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"Neighbory News from the Heart of Lookout Mountain"

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Town of Mentone Dedicates Historical Marker

May 15, 2010

The first Lookout Mountain settlers arrived shortly after the Cherokee Indian removal of 1838-1839. These pioneers had been too late for homesteading the good farmland in Northwest Georgia. They now turned their attention to Lookout Mountain. With stubborn determination, they hacked their way through the mountain wilderness. They chopped logs and built primitive houses, cleared land for patch farming, and hunted the abundant wildlife for food. Among the early settlers were the families of Force, O'Rear, Crow, Jones, Smith and Hammit. For years, not much changed in their lives. Times were hard. During the Civil War Federal troops were on the mountain. They dealt severely with the settlers taking their animals and meager stores of food. Still these hearty souls managed to survive and remain on their homesteads.

In the post Civil War era, more affluent settlers arrived. Among these was the Mason family from Bellefountain, Iowa. They were great community workers and generous with their resources. John Mason and his son Edward were the founders of Mentone. John was instrumental in the opening of the Vernon Gap and the new road from Valley Head to Menlo, Georgia in 1882. John and Edward bought the hardware for a covered bridge and the community did the work. Edward gave money for a church and a school. Moon Lake was the center of community activities. Alice, daughter of John, named the town Mentone and gave the land for Bankhead Cemetery. Mentone eventually became incorporated in 1936. Those opposed to incorporation feared the imposition of higher taxes and losing their independence. The threat of becoming part of nearby towns convinced a majority to support incorporation. Despite great progress in Mentone since its founding, the advice of John Mason still has a ring of truth. "Don't come here expecting to make a fortune, but if your fortune is made, Mentone offers a good life."

- Ernest Smith



Top - Mayor Rob Hammond and Julie Smith unveil historical marker.

Below- Mayor Rob Hammond and Ernest Smith.



Author Ernest Smith stands proudly with the marker that bears his words.

Below - Ernest Smith and Julie Smith.



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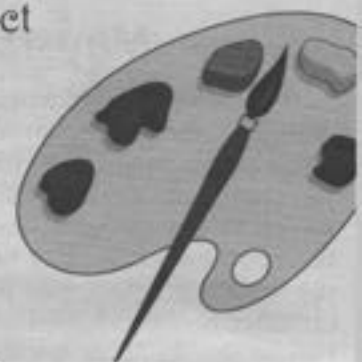
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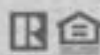
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LOTS and LAND

WOODED MENTONE LAKE VIEW LOT w/ wooden double garage already in place for material storage or finish it as a rustic retreat until you build? Borders Camp Comer. \$49,000 (19775)

9 ACRES WITH GREAT FRONTAGE ON WEST FORK of Little River at Mentone! 3 lots combined. Lots of road frontage, plenty of woods, privacy, rock formations, native plants like mountain laurel & yellow root. Approx 230' water frontage; over 1000' road frontage. Build your mountain retreat or use the little picnic pavilion already on the property as your campsite getaway till you're ready to build! (20057)

1.69 AC LOT w/view of Rock Lake. Add'l land avail. Lightly restricted. \$27,500 (19225)

200' FRONTAGE WEST FORK LITTLE RIVER. 4.84 acre lot in restricted community offers canoeing, swimming, fishing, rock formations on the property & across the river surrounded by mountain laurel, native holly, huge hardwood trees and yellow root. \$64,500. (19048)

LOOKOUT MTN BLUFF VIEW LOT overlooking Fort Payne. Unrestricted; 0.9 acre; wooded; public water avail. Only \$19,900 (18901)

WOODED LOT IN BANKHEAD SOUTH 3.6 ac, paved road frontage, public water & power at road. One of only 2 lots remaining. \$38,000. (17865)



BEAUTIFUL SUNRISE VIEWS! Beautiful cedar, shake-sided, 2700 SQ FT, 3BR/2BA cabin with lots of windows offers great natural light as well as views of the Shiloh Valley below you, woods & boulders around you! Double-sided stone fpl; gleaming HW floors; main-level MABR suite; decks to enjoy views. Detached 2-car+ garage w/bonus room. Many extras! 2 wooded acres w/little to no yard maintenance required! Just nine miles from downtown Mentone, 2 hours from Atlanta & Birmingham. Off the scenic mtn drive of Hwy 48, Cloudland. Now \$229,900. (19628)



JUST FINISHED...BEAUTIFULLY! From the moment you drive up, you realize this is no run-of-the-mill cabin. It is substantial in materials & workmanship. 2BR/2.5BA, 1643 sq ft; full, wrap-around 8' porch (w/16' covered & screened extension off MABR!); mtn stone w/ fpl; laundry; pantry; loft area for office/studio; vaulted & beamed ceiling. 1.6 acre wooded lot. \$184,900. (19724)



RUSTIC, YET REFINED, just completed 2BR/2BA, 1.5 story cabin. The rustic feel you want, the little upgrades you desire like furniture-grade cabinetry, wide-plank pine floors & tile baths. Half-log exterior, metal roof, full screened back porch, nice extras. Designed & built to be very energy efficient. Situated on a wooded, 1.4 ac lot in Mossy Rock at Mentone. \$149,900. (19721)



LITTLE RIVER CANYON VIEW FOREST 3BR/3BA cabin situated on 5 VERY private acres. Well-built 1600 sq ft half-log exterior w/1000 sq ft interior. 3BR/2BA, 1600 sq ft; full, wrap-around 8' porch (w/16' covered & screened extension off MABR!); mtn stone w/ fpl; laundry; pantry; loft area for office/studio; vaulted & beamed ceiling. 1.6 acre wooded lot. \$184,900. (19724)



