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EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY FOR MAXIM MICHAEL ROBERT CHERBONNEAU



On Saturday, February 16, an Eagle Court of Honor was held at the Scout House in Mentone for Maxim Michael Robert Cherbonneau of Boy Scout Troop 106. His Eagle Project was at the Moon Lake Elementary North courtyard as shown above. Max joined the Troop on 1/27/03; became a scout 3/3/03; earned his tenderfoot rank 10/4/04, second class rank 11/4/04, first class 3/7/05, star 2/13/06, life scout 10/2/06, and Eagle Scout on November 18, 2007.

Mike Bare, Assistant Scoutmaster, introduced the guests. Pastor L.A. Smith gave the invocation. Honor guards were Eagle Scouts Alex Hazell and Isaac Akes. Edwin Stanley, Assistant Scoutmaster, gave the Eagle Challenge. Scoutmaster David Gilbreath conducted the Eagle presentation. Jan Wilkinson, Troop committee, presented personal letters of honor.

Allen and Jan Cherbonneau both gave a family response to this honor that their son, Max, had worked for and achieved. Eagle Scout Max Cherbonneau responded, after which David Killian, Assistant Scoutmaster gave the Eagle charge.

Max's father, Allen Cherbonneau, wrote the words to the following song, "Rise Above the Storm" for his son. Max and his father sang the song together.

RISE ABOVE THE STORM

The Eagle heads into the wind
and sets its wings to climb.
Each storm is calmer from above
with courage gained from times
of soaring up and coming down
in countless rushing winds
It's hard to ride above the storm,
but futile to descend.
The journey of the Eagle trail
is nothing small and slight.
It's gathering all your hope to try
to soar up into flight.

The start is small with little thought
to where the path will lead,
With leaders calling do your best
to match your hope with deed.
Walkin' on that well-marked trail
and reaching for the stars,
Learning from experience
and others--stretching far.
The road is not so very long,
sustained by brothers' love;
The journey filled with grace and joy
and guidance from above

Refrain:

Rise above the storm,
Rise above the storm,
I'll fly like an eagle, Rise above the storm
(Song written by Allen Cherbonneau for his son
Max Cherbonneau).



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for Bob Laura Bush



The benediction was given by Rev. Allen Cherbonneau and the closing by Mike Bare, Assistant Scoutmaster. Tom Oberle, Assistant Scoutmaster, was the voice of the eagle.

Following the ceremony, a finger food reception catered by Barbara Neel was enjoyed by all.

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MAPA Meeting

The Mentone
Area Preservation
Meeting was held on
Tuesday, February 5,
2008, at 6:30PM.

President Amelia Kirk-Lolli called the
meeting to order and announced that
Leroy Crowe, treasurer, his wife,
Joanne, and mother, Lucille Crowe
were absent, due to medical reasons.
She also announced that Dot Crow,
who is present tonight, recently had a
pacemaker put in. Other members
present were Kim Albrecht, Dessie
Brown, Marie Dillenbeck, Charlotte
Gentry, Mark Gibson, Debbie
Reynolds, Beverly Smith, Jerome
Stephens, Tony Teverino, Claudia and
Dave Wassom and Sarah Wilcox.

Dave Wassom reported that Page
Cunningham could not attend because
he was a poll worker. At the request of
Page, Dave Wassom presented two
checks that were received from the
State of Alabama Department of
Tourism, which are to be used exclu-
sively for the Rhododendron Festival.
There are other funds that will come at
the end of April and June, also to be
used for the October Colorfest.

Dave said that Page has done a huge
service to this organization as
Chairman for several years of the two
MAPA festivals: Rhododendron in May,
and the Colorfest in October. He was
instrumental in the obtaining of the
money for the purpose of supporting
both the Rhododendron and Colorfest
Festivals. The checks are void after
one year. It was unanimous that Page
Cunningham be personally thanked for
all he has done for MAPA and the suc-
cess of the festivals.

Discussions were held regarding the
necessity of upgrading the power at the

festival site in Brow Park on N. Cool
Street. The SMEC Power Company is
to be contacted to see what would be
necessary to put in any new services.
Kim Albrecht volunteered to do the elec-
trical work necessary, contingent upon
the necessary parking arrangements
being available for the festivals.

Alternatives for parking were dis-
cussed at great length. No definite
decisions were made at this meeting,
although it was unanimously agreed
that it was important that there be spe-
cific places to park the cars. More dis-
cussions will be had at the next meeting
on March 4th at 6:30PM.

Tony Teverino made a motion to put
both checks from the State of Alabama
in the checking account, to be used for
festival expenses only. Dot Crowe
seconded the motion, which passed
unanimously.

The matter of a festival chairman and
co-chairman for each of the festivals
was brought up. Jerome Stephens vol-
unteered to be the festival chairman,
contingent upon talking with previous
chairman, Page Cunningham. Dave
Wassom volunteered to do any phone
calls that are necessary. Dave said that
Page had stated he would be willing to
help by cooperating with Jerome as he
coordinates the festival. More discus-
sions concerning parking areas will be
taken up at the next meeting.

