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Cloudmont Ski and Golf Resort

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

It was mid-February. The daffodils were in full bloom. Golfers were enjoying the links in shirt-sleeved comfort while just a few yards away; skiers glided gracefully down a snow-covered slope. This curious state of affairs is found in Mentone, Alabama at Cloudmont, as it is familiarly known.

The parking lot had cars not only from Alabama but also from neighboring states that brought families who were enjoying the phenomenon of snow on a comfortable pre-spring day.

Snow "arrives" at Cloudmont as soon as overnight temperatures drop to 28 degrees or colder which allows snow making to commence. Quality machine-made snow provides a deep base to hold the snow through the warmer days, which seem to crop up periodically in Alabama's temperamental weather that no longer seems to recognize the traditional four seasons of the year.

Skiers have enjoyed Cloudmont's slopes for 38 years. Some make it a holiday destination each year and make reservations a year in advance. There are two 1,000-foot beginner-intermediate slopes with an elevation of 1,800 feet and a vertical rise of 150 feet.

Both private and group lessons are offered for the novice skier and a full range of equipment is available for rental. Season passes can be purchased for those with their own equipment. During



the season, Cloudmont is open from 9-4 daily weekdays and holidays. It is also open nightly from 6-10. Holidays are quite busy with 1,500 showing up to ski this year on the Martin Luther King holiday. It was

one of those rare occasions where they ran out of rental equipment. Non-holiday weekdays provide a less frantic pace. This year there were 20 days of "good snow" in January. Their website provides a

daily report on the slopes.

While skiing season ends in March, it's not too early to make plans to come next year and while you wait for the season to arrive in

December, there's much more than skiing to do at Cloudmont.

A 9-hole golf course is a popular part of the complex. Accommodations including attractive chalets are available for rental. Those who stay there can enjoy hiking in one of the most beautiful areas of our state or in my opinion, any state. There are cool streams and a variety of wildflowers indigenous to the area. Birders can find an extensive variety of birds that also appreciate the area.

Shady Grove Dude Ranch is right across the covered bridge where guests enjoy horseback riding. Shady Grove includes 1,000 acres of beautiful wooded wilderness with 100 miles of picturesque trails that are used by part-time cowboys and nature enthusiasts for on-foot or on-horse hikes.

For more information or reservations for skiing, golfing or ranching or accommodations at Cloudmont, call 256-634-4344.

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MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes from January 12, 2009

The Mentone Town Council met on Monday, January 12, 2009, at 6 PM, at its regular meeting. Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order and conducted the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Hammond gave the invocation.

On roll call, present were Mayor Hammond, Larry Sanders, Gail Chambers, John Paul Verdon, and Gerald Bailey. Absent was Wesley Griffith. Also present was Chief of Police Lamar Bray and Jeremy Bell. Visitors present were Tammy Kirby, Paul Todd, and Rhonda Bruckno.

The minutes from the December 8, 2008, meeting were reviewed, copies having been provided to the council prior to the meeting, and changes made prior to the meeting. After a review of the minutes, Larry Sanders made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the changes. Gail Chambers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The financial report was reviewed. John Paul Verdon made a motion to accept the checks written for December. Gerald Bailey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Hammond stated that after a review of Ordinance 96-3, the time of meeting had been changed to 6PM at a previous meeting and all other provisions remained the same. Gerald Bailey made a motion to change the time for the council meetings to 6PM and place the time on the original Ordinance 96-3. Gail Chambers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Hammond stated that he had met with Lowell Barron who had set up a meeting with all the mayors of DeKalb County concerning finances and budget concerns. The point he was making was that funds would have to be cut back. Mayor Hammond said he had mailed last year's budget to the council. Discussion followed. John Paul Verdon made a motion to approve a 5% increase in last year's figures. Gerald Bailey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business: Mayor Hammond stated he had met with the DeKalb County Commission regarding the fire department and board, and the town is to appoint three members to board of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Department and the County two. David Tucker and Hobson Kirby need to be reappointed today. Gail Chambers made a motion to appoint David Tucker and Hobson Kirby for a term to expire November 15, 2010. Hobson Kirby to be the acting chairman. Gerald Bailey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Gerald Bailey inquired if the town was still waiting on the state to go back and do another historical and environmental review concerning the replacement of the Skyline bridge in Mentone. Mayor Hammond stated that the state had to go back and do another historical and environmental review. After the state does all those reports, they are to turn them over to the highway administration for approval. It was to take only twelve to eighteen months. That was twenty-four months ago. Discussion followed.

Tammy Kirby, who asked to be on agenda, spoke to the weekend rentals in R-1 zoning district. Mayor Hammond stated that Bob House of House Consultants will meet the Mayor and Pat Tate 1PM Wednesday, January 13, in Fort Payne, to come up with a possible strategy or advice. The zoning ordinance was passed in 1992, and there are changes that need to be made.

Police Report. Gail inquired as to the number of roads under water. Jeremy Bell said that Moon Lake School Road was. Mayor Hammond said that DeKalb County is responsible for that road.

Larry Sanders commented that the Mentone Police Department had done good work for the past 4 years.

There being no further business, Larry Sanders made a motion to adjourn at 6:30PM. Gail Chambers seconded the motion.



MAPA February Meeting By Dessie Brown

The monthly MAPA meeting was held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. February 3, 2009 at the Moon Lake Baptist Fellowship Hall. Page Cunningham, MAPA's president, called the meeting to order. Dessie Brown gave the invocation. MAPA did not have a meeting in January due to bad weather, therefore there were no minutes. Treasurer J.P. Nation gave a treasury report. A motion was made and seconded and carried to accept the treasurer's report as read.

