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CECIL BRIDGEMAN- A COMMUNITY LEADER CALLED HOME

J.L. Gibson

Cecil Rowan Bridgeman was born June 27, 1921 to Sherman Bridgeman and Essie Wooten. He was the first child born of the 7 total children. He had 3 brothers: Charles, Robert, and Haskell. He had 3 sisters: MarvaLee, Sally, and my mother, Mary. Growing up was like other typical families in the 1920s. It was rough times. The economy was low and all the economic factors were present leading the Depression. Cecil's father was a farmer and a Veteran of World War I. Cecil's mother worked in the hosiery industry up until she had children and then became a full-time housewife.

Growing up, Cecil helped out on his parents' farm raising the crop needed to feed the family as soon as he was old enough to hit the fields. He attended school at Valley Head. Cecil was influenced in many different ways as a child, Cecil's father being a veteran of World War I set the foundation of what would be Cecil's future in the protection of our country and American politics. His father felt very strongly about war and would hand down his thoughts and feelings to Cecil.

Another influence in his life as a child was his mother, Essie Bridgeman was a true devout Christian. She attended church every Sunday. Cecil had a role model, though, that excelled all others and that was his grandfather, Essie Bridgeman's father, Lorenzo Dow Wooten, was a Baptist minister. Everyone in DeKalb County know of Dow Wooten and his faith in God. I heard Cecil tell many times of how he remembered hearing his grandfather pray. Cecil's words were quote: "My grandfather could pray the house top off nearly."

Along with his grandfather's preaching came another influence that Cecil felt very strongly about. The Wooten family was originally from England and when they came to America they brought something with them that would totally change the south in the way they knew music. The Wooten family were singers of "Sacred Harp" music. It was known in the south at that time as 4-note singing. Cecil recalled lots of times going to singings and revivals and hearing his mother Essie participating in the singings and how much of an impact that musical gift was to him. The Wooten family was the first to bring over Sacred Harp singing to the United States and they are still singing it today.

Well, The Great Depression came in 1929 and the family's survival was really put to the test like most other families in this area during that time. The Bridgemans stood the test of time. They survived and kept that closeness as they always had.



CECIL BRIDGEMAN

Then came the biggest event that would affect Cecil Bridgeman's life forever. On December 7, 1941, Japanese submarines and carrier-based planes attacked Pearl Harbor. This was the beginning of World War II. Eventually, things got worse and President Roosevelt called for a national draft. The draft eventually got Cecil. On October 5, 1942, Cecil received the letter that he was to be drafted. On October 7, 1942, Cecil was inducted into the United States Army. He entered into active service on October 21, 1942, at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He trained for 1 year, 3 months and 22 days before he was to go fight in the war. On April 6, 1944, Cecil Bridgeman departed the land of the United States to go fight in war for the safety, justice, and freedom of our country.

He arrived in France on April 16, 1944, to join the European Theater. He was made Staff Sergeant of the "Company D 330th Infantry". During the course of the war, Cecil was wounded a total of 4 times. The first time he was in Saint Louis, France. After he was wounded, he was flown to England to the "First General Hospital." After he was released from the hospital, he went to fight around Saint Melo, France where he was wounded the 2nd time. He was treated at the field hospital for that wound. After he was released, he went back into action and fought up into Leuxburg, into the city of Collogue, Germany. It was there in Collogue, Germany that he was wounded a 3rd time. Once again, he was released from the hospital and went back into action. He then fought in around the Rhine River. There he was in severe heavy battles. He survived but only by a slight margin. While fighting around the Rhine River, Cecil told me about an instance where he faced a near death experience. Cecil and the troops in his battalion were walking and suddenly they all heard a torpedo go off. After it was fired, they heard nothing. They then got worried. Cecil always said when they fire a torpedo and you can hear it after the launch then you're ok; but, if you can't hear it, then you knew you were in trouble. So, after the Germans fired that torpedo; and they didn't hear it, they got worried. And then all a sudden, BOOM! The torpedo had hit the ground 20 feet in front

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NOTE: Annual MAPA picnic on the brow at the next meeting, July 2. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the food, fellowship and view.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

May 10, 2002

Dear Editor:

I read the May reprint of the 1940 "Game and Fish" article submitted by Claud E. Owens, Jr., with considerable interest. My memory runs from approximately 1945 forward. I attended some of the meetings of the Mentone Conservation Club and I do recall some of the subsequent activities performed on behalf of that organization. Some positive, and some of a less positive character.

Perhaps, Mr. Owens would like to write "the rest of the story" in a future issue of "The Groundhog."

Respectfully,
John S. Baty

Dear Editor:

When the old Moon Lake School building burned in the winter of Jan. or Feb. 1928, the students didn't go to Valley Head. They had school in the Moon Lake Baptist Church and the Wesleyan Church until the Baptist Church burned. Mr. and Mrs. Matheny let them use one room of their house on West River Road, for the older students. My husband was one of them. Winfred Smith was Principal, so he stayed with them; and the younger ones finished the year at the Wesleyan Church. My first year of school was in fall of 1928, in the new school building, which looks much different today. My daddy, Frank Green, and daddy-in-law, Bob Pullen, helped build the new school with many other parents and neighbors.

I just thought you probably didn't know this. After the older students finished 9th grade, some did walk to Valley Head, Bill did from down where they lived, then he and Alleen boarded with Sallie Peak part time.

Grace Pullen

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Mrs. Addie Hall - celebrating her one hundredth birthday recently



St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church now has applications available for the Jimmy McCary Scholarship Fund. This fund has provided many scholarships to students from the local area for quite a few years, and applications from qualified candidates will be taken until July 1, 2002.

The guidelines for these scholarships are:

1. A fully complete scholarship application and family financial statement must be received by the deadline. Forms received after the deadline will generally not be considered since there are limited funds and a large number of applicants.
2. These scholarships are available only to Mentone and Valley Head residents.
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5. Before the scholarship is awarded, proof of admission and enrollment must be provided on an official form from the school.
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8. The scholarships are available for a maximum of four years.
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It makes me feel good for people to stop me on the street and tell me they look forward to reading this column every month and appreciate what we (Town Council and Waterworks Board) are trying to do to serve the people. Appreciation is always welcome. Constructive criticism we listen to and try to correct and improve on.

The trees we received from the National Tree Trust which were planted by the Seniors & Beautification Committee in April in Mason Park have done extremely well. When the seedlings arrived by UPS they appeared to be sticks. Now every one of them has sprouted and is growing. One particular one I keep an eye on beside Town Hall has beautiful leaves on it and has grown at least two feet. I believe it is a black gum. We also have red maple. We plan to build new walking bridges in the park soon from a donation we received from Senator Lowell Barron for use in the parks.

Many of you have asked about the plans and grant application we applied for last year to put in curbs, sidewalks, a cross walk, and landscaping at the caution light. We have been advised no one has received any notice regarding this grant. In a meeting with Senator Barron we asked him to look into the status of it for us. We have received a copy of a very nice letter he wrote to the Director of ALDOT, Mr. Paul Bowlin, on behalf of Mentone in support of this project.

The Rhododendron Festival went very well from a traffic flow point of view. The weather hampered the turnout which accounts for reduced traffic. However, it seemed to pick up on Sunday. Maybe the turnout for the fall festival will be more productive.

The council at its June meeting appointed Huey Mathews to chair the Planning Commission and to be zoning administrator, and also appointed Marie Corsetti to the commission.

The Architectural Review Board established in 1992 by ordinance has not been used before because there was no commercial development. We have appointed five members to this board to review new and renovations development plans in order to keep Mentone's commercial development aesthetically in accord with the rest of the architectural scheme in Mentone. This review and the board's recommendations will be done after an application for a certificate of compliance is submitted to the zoning administrator.

Waterworks Board: Bid opening from seven contractors on May 2nd for the Drought Relief Grant ranged from 301M low bidder to 640M high bidder. This was approximately 136M below the projected cost of the project. We were given permission by RDA to apply for change orders to use the balance of the grant in the areas which had been environmentally accessed.

The Rehab and Tank Grant engineering is being completed and confirmation for this portion of our water program has been committed by RDA. Included in this application is a Waterworks Board office and some equipment.

Gody Michael Crowder

Cody Michael Crowder arrived April 7, 2002 at BMQ Birmingham, AL. He weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz. Proud parents are Phillip and Lisa Crowder of Ragland AL. Grandparents are Debbie Castleberry of Pell City, Darrell and Margaret Crowder of Ragland; Mike and Lu Smith of Mentone; and Annette Willoughby of Gadsden.