Sarah Wilcox brought up brochures
and rack cards for discussion. 20,000
rack cards would be available for distri-
bution all over the State of Alabama and
would be beneficial in advertising the
festivals and other events in Mentone.
Tony Teverino made a motion that
MAPA allocate \$1100 for the creation of
the rack cards for the two festivals.
Jerome seconded the motion, which
passed unanimously. Kerry Breithaupt,
Ronda Bruckno and Debbie Reynolds
volunteered to help get the brochure out
so that the festivals will be advertised

broadly throughout the state of
Alabama, and neighboring areas.

Charlotte Gentry brought up the mat-
ter of music at the festival and agreed to
work with others in obtaining musicians
that would draw people to the festivals.

Jerome is to get a list of vendors from
Page and Dessie so that they can be
contacted.

Kim Albrecht requested new signs
made out of wood, as the older signs
need to be replaced. Dessie agreed to
get with her son, David Crider, to see if
he could do new signs.

Tony Teverino made a motion to form
a separate committee for the express
purpose of increasing tourism in
Mentone and that it work through
MAPA. Jerome Stephens seconded the
motion, which passed unanimously.

Charlotte Gentry suggested that a
website for merchants and links be set
up and let merchants have part of the
web page with hers. It will be necessary
to get the merchants together to set this
up.

The purchase of Rhododendron
plants for the festival was discussed.
MAPA purchased the plants from Petal
Pushers last year. MAPA members
agreed that Petal Pushers should be
contacted again this year for the plants.

It was announced that Nancy
Cammack had passed away this morn-
ing. By unanimous consent, a small
memorial to Nancy Cammack will be
the planting of a tree native to Mentone.

A card was passed around to be
signed and delivered to the long-time
festival chairman, Page Cunningham,
thanking him for his work in getting the
checks to be used for the festivals and
for handling all the previous festivals.

There being no further business, Dot
Crowe made a motion to adjourn at 7:15
PM. The meeting was adjourned to
have refreshments provided by Dessie
Brown and Dot Crow.

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY by Linda Brown

Well, the Winter Book Sale is now history! We have discussed whether it was a success or not and have decided that it was. Maybe not in the amount of profit we made but definitely when we considered all of the fun and visiting we did. We did sell lots and lots of books, but we priced them very low. I think that February is a good month for this because we tend to bog down in February. Valentine's Day is only enjoyed by those under twenty-five, so this doesn't help most of us. The weather tends to be gray and dreary with not much sunshine and we have a tendency to get the blahs. During the book sale there was much talking and laughing around a pot of coffee. This was reported at the recent meeting of the Board of Directors and they decided to continue to have the Winter Book Sale. Now the push is to collect books for the Summer Book Sale. It will be held under the porch of the Moon Lake Library and will be the week of the World's Longest Yard Sale. This event is always in August. Bring your books to be donated to this sale to the library during the hours we are open to the public.

The Quilting Club no longer exist. It is now the Mountain Top Quilters! We have a name. About ten women met on February 14th at 3:00 p.m. and had a very good time. We learned how to quilt using paper. This is much easier than piece quilting. The paper stabilizes the cloth and also provides a line to sew on. This was new to many of those attending. A great surprise was the attendance of five members of a quilting club from Hammondville, Alabama. They have been meeting for eighteen months and are already quite experienced in most of the techniques. We were very glad to have them. The ladies had so much fun that they made the decision to meet two times a month! This was agreeable to everyone and provides another good use for the library. The meeting dates are always the second and fourth Thursdays. The dates for March will be Thursday, March 13th and Thursday, March 27th. We always meet at 3:00 p.m. but all times are flexible to fit the need of those who want to come. Please feel free to come when you can and leave when you need to. We are trying to make this a meeting that is as easy to attend as can possible be. You are welcome to come and learn the art of quilting. You can make a potholder, a wall hanging, a pillow cover, a baby quilt or a quilt of any size. Some scraps are available, but you are welcome to bring your own. Come join us!!

Serving lunch to the Senior Lunch Bunch was a blast! On Wednesday, February 13th the members of the Board of Directors served chicken soup with all the trimmings to twenty-four seniors. They enjoyed the soup and salad, but the best part seemed to be the Red Velvet Cake which was served for dessert. Anyone over sixty is invited to come and enjoy these meals. Usually, after the meal is over, they all stay and sing old familiar tunes accompanied by the piano and guitar. The library is offering books to be checked out during this time and then returned for more. We will do this so long as the meal program continues. After this program ends, we plan to start a traveling books program which will continue until the meals start again in the fall.

The new hours of Wednesday (3 to 6 p.m.) and Saturday (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) are starting to catch on. We are having more and more patrons come at this time. Please continue to do so. Besides the librarian, Beverly, there is always one volunteer present. You need to use these hours to help the volunteers keep their skills on the computers sharp. We seem to have a tendency to forget how to use this program if we don't use it regularly.

Continue to use the drop boxes for DVD's and books. This will prevent you being charged a fine on your books or DVD's. The fine for a book is ten cents each day that it is late and the fine on DVD's is one dollar each day that they are late. We like to get money, but prefer that you give it as a donation, not a fine. Use the boxes, we check them every time the library is open.

