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VALLEY HEAD STUDENT WINS NATIONAL AWARD



Slade Carden

Competing against approximately 7,500 school winners throughout the United States, Slade Carden, a Valley Head High School senior has won a national Principal's Leadership Award scholarship.

Gary Talley, principal, Valley Head High School, announced the award on April 26, which includes a \$1,000 college scholarship. The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and Herit Jones, Inc. presented one hundred fifty Principal's Leadership Awards as part of National Student Leadership Week, April 22-28, 2001.

Gary Talley, principal, Valley Head High School stated, "I have known Slade since he was in the sixth grade. He has always been a well-rounded outstanding student."

Principals in high schools throughout the country could nominate one of their student leaders. Nominees were selected based on their leadership

skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in arts and sciences; employment experience, and academic record. They also were required to write an essay.

"Slade has demonstrated exemplary achievement in his academic work and service to his school and community," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director, NASSP. "He's a fine example of the outstanding caliber of young people in America's high schools."

In recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities—the term for extra-curricular activities, as coined in *Breaking Ranks: Changing an American Institution*—as well as academic performance, the PLA scholarship helps assert the importance of a well-rounded education. *Breaking Ranks*, the high school reform report issued by NASSP, in partnership with The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, says co-curricular activities should

be an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Valley Head High School, Slade has won numerous academic awards and was his school's HOBY and Boy's State representative. Slade is Student Council president, Senior class president, Beta Club historian, yearbook editor, a scholar's bowl team member, captain of the basketball team, a DAR Good Citizen winner, a Buffalo Rock Student of the Week, and was recently named Valedictorian of his senior class. This fall he plans to attend Northeast State Community College.

NASSP is the nation's largest school leadership organization with a membership reaching toward 42,000 middle level and high school principals and assistant principals. It administers the National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society, the National Association of Student Councils, and the National Association of Student Activity Advisers, collectively serving an additional 50,000 advisers and more than one million students. NASSP is also the Sponsor of National Student Leadership Week.

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Slade and Senior team-mate Craig Hulgán waiting to "take the court"

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews

This year has gone by so fast. It is difficult to believe it is April already, probably will be May when you read this. In spite of all the cold weather, the flowers have been beautiful.

At the April meeting of MAPA, most of our discussion was making plans for the Rhododendron Festival. The dates are May 19 - 20. We are having a good response from vendors; it seems as if we will again have a good selection of products. There will also be a variety of foods from which to choose.

Live entertainment on the Brow on Saturday, and till noon on Sunday will be coordinated by COTACO CREEK. I have not seen this schedule, but, if it is like the others they have provided, it will have good entertainers with several types of music. We are planning a bonfire for Saturday evening with entertainment by COTACO CREEK.

MAPA is selling tickets on \$1,000.00 to be given away at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20. You DO NOT have to be present to win. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased in advance by contacting a MAPA member. They will also be on sale in the MAPA booth at the festival. Only 200 tickets will be sold and the proceeds will be used to fund MAPA projects to improve the town.

We would like to thank Mayor C. E. Britt for being our guest speaker at the April meeting. He gave us a very good update on our Town. Thanks to the work and contributions of a lot of local people it seems we are making quite a bit of progress. Some of the projects are much needed, and others are just to make Mentone a more pleasant and scenic place to live. Thank you, Mr. Britt.

•The next meeting of MAPA will be 7:00 p.m. June 5, at Dessie's. We would like to invite you to come be with us.

•If you have a craft for sale and would like a space, please contact Betty Bain (telephone 634-3390, email address bbain@ids.net) or me (telephone 634-3643, email address mmathews@ids.net).



--NOTICE--

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Marie Dillenbeck

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Letter to Editor

Dear Editor,

Just a short time ago, the meeting room of the DeKalb County Public Library was filled with books, games, CD's, records, tapes, and videos--something for every age and on subjects from abacus to zippers--ready to be sold to benefit the library. The room is now empty, but the library has \$6,933.74 to spend for acquisitions not covered in the budget. This brought the nine-year total for the Fort Payne Culture Club's project to \$42,860.59.

The Citizens of the county are actually the winners, because the library is a center for culture and learning open to all. Its volume of daily traffic would rival that of the courthouse and the city hall combined, but with a much smaller staff.

We could not conduct a sale without help from many people. We are grateful for all who donated items. Williams Avenue and Wills Valley Elementary Schools held contests for the classrooms that brought the most items. We thank all of the teachers, students, parents who participated, but especially Laran Crowe and Pat Horton, principals as well as Linda Thomas and Nancy Martin, the coordinators.

We are appreciative of the many businesses that helped to publicize the donation process and the sale by posting flyers. Others include Jim McGee city clerk, city workers, WZOH, Adelphia, The Times Journal, The DeKalb Advertiser, The Weekly Post, The Groundhog, The Chamber of Commerce, The DeKalb County Tourist Association, First State Bank, Foodland Plus, DeSoto Printing, and Richardson Signs.

Others added their skills and expertise: Kudos to Bill Cyr, Herb Martin, Rachel Manning, Jane Faile, Hjordis Culpepper, Jim Carnathan, Roger and Steve Harris.

The items to be purchased are the following: orders of large print books and audio books, a book vacuum for cleaning and preservation, a steel flat map file, and a computer vacuum.

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

MENTONE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Meeting dates for 2001

June 14

September 20 December 20

Other special or called meetings
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All meetings are held in the town hall meeting
room at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.

John Baros, Zoning Administrator

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The renovations to Town Hall to provide a better work environment are still progressing, ever so slowly, it seems. The new phone system has been installed, and we are still trying to learn to operate it.

Dog owners: Please help with this situation. I have had complaints from outsiders that some owners are not paying attention to the needs of their animals. In one case in particular, a brown and white spaniel's collar was too tight and cutting into his neck, creating an infection. Animal cruelty? Our pets are for our pleasure and enjoyment, so please take care of them.

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Department is in need of a new (not used) fire truck. This will help them with their ISO certification. Ken Kirby, Jesse Crabtree, and Pamela Webb of TARCOC worked very hard to meet an April 17th deadline to get a grant application filed under the FEMA Fire Service Grant Program. Their application was the first filed from this region. Many times these grants are awarded on a first-come basis. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

An invitation to bid on our radio tower and equipment has been posted. Bid openings will be on May 9th at 5 o'clock p. m. at Town Hall. An invitation to bid and specifications by qualified firms may be obtained by calling 256-634-4444 or fax 256-634-9534 and we can fax it to you.

Beautification and Senior Activities Committee Sam Franks and the ladies of this committee dug, mulched, rocked, and planted many plants and shrubs around Town Hall April 21st. I was sidewalk supervisor. Sam and I are meeting with the Council on Aging at their Ft. Payne Nutrition Center May 15th to see a center in action.

Judiciary Committee: I commented on the radio grant previously. We are going to hold another or follow-up meeting on the Community Watch Program. Approximately 150 families or households have signed up to participate in this program. Thirty signs have been installed in the Lee Crow, Baty, King, Cutler Ave., Co. Roads, 641, 639, 106 communities. We are off to a great start, thanks to people

like Charles Bain, Bo Scott, Dale Kirby, and Phyllis Bailey. This meeting will be held at the Moon Lake School Gym **Thursday, May 10th at 7 p. m.** Get everybody there - we are going to wipe crime and drugs out of our communities.

Tourists and Events Committee is working on a web page for Mentone. They are also working with MAPA, helping with the Rhododendron Festival May 19th and 20 and with the Lookout Mountain Open Golf Tournament May 5th. This is to raise money for needy children on Lookout Mountain. Thanks a lot to Joe Rhodes for this worthwhile project. Joe did a Toys for Tots event at Christmas which was very successful.

Streets, Parks, and Bridges: I have been advised this week that Whitley's Bridge right-of-way purchases have been funded, which means they are on schedule to start construction this year. I am pushing them for a better schedule on Skyline Bridge, which isn't scheduled to start engineering until 2003, which is the first step; usually construction isn't until the following fiscal year. We are waiting for guidelines for grant funding for park improvement and a sports complex. We're still on schedule for the new chartreuse colored school signs to replace our existing ones. Our new ones have been temporarily lost, it seems.

Water Board: Our grant applications are still ongoing. Hopefully the biologists can finish up their study this month. It seems we are having to wait for the green pitcher plant to start its spring growth to make sure we will not harm it in our water line path. We still wish to remind everyone to watch out for signs of leaks.

A burning permit is required. Published for your information in the next column are requirements and penalties for not obeying this law. The fire department has had undue numbers of woods and brush fires.

We will start hearings and reading of ordinances in June on nuisance ordinances, dealing with unsafe structures, weeds debris, and junk in general. Another will deal with excessively loud noises and boom boxes. We will adhere to the Game and Wildlife restrictions on small rivers and lakes "wake restrictions" on Little River.

An Animal Reminder

Dogs must be on leashes in the business district.

All dogs are required by state law to wear license tags. Rottweilers, pit bulls, German shepherds, and chows are considered dangerous to the public and must be controlled by the owners. The DeKalb County Humane Society says dalmations are the number one biters and that all animals should be kept under control to prevent diseases, accidents, and law suits.

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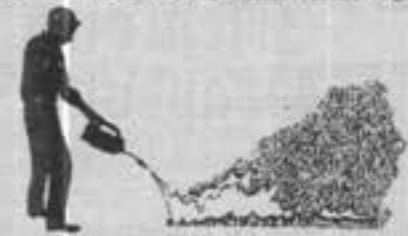
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Why Have This law?

The law is designed to ensure that outdoor burning is conducted safely and to prevent the spread of careless wildfire. It protects Alabama's forests, our most important natural resource.

NOTE: Burning household trash and garbage is a violation of the public health law.



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How to Obtain a Permit

A permit is a telephone authorization to burn. To obtain a burn permit in the Calhoun, Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, Madison, and Marshall counties, simply call the Alabama Forestry Commission's toll-free number, 1-800-572-2017. You will need the following information:

♦ Location of the property, including the section, township, and range. Local Alabama Forestry Commission personnel can assist you with this information.

