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THE VALUE OF THE N.L.M.F.P.D.

By Evelyn Graves

The work of a volunteer fire department has always been close to my heart because my husband was closely connected as a volunteer fireman in various communities where he pastored churches, and after moving to Mentone, he was a firefighter and also was on the board of directors as long as he was physically able to participate. I knew that it took him away from me a lot in the evenings because this is not a job that requires the presence of the fireman for fires only—it is an ongoing job that requires hours of training and preparation for that fire that they all hope will never come. It requires a lot of skill, but more than that, it requires preparation. The fireman must be prepared physically, mentally, and emotionally as he answers that call in the middle of the night, "There's a fire on County Road 555. A residence. It's a family of six, and four of them are children."

It requires more than physical fitness, mental alertness, and emotional stability. The fireman must be equipped with what he needs before he risks his life to save the lives of others, and to be able to salvage their homes and personal belongings from a raging fire that is claiming all that they have worked to obtain.

A visit with the firemen at the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District in Mentone just prior to their Monday evening training meeting provided a lot of insight into what they are doing and what their actual needs are. I learned that a tremendous need into the far-reaching boundaries of Mentone is the addition of two more fire halls with trucks at each of them. These locations are in the Lahusage community and the Alpine community, in addition to the existing fire hall in the middle of the town of Mentone. SCBA air packs (six on each truck) with spare bottles for house and automobile fires are badly needed. They need to be equipped with pass devices which go off if a fireman is stranded in the burning house or has passed out, etc. There needs to be a truck for each hall. Equipment is needed to test hydrants, hoses, etc. Wildland gear for forest fires is badly needed. More extrication equipment for cutting people from vehicles is needed. The existing fire hall is no longer adequate to accommodate the present

needs. There are presently 20 volunteers, and there is ongoing training, and the space is too cramped to adequately house those volunteers and equipment that is necessary in the training process.

There are numerous EMS calls received. There is a definite need for trained emergency medical workers. To adequately provide training for EMT's, there must be funding made. \$1,500 for training needs has already been received, but there is a constant, ongoing need for further training. GPS locating devices are needed, life safety rope for each truck is a necessity, and a future need will be harnesses after additional training is done.

We may not even consider the lesser things that are needed in an operation of this type. Consider the need for a laptop computer and projector, copy paper, a printer, scanner, FAX combination, ink for the printer, pencils and pens, bottled water and snacks for the firefighters, realizing that they become dehydrated very quickly when they are subjected to the heat and smoke in an intense fire, sophisticated first-aid kits, a camera, paper towels, windex, firefighting boots.

You may ask, "How can I help?" You can help by keeping blowing leaves and garbage from around your house. You can get a burn permit. If you see something suspicious, don't be afraid to report it. It is the small things that many times cause real problems. You can remember to dial 911 for problems. This is the only number you need to remember in the case of a fire or other emergency needs. You can help do fund-raisers to help provide money for the local fire department. You may not be able to actively be involved in firefighting training, but you can help by sending your check today to: North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District.

You may think it will never happen to you. In the early part of winter this year, I was sitting in my den watching television when I began to smell something burning. My first thought was that my neighbors were probably burning trash. Then a torrent of dark smoke began to boil out of the heat return. It quickly began to fill the room. My smoke detectors began to beep loudly. My first thought was to turn off the heat at the thermostat, which I did.

Then I began to search the telephone directory for the number of the fire department. I could find no listing. My next thought was to call the Mentone Market and get them to help me, which I did. They assured me that they would get help for me. I then began to think, "What do I need to do?" Why, of course I need to take all of the family pictures out to my car. They are irreplaceable. I took the first armload to the car, and by that time the fire department had already arrived with trucks, sirens, and whatever equipment they had for my emergency. They hooked up some kind of suctioning device that drew all of the smoke out of the house through the front door. It was utterly amazing! The firemen moved with skill and know-how that was unbelievable and so comforting to me! They found that the problem was that my new heating system had caught on fire and the motor had burned out. A label had been left inside the casing by the manufacturer and had become dislodged and had gone into the motor and burned it up. How quickly things can happen! I resolved that I would be prepared for future emergencies. I know to call 911. I know to keep my smoke detectors up to date with fresh batteries. I also know that these calls cost money, and I am going right now to write my check to the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District, P. O. Box 154, Mentone, AL 35984. Please take time right now to write your check as well. The next call could be yours! Thank you for your help.

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MAPA Meeting

The next meeting of the Mentone Area Preservation will be held on Tuesday, March 6, at 6:30PM. The main topic for discussion will be the upcoming **Rhododendron Festival** scheduled for the third weekend in May. The dates are: May 19 and 20, with Friday night, May 18, festivities on the Town Square at the intersection of AL Hwy 117 and DeKalb County Road 89. All members are requested to attend and help put everything in place for that weekend. The quilt that will be given away on the last day of the festival was made by Mary Mashburn of Lookout Mountain. Mrs. Mashburn made it and donated it to MAPA. The beautiful queen size quilt is made in the dutch doll pattern in pastel colors. (See photo below.) It can be seen at Dessie's during open hours. Quilt tickets will be available at Dessie's Restaurant.

Vendors may call festival chairman, Page Cunningham at 256-997-9051; write to PO Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984, or e-mail pagec@bellsouth.net for a vendor application.



Dessie Newberry (L) and Mary Mashburn (R) holding quilt to be given away on May 20.

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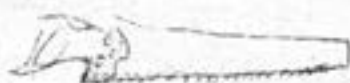
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By John Baty

Today, I became painfully aware of the creeping dysfunctions of aging. (I started to write, "creeping dysfunctions of old age," but didn't like the feel of that admission.)