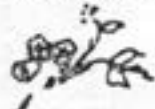
The March Koffee Klatch programs are very exciting. All Koffee Klatch meetings are at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning in the Moon Lake Library. I'm going to list the March subjects here as this will be the last ones until some time in the fall. On March 1st, we will have a representative from DeKalb Ambulance Service to speak on, "What to do Until the Ambulance Gets There". On March 8th and 15th Dixie Wilson will be instructing on how to make a piece of jewelry. If you attend both sessions you will complete a piece of jewelry ready to wear. On March 22nd, Harriett Lillich will talk about women who have been in power. She plans to go back into history to some of the queens who have since become famous or infamous. The last one will be March 29th and John Baty has agreed to talk about his experiences of living in Mentone for quite a number of years.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library will be Thursday, March 20, 2008 for our annual meeting to report on our progress for the year.

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By John Baty

When my wife and I married, her folks had a large gray Persian cat named Kokie. Kokie demanded, and got, the attention of whomever he decided to hit on that day. If his choice of companion was inattentive, he might use their leg for a scratch post.

Now I had been a lover of hounds almost from conception and hounds and cats... Well, you know. Sometimes, though, I might stroke ol' Kokie on the head while my date was getting ready to go out. He would run his motor and pretend that he liked me. But deep down in his rumbling gut, he knew how I felt and his attention was just play-acting. I saw him as potential trouble, like a compression spring set with a non-too-good trigger.

I guess her Dad thought that when I hurried away with his daughter that I might have questionable intent. That wasn't the case most times, however. The main reason for haste was to get away from that cat!

After we moved to our present residence in the 1960's, I kept, bred and raised Beagle Hounds. The purpose for the association with the lovable, sparkling-eyed little hounds was to fulfill a life-long need to be near hunting dogs. And also, a secondary purpose was to earn a little extra money. We did manage to raise some dogs that were popular with hunters and fieldtrialers and had a measure of fun in the process.

Now Beagles are hunting dogs and do not reach their zenith except when allowed to do what they were bred to do; chase rabbits. We didn't shoot guns at the rabbits... that would have been heresy among the hound men.

Our reluctance to shoot a rabbit did not owe its existence to some humane,

anthropomorphism. We simply needed the rabbits alive, well fed and happy. Without them, our hounds would never reach their potential. A well-pedigreed Beagle in an apartment is like a PhD in Biophysics running a lemonade stand. A good Beagle is constructed for the big time. We did not wish our dogs to catch and harm rabbits; only make them a little nervous.

It was hard to attract rabbits to our area when the dogs were allowed to run free too often. We kept the hounds kennelled most of the time and put out feeders with morsels to lure the rabbits onto our property so we could let the dogs chase them away. Sort of a sine wave deal with rabbit chocolate cake acting as catalyst. The arrangement was fragile and kept us on our toes making sure the plan was working.

The wife loved Beagles too, and she never mentioned acquiring a cat, though I was aware of her latent addiction. I exercised utmost care not to mention the word except in the most negative tone like when someone's old Tom was trying to eat one of our rabbits.

Finally, as with most pleasant things, the community filled up with friendly neighbors and running a pack of six or eight hounds under someone's house, scaring their cat and waking the baby was contraindicated. So... the Beagle disappeared from our neighborhood.

Our interest turned to birds and feeders and cameras and such and we thought less about those days of rabbit dogs.

A few days past, I toasted two slices of bread, opened a small can of Tuna and finely chopped the white of an egg. Then, I dipped out a lot of relish and made a sandwich.

There was a little of the mix left over and I had seen something disappear

SCAT!

into the brush back of the house a few minutes earlier. It had the appearance of predator... whiskered predator. I dumped out the leftover Tuna Salad and after re-entry, peeped out the window. Yeah! An old Tom was cleaning up the excess. I happened to mention what I had done with the leftovers and she listened with what I thought to be more intensity than the occasion warranted.

I wondered at the extra pack of small-can Tuna she placed in the buggy next day, waterpacked, white, expensive stuff, but thought nothing about it... you know, the price of gasoline, etc.

Today, I was trying to get an old mower to running after it had taken the cold and rain for a while. I got it to running and rode around behind the house; trying it out, you know. There she stood with ol' Tom in her arms and her ear down close to his side, trying to hear him purr over the sound of the motor. She smiled and turned, looking out at the edge of the yard. I looked in that direction and saw... ol' Tom's harem of five female cats. I came in the house and started writing this... under duress.

As I was finishing it up this morning early, I went to the refrigerator about 2:00 a.m. and "wet my whistle" with some orange juice. (An old Sawmiller expression.) Changed over to the couch and slept a little more; but, finally, about 3:00, I picked up the guitar and softly strummed a few sad songs. I was playing "Born to Lose" when she asked if I was depressed. "No," I said, "just reflecting on man's condition here on Earth and in our time." I said it would be nice to have some medicine to relax a fellow without causing far more trouble than it cured.

"Has the rooster crowed?" she asked. "Only at midnight," I said. I wondered aloud how the rooster knows when mid-

night comes. He is remarkable in his accuracy. You know, if his crow misses midnight by more than thirty minutes, it will rain and wash away the corn in the bottomland.

