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MAPA is working feverishly to finalize all plans for the Rhododendron Festival, which will be held on Friday, May 5, Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7.

The rhododendrons are even cooperating with this effort as they are in full bloom and are more beautiful than ever this year.

To the left is a schedule of the program for this 3-day event. Do not miss this special time in a very special place. Mentone is exciting any time of the year, but Spring is always indescribable.

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MAPA MEETING

April 4, 2006

The Mentone Area Preservation Association met at 6:30 PM, April 4, at Dessie's. President Dessie Brown called the meeting to order. Leroy Crowe gave the invocation and blessed the food.

Wesley Chesnut made a motion to accept the minutes as read with the addition of L.C. Moon as one of those who were in charge of the refreshments.

Leroy Crowe gave the treasurer's report. One of the items on the report was the expense for upgrading the circuits for the festival to provide adequate power during the festival. The report was accepted as given.

Greg Coe stated that the brochures for the area need to show that the 2007 festival is the third weekend in May, not the 1st as it will be this year.

L. C. Moon gave an updated report on the progress of the festival. The entertainment has been contacted, but Cotaco Creek is unable to attend this year. Several entertainers have been contacted, along with the ones who have been attending for many years. The Lookout Mountain Cloggers will be performing on Sunday May 7, along with the Silver Liners.

There will be music on the square during the evening hours on Friday and Saturday after the festival.

There will also be youth games and the Mentone Community youth will be scheduling these for the festival.

A billboard on I-59 has been erected and is fully paid for by a generous Mentone citizen. It will announce the upcoming festival, the Colorfest, Music every third weekend in Mentone, the Wildflower Show, as well as other events in Mentone.

Sarah Wilcox is handling the website and promotes the festival on the website: mentonefestival.com. Other events are also being added to the website as they are planned and announced. Sarah also stated that the DeKalb Theater marquee is often available to run events for \$20/day. Wesley Chesnut made a motion that the advertising committee be given a separate budget of \$200 or whatever is appropriate to be

used for advertising events of Mentone. Page Cunningham seconded the motion, which was passed.

Jerome Stephens gave a report on the parade that is to go through the festival on Saturday at 1PM. They will be assembling on Pine or South Street and the parade will be on N. Cool Street and end at Co Rd 89 just outside the festival. He hopes to have many children and adults participating.

Page Cunningham gave a report on the vendors who have already signed up.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department will have two additional deputies to help in Mentone during the festival weekend. They will help provide security for the weekend.

Page Cunningham made a motion that MAPA pay Coy Crow to again patrol during the late hours of the festival as he did at the previous one. Greg Coe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

State McDorman stated that he would provide boat rides on the river for \$5.00 per ride. A notice will be put up.

President Dessie Brown appointed the nominating committee: Joanne Crowe, Marie Dillenbeck, and Dorothy Crow, to make a report at the May 2nd meeting. New Officers are elected in June of each year.

L C Moon stated that the new handbooks will be going to be printed the third weekend in April and will be distributed as soon as possible.

Page Cunningham announced that Gail Chambers, Chairman of the Mentone Decorations Committee, came to last American Legion meeting and asked for a donation to purchase more decorations, such as the American Flag with an Eagle, a saluting soldier, and God Bless America, and that these decorations would be in Mason Park.

Those volunteering to bring refreshments to the May 2nd meeting are Jerome Stephens and Wesley Chesnut.

Evelyn Graves, LC Moon and Chas were thanked for providing the refreshments for this meeting.

There being no further business, Page Cunningham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerome Stephens.

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Spring has sprung, which means that Senior lunches on Wednesday at the Mentone Community House have come to an end. We have had lots of fun and plenty of fellowship with singing and playing. MERF would like to thank all of those who helped provide a wonderful time for our community. Thanks go to many that enriched us with wonderful food and service this Spring and last Fall: Tony and Eleanor Teverino (Raven Haven B&B), Mae Hilburn, Sue Schwarz, Susan Petty, Laura Foote, Jan Wilkinson, Glenda Ingram, Barbara Neel, Mentone Community Church, St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church, Mentone Methodist Church, Mentone Church of God of Prophecy, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Camp Laney, Camp DeSoto, and Mentone Springs Hotel.

We also appreciate the wonderful piano playing and guitar strumming by Elizabeth Romans, Georgia Wade, Betty Johnson and Harold Broyles. We hope that all who came enjoyed themselves.

If you would like to help with food or serving in the Fall, feel free to contact Sue Henry or Sarah Wilcox. Please visit MERF's table at the Rhododendron Festival where "Leave Me In Mentone" t-shirts will be for sale. All proceeds go to benefit the many programs of MERF such as the Senior lunches, the art and music program at Moon Lake school and the Health Fair.

Thank you all Mentone residents and friends that help support MERF and its mission.

Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Spring Soul Food

By L.C. Moon

This spring came none too soon for me. It revitalized my soul in perfect timing. I was ready to come out of the cabin and bloom with nature while feeling the warm sun on my skin. I welcomed the redbuds with great enthusiasm. I knew spring had sprung when I saw the beautiful white blooms of bloodroot.

I am ready to enjoy fires under the night sky rather than in my wood stove. I am spring cleaning the woods and preparing for the campfires- beginning to gather from the forest floor the fallen branches from the winter winds and early spring storms.

This began as an early and brilliant spring of 2006 on Lookout Mountain. Within the third week of April there have already been native Rhododendron blooming! The flowering trees and shrubs have enormous amounts of blooms which should prove that we will have an abundance of fruits.

