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MAPA MEETING

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The November 5th meeting was held at the Mentone Community House. Jim Lyday gave the invocation. Present were Jack Jones, Dot Crow, Homer and Bernise Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Lucille Crowe, Dessie Newberry, Claudia and David Wassom, Tom and Lynn Donald, Pam Bettis, Barnabas Bettis, Olive Jones, and Bill Berry.

The minutes of the October 1st meeting were read and approved as was the treasurer's report.

Dr. Bill Berry was introduced by Homer Crow, although he needed no introduction as he has been before MAPA on several occasions. Dr. Berry spoke on the history of Moon Lake School.

The meeting resumed with a report on the festival about the festival. The winner of the beautiful Indian quilt was of Rainsville.

The next MAPA meeting is December 3, at 7PM at the Dessie's Kountry Chef. This is the annual Christmas party. Members are asked to bring a gift in value of no more than \$10. It is also a covered dish dinner, and each is requested to bring a dish. Dessie will have the meet cooked at the restaurant.

There will be no meetings in January and February. The next meeting will be the first Tuesday in March, March 4, 2003.

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What a wonderful welcome I got in Mentone the couple of weeks I was open. Everyone was so pleased to have someone with a true passion for herbs selling quality natural and organic products for health, body, mind and soul. I was looking forward to being able to be on hand for sharing information and answering questions about local edible and medicinal botanicals.

However, a burglary occurred at my shop in Mentone and my products were stolen and/or destroyed. I am unable to continue at the shop, but I am going to continue writing for The Groundhog, selling my products at B&B's and Resorts and plan to have a website soon. I am available for personal consultations.

It will be difficult to get back on my feet because I lost a lot of money, hard work, and home-made products during the burglary. With the winter holidays coming on, I ask that you keep me and my family in your prayers.

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HIGHWAY 157, CLOUDLAND - IDEAL STARTER HOME - 1366 sq. ft. home has 2 bedrooms and 1 bath, living room, kitchen/dining combo, utility room & shop. Perfect for a small family, or if you're just starting out. Nice lot, pleasant neighborhood. Listed for \$44,500. (G-48)



CLOUDLAND-ON THE BROW - Authentic pine great room with mountain stone fireplace and built-in bookcase. 2 bedrooms/2 baths, one with walk-in ceramic shower. Kitchen with built-in pantry and abundant cabinets. Large covered porch across back, screened-in porch with mountain stone fireplace/grill. Covered, mtn. stone gazebo allows the privilege of unobstructed view of valley. Guest cottage being totally remodeled. A MUST SEE at \$229,000.00.



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•**CREEKSIDE ON LOOKOUT** - True Brow lot - 5.04 acres. Restricted. \$156,000. (G-112)

DOGS

By John Baty

Especially for Groundhog readers:

Well, dogs. I suppose that sixty-one years of relationship with our best friends might qualify me to say a few words about the cousin of the wolf. It is true that the intensity of that relationship has varied, but I fail to recall any time when the canine personalities were lower than maybe second on my list of priorities. When all else fails to cheer, one can find compassionate understanding by going to the dogs. That is a given, a law. I think that such a law should rate in prestige right on up there alongside Newton's lever. You know, the law of levers from Newtonian Physics ain't nothing but a pry bar. But the understanding from a dog in times of despair is a law of no little consequence. A good dog, as far as I know, far exceeds all other mammals, including us, in his chosen duty toward those characteristics which he has chosen as his own: Devotion, faithfulness, unwavering loyalty, selflessness, consideration of his friend's needs. Know ye some man or woman who can boast of as much? Who do you know who is as good as a dog?

That said, I will try to write about our canine friends.

My association with dogs has been mainly with hounds. You know, long ears, sad eyes, short hair, deep voice and probably the best smeller (olfactory) in the world of mammals. And we can add wonderful disposition to the above list for the great majority of hounds. Now and again, though, a hound is whelped (not born) of an ill disposition toward humans. Strange things can and do happen in the genetics of all living things.

I prefer gentle dogs. Loveable personalities with a friendly outward appearance. . . Come to think of it though, that is the kind of people I prefer. I just never learned how to deal with anger, in man or other beasts. I guess I might be classed more like, maybe, a lover rather than someone looking for a fight. . . Now, there are dogs of both persuasions as there are

in people. I have never kept any records, any data, but somehow I have noticed sort of by intuition that man and dog of like persuasion seem to find each other more often than a little. You know, when you drive up in the driveway of a person of little acquaintance, and his dog comes out of the carport showing unmistakable preparation and intention of amputating one of your legs, it is better than even odds that you may find an analogous version in the animal's owner.

The situation might be such that the owner would appear and assure you that his or her dog is all bark and no bite. You look again at the dog and he/she is not looking directly at you, but is sorta sidling around trying for a more advantageous position from which to attack. The ears are in the correct position, (different for different breeds), the tail is erect and as stiff as your poker leaning there against your fireplace, and if the animal is close, you may notice that the pupils of the eye are dilated. . . You may be inclined to wish you could say "Yes Mam, like Hell he is all bark!"

What I plan to write here will probably get some of my gentle neighbors up here brandishing box openers at my juggler vein. Sticks and stones will break my bones and box openers will open up a fellow's throat, but none of that will alter the genetic message hard wired and imprinted on your dog's mind. The dog is a product of genetic selection over time and he is not responsible for his behavior. He will usually behave the way he was bred to behave. What do people need with guard dogs? If they plan to live any other way than a recluse, far back in the mountains with no contact with gentle people.

My dear friends, I love all people, but I hope that when you buy that puppy for your young son this Christmas, that you will pass over the Pit Bull, the Doberman, the Rotweiler, the German Shepherd, the Labrador Retriever, and all dogs bred for guard or for hard field work in inclement climates and cold water.

