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Each Season of Life Brings New Blessings to Mentone Resident



Grace Pullen with Andy Allen on left, Cody Wagner on right, the other, of course, is Grace with Katie Pullen

By Peggy J. Benefield

God's abundant gifts continue to bless Mrs. Grace Pullen in each season of her life. Ms. Grace was first blessed with the gift of two wonderful parents, Frank and Ethel Green, who taught her to value each day as a special gift. She grew up across the road from where she has reared her own family, and where she still resides.

Her marriage to Robert "Bill" Pullen was delayed for four years when he answered his country's call to duty after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Another of God's blessings brought her sweetheart home to her and they were married in November 1945. They

had five children, three daughters and two sons. The next season of Ms. Grace's life was blessed with eleven beautiful grandchildren.

We all must bear some pain in our journey through life, and the loss of her dear friend and husband, Bill, in March of this year, has no doubt brought much loneliness after 55 years of marriage. But, still, God's watchful eye is upon her and she continues to see the beauty in each new day.

Although the arrival of great-grandchildren is not extremely unusual, the first such event was a little extraordinary for Ms. Grace. Two great-grandsons were born within hours of each other on August 24,

one in Huntsville, Alabama, and the other in Rome, Georgia. One son was born to Jay and Shannon Blalock Wagner, and just hours later, Jay's sister, Becky, presented her husband, Mick Allen, with a son, also. Little Cody weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz., 20 inches long; while Andy weighed 8 lbs. 5-1/2 oz. at 20-1/2 inches long. Originally, both had the same expected delivery date, September 2; but Becky's sonogram indicated a delivery date of August 30, which is Ms. Grace's birthday. Several uncommon similarities in the deliveries added to the phenomenon. This was an exciting day for Ms. Grace, as she welcomed these little ones to her heart.

On September 12, Ms. Grace was again blessed, this time with a lovely little great granddaughter. Grandson, Josh Pullen, and his wife, Sarah, named their new baby, Katherine Elizabeth Grace.

Within three weeks time, Ms. Grace celebrated a birthday and added three new great grandchildren to her family. She feels especially blessed and thankful in this season of life, as each new day brings with it the hope and anticipation of hearing the pitter-patter of little feet in her house once more. Life is good.

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MAPA MEETING

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The October 2 meeting was held at the Mentone Springs Hotel which is now owned by Andy Talton, who became the new owner in October. The meeting was held in the lobby in front of the fire place.

President Mickey Gough called the meeting to order, and announced that Margaret Taylor had resigned as president, and that at a board meeting, Mickey had agreed to accept the presidency.

Present were Mickey Gough, George and Hope Walker, Homer and Bernise Crow, Ed and Gerry Disney, Huey and Marilyn Mathews, Rick Chapman, Dessie Newberry, Dot Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, visitor Dorothy Shelden, and speaker Linda Clark.

The order of the meeting was changed to accommodate the speaker for the evening, Linda Clark, Director of the Red Cross for DeKalb County, AL. Linda has been with the Red Cross since 1982 and is a familiar figure in the community. She said that the Red Cross, an all volunteer organization, was first on the site after the September 11 disaster in New York and has been there continuously since that date helping with hugs, food, money, cash grants, and anything else that was needed. They have fed over 9 million meals and snacks since Sept. 11. DeKalb County alone raised \$41,000 for disaster relief. She said, "Never in the history of the United States Red Cross

has there been such a response, not only in DeKalb County, but throughout the United States." The schools in DeKalb County raised over \$9,000. Across the United States, millions turned out to donate blood, as well as money.

The Red Cross is an armed forces emergency service (AFES) and is mandated by the US Government to go to areas where disasters occur. The Red Cross receives no compensation from the government, they are an all-volunteer organization. She said they could use more volunteers who can go nationwide to help in times of disasters.

The Red Cross is presently doing disaster training. They are "first on the site" and last ones to leave. The Red Cross in DeKalb County receives 60% of its funds from United Givers Fund. They also aid fire victims.

Mrs. Clark passed out a booklet, "Disaster Preparedness for Seniors by Seniors", which tells "what we can do to save our lives." These booklets will also be distributed on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Mentone Community House during the Health Fair from 1:30 to 6 p.m.

The Red Cross conducts health and safety classes, CPR, first aid, and is a referral information service. Last year, 40 volunteers gave 15,000 hours in DeKalb County.

The meeting returned to its regular format. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved and the financial report was accepted.

The festival was discussed and the members agreed that it was the best one they had had in a long time--vendors and visitors were happy with the weather, the turnout, and the festival.

The annual Christmas program was discussed, and the members decided to have a Community Singing on the square of the Mentone Inn at 6 p.m. A bonfire will be there to warm those attending, and hot coffee and cocoa will be available. Everyone is invited to participate.

The MAPA Christmas party will be on Tuesday, December 4. The president will contact several places to see where the party will be held and the members will each be notified.

George Walker made a motion that MAPA make a donation to Moon Lake School for the new library. Bernise seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Rick Chapman to terminate the 1-800 number, which was seconded by Huey Mathews, and passed unanimously by the members. MAPA will continue to have the telephone number 256-834-3041 which will receive all calls for MAPA.

There are no meetings for January and February, however the board will meet in January, a date to be announced.

Huey and Marilyn Mathews volunteered to help with the Rhododendron Festival in May 2002.

Dr. Bill Berry will be the speaker for the March 2002 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned to have refreshments. Cathy Landstreet-Howard, who runs a massage parlor in the hotel, was on hand to help the members with the refreshments provided by the hotel and also Bernise and Homer Crow. The members met the new owner, Andy Talton, who welcomed them to meet at the hotel for any event.

-PUBLIC NOTICE--

MENTONE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Meeting dates for remainder of 2001

December 20

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All meetings are held in the town public meeting room at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.

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Last month we reported the state of affairs of the town and accomplishments of the committees for the past year. What we will accomplish in the coming year to keep Mentone from becoming a ghost town is up to you. The Town Council, the committees, and I cannot do it alone, and certainly not without the will of you, the people. As for me, I took an oath of office to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the state of Alabama, and to protect the health and welfare of the good citizens of Mentone, regardless of the opposition. With your help and with the grace of God, I intend to uphold my promise to the voters and to my oath.

It appears that the Octoberfest was as successful this year as last. The Tourists and Events Committee is moving forward with the web page and should have it up and running around the first of the year. We hope to include a civic page on the web site to keep you informed of the current events in town and happenings in surrounding areas.

We have received numerous inquiries and complaints about loud and disturbing noises and when or if we will have a noise ordinance. There are laws on the books which can deal with this as "disorderly conduct." However, most of the towns have adopted a noise ordinance, and we have one of the agenda which will deal with such problems as boom boxes.

THOSE PEOPLE ON COUNTY ROADS 641, 639, 644, Hwy 117, and portions of County Road 106 around Whatley's Bridge who have not yet signed an application for water, please contact the Water Board for an application. These need to be completed by Nov. 20th. You will need your 911 address and your section and lot number, which can be found on your

tax statement. The charge as approved by the Board and Rural Development will be \$150 tap fee; \$35 set-up fee, and a refundable deposit of \$50 for owners and \$75 for lease-holders (rentors). If you work and cannot get into Town Hall, call 634-9106, and we will send someone out to your home to complete your application, or we will mail it to you.

We are in process of preparing plans and budgets for the year 2002. With the economy in a state of array, it is difficult to envision which direction to go and which plans to try and prepare for.

At present I can only report to you that we are waiting on Congress to pass a budget for this year which will affect the grant applications we have for the beautification and safety improvements at Scenic Drive and Hwy 117, and the water rehab grant/loan combination for a new tank and replacement of most of the older and undersized lines in our system.

Our old water tank has been out of commission while we have been cleaning and having it inspected. We have been advised by the inspectors that it is OK for several more years. However, we plan to replace this one under the aforementioned grant.