I suggested that since light and the lengthening of the day affects the pituitary gland via the eye, causing chickens (and a lot of other animals) to get in the reproductive mode, that might be the answer. But, then, at midnight, the fellow is, figuratively, on the opposite side of the Earth from the Sun and there is least light.

"Maybe gravity," she said from the bed.

Well, Newton's Inverse Law says every body attracts every other. At midnight when the rooster is futherest from the Sun, sort of on the outside looking in, he is being pulled by the Earth's gravity plus that of the Sun. But when he is on the "inside," so-to-speak, the Earth pulls him away from the Sun, which is itself pulling him away from the Earth. But the ol' rooster is casually taking a dust bath at high noon with not a care. But he is vigilant and sounding off at midnight.

Since ornithologists say that the calls of birds are not sweet songs as Keats said in Nightingale, but stress signals marking territory, or plaintive beckoning from the throes of love, it must be that the rooster is stressed more at midnight, and is saying that gravity is making his rear heavy.

She had listened very attentively, and I thought with interest, when she asked: "Have you made coffee?" "Yes," I said. "It may be a little strong for you. I needed something to wake up and crow."

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By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

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The logo, two trees leaning on each other is symbolic of the two sisters, Susan and Glenda, for whom the shop fulfills a dream. Not that they are twisted but they lean on each other and bring a part of themselves to the shop.

Susan is the one that will greet you on a daily basis. Her background is in customer service while Glenda's background is embroidery and screen printing.

Their mom is even a subtle part of the shop. Susan explained, "When I asked mom what suggestion she had for the shop, she requested a place to sit." A comfortable garden bench fulfills her request.

Twisted Sisters Unique Gift Shop opened in December. The shop began as an idea, a dream for Susan several years ago. She knew that she wanted to open a gift shop with a variety of gift ideas to appeal to many tastes (including her own.) A nice selection of fairies and angels reflect her interests.

Hearts and all things red have made way for ducks, eggs and bunnies for Easter. Other seasonal items appear at appropriate times for their own holiday.

Although well-stocked, the shop is staged so that you don't feel claustrophobic. There is room to move around and find just the gift you are looking for even though you didn't know you were looking for it. Sometime, that find is really for you.

If you're bored with your dinnerware and want something with a little more pizzazz, you can find dishes in an animal print that makes you feel that you've been on a safari and these are your trophies.

There are gifts for every age and every occasion. You can find gifts for a new baby and a cuddly baby doll for an older sibling. Gifts for children ensure that your gift at a birthday party won't be the same thing that everyone else brought.

It's not too soon to be thinking about a Mother's Day present especially if you want to get a monogrammed gift. What mother or grandmother wouldn't like a top with her children (grandchildren's) name and a caricature of the child on it. I've certainly enjoyed mine. When people comment on my shirt, it gives me a wonderful opportunity to talk about my grandchildren. You can bring in your own item to be monogrammed or purchase one from the shop.

For the woman in your life that appreciates something that is a little cutting edge, there's a great selection of purses with personality. From leopard prints to feather toppings to animal prints, the store has it all with prices starting at \$9.99 with none higher than \$29.95.

Look for a selection of Red Hat items to arrive soon.

Other unique items include elegant dresses and tops, shoes, candles, greeting cards, salt lamps that are good for aroma therapy and jewelry in matching sets some as low as \$9.99.

Twisted Sisters Unique Gift Shop is conveniently located at 2201 Gault Ave. in the Traditional Square Shopping Center in Fort Payne across from Western Sizzlin. You can check out their website at www.twistedsistersuniquegifts.com. Their phone number is 256-845-6642 or for out of town customers, Winter hours are Monday-Friday 10-5 and on Saturday 10-2.

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MAPA Forms the Mentone Tourist Committee

By Jerome Stephens
& Tony Teverino

In recent years, Mentone has blossomed into a unique place for tourists to come and enjoy. It now has many new rental properties, B&Bs, and restaurants that serve a variety of fine foods. However, it is an attraction that is lacking the publicity needed to attract these tourists. A group of local business men and women have been working hard to develop a plan to bring more tourists to Mentone. They are members of a tourism organization that is the brain child of Tony Teverino of Raven Haven. Since October 2007, this group has been meeting monthly to develop the organization and formulate a plan to promote tourism. However, to develop the organization and raise money to implement its plans was going to take time. The group turned to the Mentone Area Preservation Association for help. At its February meeting, members of MAPA voted to incorporate this new group into MAPA and form the Mentone Tourist Committee. The new Mentone Tourist Committee will be able to use the resources of MAPA to expedite its goals. Tony Teverino will head the committee. Currently, other members of the committee include Jerome Stephens of Stoneridge Cottage, Dave and Claudia Wassom of Crystal Lake Lodge, Charlotte Gentry of Mentone Realty and Doreen Waters of The Crows Nest Antiques.

Besides the current Rhododendron and Colorfest Festivals, the group will formulate plans to have more events including music and blues festivals, bike races, a 3K run, motorcycle poker runs, Christmas in July and holiday events. Many of these events will not only increase tourism, but proceeds from the events will go to help local organizations.

