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THE WILDFLOWER CAFÉ AND COUNTRY STORE

by Page Cunningham

Right in the heart of Mentone lies the quaint Wildflower Café in a remodeled 100 year old estate nestled in century old oak trees. The environment is laid back old south mixed with a touch of modern cuisine.

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MAPA MINUTES -



Mentone Area Preservation Association meeting was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 6:30PM. The meeting was held at

the Mentone Inn covered pavilion. President Amelia Kirk-Lolli called the meeting to order. Others present were Kim Albrecht, Barbara Bleeker, Dessie Brown, Wesley Chesnut, Dot Crowe, Page Cunningham, Marie Dillenbeck, Mark Gibson, Evelyn Graves, Joe Grizzard, Slate McDorman, Virginia McDorman JP Nation, Clay Patrie, Debbie Reynolds, Gloria Sitz, Jerome Stephens, Tony Teverino, Paul Todd, Claudia Wassom, Dave Wassom, Wendy Warneck.

The President thanked Jerome for all the work he has been handling in preparation of the Rhododendron Festival the weekend of May 16, 17, and 18.

The nominating committee reported the following slate of officers: President, Jerome Stephens; Vice President, Page Cunningham; Treasurer, JP Nation; Secretary, Marie Dillenbeck; Parliamentarian, Amelia Kirk-Lolli; Members at Large: Sarah Wilcox, Dave Wassom, and Evelyn Graves. Jerome made a motion to join the Mentone Area Arts Council organization (MAAC) and pay the \$100 fee. Page Cunningham seconded the motion, which passed.

Jerome reported that he went to meet with the arts council, MAAC, and told them that MAPA wanted to work together with MAAC this year and provide support for their shows.

Boy Scout Troop 106 of Mentone will again be in charge of the parking at the festival.

Jerome reported that there were 20 vendors signed up already, and more to come. Ronda Bruckno is in charge of publicity and mailing. Articles have

been in Alabama Living and Birmingham News, Nashville, Chattanooga, Times Journal regarding the upcoming Rhododendron festival.

The entertainment has been taken care of and will be on Friday night and Saturday, Saturday night, and Sunday. On Saturday, there will be a parade through the festival in the afternoon. also canoe rentals will be available, as well as a small pontoon boat and small bass boat.

75 Rhododendron plants have already been ordered to be available for sale during the weekend at the Festival.

Several items were mentioned that will be discussed for the October Colorfest, October 17, 18, and 19, this year. Anthony Teverino made a motion that a business directory be placed in The Groundhog, giving times and dates businesses and restaurants are open. Clay Patrie seconded the motion, which was passed. Also, a list of the individuals and groups that will be entertaining should be provided to The Groundhog as soon as possible prior to each festival so that they can be mentioned in the October issue.

Due to rain on the dates quilt tickets were to be sold in front of businesses in Fort Payne, this was not done. Members need to volunteer for the next festival in order to set up dates, places, and times that a booth will be available in the Fort Payne area.

Paul Todd made a motion that the website www.magicalmentone.com be created for MAPA to advertise Mentone activities and festivals. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The June 3 meeting will be at the Mentone Inn at 6:30PM. The July 1 meeting will be the annual picnic and dues in the amount of \$20 a year are due by July 1.

Dessie Brown made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned to enjoy refreshments.

Letters to the Editor,

January 2, 2008. Greetings!
Please renew our subscription to The Groundhog for another year. We came through Mentone one year ago this past August on our return to Tuscaloosa after being a part of the World's Longest Yardsale. My wife, Carolyn, along with our friends, stopped in Mentone and enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Dessie's!!! We love Mentone! It had been several years since we had been to Mentone. (I picked up a copy of The Groundhog in Mentone that day. When I got home, I read it all from cover to cover!!!

I have been receiving The Groundhog now for one year. I look forward to it each month and read nearly every word (sometimes twice)! What a unique paper. We love it!! We would love to have a second home in Mentone. Please greet our friends James and Betty Johnson for us. Thank you!

Bless you! Lyle Geist

March 24, 2008, Dear Groundhog Staff: My husband and I are new residents of the Mentone area. We have recently retired from our respective professions, his - finance and banking; and mine - teaching school. My mother, Vivian Evatt, is also living with us. I am a native of Fort Payne and our wish was to return to north Alabama after spending about 28 years in various cities in the southern part of the state.

From time to time, I have read The Groundhog with great interest. As official residents of this beautiful area, it is a necessity we become members of MAPA and receive its monthly publication. We are looking forward to getting to know the various individuals who help make Mentone such a delightful place.

Sincerely, Lynn Tidwell

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The 2008 quarterly meeting dates for the Mentone Planning Commission, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 3rd Thursday of the following months:

Thursday, July 17, 2008
Thursday, October 16, 2008
Thursday, January 15, 2009

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

Public Notice

The 2008 dates for the Mentone Waterworks Board, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4:00 PM on the 4th Thursday as follows:

Thursday, June 26
Thursday, July 24
Thursday, August 28
Thursday, September 25
Thursday, October 23
Thursday, November 20
Thursday, December 18

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

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The 2008 meeting dates for the Mentone Town Council, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

Monday, June 9
Monday, July 14
Monday, August 11
Monday, September 8
Monday, October 13
Monday, November 10
Monday, December 8

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

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The 2008 meeting dates for the Valley Head Water Works Board, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL as follows:

Monday, June 9
Monday, July 14
Monday, August 11
Monday, September 8
Monday, October 13
Monday, November 10
Monday, December 8