Please don't get for your child that animal which you might choose in order to make a statement to the world that you are someone to be reckoned with and if it is not practical for you to tell your boss where to go, and the creditors to wait, and the salesman to get, then you can let your dog project that image you wish to maintain without suffering any consequences. Maybe you fear guns and don't keep them in your house. You wouldn't feel right if you had to harm a fellow man. Could you watch your dog attack a visitor without the revulsion and guilt of personally harming the person.

Yes, in most places, it is a free country and you can keep whatever kind of dog you wish. But don't rationalize nor pretend. Get your young child a smaller, gentler puppy with which he or she can develop a loving relationship which will last for a decade or more without being bowled over by an awkward adolescent dog of the wrong kind every time the animal charges through the apartment, completely fed up with the restricted opportunity to do what he was bred to do. Make sure the puppy you buy is for your child.

Fifty years ago, David Michael Duffy, dog editor for one of the sporting magazines (maybe Field and Stream, I don't remember) wrote virtually the same message that I have tried to pass on, in the journal for which he was employed. He was a lot more diplomatic than I and probably stuck more rigidly to the stuff he could back up, however the message was clear. One might think that more sober minds of greater sophistication might have taken heed and begun a trend away from the folly he visualized. When I look around me and study the advertisements for Christmas puppy, it is sadly obvious that human nature does not change in a generation nor in twenty.

May you have the best.

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They will have poinsettias available for sale from the Thanksgiving holidays through Christmas. The old inventory is being offered for sale at 50% to make room for new and exciting gifts which are on their way.

Live Christmas trees will be available early in December. Candles, natural products, and unique gifts for your home and garden will be a regular part of the items offered in the shop.

The nursery will continue to operate, and plants will be grown in season.

Hot mulled cider will be a delightful treat during the cold winter months.

Business hours will be:

11 AM to 4 PM Thursday and Friday,
10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday,
and 12 to 4 PM on Sunday.

OPEN HOUSE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!!

Everyone is invited to attend.

Also the house next door to the Little Mountain Nursery, was bought by Dorothy (Dot) Wood. She plans to have a gift shop. Dot Wood is the mother of Barry Wood and is Angela's mother in law.

The Groundhog looks forward to these two businesses having great success and lots of business.

ANNUAL 20% OFF SALE AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

By Mary Alice Stout

The ANNUAL 20% OFF SALE will be held at MOUNTAIN MAMAS CRAFT and ROCK SHOP on the 3 days after Thanksgiving. The Shop will be open from 10:00am til 6:00pm (GA time) on Friday, November 29, and from noon til 6:00pm on Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1. Hot tea will be served.

After Thanksgiving weekend, Mountain Mamas will be closed for the winter and re-open in late March of 2003.

The Shop contains handcrafted creations of 40+ regional women artists. Items include pottery, candles, fabric art, yard art, birdhouses, fine art, soaps, folk art, collectibles and a rock shop. This sale has become a very popular time for our old and new friends to do their holiday shopping.

Mountain Mamas Craft and Rock Shop is located on GA Hwy 48, just a mile from the end of AL Hwy 117, at the GA/AL state line.

For more information about the sale, call Mary Alice Stout at 706-862-2142.

SANTA TO VISIT TRI-COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE

By Mary Alice Stout

Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue's Chief, Wesley Welch, recently received a letter from Santa. Santa plans to be at Tri-County on Saturday, December 21, at 4:00pm. Children of all ages are invited to come share their Christmas wishes with Santa.

Refreshments will be served. Tri-County Fire/Rescue is located at the GA/AL state line, where AL Hwy 117 and GA Hwy 48 meet.

To finance the Christmas Party, Tri-County members will be selling raffle tickets. The tickets are \$1.00 each and if your ticket is drawn you will be eligible for one of a variety of prizes.

DELIVERED TURKEY DINNER TO SHUT-INS AND SENIORS--Tri-County volunteers will be cooking and delivering their annual turkey dinners to area "shut-ins" and seniors on Saturday, December 7. The volunteers do this as a community service so there is no charge. Tri-County would welcome donations of food and supplies by local businesses or individuals. If you or someone you know would like to receive a delivered dinner, or if you can donate supplies, please call Assistant Chief Janet Harris at 706-862-2128.

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Veterans Day---More Than Just Another Holiday!

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

The Annual Veterans Day program at Moon Lake Elementary School was held on November 8th at 8 a.m. It was presented by the 4th Grade and Kindergarten Grade. Dr. Bill Berry, Principal, welcomed the guests and students. Josh Faulkner conducted the Pledge of Allegiance. Brittany Bain and Starla Cash sang "The Star Spangled Banner." Nancy Frost, 4th Grade Teacher gave some opening comments. The Kindergarten and 4th Grade sang "You're a Grand Old Flag" complimented with the waving of flags and arm movements. The 4th Grade also presented a five-question quiz about Veterans Day and the United States flag. Five students held up poster board answers with three choices each.

School Resource Officer, Jillian Wooden, presented Red Ribbon Week awards to the winners of the coloring contest for kindergarten through 3rd grades and an essay contest for 4th through 6th grades. (See list of winners on this page.)

The Kindergarten and 4th Grade sang "This Land Is Your Land" featuring Trey Kincer, Katie Crabtree and Starla Cash.

Sierra Nicely read two poems which she wrote: 9/11 and America. (See this page.)

"Sounds Like America to Me" by the Kindergarten and 4th Grade, featuring Hunter Stone, was the finale to the program. After the closing remarks by Dr. Bill Berry, the students talked with the veterans who attended the program and then went to the school cafeteria for brunch.

The Moon Lake students and teachers gave an excellent and informative program.

The veterans attending were: Jack Jones, Ed Ringer, Sherman Gough, Jimmy Wright, George Walker, John Hurt, Billy Cash, John O'Rear, Benjamin Booth, Charles Elrod, Jim Lyday, Bill Schwarz, Page Cunningham, Homer Crow, and Calvin W. Biddle.