Dessie Brown gave an update on the upcoming Rhododendron Festival. The Vendor applications went out the first of January and to date we have 22 Booth spaces filled. Dessie reported that the quilt ticket mailings and the media are ready to go out in the mail the first of March. There are extra activities planned for our Spring Festival such as a talent contest for children ages 7-10; 11-14 and 15-18. You will find more information concerning these events in the March Issue of the Groundhog.

J.P. Nation reported that he had received the first check (one-fourth of the total amount approved) by the Historical Foundation in Montgomery, Alabama. This Grant was designated for a Gazebo to be built in Edward Mason Park on Hwy 117 in recognition and in memory of MAPA's charter member Bernise Crow for her dedication, loyalty and support for projects accomplished under her leadership. Bernise had full support from husband, Homer, also a charter member.

The motion was made to give J.P. Nation permission to deposit Grant Check and issue a check to the Gazebo fund. The motion was made, seconded and carried.

A suggestion was made to have a watermelon-eating contest at the Rhododendron Festival. Will anyone have watermelons ready by the middle of May to furnish the watermelons for this event?

The motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

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Louis Pasteur (1822-1845)

by John Whitaker

Louis Pasteur was born December 27, 1822, at Dole in eastern France. His father, Jean Joseph Pasteur, was a tanner and his mother was Jeanne Etienne Roqui. In 1827 the family moved to Arbois, France, and it was here that he received his early education. LP's (Louis Pasteur) secondary education was at the high school in Arbois, then he went to a preparatory school in Besancon, about 25 miles from Arbois. LP graduated from the school at Besancon. In 1843 he was admitted to the Ecole Normale, which was a preparatory school for teachers. Further studies were achieved by LP at the Lycee Saint Louis, a college preparatory school in Paris. Thus, in 1845 he took the test to become a professor and passed.

From 1844-1846 LP continued his studies in chemistry and then became an assistant to Antoine Jer8me Belard. In 1847 he completed the requirements for the doctorate in science. Other professorships he held in his life were at the University of Lille, the University of Strasbourg, the University of Sorbonne, the Ecole Normale, and the Pasteur Institute. There can be no doubt he was a true academician.

LP gave challenging lectures in his university classes. Sometimes he had only one lecture each week; thus, he could pursue his experiments and studies. He was able to push back the frontiers of death, lessen suffering in man and beast, make life more pleasant, and drive away the binding forces of fear and ignorance.

Most scientists of this era believed in spontaneous generation. This theory stated that life came from non-living matter, even from dirt. On the other hand, a few scientist as LP believed and taught that life produces life, i.e., germs reproduce germs like themselves, even in the absence of oxygen. LP was a stout defender and propagator of this theory.

As doctors and scientist kept learning about diseases and ways of conquering/preventing afflictions, great strides began to be made in improving human life. The most dreaded disease in 17th century Europe was smallpox. More than half the population had pockmarks incurred from recovering from the disease, and often huge scars could cause a person to have a hideous appearance. The threat of "catching" this disease

was an ever present fear among the people. Dr. Edward Jenner (1749-1823), a British physician devised a method to stop this dreaded disease in 1796. By inoculating with cowpox (a less severe form of smallpox) Dr. Jenner actually had developed the first vaccination for a human. Smallpox had been conquered.

LP's first discoveries in the scientific world were in the field of crystallography, and in this field he discovered molecular asymmetry. This was his first important discovery.

He then began to study fermentation. When a local farmer came to LP, he told him that something was wrong with the process of fermentation in his sugar beet crop: the beet juice was not turning into commercial alcohol, so necessary in industry. LP soon discovered "wee germs" that were ruining the process. Yeast produced the germs in making wine and beer. By heating the liquids, at the right time and at the right temperature (Too much heat destroys the flavor.), the process of fermentation could proceed successfully. It even worked with milk. By heating milk to 1450 F. for thirty minutes and then quickly chilling it, milk remained "sweet", for a longer period of time before it "turned" into sour milk (buttermilk). The process of using mild heat for the preservation of foods in home and industry became very beneficial, and was appropriately named pasteurization, in honor of the great scientist, LP.

In 1865 the silk industry was being plagued by a disease called pebrine, causing many silkworms to die. After much work LP saw a microbe, which attacks silkworm eggs, was causing the disease. By using healthy worms and eggs the industry was saved from extinction. Thus, by eliminating the germ, the industry was saved.

On October 19, 1868, LP was partially paralyzed by a stroke. After three months of rest, he returned to his work. His assistants and aides now carried out the experiments because of the paralysis on his side. The paralysis continued throughout the rest of LP's life, but his research continued to progress.

When the Franco-Prussian War ended in 1871, Paris hospitals were filled with wounded soldiers. LP discovered that doctors were spreading disease in their patients because of dirty conditions in the hospitals. More soldiers were dying from infections than from wounds of battle. LP had sur-

geons scrub their hands, bake the bandages, and boil sponges. Joseph Lister, a Scottish surgeon, advocated strict sanitation in the hospitals. Dr. Lister advocated spraying carbolic acid over patients during surgery. LP had laid the foundation of sanitation and Lister followed through to become the father of antiseptic surgery.

Several immunities were developed in the following years:

- 1879—chicken cholera;
- 1880—rabies;
- 1881—anthrax;
- 1882—cattle pleuropneumonia; and
- 1883—swine erysipelas.