♦ The approximate time, date, and type of burning.

Be Fire Safe

To receive the permit, you must comply with the following:

♦ Have the adequate tools, equipment, and manpower to control your fire and keep it from escaping.

♦ Stay with your fire until it is completely out.



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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Hope and George Walker again have returned from Florida, where George underwent a successful treatment for an abdominal aortic aneurysm, which did not require major surgery. He had an aortic stent graft inserted. It is known as maximum therapy that's minimally invasive. George and Hope, we are glad to have you both back in Mentone. When they came to the town hall they said they were so glad to be back in Mentone!

Betty and Rick Chapman have returned from their daughter's house in Jacksonville, where they were recuperating from health problems. We're glad you back with us. You have been missed.

Maureen Brewer fell and broke her hip, recently. We hope for her a speedy and full recovery.

James and Betty Johnson were glad to have Betty's sister and niece, Frances L. Crowe and Lila C. Pettet from Clinton, TN, to visit them recently for a few days.

Ed Disney went to Jackson, MS, recently for surgery. A full recovery and speedy return to Mentone is prayed for you, Ed, by your friends and family. We're looking forward to seeing you back in good health.

Several ladies from the Mentone Wesleyan Church were in Gatlinburg, TN, for a Ladies Retreat recently. They reported a great time.

Marilyn Blanton Campbell, who recently underwent reconstructive surgery, had her drain removed on the 6th day of the 5th week. She said, "The first thing I did was go lingerie shopping."

Keep the Tuxbury family in your prayers. Their children, Adam and Ashley have been through a lot of medical problems.

Please continue to keep Rovene Truett and her mother Alma Crabtree in your prayers, along with George and Ruth C. Porter of Oakland, MD, Sue Schwarz's parents, and others who are having health problems themselves or with family members.

Happy May Birthday/Anniversary wishes to:
 ●1-Larken J. (Jr.) Bell; ●2- Megan Cooper (5); ●4- H.P. Goss In Memory of; ●5- Mikie Petersen, Slim Easter; ●6- Phil Harris; ●7- Helen Hill (In Memory of); Jerod Hulkan, Jerrod Pellethor; ●8- Barbara Peterson, James Wilborn, Connie (Hilliard) Clark, James Hawk, Thomas Brandon; ●9-Megan Smith, Juanita Hilliard; ●10- Matt Brandon, Junior and Donnie Bell; ●11- Marie Stokes, Gerald Biddle, Eunice Strickland (In Memory of); ●12- Van Moore; ●13- Blake Hulkan, Charlotte Roden; ●14- John Tucker; ●15- Trevor Lewis, Tyler Blansit, Shirley Collins, Ruby Gifford; ●17- Beth Moore, Melissa (Smith) Miller; ●18- Megan Petersen; ●19-

Sarah Petersen; ●20- Joyce (Worthey) Tate, Jessica McKenzie; ●22- Bobby Brown; ●23- Phyllis Cochran, Lynn Owens, Becky Mays; ●25- Linda Tucker, Jimmy Wright, Billy Wright, Clint Croxton, Jackie Smith; ●28- Adriane Robertson, Chris Stokes; ●29-Barbara Hall, Debra (Bell) Cash, Ginger (Bell) Myers; ●30- Shelley Brown; ●31- Rodney Bell.

Some of the June Birthdays/Anniversaries are included, since the next issue will not be printed until the first Thursday of June (June 7), and in the mail on June 8.

Happy June Birthday/Anniversary wishes to:
 ●1- Sybil Hopper; ●2 - Lisa Harris, Glen Black; ●3 - George Westmoreland, Van Cooper; ●5 - Marsha McKinny, Kim McKinny; ●6-Anna Young; ●8- David Dean, Ralph Delegarza; ●10-Lisa Moore, Joyce Wright, Michelle Chappell.

James and Betty Johnson were glad to have their daughter, Betty Sue Rickman from Clemson, S.C., spend part of her Spring Break with them the second week of April.

A van load of the "Fifty-Plus" Club of the Mentone Wesleyan Church went on an outing to Steve's Landing Restaurant in Soddy Daisy, TN. They enjoyed walking on the waterfront and viewing interesting sights--all reported a great trip and lots of fun!

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

•Katherine Wright, 72, Fort Payne, 4/5
 •David L. Millican, 55, Valley Head, 4/6;
 •William H. Russell, 73, Mentone, 4/8;
 •Danny Paul Greenleaf, 47, Fort Payne, 4/8;
 •Donald "Doc" Guin, 82, Valley Head, 4/11;
 •Lisa McSpadden King, 36, Fort Payne, 4/12;

Congratulations to young weather artist, Dallas Gregory, 6, of Valley Head, whose drawing appeared in the April 6 issue of The Times-Journal.

Congratulations to Jana Goss and Peter S. Hurt, who were inducted into the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the National Honor Society at Fort Payne Middle School. Their picture appeared on page 6A of the April 2, 2001, issue of The Times-Journal, along with 42 other inductees. We're proud of you both!

This issue is full of the accomplishments of many of our young people on the mountain and in the valley. The Groundhog staff is proud of each and every one of them.

This is the month for graduations. School will be out soon, so be watching out for the children and their bicycles.

Mother's Day has officially been celebrated since 1914. Make sure you tell your mother, grandmother or someone special who has made you feel like a son or daughter that you love her and do something special for her on Mother's Day. And don't save it for just Mother's Day, do for her on any day of the year.

Happy Mother's Day



Dallas Manning

Dallas Manning, a sixth grade student at Valley Head, competed in the State Geography Bee at UNA April 6.

He is the son of Alan and Susan Manning.

"To the Goss Family"

While I was away, my friend passed away. But I have this special warm feeling in my heart even though my eyes are filled with tears. I will only be able to see him in my mind.

So many times, H.P. came to my rescue. All the things he did for me making my life easier, like sharpening my lawn mower blades; and one day, my truck wouldn't start. And who came to my rescue but H.P. Me and a 79-year-old man out pushing my truck where we could work on it. I know a lot of people who relied on H.P.

He came over and got a flat top hair cut. He was so proud of his hair cut like he wanted it cut.

I thank him very much.

Phyllis H. Cochran

Editor's note: This was inadvertently omitted from the article on H.P. in last month's issue.



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"Friends from the beginning"

Christmas at our house with Craig and Nicole Hulan 1986

By Evelyn Graves

Kenneth Slade Carden, son of Glen and Kathryn Carden, is a quiet, unassuming young man who is very loyal and devoted to his family and friends. He is the grandson of the late LeVance and Buna Carden and the late Clyde "Shine" and Pluma McNew of Valley Head. Both of his parents were graduates of Valley Head High School, as were all of the Carden children, uncles and aunts. His grandmother, Buna Hope (Carden) received a basketball scholarship from Valley Head High School. She may have been the first woman at Valley Head to have received a scholarship. Slade's uncle Harold Carden played basketball for Auburn and transferred to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. His father, Glen, attended UTC on a football scholarship.

It is only fitting that Slade is an avid basketball fan



With Mr. and Mrs. Talley at the Buffalo Rock ABC/33-40 "Student of the Week" banquet

and player (and has been since he was in the third grade). He became a varsity player at the end of the eighth grade season. His favorite basketball player is Michael Jordan, his favorite college coach is Pat Summit of the Tennessee Lady Vols, his favorite football player is John Elway, and his favorite singer is Shania Twain.

Slade loves Valley Head High School and being involved in school activities. He likes to spend time with friends and his computer. He works part-time at Bruce's Foodland in Fort Payne.

Slade has worked hard and is named valedictorian of the 2001 senior class. He has been involved in many school activities. He is a member of the Scholar's Bowl Team, and is varsity basketball team captain. He is president of the Student Council, of which he has been a member for four years. Slade also serves as Beta Club historian and yearbook editor. He has been a class officer for four years and now serves as president. He has been on the Math Team for five years and was placed on the National Honor Roll. Slade has earned several academic awards along with the Principal's Leadership Award scholarship, the DAR Good Citizen Award, a Scholastic Achievement Award from the University of Alabama, the President's Education Award Program and the Woodmen of the World History Award. He was Valley Head's HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) and Boy's State Representative. Slade was also a Buffalo Rock Student of the Week. As a popular student, Slade was voted Mr. Eighth Grade, Mr. Sophomore, Mr. Senior, Who's Who Most Intellectual, and Who's Who Most Likely to Succeed. He has received awards in all of his subjects since 7th grade, basketball awards 9-11th grades, and many other honors not mentioned.

Slade is active in his community, delivering Christmas baskets to the elderly, has worked in the Adopt-A-Mile program, Beautification of school campus, VFW Fair Booth, and other community projects.

Perhaps the single thing that makes Slade such an outstanding person is his attitude! He is humble and respectful toward his teachers and his fellow classmates, and he has gained their respect in return.

Slade plans to enter Northeast State Community College in the fall for two years, and his plan now is to transfer to Auburn at the end of the two years to pursue a career as a pharmacist.

Whatever Slade chooses to do, I am sure that he will be successful because he has what it takes, along with loving parents to provide the support that he needs.

Congratulations, Slade! The world is yours!



**"In the beginning" August 23, 1982
Slade, Kathryn and Glen Carden**



Slade, Virginia Hatfield and Shannon Chappell - ready for the prom



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

The beauty of the earth has me mesmerized, and it's hard to sit down and write! April brought us such a variety of weather and some plants suffered from winter winds, ice, and frost. But on the other hand, some shrubs and trees have been extra pretty. Our redbud was not spectacular because of a freeze right when they began blooming, but the dogwoods have put on a show! The Valley Head cemetery was a riot of pink and white ones, and I thought what a lovely tribute to those who lie sleeping there. Someone was very thoughtful who planted these trees. "It has been said that "April showers bring May flowers," but this year April had its own spectacular show of blossoms. One side of our lawn has been left to nature for a few months, and we have Cardinal Flowers, Pussy Toots, Blueets, Trillium, and Sweet William that is a joy to behold.