BEAUTIFUL & BRAND NEW! Cedar cabin in Northend. Walking distance to village of Mentone (less than a mile). 3BR/2BA, 1600 sq ft; full, wrap-around 8' porch (w/16' covered & screened extension off MABR!); mtn stone w/ fpl; laundry; pantry; loft area for office/studio; vaulted & beamed ceiling. 1.6 acre wooded lot. \$184,900. (19724)



SMALL IN SIZE, BIG ON VALUE! Enjoy all new appliances in this 2BR/1BA neat little place located on Hwy 117 in Mentone. Full front porch, great back yard that goes on into the wooded area behind house. Nice front yard, too, w/magnificent dogwoods. CH/A; vinyl siding; metal roof. It's probably the best-priced home in Mentone that you can move into & start enjoying right away! Just listed! \$69,900. (20068)



SECLUDED 3BR/3BA CHALET STYLE HOME on 9.5AC! Make this home your get-away or permanent dwelling. Three levels, each with its own bed and bath. Master Suite with jetted tub, quaint kitchen with breakfast nook. Natural light-filled living area. Large 3/4 wrap-around deck! Spacious utility room. Finished basement. Raised-bed flower & veggie gardens. Surrounded by woods! \$189,900 (20029)



GREAT DOWNTOWN MENTONE LOCATION! Concrete block building with wonderful road frontage & parking! Priced right. Potential as farmer's market, retail shops, office spaces, art gallery, meeting center...the possibilities are quite amazing! World's Longest Yard Sale passes right in front of it, so you could have it ready to sell, sell, sell merchandise by August! Only \$98,000. (20070)



ELEGANT TRADITIONAL TWO-STORY HOME! Come fall in love with this 4BR/3+BA home w/built-in bookcases, hardwood flooring, beautiful wainscoting, & gas log fpl. Master suite with jetted tub, modern kitchen w/b'fast nook, formal DR, walk-in pantry, bonus room above garage could be extra bed, office, music room on an immaculately landscaped 1.4 ac lot. Just listed for \$259,900! (20030)



SPACIOUSNESS THAT IS POSITIVELY, WELL, HEAVENLY! Circa 1870 church divinely transformed into a split 2BR/2BA home w/awe-inspiring great room in the middle. 2500 sq ft. Original heart pine floors & walls. Cabinetry made from original pews. MABR wing w/ glorious bath. 2nd BR w/sitting area/office that could be a 3rd BR. Renovations retain character of original architecture. Blessedly reasonable at \$129,900.(19569)



WOODLAND RETREAT within walking distance of Eberhart Point Overlook at Little River Canyon! 2BR/2BA cedar & log-front cabin w/6x20 front porch & fabulous 14x24 screened back porch; stone WB fpl; all appliances; MABR suite w/jetted tub; cathedral ceilings. Well-insulated, low heating/cooling bills. Very clean, well-maintained. Like new! On 3 wooded lots, offering little or no lawn maintenance! \$155,000. (19959)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BIRTHDAY PARTY

You are invited to a birthday party honoring Catherine Bailey as she celebrates her 100th Birthday. June 19, 2-3:30 P.M. Crowne Health Care 2nd floor dining room

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2010** meeting dates for the **Valley Head Water Works Board**, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be as follows:

JUNE 14, 2010
JULY 12, 2010
AUGUST 9, 2010
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
OCTOBER 11, 2010
NOVEMBER 8, 2010
DECEMBER 13, 2010

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

The **2010** quarterly meeting dates for the **Mentone Planning Commission**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the **3rd Thursday** of the following months:

JULY 15
OCTOBER 15

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

The **2010** meeting dates for the **Mentone Waterworks Board**, 5972 AL

Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, on the 4th Thursday as follows:

JUNE 24
JULY 22
AUGUST 25
SEPTEMBER 22
OCTOBER 27
NOVEMBER 22
DECEMBER 22

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

The **2010** 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:

JUNE 14
JULY 12
AUGUST 9
SEPTEMBER 13
OCTOBER 11
NOVEMBER 8
DECEMBER 13

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1 - Kathy McMunn
3 - Margaret Baker
6 - Caitlyn Collins
7 - Haywood Baker, Tiffany Long
8 - Gail Smalley, Rachel Manifold
10 - Amanda Gray, Dwight Gray (in memory)
11 - Ethan Meadows
12 - Marsha J. Hair
13 - Laden Crow
14 - Luke Harrison, Lee Swart
15 - Josh Smalley
20 - Collette Kirby, Katie Hester
21 - Catherine Baily, Rick Weber, Trey Kincer, Nicky Langston
23 - Liz Baker
24 - Tyler Hester
25 - Virginia Setze
27 - Bleu Stone
28 - Chris Stokes
29 - Sue Schwarz

Anniversaries

1 - Monique & Mike Fielder
2 - Greg & Beverly Henry
11 - Wesley & Kat Griffith
13 - Roger & Judy Dowiat
16 - Kenneth & Kathy McMunn
18 - Ken & Flo Kirby
21 - John & Bobbie Smith
23 - Tom & Virginia Setze
Allen & Jan Cherbonneau
29 - Mike & Liz Perry



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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; Women on Mission meet at 1PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-1001.

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

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

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

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 11AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM Sunday. Bible class or Lent/Advent services every Wednesday at 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. Everyone welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 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.

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

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church - a place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration. Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

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

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lords Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship 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. Rev. Terry Turner is the pastor at Moon Lake.

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

Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

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

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

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

Mentone Community Church, 90 Summerville Rd., Mentone, AL 35984 Sunday Services: 9 am and 10:30 am Adult Sunday School: Sundays @ 9:30 am Teen and Adult Sunday School: Sundays @ 5:30 Tuesday Night Prayer Service: 6:30 pm Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 pm: Children's Pioneer Clubs & Youth Group

Cloudland Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to come join us for services, with Pastor Roger Kvam. Bible Study Sunday at 9:00 a.m (e.s.t.) and Worship at 10:00 a.m (e.s.t.)



DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

"His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything, His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him, His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord."

I love to sing this praise song. As we meditate on the words of the song, praise flows from our lips. We can realize how truly wonderful our Lord is. He was wonderful in His birth, His life, His death, and His resurrection. He is wonderful in his ascension, his intercession, and his preparation of an eternal home for us in Heaven with Him.

Our entrance into Heaven is not automatic. We must first trust in Christ as our savior, believe that He died on the cross for our sins, and live for him, serving him every day, and we can then have that hope of eternal life. If you have not already trusted in Him, do so today and enjoy life more abundantly and experience that hope of eternal salvation.



Children age 3- grade 6

For

Moon Lake Baptist Church

Location

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Date/Time

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IN-TOWN CHARMER - Walk to downtown Mentone from this 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath cottage featuring wood floors, cathedral ceiling and gazebo all on 1 acre with more available. Call today! \$149,900 (16659)



A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY is found in this log cabin. Featuring 2BR/1BA on main floor, L-shaped living/dining/kitchen combo with wood flooring throughout. Upstairs has 2 sleeping areas and bath with unique foiled maids tub. Cozy front and back porches. This cabin is sold turn key. Make your appointment today. \$229,000 (18871)



LOOKING FOR A MOUNTAIN GET-A-WAY? 3BR/1BA home just minutes from Mentone. Completely remodeled, this home is move-in ready! New kitchen appliances include range, refrigerator, microwave, and washer/dryer. Updated wiring, new CH&A, fresh interior paint, and rock FP. On two lots with a covered back deck, mature trees and outbuilding. \$89,900 (17931)



MOVE UP TO RIVERFRONT! Get an open and airy feeling throughout this 3BR/3.5BA home. Features include an oversized state-of-the-art kitchen with eating area, stone FP, wood and tile floors, oversized back porch and boat dock. Appealing landscaping with large native stones. Many windows to soak up the views. A must see for \$495,000. (17781)



IN-TOWN PRIVACY! Sit on the screened porch of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage and listen to the squirrels play. Completely remodeled kitchen and only a short distance from downtown Mentone. \$129,900 (19082)



MENTONE/LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN Mountain house featuring breathtaking views! Hardy plank/rock construction, metal roof, 3BR/2.5BA, kitchen with custom cabinetry. Main level master bedroom, large walk-in closet, master bath w/jacuzzi tub, separate shower, double vanity. 2 car garage. Private 14 acre lake and more! This is a must see! \$530,000 (20031)



SPECTACULAR VIEWS!! You will call it home when you walk in! Classic Mentone Brow house, c.1955, situated on a beautiful wooded lot...Great room, gourmet kitchen, custom cabinetry, granite countertops, vaulted ceilings, wood floors, FP... Large deck... Guest House... basement workshop... all you've wanted in a Mountain home. \$385,000 (19460)



WEEKEND RETREAT OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE! 2BR/2BA cabin located off DeSoto Pkwy near Mentone. Kitchen/Dining combo with Oak cabinets, eat-in bar and all appliances. Owner's bath also has a free-standing fireplace. Wrap-around deck and walk-out balcony on a nice wooded lot. \$159,900 (19835)



BREATHTAKING VIEW! You can enjoy the view year round from this one-level brick home. Features 3BR/2BA, living and dining combination, wood burning fireplace, spacious kitchen with breakfast bar, sunroom and large deck for entertaining or to enjoy the spectacular view. \$450,000 (17082)



INCREDIBLE BROW HOME offers three levels to enjoy the gorgeous view of the valley below. Beautiful entry, huge family room. Kitchen has breakfast bar and stainless appliances. Huge master bedroom has fireplace and master bath offers clawfooted tub, and 2-person steam shower. Outside enjoy the stacked rock fireplace/bbq grill, patio and decks. The garage apartment has separate entrance and private deck. Come see this unbelievable home today! \$699,000 (15736)



COME SEE THIS BROW LOT in Mentone featuring a unique log structure that you can use to get-a-way from it all. The log structure has been moved to this site and offers an open living space with 1 bedroom and a bath. You'll have plenty of acreage to build something new or just enjoy the atmosphere of days gone by. \$279,900 (18256)



NATIVE MOUNTAIN FOLIAGE creates a level of privacy for this 3 BR/ 2BA brick house overlooking the West Fork of Little River from the back yard. Split BR design, large family room with cathedral ceiling and mountain stone wood-burning fireplace, screened porch, 2 storage sheds, (1 with electricity), an attached 2-car garage and CH&A. \$219,000 (16371)



LIVE AND PLAY ON THE WATER! Enjoy 200' of frontage on the East Fork of Little River in this waterfront home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rock floors as well as some carpet, all appliances, wood burning fireplace, and storage building. Call for more details. \$347,900 (18278)



LIVE ON THE WATERS EDGE in this custom built log cabin. Features include 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious great room with cathedral ceilings, hickory floors and oversized windows, large utility room, 2-car garage and fishing dock situated on 2 lots. Set up your appointment today! \$229,000 (18898)



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DR. JOHN DEWEY (1859-1952), AMERICAN EDUCATOR

By John S. Whitaker

John Dewey was born October 20, 1859, in Burlington, Vermont, and was the third son of the four sons born to Archibald Sprague Dewey and Lucina Artemesia Rich. (The oldest son died in infancy.) The Dewey brothers were educated in the public schools of Vermont and the University of Vermont. John received his bachelor's degree in 1879 from the University of Vermont.

