Lorie Carter, Donnie Davis; •17-Andy Beason; •18-Krissy and Phil Harris (anniv.); Ashley Langston; •20-Linda and John Tucker (Anniv.); Murrell Haney, Sherry Cox; •21-Catherine Bailey, Trey Kincer, Nicky Langston; •22-Jewell Rogers; •23-Benny Goss, Jack Johnston; Luvenia Langston; •24-Brenda Goss, Tyler Hester; •25-Thann Owens; •27-Larry Tripp, Cecil Bridgeman, Robin and Jerry Hulan (anniv.); •28-Annie Young, Rusty and Angela Chambers (anniv.); Chris Stokes; •29-Lisa Beene; •30-Janel Fraizer, Myrtis Brown, Becky Smith.

Happy July Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: •1 - Ann Harcrow Pelletier; •2 - Terry Hartline, Jerry and Merle Stokes (29th anniv.); •3 - Jerry Lewis, Nick Black, Kenneth and Gail Chambers (anniv.); •4 - Gerry Disney; •6 - Eunice Moore; •8 - Joey and Kumi Dillenbeck of Huntsville (anniv.); •8 - Kaylee Tucker; •10 - Alan Bell; •11- Alan McElhane, Garrett Collins, Barbie Hester; •12 - Cindy Harrison, Charles Gray; •13 - Tracie Pullen, Penny McElhane, Sissy Crider; •14 - Jeffery Hopper; •15 - Lois Foshee, Gage King, Jason Dean, Bro. Gary Moore.

Happy Father's Day and Happy Fourth of July Holiday. Hope this summer is full of good times and lots of fun. Enjoy the holidays and keep safe.



North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District/Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased a new tanker and truck Jim Robertson Truck and Equipment Company, Cleveland, Ala.



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If you would like an item included in the Grapevine, please mail it to me at PO Box 293, Mentone, AL 35984, or call me at 634-4541, and leave a message on my answering machine if I am not at home.

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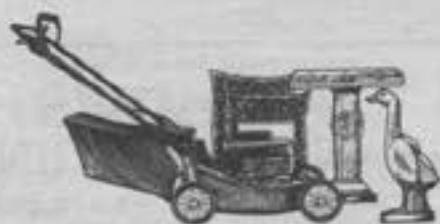
decoration days



Bankhead Decoration Day Dinner on the Grounds, May 28



Little River Church Decoration Day Dinner on the Grounds, May 21



2000 Miss Spring Fantasy Beauty Pageant Winners

By Lisa Moore

The Miss Spring Fantasy Beauty Pageant was held at Valley Head on April 22. Awarding trophies and crowning the winners were last year Jr. Miss Spring Fantasy, Stacey Hyde, and last year Miss Spring Fantasy, Beth Moore.

Division 1:

2nd Runner Up: Emma Lauren Burch
1st Runner Up: Katlyn Broe Brown
Winner: Ashley Grace Johnson

Division 2:

2nd Runner Up: Presley Makayla Williamson
1st Runner Up: Jecce Leigh Guinn
Winner: Preslie Kara Gifford

Division 3:

2nd Runner Up: Sydnee Paige Grider
1st Runner Up: Brooklyn Eloise Wright
Winner: Shann Coker

Division 4:

2nd Runner Up: Mahala Combs
1st Runner Up: Morgan McElhaneey
Winner: Megan Nichole Bray

Division 5:

Winner: Byron Haynes

Division 6:

Winner: Christopher Glenn Black

Division 7:

2nd Runner Up: Jessica Thornberry and Dustie Nix (tie)
1st Runner Up: Kelsey Kemp
Winner: Samantha Weller

Division 8:

2nd Runner Up: Samantha Rhodes
1st Runner Up: Brittany Hester
Winner: Savanna Weller

Division 9:

2nd Runner Up: Amanda Ellis
1st Runner Up: Trista Nichole Blackmon
Winner: Sydney Johnson

Division 10:

2nd Runner Up: Sarah Dodd
1st Runner Up: Anna Victoria Armstrong
Junior Miss Spring Fantasy: Sharee Jenkins
Congeniality: Kelly Wright
Academic: Tessa McKinney

Division 11:

2nd Runner Up: Nicole Hulan
1st Runner Up: Jennifer Brubaker
Miss Spring Fantasy: Anna Rievley
Congeniality: Brittany Crane
Academic: Anna Rievley



Submitted photo
The Optimist Club has announced the winners of its recent Oratorical Contest. From left, first place in the Boys Division, Jon Nickelson of Fort Payne; second place winner in the Girls Division, Ashley Brown, also winner of the Dr. Pat Seymour Memorial Award for best first places speaker also of Fort Payne; and first place winner Girls Division, Allyson Johnson of Geraldine.

7th Birthday Celebrated May 15



Trevor Lewis

Trevor Lewis celebrated his 7th birthday on May 15th. He will be a second grader in Valley Head Elementary School beginning in the fall. Trevor is an all A student and he loves to read and work on the computer. He is a member of the Valley Head 7 and 8 year old baseball team and attends church at Lea's Chapel Church in Hammondville. Trevor loves going to school at Valley Head and is excited about entering the second grade there. He is pictured here with his friends Beth Moore (left) and Kerstin Formhals (right).

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By

EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th 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.

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

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

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites 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 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30 AM each Sunday; and Communion Services at 6 PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 845-4842, has regular Sunday services at 8 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM. We welcome the community to join us. Vacation Bible School will be July 17-21, 6:30-8 PM, for grades K-12 and adults.

Pastor Rev. Gerhard Grau invites the public to attend the **Presbyterian Church** worship service at Cloudland, which begins at 10 AM, (EST), and the Menlo service which begins at 11:15 AM (EST).

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship service at 11 a.m., Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6 p.m., and Wednesday night prayer meeting 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 6 PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend.

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

The **Mount Calvary Baptist Church** will be holding Vacation Bible School June 12-16, from 7-9 p.m., nightly. Everyone is welcome. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland. All visitors are welcome and we encourage you to come worship our Lord, Jesus Christ, every opportunity available.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday. Morning worship and Children's Church are at 11:00 AM. First Place meets in the Fellowship Hall and GAs meet at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM, followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time. Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer. Rev. Bill Russell, pastor, welcomes all.

Anyone interested in observing the **Sabbath and Holy Days**, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 85, off Highway 11, approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2246 for information.

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. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing.

Mentone Wesleyan Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible classes Wed. 7:00-7:45. Ladies' Bible study and low-impact aerobics Wed. 7:00-7:45. Young Harmony will sing on July 9th, 10:45 AM. For additional information, call church office, 634-4210, Pastor Randy Addison. All are welcome!

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

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. Pastor Linda Tucker is back delivering the message each Sunday. The Ethel Brown Unit of the United Methodist Women meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Mountain Laurel Unit meets on the Second Sunday of each month during Sunday School at 10 a.m. Vacation Bible School is the week of June 12 to 16; and the theme is "Club Can-do!"