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

1-Kathy McMunn
3-Margaret Baker
6-Caitlyn Collins; Keegan Johnson
7-Haywood Baker; Tiffany Long
8-Gail Smalley; Rachel Manifold;
Marilyn Acton
9-Jimmy Blalock
10-Amanda Gray; Storm Lee
12-Charles Gray; Marsha Hair
14-Luke Harrison; Lee Swart
15-Josh Smalley
16-Willie Jean Baty
19-Brian Manning
20-Colette Kirby
21-Catherine Bailey; Rick Weber;
Trey Kinzer
24-Tyler Hester
25-Virginia Setze

28-Joshua Baggett; Chris Stokes

29-Jacqueline McGee; Sue Schwarz

Anniversaries:

1-Monique & Mike Fielder
2-Greg & Beverly Henry; Robert & Ilene Green; Andy & Susan Akers
11-Wesley & Kat Griffith
13-Roger & Judy Dowiat
16-Kenneth & Kathy McMunn
17-Leroy & Joanne Crowe
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JUNE

Mondays, June 2,9,16,23,30, Fire Dept Volunteers
Tuesday, June 3, 6:30 PM, MAPA meeting, Mentone Inn
Monday, June 9, 6PM, Mentone Town Council
Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
Tuesday, June 10, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden
Club, M.E.R.F. Community House
Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 PM, American Legion Hall,
Post 215 regular Meeting
Sunday, June 15, FATHER'S DAY
Tuesday, June 17, MERF meeting 6PM
Thursday, June 19, 10AM, Mentone Book Club, at
the Mentone Community House, open to the public
Thursday, June 26, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks
Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public

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

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

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-2002.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 9AM.

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

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** located on County Road 239 invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM and worship at 11AM. Sunday evening service is at 5PM. Thursday evening service is at 5:30PM.

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Sunday School at 9AM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. All are welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 North of Fort Payne, wel-

comes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

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

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

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

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, GA, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM. Sunday evening at 6PM, and Wednesday evening at 7PM.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM. Wednesday Bible study at 6PM.

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

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

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** Sunday School is at 10AM with Worship at 11AM. Evening Services begin at 6PM. Rev. Charles Fiannigan invites everyone to attend regular services.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church - a place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration.

Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

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

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lords Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids;

Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. The interim pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is Rev. Terry Turner.

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

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

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

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

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



DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:1

This is perhaps the most well known of all the scriptures given honoring parents. We have all been taught from our youth that we should obey our parents and honor them. In another scripture parents are taught to love their children and to provoke them not to wrath. In today's society, more than ever, there is domestic violence on every hand. Children are being murdered by their parents; parents are being murdered by their children; husbands are taking the lives of their wives, and wives are taking the lives of their husbands. It is time that families return to God and honor Him first, and the other relationships will fall into place.

Let us begin the month of June by getting our priorities in order, and we will be happier individuals.

Happy Father's Day!

Rhododendron Garden Club News

By Linda Brown, Secretary

Variety is the spice of life and the Rhododendron Garden Club put this into practice on the regular meeting day of May 13, 2008. Beginning at 7:30 a.m., the members arrived with flowers and foliage in hand at the M.E.R.F. Community House. The occasion was a Small Standard Flower Show.

Ten member entered thirty horticulture specimen and twelve designs to be displayed and judged. Everything from Bearded Irises to Rhododendron was displayed. The horticulture exhibits were arranged on tables in the sun room. There were three tables of examples of the plants that are in bloom or otherwise at their best in May. One table held the container grown plants. These were scarce due to the fact that most plants have not recovered from the winter inside.

The name of the show was, May on the Mountain. This was chosen to represent how beautiful Lookout Mountain always is in the spring of the year. This year has been exceptionally beautiful. The native rhododendron plants have been outstanding and all other plants, especially those which flower, seem to have outdone themselves. I think that they like all of this extra rain as well as we do.

The designs were displayed on top of the piano and on two tables in the meeting room. The design on top of the piano was a Small Design which meant that it could not be larger than eight inches in any direction. The title for this class was, Spring Treasures. These were very interesting as they ranged from blackberry blossoms displayed in an oriental pot to miniature roses arranged in a miniature silver treasure chest.

The larger design classes were named, Spring Reflections and Spring Surprise. These could be as high as thirty-six inches but none of them were. The fact that these designs did not fill up the space was the only negative comment made by the judges. This is the purpose of the show, to learn from our mistakes. We decided to do the show again this year for the fun of working together and for the learning experience. This experience will be very helpful this fall when we help with the VFW Fair flower show. This show is for all nine garden clubs in the Northeast Alabama Federation of Garden Clubs.

The judges were all Accredited Judges, which means that they have gone to school and trained to be a judge. This is hard work and takes much dedication. The judges were: Peggy Benefield of Henagar, Reita Grant of Rainsville and Marjorie Holderer of Huntsville. These ladies inspected, discussed and judged every entry. The awards were ribbons of different colors. It was so much fun to have these judges with us and to hear the comments they made regarding the exhibits.

The show opened to the public at 1:30 p.m. All of the other clubs of the federation were invited. Representatives of several clubs came to see the show. They were all very complimentary of the neatness and orderliness of the flower show and of the appearance of Mentone. They left the M.E.R.F. House with the intent to drive around our town and view the rhododendrons and other flowering shrubs.

This was fun and exciting to do. I think that we are safe in saying that we are the only garden club in DeKalb County to host two flower shows, one in 2007 and this one in 2008. But, we would be glad for someone to break our record. It is something that every garden club should consider adding to their program.

The next meeting will be June 10, 2008, at the M.E.R.F. Community House beginning at 10:00 a.m. Emma Jordan, Master Gardener, will present the program, Monticello Gardens. Everyone is invited to come and visit, you might be interested in becoming a member.