Dewey became a high school teacher in Oil City, Pennsylvania, for three years, but decided that he was unsuited for teaching in primary and secondary schools. He proceeded to study for a doctorate at John Hopkins University and received his doctoral degree in 1884.

During the ensuing years Dewey taught at the University of Michigan (1884-1888) and one year at the University of Minnesota (1888-1889). In 1894, Dewey joined the faculty of the University of Chicago; he resigned from this position in 1904. The rest of his teaching career was spent at Columbia University from 1905 to 1930.

During his life Dewey wrote forty books and some seven hundred articles in over one hundred forty journals. These helped him attain the statue of America's greatest educator. Also, he was influential in other areas as well: psychology, logic, democracy, journalism, humanism, nature, aesthetics, ethics, and social theory.

John Dewey and Alice Chipman were married in 1886. Six children were born during their marriage. Alice died in 1927, and in 1946 he married Roberta Lowitz Grant.

The late 19th century and early 20th century saw the birth of a new school of psychology called "pragmatism." Prominent in forming this new field of study were William James (1842-1910), Charles Sanders Peirce (1839-1914), and John Dewey (1859-1952). Dewey would probably have preferred that his ideas of pragmatism be called "instrumentalism." As such, Dewey was a proponent of the practical, the useful, the fundamental, the hands-on learning approach, and learning by doing approaches in the educational field. Suppose that Dewey wanted to teach someone how to ride a bicycle. One approach would be to talk about it. (Does this mean that the lecture method is the poorest way to teach?) Another approach might be to read about it. Dewey, however, would use the hands-on learning approach: touch and handle the bicycle, then sit on it, and see what you can do. This method was directly opposite the rote-learning method, which involved reading and/or committing to memory by repeating it over and over. Practicality was a key approach Dewey would advocate.

While Dewey was a professor at the University of Chicago (1894-1904), he founded and directed the Chicago Laboratory School. Dewey sought to combine theory and practice in the school, and he even asked parents to participate in the program. The school still exists today, is housed in the center of the University of Chicago campus, has 50 faculty members, and some 450 students. Basically, the classes are designed for collegebound students. The school boasts a library containing some 40,000 volumes, has many in-school clubs and activities, as well as those in the community.

In 1919 Dewey, along with Charles Beard, Thorstein Veblen, and James Harvey Robinson, became one of the founders of the New School, a university located mostly in Greenwich Village in New York City and today has a faculty of 2088 members who teach 9825 students. The school prides itself as the first college in America offering education to adults.

During his lifetime Dewey was associated with many organizations:

- 1) American Psychological Association, president, 1899;
- 2) American Philosophical Association, president, 1905-1906;
- 3) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1915;
- 4) American Association of University Professors, founder and first president, 1915;
- 5) American Federation of Teachers, a charter member, 1916;
- 6) American Civil Liberties Union, helped organize it, 1920;
- 7) People's Lobby, after 1929;
- 8) First psychologist to be commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp, 1967; and
- 9) League for Independent Political Action, first president, 1929.

Dewey was a passionate believer in American democracy. He felt that journalists were not just givers of knowledge, but that the public, the citizens, should be involved in the news by being users and doers of the printed page.

If Dewey's concepts of education could be reduced to a single statement, perhaps it would be this: education is the means of improving the human situation of the peoples of the world as they use their intelligence to solve their problems.

Death, caused by pneumonia, came to Dr. Dewey on June 1, 1952; he was 92+ years old; yet his spirit and influence still remain and touch us even today.

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

A day early, Wednesday, May 12, 2010, Jan Wilkinson, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Community Library, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. All regular reports were given with one highlight being in Ann Chesnut's report of FRIENDS of the Library. She reported that we have fifty-seven (57) people who are willing to help the library with all events. Linda Brown, Chair of Committee on Volunteers, stated that they are fantastic and she could not praise or thank them enough.

The members discussed the upcoming Meet the Author event. This will be Saturday, June 19, 2010, at 11 A.M. in the library. This will be "Tea Time and Tatting" with Liz Baker and her friend, Anita Hebert, who has written the book, *Tatting Revisited: A Shuttle Approach*. Anita will be demonstrating the almost lost art of tatting and her book will be for sale. Tatting is defined as: "a kind of knotted lace made by hand with a small shuttle". This is a fascinating skill and one which everyone will enjoy seeing demonstrated. Mark your calendar now.

Jan reminded everyone of the Sidewalk Stargazing which will be Saturday, August 14, 2010. The Atlanta Astronomy Club will be in charge of this program under the direction of their president, Keith Burns. The meeting will begin at the Moon Lake Library and then go outside, possibly to the walking track. The time will be announced later, as it depends on when it gets dark on this day. Mark your calendar for this event.

The event which all of the members of the board look forward to, the annual FRIENDS Appreciation Luncheon, was discussed. We have been able to secure the M.E.R.F. Community House for Saturday, July 31, 2010. If you are a FRIEND, you will be receiving an invitation sometime in June. The entertainment will be the "Singing Seniors of Mentone". They will be leading everyone in singing many of the well known and well loved songs of the area. I'm sure that they will have many surprises in store for us. You may become a FRIEND with a donation of twenty dollars or more. Go by the library and ask Beverly for an application. Do this before July 31 and you will be invited to the cookout. This is a wonderful time to meet new people and to enjoy good food and entertainment.

We were reminded of the Summer Book Sale which will be the same weekend as the Longest Yard Sale. Our sale will be Thursday, August 5th through Saturday, August 7th ending at noon. We are taking donations of books for the sale, bring them by the library during the open hours only.

Beverly, the librarian, has entered many new books into the system and they are now ready for you to check out. Come in and talk to her. Also, we have many new DVD's, so ask about them while you are there.