I had a piece of lumber, a board, about twenty inches long and seven or eight inches wide. I wanted to split the one inch piece such that I would have two matching boards about one-half inch in thickness. Trouble was, a ten-inch table saw only cuts about two and three-fourths inch deep at full height. Even if I ran the piece on both edges, there would still exist a one and one-half or two inch portion in the middle that the saw wouldn't reach. The only recourse I had, it being Sunday, was to handsaw. The handsaw I speak of is the one with the wooden handle which fits a person's hand and the blade is tapering and about two feet long. The blade of good metal which, when bent and tapped with the thumb, will emit a "BOING" very close to the vibrations of a guitar string in A major. No, not the car body stuff which has flooded the U.S. market recently!

I put the board in a vise with half of it sticking up and hunted for my saw. I knew there was one or two around the building, somewhere. I finally located two and one of them was definitely out. I took the other to the vise and inserted it into the nearside kerf. After some of my most vigorous effort, the saw had cut to a depth of approximately one-fourth inch. "That won't do," I reasoned. Finally, I found a triangular file which had seen considerable use, and rust; and taking saw and file into the house, I dragged the wastebasket over to a chair, put on my glasses and began to file.

In a short while, she came through and I explained how a handsaw's "teeth" are shaped and why the angle at which we hold the file is important. I went into detail about the longitudinal arrangement of the vascular bundles in a tree and how saws have to be specialized. A crosscut saw for squaring ends needs a lot of angle on the cutting

edge of the teeth in order to shave off the grain at perpendicular cuts. On the other hand, a "rip" saw needs teeth filed so that when the tooth meets the wood, it cuts in a chopping manner at the end of the "grain." Back a long time past, some advertisers claimed a combination status for their saws; but a combination saw is like a combination hen or combination dog or combination truck. Not very good at either. I was expounding on my knowledge of saws and having a ball as I filed away. I explained that not just anyone inexperienced in the art could successfully sharpen a handsaw. I told of how we would get an expert to file our saws when I was young. Mr. Jody Cash was our expert and he could make 'em cut.

The saw I was "fixing" was a crosscut and didn't rip very well. After considerable exertion, I had cut the central portion about forty percent of the length. My right arm was beginning to ache and the saw job wasn't living up to expectations. I decided to leave the board in the vise, the saw in the board, and saw a few licks each time I passed. I have made a very small amount of progress but still have a way to go.

I don't know how it is, how it happens in a person's mind, but sometimes one can look back at earlier times and experience a feeling of awe at some of the things we have been able to do. We built houses and cut every line with a handsaw. Two by eight inch hardwood cut both ends with a not too-good handsaw.

If those were the good ol' days, I wonder how we defined them such. "Necessity is the mother of invention," I have heard. I wonder how it became necessary to have a motor raise and lower a car's window. Looks like a fellow who could build a six room house with a hammer and a dull handsaw wouldn't need an electric motor to raise the window of a car. How is one going to boast in the twilight years about pushing a button when the car window needed raising?

I guess I will eventually get my board ripped, but I think I see now why we used to get Mr. Jody to file our saws.

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**THE QUALITY SHINES THROUGH** in this new home now being built near Mentone. Features great room, hardwood floors and stacked rock fireplace. Split bedroom design, master bedroom and a glamour bath with ceramic tile, jetted tub and separate shower. \$192,500 (15700)



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You left us beautiful memories and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one our chain will link again.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
JANE GALLOWAY!!!**

Jane is inviting all friends and loved ones to an afternoon of laughter and memories in honor of her 70th birthday.

**Where:** Woodman of the World building located in Valley Head across from Shaw Ind.

**When:** Sunday, March 25

**Time:** 2 - 4 PM

**HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY, WILL!!**



**William Michael (Will) Salsman**

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**WHAT:** \$175 Voucher for Septic Pump Out

**WHEN:** March 6th, 2007 @ 6:00pm

**WHERE:** Tom Bevill Enrichment Center in Rainsville, AL.

The DeKalb County Soil & Water Conservation District announces a homeowner education program aimed at preventing septic system pollutants from entering the Coosa River Basin, South Sauty Creek, Short-Scarham Creek and Town Creek. The residents of the before-mentioned watersheds in DeKalb and Marshall Counties are eligible to receive a voucher worth \$175 for septic pump out after participating in a 45 minute septic tank presentation. This is a one-time program and the voucher will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The DeKalb County Soil & Water Conservation District is partnering with the DeKalb County Health Department and local pump out services to provide the vouchers and education program.



DeKalb County  
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This program is sponsored in part by an EPA 319 grant with funding administered through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. It is a cooperative effort of the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama Clean Water Partnership, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and the U.S. EPA working in partnership to improve the quality of waters in the Coosa River Basin, South Sauty Creek, Short-Scarham Creek, and Town Creek Watersheds.

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# Rhododendron Garden Club News

By Linda Brown, Secretary

On February 13, 2007, sixteen members of the Rhododendron Garden Club met at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 10:00 am. The meeting was called to order by president, Martha Wood. The thought for the day was given by Linda Brown. Refreshments were served by Liz Stephens and Martha Wood.

President Wood presented a life membership in The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc. to Gethryn Giles for her service to the club as president for the past eighteen months.

Two changes were made to the Constitution and By-laws as presented by the Executive Committee.

Harriett Lillich announced the plans for a workday in the Butterfly Garden at Moon Lake Elementary School on April 10 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Everyone in the community is invited to come and help with this project. Some tools are on hand at the school or bring your own.

A litter pickup will be on Wednesday, April 18 beginning at 8:30 a.m. You can meet with Virginia Setze at the M.E.R.F. Community House or pick up in your neighborhood. Supplies will be furnished by PALS (People Against a Littered State) as the club is a member of this organization.

A video was shown of the gourd garden of Mr. Jim Story of Indiana. Mr. Story is well known for his unusual shaped gourds. The video followed his moving through his garden on what might be a typical day for him. His speciality is the Dipper Gourd. He first showed the dipper gourd growing on a trellis in such a way to produce straight handles. Mr. Story demonstrated the method used to build the trellis for the gourds. He recommended that the lower leaves be removed from the vines. This prevents some of the mildew that gourds are prone to having and also allows the plant to feed the gourds instead of leaves.