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



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Decoration Day

By Linda Brown

Saturday, May 17th was Decoration Day at Adamsburg Cemetery. This is all that needs to be said for those of us who grew up in the South. This day is observed more in rural areas and maybe more in the state of Alabama. I would like to hear from others who know about decorations, especially in Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

Decoration Day is a day set aside to visit the graves of those friends and relatives who have passed on. The cemetery is always cleaned and mowed during the week before. Most folks visit the cemetery earlier and clean the markers on the graves, remove old flowers and clean up any thing else that needs to be.

Because my mom objected to the use of any artificial flowers on graves, I always pick up a container of different live plants growing together. This makes a very colorful display as it is placed on the grave. I leave these for several days or weeks, depending on the amount of rain in that time period, and then bring them home and enjoy them the remainder of the summer.

Adamsburg is a very small community on Lookout Mountain, a little south of Mentone. That is where I lived for the first twelve years of my life. I have some wonderful memories of the people in my life during this time. Some of these people were at decoration and this was the first time I had seen them since that time. Imagine my surprise when I meet all four of the Evans family, Catherine, Barbara, Coy and Delano. They were our next door neighbors and we were together all of the time. Catherine and Barbara taught me to ride a bicycle, the hard way. They were holding the bike going

down a steep hill and it started going so fast they couldn't keep up. They turned the bike loose and when I realized this, I panicked and landed in the ditch.

This was no ordinary ditch, it was a deep ditch with blackberry briars growing across the top. I went through the briars on the way down; but the bad part was when they pulled me out through the briars! I was scratched and bleeding all over my body. They didn't remember this. I was disappointed that they didn't.

We had a very good visit. I told them a story of a mule that my dad sold to their dad and then bought him back because he wouldn't stay in their pasture. They suggested that I write an article about the mules I have known. P.S. Some have only two legs.

I met again the brother and sister of Sylvia King. Sylvia was my very best friend for six years. I moved to Valley Head in time to start school there in seventh grade. Adamsburg School went to eighth grade and Sylvia was still attending there. On a special school outing to the water falls on Little River on Highway 35, Sylvia stepped on a moss covered rock, slipped and fell over the falls and was killed. We talked about this and I was able to again tell them how much I loved Sylvia. This was very meaningful to me. Sylvia is buried in Adamsburg Cemetery.

The most enjoyable part of Decoration Day is getting to be with my brothers and other relatives. After the decoration, we go to the home of my brother for lunch. Our aunt who is 96 years of age has been able to join us every year. Family and friends are the blessings of life!

Did You Know...

ALUMINUM FOIL BOX INFO

Bet you'll go to your kitchen to check this one out for yourself, because whoever looks at the end of your aluminum foil box won't believe it. What a fantastic idea. Now, if someone would just make plastic wrap that didn't stick to itself.

If you have been using aluminum foil, it's great stuff; but sometimes it can be a pain. You know, like when you are in the middle of doing something and you try to pull some foil out and the roll comes out of the box. Then, you have to put the roll back in the box and start over. The darn roll always comes out at the wrong time.

Well, I would like to share this with you. Yesterday I went to throw out an empty Reynolds foil box and for some reason I turned it and looked at the end of the box. And written on the end it said, 'Press here to lock end'. Right there on the end of box is a tab to lock the roll in place. How long has this little locking tab been there? I then looked at a generic brand of aluminum foil and it had one, too. Then I looked at a box of Saran Wrap and it had one too! I can't count the number of times the Saran Wrap roll has jumped out when I was trying to cover something up. Share this with your friends.

(This was from an email.)

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JUNE, THE SIXTH MONTH OF A.D. 2008

By John S. Whitaker

The month of June was named for Juno, the Roman patron goddess of marriage. The rose is the flower and the pearl is the gem for the month. June is a pleasant month, one noted for warm days, rapid growth in plant life, and many marriages of those couples becoming one in marriage.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS IN JUNE

- 1* Kentucky became the 15th state in 1792.
- * Tennessee followed Kentucky to become the 16th state of the Union in 1796.
- 3* Jefferson Davis (1808-1889) was born in Christian (later Todd) County, KY and later became President of the Confederate States of America (1861-1865).
- 5* Robert Francis Kennedy (1925-1968) was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and died the following day. He had served as Attorney General under President John Kennedy from 1961 — 1964 and as a U.S. senator from New York from 1965 — 1968.
- 6* The Young Mens Christian Association (YMCA) began in London in 1844 by George Williams.
- 10* Alexander the Great (B.C. 356-B.C. 323) emperor of the Grecian Empire, died in 323B.C. from fever, exhaustion, and wounds.
- 14— Flag Day is a day to remind us of our national heritage. It is a day to fly and display Old Glory. The USA is still the greatest nation in the world — in spite of what the critics may say.
- 15* Fathers Day is celebrated today. Honor those men who have done so much for us.
- * Arkansas became the 25th state in 1836.
- 17* John Wesley (1703 — 1791) was born in England. Later he founded the Methodist Church.
- 18* War with Great Britain began on this date in 1812. This war, named the War of 1812, was our second war with the British and ended December 24, 1814. In January, 1815, British and American forces clashed in New Orleans. The war was already over; but, due to the slow communication of the era, neither side knew this fact.
- 19* Juneteenth is formed from June and nineteenth and is celebrated in Texas to commemorate the announcement the slaves being freed as declared in the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865
- 20* Summer is officially here. Enjoy it.
- * West Virginia became the 35th state in 1863.
- 25* The Korean War began when North Korea attacked South Korea. 54,246 Americans were killed in this war.
- 27* Helen Adams Keller was born in Tuscumbia, AL. Almost two years later, she became sick with brain fever. She became deaf, dumb, and blind from the illness. She learned to speak at age 10 years. Thanks, Miss Keller, for the inspiration you've given us.
- 28* World War I began when Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria (heir to the throne of Austria — Hungary) and his wife, Sophie, were assassinated by Gavrilo Princip. These two crimes started the war in 1914.
- 29* Honor the Widows Sunday. Don't forget these brave women, who, in spite of their loss, continue their duties to their families, friends, state, and nation.