The open days of the Moon Lake Community Library are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. This is a change in the regular meeting date. To be on the agenda for a meeting, call Jan Wilkinson. Write to us: Moon Lake Community Library, PO Box 481, Mentone, Alabama 35984.

Church honors 2010 graduates

By Evelyn Graves

Sunday, May 16, was set aside by the Mentone Community Church to pay tribute to the graduates in the church who finished college or high school this spring.

A wonderful covered dish dinner was served to the graduates and their families. Each graduate was designated a table for memorabilia, awards, and other special things that had occurred during their four years of college or high school. The tables were quite interesting and impressive.

Those being honored were: David Chaney, JSU, Education; Katie Gray, Southern Wesleyan University, Elementary Education; Gary Parker, Shelton State, Nursing; Kelsey Wade, High School; Caleb McMunn, High School; Hannah Raughton, High School; John Jones, Home School; Buddy Holmes, Home School.



**Pictured Front L-R: Katie Gray, Kelsey Wade, Hannah Raughton.
Back L-R: Gary Parker, David Chaney, Caleb McMunn**

One World Adventure Company

By L.C. Moon

William Y. Shugart IV (Billy) and his wife Angie are long time residents of the surrounding area. They, along with their three daughters, moved to Mentone in the spring of 2007 to pursue a dream of directing, and eventually running, their own summer camp.



Billy became the program director, and a man of many hats, at Lookout Mountain Camp for Boys. LMC gifted the Shugart family with the opportunity to move closer to their goal. The facility helped them prove to themselves, visitors of the camp and community at large, their competence to run a successful camp; they have been eating, living, breathing and dreaming outdoor education over the past few years!

One World Adventure Company is a concept turned into a reality; a 501-(c)3 nonprofit organization that blends the many facets of camp life with the love of travel, outdoors and adventure sports. Many of the activities are geared toward co-operation, teaching the importance of helping others and teamwork. They believe "OWAC" can help empower others as

well as become a great benefit to the Mentone community.

OWAC's mission is to empower participants with solid decision making skills in order to effectuate positive change. They promote environmental stewardship and provide a safe and encouraging experience helping participants achieve overall personal goals. They



cleverly disguise their mission by making life lessons simply a fun and exciting experience.

Lookout Mountain Camp still serves as "OWAC's" large group facility

and can accommodate up to 125 people. It is available during the spring and fall months, whereas it is a camp for boys during the summer season. LMC sits on the East Fork of Little River on 400 acres. Built in 1928 with rustic log cabins; it is truly a serene environment. During the months of summer camp at LMC, "OWAC" offers a smaller summer day camp; it is not an overnight camp.

This year's summer day camp with "OWAC" is six (6), one-week sessions. Three, one week sessions are for ages 7-10 and the other three, one week sessions are for ages 11-14. Nippersink Lodge is the location of the camp. It is on the West Fork of Little River, walking distance from DeSoto Falls. They are very excited! Angie says, "Nippersink is a great facility with a fantastic back yard to explore and provides a rich history to learn about."

Angie further states, "For youth we center our programs on creating challenges while attaining success. When we attain success, we feel good. When we couple 'feeling good about one's self' with an 'awareness of our community' we foster stewardship. We find that people who feel good about themselves are less likely to make poor decisions or refrain from destructive behavior."

"OWAC" offers even more than a summer camp for youth. They offer Curriculum Enhancement where they provide hands-on lessons to work in conjunction with classroom lessons. They also focus on Character Education, decision making



through action, reflection, application and transfer as well as Service Learning Programs designed to bring awareness to our actions. Their curriculums help demonstrate how we affect the people and the natural world around us. "These elements make up our community," says Angie.

Slightly different focuses for One World Adventure Co. include Professional Development as well as activities for Faith-based Groups, families and individuals. The programs for professional companies are great for companies who want to invest in and develop their employees. Some of "OWAC's" favorite programs are Service/Adventure Packages for Church Youth Groups and Faith-Based Organizations as well as offering families and individuals a selection of custom adventure retreats including hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, horseback riding, camping, local art gallery and scenic tours.

One World can truly design an experience to meet your needs. These programs range from 1/2 day trips to 5 day retreats. OWAC will also offer these adventures at travel camps in North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Montana and California beginning spring of 2011. You can follow One World Adventure Company on Facebook or reach them @ (256)634-8370 or email angie@oneworldadventureco.com!

Lucy Mitchell Exhibition Open House Planned

The Mentone Area Arts Council (MAAC) is pleased to announce the opening of its new season of exhibitions at the Mentone Realty Art Gallery (Studio 117) in Mentone, Alabama featuring the works of Lucy Mitchell. The exhibition is now open and will run through July 10, 2010. An Open House Event will take place on Sunday afternoon, June 13th, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. with light refreshments and music.

For several years, Lucy has attempted to bring forth an image of Native Americans that portrays the feeling she has of their dignity, mystery and ultimate tragedy. This exhibit is primarily of paintings completed during the past year and includes the magnificent "Warrior Series."

Lucy Mitchell studied at the Harris Art School in Nashville, Tennessee, and at the Cincinnati Art Academy in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Lucy's painting subjects are varied. She enjoys still life, landscape and figures. She works with oil on canvas and pastels on paper. Lucy's works have been shown in fine art galleries all over the southeast. Her work is presently being shown at the Miller Gallery in Oneonta, Alabama, and at the Mentone Springs Hotel in Mentone.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Some extended hours are available during this exhibit through appointment with Ms. Mitchell or MAAC members, or through Charlotte Gentry, Owner/Broker of Mentone Realty.