He demonstrated the art of shaping gourds with nylon panty hose and plexiglass molds. One gourd was growing in a glass coffee jar. Mr. Story's gourds are in great demand as containers for floral designs. Many of the gourds were being trained to twist and spiral and some were tied in knots. Gourds are very pliable but must be trained when young and green.

The best way to cure gourds is to leave them on the vine outside. To clean dried gourds, soak them overnight in warm water and rub with a stainless steel scrubber. The green covering on a mature gourd can be removed by scraping with a knife. Wheat straw is the best mulch under the gourd vines.

Mr. Story stated that he works in his gourd garden for six to eight hours each day during the growing season. Gourds need about an inch of water per week, so sometimes he must carry water to the vines from a nearby stream.

This presentation was especially interesting to several of the members because they know the sister of Mr. Story. She is a member of the Cedar Bluff Garden Club.

The next regular meeting of the club will be March 13<sup>th</sup> at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 10 a.m.

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.

## Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Chickweed--Stellaria

By LC Moon

In spring there are so many beautiful plants, trees and flowers waking up. There is a very small bloom that is one of the first to peak its dainty little head up in late winter to early spring. This fall/winter of 2006-2007 my daughter Zoe and I enjoyed the chickweed because it never faded from our yard to take a winter nap.

I love to nibble on the tender green of this unassuming treasure--chickweed. It offers abundant bright green ground cover and to those that do not know the blessings of chickweed--it may all too often be referred to as a nuisance weed. Chickweed is a perfect example of how big gifts can come in small packages.

### Stellaria

They call you starweed--  
even though your flowers are so indiscreet.

You spread so abundantly--

Sweet little blanket of green,  
dotted with tiny flowers of white.

Many dismiss this familiar sight.

Those you have helped can never forget

And often share your healing secrets.

I found myself with a nasty cough and congestion during a cold spell. Usually at first sign of congestion I drink my allergy/sinus congestion tea that I blend with nettle, chickweed, peppermint and smartweed. This blend usually knocks out congestion before it results in major sickness, especially if it is due to any kind of allergy.

This particular instance, I was very busy in my day to day life. Hence, I ignored the signs and trusted my immune system to be strong enough to fight off the encroaching sickness. Often we feel invincible when we are consumed in our daily goals. The truth is sickness is often a response to stress and your body telling you to slow down and pay attention to its needs. When you feel like you do not have time to take care of your self--your body is usually in the greatest need of attention and assistance.

My stubbornness afforded me the opportunity to see just how important it is to nurture and nourish your body. I also got to witness first hand how effective the botanicals really are as I got more ill than I have ever been.

I put a lot of chickweed along with nettle, smartweed, peppermint, wild cherry bark, pine needles, fennel seeds, anise seeds, elderberry, mullein and horehound in pots of water. I boiled the bark and seeds together and simmered the rest. After the herbs heated for approximately 20 minutes, I let them steep for 20 minutes. Then, I mixed the infusions with local honey to make a cough syrup.

My condition was so bad that deep breaths brought tears to my eyes and I barely had enough wind to even cough. Within a day--of drinking the sinus tea, hot slippery elm, hot lemon water, taking the cough syrup every hour and inhaling rosemary--I could breathe again.

Within two days, I was truly amazed at the difference of how much better I felt. It was imperative to continue to be persistent and consistent, even after the initial relief, in order for the herbs to be so effective.

Nature triumphed again to help my body heal itself. However, this scenario is a prime example of when we feel we do not have the time--we should make the time.

I believe chickweed has been a great ally in aiding my healing and helping others with congestion--whether in the eyes, ears, nose, throat or lungs. It is known to relieve congestion and inflammation throughout the whole body.

Chickweed as a compress is helpful in treating skin inflammation--in the form of itching--or external inflammations in a joint area. I would certainly drink the tea along with using chickweed as a compress.

In my experience, drinking chickweed tea can bring a long range of benefits. It is high in nutrients. According to Prescription for Nutritional Healing--chickweed is high in Vitamin C as well as containing calcium, essential fatty acids, iron, magnesium, manganese, phosphorus, potassium, selenium, zinc, Vitamins B1,2, & 3 and E.

Chickweed is known to grab hold of fat and scoot it out of your body. In this way it is said to lower blood lipids and reduce your weight. There is some argument over whether chickweed helps you lose weight as a result of reducing water weight and curbing the appetite or whether it also removes fat and increases your metabolism. Regardless of the arguments of how chickweed reduces weight--most natural practitioners agree that chickweed does help in weight loss. As Tommie Bass would say--

"Got weight trouble--Get chickweed on the double."

Next time you are outside look to see if you notice the sweet dainty spindly chickweed with its white star like flower--hence another common name being starweed. It may be growing in your yard, flower beds, between rocks or in your garden patch. Chickweed can help increase the nitrogen in the soil.

If you decide to remove it from your cultivated areas--because it can get invasive--maybe you could try nibbling the tender parts or putting them in a salad. You could also make a tea of the fresh leaves and stems or wash the plant, put it in a dark well ventilated place and dry it for tea.

If you want to experience the gifts of chickweed--I always have chickweed on hand. You can also try a chickweed blended tea. There have not been any toxicities--to my knowledge--reported regarding chickweed in recent years. It is always wise to consult your health care provider before altering your regimen. If you have any questions you can reach me at LCMoon03@aol.com - www.LCMoon.com.

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## Hammondville

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Hammondville was incorporated in 1937 under the leadership of the first Mayor, Blevie Hammond. Including Larry Watson, the present mayor, who is in his second term, there have been 17 mayors including 8 who did not serve a full term.

Larry Watson admits that he's not a politician, just an interested Hammondville citizen. A "transplant", who grew up in Cullman, Watson recalls driving through the area to visit his sister who lived in Chattanooga. "I thought it was pretty country but I certainly never thought I would live here." He bought some property in the area in 1981 and moved here in 1992 and built a home. His sons attended Valley Head High School with one graduating from Valley Head and another from Fort Payne High School.

His wife, Brenda, works for the V.I. Prewitt organization. She is originally from Texas but now a loyal Alabamian. Her mom was so impressed with the area that she moved here and built a home in Mentone when she retired.