As I walk through the woods around my home the air that I breathe is filled with the delicious scent of sweet shrub. My eyes are delighted by the abundant white dogwood blooms and the delicate native pink "honeysuckle" azalea. The aroma from the sweet fragrant azalea is heaven in a flower.

The plants low to the ground and vines have equally complimented the beauty of spring. The purple blooms of henbit covered the fields and roadsides as spring began. The native yellow jessamine- also referred to as jasmine- displayed a blanket of yellow from the forest floor to the tops of

the smaller trees. The dwarf crested iris is a delightfully beautiful work of art with bright purple blooms contrasted by yellow painted down the centers of the petals. Yellow, white and purple violets lined the forest floor with bluets scattered about in patches. The prehistoric look of the jack in the pulpit and all of the trilliums as always are a unique and welcome sight to see.

As the pinkish purple blooms of the red bud began to fade, it was replaced by the showy lavender blooms of the princess paulownia. Not far behind the paulownia, the fringed white blooms of the fringe tree have lined the edge of our woods and roadsides.

Throughout the month of May, I look forward to the opportunity of more blooms from the ground to trees. Our signatures of spring on Lookout are the abundance of rhododendron, mountain laurel and lady's slipper which are bursting from bud to bloom as I write.

I normally go into great detail about the uses of specific botanicals or how a particular condition can be helped by plants. This month I am reminding us all of the importance of the "food for the soul" that nourishes us while appreciating our natural diverse beauty on Lookout Mountain. Soul food is some of the best medicine there is. I am also including brief information on some of the uses of the plants mentioned. As always if you have any questions you are welcome to contact me or come see at my store L.C. Moon Herbs/Mountain Life in the heart of Mentone. I am open regularly Friday through Sunday and you are welcome anytime you see me there. www.MountainLifeMarket.com or P.O. Box 224 Mentone, AL 35964

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Rhododendron Garden Club News
By Linda Brown, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held at the MERF Community House on April 11, 2006. President, Gethryn Giles, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Jan Wilkinson presented an inspirational minute using a reading titled, I Need A Garden. This illustrated the many advantages there are to gardening. It has been said that humankind may be the happiest when "playing in the dirt." The members were led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America by Sue Schwarz.

Refreshments were served to fourteen members and one guest. Hostesses for the meeting were Mary Ellen Fielder, Peggy Roark and Virginia Setze. A beautiful Easter lily centered the food table. Individual tables were adorned with floral arrangements in spring colors. Surrounding the arrangements (much to the delight of the members) was an array of chocolate Easter egg candy.

Jayne Ross presented the program, "Bent Wood Arbors and Trellises." Jayne is a DeKalb County Master Gardener, a teacher of art and swimming and a graduate of Auburn University. Jayne introduced her program as one way to tame the monsters in your garden. We were never sure if the monsters were the wild and crazy arbors or the plants they will support. She used a variety of vines including, wisteria, wild grape, honeysuckle or any other vine you can find to make an arbor or trellis over a frame using straight sticks from apple or hickory trees.

The arbors/trellises are made by starting with a basic shape of a cross, teepee, ladder or other shape made from straight sticks. These are held together and in place with small nails. Next you start winding the vines, kept wet for pliability, over and under in the style of basket weaving. A neat trick that Jayne suggested was to use a tomato

cage for the beginning shape of a teepee. The wires can be hidden with straight sticks but the vines will usually cover them.

The arbors/trellises can be used to support any plant in your garden. They are especially good for ivy or other green vines to climb on. Large ladder-shaped ones can be used for wisteria or other large vines to grow on. The shape of Jayne's creations was very freehanded and some were as much as seven feet tall. She suggested anchoring the large ones with metal fence posts or tying them to metal rods. She stated that if you plan to use a small teepee shaped arbor in the top of a pot, then you should construct the teepee in the top of the pot of dirt before setting your flowers or green plants in it.

After a round of applause in appreciation to Jayne, President Gethryn Giles called the business meeting to order. The minutes and the treasurer's report were presented for the approval of the members.

President Giles stated that the Book of Evidence on Wild Flowers prepared by Martha Wood, Horticulture Chairman, has been submitted to compete for awards in the State, Deep South and the National divisions of garden club organizations.

A motion was made and passed to put native rhododendron plants along the stream below the fire hall.

Virginia Setze thanked everyone who helped with the litter pickup along Highway 117 on March 15th. She stated that the response was very good and the Adopt-a-Mile chosen by the garden club was cleaned. She urged everyone to promote a cleaner state.

Jan Wilkinson stated that Earth Day will be celebrated on Monday, April 24. This is the day when the students of Moon Lake Elementary School learn to respect the earth and keep it clean and beautiful. One way that they can do this is by planting the flower beds in the Moon Lake School Butterfly Garden. The members of

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the garden club will be on hand to help them with the planting.

The recipient of the bent wood teepee given by Jayne Ross was Lucette Dix and Gethryn Giles' name was drawn for the Easter lily provided by the hostesses.

May 9, 2006 will be a very special day for the Rhododendron Garden Club. The club was organized on May 31, 1966 and has been an active club for forty years! To commemorate this event, we are planning to party! The fun will begin at 10 a.m. in the Jim Berry Scout Hut. We are inviting some special people and this includes anyone who would like to come and celebrate with us. We would like to honor anyone who has ever been a member of the club. Scrapbooks will be displayed and a history of the club will be given. Come and join us!