There have been small amounts of criticism of the Zoning Ordinance. We realize that it needs some revisions to provide for more uniformity as well as enlarging our business district. This has been under study by the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments, and Town Council. Some changes will be forthcoming soon.

Let me remind you that a town, a city, or a nation without proper planning are like an uncultivated watermelon. It will dry up and die on the vine. So let's cultivate the heritage which has been given to us and make it grow!

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--NOTICE--

Please note the change in the meeting dates of the following:

- Mentone Town Council changed to Monday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m.
- Mentone Water Works Board changed to Thursday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m.

The Veterans Day Holiday and Thanksgiving fall on the dates of each of these regular meetings.

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2nd Monday of each
month at 5 PM
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Hall. Contact Marty
Smith for more
information.

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The SPEED LIMIT on Co Rd 89, from Mentone to the stop sign at Tutwiler Gap and DeSoto Falls is 25 miles per hour. The town of Mentone has received numerous complaints of speeding in this area.

The police department will be vigorously patrolling this area and the speed limit will be strictly enforced.

They will also be patrolling Co Rd 89 all the way to Comer Scout Camp and the speed limit in that area will also be strictly enforced.

Mayor C.E. Britt

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October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As part of her personal crusade to get everybody checked up, Marilyn Blanton Campbell did an interview with the Rome News Tribune and the article came out October 14. Thanks, Marilyn! Keep after those of us who put off being checked up!

Norma and Buddy Williams came from Boaz to the October Colorfest this year. Norma said it was the first time she felt like getting out in a long time. Norma had her 74th birthday October 29. Happy belated birthday wishes, Norma.

Happy November Birthdays to: •2- Roger Allen Brooks; •3- Sandy Hulan, Emily Platt, Phil Howard; •4- Pat Lewis; •5- Ronnie Robertson, Gail Worthey Chambers, Tracy Platt; •6- Tommy Harrison III, Duane Blalock; •7- Rhonda Lasser, Carolyn Shaw; •8- Jonathon Black, Michael Harrison, Jason Owen; •9- Carol Hazell, Buddy Burnett, Laura Harrison McKenzie, Melissa Worthey Miller, Richard Green; •10- Velendia Miracle; •11- Andy Harcrow, Gerry Bain; •12- Ovie Blalock; •13- Lendell Chappell, Phyllis Lewis, Kim Langston Bailey; •14- Kenneth Hammond, Austin Harrison; •15- Lee Carden, Kelly Maddox; •17- Randy Green (Conroe, Tx.), Lorelei Dillenbeck Lauro (Va.), LeLani Dillenbeck (Va.), Regina Niles; •18- Sharlie Harcrow; •19- Tara Cahill, Mike & Lu Smith (17th Anniv); •21- Carolyn Hicks, Keith Hadley, Gerald Bailey; •23- Dr. Pat Seymour (in memory of), Jared "Beaver" Fisher, Teresa Brown; •24- Jessica Thornberry; •25- Robin Westbrook; •26- Krissy Worthey Harris, Bill Miracle, W.A. & Polly Chambers (Anniv.), Jan White; •27- Bill Schwarz, Carrie Ruth Kirby, Kim Worthey, Lesley Blalock; •28- Jo Beabe, Maxine Wright, Florence Mays, Adam Tuxbury, Christina Armstrong, Patricia Kellett, Velendia and Bill Miracle (Anniv.); •29- Claudia Croxton, Brian Blalock; •30- Joyce Blankenship.

Happy December Birthdays to: •1- Shane Bo Thomas, Brian Green (18, from Conroe, TX), Mark Hatfield, Caleb Hunt; •2- Dewayne McKenzie, Angel Wesley; •4- Myrtle Webb, Clara Cash (in memory of), Heath Blalock, Ann King Jackson; •5- Rodney Pelletier; •6- Ellen Thompson, Amber Nekole Tackett, Phyllis Lewis, Lisa Hulan; •7- Robin Hulan, Ken Hammond; •8- Pat Vest, Renee Day, DeAnna Harris; •9- Brian McAdams, Bill Shaw; •10- Kevin Worthey, Tammy Hopper, Bobbie Smith; •12- Homer Crow, Valerie Chappell, Kristen Lauro (5 years old, Springfield, Va.); •14- Bruce BonFleur, Jim Phillips, Tina Schrader, Hunter Whisenant; •19- Brynda Hopper; •20- Allison Allen; •21- Mabel Kirk (in memory of), O.W. Hunt, Vickie Biddle Delogarza, Coby Harrison; •23- Mike Key; •24- Maureen Hammond, Joe Kent; •25- JESUS; •26- Michael Croxton; •27- Melissa Harrison, Jennifer Blalock; •28- Lily Harrison, Annette Chappell, Rusty Rector; •29- Randy and Brenda Green of Conroe, TX, (22nd Anniversary); •30- Emily Collins, Marquita Brown, Scott Burke.

Alex Hazell, 7th grader from Mentone, was injured at football practice recently. Another player fell on his wrist and broke it in two places. That's not all, though, it was rebroken. Alex, hang in there, we all love you!

On Oct. 7th, the 35th Annual DeKalb County Marching Festival was held at the Collinsville High School Stadium. Among those receiving awards were Valley Head Drum Major, Sharee Jenkins, received a superior; the Color Guard (Ashley Deering, captain; Beth Easler, and Niki Johnson); excellent; and band: superior. Congratulations on all your hard work.

Congratulations to Valley Head students, Angela Corbin, who made the President's List of Northeast Alabama Community College during the summer term; and to Amanda Moore, who made the Dean's List.

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

- George Wesley Duke, 91, Valley Head, 9/16;
- Betty Hilderbrand Chapman, 74, Fort Payne, 10/7;
- L.M. Jones, 80, Fort Payne, 10/20;
- Howard Finster, 84, native of Valley Head, 10/21;
- Emmitt Doyle Smith, 70, Cloudland, Ga., 10/27;
- Bill Scruggs, attorney Fort Payne, 11/6;
- Mary Dew Phillips, 69, Valley Head, 11/6;
- Billie Pickett, 67, Valley Head, 11/

Continue to pray for the family of the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11 and for our leaders.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Would you ever, in your wildest nightmares, dream that a letter you receive could be a lethal weapon? Such are these days with monsters among us! I received a letter that fit the description of a "suspect" letter. It had a postmark "Tampa, FL" and only a P.O. Box number (different) in Birmingham. I was not afraid of it, but took it to Sheriff Reed as I was told. It turned out to be from Progressive Farmer. Why didn't they know to put their name on the outside of the envelope?

Michelle and Robert D. Brown, and John Robert and William, attended the Homecoming game of University of Alabama with LSU at Tuscaloosa on Nov. 3. It was practically a homecoming reunion for Michelle. They visited briefly at the Phi Mu House with her cousin Mary Young (who works for the University Gymnastics Dept., and was university hostess in the skybox for the game.), Mary's mother, Aunt Gloria Romeo, Stephanie Romeo, Gloria's granddaughter, Karen Romeo, Gloria's daughter, in law and Brendan and Russell Streit - cousin and husband. They sat with nephew Joseph Schilliel (1st year grad School of Business at Alabama) at the game - then had a tail-gate dinner after the game with Michelle's sister, Mary Louise Mancuso, and her friend, Ralph Weldon, from Montgomery, and nephew, Brian Mancuso.

Garnett Hammon had a very special celebration for her 93rd birthday at Randy's Restaurant in Trenton, Sept. 23. About 40 family members came to help make it a special day—one even flew in from Texas. She received many nice gifts and enjoyed it very much. She also went with Carl and Mary Hoge to visit Donna Coley in Texas, recently.

Joan Jones has returned home after spending three months in Hackleburg helping her mother, who was seriously ill. Hopefully, her mother is better now.

