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Don't Miss Mentone's 2008 Rhododendron Festival, May 16 - 18

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Spring's arrival is heralded by many more things than a date on a calendar. For many, it is the sighting of a robin. For others it's the greening of trees and lawns. In northeast Alabama's DeKalb County, spring has always been heralded by the arrival of the many varieties of wildflowers that grow on the mountains and in the valleys. One of the most beautiful is the rhododendron which has been celebrated by an annual Rhododendron Festival for a quarter of a century drawing more vendors, more entertainment and more families each year.

This year's festival takes place on May 16th through 18th in Mentone. Festivities kick-off at the Mentone Inn Square at 6:30 pm Friday night. Lisa Crow and her friends and family will provide musical entertainment, story telling by Martha Templeton and the evening will culminate with a bonfire by the Boy Scouts. There will be hot chocolate and baked goods from the Mentone Coffee Shop.

The first full day, Saturday is full of food and entertainment. Saturday's entertainment consists of Ashley Marie Miller, a twelve-year-old, Gospel music with Mrs. Gibson, 11:00 am Abby Parks will sing contemporary Christian and other contemporary music, much of which she

writes. At noon the Moon Lake school will present a play. Saturday night from 7:00 pm to 8:30 Southern Vogue will perform at the square, and guests will enjoy another bonfire.

Sunday afternoon entertainment includes Scottsboro Cloggers and Silverliners line dancers from Fort Payne as well as the Single Club Dance.

Food vendors include Smoky Joe Barbecue, seafood with southern favorite catfish, Coney Island hotdogs, nachos, snow cones, Cajun fries and caramel apples, kettle corn and Caribbean food.

There will be a parade on Saturday afternoon complete with Mardi Gras beads thrown to children of all ages.

Vendors include stained glass, leather goods, paintings, pen and ink drawings, jewelry, wood carvings, paintings on tile and window panes and knitted items. Rhododendron and other plants will be on sale during the festival.

Each year all the ladies are excited to have a chance to win the beautiful handmade queen-sized quilt valued at over \$300.00. Louise Headrick of Sand Mountain made this year's quilt. Tickets are only \$1.00 and the drawing will take place on Sunday afternoon.

One of the highlights of the Festival are the boat rides down Little

River. It offers an opportunity to see the rhododendrons and other wild flowers that frame the banks and extend up through the woods. The rides leave from the park area near Desoto Falls.

Mentone and the surrounding area provide many opportunities for evening dining. Dessie's, Wildflower Cafe and Windwood are Mentone restaurants offering a variety of excellent cuisine.

It takes more than a day to enjoy the full Rhododendron Festival experience. There are several bed and breakfasts in the Mentone area as well as cabins at Desoto State Park. RV hookups are available for those who wish to bring their own lodging.

For more information about dining or lodging, you can go online at www.mentonealabama.org or call Ronda Bruckno at the Welcome Center at 800-799-1878 or 256-634-4333 who will be glad to connect you with area cabins or Bed and Breakfast lodging.



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MAPA MINUTES – APRIL 1ST



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April 1,
2008, at Dessie's
Place for their
monthly meeting.
President Amelia

Kirk opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who attended and asked for volunteers to be on the nominating committee. Page Cunningham, Jerome Stephens, and David Wasson volunteered. The secretary's report was in The Groundhog, and the treasurer's report was passed out to the members present. Evelyn Graves presented the Board with a report on The Groundhog finances.

Jerome brought us up to date on the Rhododendron Festival coming up on May 17th and 18th. A motion was made by David Wasson to purchase 50 rhododendron plants to sell. Page Cunningham seconded the motion, which carried.

Performers at the bonfire on the square in downtown Mentone on Friday night will be Lisa Whatley and Kenneth Brown Jazz Band.

Gloria and Moon Lake School will be selling Hot Chocolate and baked goods at the bonfire Friday and Saturday night. Proceeds will go to Moon Lake Elementary School.

Entertainers for the Festival on the Brow on Saturday will be Mark Gibson's mother, Ashley Miller, age 12, singing Gospel; The Silver Liners; Singles Club, and more. Dr. L. Bloom, owner of the Lookout Mountain Animal Park, will give a presentation pertaining to the zoo here in Mentone and is bringing live

hears and other animals that you can see when you visit the zoo.

Anthony Teverino made a motion to approve the sum of \$100 for pictures of the Festival that will be taken by Cynthia Strinson for future advertising. David Wasson seconded the motion, which carried.

A motion to approve \$1,500 for a P.A. system for the festivals and other entertainment was made by Anthony Teverino. Page Cunningham seconded the motion, which carried.

Jerome Stephens reported that everything is coming together for the parade on Saturday. John Fischer stated that there would be rides at DeSoto Falls on Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18.

Evelyn Graves brought the newest issue of *The Groundhog*. The front page now has color, and future issues will also have color. The members commented that "It looks great!"

Rhonda Bruckno is taking care of the Media advertising for the festival.

Under other news:

The Christmas Tree lighting will be the weekend following Thanksgiving.

The Alabama Welcome Center on I-59 is celebrating their 25th Anniversary Friday, May 9, 2008, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

A budget for MAPA and the festivals was discussed.

There being no further business, Page Cunningham made a motion to adjourn. The members enjoyed refreshments furnished by Mark Gibson and Debbie Reynolds.

The next meeting will be at The Mentone Inn on May 6, at 6:30 PM.

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on the fresh new look of *The Groundhog*! The introduction of color with the eye-catching cover shot of The Barnyard is sure to have increased reader attention to Mentone's very own newspaper. In addition to this new, more "sophisticated" edge, the paper has sharpened the look of its photos and typesetting so that they are clean and crisply lit. Those who have worked so diligently to put these improvements into place deserve a real pat on the back.

As a long-time reader and, now, advertiser in *The Groundhog*, I appreciate such sharp attention to detail and concern for clarity—print advertisement is one of my most valuable marketing resources. These design improvements will, I feel, increase the value for my advertising dollars as more folks will want to grab a copy; the well-lit property photos will stand out and do the preliminary work for me.