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM. Four "Super Saturday" events are planned for children in grades 1 through 6 for one Saturday each month--June 24, July 22, August 19, September 16. Children from the community are welcome. If your child will be attending, please call the office between the hours 8:30 and 11:30 AM weekdays. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any of their events or services. Everyone is welcome to join them in worship services or special events.

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Obie Walker Jr and wife, Carol
Pastor of New Lighthouse Fellowship
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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

May was such a beautiful month—just wish it had lasted a little longer. Everything was fresh and beautiful. Flowers bloomed a bit early, but profusely. Our rhododendron along the sidewalk in Mentone is very pretty, but the lovely orchid blossoms had passed their peak before the time we usually have our festival on the third weekend.

Many of our children graduated in May. My beautiful niece, Ashley Elrod, was one of them, from Ft. Payne High. She will be entering Jacksonville State University this fall. It is so sweet to see youth full of high hopes and ambition to enter a new phase of their lives.

Our pastor, Rev. Allen Cherbonneau was the speaker for the baccalaureate program at Valley Head High. The sweet girl from Germany, who is an exchange student living with Rev. Cherbonneau and Jan, will be returning to her home shortly. We shall miss Catherine very much. Her mother, Gadrion Perry, and her brother, Heiner, came from Germany for the graduation. It was our privilege to have them and Al and Jan for dinner one evening. The exchange program for children to learn the customs and languages of other countries is wonderful. It would be the equivalent of another year of study. Why didn't these things happen when I could take advantage of it? I think these students, by learning the living habits of different cultures, could help promote peace among nations. Most problems are caused by lack of learning to coexist with differing opinions. There are many misunderstandings because of pure ignorance of the reason behind the actions of our friends in other lands, or in our own national culture.

Our daughter and son-in-law, Doreen and Jerry Waters, had a great rapport with their exchange student, David, from Sweden. David corresponds with them and calls them occasionally. Doreen and Jerry planned to visit David and his family this summer, but Doreen's shop has been so busy she has not been able to get away, yet.

School is out for summer vacation, summer camps are opening here in Mentone, and we see buses coming and going with groups of young people flocking to the mountain for summer camps. That's when we know it is summer time. We can hear reveille in the morning and taps in the evening, at Camp Comer for boys near us. We enjoy it and other sounds of happy times.

Summer brings us many interesting people and those of us who are permanent residents learn from them. Our community has a cultural standing a little above what one would expect from an Appalachian area. We meet people who are from all different cultures, and some of it is absorbed by us without our being actually aware of it—like a man from Gadsden was so surprised to see me reading Tolstoy's *Iliad* once, and he said, "Just wait til I tell my friends about a little old lady (that was 10 years ago!) up here on the mountain reading Tolstoy!" I really let him have it! I told him I would have him know that we were literate here! This I have written before, but it bears repeating.

Homer has been doing some repairs at the Hitching Post, which is a continual project. Any old building must have repairs, and sometimes it's hard to keep up with them. Hal Phillips has done carpeting for me in the big front room Janette McCord used for her Village Boutique. She has moved to the White Elephant, and I am just going to use it for my own things that need to be moved out of the other side that is a little crowded. The old floor was too old and rough to sand and refinish, so we just carpeted it, and it looks good and is comfortable on our feet. So, then the threshold had to be made and the double doors cut off so they would clear the carpet. One thing after another. We have worked hard and are tired. Many things had to be moved out and then back in the room. Any progress involves extra work.

Last week, we had several very interesting visitors. One man from Huntsville brought a book called, "Small Town Escapes" and published by National Geographic, and it contained a very well written article on Mentone, Alabama. There were pictures of rhododendron with DeSoto Falls in the background and all other attractions. It will certainly be a much better presentation than what *Wall Street Journal* did two years ago. I have already ordered the book and can hardly wait for it to come in the mail.

Cleve Porter and his wife, Gail, were visiting the same week. Homer and I had lunch with them at the Kountry Chef, and we enjoyed hearing Cleve speak of his Grandfather Lowe, who operated the Hitching Post with his son-in-law, Mr. Pierce. Everything was bad economically then, and they lost the place during the Depression of 1929. Cleve never lived here, but would visit every year with his mother, Madelyn, who is the daughter of Mr. Lowe. She is still living in Selma, Alabama. Cleve had happy memories of his visits to the mountain and is collecting all the history he can get of the area. He has pictures of the Hitching Post when it was called the Mentone Store. We hope to get copies of them and print them in *The Groundhog*.

We had a nice young lady who was looking for anyone who knew anything about Goldie Pace who lived here in the forties. She does not know where her grandfather is buried. I called Ernest Smith, who seems to remember everything, but he had no idea about the burial. He said Mr. Pace was found dead on the side of the road in the Pidgeon Mountain area near Cloudland, Ga. I recalled that Goldie's son, Spencer, was killed at sea during World War II, and his body was never returned.

A man was here trying to find Kirby relatives, and he mentioned Lewis Kirby as an uncle. Lewis was the grandfather of Kenneth Kirby and father of Margaret Stallings. I told him to call Margaret's son, Nelson Stallings. I hope he was able to reach some of the family. He was a nice distinguished looking gentleman.

Slower sweet June,
Each step more slow,
Linger and loiter as you go,
Linger a little while to dream
Or see yourself in yonder stream,
Fly not across the summer so,
Sweet June be slow.

By Hay

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L/R: Jerry Grantland, Steve McGehee, Betty Grantland, and Roy Dunaway Cotaco Creek of Somerville, Alabama, provided excellent entertainment for 6th year at Brow Park, Mentone for MAPA festivals.



Homer Crow demonstrating the art of wood splitting.



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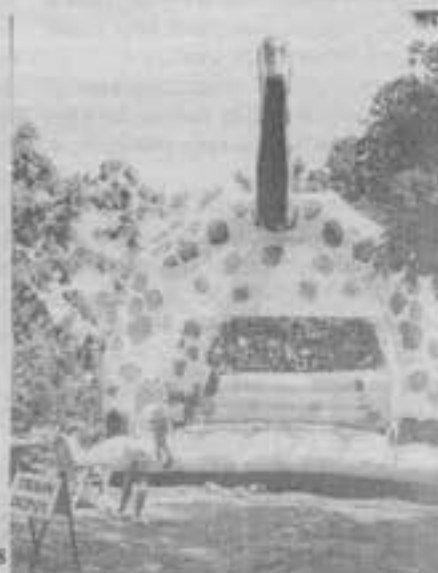
L/R: George Walker, Betty Bain, chairman, Marilyn Mathews, president, and Hope Walker, one of the teams manning the MAPS booth during the Memorial Day weekend



DeKalb County Commission President Charles Bell in front of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department booth. Kevin Worthey, Kim Johnson, and Phil Harris are inside the booth, where they sold barbecue plates and sandwiches, drinks, and hotdogs.



Entertainment for the children included train rides and jumping in a giraffe shaped enclosure



The Church of God of Prophecy Booth selling their baked goods, drinks, chili, and pinto beans and onions. Shown at the table are Margie Coots and Lucille Crow.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

I seem to have put my foot in my mouth...as it seems that we are not going to see many of those May flowers if it does not rain any time soon.