Susie and "Scooter" Clark enjoyed a lovely trip to the Smokies recently. Susie's brother, Kenneth Lewis, and his daughter, Maelynn, from Denver, CO., spent several days with her and "Scooter", recently.

Louise and Charles Hammond had a wonderful two-week visit with their son, Tim, his wife, Carmen, and children, Haley, Riley and Kaity, in Elma, Washington.

Maureen Hammond has returned home after a thrilling trip to visit her granddaughter, Camilla Yamada, at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. Oct. 12, Camilla received an award—named a Sara & James Bowdoin Scholar for her outstanding academic performance. Sat. Oct. 13, Maureen attended the Rugby game. Camilla's team is undefeated and Maureen was elated to see Camilla score and according to the Bowdoin Orient Paper, "Junior Camilla Yamada took the ball, faking a pass and made several improbable runs to advance the field." Friday night, after the award ceremony, parents and grandparents went to a seafood place to eat; and on Sat. night, the food was catered for Camilla's friends and family. The next weekend, Maureen met grandson Elliott and his friend, Ellie

Binkley, in Cartersville, GA, for lunch.

Julia Hickey brought Adelaide Biddle to visit Ted and Mary Holleman and Adelaide attended the retired Banker's luncheon at Western Sizzlin, on Oct. 19. Julia brought pictures of her son, Jason Hickey and bride, Robin's, wedding at the Rose Garden in Chattanooga Choo Choo.

Dr. Robert Ringer from Marianna, FL., spent several days with Ed Ringer. Sun. Nov. 4, he went to Huntsville, where Gov. Siegelman gave a citation to the 151st Combat Engineer Battalion, of which he was a part.

Bill, Becky and E.T. Holleman visited Abby and Eric Ward in Greenville, SC, the weekend of Nov. 3.

Jo and Howard Carson, and Tommy and Gail Carson spent a week in Gulf Shores. On Oct. 20, Jo and Howard took the train trip through the Nantahala Gorge from Bryson City, NC. They also attended the concert at Roswell Culture Art Center in Roswell, GA., where their talented, eleven-year-old great grandson sang. He is a member of the St. Andrews Boys Choir of Atlanta's Presbyterian Church.

Merle Ellis is recovering from a broken hip at Collinsville Nursing Home.

Velma Hammond suffered a painful broken arm in a fall at Dogwood Haven.

We are delighted to hear that Elizabeth Ellis received a good report after surgery.

Genova Smith is also recovering from surgery.

Mary, Ted and John Holleman and E.T. Holleman and Carol Chandler visited Betty Adams in Gadsden. She is suffering from a broken hip.

Ansley and John McGinnis, from Florence, SC, spent several days with Elizabeth Coleman and Laura Margaret Allison.

Annie Koger Young is out of the hospital and feeling better after a bout with a kidney stone. She is 91 years old and this is her first time in the hospital after ten kids.

Amanda Beth Moore made the Dean's List at Northeast Community College for the Summer semester. She is now taking 20 hours of classes.

Ed Ringer, Harry Smith and Rev. Jeff Adkins met the District Superintendent, Gerald Champion, for breakfast and Conference at Valley Head Methodist Church, Nov. 4.

The Woman's Club is selling shelled pecans for \$6.50 per pound. The proceeds are used for a good cause.

Verenice Hawkins was hostess for the Sunshine Club's Oct. meeting. Verenice had been to the National Fair at Perry, GA., where her grandson, Sam Wilson, had shown some calves and won ribbons. Those present at the meeting were Evelyn Clark, Anna Daniels, Lillie Bowden, Leona Chadwick, Susie Clark, and Eloise Brown. Lillie brought some beautiful pictures of her grandson, Lucas Freeman and Michera Martin's wedding.

Ron Sparks (Assistant Commissioner of AL Dept. of Agriculture and Industry), Lana Harms (N.A.L. District, and Joe Byrd and wife, Libby, from the Montgomery office, visited the groves of Paulownia trees of Robert D., A.J. and Barry Brown, and Ralph Walden. Ron Sparks has been very interested and helpful in the project to get them approved as an industry with the Dept. of Agriculture.

Venna Livingston came down Sunday, Nov. 4, and attended Valley Head Methodist Church. Afterwards, she, Mozelle Crow, and I had a great lunch at Wright's Steak House in Henagar. Then we attended Eddie's Open House, which was very beautiful.

I hope all who are sick or hurt will be healed, and all who grieve for loved ones will find comfort, and everyone will have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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I found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, those things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now. He set me free"

--Author Unknown

Billie was an important part of this family and will be sorely missed. She was so precious to each and every one of us. She has been set free. Billie would not want us to grieve for her. If there were tears to be shed, she would want them to be tears of joy, not sadness.

We appreciate, so much, every thoughtful act of kindness during this time. God bless you every one!

Billie's Family

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For friends and loved ones we hold so dear.
For feet that can walk and helping hands,
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For food to eat, good water to drink,
A working body and mind that can think—
For clean air and ease of breath,
For joy of living and release in death—
For beauty of earth and Heaven's eternal hope
For all the bountiful blessings within our scope—
Give thanks for everything as we pray—
Making every precious day - Thanksgiving Day!

—Eloise Brown

Verses 1 & 2, Ps. 92 - It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto thy name. To show forth thy loving kindness in the morning and thy faithfulness, every night.

DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD NEWS

by Gwen Douthat

Greetings from Desoto Rescue Squad!

If you read last month's article, you know that we set up a medical station at the TAG Fall Cave In at Sequoyah Caverns on October 4th through 7th. We thoroughly enjoyed being there, and want to thank Mr. Jim Wilbanks of the Dogwood City Grotto for all he did for us and for asking us to be there in the first place. Also, we want to thank Valley Head Fire Department and Crossville Rescue Squad for the help they gave us in manning the station. More than 1000 people attended, but thankfully our services were only needed for a few relatively minor injuries and a potentially serious ailment or two. We are all very glad we were able to help and appreciate all the cooperation we got from the staff as well as the participants. We look forward to next year!

Our new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is here and ready for use. Most of us are already trained in its use as well. Again we want to thank you for all your donations which made the purchase of the AED possible. We still have a little way to go to completely pay for it, but we are working on it.

We also continue to work on getting our new van ready for the road. We are now working on the interior as well as striping and decals on the outside. Hopefully you will see it on the road soon. Also, a Chevrolet Suburban was recently donated to us by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad for which we are very thankful. It needs a little paint, a tune up and some lettering, and it will be ready to go!

Thanks again for all you do to support us!

Wildwood Gallery features St. Nick carvings by Nick for Christmas Season

Nikki Oliver, an electrician for Chattanooga Power Board by day, picks up a carving knife and cedar sticks by night to make wooden statuettes, ornaments, and necklaces. His St. Nicks, nativity characters, angels and snowmen, are sought by collectors as well as Christmas decorators.

"I am self taught. My father owns thirty acres of cedar, or did before I started carving. I like the smell of cedar and it works well with a knife, the only tool I use. My wife Judy does the painting."

St. Nicks by Nick are featured at Wildwood Gallery, an artists co-op, between now and Christmas. In addition, you'll find the paintings of Beth Bradford; pottery of Sue Cannon, Bob Fazio and Mary Lynch; iron sculpture of Julie Clark; photography of Paul Grant and Deb Hebert; hand-woven basketry of Connie Hornsby; weaving and fiber art of Brenda McKaig; and iron silhouette furniture and gifts of Harriett and Steve O'Rear.

Wildwood Gallery, 20655 Hwy 1 North, Wildwood, GA (in the old Wildwood Post Office)

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MOON LAKE SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL 2001 RAISES \$7,455.41

The Moon Lake School Harvest Festival was a great success raising \$7,455.41. Through the combined efforts of each of the classes in Moon Lake Elementary School, the teachers, the parents and extended families, and the Parent-Teacher Organization, the Harvest Festival was not only successful, but provided good food and fun for all those who came to enjoy the evening. There was a lot of hard work by the parents and teachers to make the festival work. The PTO plans to use the funds to upgrade the playground equipment at the front of the school.