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Traditionally, family and friends give roses to the performers as a reward for their hard work. For the third consecutive year, The DeKalb County Children's Advocacy is the source for roses. The CAC is currently taking pre-orders for roses to be given to those who perform. A limited number of roses will be available the day of the recital. Roses are donated from Violet's Florist, and proceeds from the sale of the roses will benefit the Children's Advocacy Center.

"This is an exciting time of the year for the Ft. Payne School of Performing Arts. The children love putting on their costumes and coming together as a group to demonstrate what they have learned over the past year," says Kelly Gwarjanski, owner of Fort Payne School of Performing Arts. Kelly goes on to say "Having the Advocacy Center take care of the flower sales and concession stand, really takes a burden off the staff at the School of Performing Arts, while providing the Advocacy Center with a fundraiser." The Fort Payne School of Performing Arts is now holding registration for summer classes; call 256/845-2510 for more information.

Don't be left without a rose! Call the Advocacy Center at 256/997-9700 and order your roses today! Contact: Jennifer McCurdy

**Friends in Alabama**

Since moving to Valley Head, Alabama, from Rome, Georgia, in September 2002, and finding a job, I began making friends. Meeting Sue began a new life for me.

In Georgia, I'd get up, go to work, go home, go to bed, then do it all over again. I didn't spend the night away from home, go dancing, or eat out. Boring?--I didn't think so then, but looking back, I do now.

On Tuesday, Sue loaded her car with friends at Spring Grove Apartments and headed for KFC (Senior Day). We ate, talked, laughed, and just cut up. I wondered if other customers thought us "lit" or just crazy.

There were no places in Rome for those fifty and older to go where alcohol wasn't served. Here in DeKalb County, Alabama, there are several nice places, with live country bands, made up of good looking, gray-haired men, where alcohol and drugs aren't allowed. My favorites are Willies at Colburn and The Blue Lantern at Mentone, where I met a nice man named Drew. You can dance all you like there.

These people cut more mustard, spread more mayonnaise, and tell more jokes than any I've ever known. They talk about anything from turning over outside toilets, putting cherry bombs in commodes, to finding false teeth at yard sales.

I've made many friends, --like the Batys, Wilkes, Burts, Adkins, Bethunes, Bevilles, Browns, Simms, Shafers, Bialocks, Pells, Waddells, Lances, Bells, and many more that I love. Due to those people, I'm having the time of my life.

Friends, like laughter, are better than a dose of Black Draught.

Julia Baxter, a Valley Head resident

A FAMILY CRAFT CARRIED ON

Scattered all over the Mentone area and parts beyond are kitchen cabinets and furniture built by Alfred and Eddie Langston. There are even a few child rockers still at some homes. One cabinet job was even on the TV news, showing the cabinets hanging on the wall sideways, the house had blown up the night before due to a gas leak.

Most of the cabinets the Langstons built were pine tongue and groove. These cabinets suited log cabins best and at the time Langstons were the only ones building them.

The furniture was original and most made to the customers' wishes. A bed was made of doors over 100 year old taken from a customer's mother's home which was being torn down. Doors from the home were refinished and used in the new home, including a front door which became a bathroom door. The old glass was replaced with stained glass made by a friend of the customer. A lady had pine boards cut and cured, from trees she and a sibling had planted as children in their parents' yards. These boards became a china hutch for her home.

Alfred and Eddie aren't able to build nice things any more due to health problems. Their son has taken up the craft of furniture and cabinet building. He has built two cabinet jobs so far, as one is in the April issue of *The Groundhog*--pictures of the cabinets are in a home for sale ad. He plans to carry on the family tradition of hand-crafted cabinets and furniture.

SECOND PSA NEWS RELEASE -**SNEAD - GED GRADUATION -****Saturday, MAY 6, 2006; 5:00 PM****Tom Beville Center at****Snead State Community College**

The Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program along with Snead State Community College are excited to remind you about GED Graduation for the Southern part of the tri-county area. The ceremony will take place on **Saturday, May 6, 2006, at 5:00 PM** in the Tom Beville Center at Snead State Community College. Graduates are asked to arrive at 4:00 PM for necessary preparations and procedures. Please join us along with Master of Ceremonies Carson Clark of Channel 19, WHNT-TV as we recognize the accomplishments of these adults. Anyone interested in taking classes or participating in the GED Graduation should contact the Office of Adult Education at 638-2957 between 8:00 and 4:00 PM or visit them on-line at www.geocities.com/naaep.



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THE TIME HAS COME

By John Baty

From the all-too-distant past I recall the words of an old Scottish gentleman who was a character in a story from a Donald Duck "funny book." Donald had checked into a quiet resort for some much-needed R & R only to start a sound war with his neighbors at the facility.

When the war had risen to crescendo, our Scottish gentleman took down from the wall a humungous blowing horn with these words: "For eighty years I have been a man of peace but the time has come to go to war!"

I have for nearly a half-century cast my ballots, accepted the results and minded my own business. Except for a delinquent parking-meter ticket in Fort Payne in the year 1957 which cost me \$2.00, and an over-due fine for \$4.00 at the University of Alabama Library, I have had no reasons to defend myself in a court of law. The Ten Commandments, which most of us live by, at least in part, constitute a fair set of guidelines for living in harmony with one's neighbors. We give credit where credit is due.

We cannot, however, forget that Moses (Of the Old Testament, King James) the "father" of the commandments, also told his people as alleged in Deuteronomy 13:5 as follows: "And that Prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death; because he has spoken (italics mine, author) to turn you away from the Lord thy God which brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way, which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk."