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The 2008 quarterly meeting dates for the Mentone Planning Commission, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 3rd Thursday of the following months:

Thursday, July 17, 2008
Thursday, October 16, 2008
Thursday, January 15, 2009

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

Public Notice

The 2008 dates for the Mentone Waterworks Board, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4:00 PM on the 4th Thursday as follows:

Thursday, May 29
Thursday, June 26
Thursday, July 24
Thursday, August 28
Thursday, September 25
Thursday, October 23
Thursday, November 20
Thursday, December 18

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

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

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

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00 PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

Public Notice

The 2008 meeting dates for the Valley Head Water Works Board, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL as follows:

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

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 - Jill Whitten; Ella Voils | 20 - Chris & Christina Stokes, Anniv. |
| 3 - Oline Cochran, in memory | Alexis Manifold |
| 4 - Oleda McCurdy | 21 - Anne H. Ransom, Susan Flynn |
| 6 - Toby & Rachel Manifold, Anniv. | 22 - Bobby Brown, Caitlin Kirby |
| Claud & Sharron Burke, Anniv. | 23 - Cotton Baggett |
| 7 - Tammy & James Hill, Anniv. | 25 - Jimmy Wright, Billy Wright, |
| 10 - David & Cheryl Baker, Anniv. | Jack Jones |
| 11 - MOTHER'S DAY | 27 - Christy Voils |
| 14 - Lois Wood, in memory; | Hank VanAppledoorn |
| Jeanne Bare | Donna & Ella Voils, Anniv. |
| 15 - Gail Gaylord | 30 - Shelly Brown, Shelly Shanklin |
| 16 - Amy Kirby; | 31 - Gus Spahr, Valeria Blalock, |
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- Monday, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:30 PM,
Mentone Fire Department Volunteers
- Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 PM,
MAPA MEETING AT THE MENTONE INN
- Monday, May 12, 6 PM,
Mentone Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting room,
open to the public
- Tuesday, May 13, 10 AM,
Rhododendron Garden Club
- Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 PM,
American Legion Hall, Post 215 Meeting
- Sunday, May 11,
MOTHER'S DAY
- Thursday, May 15, 10 AM, Mentone Book Club,
at the Mentone Community House,
open to the public
- Friday Night, May 16, BONFIRE ON THE SQUARE,
- Saturday-Sunday, May 17-18
RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL WEEKEND, BROW PARK
- Thursday, May 22, 4 PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting,
Board Room, open to the public
- Monday, May 26, MEMORIAL DAY
GRADUATION SCHEDULE
- Moon Lake Awards Day, May 16, 9am, Gym
- Moon Lake School kindergarten - May 19, 9am, gym
- Moon Lake School 6th grade - May 19, 6:30pm, gym
- Valley Head Elementary - May 15, 1pm, Gym
- Valley Head School - May 22, 7pm, Football field

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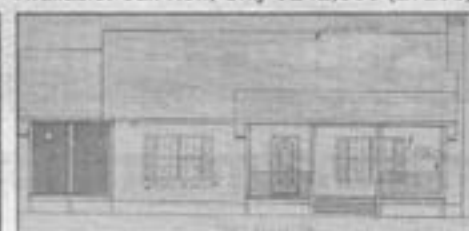
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Church News

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

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

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship, Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-1001.

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

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

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

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

Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Casual dress is always acceptable.

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy Sunday School is at 10AM

with Worship at 11AM. Evening Services begin at 6PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend regular services.

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

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

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30 p.m. The interim pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is the Rev. Terry Turner.

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

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

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

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

It's Vacation Bible School at Moon Lake Baptist Church like you've never

experienced before! Children age 3 through grade 6 are admitted free from Sunday May 25th - Friday May 30th at 6-8:30PM. Kick-off Sunday May 25th from 4-6PM. In this one-week adventure, you will hear Bible stories, participate in cool crafts, motivating music, eat snacks at the Snack Shack, and play games at Recreation Reef.

Outrigger Island™: Living God's Unshakeable Truth will be an event to remember! Come Join us! Church contact person: Carolyn Hendon 634-4704.

The Annual Decoration Day Celebration at Whitehall Cemetery in the Valley Head-Hammondville-Ft. Payne, Alabama, community will be Saturday, May 10, 2008. All friends and supporters of Whitehall Cemetery are invited.

Activities include Flower Decoration at 10:00 a.m.; Decoration Service at 11:00 a.m.; and dinner on the grounds afterward.

There's plenty to eat and all Whitehall friends are encouraged to stay for dinner. Everyone please remember your lawn chairs or folding chairs, and bring some extra ones if you can.

Whitehall Cemetery is on U.S. 11, approximately 2-1/2 miles south of Hammondville, AL, and about 8 miles North of Ft. Payne.

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PRICE REDUCTION! SPACIOUS MTN RETREAT. This expanded chalet-design home is approx 3200SF, plus a cozy 700SF guest cottage. Open kitchen and living area with stainless steel appliance package, loft area above. Living area with vintage Federal Airtight wood heater, 2-story Master BR suite with free-standing gaslog FP, Master Bath with large jetted tub, separate shower. Now priced at \$399,000. (17069)



INTO THE WOODS... Your heart has told you it's time to find some land, in the woods, with a stream flowing through it, away from the hustle and bustle but not so far away that it takes a half tank of gas to get there. Your head tells you it has to be reasonably priced. This beautiful 19 acres near DeSoto State Park can satisfy your heart's and your head's desire to build a mountain home. 10 minutes from downtown Ft Payne, a world away from town living. The time has come. Buy it for \$123,500. (17521)



NATURAL LIGHT-FILLED cabin on almost an acre lot. Nice covered front porch, 3/4 wrap-around deck, small balcony off upstairs MA BR suite. Master bath with whirlpool tub and separate shower. Hickory wood b'fast bar & kitchen cabinetry, mtn stone woodburning FP, HW and ceramic tile floors. Just listed for \$165,000 (17386)



DRASTIC PRICE REDUCTION! OVERLOOKING THE RIVER AT LAKE LAHUSAGE! Come enjoy your time in the mountains in this 3BR/2BA cabin. Beautiful stone fireplace; pine floors, walls and ceilings; hand-hewn wood beamed entry to kitchen area that features oak cabinets, and stainless steel appliances. Split BR design. On 2.5 wooded acres. NOW PRICED AT \$179,000. (16786)