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Adam Miller
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Bleu Stone

A's/B's

Andrew Crowe
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Ronald Mann
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Tristan Smith

• 2ND GRADE

ALL A's

Beth Durham
Adam Faulkner
Lily Harrison
Amber Hilliard
Jill Hope
Austin Jones
Danielle Powell

• 2ND GRADE (cont.)

A's/B's

Allie Blalock
Michael Chambers
Landon Crowe
Abigail Lee
Alex Whatley
Paul Gray
Taylor Poff

• 3rd GRADE

ALL A's

Megan Addison
Raven Brown
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Tiffany Easter
Alexis Hatfield
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A's/B's

Jessica Battles
Brandon Davis
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Kayla Powell
Jeffrey Smith
Morgan Webb
Ryan Wilks

• 4th GRADE

ALL A's

Brittany Bain
Tyler Blansit

A's/B's

Starla Cash
Katie Crabtree
Josh Faulkner
Trey Kincer
Hunter Stone

• 5TH GRADE

A's/B's

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• 6TH GRADE

ALL A's

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America

Many races, many faces
America.

Many people, many places
America.

Things are good, things are bad
America.

There is love, there is hate
America.

And yet, we are here
America.

--Sierra Nicely

9/11

PEOPLE PLACES ALL SORTS OF FACES
STARE AT ONE ANOTHER AS
THEY SEE NOT HATE NOR ANGER
NOR SADNESS OR DESPAIR;
BUT LOVE AND COURAGE AND
PEOPLE THAT BEAR
I LOVE AMERICA
THAT IS WHAT PEOPLE SAW ON 9/11

BY: SIERRA NICELY

Moon Lake School News

The annual Moon Lake PTO Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, November 16, from 5-8 PM, with food, games, prizes, and lots of fun for the whole family, and the annual King and Queen crowning at the end of the evening. All proceeds go to the PTO to assist with Moon Lake School needs.

Mid term reports go out on Monday, November 18.

Sports pictures and autumn school picture reshoots will begin at 12:30 on Friday, November 22.

Moon Lake School will be closed for Thanksgiving holidays on November 17, 28, 29.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, in the school gym, and the program will be given by the third grade.

Red Ribbon Week Winners

By Jillian Wooden, School Resource Officer

Red Ribbon Week is a time set aside each year to honor all those who strive for a drug free world. Red Ribbon Week was celebrated the last week in October at Moon Lake and Valley Head Schools. We had lots of activities at both schools. Visitors came and talked to our students. The Teens for a Brighter Futures organization from Valley Head School visited all classrooms at both schools talking about Red Ribbon Week for drug awareness and prevention. We also had a special guest--McGruff the Crime Dog. As part of the activities during Red Ribbon Week, there was a coloring contest for kindergarten through 3rd grades and an essay contest for 4th through 6th grades.

Winners from Valley Head were:

Emily Bradbury - K
Tyler Blansit - 1st
Dakota Couch - 2nd
Casey Adkins - 3rd
John Hughes - 4th
Mickey Craven - 5th
Roxanna Mendoza - 6th

Winners from Moon Lake were:

Sara Jean Graham - K
Amber Crow - 1st
Adam Faulkner - 2nd
Caitlin Kirby - 3rd
Casey Green - 4th
Brittany Streeter - 5th
Jamie Sherwood - 6th

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(2) **A-FRAME CHATEAU.** 1 1/2 acres of Landscaped yard. Open living area. Kitchen, Bdrm-bath, private deck. Upstairs has 2 large bedrooms, bath, hardwood floors. CIMA, 1,200 sq. ft. Garage. Paved. Located Hwy 117, Mentone. Priced to sell. \$119,000.



(3) **LOG AND FRAME HOME.** close to downtown Mentone. Originally built in 1918. 4-sided fireplace. Now closed, would make a nice renovation project. Home consists of 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, Den, formal dining, living room. CIMA, large screened porch. A/C room, and level front yard. \$75,000.



(4) **FARMHOUSE WITH 1.8 ACRES, MENTONE.** Oak trees outside, oak floors inside. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with tile shower and clawfoot tub, living room with stone fireplace. Open country style kitchen/dining area. Large covered front porch. Detached garage, city water, paved road. \$85,000.



(5) **THE HANGOVER COTTAGE.** Phenomenal East Brow View from this 3 Bdrm 2 Bath, with Open Living, Dining, Kitchen with Rock Fireplace. Large Screened porch and Deck. All privately located on 8 acres. Priced Right at \$165,000. Cloudland area.



(6) **1995 28X54 MOBILE HOME.** situated on 4.11 acres ML. 3 Bdrm 2 bath. Open living, kitchen area. All appliances stay. Gas Log Fireplace. City water and Well. \$59,800.



(7) **EARLY 1900s TWO STORY FARMHOUSE.** located on Cutler Ave. Mentone. High Hedges and Oak Trees make a private setting in town. 2 Bdrms upstairs with sitting area and bath. Living area, eat-in Kitchen & Bath on the main level. Large screened porch. Pine floors, walls, and ceiling throughout. \$95,900. (Photo to the left.)

OTHER PROPERTIES

(11) **MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES** is located between Mentone, Alabama and Cloudland, GA., on Alabama Hwy 117. There are river front and mountain stream tracts ranging from 34 to 144 acres in size. The middle fork of Little River runs through the property with over a mile of clean pristine water, containing both whitewater and placid pools. The property is situated on the Lookout Mountain Parkway. This secluded, unspoiled area is a perfect getaway for retirement or a second home. All homesites have access to electricity, and city water is planned to reach the development by 2003.

(12) **35.43 ACRES, GREAT HUNTING LAND.** Consists of Wooded and Open land. Test Well, private deeded access. Mentone area. \$53,500.

(13) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES:** Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$5,000.

(14) **SIX WOODED LOTS (300x150).** across from Sunset Park, DT Mentone, a rare find with Rock Formations, City water and parked. Perfect for the Cabin you have always dreamed of. \$40,000.