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Good news from Robert Nancarrow. He writes that daughters, Carolyn and Christine have decided that Barbara and he need a few weeks of "recharging their batteries" back home in Mentone. So, both daughters are going to help drive them down and back from Michigan to visit. Around June 26 or June 27, they will be here until about July 6.

James and Betty Johnson spent Mothers' Day weekend in Clemson, SC. First time Betty had been with all her family on Mothers' Day in several years.

Frances Crowe and Lila Pettet from Clinton, TN, spent a recent weekend with James and Betty Johnson--all attended Decoration at Bankhead Cemetery.

Mary Catherine Joiner, from Summerfield, NC, paid a surprise visit to Betty & James Johnson. They were glad to see her. Mary brought her aunt, who is a sister to Robert Daniel. They visited the grave of Robert and Ruby Daniel and went by their home place, too.

Copies of the book, *Parallel Lives: Soul Sisters* by Jean McGehee and Mireille Schenl can be purchased for \$10.00. Copies are available at ML School or you can call Jean at 634-4377. All proceeds go to benefit Moon Lake School.

Happy July Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: ●1 - Ann Harcrow Pelletier; Mike and Barbara Petersen (Anniv.); ●2 - Terry Hartline; Jerry and Merle Stokes (anniv.); Larry and Gail Smalley (Anniv.); ●3 - Jerry Lewis, Nick Black, Kenneth and Gail Chambers (anniv.); Larry Smalley; ●4 - Gerry Disney; ●6 - Eunice Moore; Elizabeth Brown (Gulfport, MS); ●8 - Joey and Kumi Dillenbeck of Huntsville (anniv.); Kaylee Tucker; ●9 - Rhonda Blalock; ●10 - Alan Ball; Frank and Linda Hill (Anniv.); ●11 - Alan McElhaney, Garrett Collins, Barbie Hester; ●12 - Cindy Harrison, Charles Gray; ●13 - Traida Pullon, Penny McElhaney, Sissy Crider; Jolee Brown (Gulfport, MS); ●14 - Pat Blankenship; Jeffery Hopper; ●15 - Lois Foshee, Gage King, Jason Dean, Bro. Gary Moore; ●16 - Catherine Wright (in memory of); Chris Busby; ●17 - Kayla Hazell, Christopher Glenn Black; Kayla Willbanks; ●18 - Loy Langston, Becky Langston; Kimberly Willbanks; ●19 - Sybil Tipton; ●20 - Craig Huihan; Barry Blalock; ●21 - Eddie Langston; Jody Brown (Gulfport, MS); ●22 - Jewel (Rogers) McDaniel, Keith Langston, Linda Clark; ●24 - Barbara Davis; ●25 - Linda Smalley Gregory, Robert "Dort" Brown (Gulfport, MS); ●26 - Pam Dean; ●29 - Erna Black; ●30 - Zack Dean; ●31 - Jack (Buffalo Man) Martin, Paige Wright.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

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RECIPE CORNER

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Summer is upon us and exciting things are going on here in Mentone. The new library is well on its way to becoming a great school and community asset, camps are opening, and if you are like us, our calendar is filling with visits from family and friends (and visits to family and friends). Bill and I just returned from a wonderful long weekend visit with our daughter and her family in Florida. We had a great time and ate so much good seafood that we seem to have developed fins.

I have been trying things from a new cookbook, which I bought with the intention of giving to my son-in-law, Bob, and finally bought another one for him since I had dribbled olive oil on his... too bad, I had to keep this one. There is a frittata recipe I have used that is wonderful and a great dish for breakfast or any meal, which I want to share with you. Also, I am repeating a recipe for a candy called pinebark, which someone requested and is worth repeating. Enjoy the summer and sharing good food with your loved ones.

PINE BARK - Becky Emerick
Saltine Crackers
2 sticks butter
1 cup brown sugar, packed
12-oz package milk chocolate chips
Line 10 x 14 inch pan with foil. Cover bottom of pan with saltines. Boil together for three minutes: 2 sticks butter, and cup packed brown sugar. Pour the sugar mixture over the saltines. Bake 7 minutes in 400-degree oven. Remove and sprinkle one 12-oz package of milk chocolate chips over top. When soft (about 30 seconds) spread with spatula. Chill in refrigerator for at least 2 hours. Peel away from foil and break in pieces.



Mountain Grove at Cloudland

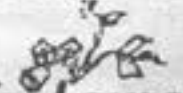
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Sherry Tamburo and potter Morgana MacVicar paint sunflowers on Mountain Mamas. Photo by Mary Alice Stout

NEW ATTRACTION AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

by Mary Alice Stout

The front of Mountain Mamas Craft Shop now has giant painted sunflowers. This is a "must see" attraction. Coming from Mentone, the shop is located on Hwy 48 in GA, on the left, one half mile AL-GA line (where AL Hwy 117 ends). Coming from Marietta, GA, Mountain Mamas is on the right shortly after the yellow blinking light, heading toward Mentone. The shop is open Fri, Sat, and Sun, noon to 6:00 pm GA time.

Mountain Mamas opened for its eighth season this March. One of the eight owner artists, Sherry Tamburo, has been living in Norwich, Connecticut, and working at Home Depot as a kitchen designer. During May, Sherry came to visit friends and her property in Cloudland, and helped out at the Shop. Working together with other Mountain Mama owners, Sherry was the spark to get the front of the shop repainted—and with beautiful murals! She also rearranged the inside. Come and see the changes!

Along with the Rock Shop and the Mostly Shop (collectibles and second hand), Mountain Mamas has nearly 50 area women artists showing their art work and crafts. Sherry's hand woven rugs and tile mosaics are displayed in the shop.

TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

Tri-County is organizing for its participation in the World's Longest Yard Sale during the third week of August. Tri-County volunteers will be selling bar-b-q and hamburger sandwiches.

A big tent will be set up to sell yard sale items. If you have items to donate, call Chief Howard Durham at 706-862-6400 or Asst. Chief Janet Harris at 706-862-2128. Either of them will help you arrange pick-up of your items. As always, Tri-County thanks you for your contributions.



New Generation Dancers Brooklyn Wright and Canessa Smith - part of the entertainment at the festival



Ballet dancers Amelia Saferite and Brooklyn Wright - part of the entertainment at the festival

AMERICAN LEGION POST 215 MENTONE, AL

At the May 14, meeting, new officers for the year were elected.

Commander - Jack Jones
Vice Commander - Lee Hammond
Adjutant - Ed Ringer
Chaplin - Howard Carson
Sgt-at-Arms - Jimmy Wright

On Sunday, May 19, Howard Carson, Luther King, Jack Jones, and Bill Schwarz, members of Post 215, placed 33 flags on grave sites of Veterans at Little River Cemetery. On Sunday, May 26, 26 flags were placed at Bankhead Cemetery.

Post 215 hosted the June 11 District Meeting at the American Legion Hall. Ed Ringer, Past District Commander honored the new Commander of the District with a dinner. Guests and ladies were invited.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, under the leadership of their newly-elected president, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, served a delicious spaghetti dinner.

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Hilary Lawton

OPTIMIST CLUB
AWARD presented by
Nita Stephens
Brittany Crane

PRINCIPAL'S
LEADERSHIP AWARD &
THE ALABAMA
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PRINCIPALS
ACADEMIC HONOR
AWARD
JerryLee Brisandine

RECOGNITION OF
VALEDICTORIAN AND
CO-Valedictorians -
GARY TALLEY
JerryLee Brisandine
Brandy Browder and
Stacy Hyde

SAR AWARD
PRESENTED BY
MR. ED RINGER
Sharon Jenkins

UNITED STATES ARMY
RESERVE NATIONAL
SCHOLAR/ATHLETE
AWARD PRESENTED BY
GARY TALLEY -
Chris Meacham and
Kelly Owens

SENIOR BETA CLUB -
PINNING OF NEW
MEMBERS
BY ANDREA GRICHAM:
Robert Brown
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Felina Hannah
Jonathan Mayhew
Ashley McSpadden
Donny Meacham
Kayla Smith
Aaron Streeter

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Amelia Hannah
Robert Kaubis
Ellian Lewis
Dallas Manning
Giovanna Martinez
Faviola Mendoza
Brittney Michaels
Chris Moran
Ashley Tinker
Cayla Voils
Billy Wallace