There were many who were skeptical of LP's work. So a challenge was given to have a field test of treating sheep for anthrax. LP loved these confrontations, and so the village of Pouilly le Fort was chosen for the site of the test. The test consisted of giving five drops of living attenuated (weakened) culture of anthrax to 24 sheep, thus making them immune to anthrax. A second group, or control group, would receive no immunization. So on May 5, 1881, the testing began. Again the sheep in Group I on May 17 were reinoculated with a stronger culture of anthrax. Group II were not. Finally on May 31, all the sheep in both groups, I and II, were injected with a very strong culture of anthrax. LP said, "All the sheep that are in Group I will live because they are immune, and all the sheep in Group II will die."

Pasteur had begun to doubt the success of his experiment, as one of his assistants reported that some of the sheep in Group I were becoming sickly. This greatly upset

him. The next morning, June 2, he arrived to cheers from the crowd that had begun to accept his work. LP replied to the crowd, "Well, then! Men of little faith!"

At Pouilly le Fort, the site of the experiment, twenty-one sheep were dead, two died in front of the spectators and the final sheep in Group II died that afternoon. All the sheep in Group I were perfectly well. However, one sheep in Group I died from a dead fetus. An autopsy revealed no signs of anthrax. LP was overwhelmed with joy; now he had been fully vindicated.

LP, a tired old scientist, continued his work: he had an insatiable desire to learn about the "wee germs" (which were now being called "microbes" or "bacteria") so that he could help others. Then in 1888 he suffered a second stroke. On November 1, 1894, he was seized with a violent attack of uremia from which he made a partial recovery. Yet he slowly declined. Death came on September 28, 1895; he was 72 years old. His final words, whispered to his devoted pupils were, "Where are you with it? What are you doing? You have to work."

He was buried beneath the institution named for him, the Pasteur Institute in Paris. (In 1940, Joseph Meister, the 9 year old boy that LP had saved from death by rabies fifty years earlier, committed suicide rather than open the crypt of LP for the German invaders.)



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

MARCH

●Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 6:00PM,

Mentone Fire Department Volunteers

●March 8, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIMES BEGINS,
SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR

●Monday, March 9, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting,
Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

●Tuesday, March 10, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club

●Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 PM, American Legion Hall, Post 215 Meeting

●Tuesday, March 17, ST. PATRICK'S DAY

●Thursday, March 19, 10AM, Mentone Book Club, at the Mentone
Community House, open to the public

●Thursday, March 26, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting,
Board Room, open to the public

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2009** meeting dates for the
Valley Head Water Works Board, 101
School Street, Valley Head, AL will be
as follows:

Monday, March 9

Monday, April 13

Monday, May 11

Monday, June 8

Monday, July 13

Monday, August 10

Monday, September 14

Monday, October 12

Tuesday, November 9

Monday, December 14

Monday, January 10, 2010

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

The **2009** quarterly meeting dates for
the Mentone Planning Commission,
5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be
on the 3rd Thursday
of the following months:

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Thursday, January 21, 2010

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

The **2009** meeting dates for the
Mentone Waterworks Board, 5972 AL
Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM,
on the 4th Thursdays as follows

Thursday, March 26

Thursday, April 23

Thursday, May 28

Thursday, June 25

Thursday, July 23

Thursday, August 27

Thursday, September 24

Thursday, October 22

Tuesday, November 19

Thursday, December 17

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

The **2009** 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 fol-
lows:

Monday, March 9

Monday, April 13

Monday, May 11

Monday, June 8

Monday, July 13

Monday, August 10

Monday, September 14

Monday, October 12

Monday, November 9

Monday, December 9

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00PM in
the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 - Roland Hendon
- 3 - Michael Smith; Dawson Bone;
Katie Meadows; Daniel Lee
- 4 - Luther Kirby in memory of
- 6 - Willie Jean Baty
- 7 - Arabella Stokes; Chase Flynn
- 8 - Kirby McMunn
- 9 - Delanie Lepper
- 15 - Dick Tindol
- 16 - Cecil Baty; Jessie Bone;
Christina Lee
- 17 - Walter Fowlkes
- 20 - Hobson Kirby
- 21 - Brittany Hester
- 22 - Mattie Lee Golden;
Robert Baker
- 23 - Roberta Cash; Andrew
Wootten; Chelsea Carrier
- 24 - Julie Mayhew
- 25 - Claud Burke, Evelyn Graves;
Mary Ellen Fielder;
Chef Benjamin
- 26 - Buck Ellis in memory of;
Tripp Griffith; Mike Fielder
- 27 - Matthew Collins
- 29 - Donna Hilliard
- 31 - Noah Blalock

Anniversaries:

- 5 - Michael & Donna Smith
- 8 - Dianne & Dick Tindel
- 11 - Martha & Hobson Kirby
- 17 - Terry & Dorma Hutcheson
- 22 - Jimmy & Maxine Wright;
Page & Margaret Cunningham
- 23 - Nicky & Tina Langston
- 26 - David & Donna Hilliard
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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. 635-1001.

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

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

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

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM Sunday and 6:30 Wednesday. Christmas Eve service, December 24 at 6:00 PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. Everyone welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 North of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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. Homecoming is August 10. Brother Charles Elrod will be preaching and the Faith Walkers will be singing. 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.

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

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

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

Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. Rev. Terry Turner is the regular pastor at Moon Lake.

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

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL NOTICE

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church. Our Lenten suppers will begin on March 4th, at 5:30 p.m. and continue each Wednesday evening at the same time throughout the month. Please join us for soup and bread, with a Lenten program to follow. Please call the church if you plan to attend. 634-4476

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Who is God?
Why do I need to know God?
Is there any more to life than what I am experiencing right now?*

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DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

During the present quarter, our adult Sunday School lessons are dealing with prayer in our lives, how we should pray, the results of prayer, and that our prayers should be asked in Jesus' name. I want to share with you a prayer from Max Lucado which I hope will be an inspiration to you as you go about your daily lives: "Father, when you were on earth, you prayed. You prayed in the morning, you prayed at night, you prayed alone, you prayed with people. In your hours of distress you retreated into times of prayer. In your hours of joy you lifted your heart and hands to the Father in prayer. Help us to be more like you in this way ... help us to make prayer a priority in our daily lives."