We believe a fair modern kindred translation might read: "If they disagree with you, kill the _____!"

It is comforting to believe that should I, in some unforeseen manner, become a defendant under our laws of our state/nation, I would be treated with justice and without bias. In the event of such developments, I would be very uncomfortable if a Moses or a Roy Moore were to exercise any part in the proposal/formulation/interpretation of the standards by which my fate would be decided.

Celebrating the Earth at Moon Lake

By L.C. Moon

I do not know how many of you have had the opportunity to be a part of the wonderful character building elementary school Moon Lake. It was not until January of this year that I gave it a chance. Growing up in Birmingham, I was jaded a bit to the public school system, though Moon Lake School has shown me there is still hope with a small community school.

Bill Berry welcomed Zoe, my 6-year-old previously home-schooled daughter. He was very accommodating and assured me that they really care about the well being of the children--teaching them not only academically but also about life skills.

Earth Day was a brilliant display of this.

Ms. Bunch and her 6th grade class were a great help as I helped instruct them as to what plants needed to go and stay and rocks that needed to be moved.

Then the first graders also came out to help plant in the garden spot in front of the gymnasium. They were all so eager to help Liz Stephens (of the Garden Club and Stone Ridge Cottage) and me plant the flowers and herbs. I was also impressed by the eagerness of John Brown's Mom, Luka's Mom, and Byrum's Mom--Kristen Emory of the Mentone Market--to want to jump in there and get their hands dirty and help the kids.

After the planting was done all around the school by all of the grades and volunteers too numerous to name them all, there was an assembly. Bill Berry thanked and applauded the children, as well as touched on the importance of Earth Day and sincerely expressed the meaning behind it. Jan Wilkinson led a wonderful presentation about the character word of self control--emphasizing the meaning behind it being "that's enough for now"- and how it applied to Earth Day.

The Garden Club, Heather Nicely, Pattie Bryan and all involved with Moon Lake School, worked tirelessly to make the day a success, and it was. As Jan Wilkinson said, we have the most beautiful school in DeKalb County.

The day was a very healing day for me and helped me cherish the importance of life in a difficult painful moment. I received a call moments before I left to go to the school that our little dog Honey Bee had died from a tragedy. The focus of creating new life and nurturing the wonderful young minds of our future and the earth were a blessing that continues to give. Thank you Bill Berry and Moon Lake School. Moon Lake is an example of the beauty that comes from a small town school that remembers what is important about life.

I urge all that are reading this--if ever Moon Lake or MERF is doing a fund raiser of any sort--please support them. You can rest assured your money is going to a great cause. It is helping develop young minds of good character for our future.



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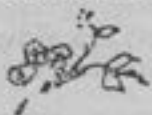


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Juanita Galloway and daughter, Katie McDonough

Katie McDonough

Katherine McDonough will be graduating in May from Johns Hopkins University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in both History and French and a minor in Music. She has been very successful winning honors for her research in French history, the Provost award, and additional honors for her academic success, the National Dean's list, and the Bienecke Scholarship. Katie is still a finalist for the Fulbright scholarship, but winners are not announced until May.

Katie has been accepted to the history department at Stanford University to begin work in September toward her PhD, where she will continue her study of early modern French history with emphasis on the impact of music following the French Revolution.

Katie spent her junior year in Rennes, France, taking history courses at the Université de Haute Bretagne and teaching English to high school students in the same building where the Dreyfus trial was held. Last summer, she circled France in an attempt to wander through all the historical sites she had ever dreamed of visiting. She spent the summer of 2003 living in Paris while completing research at the Bibliotheque Nationale, and has participated in a summer music festival in Provence twice since high school. This is Katie's first year working for the Talent Identification Program, and she will also be a teacher assistant for the Art History course offered during the first session at Duke's East campus. In September, Katie will begin a graduate program in early modern French history at Sanford University.

Katie is the daughter of John McDonough and Juanita Galloway, and she is the granddaughter of Jane Galloway of Mentone and Max Galloway of Cleveland, Ohio.



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We have two new members on the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library Board of Directors. Ann Chesnut and Mickey Luck have joined the team. A warm welcome is extended to them and we hope that they will enjoy serving in this capacity. Those of us who have been members for several years think that this is one of the most satisfying volunteer jobs you can have. We have accomplished much since the library opened and continue to see the results of our endeavors every time we are at the library.

Because of a previous commitment, I was not able to attend the "Meet the Author" program on Saturday, April 1. The report given by Gene Giles at the April meeting of the board of directors was that it was a very good day. Dean W. Arnold came from Chattanooga and stayed in the library most of that morning. He is the author of America's Trail of Tears - A story of love and betrayal. He spoke to the group and explained that he has written this book from a different view of the infamous Trail of Tears. This is a political discourse on the events leading to the trail of tears and the results of this action. We have a copy of the book in the library and any of you who are interested in this subject might want to come and check it out. I am still reading my copy and will try to write a review on it when I am finished.

At the meeting, Sue Schwarz informed us that we now have forty-four FRIENDS of the Library. We think that this is wonderful. We are always open to ways to show our appreciation to these people. One of the ways that we do this is to give them the opportunity to come to all book sales before we open the doors to the public. If you have some ideas, we would like to hear them. To become a FRIEND or to write us, use the address at the end of this article.

Only one more training sessions for volunteers to work in the library will be conducted by Dianne Kuehl before she starts her full time job at Camp Skyline. Recently, she trained six people to help with the library duties while it is open for the public. This is such a good thing to do. If you would like to help in this capacity, call or write and let us arrange for Dianne to train you in May.