Spring is exciting, pulsating, breathing new life to trees and various plants. It is wonderful to live in a climate where seasonal changes are going to come every year. We go slowly in the cold months, and we begin to emerge from hibernation and start new projects in the spring. Then summer brings wonderful days of some relaxation when we can sit on the deck or porch and enjoy the sounds of cicadas and the humming of bees and hummingbirds. Autumn is my most favorite time of year, when the brilliant colors start to show and there is a nip in the air, but warm afternoons. All changes give us a lift, and we tend to change our plans to fit the seasons.

Our tulips (the ones saved from the voles) were the prettiest we have ever had. I order bulbs from Holland, and can hardly wait to see the bright colors in the spring. The voles missed the ones in the front yard, but made a feast of those on the side. I'm so glad they left some for us!

We have many wedding parties coming to Mentone, and I can see why. The area is so beautiful and they can get good pictures of bridal parties in an outdoor setting. Recently we had a group from Houston, Texas, who took all the space at the Mentone Inn and had a bridal luncheon at the Dish restaurant. They seemed so happy, laughing and having a good time. One lady came in and talked to me, and said that she and her husband were

godparents of the groom. She said they were enjoying their visit, as well as the wedding.

The next day, a honeymoon couple from New York came in the shop and were such a nice, friendly couple. The groom was in the Air Force, and they were on their way to Macon, Georgia, where he would be stationed. I gave them a small wedding gift, and hope they return to visit Mentone again. There is so much divorce in our country now that I find myself praying that God blesses their marriage and keeps them together.

Recently Daniel Crowe, grandson of Lucille Crowe, married in Mississippi. We could not attend, but after their honeymoon, a reception was given in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, by Daniel's mother, Joanne Crowe. We attended the reception and met Daniel's beautiful little wife, Wendy. It was a good visit with other family members who had not attended the wedding. Daniel's father, Leroy, showed a video that he had made of the wedding, and it was well done. We felt like we had been there. (See photo on this page.)

Frank and Linda Lee Purvis' daughter, Melanie, married at Christ Church in Birmingham. We could not attend, but hope to see wedding pictures later. The Purvises lived here in Mentone a few years ago and we love them dearly. Joanne Glover, Shirley and Oscar Hessel and Lynette McCary hosted a luncheon for out-of-town guests at Lynette's Birmingham home. Well, I've reported weddings and it isn't June yet! We somehow have considered June the wedding month, but they occur any month of the year.

The Rhododendron Festival is near, and Betty Bain is working hard to get everything lined up for a great time of celebration of our native plants. I hope they are not blooming too soon. Ours in the yard are blooming, but those in wooded areas will probably be right on time for the festival the third weekend in May.

We welcome Phil Faircloth back to Mentone. He was here several years ago, and everyone seemed to like his rustic Adirondack type furniture--some things are unique only to his creation. He is in the Hatching Post and we feel he and his lovely wife, Cathy, are an asset to the community. Please come by and welcome them. You will find friendly people who are a joy to know.

We enjoy Al and Jan Cheronneau's new family very much. They had no children of their own, but have adopted three (I said three!) beautiful Russian children! The kids seem to have adapted well. They are learning English and can understand what we say better than they can say it yet, but they are learning fast to communicate. Max goes to school in Moon Lake, and Al and Jan are home-schooling the girls, Osana and Alicia. We love having them visit with us.

This has been hodge-podge again, but then, that's life!



Daniel and Wendy Crowe



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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

"Spring is bursting out all over" The leaves are full grown over night and flowers pop up and suddenly bloom and it is all a beautiful sight.

Christine and Walter Brooks, among many others, enjoyed the singing at Violet Hill's Church, Sunday night, April 29. "The Second Generations" were the special singers.

Lillie Bowden went to Dear Field Beach, FL, to help her aunt Veda Hatchett celebrate her 90th birthday, hosted by four children. Most of her children, relatives, and friends (around 50) attended. Lillie also visited her niece, Romaine and Roberto Munoz in Hialeah, FL, for three days. She went with her sister-in-law, Gloria Mashburn of Roberta, GA, and LaVona Hogg of Macon, GA, and spent a few days in middle GA visiting relatives. She brought flower plants from her sister's flower garden to add to her beautiful flowers. She said she enjoyed, so much, seeing new babies she had not seen before and seeing old friends and relatives she had not seen for a long time.

Ed Ringer went to Florence, Miss, on Palm Sunday weekend to visit his nephew, David Ringer, and to help his grand nephew, Edward Spencer Ringer, celebrate his 17th birthday. March 28th, Edward attended the State Convention of Retired Teachers in Montgomery.

Evelyn Clark and Anna Daniel went to the Centre Nursing Home, recently, to visit their niece, Barbara Stephens, and came back by Collinsville Nursing home and visited with Evelyn Shanks.

Ruth and Bert Pickett's son, Jim and wife Lisa, and five children from Seymour, TN, spent the weekend with them, recently.

Good to hear that Eugene Smith is back at work at Wal-Mart, after a bout with sickness. Their grandson, Andrew Smith, broke his collarbone in a fall, but is mending nicely.

Bill Blackburn is recovering at home after surgery for a shoulder out of place.

Barry Brown spent a week at Montclair Hospital in Birmingham for heart and blood pressure problems.

Billie Pickett is having a rough time with health problems. We hope she, and all others who are sick, will have a complete recovery soon.

Jim and Doris Carmichael visited Virginia Livezy and Evelyn Shanks at Collinsville Nursing Home, recently. Virginia was not feeling well. Evelyn is all right.

My cousins, Bill and Blanche Fuller, came from Madison, AL, April 14, and took me to Lane Funeral Home in Rossville, for visitation for our cousin, Doris Fisher Payne, who died April 13.

Jonathan Dean was king of the Valley Head High School Prom at DeKalb Theater, April 21. Laura Martin was queen. Sorry I don't have names of attendants.

Effie and Annie Harrison traveled to U.N.A. in Florence, AL, to participate in the honor band performance last weekend.

Barry Brown's farm is one of nine farms statewide competing for the title of the 2001 Alabama Farm of

Distinction. The winner will also compete for the Lancaster Sunbelt Expo Farmer of the year in October. The Brown farm was the district winner. Emily and Barry attended the annual Alabama Farm-City Awards program in Birmingham, April 24 and received the district award and recognition.

Little John Robert Brown had his second birthday April 28. Those helping him celebrate on Sunday, April 29, at the home of his parents (Robert D. and Michelle), were A.J., Patti, Robert B., Justin and Mandy Brown, Billy Wallace, Barry Brown, Gracie and Dillon Brown, Mary Alice and Diane Mosley, Mary Grace Schellecci, and Eloise Brown.

Beverly and Shane Wright helped Jason Meadows move to Auburn, April 29. He has a job for the summer and will attend the university in the fall. Leonard, Amy and Nathan Keith were hosts for his "going away" party, Sat., April 28, at their home. Others present were David, Cindy, and Alison Meadows, Shane and Beverly Wright, Karen, Keisha, and Kayla Gore and Brenda and Jack Keith. I was sorry I was not able to go.

Welcome to the world to Cameron Jagger McCamy, born April 25, at BMC-DeKalb, weighing 9 lbs, 3 oz. and 22 inches long. Parents are Rodney and Sheila McCamy of Henagar and grandparents are Bill and Angela McCamy of Henagar and Howard and Thelma Meadows of Valley Head. He has two brothers, Kolton and Connor.

Congratulations to Beth Moore, who got a leadership scholarship to North East Junior College. She is the daughter of Lisa Moore.

Slade Carden won a national Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship. He has won numerous academic awards and been an outstanding student. His parents are Glen and Kathryn Carden.

"Buzz" and Linda Jones attended the ceremony of the Anderson Honor Society at Tuscaloosa, April 16-20, in which their daughter, Lisa Somerville Jones, participated as she won one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on rising seniors—a national honor for service and leadership and academic achievement and other honors.

April 25, the Valley Head F.F.A. Forestry team, consisting of Zack Pritchett, who got highest score in county, and Robert B. Brown, who got second in County, and Jeremy Edgeworth and Dustin Burt, won first place in the County. The Land Judging team, including Nick King, Jonathan Dean, Craig Huggan, and James Tubbsville, also won first place in the county.

Congratulations to all achievers and graduates. May all of you achieve success and happiness!

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No one goes alone through this life.

Each one has trouble, joys and strive.

On others and God we need to depend.

So be very careful lest you offend.

Treat all others as you want them to treat you.

Respect for rights and life is everyone's due.

We may be influenced and ours reaches out.

So try to be sure what it's all about.

Yield not to current trends to conform.

But strive always the world to transform.

Make the place where you are a better place.

History your life's actions will prove and trace.

Do the best that you can whatever you do.

To your obligations and to others and yourself be true.

Experience is the best teacher and chastening rod.

In all your ways, seek the guidance of God.

Good character harvests a good reputation.

Keep studying and continue your education—

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—Eloise Brown

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For strength and guidance humbly pray

And constant wisdom all the way

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You might start with a visit to our General Store located in the log cabin. This would be a good time to try one of our muffins. We also have coffee, soft drinks, homemade jelly, & of course, you'll want some of our Georgia Caviar. The General Store offers many unique items for your shopping pleasure.

THE ANTIQUE STORE next door houses many items. If you are looking for an accent piece or need to furnish your home or Bed & Breakfast, you will want to take your time so you won't miss anything. We have a Confederate corner where we offer many items to choose from, including WORLD WAR TWO newspapers (1941-1945) complete issues, CIVIL WAR newspapers and framed PICTURE MAGAZINES, CIVIL WAR CURRENCY and COINS. Unique collection of antique proof vignettes from the estate of George F. C. Smilie, designer of many United States bank notes, including the picture of George Washington on the \$1 bill and Alexander Hamilton on the \$10 bill.

We have a collection of U.S. & British newspapers from 1600 - 1880s along with pages from original Bibles from 1500- 1700s. There are too many items to name them all. If you are a connoisseur, you must pay us a visit. We have Harper's Weekly magazines framed with historic prints, with some by America's greatest political cartoonist Thomas Nast.