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GET INTO THE WOODS! Fully-furnished 2-story cabin situated on 3.3 wooded acres in Mentone offers great hiking areas in quiet subdivision between Mentone and DeSoto St Park. 3BR/2.5BA, full front porch; gaslog Fpl; main-level MABA w/lg jetted tub and sep shower; 2 lg BRs upstairs; beautiful HW & cer tile floors throughout most of home. \$169,500. (18438)



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LOTS and LAND

JUST LISTED! 4.14 ACRES NEAR SEQUOYAH CAVERNS. Easy commute from Chattanooga. Possibilities for a rental cabin or two, or just your own personal getaway. Great price of only \$20,000. (18724)

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32 ACRES ON LOOKOUT MTN in area of Little River Canyon/JSU Canyon School. Water frontage on each lot. Could be divided. Just listed for \$319,000. (18604)

4.42 AC MENTONE LOT W/STREAM at end of quiet road offers peaceful areas to hike, hunt wildlife, or just to get away. Only \$34,500. **SOLD**

Mentone Realty

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Although it's still a work in progress, Mentone Realty moved into their new location in front of the Wildflower Cafe on February 6.

The building located at 5846 Alabama Highway 117 has the typical charm of the area. The wrap-around porch evokes the charm of a bygone area where people sat on the front porch after a hard day's work and rested. Only the sound of the busy highway reminds you that this is the 21st Century and the quiet relaxing front porch times are gone.

The charm continues as you step inside. The comfortable leather couch and chairs invite you to come in a sit a spell. Broker/owner, Charlotte Gentry, who has been called Mentone's unofficial chamber of commerce, invites you to do just that. Of course, she and the two Realtors who work with her are happy to talk to you about any of the charming properties in the DeKalb County area that are available to purchase but she does so much more. She doesn't do property management but has a comprehensive list of rentals that they are happy to furnish to people who just want to tryout the area. "We're not just selling real estate. We're trying to be a good neighbor," she explained.

It's only after you look beyond the homey sitting area that you see the modern office complete with fax, copier, adding machine, phone lines and the necessary coffee maker.

The building that is home to Mentone Realty was started three or four years ago but was left unfinished. It was reconfigured to make it a functioning but attractive home for the company. The wood floors, unpainted wood walls and exposed beams continue the look of an old farmhouse.

Upon entering, you face a sturdy staircase. The upstairs area is part of the work in progress. When complete, she hopes to add a studio gallery featuring local talent. She also

plans to have a play room for children of her clients (and her grandchildren, of course) with toys and short cartoon videos to keep them entertained while mom and dad talk business.

There are plans to put a park-like area behind the building with attractive landscaping and an area to sit and enjoy the cool summer breezes for which Mentone is famous.

She bought the business at the end of 2007. In the beginning, she was pretty much a one-woman show but there are now three Realtors. Although, she could grow the business bigger, she explained that this "is the size with which she is comfortable." "I'd rather offer quality than quantity. We're a small company that's big on service."

In these scary economic times, Mentone Realty's growth has been steady. "We're still busy. I think God will take care of us if we continue what we're doing now," she said.

The open-door policy is still the standard at Mentone Realty. So come on down and enjoy some good conversation, Southern style and perhaps that house or property that you've always dreamed of is just waiting for you.



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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Linda Brown, Secretary

The Rhododendron Garden Club members come from many backgrounds; therefore there are many talents to choose from. But sometimes we have to call in someone who knows more about a particular subject than we do. This was the case on February 10, 2009. President, Dianne Kuehl who led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America, opened the meeting. Madelon Houghland and Beverly Ashley served refreshments, which were enjoyed by the members as they listened to the program. Margaret Baker introduced Ann Houston, Linda Stephens and Martha Wood. These ladies are all members of garden clubs in DeKalb County and also Master Gardeners of DeKalb County. They presented a power point program on Pruning. Pruning is a very complex subject and yet it is mostly a matter of common sense.

Martha Wood of the Rhododendron Garden Club opened the discussion by reminding everyone of the tools needed to prune adequately. She stated that you would need good sharp tools, which are designed for the type of pruning to be done. Always "Safety First", you will need a good pair of goggles to protect your eyes, long sleeves and gardening gloves. Your tools may consist of a pruning knife, hand pruners, lopping shears, hedge shears and maybe a pruning saw. Tools should be kept clean and disinfected to prevent the spread of diseases. Martha informed the members that there are several reasons for pruning. One is to control the plant's size and shape. It also encourages flower or fruit production and can discourage disease and promote growth by letting light and air into the plant. Another reason is for safety, such as removal of limbs, which pose a hazard to people and buildings and to remove broken, diseased or dead parts of a plant.

Linda Stephens, member of Rainsville Garden Club, then explained that the key point to understand about pruning is that the new growth stimulated by pruning develops close to where the cut is made. Watch for buds on your branches and cut just beyond the one where you want your new growth to be. Pruning is stressful on your plants; therefore a good rule of thumb is never cut more than one-third of your plant. Pruning is telling your plant to grow and controlling the direction it grows. For complete pruning success you must use the specific pruning techniques appropriate to your particular plants, do your pruning at the right time and use the proper tool for the job.