The students in first grade at Moon Lake Elementary School have won the Reading for Pizza contest. Their teacher is Jennifer Gorham and she and the students are to be congratulated on a job well done! Reading is very important to the students and teachers at Moon Lake School. One other class ran them a close race. The students in the class of Myra Mills were right up there with them, only a few points separated the two classes. The first grade will be treated to a Pizza Party sometime in May. This has been a very successful program and one that will probably be continued next school year.

One of our most successful programs has come to a close for this season. The Traveling Books program for the senior citizens who attend the Wednesday lunches is ending because the lunches end in April. This was a wonderful program and Judy Dowlat and Virginia Setze are to be commended for their commitment to this program. This program is another that will probably be picked up again next spring.

May 27th has been designated as a work day in the library. On this day we try to clean the library, including dusting the books. We remove any books from the shelves that are not properly covered and cover them. We straighten any books that are in the wrong place and tidy up the place in general. If you are a volunteer, a FRIEND or would like to come and help, you are invited to come to the library beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Please note our new day to be open. Come and visit the volunteers on this day. Even though there is always something to do, they like to have people come in and check out a book or talk to them.

Remember: There will be a Book Sale on the front porch of the Moon Lake Library on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the August Longest Yard Sale. We are still accepting books for this sale, you can bring them by the library during the community open hours. Our books are always in good shape and we have some that are still on the best seller list. Duplicates of the ones that we already have are put in the sale.

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library or to make a suggestion, you may write to us at this address: Moon Lake Community Library
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Editor



REMEMBERING A MENTONE MAYOR

By Ernest H. Smith, Mentone, AL

12 Aug., 1995

C.E. Harvey served 13 years as mayor of Mentone, Alabama.

On September 5, 1961, the Mentone City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Mentone, presented Mayor Harvey with a certificate and bronze plaque in recognition and appreciation of his service and contribution to the town. The presentation was made on the occasion of his retirement from public service.

Obviously, Mayor Harvey was held in high esteem by the citizens of Mentone, as proven by his long tenure in office.

My family knew the late Mayor Harvey on a more personal basis and had great respect and admiration for him. He was our next door neighbor for all the years he lived in Mentone.

Mayor Harvey's son, Glenn, displayed the plaque in a memorial garden dedicated to the memory of his father.

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Blue Water

By Sally S. King

The boys knew they shouldn't go near that hole with its deep swirling water, blue as an October sky but the velvety moss and the soft, lush grass in the deep shade drew boy and farmer alike on hot, summer days.

For as beautiful as it was there was much danger down beneath the calm depths of Blue Water. Like the swirling down, a drain it carried anything caught up in it down into the depths of the aquifer and into the cold waters of Little Wills Creek.

It was a game to the boys to throw objects into Blue Water and then go racing across the road down to the banks of the creek just above the old Baptisin' Hole to wait for the object to surface, old things ... new things...startling those who saw.

On this July day, the hot, tired farmer led his mule down to the shade to drink and rest a spell beside Blue Water.

The mule trotted to the water's edge and nuzzled the surface with her soft muzzle as the farmer lay with his eyes closed on the soft, cool moss beneath the trees.

She stepped gingerly into the soft mud and drank deeply but suddenly began to slip and fell into the water, floundering and bellowing as the farmer jumped to his feet and raced to the water's edge reaching for her lead lines but it was too late! Helpless to reach her, he could only turn his head as the snout of poor Nell sank beneath the water with a baleful moan.

The following summer on a warm August day, boys came to the creek with paper ships to sail as they splashed and played in the water when suddenly from the depths came a dark shape rising up with bulging eyes and yawning mouth.

It startled the boys causing them to run away in terror from the terrible thing they had seen and word soon spread. A monster now lived in Little Wills!

People came to see, cautiously peering down from the bank into the water from a safe distance. One of them who came to see was the farmer from the previous summer. He immediately recognized the monster as his own poor mule. But he kept quiet as he watched the faces of those around him. He wouldn't say a thing...

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Andrea Brandon, Ft. Payne, has paintings of various sizes, and, as usual, has paintings on gourds, bottles, plates, rocks and whatever unusual things she finds! Our weavers have been busy, too. Their shelves are filling up with hand woven rugs, placemats, and scarves. When we open, we'll have freshly made candles giving off their subtle scents. There are new minerals in the rock shop, some unusual cards for all occasions—and more, and more. The variety is amazing. Come by and enjoy browsing.

We are open Saturdays & Sundays, noon to 6:00pm (GA time), located on GA Hwy 48, just ½ mile east of the GA/AL state line, in Cloudland, GA. Check out our website: www.mountainmamas.com.



Easter Bunny at Tri-County Fire/Rescue

By Mary Alice Stout

Recently, the Easter Bunny visited Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue located on GA Hwy 48 at the GA/AL state line. She hid approximately 1000 eggs for the area children to find.

Several years ago the fire chief explained the concept of recycling. Now the children are given the choice of recycling the plastic eggs or taking them home. Most of the eggs were returned to the Easter Bunny.

The Easter egg hunt is an annual activity at Tri-County. The volunteers also sponsor a visit with Santa at Christmas and a Spooky Woods for Halloween. Refreshments are served to all attending.