(15) **DEVELOP PARKWAY.** 1.69 Wooded acres. Private access on Polecat Hollow Road. Surveyed, city water access. Build your cabin in the Mountains here. \$21,000.

(16) **RURAL MENTONE.** 3 bdrm., 2-1/2 bath, living room with gas fireplace, dining, kitchen, Hardwood floors through most of the home. Sunroom and 18x30 deck overlooking the pond. Separate 14x44 workshop. 16x80 2 bdrm., 1 bath rental mobile home. All on 7 acres. Paved road #642. \$157,000.

(18) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY** (1 Tract left) 220x300 on the East Fork Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and Rapids. \$25,000.

(19) **HWY 117, MENTONE.** Older home, 1 bdrm, bath w/walk-in shower. 36x24 living room, handicap accessible. Storage rooms in basement. Over one acre, city water and priced to sell. \$39,000.

(20) **VICTORIAN STYLE THREE STORY.** Home on the BROW, Mentone. Over 4500 sq. ft., 6 Bdrms, 4-1/2 baths. Marble Foyer Entrance, 2 parlors, Dining Room, Living, Kitchen w/Breakfast Nook, tile counters, Oak cabinets. Wrap-around Porch, 2 car garage. Situated on 1.2 acres with a wonderful Sunset View. Priced to sell. \$242,900. (Contract Pending)

(21) **FISHING CABIN ON LAKE LAHUSAGE.** Three rooms and a bath, Pine and Rock Floors. Large Deck, with over 2 acres and 500 ft on the East Fork of the Lake. Adjoins boat ramp. Great fishing, boating, or just enjoying the view. REDUCED \$100,000.

(22) **LOOKING TO RENOVATE A 1920S FARMHOUSE?** Come and view this 7 room home in Mentone. One level with large attic, Metal Roof, inviting covered porch. One acre surrounded by large Oak Trees. \$65,000.



(8) **WEBB CREEK MOUNTAIN LODGE**, and guest cottage, in the Mentone area. 6 wooded acres. Lodge consists of Pine floors, FP, Great Room Kitchen, Bath w/rock floors, 2 screened porches. All Doors and Cabinets are hand-crafted. Upstairs has 2 loft bedrooms, connected with a cat walk above the Great Room. 1/2 bath. Large covered porch and Deck for the Entrance. Cottage has 2 rooms and Bath, pine floors and screened porch. Many unique Mountain touches, make this property a great retreat. \$150,000.



(9) **2 STORY HOME ON CUTLER AVE, MENTONE.** 3 Bdrm 1 1/2 bath, updated with Metal Roof, 12x16 deck, Kitchen-dining combo. Living room w/gas free standing fireplace, cozy den, Large Bdrm with second story balcony. All appliances stay. Located on a level one-acre lot with large Oak trees and lots of wild flowers. \$72,000.



(10) **WEEKEND COTTAGE ON LITTLE RIVER.** Private location with 12 acres and 330 ft on the East Fork. 2 story cottage with bonus room and bedroom upstairs, greatroom, kitchen, bedroom and bath on main. Large deck. All this for \$170,000.

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October gave November a beautiful bouquet of colorful leaves, but November is throwing them away—yes, in my yard—and yours!

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4 and 5, were big days at the **Morgan Hereford Farm!** Friday, the beautiful cattle were on display for prospective buyers. Friday night, close to one hundred friends came to the big kitchen and were served with wonderful food. Saturday, was "Sale Day," more good food was enjoyed. The sale was attended by people from many states. Don reports that he was very well pleased with the sale.

We are happy to hear that **Mrs. Laura Margaret Allison** is much better now, after suffering with cellulitis in her leg.

Congratulations to **Chad Moser**, and **Julia Houston** who were married Oct. 19. They are living in the former Dr. Quimby house.

Walter and Christine Brooks and family, attended Walter's annual family reunion Sunday, Oct. 20th, at Painter, AL, (below Geraldine). A good time was had by all with 47 attending. (Thanks to Christine for these news items.)

John and Joan Jones visited friends Bill and Shirley Springer in Ocala, FL, two weeks ago—now the Springers are visiting John and Joan.

Betty Bracken, from Chattanooga and **Selma McElhaney**, from Fort Payne, spent the day (11-7) with their sister, Ruth Pickett and Bert.

Melvin Smith's nieces and nephews helped him celebrate his 97th birthday at Randy's Restaurant in Trenton.

Marsha Joan Killian, from Aiken, SC, spent a week with her mother, Olene Roberts, recently. Olene's son, John Roberts and his wife, Diane, from Cullman, spent the day with them.

Martha and Herbert Stanley entertained with a lovely outdoor party as a large crowd celebrated Herbert's birthday.

Kay Rhea, from Ringgold, spent the day with Sadie Cooper, recently.

Jimmy and Janet Cooper are enjoying a vacation in Gallinburg.

Jewel Shelbourne and **Lillie Bowden** came by to see me last Saturday. They had been to the Baptist Church bazaar. They said they had so many nice things they just had to buy some. I hear it was very successful. Lillie brought me some news items.

Those attending the **Sunshine Club** meeting at the home of Verence Hawkins on October 31 were: Lillian Pickett, Leona Chadwick, Lillie Bowden, Elizabeth Bauerle, Ruth Pickett and Ada Campbell (visitor). The view from Verence's home of Lookout Mountain in all its fall colors was beautiful. The members who were unable to attend were missed by all. (I was so sorry I was not able to go.) Lillie said they had a lively discussion of genealogy and everyone seemed to be interested.

Amanda Jagels came to visit her friend, **Katie Freeman**, at her home in Mentone, on October 12. They were roommates in Murfreesboro, TN, while they attended college. Amanda now lives in Knoxville, TN.