In his six years in office, he has been able accomplish quite a lot. He is quick give credit to many that have helped him. "Valley Head's mayor at that time helped us a lot with his experience in getting grant money," he explained. When Watson took office, the town had a 1978 model Ford fire truck. They've purchased two new fire trucks and new turn out gear for everybody on the fire trucks. "I feel that it's important to send our men out with the best gear and best equipment," Watson said. The town also built a new fire hall in 2000.

One source of pride in the town is its town hall. Housed in the armory acquired from the county, it serves the community not only as offices but also a place for clubs to meet and can be rented for reunions. They have just completed a new drop ceiling and added a new heating and cooling system. A quilting club meets here, Mentone's "Caring and Sharing" distributes food to the needy on a monthly basis and it is available at no cost for benefits.

For a small town, only 486 residents, Hammondville has a lot to offer. The park has the only lighted baseball field in the area. The boys from Valley Head High School play their games there. The pavilion is booked every weekend in warmer months for some function. People often book it up to a year ahead for annual functions.

In the spring, the town will break ground for a new walking track/nature trail that will be approximately 1/2 mile long and will encompass the entire park.

Watson gives a lot of credit for any success he's had as a mayor to the town council. "We've got a good council who work together without bickering. They're very professional." He also credits the town clerk, Deborah Graves to being invaluable. "She does her job and about half of mine," he stated. She also serves as court magistrate.

Hammondville has a new police chief, Jimmy Phillips, who took office on January 2. He retired after 26 years with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, 17 of them spent as an investigator.

Phillips married a local girl, Adele, 37 years ago. Like the mayor's wife, she also works for the V.I. Prewitt organization. He has two daughters who are schoolteachers and one son who is a police officer. He has six grandchildren.

"My goal is to be visible, to be fair and do my job," Phillips explained. "I'm getting used to the slower pace of a small town versus working for the County. I appreciate the good relationship I have with the Mayor and the council."

Both the Mayor and Police Chief say that they have a good working relationship with Mentone and Valley Head. "They have good police officers and fire personnel in both towns and we help each other out as needed."

What does the future hold for Hammondville? "We have a couple of new businesses coming in. I feel it's important to grow our retail businesses. With Fort Payne expanding up Highway 11, there is a lot of potential for business growth here. I would like to see enough businesses here so that Hammondville's citizens would spend their money in Hammondville," Watson said.

They're not there yet but the future looks good to move in that direction.

### Hammondville Businesses

The town of Hammondville constantly seeks to enlarge its retail and business base. They are moving in the right direction.

Alabama Organic, an outdoor/garden shop is soon to open. Another business, not yet announced, will also open soon.

Hammondville Quick Stop, while not a new business, is making some changes to improve its service to the community. They are remodeling to make it a convenience store. They already have deli items, Slush Puppies and an ATM machine.

One of the newer businesses, Covenant Cabinets, moved here in September. They build specialty cabinets. Their cabinets can be found in a lot of high-end homes both local and as far away as Huntsville and Birmingham.

Hammondville businesses currently include:

- Hammondville Quick Stop
- Big Jim's Bama Q
- I-59 Flea market
- Hammondville Mini Storage
- The Hangout
- The Head Shed
- Covenant Cabinet
- ProFormance Specialties
- Shorty's Café
- The Crossroads Restaurant
- Happiness Hair Care
- Hawkwind Earth Renewal Co-op
- Woodhaven Bed & Breakfast
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Hammondville Quick Stop



Mayor Larry Hammond



Jimmy Phillips, New police chief



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## Shorty's Cafe

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

A man lay in a hospital bed in Birmingham. Unable to talk, his only means of communication was writing notes. The hospital staff, in an effort to make him more comfortable, asked what he would like to eat. He took a pen and in a shaky hand scribbled "Shorty's". It took a family member to translate his wishes. He is one of the many Shorty's Cafe customers that appreciate the good quality food at a reasonable prices. I suspect that the hospital was unable to fill his request because Shorty's is one of a kind.

The Hammondville restaurant located at the intersection of Highway 117 and Highway 11 is celebrating its eighth anniversary this month. Many first time customers are surprised to find that Shorty is an attractive petite woman named Janet Burton and not the big burly man they visualized. She has been in the restaurant business since she was a teenager. When she moved here from Georgia she operated the restaurant at the I 59 Flea Market for about five years before opening at the current location. "I enjoy meeting people and serving food so I wanted something where I could be open more," she explained.

Although it is the local people that make up most of her customers, she gets a lot of people who are traveling, some from areas as far away as Germany, Trinidad and Czechoslovakia. People who stop by when going from Atlanta to Huntsville become repeat customers if they make the trip frequently.

The cafe seats from 50 to 60 comfortably and tables begin to fill up beginning at 11 a.m. on weekdays. One room is decorated in a Coca-Cola theme. It just happened by accident according to Shorty. "I found a Coca Cola border at Home Depot that I happened to like. After I got it up, one of my "girls" (as she refers to her waitresses with great affection) brought me a big Coca-Cola puzzle. I worked it, framed it and put it on the wall." The rest of the memorabilia comes from customers who find it at garage sales or sometimes in their attics. The other room is decorated in nostalgia mostly black and white prints with many of them autographed.

Although clean and attractive, it's not the atmosphere that brings in customers to Shorty's Cafe, it's the food. Beginning when a limited breakfast is served from 9 to 10 a.m. until the doors close at 8 p.m. and the clean up begins for the following day, there is a steady influx of customers. It's difficult to say what their specialty is because everybody has their favorite. The pit barbecue is one specialty. The signature item is the "killer potato" with barbecue. There is a lunch special Monday-Friday with meat and vegetables. Meat loaf is one of the most popular items on the lunch special and the days that it's served, you need to be early or they just might sell out.

My particular favorite is the catfish. On Friday nights, they feature all you can eat catfish with all the fixings. I'm afraid I don't have enough self-discipline for that so I just get take-out on another night. My husband likes their hamburgers, which are made of 100% beef. He also likes their chicken liver plate. He just can't convince me to try it even though he assures me that it is wonderful.