Next is our Christmas Store. When you come inside, you will find three rooms filled with lots of goodies & decorations to choose from & the best part are the low prices. We also make Bows from tree toppers to the bottom of the tree, or for that special small package, just tell us what size & we'll do the rest.

You will want to go to the Light House & enjoy the sound of the ocean & sea gulls while checking out all the many items inside. We have candles, popcorn burners, lamps from yesteryear to modern day, clocks, fountains, frames & much more.

By now, I'm sure you are ready for a break, so stop by our Snack Shack in the warm months. We offer old fashion snow cones, cold drinks, & snacks. In the cooler weather, we offer cornbread & beans, or home-made chili, & many flavors of hot chocolate to choose from.

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By Gwen Douthat

Greetings from Desoto Rescue Squad!

Thank you for your supportive response to our last article in the Groundhog. We definitely know you are concerned about our community based on your reaction!

In that article, it was stated that the DeKalb County Association of Rescue Squads was working on getting a grant to install two repeaters to be used for dispatching rescue squads. That was a mistake on my part, and I apologize for that. It is actually DeKalb County 911 who is trying for the grant. Again, I apologize.

On April 12, 2001, DeSoto Rescue Squad met with the DeKalb County 911 Board and with Mrs. Sabrina Harris, Director of DeKalb County 911 to discuss the existing dispatching problems. We spoke with them in length about the problem of Desoto Rescue Squad not receiving calls and what could be done to alleviate the situation. At the end of our discussion, a solution was reached which will enable us to receive and respond to your emergency calls. DeKalb County 911 will begin to dispatch us over the Emergency Management frequency as a temporary solution until a more permanent one can be put in place. This dispatching should be very soon.

We want to thank Mrs. Harris and the entire DeKalb County 911 Board for their attentiveness to the problem and for their swift action in coming up with a solution. We also want to thank all of the community for their support and concern about this matter and your telephone calls letting us know you are out there and listening.

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By Mary Alice Stout

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During March, Tri-County responded to 7 fire calls and 9 rescue calls. Pictured below were Denise Green and Charla Huskey controlling a woods fire in Cherokee County, AL.



☛(Photo to the left) First day of Spring, March 20, on Whatley's Curve in Mentone. Wasn't this a surprise for us all? Pictured are Tri-County volunteers Charla Huskey and Jamie Harris (aided by Pete Ballenger) pulling and pushing vehicles back onto the road. The Tri-County crew directed traffic around the 18 wheeler (pictured in the distance) which went off the road. Mary Alice Stout (not pictured) helped a stranded school bus nearby.



The Easter Bunny (Annette Durham) greets Mary Frances Huskey during a visit to Tri-County Fire/Rescue.



Donna Smith (Tri-County volunteer) helps the Lookout Mountain children count their eggs.



Denise Green and Charla Huskey controlling a woods fire in Cherokee County, AL



Stay Safe This Memorial Day.

We encourage you to have an enjoyable, safe Memorial Day weekend, and strongly urge you not to drink and drive.

The Church News By EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 8:15 AM 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 10 AM. Worship Service at 11 AM. Sunday Evening Worship at 6 PM. Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6 PM. Brotherhood breakfast and devotion at 8:30 AM the first Sunday of each month. Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Anyone who would like to share their prayer needs are invited to call Verna Livingston at 635-6350 or Mary Holleman at 635-6241, so the church may pray for them. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

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. Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastor - Michael Schnabelhner.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 845-4842, has regular Sunday services at 8 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship service at 11 a.m., Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6 p.m., and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 pm.

Anyone interested in observing the Sabbath and Holy Days, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 85, off Highway 11, approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2246 for information.

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

Pastor Rev. Gerhard Grau invites the public to attend the Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland, which begins at 10 AM. (EST), and the Menlo service which begins at 11:15 AM (EST).

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church is truly growing, and we hope you will come visit and take part in our services - Sunday School 10 AM; worship hour - 11 AM; 'Children's Church' also at 11 AM - Sunday night at 6 PM and Wed. night at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland.

Lighthouse Fellowship. Come to our 1st Anniversary celebration this Mother's Day. Mothers will be honored and light refreshments are after the service. All are welcome to our church just south of the Georgia/Alabama line on State Road 48. Our services: Sunday School - 10 AM (AL time), morning Worship - 11 AM (AL time). Pastor Obie Walker. 706-862-2607.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM. Worship at 11 AM. Wednesday Bible Study at 6 PM. 256-634-4137.

The Mentone Revival Center and Pastor Alfred Chambers and his wife Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

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

Mentone Wesleyan Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible classes Wed. 7:00-7:45. Ladies' Bible study and low-impact aerobics Wed. 7:00-7:45. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 6 PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday. Morning worship and Children's Church are at 11:00 AM. First Place meets in the Fellowship Hall and GAs meet at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM, followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time. Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Linda Tucker.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Pastor: LaRue Carraway.

Mentone Revival Center, Mentone, AL

We want to thank each one for their help in the Benefit Singing we had on Saturday night, April 28, for the late Ron Gill for hospital and medical bills, and for Lois Lane Batman for her hospital bills.

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We want to thank each one of these merchants for their donation for this benefit and we thank each one for coming out and giving to this worthy cause. We would also like to thank the gospel group, Covenant from Cloudland, for performing at the benefit.

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Rhododendron Garden Club

By Christina Wise

The April meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club took place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Boy Scout building in Mentone.

President Dallyne Jones called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. Vice President Mickey Gough delivered the devotional in place of the Rev. Cherbonneau, who was unable to attend. Mrs. Gough read the club collect.

Three guests were recognized and introduced, Nancy Jane Faile, Marilyn Knight and Dorothy Shelden.

The roll was called and confirmed the attendance of 23 members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Special Projects Committee confirmed that work is progressing on the erection of the "Welcome to Mentone" sign together with the refurbishing of the sign in Mason Park and on the creation of an honor roll board. It was also reported that Mr. Floyd, who owns the property where the welcome sign was proposed to be constructed, has given his wholehearted approval to the project.

Ann Wright reported that the mulching of the Butterfly Garden at Moon Lake School needs to be accomplished by Earth Day, and volunteer help will be needed by 23 April. A motion for the club members to devote the hours of the June 2001 meeting to the reworking of the Garden areas in Mason Park was passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted as accurate. Refreshments prepared by Diane Kuehl and Sue Schwarz were enjoyed before the members drove to The Shed nursery for the program.

The subject was about the creation of a garden pond. The proprietors of The Shed, Cheryl Baker and her husband, David, instructed club members on the selection of the best site for a pond, the most suitable construction materials and methods finally on the best varieties of plants to use in the completed water garden.

The meeting adjourned from the nursery at 2:20 p.m. after members were reminded that the spring luncheon for the installation of the new office leaders would take place at 12:00 at Cragsmere Manna on 8 May 2001.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.; Deep South Region; the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.; Garden Clubs of District II; and the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs.

Happy Mother's Day



L/R: Lora Mae Davis, Chair, Founders' Chair Committee; Virginia Skelton, Committee Member; Sheila Akins, 2000-2001 recipient; and Dr. William H. Osborn, Northeast President.

AKINS CHOSEN MOST OUTSTANDING

Sheila Akins, instructor of English and advisor for the Backroads yearbook at Northeast Alabama Community College, has been chosen as the Founders' Chair Most Outstanding Faculty Member for 2000-2001. In memory and honor of Dr. Charles M. Pendley, the committee renamed the award the DR. CHARLES M. PENDLEY FOUNDERS' CHAIR AWARD.

The announcement was made recently at a luncheon at the College by Lora Mae Davis, chair of the committee. Ms. Davis stated that the committee "was very pleased to have Mrs. Akins added to the list of previous winners as Most Outstanding Faculty Member. She received many fine nominations from faculty and students. We congratulate Mrs. Akins."

Nominations were submitted to the Founders' Chair Committee by students and faculty members. Cassidy Anderson and Aitchie Hicks, student assistants in the President's Office, assisted with the nomination process.

Upon being notified of the award Mrs. Akins expressed appreciation for being chosen. She said, "I am delighted to be considered in the same category with the many exceptional instructors who have received this award over the years. I had been teaching at Northeast only a short time when the first recipient, Dr. Jewell Matthews, was selected. She was one of my 'heroes'."

"I am especially honored to be the first recipient of the Dr. Charles M.

Pendley Founders' Chair Award. I commend the Founders' Chair Committee for commemorating one who was so dedicated to improving the lives of northeastern Alabamians. Since the original award sprang from Dr. Pendley's desire to encourage and support his faculty members, it is certainly fitting that this honor should forevermore bear his name."

Mrs. Akins will receive a cash stipend as winner of the award. She will be recognized in the Northeast yearbook, Backroads, and will be recognized at the college's commencement on May 17.

At Northeast, Mrs. Akins is in her 22nd year of teaching, having begun as an adjunct faculty member in 1979. Her degrees include a BS from Jacksonville State University where she also earned thirty hours above the master's degree for the M certificate. Her MS degree is from The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Akins has been the yearbook advisor since 1986; one of the Miss Northeast Pageant directors; member of four faculty committees: Learning Resources, Developmental Programs, Recruiting, and Student Affairs.

She is married to Kerry Akins of the "Downtown" community just south of Fort Payne. They have three sons, one grandson and two daughters-in-law: Jason and Stacie Akins of Doughton, Scott, Katie and Preston Akins of Rainsville, and Chris Akins, a student at The University of Alabama School of Law.

The Shed

By Cheryl Baker

Before I begin, is everyone up to date on the information that I've been sharing with you? What I mean is--does everyone understand that when I write an article, I'm giving you true perennials that live here in this area? I list each one by name, also listing them as to the best conditions of how to grow them.

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G. Magnificum, Meeboldi
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Amanda Beth Moore

Receives Leadership Scholarship

Congratulations to Amanda Beth Moore, a Senior at Valley Head High School. Beth has received a 2-year Leadership Scholarship from Northeast Alabama Community College. She is a member of the Beta Club, band, school newspaper, and year book staff. Beth was Girl's State Representative in 2000. She is the daughter of Lisa Moore of Blake and Van Moore of Marietta, GA. Beth is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Black of Blake, Shelby Langley of Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Moore of Sylvania. She is the great-granddaughter of Ms. Annie Young and Ms. Erna Black of Blake. Beth plans to pursue a career in pediatric nursing.