PRESIDENT'S
EDUCATION AWARDS
presented by Gary Talley
Faviola Mendoza
Brittney Michaels
Ashley Tinker
Billy Wallace
Zach Cooper
Alan Crider
Amelia Hannah
Ethan Lewis
Dallas Manning
Chris Moran
Kira Goodwin
Emily Tipton
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Lori Hope
Brandy Manning
Sheena Mossa
Kellye Phillips
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Amber Hannah
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Elizabeth Davis

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STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
AWARDS
PRESENTED BY MR. TALLEY
Nina Stanfill
Amanda Knowles
Donny Meacham
Chris Richardson
Jacki Davis
Kyle Garrett
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Jason Wright

7TH GRADE
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS
7th Grade Geography
Angel Lewclink
7th Grade Geography
Ethan Lewis
7th Grade Geography
Amelia Hannah
7th Grade Math
Chris Moran
7th Grade Computer
Literacy -
Alan Crider
7th Grade Computer
Literacy -
Ashley Tinker
7th Grade Literature,
English -
Dallas Manning
7th Grade Literature,
Geography -
Faviola Mendoza
7th Grade Science,
Literature -
Brittany Michaels

7th Grade Science,
Literature, Geography
Math, Computer Literacy
- Billy Wallace

8TH GRADE
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS
Green Hand Award -
Taylor Verdon
Green Hand Award -
Chris Connell
Family/Consumer
Science -
Laura Floyd
8th Grade World History
- Cayla Voils
8th Grade Science -
Lori Hope
Pre-Algebra -
Giovanna Martinez
8th Grade Science,
English -
Kira Goodwin
8th Grade Science, Pre-
Algebra, World History,
English, Math, Family/
Consumer Science -
Emily Tipton

9TH GRADE
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS
Top Salesperson during
the Fruit Sale -
Ashley Clark
Family/Consumer
Science -
Natacha Tishaw
Family/Consumer
Science -
Amanda Johnson
Computer Repair -
David Boman
Computer Repair -
Heather Fierman
World History -
Josh Smith
Spanish I -
Brittany Turner
Computer Applications,
Algebra I -
Kim Pritchett
World History, Physical
Science -
Chris Miller
Family/Consumer
Science, Spanish I,
Algebra I, English -
Amber Hannah
Physical Science,
Computer Repair,
Spanish I, Algebra I,
English -
Mak Battles

10TH GRADE
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS
Academic Mentoring -
Aaron Streeter
Academic Mentoring -
Elizabeth Davis
Health -
Ashley McSpadden
Health -
Almeda Parker
Algebra A -
Brett Turner
Algebra A -
Megan Wooten
Algebra B -
Sarah Barkley
Biology I, Computer
Repair -
Aaron Streeter
Geometry, Biology I -
Jeremy Edgeworth
English, Health,
Geometry, Spanish II -
Kayla Smith

11TH GRADE
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS
Family/Consumer
Science
Ashley Harris
Main in Society -
Karina Taylor
Geometry A -
Dale Molinas
English -
Karl Tamm
American History -
Jeff Cooper
English, Family/
Consumer Science -
Felina Hannah
American History,
Biology II -
Mainer Perry
Honors English,
Psychology, Sociology -
Beth Easter

12TH GRADE
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS
Top Scorer in Forestry -
Zac Pritchett
Geometry B -
Clay Castleberry
Geometry B -
Nina Stanfill Jones
Economics
Andrea Gricham
Honors English -
Brandy Browder
Anatomy -
Jessica Baty
Biology II -
Traci Sims

Yearbook Editor -
Hilary Lawton
Anatomy, English
Geometry B -
Kristy Hatfield
Chemistry, Advanced
Math, Algebra II,
American Government
JerryLee Brisandine

UGF SELECTS 2002-2003 CAMPAIGN GENERAL CHAIRMAN



Annette Phillips Quevedo

United Givers Fund President Linda Sterling, who has served as UGF Campaign General Chairman for the past two years, announced today that Annette Quevedo has agreed to head up this fall's fundraising Campaign. Sterling said she is looking forward to working with Ms. Quevedo as well as with all the new and past volunteers who will be involved in the campaign effort.

Annette Phillips Quevedo was born in Fort Payne and is the daughter of Hoyt and Ilaree Phillips who reside in Rosalie, Alabama. She grew up in Rossville, Georgia, and Fyffe, Alabama. After graduation from Fyffe High School, she attended Northeast State Community College where she earned AA and AS Degrees in English and Business Administration. She studied business law and marketing at Albany State University in Albany, Georgia.

Ms. Quevedo said, "Our community is rich in diversity. We house many families

who do not yet fully understand the benefit of the United Givers Fund. One of my goals will be to more fully inform our newer community members about UGF and to solicit more community commitment and involvement from all areas."

For the past six years, Ms. Quevedo has been Human Resources Manager at Charleston Hosiery in Fort Payne. She serves as the DeKalb County representative of the Alabama Employer Services Committee.

Before moving back to her hometown of Fort Payne, Quevedo lived in California where she was a Certified Image Consultant, Certified Trainer, held a California Contractor's License, and was a member of the International Association of Concrete Repair Specialists where she served for three years on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. She was recognized in Who's Who Worldwide Business Leaders, Who's Who American Women, and Who's Who Women Executives.

Quevedo is married to Oscar Quevedo, who will be opening a new restaurant soon in the South "Y" Shopping Center in Fort Payne called Don Chico. Other family members include two daughters, Carrie Collins, and Dana Gaskins; a stepson, Jimmy Quevedo; three granddaughters, and five grandsons.

Speaking as a member of the UGF Board, Budget Committee, and as Campaign General Chairman for the upcoming Campaign, Ms. Quevedo said, "The UGF is a wonderful means to provide support to worthy agencies that in turn provide vital care and assistance to residents of DeKalb County. I am proud to be even a small part of an organization that does so much good for so many lives."

UNITED GIVERS FUND OF DEKALB COUNTY, INC. - SPOTLIGHT ON ROSE HAVEN, A UGF MEMBER AGENCY

Rose Haven, located in Etowah County, opened in 1985 as The Shelter, Inc. The agency was established to assist abused victims of domestic violence in Cherokee, Etowah, and DeKalb Counties. In 1997, the name was changed to Rose Haven-Center for Domestic Violence. The mission of this agency is to provide safe, confidential shelter, crisis intervention, and advocacy to these victims.

Rose Haven now provides a satellite office in DeKalb County with a 24-hour crisis line (845-9095) where collect calls are always accepted. Other services provided by the DeKalb County office include: access to a temporary, confidential, and secure emergency shelter, crisis counseling, and referrals to community resources. In addition, Rose Haven's attorney provides legal advocacy if needed. There are no fees for these services.

Olivia Cox is the Victim Service Coordinator for Rose Haven's DeKalb County office. She can be reached at 845-9229 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rose Haven's Speaker's Bureau offers programs on a variety of topics including child abuse, date rape, elder abuse, workplace violence, as well as programs for religious congregations, colleges, law enforcement agencies, health care professionals, and educators.

Anna Fulmer, Executive Director, says Rose Haven works as one of the advocate members of the DeKalb County Council on Domestic Violence. Paula Thomas serves as President of the Council, which is made up of a group of interested citizens working together to help improve a community's response to victims of domestic violence. The Honorable Todd Greeson of DeKalb County serves as President of Rose Haven's Board of Directors.

According to statistics, every 12 seconds a woman is abused in the United States. Domestic Violence is real. It happens every day. Rose Haven offers a totally safe, secure alternative to any abusive lifestyle. For more information, or to schedule a speaker for your club, church or organization, contact Rose Haven at 845-9229.

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1st place (L/R) Michael Frazier, Nathan Owen, Shane Ingram, Rhett Freeman



3rd Place (L/R) Donald Saferite, Roger Corbin, Cindy Jones (separate picture), Al Cherbonneau, not shown



2nd place (L/R) Doug Hair, Henry Bozeman, Andre Reynolds, M.C. Thompson



The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9:00 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6 PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6 PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotion 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. Everyone is welcome to come.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 8:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Anyone who would like to share their prayer needs are invited to call Venna Livingston at 635-6350 or Mary Holleman at 635-6241, so the church may pray for them. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

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 Pastors James Hartley and Ryan Dunnel.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 239 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School 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 weekdays.

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.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10 AM; 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.

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.

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

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

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, Georgia, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday evening at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Singing April 27, 7:00 GA time. Special Singers will be the Brown Brothers.

Lighthouse Fellowship assembly has moved to Cloudland. Turn at the produce stand, pass the tennis court, and go to the stop sign. Go right two blocks. A church alive is worth the drive. Sunday School - 10 AM; Worship - 11 AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-862-2607.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM; Worship at 11 AM; Wednesday Bible Study at 6 PM. 256-634-4137.