Lucy Mitchell



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Mountain Herbalist

By L.C. Moon

Spring of 2010 is full of blooms! The abundance of blooms made Wildflower Saturday at DeSoto State Park even more fun, though some of the blooms were a little behind. I had the grand opportunity of leading about fifty people on hikes through the State Park's River Trail; teaching everyone about the edible and medicinal properties of the native plants. I was so glad the heavy rains held out for us and so many were brave enough to hike even with overcast skies, sprinkles and threats of heavy rains.

I always begin the hike pointing out dandelion and plantain, the most common and the taken for granted of the "wildflowers"; they are often referred to in a derogatory manner as weeds. So we say at the Wildflower Café, "May all your weeds be Wildflowers!" Dandelion and plantain are very diverse in their uses and a blessing to have so abundant at our feet! They both have edible and medicinal qualities. Dandelion is truly beneficial for the liver, has a high nutrient content and acts as an overall tonic for the body. Plantain is most commonly used topically for rash, bug bite and stings. Also, in folk times if someone suffered a rattlesnake bite, plantain leaves were covered with hot water, steeped in to a tea and drank by the snake bite victim as well as put on the wound.

Moving on along to the top of the river trail, before the bridge at Indian Falls, lives devils walking stick, wild cherry, wild roses, mountain river honey suckle, witch hazel as well as cross vine winding through the trees, just to name a few. Devil's walking stick carries a name that might scare the faint of heart. It has super sharp spiny stems and petioles, growing to be about 4 to 6 feet tall. Taking a dose of an extract of devil's walking stick bark (*Aralia spinosa*) may sound like you were taking some sort of witches brew; instead, according to Tommie Bass, it is a gift from God for those who have a toothache! Tommie recommended it as an alternative to "toothache tree", prickly ash (*Zanthoxylum americanum*).

After crossing Indian Falls Bridge, in mid-spring to early summer, the beautiful blooms of the poisonous rhododendron and mountain laurel are on full display. Less obvious are the native Solomon's seal, wild yam, trilliums, little brown jug, dwarf crested iris and squaw vine. All of these low growers were blooming the first Saturday of May, except for the squaw vine. It was displaying its little red edible berries. I eat the berries when I see them in the woods; not because they taste particularly good but because they are great for toning the uterus and balancing a woman's cycle.

As the river trail makes its way down to the banks of the river there is an abundance of yellow root. Everyone who has been reading my articles over the years must know my love for yellow root! It can be harvested anytime of the year to help aid in healing ulcers, liver problems, blood toxicity, digestive problems and more.

On the way back up the river trail there are lots of edible plants. Dew berries, blueberries, blackberries, smilax, sassafras, ox eye daisies, oxalis, corn salad and even a peach tree. All of which are native except for the seemingly out of place peach tree; though even it

has many medicinal qualities, i.e. making a tea of the leaves to aid in treating insomnia. I love it when I have brave souls who will forage the less commonly known wild herbs of the forest with me. For some it may be their first time to forage out of the forest while others on the hike tell me about how their grand momma would eat this stuff and they haven't tried it since they were a kid! It always tickles me to be with a distinguished older lady who tells me, "Yeah, I used to smoke that rabbit tobacco when I was a kid.", though it often happens.

Before a hike ends I always like to point out the difference between poison oak and Virginian creeper to help take some of the fear out of nature. Five leaved Virginia creeper can cause dermatitis in some, though rash is very uncommon. Poison oak is distinctly different from Virginia creeper. It has three leaves which are shaped very much like an oak leaf, hence the name. It is also wise to be careful of furry vines. If you see a vine growing up a tree or hanging from a tree that has the appearance of fur or hair on it then my advice is, "Do not touch it!"; it is poison ivy. I know many people who have been tempted to touch it; those who did very much regretted it later.

If you accidentally do get in a patch of poison oak or ivy you may be able to find orange flowered jewel weed nearby to counteract the effects of poison oak or ivy. It averages two to four feet tall and is a succulent plant in the impatiens family. I crush the leaves and rub them on any part of my body which has been exposed to poison oak or ivy especially if it is within an hour or so after exposure. It is important to use the fresh jewel weed in order to get the best results. If you are not sure you will see jewelweed but know you may be exposed to poison oak or ivy, you can take a baking soda paste along with you. The paste rubbed on the exposed area will also counteract the effects of the poison rash if used within a couple of hours. If you end up getting the rash, then I suggest using tea tree oil to help dry the rash, aid in healing and itching. Mints also work well to help relieve the itch! I use a salve with comfrey to further aid the healing process. If the rash is really bad, and especially if it is spreading fast, then I recommend a homeopathic product called *rhux tox*.

I am excited about this warm season coming up in Mentone as blooms flourish and outdoor activities ensue. I hope we will all stay safe and free from the irritation of the poison plants! As I mentioned in last month's article I am available to give private herb walks at your home or for a group of friends who want to learn about the native botanicals and avoid those irritating plants. It is always great fun! It's fascinating for people to learn what is all around their own homes and I love to visit areas I have never walked before with the possibility of scouting out a plant I may have never seen before! If you want to go on an adventure with me around your own home, the Wildflower Café or through the woods; or if you would like to sign up for upcoming workshops you can contact me at the Wildflower Café (256)634-0066 or www.MentoneWildflower.com.

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Dianne Kuehl, President

On Tuesday, May 11, 2010, Rhododendron Garden Club members, Dianne Kuehl, Jill Whitten, Martha Wood, Margaret Baker, Elaine Gauldin, Madelon Houghland and two guests, Joy Whetstone and Madelon David, traveled to Snow Flake Nursery in Sardis City, Alabama. We were met by the owner, Martha Aldridge, who gave us a tour of her hydrangea farm. We saw the original fields of Snowflake (Oak Leaf) hydrangeas which were planted forty years ago and now stand ten feet tall. Martha cuts these from May to the middle of July to sell to florists.