It has been exceedingly dry here the last few weeks and I don't think the tender vegetation can stand that at this time when they need all the moisture they can get to germinate and sprout.

I have found that the kale I have growing for the last four years is now beginning to show signs of aphids, next will be the rest of the garden.

May means high-gear growing to gardeners all over the country. Plant flowering annuals in the ground and containers now before the summer heat stalls their growth.

Check roses carefully this month for aphids--tiny, sap-sucking insects that leave foliage sticky; thrips--small pests that feed on blossoms, leaving subtle strips on petals and, cause them not to open; and watch for other insect pests. They rarely affect a healthy rosebush, but can damage and disfigure the tender new growth, bud and flowers. Rid the plants of pests by spraying them with insecticidal soap or just plain water.

Caring for your salad garden this month: Thin and fertilize your direct-sown seedlings. When the seedlings have their second set of leaves, it's time to thin them so they have adequate room to develop. Just snip them off near the soil line. To fertilize, apply a balanced, slow-release type according to instructions.

Caring for your fruit trees this month: Encourage pollination activity by spraying trees with bee attractant, which lures bees to blossoms. Don't spray any pesticides in your garden while flowers are open, or you might affect pollinating insects activity. If you absolutely must spray to control pests during blooming, spray only after dusk, when pollinators are not active.

Caring for your peonies this month: It's time to mulch your peonies.

Deer proof your garden: Although deer-resistant plants can vary by region, it's a good bet that they will turn their noses up at these additions to your garden or landscape. **Salvia** (sage, autumn white, sage, Mexican bush, indigo spires; sage, autumn rose pink); **Aromatic perennials:** yarrow, citronella; goldenrod, pteris. **Grasses:** grass fountain, little bunny; grass, northern sea oats; grass, blue fescue "Elijah blue"; grass, fountain "Hamlet". **Herbs:** santolina, green, Mexican oregano; chives, garlic, tarragon, Mexican.

NEVER-FAIL FLOWERS: Here is a list of plants that are just about fail-proof. **Daylilies:** they perform in both sun and light shade. Most plants produce flowers for several weeks and some varieties bloom even longer. The favorites are: Stella de Oro, Black-eyed Stella, gentle shepherd. **Ornamental grasses:** Miscanthus 'strictus', blue fescue. **Spiderwort:** concord grape and the white variety "innocence". **Yarrow:** coronation gold, lavender beauty. These and other yarrow varieties are excellent plants for fresh bouquets and can be dried with little effort, just clip flowers in full bloom and hang upside down in a cool, dry location.

Allium • Hosta • Rudbeckia • Peony
TIP: No room for a traditional vegetable garden? You can still grow bumper crops in containers. Plant compact and dwarf varieties, including lettuces, peppers and tomatoes.

Lookout Mountain Natural Healing

By Laura Catherine AKA Moon

Pregnancy is a natural process of furthering genetic codes. There are many spiritual issues attached to pregnancy. The most popular is the Garden of Eden scenario presented by the Bible. According to the Bible, women are designated the role of giving birth as well as enduring the pain. I believe there is a purpose for everything. Herbs and other forms of natural healing help us cope with the natural processes and paths we encounter. Many animals instinctively know what plants to go to if they are in need as well as breathing patterns that assist them through painful moments such as childbirth. Tribal people that are not yet "civilized" are given similar knowledge. Unfortunately most people have lost the knowledge of natural remedies. We often must rely on someone we barely know to remedy our ailments and deliver our children.

Some people choose the alternative route and have a midwife assist in the delivery of their child at home. For some, this seems to bring the lost spiritual meaning back to childbirth. True, there are fewer deaths since the increase of medical knowledge and devices. In a hospital, childbirth complications can be handled more quickly if there is adequate supervision by concerned healthcare providers. Although there is the alternative of having a midwife assist in childbirth inside the hospital, I mention the midwife because they are, or should be, in my opinion, knowledgeable about the natural ways of coping with pregnancy and childbirth. I believe it is wise to have someone certified to assist you, especially through your first pregnancy and childbirth, because we are no longer handed down the information regarding the way our mother's mother used to handle pregnancy and childbirth.

There are many natural changes that occur during and after a pregnancy. A woman's body experiences drastic changes. I believe that mothers and fathers experience emotional changes. The most natural way to deal with the emotional changes is through communication. The lines of communication should be open between the soon to be mother and father. Mother and father should also communicate their concerns with other mothers and fathers that have healthy relationships.

If the stress gets too much, especially for a woman that is going through drastic hormonal changes, then there are herbs to help. Black cohosh is a hormone balancer and uterine tonic for a woman that is or is not pregnant. Black haw, motherwort and squaw vine are especially recommended for a pregnant mother with emotional difficulties. Catnip is an herb that is excellent and safe for anyone to take for relaxation. Skullcap is said to aid the nerves of mother and father. Fathers may want to try valerian if their nerves are bothering them, especially if they are losing sleep.

Proper nutrition and exercise is another way to improve your mood, as well as the health of mother and child. There are herbs that are known to tone the uterus as well as provide a natural source of vitamins and minerals. Nettle and red raspberry leaf tea are the most commonly used. They are also known to enhance the nutritional value of breast milk and regulate blood pressure. Red raspberry and nettle are known to be a safe and healthy tea to drink throughout your entire pregnancy and while you are nursing your child.

If you have a previous history of miscarriage, then a tea of black haw mixed with red raspberry leaves may be for you. My research shows no known side effects from this mixture used throughout pregnancy.

Morning sickness is a common problem that can be helped with herbs. Red raspberry can help with this problem. Peppermint and lemon balm are two others that help ease morning sickness with no known side effects. Ginger is recommended by some, but there are midwives that do not advise it.

Ginger is said to decrease your mental resistance to the birth process. It is also known to help ease labor pain when

taken hot. However, a caution is attached to ginger because it increases circulation to the uterus. It could increase the risk of hemorrhage especially if taken within 2 (two) hours after childbirth.

Heartburn is a common ailment during pregnancy. Herbal for the Childbearing Year by Susan Weed suggests that you can prevent heartburn by drinking anise or fennel seed tea, eating organic apple peels, pineapple or papaya after meals. Susan Weed also recommends remedying the problem with yogurt or raw almonds.

Many women are concerned about the aesthetic changes that your body goes through. From my experience, I recommend using almond oil every day all over your body to prevent stretch marks. I also recommend almond oil for use on your breasts before and immediately after giving birth because of the intense swelling especially if you are nursing. Pure cocoa butter and vitamin E oil are also good for preventing stretch marks. Yarrow and nettle leaves are good for preventing varicose veins.

Nettle is known to prevent hemorrhoids. It eases cramps and muscle spasms. Nettle mixed with dandelion or false lily of the valley is said to tone and aid the kidneys so as to help prevent toxemia.