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.

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 Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible Study Wed. 7:00-7:45 PM. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

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 Flennigan invites everyone to attend.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend any of their services or activities. Two Morning Services with Children's Church are at 8:45 AM, with Sunday School at 10 AM, and the second service at 11 AM. 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.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School - 10 AM; Morning Worship - 11 AM. Sunday evening - 6 PM; Wednesday evening - 6:30 PM. Pastor LuRue Garraway welcomes new comers.

Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church, 1041 Yankee Rd, Cloudland, GA 30731, 706-398-7018, now offers a 24 hour Prayer Line. Need Prayer? Just call and leave your message. Other activities include: Sunday School - 10 AM; Worship Services - 11 AM & 6 PM; Monday 7-8 PM - Informal Prayer Time; Wednesday 7 PM - Mid-week Prayer Service; Thursday 7-8 PM - Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and You!

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama, regular services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Frankie Jones. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 2 PM in the fellowship hall; and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30 PM at the church.



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Linda Patterson, owner of the chapel, said the idea for it began with a ball, and now that ball rings as newlyweds exit the door of the chapel.

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CECIL BRIDGEMAN- A CO

of Cecil and his troops. It was a dud. Cecil often said had the torpedo not been a dud, he and his group would have lost their lives on the Rhine River that day. He finished there and then went into the Hurricane Forest to fight where he was wounded the 4th and final time. He was then sent to a hospital in Belgium. He suffered severe wounds and there he was disqualified for active duty.

Another near death experience I heard Cecil talk about was after he was wounded the 4th time. He said the Normandy Invasion occurred only within 7-10 days. Cecil said if he had not gotten wounded the last time, then he would have been in the Normandy invasion, and there he felt he would have lost his life because so many Americans were killed during that invasion.

On November 15, 1945, Cecil left France and was on his way back to the United States, serving 1 year 7 months and 23 days overseas. He arrived in the U.S. on November 28, 1945. When he returned, he received a number of decorations and medals to commend him for his brave effort in the fight for our country. He received the following medals: 1. Purple Heart. 2. General Hospital. 3. American Service Medal. 4. Good Conduct Medal. 5. World War II Victory Medal. 6. European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with 3 bronze stars. 7. Combat Infantryman Badge. His total length of service was October 7, 1942, to December 5, 1945.

While in service, he first qualified to use a 2nd Class II machine gun earning the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Staff Sergeant Pistol. He then earned the military and occupational specialty of "Section Leader of Heavy Machine Gun." His most memorable moments of his time in service were as follows:

1. Going 40 days and nights without getting to take a bath or even getting to wash his face.
2. While fighting in France, they captured 21,000 Germans.
3. When they were issued new socks, he noticed they were made in his hometown of Fort Payne, AL.

After returning to the United States, he joined his family in Valley Head for a warm welcome home. He held various occupations throughout his life. Around the 1970s, he started to get involved in politics here in DeKalb County. Cecil helped politicians such as W.C. Buttram, Mack Mc McCollum, Karen Albrecht, Judge Paul Thomas, and Randy Turnlin, and State Senator Lowell Barron. He always stayed active in politics and felt very strongly about them.

Then, on September 14, 1974, he married the love of his life—his wife, Thelma Brown Rains. Cecil had 2 step sons: Gerald Rains, and Ronnie Rains. He had 2 step daughters: Sandra Mitchell, and Carolyn Lamunyon.

Cecil was also well known for his faithfulness and dedication to his church. Cecil always went throughout the county speaking with people about getting to know God and getting into church. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Hammondville, AL, where he was the oldest member of the church and having the longest membership there at the church. The latest addition to the church was a 28' by 50' fellowship hall where Cecil was instrumental in raising large amounts of money for the completion of the project. He loved his church and stuck with it through thick and thin right to the very end. He went throughout the

community witnessing to people and played a big part in building up the church. He was also Sunday School Superintendent for many years. Cecil loved many things in life but he loved one thing most of all. He loved his Lord and Savior.

Cecil was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was always proud of the lodge and everything that it stood for. He joined the lodge in the 1952. He started at entry level in the lodge and worked his way up to the top by being a Master Mason. He always wore his Masonic ring. Cecil was initiated and entered as an apprentice mason on April 11, 1952; he passed to the degree of fellowcraft on September 26, 1953; and was raised to the sublime degree of master mason on December 11, 1953.

In his last years, he farmed and sold vegetables all over DeKalb Co. He was known by a lot of people as the "Turnip Green Man." In 1988, he began a produce-supplying job with Steve Boggs, produce manager at Bruce's Foodland in Fort Payne, selling turnip greens, okra, peas, etc. Shan Bruce then opened Foodland South Fort Payne in 1998 where Cecil supplied produce up until the store closed in 2000. People from all over DeKalb County drove to Hammondville to purchase produce Cecil grew in his garden.

In March 2002, Cecil learned he had cancer. In April, he went to UAB hospital in Birmingham where he underwent a 6-hour surgery. He made it through the surgery fine. He then got complications because of the surgery and, eventually, too many complications caused him to lose his fight for recovery. The Lord called Cecil home on April 17, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.

Cecil was a lot more than just an ordinary man. He was fighter and a winner. He was a motivator to all who came in contact with him. He was a leader not only to his troops in service but in church and in the community.

As for me, J.L. Gibson, he was largely responsible for motivating me in my musical achievements. I loved and respected this man, my uncle, with all sincerity. He will be missed by all who knew him. I thank God for the time I got to know him and the impact he made in my life. I never will forget the times we talked.

Cecil was buried Friday April 19, 2002, at Whitehall Cemetery in Hammondville in the Bridgeman family burial plot. The funeral was held at Burt Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Payne with Rev. Larry McKinney and Rev. James Johnson officiating. Music was provided by Carl and Estelle Hale, Bonnie Helms, and J.L. Gibson. At the cemetery, Cecil was laid to rest in a military ceremony and a Masonic ceremony. Pallbearers were Richard, Michael, and Gary Bridgeman, Larry Chapman, and Chris and Buddy Lamunyon. Honorary pallbearers were Jack Lyons, Dennis Childress, Benny O'Shields, Jim Carmichael, and J.L. Gibson.



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Military photo of Cecil Bridgeman

Comments by people Cecil knew

1. Kenneth "Bozo" Hammond: I know Cecil all his life. Remember when he went to war and when he was wounded. Remember Cecil enjoying baseball after his times in service, and big follower of Valley Head Tiger Football. I never will forget the bird dog Cecil had named "Dot". He was given up and ended up being one of the best bird dogs in the northeast part of our county. He was the backbone of Bethel Church.

2. Steve Doggs: Being produce manager at Bruce's Foodland, I was in contact with Cecil several days a week. Cecil started selling his vegetables to me in 1996 and I bought from him up till his death. People would always come into the store and want to know if Cecil Bridgeman grew those turnip greens or okra. Everyone always enjoyed his crop. I bought turnip greens, okra, peppers, turnip roots. We talked a lot when he would come in here. Mostly about Football and politics. Cecil was a true supporter of the Alabama Crimson Tide football program. He followed it very closely.

3. Karen Whitmire Albrecht: I met Cecil when I was running for office of Revenue Commissioner of DeKalb County in 1991. I went to Mack McCollum and told him that I needed help in my campaigning and without hesitation he said you go to Cecil Bridgeman; he's the best man I can get. So Mack introduced us in 1991. Cecil played a vital part in my campaign and my winning the elections. He went out and talked with people throughout all DeKalb County. He knew how to talk with people because he always knew what was going on in politics. If I needed anything done, Cecil knew who to go to. He knew this county real well. I would have to call him a lot of times because I would go out and get lost in the county and Cecil always knew how to get me back on track wherever I was at. He was always so eager to help. I would go to his house and speak with him about campaign issues and he never hesitated to help. He was also serious who he helped campaign. He didn't help just anyone.

4. Judge Paul Thomas: I knew Cecil well. He was always involved in my campaigns. One thing politicians learned very quickly when trying to win

elections in DeKalb County, was that you needed Cecil Bridgeman's support to win. Cecil would start helping me 2 or 3 months before the primaries by talking with people and helping me plan my campaign. The week of primaries he worked very hard trying to get everything to come together. He was a very intelligent man and really enjoyed politics and campaigning. Cecil had a lot of influence in the politics in this area. The big thing I remember about Cecil was that he never rode the fence post. He was open about who he was for and he stayed with them. Cecil helped me in my first campaign back in 1976 and had a large role in my winning that election.