A LETTER TO DAD ON FATHER'S DAY

By John S. Whitaker

Dear Dad,

I'm thinking about you today although you've been dead for several years. I remember:

Your blackened face from working in coal mines when you came home from "loading" the coal.

Your love of gardening—and we had one each year— was something you taught me and my younger brother. (We even planted potatoes once during a "spittin" snowstorm.)

And I remember the first time I heard you pray because I'd never heard you do that before. It really scared me.

Then when I graduated from Bible College you were there and seemed proud of me.

Life was simple in the coal camp, but you were always there for me.

And when you spoke, it was with authority and I knew the consequences that followed disobedience. (I never got a "lick" that I didn't deserve.)

Then came the news from a doctor, you had lung cancer.

You struggled valiantly but the cancer won. Sadly, I learned of your passing silently as you slept.

Sleep, sleep on then in quietness.

Rest, rest from your labors.

I know I'll see you again on the golden streets of heaven. I can just hear you say, "Hey boy, how you been doing?"

And I'll say, "Why just great!"

Then I'll say, "Dad, will you show me all the grandeur of heaven? You've got a head start on me, so you know the place."

Your eldest,
John

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Emily Anne Neel

Emily Anne Neel is the recipient of the 2008 Presidential Host Scholarship and is a graduate of Ider High School. She is the daughter of Mike and Barbara Neel of Mentone, AL.

Her High school activities include Vice President of FCCLA; Students against Destructive Decision; Beta Club; Christians in Action; Pep Club member, Mu-Alfa Theta; and FFA.

Her community activities and honors include youth community service; volunteer-help for tornado victims; FCCLA canned food drive; FCCLA Relay for LIFE; FCCLA volunteer for American Heart Association (cooking for a cure); FCCLA toy drive for DeKalb County Children; Senior Host for retiring Ider teachers; volunteer artist for Ider High School; (FACS Lab) (principal office); (library); (Elementary School); A-B honor roll; Senior Beta Club; National Honor Society. Emily was Voted Senior class "Friendliest" and "Best Christian Attitude."

Her career interest is in Education and Design.

Earth Day at Moon Lake School

By L.C. Moon

Over the years children and their parents, the Garden Club and other volunteers have come together in the spirit of community to create a sort of sanctuary at Moon Lake School. The past three years- since my daughter Zoe has been attending Moon Lake- I have had the opportunity to participate in this wonderful community experience during Earth Day. My Earth Day experiences have been fun and allowed me the opportunity to connect more with the kids, parents and faculty at Moon Lake.

A lot of people come back each year as volunteers even after their kids have graduated Moon Lake. Patti Bryan is one of those volunteers who has turned into an Earth Day hero. Patti was unable to join us this year and we sure missed her and the Garden Club. However Heather Nicely—mother of Orion and long time gardener at Moon Lake—took the reigns at the last minute and organized a beautiful day. I know that Heather would like to extend a special thanks for the help and hard work of Angie Goss, Mickey and Cynthia Luck, Rita Shirley and her grandson Robert. (Heather - Please forgive me if I left anyone out!)

Several parents brought plants and seeds, the Shed provided some plants, and we transplanted some plants from areas where the plants were crowded. Each child present that day got to plant at least one plant—most of them more than one plant. We planted lots of pansies, impatiens, lantana, begonia, some purple basil, butterfly bushes, and more.

The sixth grade was very helpful in many duties from weeding, to mulching, to planting. Sixth grade had already done a lot of beautification to the front flower beds of the school before Earth Day.

Every class was eager to plant. Lori Owen's kindergarten class was the biggest surprise because they were so good and capable of really helping plant the flowers. I told them just how deep to dig, how to remove the plants from the container properly, how to gently cover the plants with the soil—like you're giving the plants a gentle hug with the soil—and they patiently waited their turn and did as they were asked. Mrs. Gorham's First Grade class was very eager to learn about the native plants (weeds) and was quite inquisitive about nature in general. Mrs. Mills Second Grade class was all very eager to help plant. Mrs. Sarraf and Mrs. Long's third grade class were like little worker bees weeding, planting and mulching. I did not get to work with Fourth and Fifth Grade though I did notice a beautiful difference everywhere they worked.

Last, but certainly not least, there were recycled art projects sponsored by Mentone Area Arts Council. The kids made recycled newspaper hats with Heather Nicely and Glass Mosaic Stepping Stones with Linda Munoz. Heather and Linda have organized a two-week workshop for kids that will consist of making mosaic benches for Moon Lake and Valley Head campuses—6 for each campus. For more information, you can contact Heather Nicely at (256)634-4124.



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LIVING ON THE WATERS EDGE - Enjoy a panoramic view of the most serene part of Little River from the large screened porch of this country living home. Cathedral ceilings provide an open and airy feeling throughout the great room with fireplace and open balcony. Plenty of room for expansion in the full basement and almost 6 acres of walking trails and a private vineyard. Great for a corporate retreat or single family residence. \$2,000,000 (16795)



OVERLOOKING LAKE LAHUSAGE on 2.62 acres. Great room w/stacked rock fireplace. Kitchen with ceramic tile and stainless appliances. Master bedroom on main level and the bath features a whirlpool tub and shower. Upstairs are 2BR, a bath, and lots of extra storage space, 2-car garage. Additional property may be purchased. \$269,900 (17217)



MOUNTAIN MAGIC! Enjoy the comforts of this magnificent Heritage log home currently under construction in Northbend. Property offers 2 bedrooms plus an open loft for possible 3rd bedroom, 2-1/2 baths, pine floors, covered front porch and side deck all situated on a 3.32 acre wooded lot. \$285,900 (16884)