The family of **Karen Freeman** honored her on her birthday, Friday night, Nov. 2, with a potluck supper, which was enjoyed by Jo Welch, Mark Freeman, and their children Matt, Luke, Lee, and Katie. Their son, Ben, a student, at Clemson, was unable to come. Lillie Bowden and Amanda Jagels also attended. Katie made the beautiful birthday cake. After the party, Katie and Amanda left to visit Ben at Clemson.

Jacksonville State University invited me to the rededication of Houston Cole Library and the dedication of the Fifth Floor to Dr. Alta Millican. The ceremony was in front of the library, Oct. 21. Also, the dedication of Chief Ladiga Trail, to be held at the JCU gazebo on the Ladiga Trail. Alta is a native of Valley Head. She richly deserves all the honor they can give her. She has dedicated her life to education and is a wonderful person.

I hope everyone has a happy Thanksgiving. Every day should be thanksgiving day to give thanks for our blessings, as we pray. Appreciation is a quality everyone should exemplify.

Thanksgiving

Thank you, God for all good things.
Harvest time with all it brings,
Abundance for all needs to fulfill,
Nobility of souls who do your will,
Kindness and love from friends who care
Sympathy shown and sorrow to share,
Grace and gentle mercy you bestow
Immortal life's promise that we know.
Victory over death, cares and defeat,
Inner peace that can heal and complete,
Normal blessings that I can feel and do,
Gratitude for your generosity is due to you.

—Eloise Brown

Ephesians 5:20 says we should always be giving thanks to God. Thanklessness is a sign of spiritual poverty.

Beautiful Autumn Leaves

How beautiful is each Autumn leaf
When golden sunlight ignites it
into bright relief
The fronds of the sumac blaze in
a red burning bush
The leaves of the maple flush into
rosy blush.
Sweet gum leaves clothe their trees
in purple majesty.
Great Oak leaves achieve red, brown
and green mystery.
Golden leaves crown the trees on
mountains, plains, and hills.
Splendor of colors that stirs souls
with beauty's thrills
How beautiful, how beautiful are
the Autumn leaves,
Until they weave a brown blanket
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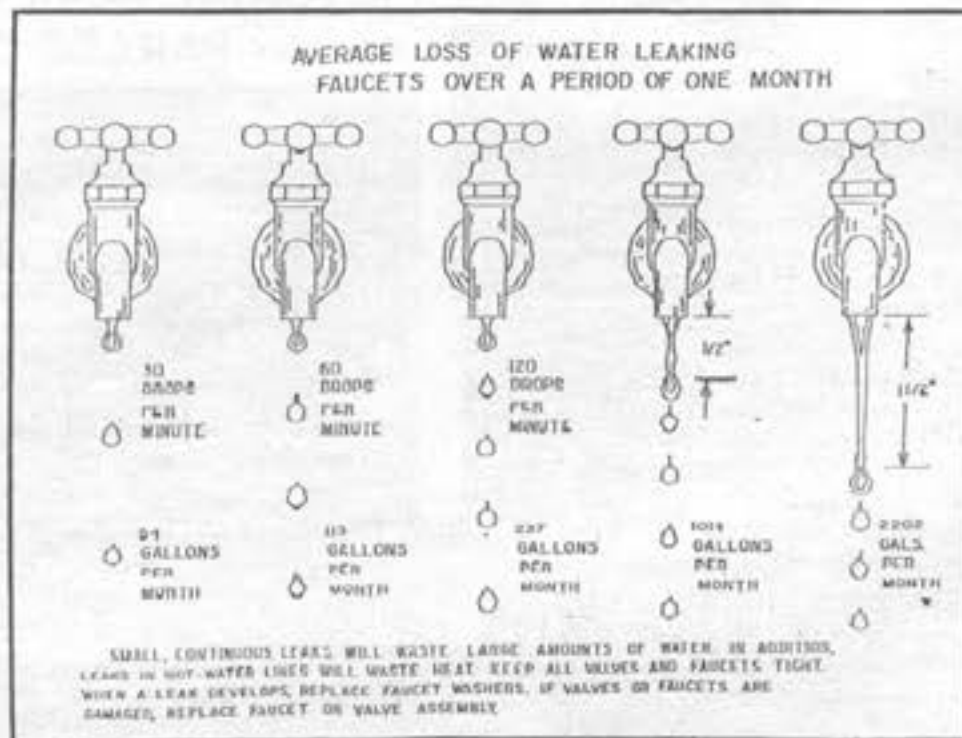
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Following the tour of homes everyone is encouraged to join in the "Christmas In The Park" festivities at 7 PM across from Town Hall for special music, community fellowship, illumination of the park's Christmas lights, and the arrival of Santa Claus.

For more information on the tour of homes, please contact Jane Rice at 256-779-6518 or Therese Livingston at 256-779-6847.

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9:00 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

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

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. 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, dedicated their new sanctuary and church building on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 3 PM. Their new location is at 1510 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular worship services are at 10 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM. 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 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 845-2240 for information.

Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland begins at 10 AM, (EST), and the Menlo service 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.

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The Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, Georgia, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday evening at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Singing April 27, 7:00 GA time. Special Singers will be the Brown Brothers.

Lighthouse Fellowship assembly has moved to Cloudland. Turn at the produce stand, pass the tennis court, and go to the stop sign. Go right two blocks. A church alive is worth the drive. Sunday School - 10 AM; Worship - 11 AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-862-2607.

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

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

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

Mentone 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 any of their services or activities. Two Morning Services with Children's Church are at 8:45 AM, with Sunday School at 10 AM, and the second service at 11 AM. 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.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School - 10 AM, Morning Worship - 11 AM, Sunday evening - 6 PM; Wednesday evening - 6:30 PM. Pastor LuRue Carraway welcomes new comers.

MT. Carmel Community Baptist Church, 1041 Yankee Rd, Cloudland, GA 30731, 706-398-7018, now offers a 24 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; Wednesday 7 PM - Mid-week Prayer Service; Thursday 7-8 PM - Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and Youth!