Ann Houston, member of the Rainsville Garden Club, explained that a general rule of thumb is this: if a plant begins blooming before May, prune immediately after blooms fade; if the plant begins to bloom in May or later, prune in late February or early March, before the start of new spring growth. Plants grown primarily for their green foliage, such as hollies and boxwood, can be pruned from January through mid-summer. Boxwood should never be pruned to stubs. Boxwood are slow growers and so respond slowly to severe renewal pruning. Transplant boxwood to a new location rather than pruning severely. The time for severe renewal pruning is just before new growth starts in the spring. This is around March 10 in our area. A general rule to follow when pruning roses is to prune weak-growing varieties lightly and vigorous-growing varieties more severely. The Alabama Extension agency in the DeKalb County Activities Building in Fort Payne has great handouts on Pruning or you may go online to for more information.

After the program the members walked to the yard of the Moon Lake Library and planted a tree in memory of member, Virginia Setze. Look for article in this issue.

Upon arrival back at the Community House, the business meeting convened. Martha Wood brought seeds to share and Gethryn Giles was awarded the door prize.

Next meeting: March 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the M.E.R.F. Community House.

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

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Rhododendron Club Installs New Officers



New officers of the Rhododendron Garden Club. L to R, Margaret Baker, installing; Diane Kuehl, president; Peggy Roark, vice president; Jill Whitten, treasurer; Linda Brown, secretary; and Martha Wood, parliamentarian.



Calendar of Events Moon Lake School

Kindergarten registration will be March 17, 8AM - 12:30. All children registering for Kindergarten will need to bring a social security card, immunization record, and birth certificate.

Next PTO meeting will be on March 10. Fifth and sixth grades will be in charge of the program. PTO meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.

The fifth grade is going to Space Camp in Huntsville March 9, 10, and 11.

There will be a student holiday on March 16.

Spring pictures on March 19.

Report cards will go home March 20.

SAT testing will take place March 30-April 2.

ARMT testing will be April 6-7.

Spring break is April 13-17.

The sixth grade will be going to Nature's Classroom April 27-May 1.

Cap and gown and sports pictures on April 21.

Scholars Bowl will be April 29 at Crossville School.



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A HIDEAWAY HEAVEN on Lake Windmill! Reward yourself with this BRAND NEW 2BR/2BA cabin situated on 2 +/- acres with approx. 80' of lake frontage and a dock already in place. Pine floors, walls and ceilings, custom cabinetry with granite countertops, stone front gas fireplace, covered deck, and best of all it's move-in ready. Grab your fishing gear and suitcase! \$169,900 (17909)



MENTONE - Log home surrounded by 2.8 +/- acres with an in-ground pool. This property features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen, spacious living area, large utility, central heat & air, covered porches on 3 sides and a 16 x 32 in-ground pool. This unique property has lots to offer. \$154,500 (18616)



LOCATED ON LAKE LAHUSAGE you will find this 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage home. Positioned on a treed lot with boat dock in place. Pack your bags and bring your canoe. \$149,900 (17906)



WATERFRONT IN MENTONE! Enjoy your leisure in this mountain home with 4.5 acres, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, cathedral ceiling, all kitchen appliances to remain, and you can finish the bottom floor for more space. \$275,000 (18474)



YOUR OWN PRIVATE SANCTUARY...FOUND! This 36 +/- acres featuring a pond and small cabin with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath may be just what you've been waiting for. This wooded acreage offers you lots of privacy and activity. Call today. \$219,000 (18238)



THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE MANY, BUT PROPERTIES LIKE THIS ARE FEW!! This beautiful traditional 5 bedroom, 4 bath brick home on over 40 rolling acres has ceramic kitchen with island and all the extras. Approximately 18 acres cleared, nice large barn and livestock pond. \$429,000 (14651)



MENTONE - Over 200' of breathtaking brow view of mountains and valley located within walking distance to Historic Mentone. Put your special touch on this partially finished cabin with 2 rock fireplaces and a 2-car carport. \$325,000 (18270)



MENTONE TREASURE! Over 300' of the most private and panoramic brow frontage in downtown Mentone with impressive rock entrance, retainer walls and century old trees. Restore this 3BR/2BA home to its original splendor which features a living room w/rock fireplace, Florida room, dining room and screened sleeping porch all overlooking a fabulous view. Also included is an in-ground pool and pavilion. Walking distance to Downtown Historic Mentone. \$850,000 (18271)



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

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IF WALLS COULD TALK you could hear all the great stories this family and home has shared for over 50 years. Now this comfort and warmth is offered to you with 3 bedrooms, pine floors, den and storage basement in downtown Mentone. \$119,000 (16803)



BREATHTAKING VIEW! You can enjoy the view year round from this one-level brick home. This property is situated on DeSoto Parkway and is "just around the corner" from DeSoto State Park and Mentone. 3BR/2BA, living and dining combination, wood burning fireplace, spacious kitchen with breakfast bar, sunroom and large deck. \$475,000 (17082)



ON THE PARKWAY! You can be the proud NEW OWNER of the property known as Little River Cafe located on DeSoto Parkway minutes from Mentone and Fort Payne. Offers a fully equipped kitchen, dining room and large porch, stage for entertainment and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto SP and Little River Canyon. \$100,000 (17527)



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



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Lookout Mountain Nursery is for sale. This business opportunity has several greenhouses with inventory included all situated on 8 +/- acres. Property has no restrictions. \$69,900 (16393)



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



NATIVE MOUNTAIN FOLIAGE creates a level of privacy for this 3 BR/ 2BA brick house overlooking the West Fork of Little River from the back yard. Split BR design, large family room with cathedral ceiling and mountain stone wood-burning fireplace, screened porch, 2 storage sheds, (1 with electricity), an attached 2-car garage and CH&A. \$249,000 (16371)