We walked a good part of the property where she showed us many varieties in different stages of development, some had been cut back and others had not. Unfortunately, we were too early to see them in full bloom, but Martha had lots of pictures so we could see what each one would look like when in bloom. Martha's Open House is always the first two weeks of June.

She gave us a lot of tips and information on growing and pruning hydrangeas.

She said that watering once a week is essential in establishing the plants. Once they are established they are a forgiving plant. For optimum blooming, the French hydrangeas should be cut back in March and the Oak Leaf should be cut back in July to insure blooms for next year.

After we finished the tour of the farm, she took us to the building where she dries the plants. The last part of June she cuts and sells the plants as dried. She was getting ready to clean the building and offered us all we wanted of what was left. Each member took an arm load of dried plants and we came away with two boxes of dried plants.

We had admired the Queen Ann's Lace, purple columbine, Jerusalem Artichokes and Mexican pansies in the garden around her house. As we were about to leave she offered to dig up some of the plants for us to take home. We were all thrilled by her generosity and graciousness. Several members bought plants, including Limelight and Pinky Winky. We told her we would be back in October or November when she will dig up her Nikko Blue hydrangeas and will sell them for eight to ten dollars each. It was a wonderful day which was enjoyed by everyone and all said that they would love to visit again.

The next meeting: August 10, 2010 will be a Business Meeting and planning session for all upcoming events.

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

Valley Head Woman's Club Luncheon

By Evelyn Graves

The Valley Head Woman's Club met for their annual May luncheon at Valley Head Baptist Church fellowship hall on Wednesday, May 19. Instead of having the meal catered as usual, the ladies chose to bring their favorite salad. This was an excellent choice because the luncheon was delightful. There was an abundance of delicious salads and desserts. Following the meal and a time of fellowship, the new officers for the years 2010-2012 were installed by Jane Brooks, who has served in various capacities in the state chapter of women's clubs. The new officers for the local club are: Pat Eberhart, President; Shirley Shigley, 1st Vice President; Elizabeth Ellis, 2nd Vice President; Evelyn Graves, Recording Secretary; Flo Kirby, Corresponding Secretary; Ruth Hammon, Treasurer; Sadie Cooper, Custodian-Librarian; Judith Hammond, Parliamentarian.

L to R: Judith Hammond, Sadie Cooper, Ruth Hammon, Flo Kirby, Evelyn Graves, Elizabeth Ellis, Shirley Shigley, Pat Eberhart



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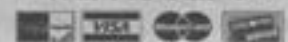
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The department continues to make improvements in the quality of our vehicles and other equipment. A program of training for the volunteers is required and continues on a weekly basis. This year we were awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant. This grant will provide for some much needed turn-out gear for our volunteers. This grant does require a matching fund from the department.

We are well into our plans for a satellite station in the Alpine Community. This station will improve our response time to any emergency in that area. We are very excited to be able to do this and are looking forward to the completion of this project.

Because we are an all volunteer fire department our funding is limited. We must rely on your donations for the maintenance of our buildings, vehicles and other equipment. The cost of insurance and other day to day expenses continues to increase. We continue to make yearly payments on the purchase of the pumper engine.

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NOTE TO GROUNDHOG READERS:

It is almost impossible to get a total and accurate list of addresses for this area. If you did not receive a letter from the fire department please send your donation to: NLMFPD, PO Box 154, Mentone, AL 35984

Tea Time and Tatting

The Mentone Community Library will host a tea and "Meet the Author" presentation on Saturday, June 19, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Anita Hebert, author of *Tatting: A Shuttle Approach* will be available to present her book, display some of her tatted creations, and to provide demonstrations. At one time, tatting was almost a lost art of lace-making. However, it is enjoying a revival. Ms. Hebert has been tatting for a number of years, and teaches a tatting class in Marietta, GA. She is also an award-winning gourd and pine needle basket artist, among other accomplishments. A brief introductory class in tatting will be offered immediately following the tea for those who purchase the book. Refreshments will be served during the event. There is no charge for the tea. Books will be available for purchase.



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Stewart-Mayhew

Tim Stewart proudly announces the engagement of his daughter, Lauren Ashley Stewart to Jonathon Joshua Mayhew of Mentone. He is the son of Julie and Joseph Mayhew.

Lauren's grandparents are Cil and Ray Stewart of North Carolina. Laura is currently attending college.

Jonathon's grandparents are Patricia Peterson and the late Donald Hadley, and the late DeWayne Mayhew. Great-grandparents are Blanche Grandjean and the late Raymond Grandjean.

A wedding date has not been set.



**Lauren Ashley Stewart
Jonathon Joshua Mayhew**

Mayhew-Clardy

Joseph and Julie Mayhew proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Diane to Randy Lee Clardy. He is the son of Charles and Stacy Clardy of Fort Payne.

Jessica is the granddaughter of Patricia Peterson, of Mentone, and the late Donald Hadley; and the late DeWayne Mayhew. Great-grandparents are Blanche Grandjean and the late Raymond Grandjean. Jessica is a 2008 graduate of Valley Head High School and is currently attending Northeast Alabama Community College. She is employed by DeKalb Regional Medical Center.

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Recent Graduate



Kathryn Ann (Katie) Gray graduated magna cum laude in a class of 99 graduates from Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina, on May 6, 2010.

Katie received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She was on the Dean's List her freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years. She was involved in the Sigma Delta mentors program her junior and senior years. She was a member of Student Missions Focus her freshman, sophomore, and junior years, serving as vice-president her junior year. Through this organization, she made a mission trip to Azerbaijan her sophomore year, and she was involved in a London experience her junior year.

During her senior year, Katie volunteered through Sigma Delta to reside in the freshman dormitory and serve as a mentor to freshman students. This proved to be a very rewarding experience.