For pain during childbirth, the most highly recommended herbs are motherwort and skullcap. Motherwort is also said to minimize bleeding after birth as well as ease Braxton-Hicks contractions. The dose of motherwort during labor is 5 (five) drops of tincture in a glass of water every one to three hours. The dosage for skullcap is 3 (three) to 8 (eight) drops of tincture as often as needed during labor. St. John's wort has been mixed with skullcap to ease labor pain. Black cohosh mixture is said to help ease childbirth. Thyme and evening primrose oil have also been taken to bring ease in labor. Susan Weed recommends taking 3 (three) capsules daily of evening primrose oil and/or apply the oil to the cervix during labor.

Another consideration for pain is a type of self hypnosis that seems to basically be a form of deep meditation. Breathing exercises prepare you for this alternate state of mind. Please take it from me--it is important to practice this exercise before the labor begins. The pain is so intense that if you are not already prepared, then you can easily lose control of controlling the pain.

If you are concerned that you can not get pregnant and are searching for a natural remedy, I would try drinking, a tea of squaw vine whether you are a man or woman. Amazingly, squaw vine is known to increase fertility in both sexes.

If you are concerned because you do not want to get pregnant and are searching for a natural alternative, then you might want to try what some Native Americans used. A tea of wild ginger root as well as false solomon's seal was used by some Native American women as a contraceptive.

I must be honest that, since I did not have a midwife to guide me through the use of alternative methods, the only herbs I used during pregnancy, other than culinary, were red raspberry and nettle. I did not find it necessary to use any other herbs during my pregnancy because I had no complications and I was eating properly. I feel it was a wise decision not to use any other herbs that I was not certain of without being under the care of someone that had prior experience with the herbs. When not used properly, herbs can do more harm than good.

I have given you an overview of my experience and research regarding natural ways to cope with pregnancy and childbirth. I hope that I have given you some insight to the natural ways that this natural and spiritual process can be handled with ease. As I said, it is wise to have an informed healthcare provider help you monitor yourself through your journey of creating life. God bless everyone--especially you who are bringing an innocent soul into this world.

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"June is bursting out all over." It is a beautiful time, and all of us who are lucky enough to be able to get out and enjoy it, are richly blessed.

Christine and Walter Brooks had a wonderful trip to Arizona. They were amazed by the sight of the Petrified Forest and the beautiful colors of the Painted Desert; and they saw the Meteor Crater and on to the Grand Canyon. They thoroughly enjoyed the 3900 miles they traveled.

Mary and Ted Holleman and Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis spent a week in Daytona, Florida, and enjoyed the gorgeous weather. John Holleman joined them for the weekend.

Venna Livingston had about fifteen family members for the day, May 28. They attended the decoration at Mountain View Memorial Gardens.

John and Edith Dean had about thirty for dinner on the lawn at their house, May 28, including the family of Mary McConathy from Tennessee, and all their own family. Deborah brought John's mother, Edna, from Collinsville Nursing Home, to be with them. They attended Valley Head Cemetery decoration.

Loy and Margaret Clark came from Birmingham for the decoration at Lookout Chapel Cemetery; and Loy's mother, Evelyn, went home with them to stay for several days.

Ed Ringer went to the Leath family reunion at the second home of Sid and Faye Thompson at Blanche, Ala., Sunday, June 4. He enjoyed seeing several of his cousins, not seen often.

On May 28, Mary and Ted Holleman were hosts at their home for Sunday dinner. Present were Adelaide Biddle and Mary Lou Carmichael from Dallas, Ga.; Betty and "Red" Adams and Jim and Michele Adams from Gadsden; Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis from Rainsville; John Holleman from Huntsville; and E. T. Holleman came by and received a plate to take home, his wife, Gladola, remains disabled.

Remember Vivian Clark in your prayers, as she is seriously ill at Regional Hospital in Gadsden.

Glad to hear that Laura Margaret Allison and Elizabeth Coleman are feeling much better.

It is also good to hear that Olene Roberts is back home and better; also, Gladys Cobble is at the home of her daughter, Becky Stott, and is much better.

Eugene Smith is at home recovering from surgery at BMC-DeKalb.

The Valley Head Baptist Church had their Vacation Bible School the week of June 5 through 9.

Valley Head Methodist Church cordially invites everyone to Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Ansley and John McGinnis, from Florence, SC, spent several days with Laura Margaret Allison and Elizabeth Coleman. Eleanor Woodall, and daughter Peggy from Knoxville, Tn., and son, Douglas and his wife, Glo, from Powell, Tn., spent Saturday afternoon with Laura Margaret and Elizabeth.

The Sunshine Club met May 25 at the home of Ann Wright. Others present were Leona Chadwick, Verence Hawkins, Ruth Pickett, Evelyn Clark, Gladys Crane, and Eloise Brown. We had a delicious covered dish luncheon and enjoyed seeing a beautiful and very interesting garden.

Sincere sympathy to the Don Eberharts. She lost her dad, Lucien Abbott, and he lost his mother, Minnie Eberhart, within a few days' time.

Pam Dean has a new niece, Taylor Ann, born May 31, to Pam's brother Steve and wife, Tammy Lanier, at Rainsville.

Emmy, Lucy, Polly, and John Ricketts; Doris and Jim Carmichael; and William Thomas and friend, Katherine, joined Elizabeth, Gary and Barbara Thomas at the home of Linda and Bob Thomas in Fort Payne, for dinner on May 26; then, they attended the graduation of Katy Thomas at the Fort Payne Wildcat Stadium. Katy will leave June 4, to enter the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

My cousins, Bill and Blanche Fuller, came from Madison, Ala., on Mother's Day; and Barry and Emily Brown took us for a delicious dinner at Randy's in Trenton. We had an enjoyable day together.

My granddaughter, Robin Darby and her husband, Ray, and daughters, Sharon, Elise, and Kirsten, from Collierville, Tn., came May 31 for a few days' visit. Ray and Sharon went to Auburn one day as she is looking for a college to attend after her high school graduation next year. They took me to Western Sizzlin one day for lunch, and then we went to Mentone to check on the progress of our Crestline Subdivision. They went on to Gatlinburg, and Sharon had an appointment at U.T. at Knoxville; and, it seems she was more favorably impressed by U.T. She plans to be a veterinarian.

Cindy and David Meadows and most of their family ate dinner with David's parents, the Howard Meadows, and attended the decoration at Harmony Grove Cemetery, on June 4. There was a huge crowd attending the decoration.

Christine and Walter Brooks attended a family reunion at the home of Polly Clements near Rainsville, Sunday, June 4. Thirty-three brothers, sisters, and cousins attended. They sang songs and had a good time.

Congratulations to all graduates and all award and scholarship winners! There were so many, I was afraid to list names, lest I leave out someone. So I say, "Congratulations to one and all, and best wishes for your success and happiness!"

Enjoy the lovely days of Summer. Go and do all you can. Too soon they will be gone. I'll leave you with a few Haiku lines--

Haiku poetry
Oriental subtlety
whispers of seasons.

Sweet June wears proudly
a wreath of Honeysuckles
twined around her days.

A red velvet rose,
the badge of nature's beauty
pinned upon her breast.