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LOOKING FOR PEACE AND QUIET? We've got it! This immaculately kept 4BR/2BA home is surrounded by 3 +/- acres of nature's abundance, yet is within walking distance to downtown Mentone. Kitchen and dining combination, 546' square feet of finished basement, CH&A, ceramic and laminate wood-grain floors, and more. Additional acreage available. \$174,900 (16376)



YOU WILL FALL IN LOVE with this custom built log home situated on a private, wooded lot of over 2 acres in Mentone. This unique property offers log and pine walls, great room with wood burning stone fireplace, dining area, sleeping porch, kitchen with hard rock maple counter-tops, open front cabinets. 2BR/2BA complete the downstairs. Upstairs, an open loft with built-in beds and space enough for extra guests. Offered for \$325,000. (16773)



YOU'LL FEEL RIGHT AT HOME in this charming farmhouse on a beautiful level lot of over one acre. Wood floors and wood walls, comfortable living area, large dining room, kitchen with walk-in pantry, 2 bedrooms and a lovely bath with whirlpool tub, and more. Major renovations have been completed on much of the house. \$178,900 (17131)



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



IMPRESS with this home, with a Breathtaking View! Kitchen with Cherry cabinets, large island, double ovens, built-in's, 2 fireplaces, Italian stone flooring, main level master suite with glamour bath, large guest room with private bath, upstairs offers 2BR with large bath. Office area on both floors. Professional landscaping, courtyard with fountain. This 4BR, 3.5BA home can be viewed by appt! \$599,000 (17015)



NORTHEND... A gated subdivision. Your family will love this rustic cabin under construction nestled in a wooded 1.8 acre tract featuring great room with vaulted beamed ceiling and fireplace. There are 2 bedrooms each with walk-in closets, 2-1/2 baths and loft/den. Bring your rockers and enjoy the front porch and rear grilling deck. \$169,900 (16721)



THIS NEW HOME IS NOW COMPLETE and ready for new owners. Located in West Fork Subdivision and offers 2BR plus LOFT, 2.5BA, hardwood, ceramic and carpet, Mountain Stone fireplace, cedar siding, covered porch and side deck all on a 3.48 acre partially wooded lot with a seasonal view of the mountains. \$179,900 (16477)



YOU WILL LOVE COMING HOME to this cabin with 3.3 acres in Mentone. SELLING FURNISHED. 3BR/2.5BA cabin has everything you need! Main level master BR and glamour bath with jetted tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. Upstairs are 2BR/1BA. Call now and make your move to Mentone today! \$189,500 (16059)

BUILD YOUR NEW HOME ON THIS BROW LOT in Mentone with a breathtaking view of the valley below. Approx. 100' on the brow with 2 additional lots available. \$89,900 per lot. (14598)

WHAT A VIEW! 4 acre tract with 300' of brow frontage and gorgeous rock formations. It can all be yours to build your mountain getaway or your dream home. \$265,000 (17175)

NATURE AT ITS VERY BEST describes these lots. You can buy this 10 acres with 300' on Little River with lovely views, nice timber and natural landscaping. Co-broke with Prime Realty. \$100,000 (16843)

THE VERY BEST OF NATURE describes these lots. You can buy this 11.8 acres with 500' on Little River with lovely views, nice timber and natural landscaping. Co-broke with Prime Realty. \$120,000 (16844)

IF YOUR HEART LONGS FOR COOL MOUNTAIN BREEZES AND NATURE IN YOUR BACKYARD, then

you must see this beautiful property. 35 Acres adjoining DeSoto Park is home to native plants & flowers, mature trees, unique rock formations, and abundant wildlife. This is a one-of-a-kind property. \$472,500 (16984)

ENJOY GOING TO WORK IN THE MORNINGS? If not, then perhaps you should consider investing in your own business. Lookout Mtn Nursery is now for sale offering 9 greenhouses with inventory included. \$69,900 (16393)

MENTONE - minutes from Desoto State Park, Desoto Falls and Fort Payne! Foundation and septic tank already on property. Build your dream home under the beautiful Oak trees! \$149,000 (17138)

MENTONE - Walk to quaint shopping center of Mentone - 3 beautiful wooded, corner lots across street from brow. \$55,000 (17282)

LOOKING FOR THE MENTONE GET-A-WAY? This

new development offers only 4 lots with gorgeous trees. Located off Co. Rd. 106. Lots are priced at \$35,000 each. (17060/17061)

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL... you choose! This 5 +/- acre tract is right off Hwy. 117 in Mentone and would be great for a residence or business. \$45,000 (17270)

IT'S BETTER THAN GOLD! Attention subdividers - here's your opportunity! Great layout with this 22 +/- acre parcel of property near Lake Lahusage in Mentone. Lots have already been surveyed or you can keep as a whole. \$189,900 (17399)

LAKE ON THE BROW - Build that "Get-a-way Cabin" on this beautiful wooded 1 acre lot on the lake. \$59,500 (17384)

BREATHTAKING... Sunsets and views await you from this 6.5 acre brow lot in Mentone. Build your personal home, vacation home or rental cabin and start

enjoying this opportunity. \$345,900 (17268)

BEAUTIFUL FARM ATOP LOOKOUT MTN in close proximity to DeSoto State Park. Old homestead w/ outbuildings, pond, county water and offers scenic, private country living. Fantastic views. Multi-use, horse or cattle. \$360,000 (17441)

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BROKEN DAM @ LAHUSAGE! Waterfront lots starting at \$100,000 (17334)

JUST LISTED... Lot in Hidden Lakes Subdivision on Lookout mountain. \$59,900

3+/- ACRES on the East Fork of Little River. \$165,000

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

We thought that summer was going to be a quiet time at the Moon Lake Library. Wrong!! At the May meeting of the Board of Directors, we found that the library is going to be jumping even though school is out.