Advertising is an important way of increasing tourism. Sarah Wilcox suggested that the tourist committee look into purchasing bin cards to advertise Mentone and Mentone events. To help the new Tourist Committee, MAPA voted to donate \$1,100 to purchase bin cards that will be distributed to Interstate rest areas throughout the Southeast. Also, the committee will look into ways of getting articles about Mentone published in Major newspaper and magazines, work with the Dekalb County Tourist Association to promote Mentone in their publications.

We encourage all merchants interested in promoting Mentone to join MAPA and work with the new Mentone Tourist Committee.

THE LOST LAMB

By John Sam Whitaker

Stories by Papaw for his Grandchildren
I am just a young lamb, about 5 or 6 months old. My name is Little Fritz.

I love Good Shepherd because he cares for us. Sometimes he calls me "Little Frizz" and teases me. Yet I love him because he is so watchful.

Each day Good Shepherd takes us from the fold, our place of security in which we rest. As we set out, Good Shepherd calls, "Let's go, flock. Listen to me and stay close. That means you, too, Little Frizz I love this Good Shepherd. He leads us to Green Pastures, where there is so much grass. Then he takes us to Still Waters. "Don't fall in, Little Frizz. It would be hard to pull you out of the water." Then he leads us back to Green Pastures, and everyone begins to rest and chew his/her cud. It is so very peaceful.

Today I want to play. I feel so good. As the others continue to rest, I saw a strange animal on the far side of the pasture. He seemed to want to play too, so I went over to him. He said, "Come and play with me. There's plenty of grass over here." When I got near him, and for a reason unknown to me, he jumped on me and tried to devour me. Oh, his teeth were so long and so sharp! Then, thank goodness, Good Shepherd came and, with just one blow of his rod, knocked the beast off me. Good Shepherd took me up in his arms and said, "Ah, Little Frizzy the wolf almost got you. Stay close to me, and you won't get hurt." He took me over to Still Waters, washed my wounds, and then anointed me with healing olive oil.

I went back to rest, and Good Shepherd said, "Stay close, 'Little Frizz,' stay close to me."

Late in the evening we started to go back to the fold. Sometimes I would stop to nibble, but I would always catch up. Then I saw a clump of clover. I ran to eat it—how sweet it was—but when I looked up, I couldn't see Good Shepherd. He had disappeared. Suddenly, I thought I heard him, so I ran toward him. When I got there, he wasn't in sight—it was only the wind. I was lost—lost—lost. How terrible to be lost, to be away from Good Shepherd.

—I hope the wolf doesn't come back.

—I have got to get back to the fold.

—I'll be cold out here tonight.

—I must be careful, so careful.

I called loud as I could, but no one came. Then darkness enveloped the countryside, and with the darkness there came a heavy rain. I didn't know what to do or which way to go. Then I

fell. I couldn't see the crevice, so I walked over its edge. How terrible it is to fall! When I stopped falling, I had broken both my front legs. I couldn't even stand up. So, I just lay there and called for Good Shepherd. I know he will come; I know he will come.

The next morning Good Shepherd came. My voice was so weak and faint I barely could call, but he heard me. He reached way down—way down—with his staff and pulled me to the top. Then he laid me on his strong shoulders. "What happened, 'Little Frizz?' Are you ready to go home?" Oh, how I love Good Shepherd! Oh, how he loves me!

When we got to the fold, Good Shepherd carefully set and wrapped my broken legs. Then he anointed my cuts and bruises. He placed me inside the fold and said, "Stay here until you are well, 'Little Frizz.'"

Good Shepherd called his friends together for a banquet. He told them how he had rescued me, and he even gave me an extra helping of oats.

THOUGHT: I love this Good Shepherd, who is Jesus. I am so glad that he searched until he found the lost lamb because I am the lamb that was lost.

MENTONE BOOK CLUB

March 10 - 12 Noon - "Them" by Nathan McCall

April 17 - 12 Noon - "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini

May 15 - 12 Noon - "The Yiddish Policemen's Union" by Michael Chabon

June 19 - 12 Noon - "The Member of the Wedding" by Carson McCullers

This is a group of people who read the assigned book, then gather at the M.E.R.F Community House and discuss it. We are changing the time in hopes that this will enable more to attend.

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Nancy Adele Cammack In Memoriam: Nancy

Nancy Adele Cammack died on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Danville, Alabama. She was born in Selma, Alabama, to Gillis Cammack and Patricia Bridges Cammack. When she came to Mentone in 2004 to attend a workshop, she met many members of the community and decided instantly that she had found her special place, her community, her home.

From the moment that Nancy arrived, she began calling us together to celebrate life and the beauty that surrounds us on Lookout Mountain. She believed that we should honor and cherish beauty – the beauty of a tree, a flower, an insect, a child's face, and our own physical forms. Nancy saw that beauty was God's expression. She had many favorite spots on the mountain where she would go regularly to pray and ask for the healing of the Earth. One of her favorite spots was the cliffs across from the tourist area of DeSoto Falls. Many people have seen her sitting there watching over the falls and asking us all to remember the deep beauty of that special place.

Nancy also believed that we have a very special community here in Mentone. She was always calling us together to sing, dance, pray, dress up in costumes, laugh, and make connection with each other.

She believed that finding your community was a sacred thing, and she wanted all of us to appreciate the blessings that we have on our beautiful mountain.