Thanks to everyone who participated in any way and thanks to all of those who donated prizes to be given away! It couldn't have been done without you!



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UNITED GIVERS FUND OF DEKALB COUNTY, INC.

UGF COUNTS DOWN TO GOAL!!

At the third Report Meeting of this year's United Givers Fund Campaign held Wednesday, October 24, campaign pledges and contributions totaled \$225,962.00, or 65% of goal. Approximately \$24,000.00 is still needed to reach the \$350,000.00 goal.

The Public Service Division has reached 85% of its \$10,250.00 goal with \$8,680.00 reported. Teresa Freeman is Chairman of this division.

Currently at 72% of its goal, the Professional & Special Division needs another \$6,500.00. Larry Hancock is Chairman of this division.

The Commercial Division and the Industrial Division each stand at 64% of their respective goals. Pam Gibson is Commercial Division Chairman and Carla Bryan is Chairman of the Industrial Division.

With approximately \$30,000.00 received in the Town & County Division, another \$19,500.00 is needed to reach their \$49,500.00 goal. Ricky Little is Chairman of this Division. UGF Executive Director Barbara Turner said, "The Town & County Division, which covers the communities on Sand Mountain and Lookout Mountain, as well as communities north and south of Fort Payne, has a very large area to cover. The Campaign Workers in this Division do a great job of trying to contact all the businesses, industries, and individuals in their communities. Their efforts are so valuable to the success of the overall campaign."

Campaign General Chairman Linda Sterling said she was "very pleased with the totals reported in each Division at Wednesday's meeting." Sterling said she expects the final report meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, November 7, to also be a "victory celebration."

Member agencies to be funded during 2002 by these campaign contributions are: DeKalb Chapter American Red Cross, The ARC, CASA, DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center, Easter Seals, Fort Payne-DeKalb Child Development Center, Fort Payne-DeKalb Rehab Center, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Partnership For A Drug-Free DeKalb, Rose Haven, Salvation Army, and USO.

To contribute to this year's campaign, stop by the UGF office at 106 SE Third Street or mail your pledge to: United Givers Fund of DeKalb County at P.O. Box 680292, Fort Payne, AL 35968-1604.

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NORTH LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By Linda Brown

What's in a name? It seems that a lot is in a name when it is incorrect. This has happened recently with the local volunteer fire department. As secretary to the board of directors, I found that we could possibly get a rebate on some items, since we are organized under the Alabama Forestry Commission. When I tried to submit the proper forms, I found that no organization had our name the same. I have faxed the above name to all of the agencies and still have not heard if we can apply for rebates.

No matter what we are called, we are responding to the needs of Mentone and the surrounding communities. Recently, the volunteers have answered several calls to brush fires and outdoor fires. We all need to be very careful about burning leaves and brush right now because it is so dry. One puff of wind can spread a small fire to an out-of-control fire.

At the November meeting, the members of the Board of Directors decided to set in motion the plans to purchase a new fire truck. This will require a lot of planning; not only will they have to know exactly what is needed on the truck, but they will also have to secure a loan and have reasonable assurance that the payments on this loan can be met.

This is where you can help. If you live in the area north of the DeSoto State Park east to the Georgia state line, west to the town limits of Valley Head and in the state of Alabama north of Mentone, you live in the coverage area of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District. This is a lot of territory. We are a volunteer department. None of the firefighters or members and officers of the board are ever paid for their services. All efforts are strictly a labor of love for their community and its people.

You can send a donation to: NLMFPD, PO Box 154, Mentone, AL 35984. A receipt for tax purposes will be returned to you, if requested.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

What a beautiful fall we are having! The weather has been like something we would have ordered. Some strong winds and a light breeze took our leaves from the trees a little early, but some were stubborn and are still! very colorful.

Our apples and most fruits have produced well and we have enjoyed the bounty. I have fried apples most every day—just sliced and placed in a heavy-bottomed skillet with a little butter, a sprinkling of sugar and a drizzle of honey. They are good and healthy.

The Teverinos gave us loads of scuppernongs again. Bless their little pea-pickin' hearts (as Tennessee Ernie would say). Homer and I made 30 pints of seedless jam in one day.

The black walnut trees have large nuts this year. They are tedious to crack and the meats have to be removed with a pick, but my how good to use in cooking. I made a coconut cake recently with seven minute icing and sprinkled the walnut meats on top. It was good. And the nuts are good just added to plain muffin dough and baked. They are also good in divinity candy.

We are happy to have our daughter, Joyce, with us. She will work with Doreen in the Package Store in Ft. Payne for a while. Joyce's husband, Gregg, works for the state of South Carolina and would not like to lose his retirement benefits with them or they could move here, and we would love it! Gregg has always been a computer programmer and could easily find employment here.

Helen Phillips was having a yard sale at her house this week and I stopped by and bought some ice cream dishes. Everything has changed around Helen's home since I was last in the area. Clyde Phillips, her father-in-law, has a nice home close by where we have visited many times in years past, but I had never been to Helen and Don's home. It is a sweet, neat place. She showed me through part of her house. She has a 50's kitchen that is very charming and colorful. Her living room has antiques that they have restored and Don's paintings are hanging on all walls. Very impressive. Don is a great musician, having taught guitar for several years. He has written some songs that are well done, and he does painting and wallpapering for homes and is artistic with his work. Some people have many gifts and he is one of them.

Helen has an eye for quality and is very selective when she buys. When I buy, I just take whatever is a good price without checking it out thoroughly. Helen knows what she wants and studies books and prices. She has a section where she sells antiques at the Big Mill in Ft. Payne.

We had a happy "un-birthday" party last week for my

cousin Elizabeth (Lib) King. It was just as much fun as if it had really been the exact date. Lib lives in Centreville, Alabama, below Tuscaloosa, but is a frequent visitor to Mentone where we meet with cousins Andy Lea and Iva. Lib and I had lunch at the Dish Saturday, while keeping shop for a while, then dinner at our house where Joyce, Doreen and Jerry, and Andy and Iva joined us.

I do believe our festival was one of the best we have had! Gerald and Margaret Taylor worked hard to make it a success and their planning made it a huge success! The Fire Department did well selling barbecued sandwiches and hot dogs. People were standing in line to be served. We had people wall to wall at the Hitching Post. Many old friends came by and some people made purchases, which helps when we are in a recession or people are afraid to spend money. The Cotaco Creek Band again furnished country music for our bonfire and at the festival at Brow Park. Much appreciation to these fine people who do not charge for their performances. We must do something for them—give a party for them or something. During the Festival, they stayed at Gordon Berry's house in the Berry Patch. This band has been playing for our festivals for several years now. What a treat!

Our community has been saddened by the death of Betty Chapman—a very lovely lady. I never saw her when she was not smiling and upbeat. I never heard her complain about anything, and that's a wonderful trait. Betty was a member of the Rhododendron Garden Club, MAPA, and gave a great deal of her time to the Altrusa Club. She and her husband, Rick, had been married 56 years. I believe Rick made beautiful jewelry for Betty and she wore it with great style. We shall miss her for a long time.

And Sharon Burke, who owns the Gourdie Shop, lost her mother this week. I am so sorry to learn of this too late to go to the service. Sharon has been here at the Hitching Post for a long time—probably fifteen years. My heart goes out to her at this time.

I'm glad to report that my brother-in-law, Jesse Crow, is doing fine now, following a hard time after heart bypasses. He is gaining his strength back and says he eats everything he can get!

Halloween is past, Thanksgiving is on the way, and Christmas will follow soon. George Walker, Alyce Springer, Walt Pullen, Sue Schwarz, Jan Wilkinson, Dianne Kuehl and I are singing with the Community Choir, practicing at Valley Head Baptist Church. This is a cantata that Jane Meadows directed a few years ago when I was not here. It's a little difficult in some places, but we are working on it.