Before I get into the new happenings, I want to thank everyone who came to the Work Day. We were small in number but big in production. We cleaned, covered books, shelved books and left the library in much better shape. It is amazing what willing hands can accomplish!

Barbara Blalock is our new board member and she is already coming up with new and helpful ideas. She recommended that we add more information to assist our patrons in finding books. This is a wonderful idea and I plan to put that into place soon. Always look for blue information stickers on the shelves, these should help you in your search for books.

Now for the exciting news!! A Summer Reading Program is being planned for the children of the area. Every Saturday from May 31 to July 28, will be a time for Moon Lake students to improve their reading skills and to continue with the AR program in which they participate at school. Mrs. Tonya Lassetter and Mrs. Nancy Frost will be in charge of this program. During this time a volunteer from the community will read a story. The Summer Reading Program will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the opening of the library. The special Story Time hour will begin at 10:00 a.m. All children of the area are invited. There will be other activities as well as the story hour. Adults are encouraged to browse the books on the community side of the library while they are waiting for their children to finish the reading program.

The first four readers are: June 7, Jan Wilkinson, June 14, Cynthia Luck, June 21, Barbara Blalock and June 28, Gene Giles. All children and children-at-heart are invited to

come and hear the story of the day. A Kick-off Celebration is planned for July 31. Mark your calendar and watch for details to arrive in the information packet your children bring home from school.

I had to miss the "Meet the Author" session, but I heard great things about it. The attendance was very good and most of Rev. Dr. Oscar Hussel's books were sold. Oscar has been a resident of Mentone for many years and we certainly appreciate his doing this for the library and the community.

We have stocked some new books on the library shelves recently. Some are in the special book stand on the side of the desk and some are on the shelves. Ask Beverly what the new ones are and check them out. We are trying to complete all series of books. If you see some of the series that are not complete, tell Beverly and she will let us know what to look for. Beverly is on duty all of the time and a different volunteer is with her each open session. If you would like to be a volunteer, let me know or write to the address at the end of this article. We need more volunteers.

PLEASE!! PLEASE!! Send us any errors or additions you would like to have placed in the 2009 calendar. If your information was incorrect, send the corrections and we will get them in the calendar for next year. If you have never ordered a calendar, now is the time to place your order. If you do this now, we can get your birthday and anniversary information in the 2009 calendar.

Send new orders or corrections to: Moon Lake Library, PO Box 481, Mentone, AL 35984. The 2009 calendars will be available for sale by December 1, 2009.

Don't forget the drop box for books and the one for DVD's on the side of the drop box. The fine for books is only ten cents per day but the fine for DVD's is one dollar for every day that they are overdue. Don't pay this fine, drop them in the box!

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community

Library will be Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the library. The library will be open for the public during this time and we urge you to continue to use the library during our meeting. Call Jan Wilkinson, 845-5048, to be placed on the agenda.

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library or to order a calendar, you may write to us at this address: Moon Lake Community Library, Post Office Box 481, Mentone, AL 35984

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 Yukon gold potato - \$1/lb
 White colossal garlic - \$3.50/lb
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Ezekial FastingBread	\$2.50	\$6
Raisin Bread	\$2.50	\$6.50
Wholesome Wheat Bread	\$2	\$5
	Half#	One#
Millet Crackers	\$3.50	\$6
Living Flax Crackers	\$3	\$5
Roasted Rosemary Vegetables	\$4	
Hummus	\$3.50	\$6
Potato Salad	\$3.50	\$6
Cultured cabbage	\$6	
Marinated Kale Greens	\$4	
Peanut Butter Oven Baked Tofu	\$6	\$10

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2. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt or a leaky tire.
3. It's always darkest before dawn, so if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
4. Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
5. Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.
6. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
7. If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
8. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
9. If at first you don't succeed Skydiving is not for you.
10. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
11. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
12. Some days you're the bug, some days you're the windshield.
13. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
14. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
15. A closed mouth gathers no foot.
16. Duct tape is like 'The Force'. It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.
17. There are two theories to arguing with a woman - Neither one works.
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VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Evelyn Graves

Valley Head Woman's Club, consisting of twenty-two regular members, just completed an interesting year of programs and projects, climaxing with a very delicious Spring Luncheon held at the Heritage House at Henagar the third Wednesday in May.

The programs for the 2007-08 year included speakers Jan Wilkinson, Brenda Wisner, Harriet Lillich, Dr. Bill Berry, Marsha Hurt representing "Project Phoebe" of Camp DeSoto, and Mickey Luck presenting dulcimer music. At the Spring Luncheon, new officers for the year 2008-09 were installed by Jane Brooks. The new officers are: Jean Jones, President; Kathryn Carden, First Vice-President; Shirley Shigley, Second Vice-President; Judith Hammond, Recording Secretary; Flo Kirby, Treasurer; Elizabeth Ellis, Corresponding Secretary; Pat Eberhart, Custodian-Librarian; and Gethryn Giles, Parliamentarian.

The projects engaged in by club members were the annual sale of pecans and the presentation of two \$500 scholarships to Justin Grider and Kari Haney, graduating seniors at Valley Head High School, at the annual Awards Day program.

The Valley Head Woman's Club was organized in 1930 and is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and a member of Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs.



Evelyn Graves, V.H. Women's Club president, presents Justin Grider with scholarship



Evelyn Graves, V.H. Women's Club president, presents Kari Haney with scholarship

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By Rose Harris of Mentone

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We love A & J. Stop by—you'll be glad you did!!