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

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Les Brown. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 2 PM in the fellowship hall, and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30 PM at the church.

**SPOTLIGHT ON AGENCIES
FUNDED BY UGF CAMPAIGN
PARTNERSHIP FOR A
DRUG-FREE DEKALB**

The programs offered by the Partnership For A Drug-Free DeKalb are designed to work in conjunction with programs established by other drug prevention organizations in the county to avoid duplication of services.

Funding from the Office of National Drug Control Policy enabled the establishment of a local office at 202 Alabama Avenue SW in Fort Payne. The office has a full-time Project Director and Mentor Coordinator.

Project Director Liz Wear said that, although the agency is still relatively young, much has already been accomplished in DeKalb County and progressive goals have been set for the future.

First organized in 1999 in an effort to coordinate drug prevention efforts in DeKalb County, Partnership is committed to the prevention of drug, tobacco and alcohol abuse through the process of awareness, education, and action.

Drug Prevention projects implemented by Partnership include: Scriptwatch, Mentor DeKalb, Radio Spots, Drug Court Graduation Packets, Youth Drug Screening, Merchants Against Methamphetamine, and a Speakers Bureau.

Wear said she is very proud of the Merchants Against Methamphetamine Program, a program that strives to educate local business owners and employees about the chemicals necessary for crystal meth production. Businesses enrolled in the program are provided information about the items typically used in the manufacture of meth, including listings of suspicious quantities. Participating businesses display signs and stickers to identify themselves as participants in the program. "Our hope is that by restricting the availability of these chemicals we can decrease the number of meth labs seized within DeKalb County," Wear said. According to Wear, meth is a very serious problem in DeKalb County, but it is a problem that the Partnership is attempting to address.

For more information on any of the programs offered by Partnership or to schedule a speaker for your school, church, civic organization or other functions in the DeKalb County area, contact Liz Wear at 997-0000. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Partnership For A Drug-Free DeKalb is one of 13 agencies to be funded by the annual United Givers Fund Campaign.



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Fields are no longer cotton white
Plucked in bunches fleecy light,
Loomed in cloth and seed and oil,
After Summer's sweat and toil.

Squirrels scamper in and out,
Gathering nuts all about.
Birds and bees are busy, too,
Doing things they need to do.

Stored are vegetables and fruits,
Popcorn, peanuts and edible roots,
Fuel to keep us cozy warm
House secure from outer harm.

From the right and proper seeds
Come the crops to fill our needs.
Time of harvest, time to reap
Fruits of labor, just and sweet.

Time to gather family and friends
As far as our love extends.
Time for feasting, time to share
All our blessings from God's care.

Time to say, "We thank you, God,
For all gifts from sky and sod.
For all good and lovely things,
Everything the harvest brings."

Time to pray for wisdom, too,
To use wisely as it's due
All we receive and to insure
Good harvest time every year.

—Eloise Brown

Wedding



**Alison Nicole Meadows
and Ryan Sloan Johnson**

Alison Nicole Meadows and Ryan Sloan Johnson were married Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Smith family lodge, atop Lookout Mountain. The officiating minister was Rev. Shaunathan Bell. Matron of Honor was Mrs. Shane Wright, sister of the bride. Best man was Tim L. Smith; flower girls were Sawyer and Payton Miller; and Guest Registry - Heather Smith. Kali was best dog.

Alison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Meadows of Hammondville. Ryan is the son of Mrs. Doris Johnson of Fort Payne.

It was a lovely wedding with a beautiful view of the valley and Weiss Lake in the distance.

Kali, a chocolate Lab, belonging to the groom, wore a wreath of flowers around her neck. She came in and sat at the feet of the groom for the ceremony. When they went out in a shower of rose petals, so did she and got in the car with them and sat up in the back seat, like a "grownup." Cute!

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A Note of Gratitude

By Jane Faile

To all of the clever children (and their parents) who attended the First Annual Halloween party conducted by the Mentone Council for Cultural Creativity, we were thrilled with the imaginative costumes and the warmth and delight shared by the children of Mentone.

The children were the stars of the show as each took a turn in the spotlight of the Costume Parade. Fairy princesses, Harry Potter, Rapunzel, the Happy Clown, and Star Wars characters paraded along with cowboys, cows, ponies, kittens, pumpkins, and even moose! There were three parades in all, because so many young folk kept arriving during the two-hour festival, and all wanted to show off their wonderful costumes.

There were oodles of treats for the partygoers: candy, cupcakes, and a wheelbarrow full of Sprites and Voo Doo juice. Of the 100 pre-roasted hot dogs, only eight were left by 7 PM when the little ones were sent merrily on their way.

Members of the Mentone Council for Cultural Creativity (a group of writers, artists, musicians, and teachers) dressed up as wizards, witches, and fortunetellers to entertain the children and hand out goodies. Miss Janet welcomed new arrivals and directed them to the many happenings around the square. Dolphina, the Fishwitch, surprised young fishers with guaranteed "bites," consisting of coloring books, modeling clay, and a variety of toys. Madame Suzeena saw the happy futures of many young folk: "I see a test coming up that you will do well on!" Many children had their faces painted by the lovely Sandrina. And Chocolata, whose motto is "more is more!" distributed chocolates from a seemingly bottomless cauldron. The Silverwitch, Lady Joy, made sure that each child had treasures and blessings. The beautiful, tall Gingerwitch rewarded each costume parade participant with prizes ranging from bubbles to crayons to warm gloves. The Wizard of Wishes heard many of the desires of little hearts (some of which broke his). The Mouse Wizard continuously delighted all with the magic color spell he cast into the flames of the bonfire.

Much appreciation to Mr. Gus and the Mouse Wizard who built and kept the bonfire glowing all evening! And many thanks to the community sponsors of this exciting event: The Mentone Inn and the Lookout Mountain Wholistic Center. Thanks also to The Shed and Cloudland Fruit Stand for providing pumpkins and to Jim for helping set things up and decorate the area. Cool!