MOVE UP TO RIVERFRONT! Get an open and airy feeling throughout this 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home. Features include an oversized state-of-the-art kitchen with eating area, stone fireplace, wood and tile floors, oversized back porch and boat dock. Appealing landscaping with large native stones. Many windows to soak up the views. A must see for \$549,000. (17781)



NORTHBEND... A gated subdivision. Your family will love this rustic cabin under construction nestled in a wooded 1.8 acre tract featuring great room with vaulted beamed ceiling and fireplace. There are 2 bedrooms each with walk-in closets, 2-1/2 baths and loft/den. Bring your rockers and enjoy the front porch and rear grilling deck. \$165,000 (16721)



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



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN WITH BEAUTIFUL VIEWS! Custom log home with vaulted ceiling great room, stacked rock fireplace, large kitchen/dining, spacious loft for extra living/sleeping/storage, walkout basement/game room, separate basement storage. Enjoy year-round unsurpassed views, large deck and screened-in porch. Private location in a restricted subdivision near Little River Canyon. \$349,000 (18235)

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Peter Calhoun is a graduate from Auburn University and the Episcopal Seminary of Alexandria, Virginia. After his ordination, he served as an Episcopal priest for eight years in three parishes and a mission church in the Atlanta, GA area.

During his work as a priest, Calhoun underwent a spontaneous awakening of some of the healing and intuitive abilities described in his autobiographical book, *SOUL ON FIRE: A TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY FROM PRIEST TO SHAMAN*. This awakening included a series of disturbing visions of the possible futures of the Earth. It was these events, along with Calhoun's deepening concern over the state of our disconnection from the Earth and her environment that caused him to make a reluctant departure from the institutional church and embark on the path of modern shamanism that has been his life for more than three decades.

After leaving the church to follow his path as a shaman, Calhoun spent a number of years lecturing and leading workshops in 50 cities across the U.S. and Canada. While on the lecture circuit, he made appearances on numerous local television talk shows and has been the subject of countless newspaper articles (including three syndicated columns by the late Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, John Pennington).

Calhoun was also prominently featured in a 90-minute National Television Show and on a Turner News Network special both on metaphysical topics and has been the subject of research by the parapsychology department of Duke University and the Mind Mirror Institute of England. Some of Calhoun's experiences with spontaneous combustion were included in Larry E. Arnold's book *Ablaze: The Mysterious Fires of Spontaneous Combustion* (M. Evans and Company, 1996). Arnold pointed out in his book that Calhoun's stories were the only such accounts where no one got hurt, as well as the only ones that occurred in a spiritual setting.

In the 1970s, Calhoun was the co-founding director of The Atlanta School of Metaphysics, and, in 1980, he helped open and direct Blue Sun Holistic Health Center outside Taos, NM. Calhoun has taught accredited courses in alternative therapies and cross-cultural shamanism at the Boulder School of Psychology. He has also taught seminars and courses at Emory, the University of Georgia, Kennesaw Junior College, DeKalb Community College, Northern Illinois University, and West Georgia College.

Peter has worked closely with several native shaman and a Tibetan "red hat" lama. Calhoun currently teaches workshops and leads sacred wilderness journeys and vision quests in Utah's Canyonlands National Park as well as in the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. He also meets with individuals for healing, intuitive counseling, and private apprenticeship in modern shamanism.



CONGRATULATIONS



Moon Lake Elementary School recently held its Spelling Bee. Pictured are Dylan Bloyer, Runner-up and Mackenzie Willingham, Winner. This was Mackenzie's second year in a row to win the school competition. They were presented trophies by school principal Brenda Wisner, in honor of their achievement.

Mentone Area Arts Council to Present Marketing Workshop for Artists

To be a successful artist, one not only has to be talented, but also be a knowledgeable business person. On Saturday, March 28, 2009, the Mentone Area Arts Council will take a look at the business side of art when it presents "Out of the Studio and Into the Marketplace-A Marketing Workshop for Artists." In an intensive one-day long session, this workshop will address the fundamentals of arts marketing to give participants a better idea of what marketing encompasses and how it relates to the work of an artist. Led by graphic design artist and consultant, Susan Lee, and professional marketing coach, Neal Whitt, basic marketing techniques from getting started to putting a plan in place for marketing your audience will be covered. The workshop will be held at the Jacksonville State University Little River Canyon Field School in Mentone, Alabama. Cost of the workshop is \$35.00 (\$30.00 for MAAC members) and includes lunch catered by the Wildflower Café. For more information, contact Neal Whitt at mentonearts@aim.com.



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L to R: Diane Kuehl, Tom Setze, Sue Schwarz, L.A. Smith, Jill Whitten, Margaret Baker.

A TREE FOR A LOVELY LADY

On the morning of February 10, 2009 the members of the Rhododendron Garden Club paid tribute to the memory of one of their members. They gathered on the lawn of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library and planted a pink dogwood tree beside the sign.

This was their way of remembering Virginia Setze. Virginia was a member of the garden club for several years. The last record of her attending a meeting was August 2007. She was an important part of the club. Always willing to do her part and carry her share of the load. Also present for the planting was Virginia's husband of many years, Tom Setze.

Virginia hated litter. She was the Litter Chairperson for the garden club and organized a pick-up several times a year of the mile on Alabama Highway 117 designated for the garden club to keep clean. She was responsible for the club's becoming a member of PALS (People Against a Littered State). She would always be the first member present on the morning of the pick-up. She would have the garbage bags, pink vests and a case of water on hand waiting for the others to start to work.