Laurelle Brooke Miles Happy 6th Birthday!

Laurelle Brooke Miles, daughter of Walt Miles and Julie R. Miles, celebrates her birthday, May 6th, every year while the Mountain Laurel is in full bloom on the Little River.

Teri Campbell named NCCAA Scholar Athlete

Teri Campbell, daughter of George and Jonnie Benefield of Mentone, AL, and Paul and Charlotte Campbell of Phoenix, AR, has been named a NCCAA Scholar Athlete. Miss Campbell is a senior at Judson College. The NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) chooses a group of scholar-athletes nationwide each year who have demonstrated athletic ability and scholastic achievement during their college career.



Jimmy and Maxine Wright, on a recent trip to Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, visited with Jane and Epp Meadows, former residents of Mentone. Jane and Epp said to tell everyone in Mentone, "Hello!" Jane and Epp were in Mentone Sunday, April 22, and were seen in Dessie's Kountry Chef for dinner.

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NORTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS RECEIVE STATE HONORS

L/R: Heather Saint, Dr. Mary Jane Caylor,
Yolanda Bell, and Mrs. Martha Banks

Heather Saint and Yolanda Bell have been named to the 2001 All-Alabama Two-Year College Academic Team. They were recently honored at special ceremonies in Birmingham by the Alabama College System, the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, and Phi Theta Kappa International. Each received a scholarship, along with a medallion and a resolution from the Legislature of the State of Alabama. The honorees were congratulated by Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, District 8 Member of the Alabama State Board of Education, along with attending members of the Northeast faculty, Martha Banks, Daphne Huntley, and Diane Watts.

Ms. Saint and Ms. Bell were nominated by the faculty of Northeast Alabama Community College. Winners were selected by a national panel of judges coordinated by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. The judges considered grades, academic honors, leadership roles, and community service. Special emphasis was placed on each nominee's essay concerning a highlight of the two-year college experience.

Heather Saint, named to the First Team, is a history and Spanish major. She is an SGA representative, secretary of Phi Theta Kappa, and treasurer of the Sigma Kappa Delta English honor society. She is a student assistant in the Division of Arts and Humanities. Heather has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior and Community Colleges and is a nominee for the President's Cup of Northeast Alabama Community College. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Deidra Saint of Woodville. Heather has received an Auburn University Board of Trustees Scholarship and will transfer to Auburn in the fall.

Yolanda Bell, the NACC Second Team member, is majoring in nursing. She has distinguished herself as First Vice-President of the Alabama Association of Nursing Students and as a state delegate to the National Student Nurses Association in Salt Lake City. She is secretary of her class and has been honored with induction into Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Kappa Delta. Yolanda resides in Rainsville with her daughter Brooke. She will pursue a B.S. in nursing at UAH.

Happy 83rd Birthday, Willie B. Langston!

On Saturday, February 10th, the friends and family of Willie B. Langston hosted a party for his 83rd birthday. Around 100 people attended. Pictured here are Mr. Langston and his eight (8) children. Front row (L/R): Leon Langston of Cedar Bluff; Frances Day of Mentone; Mr. Langston; Christine Scott of Fort Payne, and Loy Langston of Mentone. Second Row (L/R): Renae Langston of Mentone, Myrtle Meeks of Lafayette, GA; Josey Noles of Fort Payne, and Elly Voils of Mentone.





L/R: Lora Mac Davis, Chair, Founders' Chair Committee; Virginia Skelton, Committee Member; Sheila Akins, 2000-2001 recipient; and Dr. William H. Osborn, Northeast President.

AKINS CHOSEN MOST OUTSTANDING

Sheila Akins, instructor of English and advisor for the Backroads yearbook at Northeast Alabama Community College, has been chosen as the Founders' Chair Most Outstanding Faculty Member for 2000-2001. In memory and honor of Dr. Charles M. Pendley, the committee renamed the award the DR. CHARLES M. PENDLEY FOUNDERS' CHAIR AWARD.

The announcement was made recently at a luncheon at the College by Lora Mac Davis, chair of the committee. Ms. Davis stated that the committee "was very pleased to have Mrs. Akins added to the list of previous winners as Most Outstanding Faculty Member. She received many fine nominations from faculty and students. We congratulate Mrs. Akins."

Nominations were submitted to the Founders' Chair Committee by students and faculty members. Caedry Anderson and Aishlee Hicks, student assistants in the President's Office, assisted with the nomination process.

Upon being notified of the award Mrs. Akins expressed appreciation for being chosen. She said, "I am delighted to be considered in the same category with the many exceptional instructors who have received this award over the years. I had been teaching at Northeast only a short time when the first recipient, Dr. Jewell Matthews, was selected. She was one of my 'heroes'."

"I am especially honored to be the first recipient of the Dr. Charles M.

Pendley Founders' Chair Award. I commend the Founders' Chair Committee for commemorating one who was so dedicated to improving the lives of northeastern Alabamians. Since the original award sprang from Dr. Pendley's desire to encourage and support his faculty members, it is certainly fitting that this honor should forevermore bear his name."

Mrs. Akins will receive a cash stipend as winner of the award. She will be recognized in the Northeast yearbook, Backroads, and will be recognized at the college's commencement on May 17.

At Northeast, Mrs. Akins is in her 22nd year of teaching, having begun as an adjunct faculty member in 1979. Her degrees include a BS from Jacksonville State University where she also earned thirty hours above the master's degree for the M certificate. Her MS degree is from The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Akins has been the yearbook advisor since 1986, one of the Miss Northeast Pageant directors, member of four faculty committees: Learning Resources, Developmental Programs, Recruiting, and Student Affairs.

She is married to Kerry Akins of the "Dogtown" community just south of Fort Payne. They have three sons, one grandson and two daughters-in-law: Jason and Stacie Akins of Dogtown; Scott, Katie and Preston Akins of Rainville, and Chris Akins, a student at The University of Alabama School of Law.

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About Our Town

By

LINDA BROWN



Can you believe this beautiful spring? Never have I seen so many blooms on everything! The native azaleas are so pretty. If you don't know what these are, they are the shrubs in the woods around Mentone that are a solid mass of pink (sometimes white). One day, my husband was talking about the "native honeysuckle" and it took me a second to realize what he had seen. Then I remembered that the native azaleas were once called by that name (nomenclature). When the late snow came, I heard several gardeners say that everything would be beautiful. It seems that they knew what they were talking about. I wonder if the water from snow stays in place longer and plants get a better seasoning from it? If anyone knows or has another theory, write and let me know. Sorry I don't have e-mail, you'll have to use the old fashioned way, the one that uses a stamp.

Speaking of writing, a wonderful thing has happened since the last issue of *The Groundhog* was printed. I received a letter from a geologist who lives in Hampton Cove, Alabama. He explained the different reasons that a "wet weather spring" can happen. It seems that the ones in Mentone are probably formed because of the abundance of sandstone that is here. The explanation that Mr. Luther Hyde thinks fits Mentone best states that when sandstone is present, the water will penetrate it and follow the harder rock underneath until it can surface as a spring. I found all of his explanations to be very interesting and appreciated his sending me an illustration with his letter. Thank you so much, Mr. Hyde. He and his wife have retired and were visiting Valley Head and Mentone one day. He picked up a copy of *The Groundhog* and read my comments. Again, you just cannot believe how many people read our local paper.

Recently, C.E. Britt, the mayor, asked me to attend the DeKalb County Mayor's Association meeting with him. The meeting was at Ider and convened in a new restaurant called Frankie's. It is a wonderful place to eat and has very pleasant surroundings. The lady who served as the hostess was wonderful. I found out later that she is Mary Jo Patton, sister of a dear friend of mine. Her smile made the evening so pleasant and she could not do enough to please everyone. This meeting was to honor DeKalb County's elected officials. Many of them were present, including Judge Paul Thomas, Judge Randall Cole, Judge David Rains, Judge Clyde Traylor, Sheriff Cecil Reed, Circuit Clerk Jimmy Lindsey, and many others. It was quite a representation of how cooperative DeKalb County people are. I enjoyed myself tremendously and C.E. says that I can go with him to every meeting. By the way, the next meeting will be in August at Mentone. More on that later. The only bad(?) thing about the meeting was that C.E. had a cold and couldn't talk. He had several things he wanted to tell the other mayors, but his voice would not cooperate.

The Town of Mentone and the Mentone Water Works Board has applied for several grants and low-interest loans. I know that all of them are progressing on schedule, but I get very impatient. That is one part of politics that I have a

hard time dealing with. Everything moves so slow. Sometimes I think we are "red tape" handicapped. When all of these grants are in place I'm sure that we will see many improvements in our town and community.

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District applied for a grant recently from money designated for fire departments only. We hope that our grant will be chosen and we can use it to purchase a more modern fire truck. But there are no guarantees, a chosen panel selects the ones that they think are most deserving. Even a town as small as Mentone could use a grant writer who works full time. The forms are so involved and complicated.

The NLMFPD Volunteer Firefighters have received several calls lately. Most of them have been brush fires. Sometimes these are the hardest to control and I urge everyone to check the conditions before starting an outside fire. Make sure there is enough moisture in the air and that there is no wind blowing before starting your brush pile burning. Our guys do a great job and I can never say enough good things about them. They are dedicated and willing to respond to every need.

The weekend of May 18, 19, 20 is going to be a very busy weekend for Mentone. The newly revived Rhododendron Festival will be in progress and the estate of Sammy and Clara Cash will be auctioned on those days. I'm sure that there will be more information on both of these events in this issue. Look for the details and get out and enjoy all of

the activities. Be very careful on the streets and highways, sometimes visitors forget that they are in a congested area and get their minds on something besides driving. It behooves (an old fashioned word if there ever was one) all of us "locals" to watch out for ourselves and them, too. There have been entirely too many tragedies lately. Let's not add to the list.