They have kids meals with all the kids' favorites. The homemade desserts look very appealing but the meal portions are so large that I can't give a personal recommendation. The dessert menu changes frequently. Shorty plans to change the menu slightly adding some new sandwiches and appetizers. "We change to accommodate our customer's taste. If it doesn't sell, we take it off the menu," Shorty explained.

They were featured in "Smoke in the Mountains", a cookbook on small local out-of-the way places all over the south.

Following a successful steak dinner on Valentine's Day, Shorty's will have a special ribeye steak dinner on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17. Make your reservations early because as the saying goes, "Everybody's Irish on St. Patrick's Day."

What is Shorty's Cafe? Their motto explains it well, "A little place with a lot of taste."



Shorty's Cafe



Janet Burton "Shorty"

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I-59 Flea Market Mall

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

With 386 booths, the indoor/outdoor flea market at 11925 Highway 117 is a busy place. People enjoy the warmth of the indoor facility on the cold rainy days of winter. The vendors also appreciate a place to display their wares in comfort.

The Flea Market opened on October 13, 1990. Linda Brumlow and her ex-husband had an opportunity to become partners with a large flea market in Cullman. When they looked at the purchase price, they realized that they could build one cheaper than they could buy into the existing one. After their divorce, Linda bought out his interest.

At least five vendors have been there since they first opened their doors: Paul Swader who has tools, Ivan William with carpet and Oriental rugs, Edna and Sid Parham with herbs and Floyd Harper, wooden handles and other wooden items.

"If you want to make your money go a long way, this is the place to shop," Linda explained. Customers include locals, people who just happen to see the sign from the interstate and people who grew up here, moved away and make a visit to the flea market a part of any visit back home.

Although you can find some of the same things each week, there's always a chance that you'll find an unexpected treasure. On any weekend, you can find antiques, beautiful glassware, T-shirts, computer games, books, silk flower arrangements, coins and Avon products. There are also candles, toys, carpet, purses, name brand athletic shoes, household goods, bakeware, utensils, CDs, DVDs, movies, clothes both new and used, socks, jewelry, Barbie dolls, collector dolls, pictures, curtains and linens, trains, model cars and some furniture.

At the outside area, you can also purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. Last summer we bought corn for the freezer that was fresher than any we found anywhere else and there were no worms, a plus for those of us who are a bit squeamish. Each week one of the long time vendors has boiled peanuts both plain salted and Cajun. Sometimes you can even get Amish cheese.

You can begin your day on Saturday morning when they open at 8 a.m. with a good old country breakfast of bacon or sausage and eggs with biscuits and gravy. After walking around for a while, shopping and building up your appetite, you can relax with a hamburger that Linda states is "the best I've ever eaten." She described it as "almost a carnival atmosphere" with all your favorite junk food.

There is often live entertainment. On March 2 and 3, Levi Jones, country music Nashville recording artist will be appearing.

The flea market is open on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. but some vendors start closing up by mid-afternoon so don't wait until near closing to come. Parking is free and there's no admission charge. It's a good way to spend a weekend day without worrying about the weather. You can save some money and just might find a treasure.

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## Town of Mentone Has 2 New Police Officers

"At the January 2007 Council meeting, the council appointed Lamar Bray, Chief of Police, and Josh Summerford, Assistant Chief. We feel very fortunate to have these two experienced and well-trained officers on our force. They have enjoyed getting to know people in the community and have done an outstanding job representing the Town of Mentone," said Mayor Rob Hammond.

The new officers have been seen during school hours, various times during the day and night and have been looking after the interests of the residents of the Mentone area. Lamar Bray has 29 years of law enforcement experience—18 public and 11 private. After leaving the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, he was hired by the Town of Mentone as Chief. He commented, "I think Mentone is the most beautiful place in the state. The people who live and work in Mentone are great. Josh Summerford and I look forward to working with Mayor Hammond and the Town Council. We will work hard to keep Mentone a safe place to live or visit."

Lamar Bray is married to Kay Blevins. They have three children and three grandchildren. They make their home in Valley Head. Lamar is a member of the Valley Head Masonic Lodge, Alhambra Shrine temple, DeKalb Shrine Club. He is on the Planning commission of Valley Head, is a past board member of DeKalb County Domestic Violence Council. His wife Kay is a member of the Valley Head City Council.

Josh Summerford is twenty-five years old and began his career in public safety by working for

DeKalb County EMA while in high school. In 2001, Summerford began serving under Sheriff Cecil Reed as an administrative assistant and was later promoted to deputy sheriff. After leaving the Sheriff's Office, in January of this year, he was hired as Assistant Chief of the Mentone Police Department. Summerford also works as a part-time deputy sheriff in Cherokee County. Summerford states that he is "very thankful for the experience he gained from the Sheriff's Office and for friends like Sheriff Reed and Chief Bray for allowing him opportunities to work in law enforcement." Summerford says that he "appreciates the Town Council and especially Mayor Hammond for being so easy and professional to work with." According to Summerford, he has met a lot of people in the Mentone area and looks forward to meeting more. He says that the Mentone Police Department wants to be available to help the people of Mentone and keep Mentone a safe place to live, visit, and travel. Summerford has been married for three years to Leslie Pell. She is a social worker who is currently employed by Triton Health Systems. They attend church at the Hammondville Church of God, 7th day. They presently live in Rainsville, but are in the process of purchasing a house in the Mentone area.

### Contact Information for the Mentone Police Department:

- If you have an emergency call 911.
- If you need to contact the Police during normal business hours you may call the Town Hall at 634-0704 or 634-4444.
- If there is no answer or it is after normal business hours, please call the Sheriff's Office dispatch at 845-3801.

## Hearts and Flowers for Mrs. Margie

On February 14, Marilyn Blanton Campbell hosted lunch in honor of Mrs. Margie Coots to mark her 80th Birthday. Miss Margie's real birthday was not until February 26, but Valentine's Day is one of Marilyn's favorite times of the year, so she chose to have her party then.