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THREE ACRES, 2 BARN, CREEK FRONTAGE and a house available in Mentone! Large barn with garage area, workshop and stalls; small animal barn, fenced pasture. Approx 116' creek frontage! House has a large screened-in porch as well as a sun room, 2BR, 1BA, large country kitchen with rustic cabinetry, large utility room, new laminate flooring. 3 acres. Offered for only \$89,500. (17053)

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NICE, WOODED LOT offers 3.34 acres to build to suit your dreams of the perfect mountain getaway. Paved road frontage, public water. Abundant wildlife in area. Rolling mountain views. Get away from the traffic and come on up to the mountain! Just listed at \$42,500. (17389)

12.1 ACRES MOSTLY-WOODED, level, unrestricted land. Driveway entry from paved road. Pines along roadway for privacy. Approx 3 acres cleared on front, the rest wooded. Great place to build practically anything you can think of. Just listed at \$110,000. (17456)

RAREST OF OPPORTUNITIES to own a lot on the lake at DeSoto Falls next door to the historic Nippersink Lodge. 0.7 ac lot with old homesite (beautiful stone chimney still standing). The perfect spot to build the perfect mountain cabin home on this once in a lifetime lot with 85+ ft of frontage on the water. Wooded. Just listed at \$200,000 (17211)

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THE BEAUTY OF HUNTERS RIDGE. 2.4 acres with common area available for access to hiking trails and Little River. Perfectly suited for those who enjoy wildlife, trees, hiking and natural surroundings. Restricted. Getaway cabin or home sweet home, this could be just the right place for your plan. \$49,500. (16336)

WOODED MENTONE LAKE VIEW LOT. Mentone on your mind? Maybe something in the line of a cabin with a detached garage/shop? Well, here's a lot offering you the chance to build a cabin and have the storage building already in place to house your construction materials while you're building. 1.13 acre tract has an existing 24x20 garage/shop. Buy, build, and enjoy the beauty that only Mentone and Lookout Mtn can inspire! Now \$62,500. (16015)

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Rector Retires

The Rev. Dr. David Crippen, Rector of St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church in Mentone is retiring. Sunday, May 11, will be his last sermon as the Rector of the St. Joseph's Parish. Father David, his wife Karen and daughter Bekki have served St. Joseph's since 2001 coming to Mentone from St. Michael and All Angel's Episcopal Churches in Anniston, AL.

A graduate of the University of Tampa, Father David earned a Master of Divinity Degree from the University of the South in Suwannee, Tenn. and a PhD from Peabody College of

Vanderbilt University. He has served the Episcopal Church for 21 years accepting assignments in the Dioceses of Alabama, Tennessee, East Tennessee, and Georgia.

Father David began his ministry in foreign missions. He and his family served the people of Kenya and later worked in the refugee camps in both Thailand and Somalia.

As Rector at St. Joseph's, Father David will be remembered as a man of kindness and a gentle spirit. He spent many hours visiting sick and home bound parishioners. This kind attention extended beyond his Parish to include residents of Mentone. He loved listen-

ing to the stories about the "old days on the mountain" and rarely missed an opportunity to visit with the senior members of this community at the weekly Wednesday Lunch for Seniors at the MERF house.



The Rev. Dr. David Crippen

But he may be best remembered for his "Blessing of the Animals" held each year on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. On the lawn of the historic St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Church, children as well as adults of all faiths would gather with their pets. There would be a menagerie of animals from

small birds to huge draft horses and even a reptile or two. Father David would move slowly through the crowd blessing the animals one by one. He would choose children from the gathering to serve as his assistants in the service teaching them that God's love extends to "all creatures great and small."

The Crippens have three daughters and one granddaughter. They plan to move to Colorado in 2009 to live near their girls. The next chapter of their lives has yet to be written but it is sure to reflect their love for all of God's Creation and a willingness to be in our Lord's service.

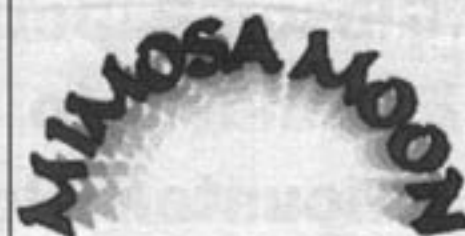
Mountain Mamas/Mimosa Moon

Finally!! Mountain Mamas and Mimosa Moon are opening for another season. Our Grand Opening is Saturday, May 3, 2008. Come to Cloudland, GA and see what's new for this year. Mimosa Moon is located in the log cabin next to Mountain Mamas Arts, Crafts and Rock Shop, 11750 GA48 (AL117) about a mile from the GA-AL line.

Mimosa Moon's proprietors are Kristin Poulsen and Val Featherston, and all contributing artists are local to this area. Artists' works include hand made tables, pottery, baskets, beaded jewelry, carved bowls, and anything interesting we might choose to display. For the 2008 season, we will host demonstrations of spinning, basket weaving, natural dyeing and much more.

From Mentone, take AL117 into GA and look for the Mountain Mamas store on the left. From GA, take Hwy 48 from Summerville to Cloudland and keep going past the flashing yellow light at the top of the Lookout brow. Signs will be on the right. From Chattanooga, take GA157 (Lookout Mt Scenic Parkway) from Rock City to GA48 and turn right at the flasher.

Come by and bring your friends. An artisan will be available every Saturday and Sunday from 12 until 5 to help you find the perfect gift or keepsake.



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Gibson Expert Tree Service Expands into "Over the Top" Mountain Home Services

By Evelyn Graves

In August, 2007, Mark Gibson came to Mentone and began a Tree Service that has expanded into more than trees. Mark brings with him a lot of expertise in tree service and various other trades. Because of this and the demand for all types of services, Mark and Debbie Reynolds began the process of expanding the tree service to include "Over the Top" home services. They researched to determine the best insurance to cover the business and homeowners who are involved in such services, and have adequately covered the business in that respect.

The business covers a lot of services. If Mark and Debbie and their team are unable to perform the job that you have, they will kindly refer you to a reputable person who is able to do the job.

Please refer to the listings of services available on this page. This is just a small summary of their services. They have received numerous requests for personal shopping needs which vary with the individual. Certain days are being set aside for the shopping. Your shopping list

should be given to Mark and Debbie by noon on Wednesday of each week. The service includes delivery to your home, putting away your items from the shopping list if you need that assistance. Shopping delivery day will be Thursday each week. Shopping items are from A-Z, from potting soil, mulch, dog and cat food, to groceries, organic shopping, and prescriptions. Mark still delivers firewood for both fireplace and campfire needs. Debbie has operated a business in the past, and they are both aware of the need for confidentiality in their business relationships and services.