The members chose the pink dogwood tree because pink just seems to be the color which denotes a lady, the tree stays small but is very sturdy and it is lovely when in bloom in the spring and in the fall when the leaves are red and the red berries have appeared. All of this describes Virginia. She was always a lady, she was small but sturdy and she was always beautiful. Virginia is missed by the members of Rhododendron Garden Club and by the community of Mentone.

The members would like to thank L.A. Smith of Smith's Nursery, 2013 County Road 664 in Henagar, Alabama for giving the tree, preparing the site and supervising the planting of the tree. Thank you.

Getting ready for spring

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

From the first frost in fall, we've had occasional warm days that hinted of spring and confused vegetation. Finally March is here. Daffodils are blooming and other flowers are budding. Spring arrives later this month but if you want a beautiful spring bouquet, you still have to order it from the florist and if you want fresh vegetables, the supermarket, not your garden will provide them. While it's too early to plant many things, there are crops that you can plant now and for the others, you can start preparing for that abundant crop of flowers and vegetables that you are going to grow this year.

According to Stan Lawton, owner of Little River Hardware in Mentone, there are many cold weather crops that can be planted in March. These include radishes, lettuces, collards, broccoli, beets, peas, kale and other greens. Little River Hardware has an extensive selection of these seeds as well as those that can be planted later. If these early crops don't appeal to you, you can start getting your beds or gardens ready for later crops. Little River Hardware has compost for enriching topsoil and bone meal for use when planting bulbs. They also have a quality line of gar-

dening tools. Lawton's personal favorite is a small hand-tool that is both a hoe and cultivator. In addition to small tools, they also have hoes, rakes and trimmers. Their line of gardening gloves includes one that fits as sleekly and comfortably as a soft leather dress glove. The Atlas glove is inexpensive and fits like a second skin. While strong enough for the toughest task, the glove still allows you to pick objects as small as a straight pin. According to Lawton, it is a favorite of master gardeners.

While your beautiful flowers and tasty vegetables are growing, your grass (or weeds) will also be growing. Little River Hardware has a weekly pick-up of mowers, tillers and trimmers for servicing so they'll be ready to groom your lawn. Indoor Outdoor Garden Center in Hammondville has an extensive selection of organic and heirloom seeds. For those non-friendly bugs that may want to share your garden bounty, they have non-toxic bug sprays and dusts.

Their garden starter trays allow you to start seedlings inside so that when warm weather finally arrives and stays, you'll have a good beginning for tasty summer bounty.

Happy planting. Just remember that those tiny little seed packets can produce more vegetables than you and the entire neighborhood can enjoy so if you're a novice gardener, start cautiously and ask advice from the experts at a local gardening sup-

ply store such as Little River Hardware or the Indoor Outdoor Garden Center. They can assist you buying enough to satisfy your needs but so many that you'll be dropping off zucchini at your neighbor's house in the dead of night.



Spring bouquet courtesy of Tag's in Fort Payne

Clyde Smith Tallent March 6, 1927 January 11, 2009

By Evelyn Graves

Clyde Smith was born March 6, 1927, in the Nightingale community at Mentone to Thelma and Clyde Smith. She attended school at Moon Lake. Her father, Clyde Smith, for whom she was named, passed away, and her mother married Kelly O'Rear. She had three half-sisters and one half-brother who were born to this marriage. They are: Charlotte Jo Carson, Velda Smith (deceased), John O'Rear, and Theresa York (deceased).

Clyde was very talented in many different ways. She wrote poetry, and was an excellent storyteller. She sang in a gospel quartet in her young years. I can remember very clearly when I was in fourth grade at Moon Lake School and we had about twenty minutes at the end of every day when our classes were finished that were used for activity time - singing, story reading, etc. Mrs. Edith Lyday was my teacher, and occasionally she would invite Clyde to come in and tell stories to the class. We sat spellbound as she told us stories about various things. I am sure as I look back on it now that she was making them up as she went. Sometimes she would bring her baby sister, Theresa, and she sat on Clyde's lap very still and quiet. She was too young to understand what was being said, but her attention was captured with the moment.

Clyde married Milton Lance and many years later, they adopted a precious little girl, Tina, who brought them a lot of joy. Not long after that, they adopted a little boy, Herron (named for Miss Bess Herron, one of the owners of Camp DeSoto at that time), and Clyde was so happy because she had always loved children and had not been able to have children of her own until these adoptions. Tina now has four children Holly, Cody, Fawn, and Laci.

Clyde graduated from cosmetology school and opened a beauty shop which she operated for about fifty years. She named it "Clyde's Beauty Shop" and she had many regular customers. I was a regular when she first opened; it was wonderful to have a beauty shop at Mentone. Then the blunt scissor cut became popular, and Clyde told me that she could only do razor cuts, and that she had no intention of learning anything different, and that I had just as well find me somebody who would. There was never any problem understanding Clyde, but what she said was done in such a way that she did not hurt anyone's feelings. She was so much fun, and I loved to go just to laugh and have a good time. She always did my hair at night when I got home from work, and there was no one there but just the two of us, and she kept me laughing the whole time.

Clyde had a heart of gold, and she did a lot to help people, but she never mentioned it to anyone.

After Milton's death, Clyde married Ray Jones who also passed away. She later married Hugh Tallent, and she was very happy until he passed away. It was not too long before Clyde's death that she retired from the beauty shop because of illness. We all miss her beautiful smile and friendly nature, but we have many fond memories of her.

Clyde passed away on January 11, and she was buried in Bankhead Cemetery in Mentone.



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Well A New Season Approaches Us As We Gladly Slip Out Of Winter. This Year Seems To Have Been A Long And Cold One But Were Just About To Break Through The Ice And Into Much Desired Warmer Weather. The Time Is Rapidly Approaching For Us To Begin Our Tree Assessment And Spring Clean- Up.