LIVE WHILE YOU'RE ALIVE

From the internet (My sister, Lois, sent this to me and I wanted to share it with many others — Marie

We all need to read this one over and over until it becomes part of who we are!

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Try everything twice. On Madam's tombstone (of Waylon and Madam) she said she wanted this epitaph: 'Tried everything twice...loved it both times!'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. (Keep this in mind if you are one of those grouches.)
3. Keep learning: Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain get idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's!
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.... And if you have a friend who makes you laugh, spend lots and lots of time with HIM/HER.
6. The tears happen: Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. LIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love: Whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Remember: Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help. You are worth it!
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.
11. Forgive now those who made you cry. You might not get a second time. Share this with someone...as it's a joy to be thought of kindly! Lost time can never be found! So make sure ... You find time to love unconditionally.

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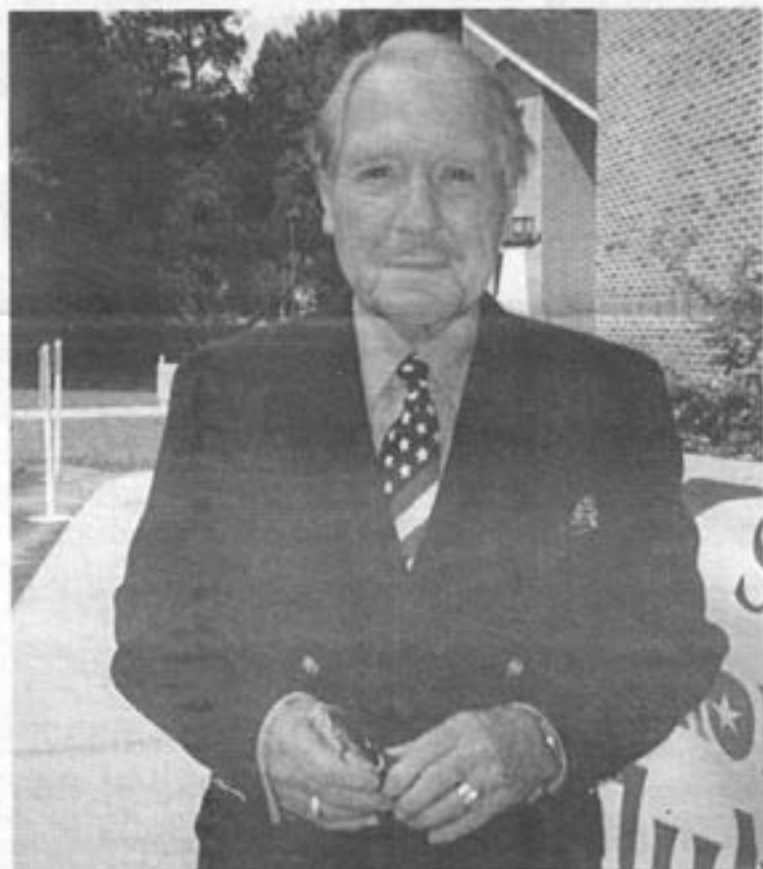
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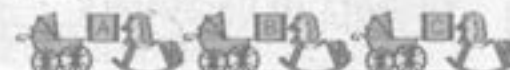
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Mentone Story Teller at Festival

By Ronda Bruckno

Martha Templeton, a Dekalb county native is the best storyteller I have ever heard. She works as an educational consultant in the field of literacy, serving schools in the northwest Georgia region. Martha is an author, whose work is included in several anthologies, including *A Father, A Hero* by James Dobson, *Stories of a Man's Heart* and *Stories for the Heart - A Second collection* by Alice Gray, *A Fourth Course of Chicken Soup for the Soul* and *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, a *Christmas Treasury* by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hanson. Her short story, *Simple Wooden Boxes*, was featured on the Christmas episode of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* television series.

Martha taught writing and reading at Summerville Middle School in Summerville, Georgia for many years. While she was there, she co-directed the school's Storytelling Troupe and helped to establish the school's puppet team. She has been telling stories at schools and churches for more than ten years and is a firm believer in the power of stories to entertain, teach and inspire.

On Saturday, May 17 Martha told stories all afternoon at Mountain Properties. She did this as a fund raiser for The Launch Pad Youth Group at Summit Church of God on Hwy 17. At times the room was packed with little ones up to seniors enjoying her wonderful stories. She is so animated that the children sat quietly absorbing every word and move she made. It was far better than a movie!

All of Martha's stories had a lesson to be learned and yet she always surprised us with a good chuckle at the end. One story was "Chocolate Lies" teaching that lies can get you into a lot trouble and just aren't worth it. Another one that I really enjoyed was "Crocodile Teeth and The Dentist" showing how we should respect one another.

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Great curb appeal is created through details, especially the walkway, lighting and landscaping. If it seems like it would be difficult to approach your home, make it more welcoming by keeping your walkways clean and clutter-free. Trim back the overhanging trees or bushes. It doesn't take hundreds of dollars to create landscapes, just a little elbow grease to keep it clean and appealing.

Landscaping can be used to your advantage in many ways. I don't have a green thumb like my sister-in-law Doreen who each year designs a awesome walkway around the Hitching Post. We both agree that I need to stay with the silk plants! Color tends to draw attention so plants and flowers soften the effect of a plain foundation, fence or garage. Hanging plants and flowerpots around the front door make visitors feel welcome and invited. A freshly mowed and neatly edged lawn makes a home look tidy and well cared for.

The steps that you take to ensure that your home looks attractive and inviting will be well worth the effort. It sets the stage for a good showing and adds value to the sales price.