May will be the last full month before the local camps open their regular camping season. Many of them entertain school and church groups all year, but the camping season starts in June. This is when each boy or girl comes on their own and the camp staff is responsible for their safety and well being for 24/7. I also know the terms, "What's up?", "Whatever!" and some Marie would not print. This surprises some people who do not know that I have two almost teenage grandchildren who live with me. It is a totally different world that they face.

As a retired employee, my husband receives a publication entitled, Hope Health Letter from the Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative. The last issue had some wonderful quotes that I am passing on to you. "Mistakes are part of the does one pays for a full life." - Sophia Loren. "Some days you tame the tiger. And some days the tiger has you for lunch." - Tug McGraw. "These days you have to move very fast even to stand still." Unknown.

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By Mary Alice Stout

Gloria Cattie of Huntsville, AL, will be at Mountain Mamas on Saturday, May 5th, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm (GA time). Gloria will be demonstrating the art of glass engraving on vases and cups. If you bring a piece of glass, she will engrave it for you. She has engraved wedding, birth, and anniversary announcements, as well as prom glasses, gun cabinet doors, and mirrors. Gloria's fees vary with the size and amount of engraving that you want done. Come meet Gloria and watch as she shares her craft with us.

Mountain Mamas opened for its seventh season in April. The store is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6:00pm GA time. From Mentone, AL, Mountain Mamas is on Hwy 48 in GA, on the left, just after you cross the AL-GA state line where AL Hwy 117 ends. Coming from Menlo, GA, Mountain Mamas is on the right shortly after you go through the Cloudland blinking yellow light heading toward Mentone.

LOTS TO SEE AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

By Morgana MacVicar

Are you looking for a piece of special yard art for your garden or patio? Mountain Mamas has a wide variety of attractive creations by regional artists. You will love the delightful metal sculptures in a variety of shapes and sizes as well as the colorful stepping stones made with mosaic or glass inlays. We also have beautiful mosaic pots and pictures, and gourds designed as planters, bird feeders and birdhouses.

Do you like fabric art? We have a good selection of hand made rugs and pillows, quilted wall hangings, soft sculpture folk dolls, hand painted aprons, and colorful floor cloths and place mats.

Or are you interested in folk art, candles, homemade jams, hand made jewelry, specialty cards, or something unusual from our rock shop? We continue to carry all your favorites. And this year we offer a wider variety of pottery styles and feature several glass artists from our area.

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May, how can earth bear the wonderful rare ecstasy you bring in beauty's wild fling? Gems of emerald green sparkle on the scene Oaks and willows wear golden tassels fair. Pines both high and low hold candles aglow: buds burst and swell exuberance tell in colors so bright they seem to take flight. In lacy, cool shade where gay shadows lay, graceful ferns uncurl'd, blissfully dew pearled. Waking from their sleep, elfin flowers peep, shyly lift their heads from their velvet beds. Honeysuckles bloom Air fragrant with perfume. Birds joyfully sing and dance on the wing mating and nesting no need for resting. Twilight brings the thrill of the Whip poor will-- Nature's such vagrant play day of Earth's fragrant May day is Heaven's selection of earthly perfection. How can earth bear thee, beauty's blooming ecstasy-- the joy you bring with the heart of Spring!

•••Joine Brown

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CLOUDLAND - East Brow - We are pleased to offer this wonderful Brow home. The Home features - Great room vaulted ceilings-min stone fireplace-custom kitchen w/ pickled oak cabinets - Master suite - Garden tub-shower-walk-in closet-2 additional bedrooms, full bath, utility room, walk-in pantry-garage-large screened in porch-deck w/ hot tub-HVAC-infrared beehive-fenced, 1.2 acres. \$160,000



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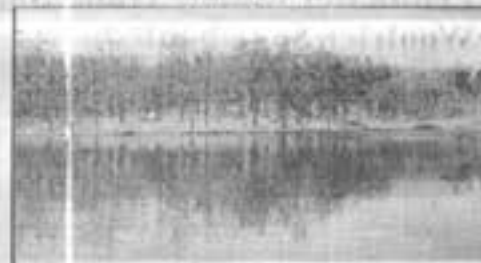
LINE ADS: -500+-/- ACRES, on Little River, road frontage on 3 sides, hardwoods, \$4,000/acre. -South Chatt. Co. - 180+-/- AC - cabin - pond - creek - timber - private - backs to Dirseller Mtn. \$2,000 Per AC. Owner Financing (G-66)



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MENTONE, AL. - Brush Creek rocks you to sleep as you enjoy the mountain at its finest. Chateau - offers Great Rm w/ min Stone FP. Hardwood Floors & Kitchen w/ custom cabinets - Bedroom - full bath - 2nd floor - 2 bedrooms - full bath - decks overlooking creek. Split HVAC - 2+-/- AC - 300 ft. of Creek (A-64)



Happy Mother's Day



UGF SECRETARY, DEBRA DAWSON

This is the first in a series of articles on United Givers Fund of DeKalb County and UGF-funded agencies in which we will be spotlighting the "people behind the scenes" - the agencies' Executive Directors, Secretaries, and volunteers.

SPOTLIGHT ON UGF SECRETARY, DEBRA DAWSON

Since 1987, Debra Dawson has served as Secretary of United Givers Fund of DeKalb County. Because UGF is a two-person office, (except during the campaign period when a part-time clerk is hired) the secretary's duties are numerous and varied. As UGF secretary, Ms. Dawson also serves as Secretary of the UGF Board and as a member of the Executive Committee. Year-round, Dawson serves as receptionist, bookkeeper, and provides valuable assistance to the Executive Director in planning and implementing the annual fundraising campaign.

Debra and husband Mark moved to Fort Payne in 1983 from Foley, Alabama. Debra grew up in Luverne, Alabama, and graduated from Troy State University with a degree in Business Administration and Marketing. She says of her adopted hometown, "We have really grown to love Fort Payne and DeKalb County and we consider this our home. Everyone has always made us feel welcome and for that we are very thankful. We have been very blessed to have some wonderful friends over the years that have made us part of the community."

The Dawsons are members of the Fort Payne Church of Christ. Their son Cody is a Sophomore at Fort Payne High School.

Mark is an Account Executive with United Parcel Service. Both Mark and Debra have been involved with the youth baseball teams since 1990 and are members of the Fort Payne Diamond Club. In her spare time, Debra enjoys reading, gardening, and YOGA.

Dawson says she is proud to be associated with such a caring group of people—volunteers, office staff, board members and member agencies. She said, "United Givers Fund is a wonderful organization that serves the people of DeKalb County well. Everyone works together for the good of the citizens which makes this one of the greatest organizations in the county."

UGF Executive Director Barbara Turner said, "Debra received the Community Service Award from the Fort Payne-DeKalb Altrusa Club in 1998 because of her active involvement in numerous civic and service organizations here in the county. The following year at the Altrusa Club's Secretaries Day Luncheon, she received the well-deserved Secretary of the Year Award. UGF is really fortunate to have such a dedicated, caring, and capable individual as Debra serving as Secretary. She is truly an asset to the organization."

UGF SPOTLIGHT ON BOY SCOUT TROOP 185

Originally chartered by Gault Avenue Baptist Church in 1952, Boy Scout Troop 185 was very active in the community and many boys benefited from the program it offered. Cecil Gilbert served as Scoutmaster from 1957 until 1964.

The Troop continued until 1966 when it was dissolved due to a lack of leadership. It remained dormant until 1971. It was then that a former Scout in the Troop returned from college and was asked to start the Troop up once again.

That former Scout was Bill Mitchell who agreed to the challenge and has served as Scoutmaster of Troop 185 for the past 30 years. The Troop was re-chartered in April 1971 by Gault Avenue Baptist Church. Sponsorship later changed to the Fort Payne Rotary Club who serves as its present sponsor. The Troop's meeting place has changed several times over the years, but for the past 10 years has met in the old Fort Payne High School Agricultural Building.

From 1971 to the present, Troop 185 has been active in the community. Hundreds of boys have enjoyed the Scouting experience and many have attained the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest honor. Mitchell said. They have enjoyed summer camp at Comer Scout Reservation for 30 years straight and several have taken part in the ten day mountain experience at Plumont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. They've enjoyed the fellowship of Scouts from around the country at the National Jamborees held every four years around the U.S.

Most people think of camping when they think of the Boy Scouts, and Troop 185 does indeed do its share of camping. Mitchell says. But it provides other outdoor opportunities for its members including backpacking, hiking, rappelling, water sports, caving and many other adventures in the outdoors.

Scouting is also service and the Troop provides assistance to the community through food drives, trash pickups, help with the DeKalb County Library, Landmarks Depot Museum, and other local organizations.

Mitchell said, "Troop 185 provides a program of development for boys in citizenship, leadership, and outdoor skills. Many times the boys think they are just having fun, but little do they know that they are actually receiving lessons that will benefit them later in life. Scouting offers opportunities for learning skills in a myriad of potential careers through the more than 130 merit badges in its program, everything from Atomic Energy and Computers to Weather and Zoology."

As Scouting in the U.S. enters its 91st year, Troop 185 takes its place among the thousands of Scout Troops, Cub Packs, Explorer Posts, Venture Units and Scouting for Life Troops that combine to provide the best program for youth in the world. Scouting builds character and develops leaders for the future.

"Troop 185 is proud to be a part of the community and proud of its long association with the UGF of DeKalb County," Mitchell said. "Because it is a non-profit, private organization, it cannot survive without the generous support of individuals and groups like United Givers Fund."

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(1) SIP ICE COLD LEMONADE on the front porch of this historic home located in downtown Fort Payne. This house features a large living room with built-in bookcases, a formal dining room with French doors, a kitchen, 4 bedrooms and 1-1/2 baths, high ceilings and wood floors. Priced at only \$119,999.



(2) LOOKING FOR A FARM? Picture yourself there in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home featuring dining-dining nook, den, large utility room, 2-car garage and full basement with kitchen. All situated on 20 acres surrounded by dogwoods overlooking the pasture and ponds. A must see at \$182,500.



(3) SURROUNDED BY LARGE OAK TREES this 70-year-old farmhouse has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, barn, 2 buildings, creek running through property and view of Lookout Mountain from the front porch. \$64,500.