Most Of Us Are Going To Begin To Look At Our Trees And Shrubs For What Has And Hasn't Made It Through The Winter. This Is An Opportune Time To Also Start Trimming Our Fruit Trees. This Will Help Our Trees To Be Healthier, Bringing On A More Abundant Harvest. Waiting To Long For This Procedure To Be Applied To Our Trees Will Be Very Costly To Your Year End Harvest. This Is Just A Couple Of Subjects To Be Looking At This Coming Spring. Remember Professional Pruning And Trimming Saves Trees And Money.

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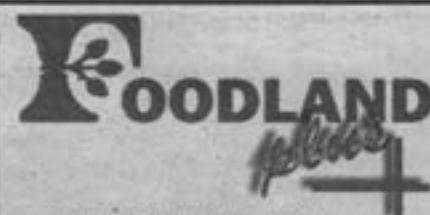
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by Linda Brown

The Winter Book Sale has been a great success. This sale does not produce as much revenue as the summer one, but we have lots of fun and it is a good time to get out and see some of the people you haven't seen in a while. The FRIENDS and the Volunteers of the Moon Lake Library manned the sale each day. This was a lot of hours involving a lot of people. A big thank you goes to them and to Barbara Blalock for being the chair of this project. She went twice a day to open and to close as well as working several shifts. Thank you, Barbara.

There were always at least two people available to help anyone with purchases of books.

We started with two big tables of paperbacks and by Wednesday we were down to one table. People like our sale for paperbacks and why not, we price them twenty-five cents each or five for a dollar. Where else can you get that kind of bargain?

We had the hardback books on shelves in the room that M.E.R.F. has so graciously allowed us to use. The most we ask for them is two dollars and only one dollar for most of them. We had books of fiction, cooking, self-help, how-to and many other subjects. We had one bookcase filled with books for children. We even had a large number of magazines, etc., which were free for the taking. One man took about twenty National Geographies magazines, despite the disapproving looks from his wife.

The Boy Scouts of Mentone Troop #106 were a big help in moving books and placing them in the correct categories on the tables. They also helped with pack-

ing books up to be stored for the August sale. Thanks to them for their help.

The library hours have settled into a regular routine, which is par for the course in the winter at Mentone. Beverly Ashley and a volunteer are always on hand to help during our open hours of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

A lady who wants to become a FRIEND and also a working Volunteer has contacted us. This is so exciting because we need both badly. She is coming to the library soon and Beverly is now familiar with everything and will train her. She can pick up a form at the library to become a FRIEND, so hopefully she will do this. A donation to the library of twenty dollars or more enables you to become a FRIEND. This donation is tax deductible.

Remember to mark Saturday, April 11, 2009 as the tentative date for the "Meet the Author" program. Hank Willett will present his book, *In the Spirit: Alabama's Sacred Music Traditions*.

We were very saddened by the passing of Gene Giles, a faithful member of the Moon Lake Library Board of Directors and a dear friend to all of us. We will miss his ready wit and quick response to any situation. We send our love to his wife, Gethryn, and to all of his family.

Next meeting of Board of Directors: Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in library.

Our meetings are always open to the public and you are welcome to attend. To be on the agenda for a meeting, call Jan Wilkinson. Write to us: Moon Lake Community Library, PO Box 481, Mentone, Alabama 35984.

BY-LAWS CHANGES:

The By-laws committee consisting of Page Cunningham, J. P. Nation, Evelyn Graves and Dessie Brown met Wednesday February 18, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Evelyn Graves. The recommended changes to the By-Laws are as follow: **Article III: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: Section 5.** The annual fee per membership will be \$15, payable to the Corporation, the secretary will then issue a membership card to all members who attend the MAPA monthly meetings and a Groundhog will be mailed to those members. Membership dues may be changed by the Board of Directors.

Section 6, ALL the membership's year shall run from July 1 to June 30.

Article IV: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION: Section 1 (a). A slate of officers, all of whom shall have been members of MAPA in good standing for six months prior to their nomination, shall be nominated by a nominating committee of three members in good standing appointed by the president at the April meeting. The nominating committee shall give its report at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor will be in order at the June meeting (day of the election). Nominees must be a member of MAPA who have been in good standing for six months prior to their nomination. However, if there is only one nominee for an office, it shall be in order to move that the secretary cast the elective ballot of the Corporation for the nominee.

Article VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Section 3; Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly at 6:00 p.m. prior to the monthly membership meeting. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by a majority of the members of the Board.

Article VII: MEETINGS: Section 1; Regular meetings of the Corporation shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month at a place designated by the Board of Directors at 6:30 p.m. Central Time, unless otherwise provided by the Corporation or by the Board of Directors with a ten (10) day notice to the general membership, shall be given of change of date or change of meeting location. These changes will be voted on at the March 3rd MAPA meeting.

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You must get a health permit in advance. They are not opened late on Friday and closed on Saturday.

Spaces are \$45.00 without electricity, \$55.00 with electricity for the 2 days.

(If you require electricity, register as soon as possible. These spaces are very limited)

Number of spaces required: _____ Electricity needed? Yes _____ No _____

If known, please indicate space preference: 1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____

NOTE: Spaces for electricity are limited, in order to reserve a particular space for a future Festival, you must pre-register. Otherwise, spaces are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Payment enclosed in the amount of \$ _____ Check #: _____ Make check payable to MAPA.

(SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR USE OF MAPA ONLY)

Amount received: \$ _____ * Date: _____ Space assigned: _____ By: _____
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****Application monies can be refunded ONLY if MAPA is given a 30-day cancellation notice****

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Check the age group that you will be competing in:

AGE: 7 - 10 Talent: _____

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