The guest list consisted of Mrs. Lucille Crowe, Mrs. JoAnne Crowe, Mrs. Nellie Croley, Mrs. Charlean Smith, Ms. Dessie Brown, Mrs. Sue King, Mrs. Rindy Flannigan, and Mrs. Ruth Battles, all of whom are members of Miss Margie's Wednesday morning prayer group at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy—across from the post office. The ladies had their regular prayer meeting at Miss Margie's house and carpooled to Marilyn's.

Mrs. JoAnne Crowe was invited, but she got sick and did not attend the party.

The ladies attending were all casually dressed in most becoming comfortable styles. Marilyn had red silk rose corsages for them, and the ladies assisted each other in pinning those on using pearl-tipped corsage pins.

The ladies were seated at tables covered with bright red tablecloths with white lace overlays. The red tablecloth on the main table and the white lace overlays were machine stitched, but the heavy weight white napkins were hand sewn with the typical little—all the same size and all the same distance apart—stitches that are typical of Marilyn's finger sewing.

The white napkins were folded and tied with red ribbons. Red silk roses were stuck in them. Miniature vase-style place card holders contained red silk roses and decorative gravels and held the red and white place cards with the names in bold black script.

A second table, in the library, was covered with a store-bought tablecloth and a white lace overlay that matched the one on the main table.

The tables were set with red charger plates, china in the Galaxy pattern by Noritaki, and Grand Baroque stainless flatware by Wallace. Extra pieces of stainless flatware in an unknown pattern finished the place settings. The leaded crystal stemware was DoPlomo by American Crystal. Welch's Sparkling Wild Berry Juice was served in the wine glasses, and ordinary white cranberry juice by Ruby Kist was in the champagne flutes. The ladies had a choice of tea—sweet and unsweet—water, and soda pop in the iced beverage glasses.

A Happy Birthday banner and red balloons decorated the draperies behind where Miss Margie sat at the end of the main table. A Happy Valentine's Day banner and red balloons decorated the draperies on the wall behind where Miss Rindy was sitting. A bouquet of helium filled balloons—consisting of one that said Happy Birthday and two red hearts—was tied to the arm of Miss Margie's chair with ribbon.

There is not much room to move around in Marilyn's house, so she had the ladies be seated, and she brought the food to them allowing each lady to serve herself. Mrs. Lucille Crowe blessed the food, and Marilyn brought on the homemade tomato soup. With the soup, she served homemade whole wheat rolls, crispy, fresh, hot cornbread muffins in the shape of roses, and a general selection of crackers.

Yes, there was butter for the bread, and Marilyn had molded it in shapes of hearts and rosebuds in keeping with the theme of the party. The molded pats of butter melted and made very unceremonious puddles on the

bread and butter plates.

A selection of tea sandwiches and white bread and triangles of rye were served. The sandwiches were: Ham mixed with cream cheese, pimento cheese cream cheese, and the cocktail rye with prepared selection of pickles and

The soup course was served when the tablecloth was changed. The soup was served when the tablecloth was changed. The soup was served when the tablecloth was changed.

Murphy's Law—anything that can go wrong will go wrong REPEATEDLY—is thriving. It has been entirely too salted tomatoes to adjust the taste. After that came the cherry Jello molded in Very Cherry Fruit. The congealed Jello molded in a crystal platter and served with slices of fresh kiwi fruit. The kiwi fruit was split wide open revealing possibilities. The salad long gone by the time

The main course consisted of chopped pot roasted onions, and celery in great pride in having shape of hearts. The broccoli. Cheese sauce were served with the served the main course. Nothing any worse than English peas in the pot.

After lunch, the ladies played a Bible trivia game. Mrs. Lucille Crowe and the ladies played and laughed all afternoon. It appeared to be a victory. Actually won the game. In the library, Marilyn's moment of heart-shaped in a heart-shaped dish of Red Hots, Hershey's Awareness pink was in two different sizes.

The original prizes were Checkers at three dollars and several winners prizes all wrapped in silver with red heart valentine stickers given. Because nobility Marilyn told all the prizes—manicure sets, nail polish—were all extra.

When Marilyn's called it Blueberry likes plain cake. Marilyn tried doing



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## ie Coots to Celebrate her 80th Birthday

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twiches made on whole wheat haped like hearts, as well as erved with the soup. Some of lled with Underwood Deviled cheese and olives while others, some were cucumber and e triangles were pastrami on red yellow mustard. A general olives were also served.

is still in the process of being phone rang, and it was Jo uffs calling from Wilmslow in wish Miss Margie a Happy ay, Jo and Carol called back to the party had progressed.

ring that possibly can go wrong EDLY at the most inopportune ng at Mentone. The soup had, so Marilyn had to add extra t. Then, the butter had melted. alad course featuring whipped he shape of a heart served with cktail. Marilyn turned out the on a bed of Laitue Romaine on rrounded the mold with circular

. At that point, the mold prompt- aling to the world at large all its tasted good, but its beauty was it got to the ladies.

nsisted of the meat pie made of beef, gravy, potatoes, carrots, a flaky crust (that Marilyn took made from scratch) cut in the pie was served with steamed ice and Italian salad dressing i broccoli. By the time Marilyn urse, she was surprised that an her having forgotten to put e had happened to that.

ies retired to the library where ia game called Bible Challenge. as the Mistress of Ceremonies, l in teams of two. The ladies all n, and all of them had what onderful time but nobody ever e. When the ladies sat down in ough out a decorative arrange- d suckers in red, pink, and white h, as well as a general collection y's Kisses in the Breast Cancer ppers, and Conversation Hearts

n had been to play Chinese ferent tables with multiple games at each table, so Marilyn had up in deep red, cherry pink, and ts paper. Loops of ribbon and ve a festive flair to each gift pack- dy actually ever won the game, adies to choose a prize for them- dish towels, potholders, pot mitts, candles in different combina- mely utilitarian.

erved dessert in the library, she indulgence. Miss Margie especially ith blueberries cooked in it, so hat, and her cake tore up beyond

all description, leaving her with no alternative but to make another cake over which to make pictures. The number 80 picture cake with its number 80 candles was set aside, and Marilyn actually served the cake that looked so pitifully terrible. She gave each of the ladies a clear heart-shaped bowl and they served themselves pieces of cake, scoops of blueberry pie filling, and a choice of either vanilla or strawberry ice cream.