5. Jimmy Lindsay: Cecil was a good friend. I always knew Cecil by having the biggest pea patch I'd ever seen. I'd always ask him, "Cecil how in the world do you grow so many?" Cecil would just look at me and smile. I knew he had a secret to agricultural success and he was going to keep it to himself. The biggest thing I remember about Cecil was he would go out in the county and witness to people about God. I would see him at the coffee shop and talk and if he saw someone that he thought didn't know God he went and talked with them. Not only there, but throughout all public places.

6. Jack Lyons: I knew Cecil when WWII happened. He could say the nicest prayers I ever heard. We talked about gardening and all sorts of things. He was wonderful for encouraging people. He encouraged me lots of times. I visited him lots at church and had the most wonderful fellowship. The biggest thing I remember was the day of his surgery. I drove Cecil and his wife to Birmingham the day before his surgery and stayed the night. Well, the day of his surgery, he was sitting on a hospital bed and the nurse came around and said "Okay, Mr. Bridgeman we're ready for you." When I started to leave, I told him I was praying for him and was hoping everything was going to be all right. The last words he said to me were, "Thanks, Jack, for everything you have done. I really appreciate it. If I don't make it through it, then I'll see you again one day."

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THE STORY BEHIND FATHER'S DAY

Holiday founded at Spokane YMCA to honor father of six motherless children

From the June 16, 2000 issue of The Times-Journal

CHICAGO—At the turn of the century it was unusual and especially difficult for fathers to raise their children alone. A young girl named Sonora Louise Smart recognized this and believed that fathers as well as mothers deserved a day of honor.

The inspiration for Father's Day came to Smart in 1909, while listening to a sermon celebrating Mother's Day. Smart wished to honor her father, William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran who had raised her and five brothers alone following her mother's death. She thought of honoring fathers through religious services, special meals, small gifts wearing roses, and she shared her idea with local religious leaders meeting at the Spokane, Wash. YMCA. The group agreed and passed a resolution to observe a Father's Day.

The first celebration took place at the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910, the month of William Smart's birthday. The idea spread rapidly and President Wilson officially recognized the holiday in 1916. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge endorsed a national observance and in 1971 President Nixon and Congress proclaimed Father's Day a national tradition.

"In Ms. Smart's day, single fathers were uncommon," said Ken Gladish, Ph.D., national executive director, YMCA of the USA. "But today, more than 2 million men are primary caregivers to their children—and as many as 20% of them are stay-at-home dads."

"At the YMCA, we see fathers taking a much more active role in raising their children, joining family activity nights, volunteering with their kids, arranging child care and participating in one-on-one programs," Gladish said.

"They are coaches, teachers, role models and confidants. They deserve this recognition more than ever—and all the support community-based organizations like YMCAs can give them. And we couldn't be prouder to have played a role in a day honoring America's fathers!"

The number of fathers who are primary caregivers has quadrupled since 1970 when the U.S. Census Bureau recorded less than one-half million fathers who alone were responsible for raising their children.

Sonora Louise Smart-Dodd died at the age of 96 but her legacy lives on. A monument to Ms. Smart's holiday stands at the Spokane YMCA where today thousands of fathers and their children enjoy a wide range of family programs. The Father's Day Monument in Spokane, Wash., where the first observance was held on June 19, 1910, says: "Within this building, June 6, 1910, Father's Day was founded by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd as a tribute to her father, William Jackson Smart, a pioneer, and to all devoted fathers. This plaque is an honor gift from Spokane County Pioneer Society. June 19, 1948."

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Such lovely summer days, --so hazy--
When you would like to be--so lazy--
But you're busier than ever,
Because you're not clever--
You're in hock
To the clock!

You would like to sit and rock
And just kinda take stock
Of all the beauties around you
But lots of duties surround you,
And the clock
Rocks, "Tick Tock"!

You would like to watch each bird,
Listen to music never heard,
Visit a while with lonely friends,
But typical of current trends--
Clock says "No,
No time to go!"

Would like to walk by the stream,
And just meditate and dream,
And think of lofty things,
While the water softly sings,
The clock chimes,
"Other times"!

Would like so very much,
Each flower to see and touch
To feel its texture and to smell
Its perfume I love so well
But the clock
Calls "Tick Tock"!

To see each little animal in the wood,
Would be so wonderful if I could,
And watch the leaves dance on the trees,
And feel them caress me with their breeze--
But that clock
Says "Tick Tock"!

Would like to read a good book,
In a quiet secluded nook,
And let all tensions fade away,
But all night and all day--
Hear the clock
Say "Tick Tock"?

A poem or story I could write,
Or paint a picture or take flight
To far or near exotic places,
But there is no time for such graces,
For the clock
Knocks, "Tick Tock"!

Summers are flying faster by,
It will only be a breath and a sigh
Until we wonder where they went
And how the time was really spent
And the clock
Cries, "Tick Tock"!

The wise man ever regrets,
The fleeting moments he never forgets:
The flaming colors of lovely sunsets
The magnificence of mountains high,
The significance of the butterfly,
The promise of the rainbow in the sky,
Sings his clock,
"Tickety Tock"!

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There have been decorations in the cemeteries, and remembering loved ones who have gone and brought crowds of relatives together to reminisce and make new memories.

Betty, Jim and Michelle Adams from Gadsden and Nelson and Elizabeth Ellie from Rainsville, visited Mary, Tad and John Holleman, after attending the Valley Head Cemetery decoration. Mary Lou, Missy and Jessica Biddle had visited the Hollemans after their reunion at Pine Grove on the third Sunday in May.

Edith and John Dean had about forty, including their family and cousins and family of Mary Dean McGonathy, at their house for covered dish lunch after the Valley Head decorations.

Frances Mitchell Rodman, from Minville, Oregon, was a guest of her sister, Rachel Manning, for two weeks, Helen Sires, another sister from Lake Eufaula also visited. They had a spend-the-day party with nineteen cousins from Springfield, Missouri; Asheville, NC; and Atlanta, GA. They call these big family gatherings a Scottish title, "Inferre," and I'm sure they have "good fare."

John and Jean Jones visited their sons Doug and Roy and families in Chesapeake, VA, and attended Roy's daughter, Megan's high school graduation. There were twenty-three in her home schooled organization. It was a very special ceremony with the parents presenting the diplomas and each had a three-minute presentation and made it very reverent.

Katie Frazier visited her parents, Charlie and Debbie Frazier, at the Bible Camp for intercity children near Peoria, IL. She also visited other relatives in Wisconsin and Minnesota. She is now working with Jennifer Carroll at the Rehabilitation Center at Rainsville.

My granddaughter, Robin Darby, from Collierville, TN, spent Memorial weekend with me and left my house cleaner than she found it.

Lillian Pickett entertained the Sunshine Club at her home, May 23. Those present were: Elizabeth Bauerte, Lillie Bowden, Susie Clark, Verence Hawkins, Ruth Pickett, and Jewel Shelburne. Lillian gave the devotional and Susie was elected the new card chairman.

Ed Ringer attended his nephew, Edward Spencer Ringer's high school graduation, May 31, at Florence High School in Jackson, MS. There were one hundred ten graduates. Ed is attending the Ringer reunion in Winnebago, SC, this week.

Marion O'Dell's daughter, Sharon Abercrombie, from Pickens, SC, spent several days with her and attended church with her last Sunday.

Lillie Bowden and daughter, Jo Welch, attended the Watson reunion, Sat., Jun 8, at the home of Gene

and Shirley Vinion, at LaGrange, GA. There were about sixty present. Gene had built a pavilion and made a playground with rides and made a wonderful place for reunions. Lillie's mother was a Watson.

Verence Hawkins, Lillie Bowden, Susie Clark, Leona Chadwick, Evelyn Clark, Ruth Pickett and enjoyed a visit with Mrs. Addie Hall and her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Porter, in Chattanooga, June 10. It was so good to see Addie looking so beautiful and so alert after one hundred years.

Evelyn Clark is now residing at DeKalb Villa in Fort Payne. We will miss her.

Congratulations to JerryLee Brisendine, the Valley Head Valedictorian; and Brandy Browder and Stacey Hyde, Co-Salutatorians; and to Beth Moore, who was awarded a \$750 scholarship from the Alabama Water and Pollution Control Association. She was also elected Vice President of the Able Student Alliance at Northeast State Community College.