It was a pleasure to have Inez O'Rear come by the shop recently. She and her friend, Parker, took us to lunch at the Kountry Chef. Inez has worked for AAA Travel in Chattanooga for a long time. She has arranged trips for us including the wonderful one to Abernethy, Germany, to see the Passion Play in 1990. That play is only presented every ten years and Inez went last year.

The article on Mentone in the November issue of *Southern Living* has brought us many visitors, especially for the Dish restaurant. Any time *Southern Living* mentions Mentone, we all profit by it. The magazine has a wide circulation—great publicity!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Wedding Announcement



Christopher Adam Cox and Sarah Ann Elizabeth Hatfield Cox

Wiley and Sharron Hatfield of Sulphur Springs, AL, announce the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Ann Elizabeth Hatfield to Christopher Adam Cox of Soddy-Daisy, TN.

The wedding took place Saturday, September 29th, at Daisy United Methodist Church in Soddy-Daisy. A reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Valley Head High School and attended Northeast Community College. She is currently employed by Ace Pain Management at Erlanger East Hospital.

The groom is the son of John and Gloria Cox of Hixson, TN. He is a 1991 graduate of Soddy-Daisy High School, and has a mass communication degree and a minor in speech communication and athletic coaching from Middle Tennessee University. He is currently an agent for Alder and Cox Insurance Co.

The bride's grandparents are Juanita Oliver of Sulphur Springs, AL and Edith and the late Mark Hatfield of Sulphur Springs.

The groom's grandparents are the late Herschel and Anna Ruth Smith of Soddy-Daisy and John and Odessa Cox of Soddy-Daisy.

A FOREST QUEST



The 6th Grade from Moon Lake School has begun their trek for a Forest Quest. They began this quest by coming to DeSoto State Park on September 26th and learning how to orienteer. This means they learned how to read a compass and how to find distances to be traveled by using paces. These are essential skills needed to find your way in a forest (or wherever you may be). They then practiced these skills on the beginner's course. In a few weeks, they will return to the park for the second segment of this program (sponsored by Legacy) at which time they will attempt the intermediate course. On this course they are required to find their way using bearings and distances through the park's trails beginning and ending at assigned points.

If your school group, scout troop or club is interested in this or other programs available at DeSoto State Park through their Interpretive Program, please call and ask to speak to the Park Naturalist - 256-845-0051.



Mentone Wedding Chapel

Nestled in the woods atop Lookout Mountain, near Mentone, Alabama, this quaint little chapel is surrounded by ferns, ivy and flowers. The chapel is a quiet version of traditional Appalachian churches of days gone by. Stained glass windows filtering soft forest sunrays and soft organ music accent an ambience fitting the wedding ceremony. Inside wooden pews will seat approximately 60 guests.



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Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society holds 44th National Convention.



William O. (Ovie) Blalock Elected to National Judiciary Committee at Woodmen National Convention; Barbara Hester Attends Woodmen National Convention as Delegate.



Blalocks and Hesters attend banquet of Woodmen of The world National Convention. L/R: Barbara, Jimmy, Brittany and Tyler Hester; Ovie and Barbara Blalock.

(Omaha, Neb.—August 1, 2001) William O. Blalock was elected to a four-year term on the National Judiciary Committee of Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society. The election was held during the Society's 44th National Convention, July 29-August 1, in Charlotte, N.C.

Barbara Hester, daughter of Ovie Blalock, who was a delegate at the Convention, was among more than 800 delegates, officers and guests who attended the Woodmen National Convention. Woodmen holds a national convention every four years to address Society business and fraternal matters, and elect national directors.

Both Ovie and Barbara belong to Lodge 436, which meets at the Woodmen of the World building in Valley Head.

Convention highlights included addresses by Dr. Bernadine Healy, president of the American Red Cross, and Woodmen National President James L. Mounce. Mounce reported on fraternal and financial

events of the past four years, and urged attendees to enrich the lives of members, their families and their communities by continuing to provide new products, enhanced member benefits and the best service possible.

The convention concluded with the election and installation of the Society's officers. All members of the Woodmen Board of Directors were elected to four-year terms, including Chairman of the Board John G. Bookout, National President James L. Mounce, Executive Vice President James W. Bridges Jr., National Secretary Danny E. Cummins, National Treasurer Stephen W. Mellor, and National Escort W. Wayne Graham, all of Omaha, Neb.; Chairman of Trustees Harry G. Lawson, Appomattox, Va.; National Trustees William C. Owen, Tallahassee, Fla.; Thomas T. Gallion III, Montgomery, Ala.; James L. Harmon, Murray, Ky.; J. Carroll Shealy, Lexington, S.C.; Henson P. Barnes, White Lake, N.C.; and Betty H. Brown, Antioch, Tenn.

Woodmen of the World, founded in 1890, is one of the largest fraternal benefit societies in the United States, offering insurance protection with fraternal benefits. Woodmen's insurance products include whole life, flexible premium life, term life and hospital supplement insurance, cancer insurance, and annuities.

The Society's 837,000 members, who hold nearly one million insurance and annuity certificates, belong to 2,400 lodges throughout the United States. Woodmen lodges across the country conduct fraternal projects of benefit to people and their communities. These projects include presenting U.S. flags to civic and community organizations; donating equipment to police, fire and rescue units; providing assistance to senior citizens, the physically impaired and orphans; and providing assistance through our disaster relief partnership with the American Red Cross.



Ovie Blalock and Woodmen of The World National President James Mounce at Dedication of Habitat for Humanity house built in Macon, Ga., Sept. 1-6, 2001



**Habitat for Humanity
house built in Macon, Ga.,
Sept. 1-6, 2001**

About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



When you turn over your calendar leaf and it shows November, you know that the season of winter is not far away. It doesn't seem possible that we are this far into the year of 2001. Even though the calendar shows November, the weather continues to be very warm. Those few cold nights caused us to have a frost and most of the foliage has turned brown and fallen by now. I am waiting for the cold weather to settle in so I can plant some bulbs. I have planted in November before and the bulbs will sprout and come up. Of course, the plant gets frozen when it does get cold. This causes the plant to not be as productive during next Spring's growing period. I plan to wait until the first week of December to plant this year and see if that is better. Mentone gardening is definitely a trial and error method. Every year the weather is different from other years.

Lowell Barron visited Moon Lake School recently. He was unable to attend the Parental Involvement Night, so he agreed to come for a visit during school hours. I was invited to attend as a community representative. The teachers and lunchroom ladies set up a wonderful brunch for all of us. Senator Barron sat and talked to us while we ate. Afterward, he spoke to us regarding the pro-ration system that has cut some of the funding for schools. He has several ideas to offset this hardship and assured us that he would do everything he could to help the situation.

What Senator Barron did next was what impressed me the most. He visited every classroom at Moon Lake School! He told the children in each class how special they were and how a good education would be their key to accomplishing anything they wanted to in life. He looked at their work that was displayed on the walls and listened while one class sang a song for him. He visited the site where the new library is being built and promised to help fund the paving of the parking lot. He toured the Butterfly Garden and loved every minute of it. He could not decide where the wonderful smell was coming from. Of course, Ann Wright knew

that it was from the herbs that were growing there, but she let him continue to wonder. During the entire morning, he was never hurried or impatient with anyone. At one point he made the statement, "I really feel at home here." When his secretary finally convinced him that he must leave for another appointment, he promised that he would always do anything he could to help the school and the town of Mentone and asked us to contact him whenever he could be of help.

The Harvest Festival at Moon Lake School on Saturday, November 3 was a rousing success. The Parent-Teacher Organization, the faculty of the school and the community all do a great job with this event. Look for more details in this issue of *The Groundhog*. This event is always fun to attend and this is the major fund raising opportunity for the PTO. I think they are planning a major overhaul of the playground for their project this year.