(4) NESTLED AWAY IN MENTONE - This 3 bedroom, 2-bath modular home comes with a fully equipped kitchen, living room, dining room, central heat and air, 20x30 shed/patio, and a nice landscaped yard on over 1 acre. Call today for more details. \$45,000.



(5) COMPLETELY FURNISHED and ready to move into! This cute country cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rock fireplace and pine floors. Add a wet weather branch and 2 wooded lots and you have a great weekend get-away for \$79,500.



(6) HISTORIC HOME IN VALLEY HEAD! You'll love this 3 bedroom house with its large screened-in front porch, spacious living room and dining room, high ceilings and crown moldings and wood floors. Plus a new roof, new central heat and air, new exterior paint, situated on over 1 acre. Priced at only \$65,655.



(7) YOU'LL BE THE FIRST Homeowner that is in this new subdivision on DeSoto Parkway in Marietta. This new construction is now complete with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, central heat and air, storage building and metal roof. All bedrooms have a personal balcony and this new home is sitting on a large corner lot. Call us today for your appointment. \$109,900.



(8) TAKE A HEALTHY LOOK AT COUNTRY LIVING - Breathe the clean, fresh air in this immaculate split level home. It has a large living size master bedroom with a walk-in closet, screened-in porch, 2 car garage, and a separate garage with storage room. \$239,900 on 4 acres for \$124,500.



(9) OWN YOUR OWN GETAWAY IN MENTONE. This wonderful home offers a vacation just off DeSoto Parkway. Sit on the deck and watch the squirrels play amongst the trees surrounding this rustic 1 1/2 story home. Some of the features of this charming home are 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, beautiful Mountain Creek, Georgia, central heat and air, wonderful rock formations. All this and more situated on 1.541 acres in Marietta. \$129,500.



(10) ESCAPE THE MADNESS - Just minutes from tranquility this rustic retreat offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a studio room, 2-story living area with fireplace, wood floors and lots of windows with great views from the brow of Marietta. Built by an artist this house has lots of charm. 4+/- acres \$240,000.



(11) WATCH THE SUNSET from the view of this rustic country cabin. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, two-story living area with mountain stone fireplace, large kitchen and sunroom all with a charm of their own and sitting on 2.5 acres of brow property. \$179,500.



(12) OWN A NEW HOME WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF BUILDING - Perched on the edge of the mountain, this 2 bedroom, 2 bath all wood cottage with stacked stone fireplace can be a weekend get-away or permanent residence. A must see for \$100,000.



(13) ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED is right here! This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large walk-in area, kitchen, entertaining sized living room with fireplace and a multi-part pool area that would serve as a guest room, office or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blends home and nature all on 2.9 acres. Once you see it you'll want to own it. Call today for your viewing. \$235,500.



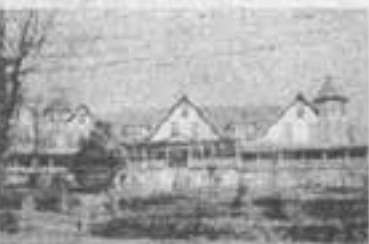
(14) MENTONE - Impressive rustic contemporary home before you as you drive down the driveway. Main house features 3 floors each with a bedroom and bath, living area, office space and/or dining room, decks and porches surround the house with magnificent views of the valley and mountains. A 2-car garage with 1 bedroom apartment and sit on the 2.7 acres all for \$210,000.



(15) HOME AND ACREAGE WAITING FOR YOU! Situated in a private location this distinctive log home features floor to ceiling rock fireplace, wood and ceramic tile floors, tongue and groove walls and ceilings, 3 or 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, and a loft with a spectacular view of a pond with your own private fishing dock. Call for your private showing today. Priced at \$297,000.



(16) LOOKING FOR SPACE? This home offers 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, living room and great room, front and back porches on 77 +/- acres. Beautiful rolling front yard surrounded by large hardwoods all with privacy of a dead end street. \$559,500.



(17) WHAT A DEAL! MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL - Historical landmark in downtown Marietta currently being run as a bed and breakfast is now for sale. Restaurant will seat 100 plus people. There are endless possibilities with this great landmark. \$599,000, REDUCED TO \$499,000.



(18) WHAT A MOUNTAIN RETREAT SHOULD BE! Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 sitting rooms, sunroom, dining room and kitchen with breakfast nook, pine floors and walls. All this on more than 2 acres of elite brow front property. \$249,900.

OTHER LISTINGS

(19) 160 ACRES OF NATURAL BEAUTY on Lookout Mountain - just minutes from DeSoto State Park and Marietta. Ready for your dreams - hunting club - weekend retreat or development. Sold as a whole only, \$2,150 per acre.

(20) GENTLY ROLLING, WOODED VACANT LAND IN VALLEY HEAD. Perfect for development. Extensive paved road frontage. 62 acres listed at \$3,000 per acre. Sold as a whole.

(21) LAKE ON THE BROW - We have a lake lot that is over an acre and is listed at \$37,000. If you're interested, call us today.

(22) FOR LAND'S SAKE! Just listed 4.3 +/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$49,500.

(23) WHY WAIT? 6 acres on DeSoto Parkway now available and ready for development. Almost 900 feet of road frontage. Great opportunity! \$49,500.

(24) JUST OFF DESOTO PARKWAY - 6.2 acres with large rock formations and a winter view. \$59,500.

(25) GO JUMP IN THE RIVER - Little River that is! Just listed 3 +/- acres on the West Fork of Little River. No restrictions. Call today. \$60,000.

(26) BUILD HERE!! We have listed (3) Five-acre tracts just off DeSoto Parkway! If you've been looking for acreage to build on, give us a call today! \$44,500 each or all for \$99,000.

(27) WEEKEND OR WEEKLY RENTAL AVAILABLE - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, will accommodate 8 people. For more information, call Susan Collins.

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Happy Mother's Day, Moma!

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We lost Moma in 1998. The last holiday we had Moma home was my husband, Mickey's, birthday. I'll never forget her singing him the birthday song.

My Moma was the best, and I was truly blessed to have her. She taught me about love and life. I still go to the phone to call her when things go wrong. It's still so hard and I will miss her until God takes me home to be with her. You see, I was doubly blessed, God also gave me the world's greatest dad. I thank God that he saw fit for me to be their 1st born daughter.

This year, another Mother's Day will go by without you, Moma, but you are so real and so alive in my heart. I love you, Moma! Till we meet again in Heaven, you are my angel here on earth.

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(1) CUSTOM DESIGNED LOG HOME, BUILT ON THE RUINS OF AN HISTORICAL GRIST MILL. 5.8 acres with Gristmill Mill Creek and Waterfall. Approx. 3000 sq. ft. 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, "OPEN FLOOR" plan. Rock Fireplaces. Kitchen with all appliances, eat-in Bar. Pine Floors and Tile Floors. Central Heat, 10x40 Screened Glassed Porch, 2 car Garage, out buildings. Also 16x80 Mobile Home (guest cottage) with sun room and screened porch and all appliances. Most unique property. On Lookout Mtn., Ga. APPT. ONLY. \$300,000. Drastic Reduction \$201,500.



(4) ONE ROOM AND A PATH, rustic hunting cabin. 700 sq. ft. heated space, stove, frig, power, gas heat, window air. Outhouse, with 6 wooded acres at Little River Canyon National Preserve, and the Wildlife Management land. Located at Canyon View Forest. \$92,000.



(7) DESOTO PARK AREA. Neat and Clean Split-Level Home. 1,700 sq. ft., 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, G/H/A, 1/2 basement and 1 car garage. Workshop/Toolshed, City Water, and over an acre with a view of the distant ridges across Lookout Mtn. \$444,000. REDUCED \$310,000.



(2) ADIRONDACK STYLE (1800'S) LOG LODGE sitting on 3 private acres in downtown Mentone. Complete with Dog Trot separating the Kitchen with Fireplace and Living Area with Fireplace. Unique 4 Bdrm, 2 Bath. Screened Breecways, and Porches. Wood Floors, and Tin Roof. Separate Guest Cottage. City Water, along with Hand pump Well. Step back in time with this One-of-a-kind FURNISHED HOME. Reduced to \$197,000.



(5) ATTENTION ENTREPRENEURS. Small Commercial Building available in Mentone. Two entrances 2 baths. Can be used as two businesses. Located adjacent to Hardware store. 100x140 ft lot. Currently occupied. Show by Appt. \$45,000.



(8) DOWNTOWN CLOUDLAND BUILT IN 1928. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Two-Story Home. With Tin Roof, Living with Fireplace, Screened Porch. All new Wiring. City Water. \$58,000.



(3) TASTEFULLY REMODELED AND LIKE NEW One-level Ranch style home. 3 Bdrm 3 full baths, Living room and separate dining room. Stone Fireplaces. G/H/A. Lifetime warranty Windows. Screened Breecway separating main house and guest apartment. Over 3 acres of landscaped yard, large garden area. Outbuilding with Generator for auxiliary power. Tractor shed. City water. \$160,000. Drastic Reduction \$148,000.



(6) HOME IN RURAL MENTONE. 14.8 acres with over 1,000 ft. on the WEST FORK of LITTLE RIVER. 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, new addition screened porch, large deck. All appliances stay. G/H/A, over 1400 sq. ft. \$178,000.



(9) SPECTACULAR VIEW East Brow. No industry below, just wide open spaces as far as the EYE can see. Wooded with rock formations, located in the Cloudland, GA., area on Hwy 157N. \$39,200.

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OTHER PROPERTIES

(11) FIVE ACRES ON EAST BROW, with a VIEW of Lake Weiss. Power, Gravel Drive, gated. Located at Valley View Forest. \$25,000.

(12) STATE LINE RD. Cloudland, Ga. 16.5 acres wooded with some open field. Small natural pond, 2 wells, septic, 1988 14x70 Mobile Home, 2 Bdrm 2 bath, G/H/A. Paved road frontage. \$45,000.

(13) HIGHWAY 117 S. MENTONE. Older home, large live-in bedroom, bath with walk-in shower, 36x24 living room, handicap access. Two rooms in the basement, detached garage, City Water. Over 1 acre \$47,900.