Members and friends of Valley Head Methodist Church enjoyed a lavish covered dish feast at the beautifully redone house of Doug and Dael Hoyt, Sun., June 9. Those present included: Beverly Hoyt; Geneva and Pat Smith; Tad and Mary Holleman; John Holleman; Marion O'Dell; Jeff, Melinda and Amelia Adkins; Welbourn and Jean Mathews; Marjorie Gray; Mary Crow; Jane Kerby; Adelaide and Jessica Biddle; Venna Livingston; Mozelle Crow; Jim, Leslie and Jeb Bunch; Bob and Marion Solomon; and Eloise Brown.

Doris and Jim Carmichael attended the wedding of their grandson, William Thomas and Katherine Hackney, June 8, at the First Methodist Church in Talladega.

Laura Margaret Allison and her daughter, Ansley McGinnis, came to see me and brought me two lovely books. Laura Margaret was going home with Ansley to Florence, SC, for a visit. I repeat—how very much I appreciate every kind and thoughtful deed!

June 16 was a sad day at Valley Head Methodist Church. It was the last Sunday for Jeff and Melinda and Amelia Adkins. They have meant so much to us. They presented three beautiful flower arrangements to the church. The church gave them a crystal pitcher and on behalf of the congregation, I wrote them a poem and had it framed. "We know that for them we should rejoice, for them, in many ways, it is a better choice." They won't be far away and we will stay in touch. They made good bye easier by not making it public, but presenting each one a small scroll expressing their beautiful sentiments. We shall welcome Rev. Terry Wright (and wife) as our new pastor, Sunday, June 23.

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Determines the fate of our future days.

Respect of our fathers for worthwhile things, —
For education and rewards it brings,
For authority and obedience to 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 father gives to his child—
Will tame his habits inclined to be wild;
Will strengthen his character, help him live,
Instead of just getting, will teach to give.

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

Our fathers' faith founded our nation great,
And upon it depends our future fate,
If nations and families 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
In living together in joyful peace
Where blessings of happiness will increase.

—Eloise Brown

The Glory of June

Listen to earth croon
Nature's happy tune—
The music of June!

Look - flowers in bloom
Myriad colors loom—
The beauty of June!

Smell the sweet perfume,
Honeysuckles bloom
The aroma of June!

Feel the light caress
As warm breezes bless
With the touch of June!

Speak your thanks to God
For blessing the sod
With the harvest of June!

All earth is in tune,
And joyfully commune
With the glory of June.

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(12) **VALLEY VIEW FOREST** - Secluded with an incredible view of the valley and Weiss Lake, this cabin offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and an eat-in kitchen. The living room has pretty pine floors and lots of windows. The bedroom upstairs is extra large and could easily be made into two rooms. All this and more located on 7.1 acres. Call today for more details on your perfect get-away. ~~\$468,000~~ REDUCED TO \$418,500.



(13) **Large Front porch** welcomes neighbors and friends to this spacious rancher in Mentone. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, den with pine floors, and gas log fireplace. Beautiful landscaped yard with paved circular drive and privacy fence. All this plus 2.5 acres for \$3135,000.

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In January, the Board members of MAPA and their spouses met in the home of Sherman and Mickey Gough to discuss what we could do to improve the festival. We decided to approach the other local organizations with the idea of making the festival a community project. Later in the month, we invited representatives from the Fire Department; North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District (Gail Chambers), the Boy Scouts (Dr. Bill Berry), and the Tourism and Events Committee (Glenda Hollis) to meet with us. Glenda Hollis volunteered to host the meeting at the Mentone Inn. Huey and I had composed a list of all the things that need to be accomplished and when they need to be completed in preparation for the festival. Everyone seemed receptive to making it a joint

The Fire Department helped us tremendously. They seemed to be there every time we needed them, such as lending a can opener when ours would not work and sharing change when we ran short and had no one who could leave at the moment to obtain more. They also set up and dismantled the equipment required for serving food (this is shared by the Fire

Huey and I, and MAPA would like to express our thanks and appreciation to each of you who helped in any way. Whether you acted individually or as a group, your participation was special to us and to the success of another Rhododendron Festival.



Mapa Booth at Rhododendron Festival, Huey Mathews and Sherman Gough are working in the booth under the pavilion.



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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

May has been lovely most of the time, but we have had stormy weather and then very cool weather with frost in the valley. It was uncomfortably cold for our Rhododendron Festival. I felt sorry for the vendors at Brow Park where the wind blows all the time, but they stayed with it and had good sales.

Much appreciation goes to the boy scouts of Mentone Troop 106 for their help. They cleaned the roadside on 117, on the side of the mountain. Bless you boys and Scoutmaster David Gilbreath who supervised them, and thanks to Assistant Scout Master Bill Berry for helping the boys with the parking during the festival. They also cleaned the parking area that Homer and Huey Mathews have been doing. That was a great contribution.

Homer finally went to the doctor and found that he had pneumonia, and has had it for a month. So he couldn't do the jobs he has been doing. He did go to McMinnville, TN, with his brother, Jesse Crow, doing the driving, to get rhododendron plants to sell at the festival. They were nice plants and they sold well.

I missed the whole celebration by keeping shop during the whole time. I didn't even hear the music or enjoy looking at the variety of crafts for sale, but I did enjoy visiting with Myrtle and John Hensley, who come from Chattanooga for all festivals. And many friends came by to say hello. It was especially nice to see Mildred Hammond Smith, who was in my high school class. We talked about having a reunion, but Mildred (we called her "Pill") said we wouldn't have but three we could get together whose addresses we know. Eva Clark, in Ft. Payne was a member. I think I have mentioned before that we were about the smallest class to graduate from Valley Head High. There were sixteen of us. Some of the boys were in service since it was during World War II. We finished in 1945, just a few days after the war ended in Europe.

Joe Hines and Terrence McCabe have moved out, so the Dish Restaurant is closed. But we hope to put in a new floor, finish the bathroom, and rent it to someone who will continue to serve good food. We shall certainly miss the gourmet type food that Joe and Terrence served. And that was one of the cleanest kitchens I've ever seen in a restaurant. Joe is going

to be moving near his dad in West Tenn., so he can care for him; and he and Terrence may open a restaurant in that area.

This is good summertime that I enjoy, and it's good to have our camps open for the vacation months, which means camp owners go to work.

The decoration day was well attended at Bankhead Cemetery. There was an overflow crowd for the morning, and some people could not get inside. Homer was not feeling well, so I didn't attend the morning service. We took flower arrangements for placing on graves of our loved ones, early that morning. We met Treva and Alesia (I'll just say Cox). They are daughters of Leland and Gertrude Cox. They were placing flowers on family graves--and that's a lot! Of course, one was their grandmother, Maybelle Cox, Leland's mother.

And Jack Jones, new American Legion Commander, Huey Mathews, and Howard Carson were placing flags on the graves of war veterans. Howard said they counted 26 of them at Bankhead and there would be many more at Little River Cemetery. This was very timely since it was Memorial weekend.

Later in the day, I met Philip Crow from Ventura, California, who was looking for his ancestors and taking pictures of Crow markers at Bankhead and any others in this area, including Georgia. He had been corresponding with Wayne Smith and Floyd Crow by e-mail for some time. His grandfather was Samuel Crow, who came to Georgia from Spartanburg, S.C. He has a nice book of ancestors, but so far he had not made the connection with our Crows. Some of the same names appear, but when traced down, they are not the same person. While talking to Philip and Wayne, I met six ladies who are in the same lineage as Homer, Floyd and Wayne. Wayne is Blake (deceased) and Alice Mae (Crow) Smith's son. Alice Mae and Floyd's father, Joe Crowe, were brother and sister. The ladies were from different areas, two of them were sisters. Jo Ann Richey was from Albertville, Ala.; Geraldine Stell from Woodstock, Ga.; Sarah Turner from Lebanon, Ga.; Faye Nicholson from Hiwassee, Ga.; and Mary Ann (Crowe) Wilson from Chattanooga, TN. She lives close to our home there and is a friend of one of my best friends--Jane McRee. Her husband, Charlie, was with her.

All of them came to our house Sunday evening and we had a wonderful visit. We feel now that we know all these relatives.

Philip Crow spent the following night with us and he seems to be a very nice gentleman. We hope to have him back soon. They spent quite a bit of time going over Homer's books of genealogy, and exchanged some information.

Jesse Crow is busy planning the Crow reunion to be held at our home July 6. We have invited some

cousins to join in with us this time. We will have a picnic type barbecue and some entertainment.