Queen June

June, you are majestic and serene,
Throned with lavish full grown leaves so green
Of the Summer months, you are the queen.

You are so voluptuous and lush,
Reclining on your carpet of plus
Dimpled with strawberries rosy blush.

Dressed in robes of colorful flowers,
Blessed with many littering hours,
Resting in shady perfumed flowers.

Serenaded by happy birds' songs,
Catered to by vegetable throngs
Homage of nature to you belongs.

June, you are queen of Summer delights,
Of full blown days, beautiful and bright,
Crowned by star glittering, moon gold nights.

—Eloise Brown

The Faith of Our Fathers

The faith of our fathers in Christ as Lord,
How closely they live by His Holy Word,
Instructing their children in Christian ways,
Determines the fate of our future days.

Respect of our fathers for worthwhile things--
For education and rewards it brings,
For authority and obeying laws--
And praising good instead of picking flaws.

The love of our fathers shown in the home,
Will make a haven from which none will roam.
Their kindness to creatures and all mankind
Of God's love and grace will always remind.

The discipline fathers give to their child,
Will tame his habits, inclined to be wild,
Will strengthen his character, help him live,
Instead of just getting, will each to give.

Our father's lives the examples must show
The best way for children to live and know
That happiness comes from the peace within,
That stands for the right and despises sin.

The faith of our fathers so strong and true,
Is needed today, a debt long overdue:
If nation and families long survive,
The faith of our fathers must now revive.

The faith of our fathers must mend and build
A nation of families strong and skilled
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Where happiness for all will ever increase.

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Members of the Non-Offending Caregiver Support group met recently for a special "balloon release." They are shown holding purple (the symbolic color for pain) balloons. Releasing the balloons was symbolic of them releasing the pain of their children being victimized by sexual abuse.

THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

The Children's Advocacy Center has been serving children and families of DeKalb County since January 1993.

We began by providing a child friendly atmosphere for investigative interviews of alleged victims of sexual abuse. We have a specially trained staff person (Forensic Interviewer) who conducts these fact-finding interviews. We are in constant communication with other agencies (the multi-disciplinary team) sharing information regarding particular cases we are working on.

Two other programs have been around since the early days fall under the child abuse prevention category. One such program is school based. We have a staff member (Prevention Specialist) who goes into each classroom in grades K-6 in DeKalb County and Fort Payne City schools. Information is presented to the students to help them avoid possible abusive situations and teaches them life skills such as anger management and conflict resolution.

The other long-time prevention program is parent education. A member of the staff coordinates several events helpful to parents: monthly parent education seminars, children and divorce classes, domestic violence workshops, and also helps to coordinate activities promoting parental involvement in schools.

Our newest prevention program targets teen parents. Parent educators visit clients in their homes providing resources, support, and parenting information. We receive funding from the Children's Trust Fund of Alabama for our prevention pro-

grams.

We are fortunate to have some new intervention programs available to meet needs of children and families. One is the Family Advocacy program. Services are available to any non-offending caregiver (in child sexual abuse cases) who may be in need of support or any services on a more personal yet professional level. Additionally, we have a support group that meets weekly for 14 weeks providing education and networking opportunities for participants. This program is a research project for the Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers and is funded by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Law Enforcement Training Division.

We are excited to announce that we once again have a Counselor on staff. Tracey Young joined our agency May 8th. She will be providing counseling services to alleged child victims referred to our Center by the multi-disciplinary team. She will also be facilitating the support groups.

United Givers Fund helped to make this service available. We had trimmed our budget as much as possible hoping to provide counseling services once again. We received a special allocation from UGF which allowed us to hire a Counselor part time.

This is another classic example of United Givers Fund helping their member agencies make a difference in someone's life in our community.

The mission statement of the DeKalb County Chapter of the Alabama Easter Seal Society is to provide quality community services to enable children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum independence.

Through cooperative arrangements with the Department of Human Resources, Children's Rehabilitation Services and others, transportation assistance is provided. This service is intended to insure that disabled children and their parent or sponsor are able to attend children's clinics held in various locations around the state. Last year, 97 individuals from DeKalb County were able to get to the services available to them because of this assistance.

The Medical Assistance Program purchases medical services and/or prescribed medical needs for adults who have a disability and are unable to provide for their own medical needs. Nineteen DeKalb County adult residents received assistance with the purchase of prescriptions, personal hygiene products and insulin during the past year. Trips to doctor's appointments was another service provided through this program. Requests are normally screened through the Department of Human Resources to insure that there are no other state or local resources available and to help avoid duplication of services.

Other examples of how Easter Seal funds have assisted DeKalb County families include: A single fold ramp was purchased so a family could

transport their teenager who is in a wheel chair. To enable a preschooler to be better prepared for school, a communication device was purchased. Diapers and formula were purchased for bedbound children. Elaine Thomas, Chapter Treasurer, says, "None of these services would have been possible without the generosity of our local United Givers Fund." The DeKalb County Chapter receives 100% of its operating funds through UGF. Barry Cavan, Alabama Easter Seal Society president, says "I am sincerely grateful for the cooperation of the Department of Human Resources which helps to make the services possible and for the support of the community through United Givers Fund of DeKalb County." "Children and adults ages six and up who have a physical and/or mental disability may attend Camp ASCCA during summer camp sessions and seasonal camps. Camp ASCCA is located on Lake Martin between Dadeville and Alexander City and is the world's largest, year-round, barrier-free camp for people with disabilities. Individual programs are geared toward the age, interest, and abilities of each camper. For more information on Camp ASCCA, check out their web site at ascca@webshoppe.net or call 1-800-843-2267.

The DeKalb County Chapter Alabama Easter Seal Society is one of 12 agencies funded through the annual UGF Campaign. For more information on services available through this agency, call 1-800-388-7325 or (256) 844-2700.



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Flag Day

This editorial appeared in The New York Times on June 14, 1940, to mark Flag Day, a holiday that seems to have fallen into neglect in more recent years. Flag Day commemorates the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

What's a flag? What's the love of country for which it stands? Maybe it begins with love of the land itself. It is the fog rolling in with the tide at Eastport, or through the Golden Gate and among the towers of San Francisco. It is the sun coming up behind the White Mountains, over the Green, throwing a shining glory on Lake Champlain and above the Adirondacks. It is the storied Mississippi rolling swift and muddy past St. Louis, rolling past Cairo, pouring down past the levees of New Orleans. It is lazy noontide in the pines of Carolina, it is a sea of wheat rippling in Western Kansas, it is the San Francisco peaks far north across the glowing nakedness of Arizona, it is the Grand Canyon and a little stream coming down out of a New England ridge, in which are trout.

It is men at work. It is the storm-tossed fishermen coming into Gloucester and Providence and Astoria. It is the farmer riding his great machine in the dust of harvest, the dairyman going to the barn before sunrise, the lineman mending the broken wire, the miner drilling for the blast. It is the servants of fire in the murky splendor of Pittsburgh, between the Allegheny and the Monongahela, the trucks rumbling through the night, the locomotive engineer bringing the train in on time, the pilot in the clouds, the riveter running along the beam a hundred feet in air. It is the clerk in the office, the housewife doing the dishes and sending the children off to school. It is the teacher, doctor, and parson tending and helping, body and soul, for small reward.