From the moment Nancy arrived, she began sharing her considerable organizational talents to groups in the area. Nancy was a founding Board member of the Heritage Alliance and the Mentone Area Arts Council. Together with Gregg Wilhite, she founded the Mentone Spiritual Renaissance Faire and the Sunset Brow Gatherings. Few can forget her the exuberant way she led us in song and dance at the Town Square for Fourth of July celebrations in 2005 and 2006. Recently, she was the Grand Marshall of the 2007 Colorfest parade.

Hers was a beautiful spirit, inside and out. Nancy's spirit calls us to cherish this beautiful natural place that we call Mentone and Lookout Mountain. She also asks us to cherish our relationships with each other and to be in gratitude for our deep blessings. She is always calling us to love from the highest places in our hearts.

There will be physical memorials made to honor Nancy at her favorite places on the mountain. Tax deductible donations in Nancy's memory can be made to:

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Nancy Cammack
Memorial Fund
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Mentone, AL 35984

Nancy is survived by her children Christopher James Littleford of Birmingham; Carrilea Cammack Littleford of Danville; her father, Gillis Cammack of Selma; her sister, Kim Cammack Cogle of Cullman; and nieces Bridges Swift of Birmingham Mackenzie Cogle of Cullman; and nephews Robbie and Brandon Cogle of Cullman; and her many friends throughout the state of Alabama and the country.

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Rhododendron Garden Club News **By Linda Brown, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was called to order by President, Martha Wood at 10:00 a.m. on February 12, 2008 at the M.E.R.F. Community House in Mentone, Alabama. Martha led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America and presented the inspirational minute.

The program, "Backyard Wildlife Habitat" was presented by Susan Hume, a DeKalb County Master Gardener who lives in the Mentone area.

She stated that the four basic needs to produce a wildlife habitat are: food; water; cover to protect against the elements and predators; and a place to reproduce and bear young in safety.

She introduced many ideas to attract wildlife to your backyard, such as providing native trees and shrubs which produce berries, acorns, nuts and seeds to provide food for the wild animals which may come to your yard. This food source can be augmented with bird feeders, deer feeders and any other means you choose to add to the diet of animals.

Most species need water for drinking and bathing. Water can be supplied in a birdbath, a small pond, a natural stream or a shallow dish. Cover is provided by densely branched shrubs, hollow logs, rock piles, brush piles, stone walls, evergreens, meadow grasses and water for some species. The placement of cover is important. The further an animal must venture from cover, the more vulnerable it is to predators.

Safe places for reproduction and nurturing young animals are critical to make a habitat complete. Mature trees can provide den sites for squirrels and nesting places for birds. Dead or dying trees offer habitats for over 125 species of cavity-nesting birds and mammals in North America. Nest boxes can be provided if natural trees and shrubs are not abundantly available. A pond or water garden provides much needed breeding grounds for salamanders, frogs and toads.

It is estimated that more than 25 million acres of land in the United States are planted in residential lawn. Instead of mowing your yard, landscape with plants native to the soils and climate of your area. These will require less fertilizer, water and pest control and at the same time provide a wildlife habitat in your backyard. For more current information on backyard habitats go to web site: www.nwf.org/habitats, call 703-790-4100 or go to the local Alabama Cooperative Extension Service in Fort Payne and ask for pamphlets on wildlife.

Martha convened the business part of the meeting with general items. The first new item of business was the consideration of placing of an ad in *Hortensia*, the state garden club magazine. It was decided to place an ad to honor our honorary members. It was decided to send a donation to District II as requested by their officers.

The club members discussed the upcoming meal for the Wednesday Senior Lunch Bunch. Details were arranged. April 8, 2008 was set aside to work in the Heritage Garden of the M.E.R.F. Community House.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2008 at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Monday, March 10
Monday, April 14
Monday, May 12
Monday, June 9
Monday, July 14
Monday, August 11
Monday, September 8
Monday, October 13
Monday, November 10
Monday, December 8

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00PM 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 2008 meeting dates for the Valley Head Water Works Board, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be 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
Tuesday, November 13
Monday, December 10
Monday, January 12, 2009

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.

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Thursday, April 17, 2008

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Thursday, January 15, 2009

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Thursday, March 27
Thursday, April 24
Thursday, May 22
Thursday, June 26
Thursday, July 24
Thursday, August 28
Thursday, September 25
Thursday, October 23
Tuesday, November 20
Thursday, December 18

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.



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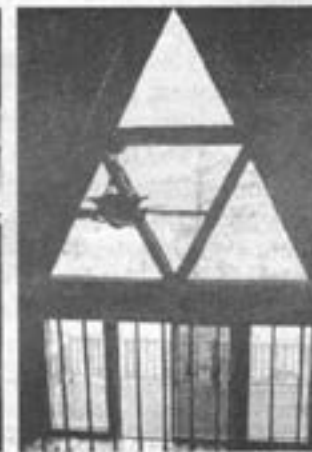
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To most people, March is known for its windy, blustery weather. So, be sure to hold on to your hat when you go outside!

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS IN MARCH

4 - *The Constitution of the USA went into effect in 1789.