You may contact Mark or Debbie at 256-634-4900 or 634-4809 10AM to 6 PM Monday through Saturday. If you have an emergency, please contact us at 634-4809. You may leave a message on the answering machine.

Mark is a member of Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA), Lookout Mountain Parkway Association, Heritage Alliance, and Mentone Area Arts Council.

Miss Prissy

By Marie Dillenbeck

Prissy, the Town hall guardian/greeter for several years, passed away on Monday, March 17. She is greatly missed by her owner, Marie Dillenbeck. Prissy loved to ride in the car. She went riding, shopping, visiting, took short trips, and one long trip to Oquawka, Illinois, to visit with my sister, Lois Waggy, and her family.

Prissy enjoyed being petted by many who came to the Mentone Town Hall. She was very good at predicting the "bad or stormy" weather. We always knew when a storm was coming, many times before the weather was announced on TV.

Prissy will be greatly missed. I miss her company and her devotion to "taking care of the Town Hall." Many times when I could not find Prissy at home, I could find her sleeping under the bush-

es in front of the building. Now, she's in heaven enjoying loving attention. Others are enjoying her company, including my mother, Dorothy Shelden, who was there to greet Prissy when she arrived.



Hello Readers:

Well, I believe spring is in full swing—we've all been greatly anticipating its arrival. Most importantly, we have time to evaluate your spring clean up. Yes, this is a perfect opportunity to get a good look at your yard and see what needs to be touched up.

We are looking for broken branches, removal of leaves, trimming of various shrubs and bushes; and, yes, even mowing the grass on a weekly basis.

Now is an opportune time for feeding those trees that have been stressed out from the late frost and the widespread drought of last year. This will help the tree snap back from the tension of the past year. At this time, your fruit trees have already progressed to the budding stage for topping them for fruit. There is good news and hope for the trees—it's not too late just yet to feed the trees and take out all unnecessary sucker growth and dead wood from the inside of the tree. This will greatly improve the quantity as well as the quality and that, my friends, is something we all like to hear.

So let's spring into gear with our clean up this year.

Have a wonderful and colorful season.

Hope to see you at the Rhododendron Festival this year—May 17 and 18. Come check out this year's festival.

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A DREAM A REALITY. Transformation near completion on this 19th century country church circa 1870. Features 2500 sq ft of heavenly bliss. Large open floor plan with 2 master suites. Gas log fp. Heart Pine floors throughout. Custom cabinetry and tables made from the original pews. This is definitely a find. Located in the foothills of Jamestown, AL. 15 minutes from State Parks, Lake Weiss, Mentone. \$172,000 (17487)



6.3 ACRES AT CANYON VIEW FOREST. east rim Little River Canyon. Great Views of the Canyon Below, Rock Formations. Private Gated \$110,000 (16801)



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on water plus small waterfall. Nicely wooded, with drive. Covered in native Flora. Restricted covenants, private gated. \$119,500 (17297)



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FALLING LEAF LODGE. Appropriate name for this new Rustic cabin in the woods. Enjoy all the porches, screened and open. Inside there is 2 bedrooms and loft, 1.5 baths. Living room with F.P., sunroom for dining. Lots of windows. \$153,900 (17315)



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TUCKED AMONG THE LARGE OAK TREES with 6 acres surrounding, is a wonderful 1.5 story cedar home with Tin Roof. Screened side porch and full length covered front porch. Inside are 3BR's, Master on main level, 2.5BA. Open living w/FP, fully equipped kitchen with stainless appliances. Separate Detached garage/workshop. Lightly restricted, city water, much more! \$225,000 (17220)



GREAT INVESTMENT in Valley Head. Triplex in very good condition Apt A: 2BR/1BA, kitchen, living area laundry room, stove, frig, window unit, side deck. Apt (occupied) Apt B: 1BR/1BA w/shower. Efficiency kitchen, small living room, large room with washer and dryer area and storage. Apt C: 2BR/1BA, large open family room and kitchen. DW, stove, lots of cabinets. Back deck and C/HA. A must see at 112,000 (17189)

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MAPA Christmas Lighting Competition!

The Christmas Lighting Committee met on Sunday April 13th and developed a plan for organizing this year's spectacular holiday lighting display.

Since this is our first year to promote an area-wide Christmas Lighting event, we are not going to require a registration fee to enter the competition.

The categories, so far, for best lighting displays are:

- Best Overall
 - Best Nativity Scene
 - Most Original
 - Best white light display
- Please let us know if you have additional suggestions.

Prizes, Sponsorship and Promotions:

Local businesses may sponsor the event by offering small cash prizes and other promotional gifts.

Local Craftsmen who wish to create Christmas and holiday displays—let us know and we will promote your work!

Be among the first to volunteer NOW to sponsor a prize! Just call 205-410-5221.

Who is eligible to Participate:

Any resident in Mentone and the surrounding area is welcome to participate.

Tony and I plan to contact several Christmas supply companies to find one willing to offer discounts on Christmas lights to participants.

Since the State of Alabama Department of Tourism will be promoting our event throughout the state and the south we need to know very soon who is interested in the competition. The list must be complete by September.

If you don't participate, you can't win! So call Tony today 634-4310!

We will create a map of the area and mark the location of every resident who wishes to create a personal lighting masterpiece.

The Groundhog will carry an application form, however you may beat the rush by calling Tony today, or you may apply on line

<http://www.mentonealabama.com/christmas> and keep up with all the exciting developments.

We welcome ideas and suggestions as we move forward.

Let's make Mentone Merry by lighting up the Christmas sky!