Beverly Hoyt has been here for two weeks, visiting with her son, Doug and wife Dael, in Valley Head. She visited with me at the Crow's Nest one day and it was a pleasure to have her. We had hoped she would find an assisted living place near us, but she finally decided to go back to Colorado, near her daughter, Mary. She is not disabled in any way, but did not want a home to maintain. She just wanted an apartment so she could be independent and yet have management that would maintain it.

She and Doug are going to Sebring, Fla., which was their home many years, for a memorial service for Clyde. It does seem sad without Clyde, who we enjoyed visiting when we had our lot in Sebring. Other members of Clyde's family will meet them there.

It was a pleasure to have Al and Jan Cherbonneau, Alicia, Oksana, and Max. Also, we were happy to have Heiner and his mother, Gudrun from Germany. Heiner has been an exchange student living with Al and Jan. He will be going home the 10th of June, so we had dinner for them. We have not been with Heiner as much as we were with his brother Hanno. It just seemed we did not have as much time as we had then. Where does it go? Time eludes us.

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TownBy
LINDA BROWN

The beautiful spring that we have had has turned into a wonderful summer. So far, we have had only a few really hot days. I have found that if you live in Mentone you do not want to go off the mountain in the hot weather. It seems that our temperature is usually about five to ten degrees cooler than anywhere else. Even a trip to Valley Head needs to be made in the early morning hours.

Most of the camps are now in session. That means that there are over one thousand boys and girls on the mountain as campers. Campers are usually between the ages of six and sixteen. Then add about two hundred young people who come to the camps as counselors and you can see that our population grows rapidly during the summer months of June, July and August. Recently, someone was talking about when the train would stop in Valley Head. It seems that the campers would come to Valley Head on the train and men from Mentone would pick them up in open-bed trucks and bring them to the camps in Mentone. Now each family brings their camper in the family car or they come on commercial busses.

The recent Primary Election was most interesting to those of us who keep up with the "strange" politics of our county and state. You can never be sure what will happen and even the most expert observers can be and usually are wrong. The primary is only the first step in electing new officials. Each party, Democrat and Republican, selects the persons who will run against each other in the General Election held in November. Since I was an official to help with the election, I may have paid more attention to what was happening than some people did. Some who came to vote were upset that they had to vote on one party ticket or the other. They did not realize that it will be November before they can vote on any candidate. This time you had to declare your party and the candidates for only that party were put in place on the voting machine. The Run-off Election, to be held on Tuesday, June 25th, will also require that you state a party.

Mentone had a better turnout of voters than some places in the county. This was because of at least two races that were of particular interest. One was the race for District Judge in which two of the candidates were of special interest to Mentone. Pat Tate, one of the candidates, has family who live here and also has been the attorney for the Town of Mentone and for Mentone Water Works. Another one of the candidates, Roger Killian, has represented local people in certain issues and has a large following. Neither candidate is in the run-off. I think that both of these men hold a special place in their hearts for Mentone and its people and I, for one, would have liked to see one or both continue in their quest.

Another race concerned a young man who lives in Mentone. Christopher Turner tested the waters of

politics by running for the Alabama House of Representatives. Christopher's opponent was an older man whose name is well known throughout DeKalb County. Christopher lost to him, but made a very good showing for a first timer. All of us who have come to know and love Christopher hope that he will not become discouraged and will run for office again. He is the kind of person that we need in politics.

The opening of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library has proved to be a bigger job than anyone could have anticipated. First, the construction ran behind schedule. Then, right when it was ready to move into, the school term ended. The librarian, Tonya Oberlander, and the reading specialist, Lynn Wagner, have been great in continuing to come to the library to work on their own time. They are only paid for the months that school is in session. We owe them a great big **THANK YOU!** Several volunteers have learned to log the books into the computer and other necessary tasks. Others have shelved books and helped with whatever needed to be done. We are still not ready to open to the public, but hope to be ready before much longer. We will post opening days as soon as we know what they are. Never would we have thought about so much work being involved.

I understand that the summer reading program for the students began with a bang. I heard that over fifty children between kindergarten and sixth grade attended the first session. I also heard that Mother Goose from Rock City was there to open the program. Some of the older students thought that they were too old to be saying their alphabet with her. But they were good sports about it and everyone had a fun time. This will be a continuing summer program and will meet at the new library each Thursday from three until five PM.

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Firefighters were very successful with their food sales at the Rhododendron Festival. This event serves at least three purposes. It provides good food for the people who come to the festival, it gives the volunteer firefighters a chance to make a little money for the daily expenses of the fire department and it lets the public know that there is a very active group of volunteers who are willing to fight fires and respond to other emergencies in Mentone and the surrounding area. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

A new zoning administrator was appointed by the Mentone Town Council at the regular meeting on June 10th. Huey Mathews was appointed to this most important and necessary position. I have been involved with the zoning commission since its beginning and I know that being the administrator can be a tiring and thankless job. Everyone should be patient and work with Huey as he learns the rules and regulations that apply to the area we call Mentone. Some people complain and say that they do not want zoning rules. If you listen to what they have to say, usually what they mean is that they don't want the regulations to apply to them but please do apply them to their neighbors. The famous or infamous idea of "not in my backyard" applies to all areas of this great country of ours.

Another issue addressed by the council was the need to pave city streets. The cost of paving that will last is almost prohibitive to small towns. That is the reason the streets just get patched and then the patches get patched. The town is trying to get help

with this project and hopefully the streets will be in better shape by another summer. This will involve not only new paving but also cutting and trimming right of way on the sides of the streets.

Work will begin soon on the construction of new water lines in some out lying areas of Mentone. This is possible because of a grant that applies only to areas that now have wells that could possibly give out if there is a severe drought situation. Many people ask why new lines are being laid when there are still many very old lines that are giving trouble directly in the town. I don't have a complete answer but I do know that it is almost impossible to get a grant to repair anything. Usually, a loan has to be obtained for this and obtaining and making payments on a loan is much harder to do than to acquire a grant. Also, it seems that any water, even with low pressure, is better than none. Hopefully, all older lines will be replaced soon. As always, with progress often comes inconvenience. Please be patient with the workers on all of these projects and realize that they are not trying to make it hard on anyone.

That's about enough from my soap box. Have a great summer and put insect repellent on if you plan to be outside any length of time. We have heard that a bird carrying West Nile virus has been found in Rome, Georgia. Speaking of birds, my regular readers may remember that I thought I would never have birds at my new homesite. Well, I now see about any bird that habitats this area. I see hawks, cardinals, Western bluebirds, quail, doves, hummingbirds, indigo buntings, bluejays, crows, woodpeckers and lots of small birds of every color. I should take my own advice about being patient. Dallyne Jones told me it would happen. Of course we have food, water (for drinking and bathing) and houses available to them, so I'm sure this helps.

Vacation Bible School is in session at the Mentone United Methodist Church the week I am writing this. In one of our mission moments, Karen Safenle reminded us of how much a greeting card can mean to someone. The children are making cards this week to send to residents in the nursing homes of the area. Take a clue from them and send a card to someone just to say, "I'm thinking of you" or "I love you." We can never know fully what is going on in someone's life, so if you know of someone who needs a lift, send them a card! If you do it now, you can beat the postage increase!

By John Baty

Dear Editor: The following true story was published in "The Hunter's Horn" Sand Springs, OK, in Feb. 1994. Since the people in the story were local to Mentone, and well-known, maybe your readers will enjoy it. The title was originally Long Ago and Far Away.

The year was 1947 or 1948 as I recall. Pat and Freckles were our dogs; foxhounds they were, grade dogs of mixed ancestry. Freckles was an all-round good bitch who could and did do it all. When the race was extra swift, however, she usually brought up the rear. Her mate, Pat, on the other hand, was something to behold. Pat had a rapid-fire little clear chop mouth, and after running for a couple of hours, his mouth would get faster and would go into a different mode: little more than a rapid grunt. Simply put, Pat could run a fox harder and more steadily than you would think possible. Freckles belonged to me, and Pat was my Daddy's dog.

Our hunting buddies were James Selman and Oliver Coots. James had two good hounds named Whitehead and June, Walker hounds tracing to bloodlines owned by Ray Blalock of this area in the 1920s and 1930s.

Whitehead was a large dog and the entire crown of his head, together with part of his ears, was white. He was not a really fast dog, despite his size and appearance, but was a good one. His half-sister, June, was a little faster and had a ringing clear mouth. She could really put the pressure on a Red fox.