On this All Hallows Eve, only love and laughter! Thank you, Mentone, for affording this space in which to play. Community is wonderful!

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Sue Schwarz

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held October 9, 2002 at the Mentone Community House. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a devotional by Linda Brown. Linda challenged us to meet the challenge of being responsible citizens and neighbors and gave us a charge to show our love to young people and let them know of their worth to their families and communities.

Hostesses were Hope Walker, Diano Kuehl and Sue Schwarz.

Ann Houston from DeKalb County Master Gardeners presented a program of Landscape design slides which was provided to us by the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved as read.

Partridge Peas will meet the 24th of October and will make decorative bags for Halloween and we are also asked to save tissue boxes for future projects.

We were reminded that Maple and Ash trees are available at the rear of the town hall and are ready for planting.

Old Business:

Several members including Virginia Setze, Shirley Hessel, Harriet Lillich, Bernise Crow and Phyllis Cochran had entries in the flower show. There were several honorable mentions and a blue ribbon was won by Bernise Crow for her table setting.

New Business:

Raffle tickets for a storage building to be raffled November 20th are available. The raffle is to benefit financing the flower show.

District II Meeting will be held October 28 in Pell City, AL. The cost is \$12.

The meeting was adjourned until November 12, when we will meet at 12:30 at the community house.

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The RECIPE CORNER

By
SUE SCHWARZ

I certainly do hope that everyone is keeping warm and enjoying this crisp fall weather we have been having. It is time to curl up with a good book (from Mentone Community Library) and to visit with family and friends. I have begged a recipe from my friend, Virginia Setze, for some lovely cheese krispies that she brought to an event this fall. She brought a large platter of them and they totally disappeared. Thank you for sharing, Virginia. I am also including a recipe for sweet potatoes and apples which are a favorite with my family. I hope you enjoy these recipes and the season.

Cheese Krispies - Virginia Setze

1/2 pound oleo softened

8 oz sharp cheese grated

2 Cups sifted flour, plain

2 Cups Rice Krispies

1/4 tsp red pepper

1 tsp salt

2 tps worcestershire sauce

Heat oven to 325°. Be certain that all ingredients are room temperature. Combine all ingredients and mix well. Form into small balls and put on cookie sheet. Press down with flowered fork. Bake for 20 minutes. Makes about 8 dozen.

Sweet Potatoes and Apples

4 medium sweet potatoes

3 apples (Rome or Winesaps are nice)

1/4 Cup brown sugar

1/2 Cup orange juice.

2 T butter or margarine

Cook potatoes in skins until soft. Peel and cut the potatoes into pieces. Core and cut the apples into chunks, peeling the apples if you prefer. Add the sugar and orange juice. Put mixture into greased 2-quart baking dish and bake until apples are soft. Finish the dish by adding the butter and stirring it into the mixture before serving. Makes 6 - 7 servings.

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St. Joseph's on the Mtn. She has helped me get the
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We want to also THANK YOU the community for
allowing us to grow and bring more business to
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Association, Linda and all the staff at The Times
Journal, as well as Hamilton Theaters of Ft. Payne.
They, too, have helped us for many of years to
become who we are today. We want to also THANK
Ladd Environmental for making us a part of their
team. I really want to say THANKS GUYS! I want
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AL. We hosted a seminar on Proven Winners &
Proven Selected Plants on Oct. 31st. Prizes were
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Thank you, David and Cheryl Baker



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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Color has arrived! We had a long summer and a dry one. So when the rain came, the trees greened-up again and colors have come slowly. At our Colorfest, we had only a few dogwood and black gum trees showing color.

As I write today, the sun is shining. We have had a week of wet, foggy, and dreary days. The sunshine is certainly a welcome sight.

Our Colorfest was successful, even if we didn't have an abundance of color. The Cataco Creek Band provided good music for our bonfire and for the festival on the brow. The beautiful quilt donated by Bruce & Marsha Bon Fleur was big entertainment in itself. We sold more tickets than we have ever done, I believe. I still have to count receipts to see exactly how many tickets were sold. Jack Jones arranged a good parade - very colorful. (And I love a parade.)

Many visitors I talked to during the festival had never been to Mentone and they were having a great time checking on all the scenic attractions. We have more to offer our tourists all the time. There is something for everyone. Our bed and breakfast places are busy most of the year, and all of them are clean, nicely

furnished, and offer a full breakfast. January and February are a bit slow, but if it's cold enough to make snow, the skiers will flock to the slopes at Cloudmont. We have two golf courses, Lil' Mole Run and one at Cloudmont. DeSoto State Park has good hiking trails, a nice modern motel, many rustic chalets, and nice campsites which are filled most of the time, a country store and a convenient laundry room. But to get reservations at any of these accommodations during festivals, one must make them early!

It's apple season and we are eating our fair share of them. Joyce put some in the freezer last week. For a long time, we've been hearing about apples from Crow Mountain, but we had never been there. This week, we needed to get away for a few hours and decided to find the mountain. From here, we drove to Scottsboro, then about 18 miles due west to the orchard on top of Crow Mountain. The drive was lovely. The valley between Scottsboro and the Mountain is flat lowland dotted with picturesque farms with big, old barns. It was very interesting to us. We saw cattle farms, soybean fields and one cotton field. It is seldom that we see cotton growing in this area of north Alabama. The cotton we saw looked like it had not yet been harvested. (The rains may have postponed farmers getting machinery in the field to pick.) The fall colors were good, and what a mountain! We kept climbing up a spiral road that seemed further than it really was. The orchard was a fairly large one and all but one variety of apples had been picked and bagged in peck-sized plastic bags. We bought Winesap, Golden Delicious, Rome and Granny Smith—some for cooking and some for eating. We'll be having apples daily for a while. I like to slice the apples, put them in a heavy skillet with a little butter and honey, put a lid on them and cook about 25 minutes over low heat. They are yummy!