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A PLACE FOR YOUR OWN CANOE! Why go anywhere else when you can enjoy all the amenities and border the West Fork of Little River...Peaceful setting just 5 minutes from Mentone. Large kitchen with pantry, breakfast bar, sitting area and computer desk adjacent to indoor and outdoor dining rooms. 6 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 offices/living areas, laundry room, Heart Pine and Red Oak floors, sleeping porches, outside shower, mountain stone fireplace and much more. For more details and pictures, please visit www.dekalbcountyrealtors.com (PLS #16467) or call Susan Collins. A MUST SEE! \$949,900 (Possible fractional ownership. Call for details)



LOOKING FOR COUNTRY LIVING? This 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home offers hardwood and carpet, family room with fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, front and side porch and is surrounded by 8 acres in a restricted subdivision could be it. Call today. \$239,000 (14536)



THE RIVER 1 +/- acres of the East River. Bordered by a creek w/cascading waterfall, 2 BR, 1 BA cabin w/screened porch to enjoy nature. \$194,500 (Co-brokerage w/Prime Realty) (16767)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY! Commercial or residential property on the corner of 117 and 641 in Mentone. High visibility for a business or convert back to a 2 bedroom cottage with fenced yard. Call today to see. \$49,900 (16818)



IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GET-AWAY, you have found it in this cozy log cabin near Mentone. A hot tub on the covered porch and a metal roof give this one bedroom bungalow its warmth and rustic appeal. This cabin features wood walls, floors, and ceilings, a family room with gas log fireplace, and an eat-in kitchen with pantry. Call before this one gets away! \$99,500 (16948)



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



LIVING ON THE WATERS EDGE - Enjoy a panoramic view of the most serene part of Little River from the large screened porch of this country living home. Cathedral ceilings provide an open and airy feeling throughout the great room with fireplace and open balcony. Plenty of room for expansion in the full basement and almost 6 acres of walking trails and a private vineyard. Great for a corporate retreat or single family residence. \$2,000,000 (16795)



OVERLOOKING LAKE LAHUSAGE on 2.62 acres. Great room w/stacked rock fireplace. Kitchen with ceramic tile and stainless appliances. Master bedroom on main level and the bath features a whirlpool tub and shower. Upstairs are 2BR, a bath, and lots of extra storage space, 2-car garage. Additional property may be purchased. \$289,000 (17217)



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

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



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



LOOKING FOR PEACE AND QUIET? We've got it! This immaculately kept 4BR/2BA home is surrounded by 3 +/- acres of nature's abundance, yet is within walking distance to downtown Mentone. Kitchen and dining combination, 546' square feet of finished basement, CH&A, ceramic and laminate, wood-grain floors, and more. Additional acreage available. \$174,900 (16376)



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



YOU'LL FEEL RIGHT AT HOME in this charming farmhouse on a beautiful level lot of over one acre. Wood floors and wood walls, comfortable living area, large dining room, kitchen with walk-in pantry, 2 bedrooms and a lovely bath with whirlpool tub, and more. Major renovations have been completed on much of the house. \$178,900 (17131)



NOTHING CAN COMPARE!! Beautiful Cabin with all the craftsmanship we desire situated on 3 acres! This 3BR, 2.5BA home offers great room with vaulted ceiling, fireplace, wood flooring, open kitchen with bar, master is downstairs with glamour bath, rocking chair front porch with nice screened porch off back. Additional property available. \$259,900 (17209)



NATIVE MOUNTAIN FOLIAGE creates a level of privacy for this 3BR/2BA brick house on 3 lots with 300' on the West Fork of Little River. Split BR design, large family room with cathedral ceiling and mountain stone wood-burning fireplace, screened porch overlooking a walkway to the river. 2 storage sheds (1 with electricity), an attached 2-car garage, and CH/A. \$289,900 (16371)



IMPRESSIVE DESIGN throughout this home, with a Breathtaking View! Kitchen with Cherry cabinets, large island, double ovens, built-in's, 2 fireplaces, Italian stone flooring, main level master suite with glamour bath, large guest room with private bath, upstairs offers 2BR with large bath. Office area on both floors. Professional landscaping, courtyard with fountain. This 4BR, 3.5BA home can be viewed by appt! \$599,000 (17015)



NORTHBEND...A gated subdivision. Your family will love this rustic cabin under construction nestled in a wooded 1.8 acre tract featuring great room with vaulted beamed ceiling and fireplace. There are 2 bedrooms each with walk-in closets, 2-1/2 baths and loft/den. Bring your rockers and enjoy the front porch and rear grilling deck. \$169,900 (16721)



THIS NEW HOME IS NOW COMPLETE and ready for new owners. Located in West Fork Subdivision and offers 2BR plus LOFT, 2.5BA, hardwood, ceramic and carpet, Mountain Stone fireplace, cedar siding, covered porch and side deck all on a 3.48 acre partially wooded lot with a seasonal view of the mountains. \$179,900 (16477)



YOU WILL LOVE COMING HOME to this cabin with 3.3 acres in Mentone. SELLING FURNISHED. 3BR/2.5BA cabin has everything you need! Main level master BR and glamour bath with jetted tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. Upstairs are 2BR/1BA. Call now and make your move to Mentone today! \$189,500 (16059)

BUILD YOUR NEW HOME ON THIS BROW LOT in Mentone with a breathtaking view of the valley below. Approx. 100' on the brow with 2 additional lots available. \$89,900 per lot. (14598)

WHAT A VIEW! 4 acre tract with 300' of brow frontage and gorgeous rock formations. It can all be yours to build your mountain getaway or your dream home. \$265,000 (17175)

NATURE AT ITS VERY BEST describes these lots. You can buy this 10 acres with 300' on Little River with lovely views, nice timber and natural landscaping. Co-broke with Prime Realty. \$100,000 (16843)

THE VERY BEST OF NATURE describes these lots. You can buy this 11.8 acres with 500' on Little River with lovely views, nice timber and natural landscaping. Co-broke with Prime Realty. \$120,000 (16844)

IF YOUR HEART LONGS FOR COOL MOUNTAIN BREEZES AND NATURE IN YOUR BACKYARD, then

you must see this beautiful property. 35 Acres adjoining DeSoto Park is home to native plants & flowers, mature trees, unique rock formations, and abundant wildlife. This is a one-of-a-kind property. \$472,500 (16984)

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

Just when we think that the happenings at the Moon Lake Community Library are about to slow down, the Board of Directors have a meeting and plan a lot of new things. First, the Koffee Klatch has taken a break until September. The Mountain Top Quilters have taken a break until cooler weather and more time inside. The scraps of fabric are still at the library, just waiting. When we meet in the fall, we will try to start a quilt at the first meeting. I would like to have some different things for the KK. The discussion of "Ladies in Power" by Harriett Lillich was very interesting and well attended. A review of a new book would be a nice addition. If you have something you would like to do, call me during the summer months and let me know.