8 - *Amerigo Vespucci (1451-1572), the man for whom the Americas were named, was born in Italy. (He probably had trouble writing his full name on one of his maps, and Amerigo, being more prominent, became the name of the new continents.)

9 - *Daylight saving time begins. (Don't forget.)

12 - *The Girl Scouts were founded by Juliette Low in 1912. The camp she bought in the Cloudland, Georgia area is still active today.

12,13 - *The "snow storm of the century" (1993) actually began on Friday night, the 12th; and on Saturday morning, the 13th, there was a great abundance of snow. Most homes were without electricity for at least eight to ten days, some more. Travel was very limited also for four or five days, and in some places even more.

14 - *The cotton gin was patented by Eli Whitney in 1794.

17 - *St. Patrick's Day is named in honor of this patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick (about A.D. 389-461) also baptized more than 120,000 converts in Ireland. (Be sure to wear something green, or I'll pinch you.)

20 - *A snow storm (1960) began on Thursday night, leaving a light snow on Friday morning, the 20th. However, the snow and sleet continued throughout the day; by noon our electricity was out. (I was pastor of the Mentone Church of

trical power for about two weeks and telephone service for about a month. We had a few, but beautiful, candle-light services in church after the storm.

Schools had already been out for the annual spring break (AEA break). This storm resulted in schools being out for over two weeks. Consequently, schools were held on Saturday to make up for some of the lost time. (This was real suffering!) A month after the storm, there were little scattered patches of snow in shady places to remind us of the storm.

20 - *First day of spring

21 - *Good Friday the day on which the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified.

23 - *Easter Sunday the day that the Lord Jesus Christ arose triumphantly from the grave.

24 - *My father, Sam Whitaker, died. He had been a coal miner in Kentucky for 37 years.

26 - *Robert Lee Frost (1874-1963) was born in San Francisco, CA. In his lifetime, he received four Pulitzer prizes for his poetry (1924, 1931, 1937, and 1943). When he read (and also quoted because of the snow) his poem, "The Gift Outright," at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy in January, 1961, he became the first American poet to participate in a presidential inauguration.

30 - *Amendment 15 to the U.S. Constitution proclaimed in 1870 that no citizen of the U.S. shall be denied the right to vote "on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

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If you bought or refinanced your home in 2007...

1. Check your closing HUD form for "POINTS".

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2. Deduct your Pre-payment Penalty.

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3. Deduct Moving Cost.

If your job requires you to make a move of 50 miles or more you can deduct your moving cost. It doesn't matter if you change employers or become self employed. See IRS form 3903 to see all the qualifying factors.

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to take this trip with the group.

Launch is about students having a relationship with God. We have service every Wednesday starting at 6:30 p.m. During our service we'll have some games, awesome worship time, and most importantly the Word of God. The services are at The Summit Church of God at Mentone in the Launch Pad Sanctuary. The fourth Sunday night of every month will be Youth Sunday Night Service. Come out and support us! Check out Launch Ministries my space page (myspace.com/launchministries) Email Andy!

Gospel Red Book Singing At The Summit Church of God

By Lisa Crow Whatley

Some of my best memories are the old fashion Gospel singings where churches all over the county came and lead requested songs from the Red Book Hymnal. My great grandfather Lee Crow and grandmother Bernise Crow loved those singings, as I do. Many look forward to the Decoration services in the spring to enjoy this music.

We want to start a regular monthly singing and invite everyone to come. Just let me know if you lead music or you have a special request for your favorite song. Come sing with us on March 29 at 6 pm at The Summit Church of God. All churches are welcome. There will be light refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

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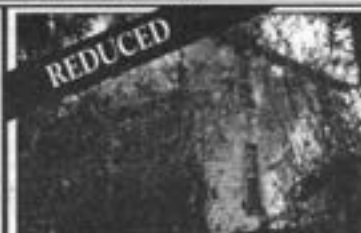
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Church News



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 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 and Sunday School at 9AM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. All are 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 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 Schedule: Sundays: Sunday School 9:30 AM; Worship 10:30 AM; Family Service or Small Groups 6:30 PM. Wednesdays at 6:30 PM: Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group; Adult Bible Study.

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.

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 Lord's 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.

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).

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

GOSPEL SINGING

The **Summit Church of God of Mentone** announces that their church will be hosting the first Gospel Singing @ The Summit Church of God of Mentone on Saturday, March 29, 2008 @ 6 p.m. until.... with light refreshments and snacks following. Lisa Crow is doing this in remembrance of her late grandmother, **Bernise Crow**, and if it is a hit, will continue doing it every three months. Lisa would love to have any and everyone in our community who has a love for the Red Book Hymnal (and any likeness to it) to please join us! If there are any questions, you can reach Lisa Crow on her cell phone @997-8000 or @work 845-1112. Thank you so much, God Bless!