After the dessert was served late in the afternoon, Miss Margie opened her cards. She had been most adamant about no gifts, but she had agreed to cards the ladies had made themselves. When Marilyn sent out the invitations, she sent each lady a plain white card and a plain white envelope with instructions to each lady to make what she would—a valentine, a birthday card, whatever—out of it. Bless her heart! Miss Margie enjoyed all her cards, and each one revealed something about the personality of the lady who had made it. When Miss Margie had finished opening her cards, Marilyn opened her valentines that the ladies had brought to her. Marilyn's valentines were a complete surprise that she had no idea she would be getting.

Marilyn and her neighbors, Debbie Baty and Jennifer Davis, have been telling everybody they know, and even some they do not know, about Miss Margie's birthday and asking everybody to send cards. The idea is to get 80 cards sent to help Miss Margie celebrate her 80th birthday. When her birthday is completely over, Miss Margie has promised that she will count her cards and report to *The Groundhog* on how many she got in all.

The day of the party, Miss Margie had more cards than there were ladies in attendance. Ahead of the party, Mrs. Irene Willingham had left a whole handful of cards, as well as a gift in a bag, and Mrs. Syble Hopper stopped by and left a gift the day of the party.

It may well not be the epitome of etiquette, but Marilyn sent leftovers home with the ladies. She had heart-shaped miniature red velvet cakes with white cream cheese frosting decorated with heart-shaped candies intended for that purpose for the ladies to take home with them.

In an effort to make sure that the ladies all remembered the party forever, Marilyn had fixed goody bags in plain white gift sacks with tan colored raffia handles for the ladies to take with them when they went home. While the contents of all the bags may not have been exactly alike, they were all equal.

Marilyn made a scrapbook of the occasion and, during the party, made pictures to put into it. Bless her heart! She got side tracked and did not get as many pictures made as she had intended to, but the scrapbook is indeed taking shape.

The ladies all remarked that the food was good and that the table settings were especially nice. For Miss Margie to feel as special as she seemed to feel when that party was over, it was definitely well worth everybody's effort to be there.

During the week after the party, Marilyn received a pretty card from the ladies prayer group thanking her for the good time they had all had and telling her how nice the party was. Then it was Marilyn who really felt special.



Margie Coots



L/R: Margie Coots and Lucille Crowe



L/R: Nellie Croley and Sue King



L/R: Rindy Flannigan and Charlean Smith



L/R: Dessie Brown and Ruth Battles



L/R: Nellie Croley, Sue King, Margie Coots, and Charlean Smith

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# LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

The big news is the success of the Winter Book Sale! All involved were very pleased with the response of the community during this sale. The success of this sale depends on those who live in Mentone and the surrounding area. You donated the books and then you came and bought them! Also, we were very pleased with the amount of money taken in. When we think that the most we charged for any book was three dollars and most were two dollars a bag, we realize how many books were sold. The success of this sale was due to the dedication and work of many volunteers but most of the credit goes to Roger and Judy Dowiat. They were there every day to make sure that everything was being done. Well done, good job, thanks a lot and many other kudos to Roger and Judy.

Thanks to everyone who donated books for this sale and please know that we are already taking donations for the August Longest Yard Sale. We will be under the shelter of the front porch of the library for this sale. The staff of Moon Lake Elementary School has asked that we NOT leave books outside the doors or at the book drop. Bring your books inside and we will make sure that you receive an acknowledgment for your gift. This can be used for tax purposes if you wish. Thanks for your help with this.

"Because we were there anyway," was Jan Wilkinson's answer when asked how the members of the Moon Lake Library Board of Directors happened to be signed up to serve the Senior Lunch on February 21<sup>st</sup>. We were glad to do this and had a lot of fun teasing Jan. We were there anyway and we enjoyed serving lunch and visiting with those who came to eat at the Community House that day. If you are sixty years or more, you are invited to come eat lunch every Wednesday. A different group serves each week and the food is always good. An added attraction is getting to visit with everyone.

Thanks to Bill Schwarz and John Wilkinson, a new set of book shelves are in place in the library. We have moved most of the books around on the shelves to give us more "growing room." You may have to search for your favorites for the first few visits but it should all become familiar to everyone soon. Of course the big news is that we are going to offer DVD's soon. We have the cabinets waiting to be put into place by our carpenters. The most challenging aspect of this new endeavor seems to be how to enter them into the computer system so that we can keep track of where they are. Also, we have to adopt workable rules for their use. We are working on all of this, so please be patient with us. We would like donations of DVD's and we plan to purchase some to start our collection.

The Koffee Klatch will continue through the month of March. The scheduled demonstrations are: March 3, Embroidery by Marilyn Blanton Campbell; March 10, Knitting by Sue Schwarz (bring #10 needles and yarn); March 17, we would like for everyone to visit with Stephanie Moore at the Community Church for her day of Crop Till You Drop. (See notice elsewhere in this issue); March 24, our last Work and Chat for the season; March 31, Knitting by Sue Schwarz. This has been a lot

of fun for everyone who participated and the plans now are to start again in the fall when things slow down.

The members of the board of directors would like to welcome Nancy Frost as the liaison for Moon Lake Elementary School. Nancy has taught at Moon Lake for a number of years and is now involved in the reading program. She is a welcome addition to our program. With her help, we are trying to organize a summer reading program for the students of MLES. The library will be open for the same hours during the summer and we think that it is a good idea to encourage our young people to continue reading. Many of them have already been reading some of the books on the community side of the library and have requested to be allowed to check out more during school hours. Tonya Lasseter, the MLES librarian, monitors their reading very carefully and will have to approve anything they check out. Of course, during community hours, they can come to the library with an adult and check out any book that meets the approval of the adult.