The order of books has a new look—we have moved every book on the community side of the library to a new place on the shelves. We hope that we have improved the flow of browsing the books and have made it easier to find the books that you want. Look at the blue library plates above each section for help. Let us know what you think, tell the librarian behind the desk. Also, we have removed the shelving around the side of the room that served as a lab. We now have tables and chairs in there. We will use this room for showing travelogues, having board meetings, the quilting meetings, and other activities where we need to be out of the library.

The new things that are happening will begin on Saturday, May 10th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will have a workday with the volunteers of the library. We will review the schedule for working with the computers, put the shelves in order, cover books as needed, clean and dust all furniture and run the vacuum cleaner over the floor. This is just what I can see to do without being there. (Read that sentence again.) When we get there, we will find lots more to do. In fact, for those of you who like to work outside, bring your tools and gloves. The weeds need removing from around the plants. Maybe I'll be able to get permission to buy a sack or two of mulch and put it out as well.

On Saturday, May 17th, we are having another "Meet the Author" session. Oscar Hussel will be telling us a little about his book, *Conversations with the Red Giraffe* and having a book signing. It is my understanding that Oscar has had these talks with a red giraffe since he was a seminary student. Come and listen to him tell the story. Oscar will begin speaking at 10:30 a.m.

Two things will be happening with the students of Moon Lake Elementary School. First, the sixth grade class will be graduating soon and will need their

own library card. We will be working with the school librarian, Tonya Lassetter, to get this done. They can continue to use the community library as they move on to other schools. Second, we would like to have a reading time for young people. This is just in the planning stage. We would like for a different person to read a story aloud, maybe one of the classics, each Saturday and the students could report on the number of books they have read during that week. The success of this program will depend on whether the students will attend.

We have a new member of the Board of Directors!! Barbara Blalock has agreed to serve in this capacity. Barbara has been very involved with the library since its beginning. She is an avid reader and a lover of books. We are happy to have her aboard and are looking forward to working with her. Welcome, Barbara!

The Traveling Books program has been put on hold for now. Our librarian, Beverly, has been having some health problems and we want to give her a chance to get better before we start this program. I will travel with her for the first two or three trips to help get started. Maybe we can do this during the hot months of summer so that our seniors will not have to get out in the heat.

A Summer Celebration is being planned for the FRIENDS of the Library. This is just now on the planning table and no details are known. All FRIENDS will be receiving the information soon. If you are not a FRIEND, you can become one by sending a donation of twenty dollars or more to Moon Lake Library, PO Box 481, Mentone, AL 35984.

We are hoping to get some new books on the shelves soon. The Committee on Acquisitions is trying to complete all of the "sets" of books that we have. Since most of our books have been donations, we may have three books in a series of five. We hope to complete this project before the next Senior Lunch Bunch meetings. They seem to like these and read all that we have.

PLEASE!! Send us any errors or additions you would like to have placed in the 2009 calendar. If your information was incorrect, send the corrections and we will get them in the calendar for next year. If you have never ordered a calendar, now is the time to place your order. If you do this now, we can get your birthday and anniversary information in for next year. Send new orders or corrections to: Moon Lake Library, PO Box 481, Mentone, AL 35984. The 2009 calendars will be available for sale by December 1, 2008.

We need patrons to come to the library during the new hours of Wednesday (3 to 6 p.m.) and Saturday (12 noon to 2 p.m.). Mark our hours on a calendar somewhere and remember to come by during these new hours.

Don't forget the drop box for DVD's on the side of the drop box for books.

The fine for these is \$1.00 per day that they are overdue, don't pay this fine, drop them in the box!

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library will be Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the library. The library will be open for the public during this time and we urge you to continue to use the library during our meeting. Call Jan Wilkinson, 845-5048, to be placed on the agenda.

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library, or order a calendar, you may write to us at this address: Moon Lake Community Library, Post Office Box 481, Mentone AL 35984

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TUESDAY: 3-6 P.M.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Mountain Properties

In Mentone @ The Hitching Post

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Freshen Up Your Deck or Porch For The Spring

Small improvements can go a long ways on the outside of your home. It doesn't take long for wood siding, porches and decks to turn gray and weather beaten and then wood rot to set in. If you protect your wood it will prolong its life. If your wood has seen better days and could use a bit of a facelift, there are lots of very effective products out there that can help you reach your goals.

Older decks tend to discolor with age. In the woodlands, the saps and pollen from the trees age decks and porches. It is amazing how fresh and new it will look after a good cleaning. I recently had a buyer turn a house down thinking the deck needed to be replaced when all it needed was a deep cleaning. Even though the boards are sound, if they look too old and dry most buyers won't see their real potential. A few dollars to clean and restain will bring in thousands on a sale.

Another important point is when buyers see deferred maintenance they always wonder what else wasn't taken care of? Will they be faced with a lot of unexpected repairs when they first move in?

The first step is to clean it with specially formulated products for cleaning wood. Cleaners such as Wolman's Deck Brite are powdered and simply mixed with water. You can put it on with a roller, brush or garden sprayer, and it's very effective in getting rid of stains and gray wood fibers. Products such as these also help open the pores within the wood so that the finish material will penetrate more readily.

If the manufacturer offers pressure washing as an option for removing the cleaning product after it has been in contact with the wood for the specified amount of time, be sure you only use a wide, soft-spray tip and the lowest amount of pressure possible. Beware of too high a pressure as you will actually be breaking apart the wood's fibers. When that happens, the raised fibers will leave the deck looking fuzzy as it dries and a surface that is difficult to refinish.

Another tip about pressure washing, if you decide to rinse your house down while you are at it, be very cautious with double pane windows. Heavy pressure on these windows will break the seal. A professional pressure washer usually knows how to handle these situations but most people don't expect their windows to be so sensitive.

If your deck has been previously painted or stained, it may be necessary to sand or scrape the wood, or even apply a stripper. This is something to discuss with an experienced paint store, and have them help you select the most appropriate product for your specific application. Once again, after the old deck has been cleaned or stripped, make sure that all of the surfaces are swept or blown clean before applying any finish material.