Many of the monthly meetings of the town of Mentone have been moved to days and times other than usual because of the Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving holidays. Please watch the places that town notices are usually posted for these changes. I urge everyone to attend as many of these meetings as you can. That is one of the best ways to know what is being done in your town. We always have seats available and all meetings are open to the public. If you want to address the governing body at a meeting, we do ask that you call the town hall and get on the agenda for that meeting.

After my mention of a feather bed in one of my articles, a friend told me that her family used them as cover. She is from the northern part of the United States where the winters are much colder. I think that there they would be used much like the comforters that many people use instead of a bedspread. Most of these comforters are just for looks now, hardly any of us have houses cold enough to need them for their true purpose. I have heard stories of people in Mentone sleeping in the upstairs bedrooms of some of the older homes and the snow would sift through the cracks in the ceiling. The bedrooms of one house that I lived in as a child were so cold that we couldn't leave a glass of water in them; if we did, the next morning the water would be ice. Were the winters colder back then?

The Mentone United Methodist Church observed All Saint's Day on Sunday, November 4th. The purpose of this service is to remember the members of our church who have passed during the last year and also to remember those who hold special places in the lives of individual members. We prepared a list of the dear ones who had passed in Mentone this last year and we were all astonished at how many there were. Many

of them lived many years and led a very productive life, and yet, we are never ready for them to depart from us. As I get older, I think often about death and dying. Not in a morbid sense, but as an explanation of why and how. Why couldn't the earth be populated with people who would live forever? I have always thought that we must die to make room for someone else. Many times, you will hear of the death of an older member of a family and almost immediately hear of the birth of a new baby in the same family. In the children's movie, *The Lion King*, the animals sang a wonderful song called, "The Circle of Life." This is a good explanation and summation of our existence.

Partridge Peas Junior Garden Club is the name of the club that the Rhododendron Garden Club sponsors at Moon Lake School. Mrs. Sarratt's kindergarten class thought that this was an appropriate name because that was the wildflower that the butterfly lived and hatched on. Now we need your help! We need those compact disks that you receive in the mail as advertising. The students have already made over one hundred paper butterflies to decorate the Mentone Christmas tree. In addition to the butterflies, we need some other decorations, so in the interest of recycling and being creative at the same time, we decided to collect those disks and decorate them with glitter and hang them on the tree. If you have some of these, you can leave them at the Mentone town hall or in the office of Moon Lake School. I will check both places before we start this project. We will put a tree in the front window of the town hall and decorate it with the items that we have made. I hope that everyone will make a special effort to stop by and look at our efforts. We will try to have it ready for display by the first week of December.

This is the month that starts the Holiday Season. It is a wonderful time of the year, but it can also be very stressful. As you start to prepare for the many celebrations, remember to put everything in perspective. Will your guests really know that you didn't clean that hall closet? A friend once told me that when you are expecting guests, all you really need to do is polish all chrome, clean all mirrors and have lots of fresh flowers around. I might add: Use lots of candles--candles are a welcoming sight and most of them have a great aroma.

Remember the past, but make memories for today. Do something different, the traditions that you remember are wonderful, but make new and unique ones for your family to remember. Do you dare serve lobster instead of turkey on Thanksgiving Day?

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Ashley is the daughter of Alfred and Eddie Langston of Mentone. Grandmothers are Nell Kent and Louvenia Langston of Mentone. Ashley graduated from Valley Head High School in

May 2001, and is employed at Dessie's Kountry Chef.

Shane is the son of Don and Glenda Ingram of Mentone. He is the grandson of Junior Bell and great grandson of Arthur Goss, all of Mentone. Shane graduated from Valley Head High School in 1992 and is employed at Wheeling Corrugating Co. Ft. Payne, AL.

The couple plans to reside in Mentone.

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The RECIPE CORNER

By
SUE SCHWARZ

As I am writing this, our temperatures outside have taken a drastic downturn. Time to curl up with a good book and make a pot of chili or something else warming. I have chosen two recipes that Bill and I like, Chess Pie being Bill's favorite. The Oven-baked Steak Fajitas are easy and very good. I hope you enjoy them. I also hope you have a great Thanksgiving. Take time to relax, cook good food for your loved ones and remember all that for which you are thankful.

Chess Pie

- 1 pie crust for 9 inch pie plate
- 2 C sugar
- 2 Tbsp cornmeal
- 1 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 C butter or margarine, melted
- 1/4 C milk
- 1 Tbsp white vinegar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 4 large eggs, lightly beaten

Stir together sugar and next 7 ingredients until well blended. Add eggs, stirring well. Pour into pie plate lined with pie crust. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes at 350 degrees F. Cool completely on a wire rack. Yields 1 9-inch pie. (A nice variation: Stir in 1/3 C lemon juice and 2 tsp grated lemon rind before pouring into piecrust.)

Oven-baked Steak Fajitas

- 2 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp each: chili powder and ground cumin
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 pound flank steak, cut into thin strips
(pork or chicken may be substituted)
- 1 14-oz can diced tomatoes with
mild green chilies
- 1 each medium green and red bell pepper and
onion, cut into thin strips
- 10 flour tortillas, fajita size
- hot sauce (optional)

In a 9" x 13" baking dish, combine oil, chili powder, cumin and salt. Add steak, tomatoes, peppers and onions, mix well. Bake uncovered in a preheated, 400 F oven for 25 minutes. Serve wrapped in warm tortillas. May garnish with sour cream, salsa, and shredded lettuce if desired.



Rhododendron Garden Club

The October meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held, Tuesday, October 9, 2001 at the Woodman of the World Hall in Valley Head, Alabama. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the Garden Club Collect was read by President Mickey Gough. Mrs. Gough then welcomed visiting garden club members from other clubs in the district and refreshments were served.

The program, Flower Arranging, was then presented by Mary Helen Davis of Orange Beach, Florida, and Ruth Adams of Spanish Fort, Alabama. Both presenters are Master Judges and Members of the National Floral Designers group. They have been active in Garden Clubs and floral judging. The program was very entertaining and educational. Both Mary Helen and Ruth stressed the use of simple, elegant designs and demonstrated the creative use of interesting pottery and art pieces. The program was well attended with 50 to 60 members from our district being present.

After the program was concluded, a brief meeting was held and several announcements were made. Our Club is to be congratulated over the exhibits entered at the VFW fair. The floral arrangement entered by our club won the second place ribbon and out of seven entries from our club, all earned a ribbon with two blue ribbons and one tricolor ribbon. The educational booth won a first prize ribbon and the garden club ribbon for best exhibit.

Mrs. Gough announced that the District II fall meeting will be held October 23. There is a \$12.00 fee and registration is open until October 17. Anyone wishing to attend needs to notify Diane Kuehl by then.

The Federation is developing a calendar for the year 2002. There will be a meeting November 8, at 6:30 to choose pictures for the calendar. One member from each club is asked to attend.

Ann Wright announced that the Butterfly Garden is in good shape. Aubie Dean, Dekalb-Cherokee Federation School Ground Chairman, is coming soon to see it. Several of our members had a work day there recently and Ann has devoted considerable time to planting new plants and maintenance for the existing garden.

Christmas Cantata

"Down From His Glory"

will be performed by the Community
Choir on Sunday, Dec. 16, at
5 PM at Mentone Methodist Church
and
7 PM at Valley Head Baptist Church.
Everyone is welcome.

Sulphur Springs Community Center, voting place burns

By Steven Stiefel, Times-Journal

A symbol of a small DeKalb County community was completely destroyed Monday, October 29.

Linda Atkins of Sulphur Springs said residents there took it upon themselves to build a community center about 15 years ago because they had nowhere to vote except an abandoned service station with no heat.

She spent most of Tuesday crying over the loss of the community center, which is believed to have burned because of an electrical problem. The deputy state fire marshal is still investigating. She said the blaze started about 2:15 a.m., with firefighters responding from Valley Head, Hammondville, and Ider.