A "NO JUNK", ONE DAY ONLY YARD SALE

A "no junk", one day only yard sale will be held Saturday, May 6, 2006, at the Cloudland Park Pavilion (past THE LOOKOUT Restaurant) from 7am to 3pm (Easter Daylight Time). Antiques include a Piano, Dbl. Bedroom Suite, Couch, Dishes & Glassware, LP's (Albums), Christmas items, a Quilt and Handmade Tablecloths. Other items available are CARPENTER tools, FARMER tools, Furniture, Books, Some Clothes, Christmas items, Cookware, Children's items, Electrical items, Yard items, Kitchen items, Jewelry, Exercise Equipment, Twin Box springs AND A FREE BOX ON SITE while items last. Lois Lyday, P. Lind, C & B Bozeman, R.P.

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This popular Art Show is sponsored by the Mentone Area Arts Council (MAAC). Memberships to the Arts Council will be available at their booth, as well as T-shirts and other souvenirs.

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 Problems just tumbled about me,
 and heavier came each task;
 "Why doesn't God help me?"
 I wondered.
 He answered, "You didn't ask."
 I wanted to see joy and beauty,
 but the day toiled on gray and bleak;
 I wondered why God didn't show me.
 He said, "But you didn't seek."
 I tried to come into God's presence;
 I used all my keys at the lock.
 God gently and lovingly chided,
 "My child, you didn't knock."
 I woke up early this morning
 and paused before entering the day;
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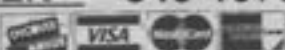


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(3) **ENJOY LAZIER AFTERNOONS** and watch the sun set on the large deck of this almost complete home. Features include pine floors, gas log fireplace, vaulted ceiling with loft, stainless steel appliances and lots of windows. Make your way to retire before you retire? Call today for your appointment to see. \$239,000 (PLS #14398)



(4) **DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE!** - To see this almost new home sitting on 8 acres with 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, wrap-around porch, large family room with fireplace, formal dining room, all appliances, central heat & air, hardwood and carpet flooring and lots more. \$219,000 (PLS #14536)



(5) **SOOZIE, MEET YOUR NEW 35-ACRE HOME!** Main level features living room with built-in bookshelves and fireplace. The kitchen/dining area has been completely remodeled with new Oak cabinets, granite tile flooring & countertops and new appliances. The second level has 2BR and 2 full baths. The lower level has endless possibilities with a den/office room, laundry, possible 4th bedroom and additional bath. \$112,500 (PLS #14847)



(6) **THE COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL** is endless in this great location at Fischer's Crossroads. Most recently known as The Berryland, this rustic building sits on .67 acres and has 2 public bathrooms, gas wall heat and window air conditioning. This property is located inside the Fort Payne city limits. \$118,000 (PLS #14216)



(7) **TUCKED AWAY IN DOWNTOWN MENTONE!** This home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully equipped kitchen with granite countertops, antique mantle on fireplace, RV carport, large storage/hobby building/garage and a sauna. \$159,500. (PLS #14671)



(8) **BRING A ROCKING CHAIR** and a good book to relax on the front or back porch of this new cedar-sided cabin in Mentone. This new construction offers 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths with loft and frontage to 2 ponds. Add it all up to make this one a great place to lounge around. \$129,900. (PLS #14405)



(9) **TAKE A RECESS** from the rat race in this very private and authentic log cabin with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living/dining/kitchen combo and front porch all on 1.66 heavily wooded acres on a private road. \$119,000 (PLS #14345)



(10) **THE PERFECT FIRST INVESTMENT!** - Rustic cabin in Hunter's Ridge featuring 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, Columbian cedar walls and ceilings, hardwood floors, front and back porches and a stacked rock fireplace. \$162,500 (PLS #14670)



(11) **PICTURESQUE COUNTRY LOCATION!** - 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, living... dining and den with wood burning fireplace and great studio over garage. 3 levels of decking with farmable mountain and valley views. Privacy fencing and more. \$450,000 (PLS #13693)



(12) **CHARMING RUSTIC CABIN** with 100' on the brow with great view. The cabin has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room with wood burning fireplace, kitchen/dining combo, central heat and air, enclosed porch upstairs, screened porch & 2 decks on the main level. Don't wait, this one won't last long! \$289,800 (PLS #4824)



(13) **THIS BEAUTIFUL TRADITIONAL** - 5BR, 4 bath brick home and farm is one of a kind in this area. Situated on over 40 rolling acres with circle drive, picture windows and gorgeous views. Land is approx. 18 acres cleared, nice large barn and livestock pond also on property. \$429,000 (PLS #14651)



(14) **LOCATED ON DESOTO PARKWAY** this home offers 3 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, 2 lots, wood floors throughout, screened porch, deck with hot tub, 1 bedroom guest cottage, greenhouse and a spacious great room for relaxing...and the list goes on! Fresh interior and exterior paint, new light fixtures, new kitchen appliances and more. Must see to appreciate - only \$429,000. (PLS #14449)



(15) **QUICK ACCESS TO 1-59!** - Enjoy the sounds of nature on this private 7 acres in Valley Head with quick access to I-59. This property offers a 3 bedroom, 1 bath frame home with living room, eat-in kitchen and a front and back porch. Also on the property is a barn-like shed for storage. \$59,900 (14899)



(16) **YOU'LL NEVER REGRET** the convenience! Located within walking distance of downtown Mentone, this 1920's cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, rock fireplace, screened porch, storage and basement on 3 lots. \$72,000. (PLS #14302)



(17) **ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW** of Lookout Mountain and the surrounding wildlife from your own private setting! Newly remodeled brick rancher features large double carport, landscaping, new carpet, vinyl windows, central H/A, plumbing, ceilings, gutters, paint and ceiling fans. Convert the unfinished basement into a playroom, additional bedrooms or laundry. \$109,900 (PLS #14429)