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DeSoto State Park Events & Programs

- May 30-31, 2008** **Herbal Remedies for the Home** (Fort Payne) Join herbalist Darryl Patton to learn which plants are great to have around the house to help make you and your family healthier. Program starts at 8:00 p.m. at DeSoto's CCC Pavilion in the Picnic Area. Darryl will be speaking both Friday & Saturday Night.
- May 31, 2008** **Hike the Medicinal Trail-Herbal Remedies used by the Pioneers** (Fort Payne) Join herbalist Darryl Patton & DSP staff for a hike on DeSoto State Park's Trails to see many species of plants that were used by the pioneers to cure their ills. Meet at DeSoto's Nature Center at 9:00 a.m. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing and bring water and snacks for during the hike.
- July 11, 2008** **Introduction to Musical Instruments in Story & Song** (Fort Payne) Join Musician Tony Thomas for this interesting program introducing acoustic instruments such as the fiddle, guitar, mandolin, and banjo by using stories & songs to give you an appreciation for each instrument. Program starts at 7:00 p.m. at DeSoto's CCC Pavilion in the Picnic Area. Bring your instrument if you wish!
- July 12, 2008** **Forest Foods & Pharmacy-Herbs for what Ail You.** (Fort Payne) Join herbalist Darryl Patton and DSP staff for a hike on the trails of DeSoto State Park to see many different species of plants that were used for medicine making in the past and many that are used in modern medicine today. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing and bring snacks and water for the hike. Call for more info.
- Nov. 8-9, 2008** **Indian Artifact Show** (Fort Payne) Come and view many Native American artifacts from all over Alabama in this special display. Located in DeSoto State Park's Nature Center in Fort Payne, Alabama.
- Nov. 8, 2008** **Medicinal Plants of Fall: Gathering & Preserving Herbs** (Fort Payne) Join herbalist Darryl Patton and DSP staff for a hike on the trails of DeSoto State Park to see the fruits of the Fall season. Learn how to preserve herbs for the winter. Meet at DeSoto's Nature Center at 9:00a.m. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing and bring snacks and water for the hike. Call for more info.
- Nov. 15, 2008** **Learn How to Play the Harmonica with Tony Thomas** (Fort Payne) Musician Tony Thomas teaches this fun class designed to learn this fun and easy instrument. No fee/Tony will have harmonicas for sale. Call for more info.
- Nov. 14-15, 2008** **Introduction to Musical Instruments in Story & Song** (Fort Payne) Join Musician Tony Thomas for this interesting program introducing acoustic instruments such as the fiddle, guitar, mandolin, and banjo by using stories & songs to give you an appreciation for each instrument. Program starts at 6:00 p.m. at DeSoto's CCC Pavilion in the Picnic Area. Bring your instrument if you wish!

Just some of many...visit www.desotostatepark.com for more info on these and all the programs offered or call 256.845.0051.

You can also contact Brittney Hughes at
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POLITICS

John Baty

America is a land of fads. We thrive on being involved in the new. Ideas come from obscurity and overnight are thrust into the light, overshadowing all else; often common sense.

No matter the pragmatism, if it changes the status quo, if it stirs us out of our boredom, if it shocks us a little, if it creates a diversion for a while, if it offers us a cause, a purpose, transient though it may be, we will hie to the scene of the action and indulge in the festive spirit.

The coming election will carry a sense of the new, the different, and something which it was said couldn't be done, will be done. And after we have shown what we can do, we will walk in the empty stadium after the crowd has gone, noting a virtual styrofoam cup here, kicking a spent beer bottle there, a little melancholic after the adrenalin dies, euphoria giving way to cold appraisal. And ere long, the old problems, which seemed somehow smaller in the heat of struggle, will reassert themselves like a second coming, and eventually disillusionment will usher in the reaction and we will long for another cause to espouse. Oh for the glorious days when things seemed simple! Relevance? - Humbug!



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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS IN MAY

1* May Day is celebrated by dancing around a Maypole and holding onto the streamers attached to them. Basically, its purpose is to celebrate spring.

* When I was growing up in Kentucky, this day was the day to remove our shoes and go barefoot. Also, we could remove our long underwear. How light I felt without those heavy shoes!

3* America's first medical school opened in Philadelphia, PA in 1765.

7* The Lusitania, a British passenger ship, sank after it was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine. 1,198 people perished in this needless slaughter, 128 of whom were Americans. This foul deed was one of several which led to America's entering World War I.

8* Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day) was first celebrated to rejoice over the ending of the fighting in Europe. Germany was defeated and lay in shambles.

10* The first transcontinental railway was completed. The line from Sacramento, CA (The Central Pacific Railroad) and the other from Omaha, NE (The Union Pacific Railroad) met on May 10, 1869, at Promontory, Utah. A golden spike was the last spike driven in this celebration. It is on display at Stanford University in Stanford, CA.

11* Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, is observed to honor our mother's, mothers-in-law, wives, sweethearts, (and even our grandmothers). Thank you, Mothers, for all you have done for all of us.

13* The Mexican War began on May 13, 1846, and ended Feb. 2, 1848. This one-sided war against Mexican forces (America won every battle.) led to America's gaining more than 525,000 square miles of territory.

14* The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, VA in 1607.

* The nation of Israel was born and became an independent country in 1948.

16, 17 *The Rhododendron Festival will be observed at Brow Park in Mentone, AL. SEE YOU THERE.

17* Armed Forces Day was first observed in 1950. It is observed the third Saturday of May to honor all branches of the armed forces of the USA.

21* Clara Barton (1821-1912), called the "angel of the battlefield" by soldiers during the Civil War, established the American Red Cross in 1881.

* Charles Augustus Lindbergh (1902-1974) became the first person to fly an airplane across the Atlantic Ocean. His airplane, the Spirit of St. Louis, took off from Garden City, NY and 33- hours later, landed near Paris, France. He had flown more than 3,600 miles and received \$25,000 for this feat. Later, he wrote about the flight in his book, ~ (himself and his airplane). The New York Times paid him \$250,000 for the book. Lindbergh became a hero for his daring and remained a hero the remainder of his life. In 1954 he wrote his autobiography, *The Spirit of St. Louis*, and received a Pulitzer Prize for his work. His airplane, the Spirit of St. Louis, can be seen at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

26* Memorial Day (Decoration Day) is observed the last Monday in May. However, many people will go on the preceding Sunday to honor those who gave their lives for our freedom.