"It must have been terribly hot because the commodes just burst into pieces," Atkins said.

The community "begged, borrowed, held a Turkey Shoot, sold barbeque to get the center built. I don't know how we'll accomplish what we did then, but we have to rebuild it. We have nowhere else for elections."

About 250 registered voters from the vicinity used the center as a polling place.

She said the wood-framed building with western cedar siding was used countless times for family reunions, baby showers, and other events. "We really depended on it for a lot of things and now we have nothing," she said.

The land where the center sat was deeded to the unincorporated community in 1870 and once held the White Sulphur Springs Academy.

It burned down, as did a Baptist Church built there in the 1960s. Atkins said the church bell had been salvaged and was put atop the community center. It was cracked in the fire, but she and others want to save it.

Not only was the structure lost, but also a kitchen with a stove and refrigerator, hot water heater, and bathroom fixtures.

"Anything that anyone can do to help us would be appreciated," Atkins said. "We sometimes feel like people think we're outside of DeKalb County because we're so close to the Georgia line."

Donations for the Sulphur Springs Community Center can be sent to: Mrs. Linda Atkins, 864 County Road 140, Valley Head, AL 35989.

Excerpts from the October 24, 1990, issue of The DeKalb Advertiser.

The center was built on the very site upon which the community's first school, "Professor Matthias School" stood. The building's bell tower housed the old bell, which for many years tolled the students to school.

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(5) NESTLED AWAY IN MENTONE - This 3 bedroom, 2-bath modular home comes with a fully equipped kitchen, living room, dining room, central heat and air, 20x30 shed/garage, and a nice landscaped yard on over 1 acre. Call today for more details. \$55,000!



(6) HISTORIC VALLEY HEAD! You'll love this 2 bedroom house with its large screened-in porch, spacious living room and dining room, high ceilings and crown moldings and wood floors, plus a new roof, new central heat and air, new exterior paint, situated on over 1 acre. Reduced \$79,000.



(7) WHAT A MOUNTAIN RETREAT SHOULD BE! Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 9 sitting rooms, sunroom, dining room and kitchen with breakfast nook, pine floors and walls. All this on more than 2 acres of elite brow front property. \$250,000.



(8) GET-AWAY TO THE CANYON! Located just 600' from the rim of the canyon, this would make a perfect getaway property. Featuring 1 bedroom, 1 large bath, eat-in kitchen, rock fireplace, central heat and air, metal roof, screened wrap-around deck and nice landscaping including brick entrance columns. Don't wait, call today! \$74,500.



(9) MENTONE - Stone and frame, 4 bedrooms, spacious kitchen with 2 stoves, separate dining, some wood floors, 8 acres, fruit trees, woods and cleared lands, room for horses, plus you can ride your golf cart to the course nearby. REDUCED TO ONLY \$100,000.



(10) WANT TO BE YOUR OWN BOSS? Why not buy the Little River Cafe? A well-known and established business featuring a fully equipped kitchen and dining room with large porch for outside eating, stage for entertainment, and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon, and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. What a steal for only \$189,500.



(11) WATCH THE SUNSET from the deck of this rustic cabin. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, two-story living area with mountain stone fireplace, large kitchen and sunroom all with a charm of their own and sitting on 2.8 acres of brow property. \$179,500.



(12) WHAT A DREAM! ONE SPRINGS HOTEL—This landmark in downtown Mentone is now being run as a bed and breakfast is now for sale. Restaurant will seat 150 plus people. There are endless possibilities with this great landmark. \$539,000, REDUCED TO \$499,000 SOLD



(13) ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED is right here! This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in area kitchen, entertaining sized living room with fireplace and a multi-purpose basement that could serve as a guest room, office or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blend home and nature all on 2.8 acres. Once you see it, you'll want to own it. Call today for your showing. \$225,000.



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TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED—At the October meeting, Howard Durham was elected Chief and Janet Harris Assistant Chief. Mary Alice Stout will continue to serve as secretary and Donna Smith as treasurer. James Durham will be the new assistant treasurer.

LIFE FORCE HELICOPTER from Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga recently was guided by Tri-County members to the GA/AL state line. Tri-County Volunteers assisted with the delivery and loading of the accident victim. Both Tri-County fire trucks were needed. One was used to protect the helicopter landing site and the other to clean the accident scene. Chief Durham said he was proud to see how the First Responders/Fire Fighters worked as a team during an unusual situation.

The **TURKEY SHOOT** in October was a success! Thanks go to all the shooters and volunteers that helped make the event run smoothly.

Chief Durham contacted **SANTA** and invited him to visit all the Lookout Mountain children. We will have **SANTA** on Saturday, December 15, 4:00pm (GA time) at the Tri-County Fire/Rescue headquarters at the AL/GA state line. Joe Rhodes (Distro Restaurant), a sponsor of the Lookout Mountain Open Golf Tournament recently presented Tri-County with a check from their fund raiser. **THANKS** to the golfers and sponsors there will be lots of snacks and favors for all the children at both the Halloween and Christmas parties.

The **METHODIST CHURCHES** of Chattooga County, GA, recently held a **"THANK YOU DINNER"** for all First Responders, Fire Fighters, EMT and other emergency staff. They invited over 300 volunteer and paid staff. It was a nice way to receive a pat on the back.

ANNUAL BIG SALE AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

By Mary Alice Stout

Do your holiday shopping during Mountain Mamas' **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING WEEK-END SALE** Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 23, 24, and 25). Store hours are **noon to 6pm GA time**. Everything will be **20% Off** the marked price.

Many new items have recently arrived at Mountain Mamas. Come see the hand-painted tree ornaments, more pottery, aprons, rugs, quilts, candles, and home-made muscadine jam that have been added to the items for sale. The Rock Shop area has a special amethyst display and a variety of stone candle holders.

Mountain Mamas is located in Cloudland, GA, a short trip from Mentone, AL. Go east on AL 117 and it becomes GA 48 at the state line. Mountain Mamas will be on your left just 1/2 mile from the state line.

After the Thanksgiving sale, Mountain Mamas will close for the winter and re-open in the spring. During the winter, we will open by appointment—call 706-862-2142 or 706-802-0150.

HOME-BAKED GOODIES

A giant **BAKE SALE** will be held by TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE on Saturday, November 17, 10am to 2pm (GA time). Homemade cakes, pies, cookies, brownies and bread will be available. To be sure you are able to buy what you really want, **call to place an order**. Call Assistant Chief Janet Harris 706-862-2128, Charla Huskey 706-862-6344, Denise Green 706-862-2535, Wanda Durham 706-862-6400, or Donna Smith 256-634-9008.

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THE SHED

Fall is one of my best times of the year. Next is Christmas. The Shed is having open house Nov. 2 - 11 lots of sales already on ornaments, wreaths, swags and all sorts of Christmas goodies. Don't forget about the poinsettias. Artificial Trees are here, Live trees will be here by the second week of Nov. Cut Trees are closer to Christmas. Prizes to given away so come by and have some fun. Get to know our Floral Designers David & Cheryl Baker, feel free to ask them any question you may have about decorating. Now booking Parties for Thanksgiving or Christmas. You guys do realize we do fresh wreaths by orders we cut it when you say you want it and have it ready by your pick up day. Again we do not do wreaths in advance we take orders by the phone, or walk-ins. Like I said in the past, we stay busy all year around with Planting Trees, Blowing Leaves, Mulching, Building beds for next year etc. I just want to let you guys know about some of the different things we have done at The Shed: one is we have brought Terry's Village to The Shed it is a very big Home Interior Co. On some things, I can do less than what they offer it for in the catalog and some things are patented which means I have to sell it for what they tell me no less. Fire works it is still a surprise. How ever we start our live B&B Trees at \$ 35.00 which most of the time retail for \$ 59.00? The cut tree prices are a whole lot less then what David and I have priced them for in the past. Artificial Trees I kill many people's prices and they will not match our price even if it is the same tree. Our trees are fresh dug out of the fields and trees are fresh cut when it is the time. Like we promised we would bring you nice things at good Prices and we are doing it. I could sit and talk all day but I can't we have squashes and pumpkins for Thanksgiving see you soon.