It is small things remembered, the little corners of the land, the houses, the people that each one loves. We love our country because there was a little tree on a hill, and grass thereon, and a sweet valley below; because the hardy-gurdy man came along on a sunny morning in a city street, because a beach or a farm or a lane or a house that might not seem much to others were once, for each of us, made magic. It is voices that are remembered only, no longer heard. It is parents, friends, the lazy chat of street and store and office, and the ease of mind that makes life tranquil. It is summer and winter, rain and sun and storm. These are flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, blood of our blood, a lasting part of what we are, each of us and all of us together.

It is stories told. It is the Pilgrims dying in their first dreadful winter. It is the minuteman standing his ground at Concord Bridge, and dying there. It is the army in rags, sick, freezing, starving at Valley Forge. It is the wagons and the men on foot going westward over Cumberland Gap, floating down the great rivers, rolling over the great plains. It is the settler hacking fiercely at the primeval forest on his new, his own lands. It is Thoreau at Walden Pond, Lincoln at Cooper Union, and Lee riding home from Appomattox. It is corruption and disgrace, answered always by men who would not let the flag lie in the dust, who have stood up in every generation to fight for the old ideals and the old rights, at risk of ruin or of life itself.

It is a great multitude of people on pilgrimage, common and ordinary people, charged with the usual human failings, yet filled with such a hope as never caught the imaginations and the hearts of any nation on earth before. The hope of liberty. The hope of justice. The hope of a land in which a man can stand straight, without fear, without rancor.

The land and the people and the flag—the land a continent, the people of every race, the flag a symbol of what humanity may aspire to when the wars are over and the barriers are down, to these each generation must be dedicated and consecrated anew, to defend with life itself, if need be, but, above all, in friendliness, in hope, in courage, to live for.

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Scholarships — Pictured are, front row, from left: Adriane Robertson, Candace Fuller, Alisha Busby and Kerri Hale. Back row: Hannah Alexander and Anna Rievley. Not pictured: Amanda Hall and Jeffrey Bullock. For a list of which scholarships they won, see the list below.

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Valley Head School News

By Lisa Moore

Valley Head Band Booster officers for the 2000-2001 year are: President: Polli Evans, Vice President: Louise Harrison, Secretary: Sherry Durham, Treasurer: Lisa Moore. These officers were chosen at the May 23rd Band Booster meeting. All Band Boosters would like to thank everyone who has helped with the band this past year. Beth Moore was chosen to play in the Jacksonville Honor Band this year. She spent a weekend at J.S.U., where she stayed in a dorm there and had a wonderful time. On Saturday, she played in the "White Band" where she played auxiliary.

The Valley Head Band Boosters and Band held a surprise retirement party for Mr. Campbell Smith on May 6th. Everyone expressed their sadness at losing him as a teacher, but wished him a happy retirement and told him they still expected to see him at the ball games and other events.

Slade Carden was recently chosen to represent Valley Head School at Boys State, which will be held at Montevallo this year during the month of June. Slade is the son of Glen and Kathryn Carden of Fort Payne. Beth Moore was chosen to represent Valley Head School this year at Girls State, which will be held at Troy State University in Troy, AL. Both students are sponsored by American Legion Post 215 in Mentone.

Awards Day was held at Valley Head on Tuesday, May 16th. Along with the many awards earned by the students at Valley Head, rocking chairs were awarded to the retiring teachers at Valley Head.

NORTHEAST ANNOUNCES SPRING HONOR STUDENTS

Dr. Charles M. Pendley, President, is pleased to announce that 216 students made the President's and Dean's lists during the Spring Semester at Northeast Alabama Community College.

The President's List included 89 students who achieved perfect 4.0 semester grade point averages. The Dean's List included 127 students who had semester grade point averages of 3.50 to 3.99.

Requirements for the President's List are: (1) semester grade point of 4.0 and (2) completion of a minimum semester course load of 12 semester credit hours of college level work.

Requirements for the Dean's List are: (1) a semester grade point of 3.5 or above but below 4.0 and (2) completion of a minimum semester course load of 12 semester credit hours of college level work.

Developmental courses will not count toward the minimum course requirement.

From the names listed in the news release, below are those from Mentone and Valley Head who received honors:

President's List

Patricia Blansit and Eric Crane of Mentone
Angela Corbin and April Edwards of Valley Head

Dean's List

Christy Ferguson, Allen Gray, Cheryl King, Angela Russell, and Ryan Wrigley of Mentone
Shannon Johnson, and Brandi Shirley of Valley Head.

Part-Time Honor List

Kathleen Kirby of Mentone

Jimmy McCary Scholarships awarded

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church awarded 14 Jimmy McCary Scholarships to college students who live in the Mentone and Valley Head area. The total awarded was \$9,500.



Beth Moore

Beth Moore earns Honors

Beth Moore celebrated her 17th birthday on May 17th. She will be entering her Senior year at Valley Head High School this fall. She is a member of the Valley Head High School Band where she has played percussion for the past 7 years. She has attended several honor bands and has won several honors and awards for her participation in these events.

While attending Valley Head High School, Beth has also received a Presidential Improvement Award, as well as a Presidential Academic Achievement Award. Beth is in the top ten of her class and is a member of the Beta Club. She is on the Yearbook staff and student class representative.

Beth was chosen by the American Legion Auxiliary to be Girls State Representative from Valley Head. She will attend Girls State 2000 during the week of June 4th through June 9th, which will be held at Troy State University in Troy, Alabama.

Beth is the daughter of Lisa B. Moore of Blake, and Van Moore of Marietta, Ga. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Black of Blake, Shelby W. Langley of Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Moore of Sylvania.

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Red Cross Blood Drive and Eagle Scout Project of Joshua Hughes a success



Counterclockwise: Joshua Hughes, Connie Hughes, Andrew Habel, and back to camera, Jimmy Jones

Vicki Shepherd and Frank Hill (in back is Alex Hazell)

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

On Saturday, June 3, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., a three-person team of Red Cross workers came to the new Boy Scout facility--Jim Berry Hall, 68 Dempsey Ave., in Mentone. Josh and his mother, Connie, had "plastered the Mentone Community with posters and notices about this project," according to a statement by Josh.

In preparation of his project, Josh set a goal of 30 donors. He had donors sign up in advance so that he would be able to meet his goal. Working with him at the registration table was his mother, Connie. Helping out in the kitchen area providing drinks and snacks for the donors, was Carol Hazell. Assisting with the parking during the day were scouts Alex Hazell and Greg Carrecker. Josh was seen getting on his bicycle and traveling about the neighborhood to remind donors that this was

the day to donate blood to the Red Cross.

It was touch and go from 2:00 - 2:30 p.m., whether his goal of 30 donors would be reached. And, at the last minute, the 29th and 30th persons--father and daughter--Frank Hill and his daughter, Vicki Shepherd, registered. Following right behind them came Karen Wright, No. 31, to put Josh "over the top". After registering, Karen was unable to donate at that time, but she was glad to know that she would be able to as soon as her iron count was back up.