(18) **BE THE FIRST TO OWN** this new construction on the West Brow of Mentone. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living area with stacked rock fireplace and vaulted ceiling, pine floors throughout, screened porch and deck. Call today to see! \$299,000



(19) **NATIVE MOUNTAIN FOLIAGE** creates a level of privacy for this 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick house sitting on 3 acres with 300' on the West Fork of Little River. Amenities include a split bedroom design, large family room with cathedral ceiling and mountain stone wood-burning fireplace, screened porch overlooking a walkway shaded by mature rhododendrons to the river. \$265,000 (PLS #14038)



(20) **GET-A-WAY! HIDE-A-WAY!** ...in this mountain cottage and enjoy a relaxing evening off the back deck or a restful visit on the screened front porch. As if the view and location was not enough, other features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Pine tongue and groove walls, pine hardwood flooring, ceramic flooring, countertops and backsplash, wood burning stove, and nature at its best. Don't get relaxed YET, call and we will do the rest. \$142,500 (PLS #13696)



(21) **MENTONE** - The builder is putting on the finishing touches and you can be the first family to live in this brand new home. This spacious great room offer cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors and a stacked rock wood-burning fireplace. Custom kitchen with Hickory cabinets, breakfast bar, pantry and stainless appliances. One-level vinyl and staked stone with a full front porch that overlooks a wooded 1-acre lot. \$179,500 (PLS #14763)



(22) **FROM THE BACK DECK**, you can enjoy the view of Little River Canyon atop beautiful Lookout Mountain; hike into the Canyon, fish in the Little River, all from your own LOG CABIN located just minutes from town. This cabin offers 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, wood floors, and walls, fireplace, CHA, access to decks from all levels, finished basement. A world away awaits you, call to see this unique property. Priced at \$259,500. (PLS #14730)



(23) **STRESSED FOR MORNING TIME?** Let your kids walk to school from this 3 bedroom cottage on Railroad Street in Valley Head featuring a formal dining room/den and 3 finished rooms upstairs. Relax when you get home on the large screened porch under huge shade trees. \$59,900 (PLS #14772)



(24) **BORDERING DESOTO STATE PARK** and within walking distance of Little River, tennis courts and restaurant...this property offers 2 camp houses and a laundry house. Come see the special touches with the main house featuring 1 BR, 1BA, living... dining... kitchen combo with huge screened porch. Quiet camp-like setting provides a perfect setting for years of wonderful family memories. \$225,000 (14862)



(25) **1.56 ACRES** on the brow near DeSoto State Park. \$55,000 (PLS #10133)



(26) **HIGHLAND SPRINGS** - NEW subdivision located in the heart of Mentone just off County Road 648 (Cove Road). Several lots to choose from with mild restrictions. Lot prices start at \$28,000.

OTHER LISTINGS

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(27) **BUILD YOUR MENTONE CABIN** on this beautiful wooded building site with gorgeous brow view! approximately 1-1/2 acres. Property does have city water and approved perk test, according to seller. \$159,000 (14681).

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(29) **APPROX. 100' BROW FRONTAGE PER LOT.** Located at the intersection of Tutwiler Gap and County Road 89, 2 additional lots available. \$97,000 per lot (14596)

(30) **MENTONE** - wooded 2+/- acre lot in established area, just 4 miles from Downtown Mentone. \$35,000 (14564)

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(9) **VALLEY VIEW FOREST** 5.5 acres on the East Brow of Lookout Mountain. Private, adjoins Wild Life Management and Little River Canyon just minutes away. **SOLD** \$49,500.



(10) **CANYON VIEW FOREST** on the East rim of Little River Canyon. 5 acres wooded with Canyon View and access, private Gated area. A must see. \$70,000.



(3) 12 acres on the East Brow. Park-like setting. Well, Electric, 24ft travel trailer, deck. With an unobstructed View. \$130,000. PLS 14846



(7 & 8) **COTTAGE ON LAKE:** Cottage on Lake Lahesage, Mentone. 3 bdrm 2 bath, open Great Room design. Double sided stack Rock Fireplace. Large screened porch. 2 Decks, one with Hot Tub, walkway to the Dock. Float, Boat, or Fish from this wonderful Home. \$399,900.



(11) **ONE AND ONLY LITTLE RIVER CANYON.** 5 acres in Canyon View Forest Subdivision. Adjoins the Little River National Preserve, Bluff View of the canyon below. Wooded gently sloping, Private gated roads. \$77,500 (PLS 14847)



(4) **SECLUDED EAST BROW VIEW TRACTS:** Great view of the valley below. 3 to choose from or buy combination for more privacy. Over 5 acres each. \$50,000.



(12) **VALLEY VIEW FOREST.** 5.3 acres on the East Brow of Lookout Mountain. Private, wooded and adjoins Wild Life Management and Little River Canyon just minutes away. \$50,000 (PLS 14893)

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year 2005-2006 are:

APRIL 27, 2006
MAY 25, 2006
JUNE 22, 2006
JULY 27, 2006
AUGUST 24, 2006
SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

Any changes will be posted 7 days prior to
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PUBLIC NOTICE

**The Valley Head
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Meetings are held at 4PM in the
Valley Head Water Works office
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fiscal year 2005-2006 they are:

APRIL 10, 2006
MAY 08, 2006
JUNE 12, 2006
JULY 10, 2006
AUGUST 14, 2006
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mentone Town Council

Meetings are at 6PM in the town
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2005-2006 are:
APRIL 10, 2006
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JULY 10, 2006
AUGUST 14, 2006
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**The Planning Commission
of the Town of Mentone**

Meetings are at 5PM in the town
hall meeting room. Th dates for
the remainder of fiscal year

2005-2006 are:
April 20, 2006
JULY 20, 2006
October 19, 2006

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The

Church News

By Evelyn Graves



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-2002.