Oliver, whom we called Mr. Coots because of the age differential, had one hound, Ol Wimpy, a Walker-July cross who had been a good one. Wimpy was not an old dog, but was handicapped by having only three legs. It was said he once could run among the fastest of the hounds till the cruel jaws of a #2 double spring mangled his right back foot and left him a cripple. After that, he could only get snatches of the front end, which was the only place he would run. By taking a path, road, or fence line, he would cut the fox off "at the pass," so to speak, and for a few minutes would make everything live hard. Then he would be silent for a while only to repeat the performance.

Mr. Coots acknowledged that Wimpy was no longer able to compete, but he had been such a good dog before his unfortunate mishap that he hated to dispose of him. He still liked to run and would keep the family awake with his howling if left behind, so Mr. Coots occasionally took him along.

James was a perfectionist as far as dogs were concerned; he liked to hear a steady, cooperative pack run. He believed in spreading the proverbial "blanket" over the pack with no wild running, skirting dogs or any lagging behind. He knew hounds and kept only the best. James was not happy about Wimpy but was too much of a good sport to let Mr. Coots know how he felt.

One Friday evening as we were eating supper, James drove his 1946 Model Ford car into our yard. He hollered through the screen door that he would be loading our dogs while we finished eating. Daddy said that it looked like it would be a good night for a

hunt.

James was the only one of us who owned an automobile and he hauled us many, many miles on foxhunts. He was a good and generous man.

After we were loaded and started, James said: "We ought to leave Mr. Coots and Wimpy. That dog will just mess up the race. But I don't want to hurt his feelings." We were all silent for a while, then "Ah--let's go get them!" James said. As we drove into the Coots' driveway, we saw that he was already dressed for the hunt and Wimpy was tied to a tree by the front porch. We all lived in Mentone (DeKalb County) Alabama, near the Georgia line. James took us down below Bankhead Cemetery at the Old Hickory Tree near the head of Brushy Creek and we cast the hounds East down the Creek.

Soon they had a fox going and faded out of hearing into the small canyon formed by Brushy Creek in the area of Lahausage mines. Brushy Creek and, to the South, Laurel Creek, have their headwaters within 3/4 mile of each other. Brushy Creek runs East, while Laurel Creek runs South. They are separated by a gentle-sloping ridge with a road running down the divide. A few farms were situated along the flat-topped ridge. Both creeks empty into the East fork of Little River, the only river I know of which flows its entire length on top of a mountain.

We drove around to the lower end of the Eller Field near the upper end of the ridge in the hope of hearing the race as it crossed from Lahausage to Laurel Creek. We guessed correctly, as we soon heard them coming. They were well packed and we saw the fox with our lights as he crossed the road. He was a golden yellow fellow with a white tip on his tail. The race went down Gilbert hollow and on toward Laurel Creek.

We moved back up the road to higher ground and could faintly hear them on the West side of Laurel, heading toward the old New Union School site. My mother attended school at New Union as early as 1907.

The pack had been running for a few hours when they turned and headed our way. They were coming across Laurel at the upper end a little below its origin at Holley Springs. As they cleared the thickets of the creek and entered more open country, Wimpy took the fox ahead and came our way. It sounded as if he were running by sight.

Now I don't know if dogs experience emotions as we humans do, but I do think they know basic emotions such as fear and perhaps anger. However that may be, it seemed that Pat didn't like for dogs to cut in front of him. I thought it simply made him mad. His philosophy, if a hound can have a philosophy, seemed to be "an eye for an eye."

In this particular case, he responded in kind. When

Wimpy took the line in front, Pat shut his mouth and when he opened again he was on the other side of the road upon which we stood; some half mile from where he hushed. Pat had long since sifted into his grunting mode and now he was grunting every breath. We could tell that he was close to the fox and he was covering ground at an awesome rate. He circled the head of Brushy Creek and turned East down the creek, running like a demon. June passed us in the road going at a high rate of speed. She was headed South-East and going in the wrong direction. Freckles ran the line where the others had skipped on it and got hopelessly behind. Whitehead came into the road and gave two half howl-half barks and James caught him. James said: "Whitehead is not barking right! Here Mr. Coots--hold the light while I look into his throat--I wonder if he may have Black Tongue." By the flicker of the flashlight, I saw that my Daddy and Mr. Coots were grinning at each other. I realized then that foxhunting is competitive even among old friends.

James loaded Whitehead in the car's trunk and we moved onto Bankhead Road to the nearest hill. Pat was rapidly fading out of hearing into Brushy Creek Canyon at Lahausage mines.

We listened for a few minutes at that one-dog race, then my Daddy spoke: "Well--Gentlemen--I can hear Pat run any night I choose. If it suits you-all, we will call it a night." They agreed that, under the circumstances, we might as well go. Wimpy was silent, Freckles was way behind and June was gone. Whitehead--well--Whitehead was in the car.

I find that I am the only one left of that foursome; the others have long since passed on. They are all buried at Bankhead Cemetery among their friends, many of whose graves they dug themselves. They lie just a couple of stone throws from the old casting grounds where the above race took place.

I have no reliable knowledge of the spirit world and harbor no fetishes concerning that domain. But as I walk among the headstones at Bankhead, and read their names, I cannot but wonder if where they are now they can hear the voices of Whitehead, and June and Freckles and Pat and Wimpy--I also wonder if the race they may be hearing is steady and if the dogs are well packed. And also--Do you suppose--could Wimpy be now free of his handicap?

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(The old Library across from B.B. & C Bank)*



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Sunday, June 16, FATHER'S DAY
- Thursday, June 27, 4:00 pm., Water Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, July 2, 6 pm MAPA ANNUAL PICNIC ON THE BROW.
- Thursday, July 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY, all state and federal offices closed.
- Monday, July 8, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, July 9, 12:30 P.M., Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 P.M., American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall

-PUBLIC NOTICE-- MENTONE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Meeting dates for remainder of 2002

- June 20
- September 19
- December 19

Other special or called meetings
will be posted as required.

The regular quarterly meetings are on the 3rd Thursday, and all meetings are held in the town public meeting room at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.

PARDON ME, PLEASE

There were many items that did not make this issue. Please look for them in the July issue. Some of those items include graduation pictures, dedication of Moon Lake School/Community Library, Robert McReynolds Eagle Scout writcup, and the write up on the John William and Emma Jane Smith family.

Marie Dillenbeck



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

In June, we think of honoring our fathers. I'm sure that we want to do this, but there is a great responsibility on the fathers, to bring up their children the right way, to be an example before them that would be good for them to follow.

Fathers, ask yourselves, if my children were just like me, what would they grow up to be?

Happy Father's Day!

The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule for 2002

Mentone at Town Hall parking lot
on Wednesdays
from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

- May 8, 22
- June 5, *
- July *, 17, 31

The Bookmobile is in
VALLEY HEAD
on the same days from 1:15 to 2:15

DeSoto State Park Interpretive Program 2002

June 14	Start of Little River Canyon	Laura Warkauf	8:00 PM
June 15	Moon Views		8:00 PM
June 21	Charlotte Trail of Tears	Kelly Cripp	8:00 PM
June 22	Geology of Little River		8:00 PM
June 28	Microbial Ecology	Barry Blair	8:00 PM
June 29	Parishes of Little River		8:00 PM
July 05	Archaeology of our Local National Parks	Larry Beane	8:00 PM
July 06	Charlotte Folklore	Randy Davis	8:00 PM
July 12	Heros of Little River	Melissa Dufresne	8:00 PM
July 13	TBA		8:00 PM
July 19	It's Not Easy Being Green	Talene Talon	8:00 PM
July 20	We're Not Sorry		8:00 PM
July 26	Rare Plants and Animals of Little River Canyon	Larry Beane	8:00 PM
July 27	The "Band" of Plants and Herbivores	Galas Al Hamdani	8:00 PM
Aug 02	Archaeological Finds in Little River Canyon	Chris Hill	8:00 PM
Aug 03	Animals Tales	Angie Morgan	8:00 PM
Aug 09	Native American Arts and Crafts	Whitfox & Poyant	8:00 PM
Aug 10	Indian Legends and Music		8:00 PM
Aug 16	Collectors/Vent Sale	Robert Lindley	8:00 PM
Aug 17	Dynastic Structures	Don Spaulding	8:00 PM
Aug 25	Alabama's Endangered Mollusks	Frank Romano	8:00 PM
Aug 26	Bear Hunt: Mysterious Tragedies		8:00 PM
Aug 30	Reenacting	Gene Houston	8:00 PM
Aug 31	North American Tools & Weapons	Larry Beane	8:00 PM