Katie was involved in a work study program in her freshman through senior years.

She did her student teaching at Pendleton Elementary School in Pendleton, S.C.

Katie's plans now are to locate a job as an elementary teacher for the fall of 2010. She looks forward to beginning her first year as a teacher and applying in her classroom all of the wonderful things she has learned.

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by Cheryl Hylton

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Mentone Hit By Tornado

On Saturday evening, April 24, shortly before 11:30 p.m., a tornado touched down in the Morning Glory Court at Mentone, totally destroying four mobile homes, and badly damaging eight more. Several trailers east of the site were destroyed or damaged as well. Huge trees were uprooted, others were twisted in two. Several homes in that area were severely damaged by the tornado.

There were some injuries, but no one was killed in the horrible disaster. The mobile home in which Alicia Chitwood lived with her two sons, ages 10 and 8, was thrown 60 feet into the air. Alicia was thrown out of the trailer and sustained bad bruises. Her autistic son, Joseph, was pinned under the ruins of a heavy piece of furniture. He was taken to the hospital emergency room and was found to have no extensive injuries. Shredded clothing and fragments of other things belonging to the mobile home victims were found miles from the site of the disaster. Hardly anything was salvageable. This was a very frightening experience for all of Mentone's citizens.

MAPA would like to share in helping the Town of Mentone to purchase a siren costing \$22,000, which will alert all of Mentone in the case of an impending tornado. Because The Town has no accessible funds for such a project, and MAPA's funds are limited, we are asking for help from you, the readers and advertisers of The Groundhog, and residents of Mentone, to help in this endeavor.

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Travels close to home Cartersville, GA - "Booth Western Art Museum"

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

After finishing an hour long guided tour of the museum, a man remarked to the people in his group. "We just got back from a trip out west. A highlight of our trip was a tour of a museum that featured western art. It was nothing to compare with this. Who knew that Cartersville, GA had something like this".

It was a valid observation. With the recent opening of a new wing, Western Art Museum doubled its exhibition space and now houses the largest permanent exhibition space for western art in America. It is the only museum of western art located in the south. It also features the most comprehensive collection of western art by living artists open to the public. You begin to get a taste of what's coming from the bronze statues on the manicured lawn outside of the imposing building that houses the museum.

Additional galleries showcase presidential letters and portraits, Civil War art, western illustration and Native American artifacts. Sagebrush Ranch, a hands-on, interactive gallery for children is also a popular feature.

Our guide or docent was quite informative as are all of the well-trained guides. Although our hour tour only covered a small fraction of what the museum had to offer, it was helpful to have a guide provide an introduction. He gave us an insight to some of the works of art that I probably wouldn't have picked up on without some guidance. Although I have always considered myself a history buff, I learned a lot.

One area I found quite interesting was a gallery full of movie posters. I grew up with Saturday westerns and it was interesting to see all those posters that reminded me of those long ago Saturdays when \$1.10 would provide an afternoon of fun that I relived throughout the week until it was Saturday again.

The Presidential Gallery was also intriguing. I have a young grandson fascinated with the Presidents that dates back to pre-school who would really enjoy this. At the entrance to the gallery is a picture of the Presidents who served in the Twentieth Century. (If your guide asks you how many presidents are in the picture, it's a trick question. There are the featured Presidents but also two pictures of Presidents on the wall in the picture.) Inside the gallery through the letters of the men who have served as President, you obtain a glimpse of American history from

a truly unique perspective. From the compassion of Abraham Lincoln to the playful correspondence of John F. Kennedy those letters help to humanize the men we have chosen to lead our country.

There is an actual stagecoach on display. Our guide had us guess how long it took for the stagecoach to travel from St. Louis to California. We guessed 3 months, 6 months, etc. It actually took no more than 21 days because it carried the mail and they guaranteed mail delivery in no longer than 21 days.

There were three rows of seats in the coach and the women always entered first and sat in the rear seats. If you paid for passage and the coach was full, you would have to ride on the top. As

uncomfortable as those seats looked, I'm pretty sure that bouncing around on the top of the coach would make them seem like pure luxury.

There are several items of interest in the foyer area of the second floor. One of these is a cowboy leaning against a split rail fence. He is so realistic that when he was brought in and the cleaning crew saw him for the first time, one of them screamed in terror because she thought someone had accidentally got locked in the museum. Shades of "A Night in the Museum".

While many items are quite realistic, there is also some whimsy, such as a horse made completely of gears and wheels, everything imaginable but the kitchen sink and



I'm not real sure that it isn't in there somewhere.

The museum is open six days a week. It is closed on

Mondays, open on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. eastern time, Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and others days from 10 am-5 pm. You can contact them by calling 770-387-1300 or online at www.booth-museum.org. A limited number of wheelchairs are available for those who need them.

Booth Museum certainly offers enough to occupy at least one day but there are two other museums in Cartersville. Tellus is a 120,000 square foot science museum. It features four main galleries: Weinman Mineral Gallery, Fossil Gallery, and Science in Motion and Collins Family My Big Backyard for children. A digital planetarium and an observatory are also located at Tellus. Another museum, The Bartow History Center documents the history of northwest Georgia spanning more than 200 years.



We chose to eat at Appalachian Grill with great food and a quaint interior. It was in easy walking distance of the museum. After we toured the museum, many of us came back to Meg Pie Too, which was in the same block as the restaurant. Their slogan is everything you want, but nothing you need. Many of our group seemed to find something they wanted or needed. Some of us enjoyed a scoop of ice cream while others feasted on a generous slice of home-baked cake and coffee.

There are also several antique shops within walking distance of the museum and the restaurant.

Next month's trip will be to Explorations in Antiquity Center in LaGrange, GA. While there we will enjoy a Biblical meal consisting of 15 courses.