Community Easter Egg Hunt

At The Community House in Mentone behind Moon Lake School

**Saturday, March 22nd
2:00 PM**

**All kids up to 6th grade
are invited!**

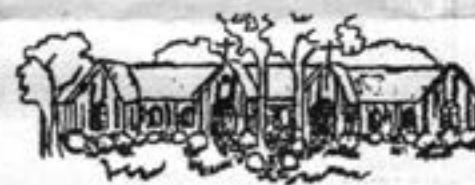
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**Ruthann Marie Richardson
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The wedding of Ruthann Marie Richardson and James Anthony Hendon took place on December 15, 2007, at Goshen United Methodist Church in Piedmont, Alabama, with The Reverends Larry Bollinger and Robert Wolcott officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Jane Richardson of Centre, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of the late Excell and Floyce Richardson of Centre and George and Alfa Scroggin of Centre. She was given in marriage by her father.

The groom is the son of Roland and Carolyn Hendon of Mentone, Alabama. He is the grandson of Alton and Magdalene Hendon of Arley, Alabama, and the late Drew and Corrine Wolcott of Mentone.

The bride's attendants were Joy Richardson, sister of the bride, Eden Scroggin, cousin of the bride, and friends Avery Lowe, Ashlei McQueen, Carrie Mussato, Ashley Nelson, KK Free, Jenna King, and Elizabeth Leavelle. Flower girls were Julia Chesnutt, bride's cousin, and McKenna Ballinger, niece of the groom.

Roland Hendon, groom's father, served as best man; groomsmen were Allen Crow, brother-in-law of the groom; Andrew Barrett, cousin of groom; Ben Richardson, brother of bride; Tyler Schnabel, cousin of groom; Luke Richardson, brother of bride; Brad English, friend of groom; Andrew McMichen, friend of groom; Clay Richardson, brother of bride; and Mark Richardson, brother of bride. Ring bearers were Cade Ballenger, groom's nephew and Daxon Crow, groom's nephew.

The bride is interning at Siskin Rehab in Chattanooga, Tennessee, until May, and the groom is employed at S & ME, Inc. in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

After a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Chattanooga.

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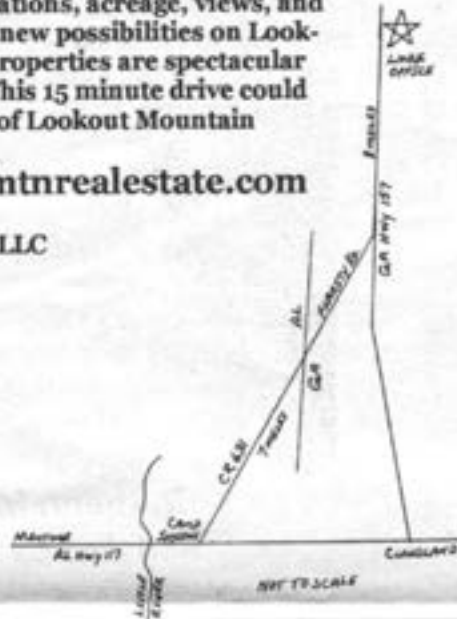
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EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY FOR MAXIM MICHAEL ROBERT CHERBONNEAU



On Saturday, February 16, an Eagle Court of Honor was held at the Scout House in Mentone for Maxim Michael Robert Cherbonneau of Boy Scout Troop 106. His Eagle Project was at the Moon Lake Elementary North courtyard as shown above. Max joined the Troop on 1/27/03; became a scout 3/3/03; earned his tenderfoot rank 10/4/04, second class rank 11/4/04, first class 3/7/05, star 2/13/06, life scout 10/2/06, and Eagle Scout on November 18, 2007.

Mike Bare, Assistant Scoutmaster, introduced the guests. Pastor L.A. Smith gave the invocation. Honor guards were Eagle Scouts Alex Hazell and Isaac Akes. Edwin Stanley, Assistant Scoutmaster, gave the Eagle Challenge. Scoutmaster David Gilbreath conducted the Eagle presentation. Jan Wilkinson, Troop committee, presented personal letters of honor.

Allen and Jan Cherbonneau both gave a family response to this honor that their son, Max, had worked for and achieved. Eagle Scout Max Cherbonneau responded, after which David Killian, Assistant Scoutmaster gave the Eagle charge.

Max's father, Allen Cherbonneau, wrote the words to the following song, "Rise Above the Storm" for his son. Max and his father sang the song together.

RISE ABOVE THE STORM

The Eagle heads into the wind
and sets its wings to climb.
Each storm is calmer from above
with courage gained from times
of soaring up and coming down
in countless rushing winds
It's hard to ride above the storm,
but futile to descend.
The journey of the Eagle trail
is nothing small and slight.
It's gathering all your hope to try
to soar up into flight.



The start is small with little thought
to where the path will lead,
With leaders calling do your best
to match your hope with deed.
Walkin' on that well-marked trail
and reaching for the stars,
Learning from experience
and others--stretching far.
The road is not so very long,
sustained by brothers' love;
The journey filled with grace and joy
and guidance from above

Refrain:

Rise above the storm,
Rise above the storm,
I'll fly like an eagle, Rise above the storm
(Song written by Allen Cherbonneau for his son
Max Cherbonneau).



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for Bill Laura Bush



The benediction was given by Rev. Allen Cherbonneau and the closing by Mike Bare, Assistant Scoutmaster. Tom Oberle, Assistant Scoutmaster, was the voice of the eagle.

Following the ceremony, a finger food reception catered by Barbara Neel was enjoyed by all.

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