(Confederate Memorial Day is observed April 26 in Alabama to honor those heroes who died in the Civil War.)

29* Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first to reach the top of Mt. Everest, 1953 (the tallest mountain in the world.)

MOTHER

M — is for her molding my life for good.

O — is for her making me obey her. (Thanks for the spankings, Mom!)

T — is for her tears she shed for me

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At this season when we set aside a day to honor our mothers, I am reminded of this portion of scripture from Proverbs that describes what a mother should be, and I can marvel at how well my own mother fit this description. I am sure that you can say the same thing as you reflect on the love of your mother. To you mothers who are still living, take time to read the entire chapter and commit yourselves to become a better wife and mother. Children, be thankful for the mother God has given to you, and be obedient to your parents.

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After the Winter ... God Sends the Spring

— Helen Steiner Rice

By Evelyn Graves

All of my life I have believed that we, in the northeast corner of Alabama, are especially blessed with the gift of the seasons. When I was a child, fall was my favorite season with the brilliant colors of red, yellow, and orange. I was exclaiming over the beauty of fall one day when my mother commented, "It is glorious, but I love spring because of its promise." As I have become older, I, too, recognize that after a long, cold winter on the mountain, spring brings with it hope, gladness, and a beauty all its own.

In this part of the state, a special time is set aside in the spring or early summer to honor our loved ones who have passed away by having a memorial service at the place of their burial, when friends and loved ones come together to honor them. When these "decoration days" were first established, it was a custom to bring flowers and place them on the graves and to bring a picnic lunch and have "dinner on the ground." This was done because of limited transportation and the time element involved. As a custom, there were several ministers who spoke throughout the day; there was a memorial to the men and women who lost their lives in service to their country; and the memorial service included a lot of singing both by the congregation and by special groups - family groups and church groups - and several solos. Today the services are shortened somewhat. Usually there is only one speaker and less singing to allow time for a brief business session and other matters that are pressing.

I was driving down the mountain recently and was admiring the dogwoods, redbuds, and other flowering trees on the mountainside. As I entered Valley Head, I was overcome with the display of color. At the foot of the mountain, I

slowed down to enjoy the dogwoods that had so lovingly been placed there by

Charles Hunt many years ago. Every day he could be seen mowing his huge

yard and caring for his beautiful trees and shrubs. I thought, "I miss Charles so much. He cared deeply for his family. The thrift on the bank in front of his yard still testifies of his love for nature and for his family."

I looked across the road from the Hunt house, and I could still see in my mind Oscar Turner, Jr. manicuring his lawn to perfection just as he always did with his personal grooming. I remember

that he was named "neatest" in Who's Who in Valley Head High School. This characteristic followed him all of his life. Then I reached the viaduct and looked over the other side to view the pink and white dogwoods in the yard of Clifton and Laura Margaret Allison. It was not unusual to see both of them in the yard working at the same time. He would be mowing, clipping boxwoods, and she, attired in a nice dress with hosiery and semi-dress shoes, would be raking in the yard, planting flowers, etc., with her beautiful upswept hair-do still in place. They took a lot of pride in their home and their family, and everyone who crossed the viaduct in the springtime enjoyed their marvelous welcome to Valley Head. Their house was sold after their deaths, and I was thinking that the new owners can surely feel the presence of these loving people still in their midst.

I snapped a picture of a lovely azalea bush in the Coleman's yard behind the Allison's house. I paused at that time to marvel that all of these gardeners have gone to a heavenly garden already prepared for their enjoyment.

Directly across from the Allison home, I drank in the beauty of the house and yard built by P. W. Roberts. I thought about how many young men he had taught a knowledge of building and horticulture in their agriculture classes at Valley Head High School. The girls in home economics classes were also required to take agriculture classes at some time during the year. I remember my agriculture classes consisted of learning how to plan, plant, and identify various shrubs, trees, etc.

What a great person Mr. Roberts was, and how much we all miss him!

It was such a blessing that I had my new camera with me on this journey. I could not resist driving up into the driveway at Van and Teresa Cooper's house. Theirs is such a lovely home that has been modified from the Victorian home occupied by Van's grandparents where Van's



father grew up. The dogwoods are simply elegant this year. The

home brings a lot of nostalgia to the family.

The next stop was to snap a few pictures of Macky and Marcella Campbell's third generation home on the hill across the road from the old football field. This home has always been intriguing, as a bird's-eye view of much of Valley Head can be captured from this location. It is sad that Macky's grandparents, the Maxwells, and his parents, the Campbells, have all passed on, but it is wonderful that Macky and Marcella have been able to return to the homeplace to live.

My next stop was to snap a picture of Winston Place, a historic landmark now used for weddings, receptions, and other special events. It is lovely in any season, but especially in the spring.



As I was enroute back to Mentone, I was enthralled with the trees from

the opposite direction. They were equally as beautiful as they were on my way down the mountain. I was amazed at how nature takes care of itself. The loveliest, fullest redbuds had nestled into the heart of the evergreens as if they were seeking shelter from the overnight return of winter. The contrast

of color with the pink against the dark hues of green provided a dramatic backdrop.

As I approached Mentone on my return trip, I was happy to see the rock planter recently erected by Mentone Inn which is a beautiful welcome to Mentone.

From there I made a circle of homes on the brow and found them to be lovely with dogwoods, crabapple trees, bushes and other shrubs. When I approached my own driveway, I was drawn to the entrance to my new neighbor's cabin, Mrs. Bunn.

She has not yet moved into her log house, but she has already caught a

glimpse of what makes the Mentone-Valley Head area special, and her place is certainly an asset to the community.

If you have not already done so this year, take time to tour the old homes in the area, and to reminisce about the people who owned these homes who have gone on to be with the Lord.

May I share with you this poem by Helen Steiner Rice:

After the Winter ... God Sends the Spring

Springtime is a season
Of hope and joy and cheer,
There's beauty all around us
To see and touch and hear ...
So, no matter how downhearted
And discouraged we may be,
New Hope is born when we behold
Leaves budding on a tree ...
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Push through the frozen sod
And open wide in glad surprise
Its petaled eyes to God ...
For this is just God saying—
"Lift up your eyes to Me,
And the bleakness of your spirit,
Like the budding springtime tree,
Will love its wintry darkness
And your heavy heart will sing"—
For God never sends the Winter
Without the Joy of Spring.