By now, if you know Josh Hughes, you can almost see him "dancing around in jubilation." He made his goal!!!

The American Red Cross workers from Huntsville--Daphne Crutcher, Ron Desselle, and Wayne Morris, were very professional, but they kept the tone light. Josh said, "They were so efficient, they had the room all set up in ten minutes."

Every donor was important to this effort. This project also drew many first time donors, as well as regular donors. It gave members of the Mentone Community an opportunity to be donors. Jim Jones of Mentone, a regular donor, said he had donated at least five or six gallons over the years. When asked how long he had been a donor, he said, "All my life."

It also gave others who had not donated in "many years" an opportunity not only to donate, but to help a young man earn his Eagle Scout rank. As a first-time donor, this writer found the experience very exhilarating. She was also impressed by the Red Cross workers and the manner in which they conducted the interviews and collected the blood.

The project took a lot of time, energy, and work, not only for Josh, but his mother and family, who were with him all the way. Congratulations, Josh!

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Red Cross worker, Wayne Morris, loading equipment back on truck; and Scoutmaster David Gilbreath assisting

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- NOTICE -

Some items that are not found in the June issue will be in the July issue of The Groundhog: the dedication of Jim Berry Hall and write up about the presentation Eagle Scout to Andrew Habel; Moon Lake School kindergarten and sixth grade graduations; and Head Start graduation.

CONGRATULATIONS, ALLEN!



Enjoying the DeKalb County Auburn Club meeting Wednesday evening at the DeKalb Theatre are, from left: local secretary/treasurer Gena Isbell, club president Mark Malone, scholarship recipients Sara McAbee of Plainview, Allen Gray of Fort Payne, and Amelia Freeman of Fort Payne, Auburn Director of Parent and Reunion programs Liz Peel, Susan Fillipelli of the AU department of Communications and local admissions liaison Dr. John Anderson. Not pictured: key speaker Assistant Football Coach Andy Lutz.

Woodman of the World History Award presented to Katie Gray



Katie Gray

Katie Gray was presented with the Woodman of the World History award at Fort Payne City School, as well as an award for academic achievement. Her parents are Steve Gray of LaPorte, Indiana, and Sandra Pruitt of Mentone. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray, Jr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Jimmy Graves of Mentone.



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Sherri Black and daughter, Ashley,
on the front steps of the Mentone Inn

Mentone Inn has new innkeeper

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Owners, Michael and Sarah Campbell, from Hoover, Ala., announced that their new hostess is Mrs. Sherri Black, of Mentone, formerly with The Cliffs Restaurant, in Mentone. Assisting Sherri will be her daughter Ashley, who will be 16 in July. Their first day at the inn was May 19th, just in time for the regular third weekend in May crowd. The inn was booked solid, as this is the weekend when the Rhododendron Festival used to be scheduled. Guests will be glad to learn that the Rhododendron Festival will be back on schedule in the year 2001.

Sherri has approx. 20 years experience in food service, six of those at The Cliffs. She has always been interested in cooking, and reading cookbooks was her hobby, as well as cooking for others. The guests at the Mentone Inn have been treated royally, and there are "always good smells coming from the kitchen," Sherri said. Soft music plays continually.

When guests come and ask what there is to do, Sherri gives them a list of interesting things to do and places to go that are within walking distance, and tells them they're here to relax from the rush-hour lives they live. Guests are made to feel at home, and Sherri loves to pamper her guests.

Many of the guests are parents of campers. Sherri appreciates the referrals she receives from the camps in the Mentone area, as well as the bed and breakfast referrals, and the warm welcome from everyone on the mountain.

Sherri's daughter, Ashley, has been a great help. "I couldn't do it without her," Sherri said.

Sherri has plans to create a web page for the Mentone Inn and is looking forward to being busy and helping people become depressed and having their spirit replenished after visiting the Mentone Inn.

DeKalb County SPCA Animal Shelter drawing July 8



Freda Waters, Director, and Peggy Casey, volunteer,
shown with 1985 380SE Mercedes Benz

Freda Waters, Director, and Peggy Casey, volunteer, manning a booth at the Mountain Craft Fair in Mentone on Memorial Day weekend. Mrs. Taylor Collings, of Mentone, donated a and the SPCA is offering a chance to win this automobile by making a \$5.00 donation to the DeKalb County SPCA Animal Shelter. This drawing will be on Saturday, July 8th, at 10 a.m. at the shelter in Fort Payne. For more information, call 256-845-9463.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 215 IN MENTONE HELD DRAWING FOR \$1000

Ms. Alex Westbrook of Atlanta, drew the winning name, while members of Post 215 look on. Page Cunningham of Fort Payne was the lucky winner.
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MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

At the May 8, 2000, meeting, Mentone Cub Scout Pack 106 presented the colors and gave the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag. Mayor Cash called the meeting to order and all members were present: Linda Brown, John Corey, James Johnson, Dick Keefer, and Jean McGehee.

Town attorney, Pat Tate, presented an application for authority to incorporate waterworks board, signed by C. Robert Brown, James Wright, and Edward Jones. C. E. Britt, serving as consultant to the Town of Mentone on water issues, read a resolution authorizing the formation of a water board, which was passed by the members, with one abstaining from voting. Mentone residents who had agreed to be on the water board are Bobby Brown, James Wright, and Ed Jones. Two members from the town council are to be appointed to the board. According to attorney Pat Tate, state statutes require that all board members must be residents of the town of Mentone. A five-member board was recommended.

Attorney Pat Tate also presented an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a temporary utility revenue anticipation note. The ordinance was passed by unanimous vote.

A resolution was passed to allow the town of Mentone to enter into a utility revenue anticipation note to secure funds for needed water improvements to the Mentone Water Works system.

An Ordinance was passed increasing water rates from a minimum of \$14.84 per month for the first 3000 gallons to \$16.96 per month. It also increased the following: deposits for renters to \$75, meter installation tap fees to \$300, the reconnect fee to \$25, the late charge to 10%. It established a deposit transfer fee of \$15. An existing meter deposit fee was remained at \$50. For all future customers of the Mentone Water Works, a set up fee of \$35 was established.



Teach a child
to choose the right path,
and when he is older
he will remain upon it.
— Living Bible Proverbs 22:6

FATHERS



Fathers come in all shapes and sizes. They have different occupations, beliefs, and ages. One thing living and caring fathers have in common is the responsibility involved in being called "Father." It seems that once we begin raising a family, we are thrust into the role of a parent with little or no training. Usually we are able to adapt by reading, asking questions, and using common sense. When raising children, there are three stages of fatherhood. The two-year-old child says "Daddy," the ten-year-old says "Dad," and the teenager says "Father." The loving father knows that while all stages are important, the "Daddy" stage is when you must instill the moral fiber and character which will be carried through life. Although there have been countless books written on parenting, the best handbook for parents is still the Bible.