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

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

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

Our **Lady of the Valley Catholic Church** on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 11:00AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Sunday School at 9AM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. All are welcome.

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

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

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

Anyone interested in observing the **Sabbath and Holy Days**, call 845-2246 for time and location.

Alpine Community Church, 1115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor Rev. Tommy Pledger.

Presbyterian Church Worship Service at Cloudland begins at 10AM (EST), and the **Menlo** Worship Service begins at 11:15AM (EST).

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

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

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM. Wednesday Bible study at 6PM. 256-634-4147.

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

(See May 6 Yard Sale info this page.)

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

Mentone Community Church Sunday Worship-11AM. Wednesday evening service-6:30PM with Bible study and Teen class. Nursery provided for all services. Senior Pastor Rev. Rick Haworth and Youth Pastor Ryan Haworth welcome all.

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

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

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

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Pastor Les Brown welcomes everyone.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites everyone to attend Sunday School at 9:45AM, Sunday Worship at 11AM., Discipleship Training at 5PM, and Sunday evening worship at 6PM. Sunday evening Bible Study for children and youth is at 5PM, and an Adult special studies class is being taught for those who prefer the study to Discipleship Training at 5PM. A membership class is also available at 5PM, taught by Dr. Bill Russell, Pastor. Wednesday evening prayer service is at 6:30PM, with children and youth activities at 6:30PM, also.

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YARD SALE!!

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All friends and supporters of Whitehall Cemetery are invited to attend.

Activities include Children's Flower Decoration at 10:00 a.m.; Decoration Service at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Gary Moore; and dinner on the grounds afterward.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting, Dessie's
- Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, May 5, 6, & 7
RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL ON THE BROW
- Monday, May 8, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone
Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, May 9, 10:00 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club,
Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, May 9, American Legion meeting 6:30 p.m.,
American Legion Hall
- Sunday, May 14, MOTHER'S DAY
- Thursday, May 19, Mentone Book Club, 10 AM,
Mentone Community House
- Sunday, May 21, DECORATION DAY, LITTLE RIVER CHURCH
- Thursday, May 25, 4 PM, Waterworks Board Meeting,
Mentone Waterworks Board Room, open to the public
- Sunday, May 28, DECORATION DAY, BANKHEAD
- Wednesday, May 24, Last Day of School
- Monday, May 29, Memorial Day
- Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting, Dessie's

Mentone, Alabama Handbook Guide to Shops, Lodging, Restaurants & Attractions

As many of you know, the State of Alabama Tourism approved the matching grant for the Mentone Handbook. The books will be ready to pick up at town hall by the third week in April. There is no set amount allotted for each business, though we ask that you specify approximately how many you take each time you pick up handbooks. Please be sure you can distribute the amount that you take and where you intend to distribute the handbooks. There will be 20,000 printed; so there should be plenty for everyone. Thanks to all the businesses who joined together to make this project a success! L.C. Moon



DEVOTIONAL

By Oscar J. Hussel

In Psalm 33, the psalmist takes an old war cry and turns it into a song of praise to the true God. "Shout for joy, you upright; praise comes well from the honest."

It is not hard to sing praises to God on the mountain for the glories of the Lord surround us on every side; the Creator Lord is near.

"From heaven the Lord God looks down, He sees all the children of Adam, from the place where He sits, He watches all who dwell on the earth. He alone molds their hearts."

Every day in May let us sing to God, a song that fits our mood, let us say a prayer from a heart open to God. Let the joy of the Lord enter into us.

Rhododendron Festival

May 5, 6 & 7, 2006

Join the celebration as Historic Mentone presents Old Time Fun with Arts, Crafts, Demonstrations, Music, Dancing, Games, Boat Rides and more.

See the vendors at Brow Park
during the day on Saturday and Sunday.

Also old time games for the kids

with Special Guest Lil'Pat at 11:45 AM Saturday.

Moon Lake Alumni please come out to do a hand print for a collage being placed in the Moon Lake School Gymnasium.

Friday Night Bonfire

In Historic Mentone Town Square the
Spring Celebration begins with

Storytelling Performances & Music @ 6:30 PM

Featuring the "Mentone Troubadour" Tony Goggans
& special guests Susan Chernes & Miss Gloria

Saturday

Music at Brow Park

10 AM-10:45 AM Brian Bush (won best male Country vocalist)

11:15 - 12:45 Bridge Between (Southern Style Music)

1PM - 1:45 PARADE & Valley Head High School Band

2:15 - 3:15 Bridge Between

3:45 til 4:45 Russell Gulley

Night Bonfire & Music on Town Square

The Mentone Troubadour- Tony Goggans- entertains
as the Emcee

6:00 - 6:45 NE Jazz Band

7:15 - 8:15 Kings of Swing

8:45 - til' Chas (mix of familiar and original music)

Sunday

Music at Brow Park

12 PM - 12:45 Noi Griffin (Southern Gospel)

1:00 - 2:00 Cloggers

2:00- 3:00 Silverliners Dancing

3:30 - 4:15 Wendy Crow

4:45 - 5:30 12th Gate- (Local Christian Rock Band)