Ronda Bruckno has been a licensed real estate agent since 1976 selling homes in Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and Alabama. She first came to Mentone in 1967 when she married into the Crow family. Ronda is now the Owner/Broker of Mountain Properties in the Hitching Post next to The Crow's Nest Antiques. She feels the northeast Alabama mountains and valleys are the most beautiful places in the south to live. Most of all she is happy to have her office in Mentone, Al to be close to her daughter and grandson, Lisa and Alex Whatley. Contact her at www.almountainproperties.com, or call Ronda at 256-516-4663 or 256-634-4333

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Bunch chooses Birmingham Southern

J.E.Bunch, son of Jim and Leslie Bunch of Valley Head, has decided to attend Birmingham Southern College on an academic scholarship. J.E.B. will also be playing football for the Panthers. He also received scholarships from Sewanee, Millsaps, Mississippi College, Randolph-Macon College (VA), and Alabama. In local scholarships, he received the Presley-Slone Scholarship from Fort Payne First Baptist which will be matched by the school of his choice.

J.E.B. is a 2008 graduate of Fort Payne High School. He was an honor student, Eagle Scout (troop 75), Honor College Math Society Mu Alpha Theta, FPHS National Security 2007 Nominee of the Distinguished Alumni for the National Youth Leadership Forum, FPHS Achievement Award in History 2007, selected for the Washington Summer Scholars Program, Selected for Lead America Youth Conference, Academic Excellence Award 2007 presented by the Kiwanis Club, Starting DE on 2 back-to-back undefeated Regional Championships, 2008 State Finalist in discus and shot put, FPHS MVP; 2008 Track-field recipient, Super-Cat, 110% Kean Award, HM

Regional and All-County Football Team, C.A. R. member of the Phillip Hamman Chapter in Jackson, Kentucky, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Fort Payne. "After receiving acceptance letters from the colleges, I contacted the football departments and sent my game DVD's. Division III does not offer athletic scholarships. Sending tapes before you are accepted is pointless. I went on recruiting trips and found the players at these schools were not only academically sound but athletically. A lot of them played on great teams in high school and received recognition, but, like me, they were there for the education. Coach Dubose, of Millsaps College, said Division III today reminds him of the Division I teams in the 70's. He said I was an "A" ranked player" out of A, B, and C. The "A" players are ready to play and I would see a lot of playing time on a team he feels is going to have a Division III championship. Of course, you have to prove yourself wherever you go, but it was nice to hear. While sitting in his office, he told great stories and knew I would always remember that moment and his voice. Randolph-Macon's

Coach Aruzza, flew me up and they are ranked #1, in most approved 2007 season, in Division III. Again, a great coach with a winning tradition. At BSC, I was recruited by Joey Jones and when he left, I was really disappointed. I went for an overnight while we were in a meeting he walked up to my chair and told me to follow him to his office; he said he just wanted to spend some time with me. I thought I had done something wrong. It was another great moment for me. Sewanee was my best recruiting trip because I felt like I was home. The player I stayed with had gone to McCallie while I was there,

and the coaches said they were fighting over me and I liked every coach. "I chose BSC because I plan to work and live in Alabama. My internships need to be in the state I plan to live in and my parents can come to the games. I have a lot of friends going to school in the Birmingham area. I feel the school is really excited about the new team and you can feel the support. Coach Garfinkle, BSC's head coach, called today to get my cleat and jersey size. He really feels we have some great players. I think the stands will fill up and I am lucky to be a part of its beginnings."

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Thanks to All Who Helped

By Jerome Stephens

I want to thank all the people who helped make this year's Rhododendron Festival a big success. Page Cunningham who got me into this mess and helped mentor me through the whole process of being a Festival Coordinator; Leroy Crowe who had the tedious job of doing all that treasurer stuff; Marie Dillenbeck and Amelia Kirk Lolli for keeping me organized and helping at the MAPA booth; Ronda Bruckno for doing an outstanding job with the publicity; and Sarah Jacoway Chastain for writing an article about the festival that appeared in local publications; Evelyn Graves for promoting the Festival in *The Groundhog*; Holley Midgley for advertising the Festival in "The Lookout View;" Slate McDorman, Lee Wharton, Terry McElroth and Laura Hargrove for making the Little River boat rides a huge success; Chuck Peters for designing the Festival bin cards; Mark Gibson and Debbie Reynolds for helping with the distribution of the Festival bin cards; David Gilbreath, Mike Bare, Bill Berry and all the boy scouts of Troop 106 in Mentone for helping with the parking, the bonfire, and keeping the festival grounds clean; Dessie Brown for organizing the vendor applications, brochures and quilt tickets; Cynthia Stinson who took hundreds of beautiful pictures of the festival; Gloria Sitz for helping with the entertainment and providing a beautiful setting for our bonfire and concerts; Liz Stephens for doing a wonderful job of coordinating the Mardi Gras Parade; Paul Todd and the Mentone Fire Department for providing a fire engine for the parade; the Desoto State Park Rangers for leading the parade with flashing lights and a loud siren; Dave Wassom, Claudia Lowe and Kim Albrecht for placing the festival signs around the area and Kim for helping uprde the electrical in the park (It works great!); Tony Goggans for providing MAPA with a sound system at the last minute; Clay Patrie for researching and recommending a new sound system for future festivals and events; Barbara Bleeker and Wes Chesnut for transporting the Rhododendrons safely to the park; Mike Miller for helping with the sound system during the concerts; Mike and Madelon Houghland for selling a lot of quilt tickets at Foodland; and Mike Miller for helping with the sound system during the concerts. I would also like to thank the Mentone Area Arts Council, The Mentone Educational Resources Foundation, The Lookout View, and The Desoto Rescue Squad for participating in the Festival.



Don and Kim Mallicoat of Ashville, NC, this year's winner of the quilt, came to pick it up on 5/29/08, and said that they were thrilled that they were the winners. Photo next issue.