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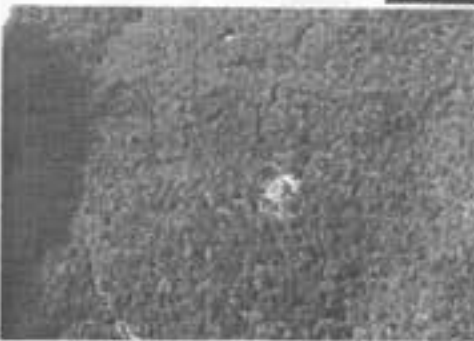


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LINE ADS: -500+/- ACRES, on Little River, road frontage on 2 sides, hardwoods, \$4,000/acre.

•South Chatt. Co. - 180+/- AC - cabin - pond - creek - timber - private - backs to Dirtseller Mtn. \$2,000 Per AC. Owner Financing (G-88)

•Laurawood - 8+/- AC - One in a Kind, Large Mountain Rock Formations - Very Private.

CREEKSIDE ON LOOKOUT. Beautiful off Brow and interior wooded tracts. Located in this private community. Restricted - Easy access off Hwy 157 Cloudland. Owner financing.



Photo submitted by Katherine Frame

Jacksonville State University Foreign Students visit home of Dudley and Katherine Frame in Mentone

By Bernice Crow

Dudley and Katherine Frame of Anniston and Mentone, were hosts at their Mentone home recently to a group of twenty-one Jacksonville State University foreign students. Homer and I were very fortunate to be included in their guest list. They served a wonderful picnic lunch out on the lawn. It was a gloom day weatherwise, but the friendly atmosphere was so warm nobody was bothered by the cold.

It's amazing how well these students learned to speak English. We enjoyed talking to them, and especially the boy from Zimbabwe, because we had been there, and also to some of the other countries represented.

The director of International House is John Ketterer. The social director is from Colesburg, Mexico.

Twenty-one of the students listed below visited the Frame home:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Country</u>
Christina Simpson	Australia
Sushmita Silwal	Nepal
Amanda Veerapen	Mauritius
Ekaterina Deryagina	Russia
Patricia Punin	Ecuador
Lilas Kamangu	Congo Rep.
Nikolett Haber	Hungary
Cristina Almanza	Mexico
Tracee Smith	Bahamas
Katja Sunnarborg	Finland
Sica Sankara	Male
Sonia Punin	Ecuador
<u>Student</u>	<u>Country</u>
Vu Tien Nguyen	Vietnam
Bojan Tepavcevic	Yugoslavia
Toby Bourke	Australia
Osmar Pinto	Brazil
Stefan F. Fischerauer	Austria
Santos Caceres	Argentina
Jan Kolar	Czech Rep.
Mohamed Lahlou	Morocco
Emir Vranic	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mamadou Fall	Senegal
Jorge Arturo Nieto	Venezuela
Ruben Herrera	Venezuela
Alexander Zotov	Russia

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6 PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6 PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 9:30 AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes.

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

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

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 239 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lighthouse Fellowship-A church alive is worth the drive. All are welcome to our church just south of the Georgia/Alabama line on State Road 48. Our services: Sunday School - 10 AM (AL time); morning Worship - 11 AM (AL time). Pastor Obie Walker, 706-862-2607.

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

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

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

Mentone Wesleyan Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible Study Wed. 7:00 -7:45 PM. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

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

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

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

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

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

Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church, 1041 Yankee Rd, Cloudland, GA 30731, 706-398-7018, now offers a 2-hour Prayer Line. Need Prayer? Just call and leave your message. Other activities include: Sunday School - 10 AM, Worship Services - 11 AM & 6 PM, Monday 7-8 PM - Informal Prayer Time, Wed 7 PM- Mid-week Prayer Service, Thursday 7-8 PM -Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and You!

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American Legion Post 215 in Mentone, will hold its Veteran's Day meeting on Saturday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m., with a pot luck supper, and special speaker.

Event Scheduling: Call Carol or
John at LRH 634-4757

Community House Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm MERF 7:00 pm	2	3 
4	5 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	6 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm Rescue Squad 6:00 pm	7 Senior Lunch 11:30 am **Health fair 1:30 pm Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	8 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	9	10
11	12 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	13 Garden Club 12:30 pm Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm Cooking Class 6:00 pm	14 Senior Lunch 11:30 am Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	15 Book Club 10:00 am Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	16	17
18	19	20 Rescue Squad 6:00 pm	21 Library Comm Mtg 3:00 pm	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	

Info on programs: Call
Sue Henry 634-4599

*Reading 'Unveiled' by Francine Rivers
**Flu shots if available

Community Thanksgiving Services

- **MENTONE:** Tues. Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Mentone Church of God, on AL Hwy 117 (next to the Bistro), Pastor: LaRue Carraway will bring the message.
 - **VALLEY HEAD:** Tues. Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Valley Head Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Richard Ellis.
- Everyone is welcome.

~NOTICE~

The MAPA web site:
www.MentoneAlabama.org
has a "Directory" to help visitors to our community find the places, things and services they might want—much like the Yellow Pages in the phone book. If you have any information for the Directory, please submit it via email to mmathews@tds.net. If you already have a listing there, please make sure it is correct and up-to-date.
Thanks for your help.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Friday, Nov. 9, Annual Veterans Day Program at Moon Lake School. All veterans invited!
- Saturday, Nov. 10, 8:30 P.M. American Legion American Legion Hall, Mentone, covered dish.
Roy Smith, guest speaker
- Monday, Nov. 12, **VETERANS' DAY!**
- Monday, Nov. 19, 4 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
NOTE: TIME & DATE CHANGED
due to Veterans' Day Holiday
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 12:30 P.M., Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tues. Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m., Thanksgiving Services Mentone Church of God (close to The Bistro) and Valley Head Methodist Church
- Thursday, Nov. 22, **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- Thursday, November 29, 6 pm, Water Board Meeting, Town Hall Meeting Room
NOTE: CHANGE IN DATE due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- Tuesday, Dec. 4, 7 P.M., MAPA Christmas Party place to be announced.
- Saturday, Dec. 8, 6 PM, Christmas Carols on the Square, MAPA to provide coffee and hot cocoa
- Sunday, Dec. 16, Community Christmas Cantata 5 PM, Mentone United Methodist Church
7 PM, Valley Head Baptist Church
- Dec. 14 and 15, Community Christmas Pageant in Fort Payne at VFW building in evening.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Eph. 5:20

This Thanksgiving, let us give thanks unto God that we are able to see the good things He has done for us in spite of all the wars and trouble that is around us. It's easy to see the bad, but if we look, we can see good and many things to thank Him for.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

MENTONE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR ON NOV 7th A SUCCESS

The participants in the Health Fair—those providing services and those receiving services—were very much impressed by the professionalism of the providers and the response of the public.

Flu Shots were available (\$5.00 or free w/Medicare), as well as Blood Sugar Screening, Cholesterol Screening, Blood Pressure Screening, Glaucoma Screening, Grip Test, Oral Screening.

Thanks to the sponsor, M.E.R.F. (Mentone Educational Resources Foundation) for providing the health fair for Mentone residents, and thanks to the health care professionals who donated their time.

The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule:

Mentone at Town Hall parking lot
on Wednesdays
from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

- November 7, 21
- December 5, 19

The Bookmobile is in
VALLEY HEAD

on the same days from 1:15 to 2:15

and in **HAMMONDVILLE**

on the same days from 2:30 to 3:30