(14) 2 ACRE TRACT OFF FRUIT FARM ROAD, Lookout Mountain. Unique with Rock Formations, Winter View, Overlooks Large Lake. Underground power, city water, surveyed and Perk tested. Priced to sell \$14,000.

(15) ONE AND ONLY LITTLE RIVER CANYON. 3 to 5 acre tracts overlooking Canyon, some with waterfalls. Property adjoins Wildlife Management Land. Many tracts to choose from and all on Private gate access. Point and Bluff sections now available. Very secluded. \$26,000 to \$40,000. Appointment ONLY.

(16) 50 ACRES LOCATED IN CLOUDLAND GA. Great Farm, with 20x40 Barn, Large workshop, 3 outbuildings. Garage, 3 wells, year around spring, 3 garden areas, Grape Arbors, Approx. 5 acres cleared. Beautiful Hardwoods. 12x70 Mobile Home with Rock foundation. Many more amenities. \$165,000. Show by Appt. ONLY. City water access.

(17) INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES. Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.

(18) ROCKY TOP ESTATES BROW LOT. Sunset side, adjacent to DeSoto State Park. City Water, paved road, over 1 acre \$50,000.

(19) A ROOM WITH A VIEW Adorable Cottage On the brow, DeSoto State Park, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Hardwood Floors, Open living room, and new tin roof, furnished. \$120,000.

(20) WILD RIVER COMMUNITY (2 tracts left) 22X300 on the East Fork Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with Pools and Rapids. \$25,000 each. One 3-acre tract \$35,000.

(21) THE BIG WOODS, EAST FORK RIVER. 78 acres M/L available with access from Paved Road, and County Water. Over 600 ft. of River, 3 springs, and wet weather cascading water fall. Also, part of the Historical Dinky Line Railway. \$248,000.

(22) ELEVEN ROOM HOME IN VALLEY HEAD Consisting of 3 Bdrm, 1 Bath, Den, Living, dining, laundry, kitchen, breakfast room, sun room. Also screened porch, carport, and separate Garage/Workshop on 3 lots. \$70,500.

Winner of the Moon Lake D.A.R.E. Essay contest for the sixth grade



Heather Phillips

Heather Phillips, a sixth grade student at Moon Lake Elementary School, recently won the D.A.R.E. essay contest for the sixth grade. She is the daughter of Bryan and Cindy Phillips of Mentone. Grandparents are Hal and Nettie Lou Phillips of Mentone, and Kay Neal of Soddy Daisy, TN. She has a brother, Bryan, and a sister, Kellye. Heather will be allowed to read her essay aloud at the D.A.R.E. graduation in May. She also won a gold medal for her achievement.

Congratulations, Heather!!!

Love, Mom and Dad

Taking A Stand

By Heather Phillips

I feel that the DARE program teaches not only me but other people the differences of the types of drugs and the dangers that drugs and alcohol can cause. Some drugs are prescribed by doctors to treat an illness and sometimes drugs are bought illegally on the "street". Either way, drugs can be very dangerous if misused. Some of the more common drugs being sold on the "street" are Cocaine, Marijuana, LSD (a.k.a. angel dust), and Heroin. These drugs are very dangerous and can cause death. When a person takes an illegal drug, they can become addicted to them. These people run the risk of losing their families, their homes, their jobs, and more often than not, their lives. Alcohol is another commonly used drug. Many people die every year in alcohol related accidents. Alcohol and drug abuse can make the abuser become violent, and sometimes they will lash out and end up hurting someone they love. This abuse can be either physical or emotional. When someone allows himself or a friend to get behind the wheel of a car while that person is drunk or under the influence of drugs, they put not only themselves in danger, but everyone else around them.

My father is a policeman and has seen the effects that alcohol and drug abuse can cause. He has worked many wrecks caused by these people. And on the average, he will arrest at least one alcoholic or drug abuser every week! I have learned a lot from Sheriff Bartley and my dad. They are both very strong influences in my life. From the stories that my dad tells me and the knowledge that Sheriff Bartley has enabled me with, I feel very confident when I say that I will never use or abuse drugs or alcohol. I realize that my life is too important to mess it up. And that I will do every thing in my power to make my family proud of me. I would like to give a special thanks to Sheriff Bartley for all the time and energy that he puts into helping us learn about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and also to my dad for caring enough to talk to me and explain things to me whenever I need him to.

MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

Make Note of These Upcoming Events!

Mon., May 7-Fri., May 11: Aerospace Week
Tues., May 8: PTO meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Fri., May 18: Awards Day program @ 9 a.m.
Mon., May 21: kindergarten graduation @ 9 a.m.
Wed., May 23: last day of school
Wed., May 23: report cards go home
Thurs., May 24: 6th-grade graduation @ 7 p.m.
Fri., May 25: Head Start graduation @ 5 p.m.

Please refer to the full-year calendar sent home on the first day of school for further details of dates and events.

Honor Roll 3rd 9 weeks

1ST GRADE

All A's

Megan Addison
Tiffany Easler
Kaylee McMunn
Haley Saferite

A's & B's

Hope Carden
Brandon Davis
Gage Foster
Christian Henry
Jessica Howard
Caitlin Kirby
Brandi Miller
Kayla Powell

2ND GRADE

All A's

Brittany Bain
Ahela Barkley
Tyler Blansit
Starla Cash

Colleen Castleberry
Katie Crabtree
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A's & B's

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Ethan Crider
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Jessica Easler
Ashley Henry
Daniel Hughes
Kara Miller

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5TH GRADE

All A's

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Cigarette butts	10-12 yrs
Leather shoes	25-40 yrs
Vibram soles	50-80 yrs
Wool socks	6-24 mo
Orange peels	up to 6 mo
Paper containers	2-5 mo

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IT IS A STATE LAW

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We would appreciate any incidents you encounter with truck violators be reported to Mayor C.E. Britt, with the company's name, or tag number, or DOT number.

LET US KEEP OUR TOWN, STREETS, AND HIGHWAYS CLEAN.

What to recycle:

newspaper, office paper, magazines

junkmail
(please remove plastic windows)

cardboard
(please flatten)

Plastic milk containers, plastic liter bottles
(please remove lids and rinse)

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aluminum cans

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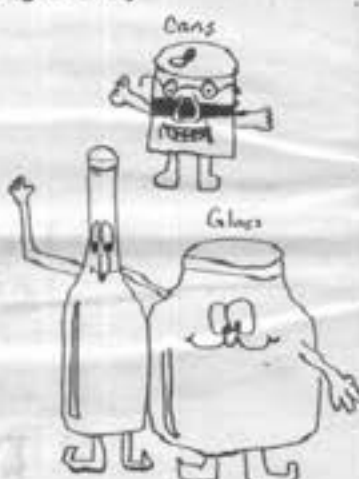


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Preserving the beauty of Mentone is a major goal of The Mentone Area Preservation Association. With this in mind members met recently to clean up their Adopted Mile on 117. All remarked about the amount of litter, but are hopeful every one will get behind the goal of maintaining Mentone's beauty. The MAPA members each wore the required orange vest to indicate they were working on the highway to pick up trash. L/R: Gerald Taylor, Sherman Gough, Homer Crow, Huey Mathews, Marilyn Mathews, and Mickey Gough

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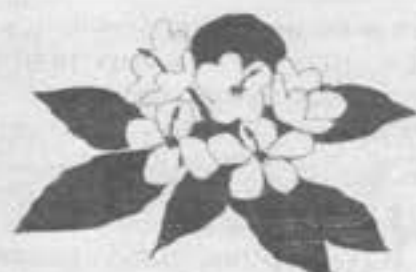
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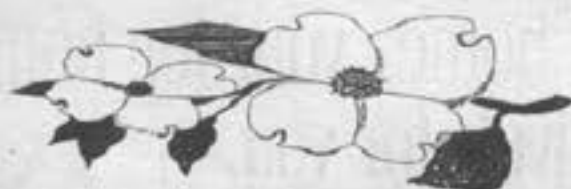
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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise. Eph. 6:1-2

This Mother's Day would be a good time to show special honor to our mothers. There is a promise with that commandment--*that it may be well with thee*. This is a time to pay some of the debts we owe--the times she: •kissed your hurts to make them well; •got up and down to make you feel better; •listened when you needed someone to listen; •did that "something" special that made you feel special; •considered your feelings and ideas; •accepted you for yourself; •gave you sufficient recognition and numerous compliments; •asked you how you were feeling; how things were going at school, what could she do to help; •avoided comparing you with others; •handled discipline privately (not in front of your siblings or friends) and fairly; •allowed you an appropriate amount of privacy; •played with you; •forgave you; •was understanding; •supported you in your efforts; •and always took time to tell you she loved you.

Yet, not once did she ask you to pay her for her labor. Make this a special day, give her a call, drop by to see her, and don't be ashamed to tell her you love her. That means a lot to a mother.

Happy Mother's Day!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Tuesday, May 8, 12:00, Rhododendron Garden Club luncheon at Cragsmere Manna
- Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 PM, American Legion Meeting, American Legion Hall, Mentone
- Sunday, May 13, MOTHER'S DAY
- Friday, May 18, at 9 AM., Moon Lake School Annual Awards Day in the gym
- Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20, RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL
- Sunday, May 20, LITTLE RIVER CHURCH DECORATION DAY/DINNER ON THE GROUNDS
- Monday, May 21, at 9 AM, KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION in the gym.
- Wednesday, May 23, last day of school.

- Thursday, May 24, 7:00 PM, Moon Lake School 6TH GRADE GRADUATION in the gym
- Friday, May 25, 5PM, in the gym HEAD START GRADUATION,
- Sunday, May 27, BANKHEAD CHURCH DECORATION DAY/DINNER ON THE GROUNDS
- Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Monday, June 11, 7 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room
- Tuesday, June 12, Rhododendron Garden Club, Work Day at Mason Park, (wear work clothes)
- Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m. American Legion District Meeting, American Legion Hall, Mentone
- Thursday, June 28, 6 pm., Waterworks Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

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