A Letter to the Editor in the December 31, 2006 issue of Chattanooga Times Free Press reads in part: "With all of the attention our schools are getting regarding 'No Child Left Behind,' I think it's often overlooked that parents have the primary responsibility for their children's education. If you want your child to be far ahead of their peers by the time they get to middle school, set aside a couple of hours per week to spend in the library." The letter was signed by Kevin H. Roberts of East Ridge and those of us at Moon Lake Library heartily agree.

My quote of wisdom for the month is by Stephen Colbert, "Cynics always say no. Saying yes leads to knowledge. So for as long as you have the strength to, say yes."

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library or to make a suggestion, you may write to us at this address: Moon Lake Community Library  
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To get to the field, take County Road 644. Go about one quarter mile past Raven Haven, driving east. Watch for "Star Party" signs. The gate will be open and the chert road winds through the woods for about a mile. On this twisty road you may meet several deer. This is their playground. Enjoy the view but drive carefully. Follow the signs and the faded red streamers tied on the trees. The road ends at the observing field. For more information call Roger Dowiat at 256/845-1030.

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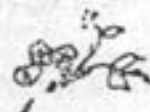
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# Church News

By Evelyn Graves



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 our new time: 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 NW (DeKalb County Road 85), Fort Payne. Phone: 256-845-4842. Lenten services are held each Wednesday at 6:30PM (3/7; 3/14; 3/21; 3/28). Holy Week: No Wednesday Service. Maundy Thursday 4/5. Good Friday 4/6. Easter Sunday 4/8. The community is welcomed. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Bible Class every Wednesday @ 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 256- 845-4314.

**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 Pastor Ken and Elaine Holleman 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.

**Mentone Community Church Services** are 9:30AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship; 6:30PM Sunday evening (Third Sunday of each month are Small Group Home Meetings); 6:30PM Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Pioneer Club.

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

**Mentone 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.

**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 Ladies 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 6:30 p.m. The pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is Dr. Bill Russell.

**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 10 AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

**Potters House Church**. We are a small community church filled with the love of Jesus, where everyone of all denominations is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Worship is at 2 PM with Bill Miracle Pastor. We serve a meal at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, and our Bible Study starts at 6:30 with Sabra Gann, Teacher.

**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).

**New Oregon United Methodist Church**, 1204 New Oregon Drive NE, Ft. Payne, AL 35967. The activities of New Oregon include: Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. and Evening worship at 6:00 p.m. Sunday morning fellowship time is from 9:20-9:40 a.m., followed by Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and all activities of the church.

**Union Hill Baptist church** will have their second Sunday night singing at 6:00 PM on March 11, 2007; visitors from the South Sauty Baptist Church in Marshall County, the South Sauty Baptist. Tammy Little Haynes, Miss Alabama, 1984, sings with this trio. You can depend on them being good. The Holy spirit was with us last Sunday night, and He will be back then.

The **Mentone Community Church** will have Education Sunday on March 11, at 10:30AM. The guest singers will be Southern Wesleyan University Singers and the guest speaker will be Dr. David Spittal, President of Southern Wesleyan University. You are invited to attend.

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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

●Tuesday, March 6, 6:00PM, Tom Bevil Enrichment Center, Rainsville, AL (Septic System Maintenance Program \$175 vouchers) SEE FLYER on pg \_\_\_\_

●Tuesday, March 6, 6:30PM, MAPA regular meeting night to discuss the

May 19 & 20, RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL,

●Sunday, March 11, Daylight Savings begins

●Monday, March 12, 6PM, MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

●Tuesday, March 13, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House

●Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 PM, American Legion Hall, Post 215 Meeting

●Thursday, March 15, 10AM, Mentone Book Club, at the Mentone Community House, open to the public

●Friday, March 16, (SCHOOL OUT) - Mid-term

●Saturday, March 17, St. PATRICK'S DAY

●Thursday, March 22, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public

●Sunday, April 1st - April Fool's day

●Sunday, April 8th - EASTER

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 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, March 12

Monday, April 9

Monday, May 14

Monday, June 11

Monday, July 9

Monday, August 13

Monday, September 10

Monday, October 8

Monday, November 12

Monday, December 10

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.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 quarterly meeting dates for the Mentone Planning Commission, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be as follows:

Thursday, April 19

Thursday, July 19

Thursday, October 18

Thursday, January 17, 2008

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.

## Senior Lunches at the M.E.R.F.

Community House began on

February 14th and

go through April 11th.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 meeting dates for the Mentone Waterworks Board, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, as follows:

Thursday, March 22

Thursday, April 26

Thursday, May 24

Thursday, June 28

Thursday, July 26

Thursday, August 23

Thursday, September 27

Thursday, October 25

Tuesday, November 13

Thursday, December 20

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.



## DEVOTIONAL

Psalm 121:1-2

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

When we are in distress, we often go to various sources for help, only to find that the problem magnifies itself. If we will call on the Lord and wait for His answer, the problem will be solved in the best possible way.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Monday, March 12, 2007

Monday, April 9, 2007

Monday, May 14, 2007

Monday, June 11, 2007

Monday, July 9, 2007

Monday, August 13, 2007

Monday, September 10, 2007

Monday, October 8, 2007

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Monday, December 10, 2007

Monday, January 14, 2008

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.

## MOON LAKE LIBRARY

## Koffee Klatch Schedule

Saturday 10:00 a.m.

March 3 - EMBROIDERY

W/Marilyn Campbell

(Bring any work you need help with)

March 10 - KNITTING

W/Sue Schwarz

(Bring #10 Needles and Yarn)

March 17 - CROP TILL YOU DROP

W/Stephanie Moore

(Community Church)

March 24 - WORK AND CHAT

(Bring anything that you are working on, last one!)

March 31 - KNITTING

W/Sue Schwarz

(By request, bring your work and get help or refresh your skills)