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

June has really sneaked up on me this year. What with going through "stuff" and getting moved from Huntsville to Mentone and getting that house ready to sell, life is zooming by faster than it usually does. Anyway, we are really happy to be settled and are starting to be able to find things. Hallelujah.

This month, I would like to share two recipes that we have enjoyed a lot. One is a grilled chicken that is a little different, but very good; and the other is a potato salad recipe that has just sort of evolved. These two recipes and a nice fresh green salad make a nice summer meal.

MOROCCAN CHICKEN THIGHS

4 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
(may substitute chili powder)

2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 Tablespoon olive oil

Combine cumin and next 6 ingredients, add chicken to mixture and coat chicken with spice mixture. Let stand 10 minutes (or longer). Grill at medium high heat slowly for 6-10 minutes per side until done.

SUE'S NEW FAVORITE POTATO SALAD

4-5 medium-sized red potatoes (the fresher the better)
Cooked and cut into bite sized pieces.

1 Cup of celery diced
1/4 C of onion of your choice diced
1 Tablespoon capers (optional)
2 T chopped pickles

Dressing:

2 Tablespoons cider vinegar
2 Tablespoons olive oil
2 Tablespoons mayonnaise
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine salad ingredients. Mix dressing ingredients and toss with potato mixture. Makes four good servings.



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Mentone Municipal Election Information

According to the municipal elections calendar, all candidates must have been a resident of the municipality of Mentone by May 24 if she he or she wishes to represent and be a candidate for election. Candidates must reside in the municipality and the district for a period of 90 days before the election.

On July 5 - the Mayor gives notice of the city election. Candidates may begin qualifying once notice is published. Qualifying forms are available from the municipal clerk.

The Fair Campaign Practices Act requires all candidates to file with the **PROBATE JUDGE** a list of from two to five persons who will serve as their campaign committee. Candidates may serve as their own committee, but must still file a form to this effect with the **PROBATE JUDGE**. **ALL CANDIDATES MUST FILE THIS FORM WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF QUALIFYING TO RUN FOR OFFICE. THIS FORM MUST BE FILED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CANDIDATE HAS REACHED THE \$1,000 THRESHOLD UNDER THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT.**

Also, the Ethics Law requires candidates to file a statement of economic interests with the **MUNICIPAL CLERK**. **THIS STATEMENT MUST BE FILED ALONG WITH THE QUALIFYING FORM.** A candidate for municipal office may request a five day extension to file the statement of economic interests. The request must be made through the **MUNICIPAL CLERK**. The statement of economic interests must be filed with the **MUNICIPAL CLERK**, within the five day extension. **THE CLERK IS REQUIRED TO REMOVE FROM THE BALLOT THE NAME OF ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO FILE THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS BY THE DEADLINE.** Incumbents do not have to file the statement of economic interests as they are required to submit an annual report which is on file with the **ETHICS COMMISSION**.

July 10, 2000 - Last day to qualify to run for municipal office. The qualifying form must be filed by 5:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, with the **MUNICIPAL CLERK**. Forms are available from the clerk.

July 24, 2000 - Last possible day for candidates to file with the PROBATE JUDGE a statement showing the names of their campaign committee.

Other deadline dates for August will be published later. All dates are currently posted on the bulletin board outside the Mentone Town Hall.

-PUBLIC NOTICE--

MENTONE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Meeting dates for remainder of 2000

June 15 September 21 December 21

Other special or called meetings will be posted as required.

All meetings are held in the town public meeting room at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.

Moon Lake School Library fund reached the \$50,000 matching goal

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

In May, the Moon Lake School Library Committee was able to meet the \$50,000 matching goal, and the anonymous donor matched the amount, which is not on deposit in CDs.

After meeting in April with Architect, Alan Williamson, to review the schematic floor plan proposal, plans are under way to have this library in place sometime in August or September 2001.

The cost is estimated to be between \$240,000 and \$275,000 for 3432 sq. feet (66 x 52). The building will be block interior with the outside to be in keeping with the buildings in the Mentone area.

The preliminary plans call for two handicap accessible bathrooms, office, computer room, circulation desk, storage room, built in shelves, risers for story telling time and for watching videos and television, look up stations, an open area, and other features.

Now that our first goal--matching the \$50,000 donation--has been met, the library committee will continue its efforts to get additional funds to help pay for the total costs. Donations can be made in the name of a loved one. Patron cards can be mailed to friends and family, letting them know that a donation in their name has been received for the new library.

The DeKalb County Board of Education has generously agreed to assist with funds to make this library one not only Mentone can be proud of, but also DeKalb County and the general public. This library is being built not only to accommodate the students at Moon Lake School, but also the public during hours that the students will not be using it for school purposes.

The entire committee continues to be enthusiastic about this project and hopes that you will continue to support this community effort. Members on the committee are: Bill Berry, Jean Corey, Marie Dillenbeck, Kathie Disney, Carol Hazell, Larry Johnson, Gary Jones, Jean McGehee, Kathy and Kenneth McMunn, Lyle Nicely, Barbara Petersen (general chairman), Karen Prestwood, Pat Schoen, Sarah Wilcox, Jan Wilkinson, and Dick Keefer.

You may send your donations to Moon Lake School, New Library Fund, P.O. Box 166, Mentone, AL 35984.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4

When I think of June, I think of Father's Day--a special time to honor fathers. It's also a good time for fathers to renew relationships between fathers and their children. Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The best way to do this is to be an example.

Happy Father's Day!

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a day on which many people of the United States and Canada express gratitude and appreciation by giving their fathers presents or greeting cards. Father's Day comes on the third Sunday in June. Some groups hold special programs to celebrate the day.

Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Wash. started Father's Day in 1910. Later, the custom spread throughout the United States. In 1936, a national Father's Day Committee was formed. *World Book Encyclopedia*

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Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Prov. 22:6

Father's Day is Sunday, June 18.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The July issue will be published on July 8th and delivered on the 9th and 10th. Those submitting articles and/or photos, please get them to us between the 15th-20th of each month. Thank you.

●July issue due date is June 15-20.

●August issue due date is July 15-20.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, June 12, 7 p.m., Mentone Town Council, Town Hall meeting room
- Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m., American Legion District Meeting and covered dish supper, Post 215, Mentone
- Wednesday, June 14, Flag Day
- Sunday, June 18, Father's Day
- Tuesday, June 20, 1st Day of Summer

- Tuesday, 4th of July Independence Day Holiday
- Tuesday, July 4, 6 p.m., regular MAPA meeting in July is the annual MAPA Picnic on the Brow
- Third Weekend in August 17, 18, 19, 20 450 Mile Yard Sale

Rhododendron Garden Club Meeting Dates

The Rhododendron Garden Club June 13 meeting will be a brown bag lunch. Members are to meet at 12:30 p.m., at the Community House. After lunch, members will carpool to visit the day lily garden of Mrs. Marzee Etheridge in Ider as part of the June 13, 2000 meeting. The yearbooks will be passed out at the meeting.

The July 11 meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., at the new Jim Berry Hall Scout Hut on Dempsey Avenue located behind the Little River Hardware.