I believe it's cold enough now for a heavy sweater and a fire in the fireplace. It seems we're going from summer to winter without much of a break between. But that break between hot and cold is the kind of weather I like—a time for good, hot soup or chili, cornbread muffins and apple pie for dessert!

This week, we lugged all our potted plants inside—some in the garage, some in the house, and some in the greenhouse. (Now, we'll probably have a warm spell.) Outside, we still have beautiful impatiens a foot tall or more. They are lovely today, but will be frozen before long. We got these plants from The Shed and they have done very well. Nothing has bothered them. Not so for other vegetation. A late freeze ruined our peaches, the groundhogs ate our beans, the deer ate our tomatoes and some varmints got our grapes. We didn't have any fresh fruits/vegetables that we planted this year. However, Coy planted hot peppers and banana peppers that are plentiful. Evidently, the varmints don't care for peppers.

It is voting time again and all Americans should use their privilege to vote for the candidate they feel will do the most for our country. We have heard political speeches, mud-slinging and debates for months—most concentrated in the last few weeks. If we believed all we've heard, we would be in a state of confusion! We need to study the issues more and personal slurs less. Let's pray that our elected officials will be true leaders and will represent the moral views upon which our constitution is founded. God Bless America! May we never leave God out of our government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

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Our
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By

LINDA BROWN



Can you believe that the Holiday Season is already here? It seems like yesterday that we were preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas of 2001. Oh well, I've always heard that time flies when you're having fun.

The recent election was certainly interesting if nothing else. The day after the election, Mentone made the headlines in the Fort Payne newspaper, Times Journal. It seems that one of the cartridges that was used in the voting machines at Mentone did not get counted in the first count.

Mentone's precinct, 2101, may be one of the largest in DeKalb County. At the November 5th election, we counted approximately 915 voters on the list. Because of this, Mentone is furnished with two voting machines whenever possible. This was the case at this last election. Even though we have two machines, we use only one set of paperwork. But, we do have two cartridges and two sets of paper print-outs. After our cartridges arrived at the DeKalb County Courthouse, either one of the cartridges did not get put into the master machine or it didn't read it properly.

Due to the fact that Judge Paul Thomas and his staff are so efficient with the election results, this was realized and all votes were counted before the totals were certified. So, all is well, if you voted in Mentone your vote was counted.

From everything that I heard, the recent Health Fair was a big success. I understand that more than one hundred persons visited and took advantage of one or more of the services. This is another good example of the programs that are provided by Mentone Educational Resources Foundation. I think that Dorna Hutcheson was responsible for the organization of this event. Thank you, Dorna!

The Moon Lake Elementary School Harvest Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year that is sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Organization. By now, I'm sure that most of you have given a donation, bought a meal or helped in some way. The school is the backbone of our community and we should support it in every way.

It will be hard to keep up with all of the activities from now until the first of 2003. Many of the activities will involve only one family or church. One event that will be community wide is the joint Thanksgiving Service.

This is held at different churches each year and always has a different speaker. This year it will be held Tuesday, November 26th at 6:30pm at the Mentone United Methodist Church on Cutler Avenue.

Please watch the front window of the Mentone Town Hall for the annual Christmas tree. It will be decorated with ornaments made by Partridge Peas Junior Garden Club. These students are in Kindergarten Class at Moon Lake Elementary School. The teacher is Mrs. Phyllis Sarrett. Mrs. Sarrett lets me come and visit them once a month. We always do a project that concerns the environment, nature or recycling. We will be making ornaments of recycled compact discs and old wallpaper books this year. You'll have to watch and see what we do. (I'm not even sure yet.)

Several people worked on the "community" side of the new library on Veteran's Day. We accomplished a lot, but there is still much to be done. We sorted through piles of books, put plastic covers on some, stamped the name of the library in some and placed a lot of new ones on the shelves. As we were working, Jan Wilkinson said, "If you've never been involved in the process, you have no idea how much work goes into getting a book on the library shelves."

If you want to be involved with the library, it is not too late. You can contact me or go by the library on any Tuesday, 4-6 pm or Thursday, 5-7 pm. A sheet to sign up is available there. We will not be training to keep the library until next Spring, but you can sign up now. Right now our volunteers are being asked to work every three months, so it is not a very demanding schedule.

Recently, I attended a family event where some of my nieces and nephews were present. They all told me that they really enjoy my articles in The Groundhog. They seem to especially enjoy it when I tell about my childhood experiences. I had never thought of all of the differences in our generation.

I grew up on a farm and they grew up in an urban setting. I knew what it was to can, dry and otherwise preserve vegetables, they knew how to go to the grocery store. My biggest challenge was making good grades in school, but theirs was how to, "just say no" to alcohol and drugs. We never locked our doors, they lock the doors to their house and car every time they leave.

My childhood was a simple, carefree time of playing with wooden blocks in the sand pile. There is a more complicated system of being accepted by their peers, of dressing like everyone else and of choosing the right friends and activities.

I remember when World War II ended, then there was peace for a long time. They have lived with the talk of war or conflict in the world all of their lives. I had never heard of violence, except maybe neighbors would have some angry words because a cow jumped the fence and ate the other one's corn. They live with airplanes crashing into towers and the present threat of biological warfare.

One constant in all of our lives has been the person we all call Granddaddy Fraser. He is always the same and always there for whichever generation needs him. We now have four generations in the family and he deals with all of them in the same kind and gentle way.

I suppose that this reminiscing is quite appropriate at this time of the year. It is the time of family activities and of stopping to consider what your priorities are. It is the time to reflect on where you have been and where you want to go. A time to keep what you like and change what you don't. A time to accept things you can't change and change what you can. A time to love children and old people and to help those in between to do better. While working at the library, we discovered a wonderful little booklet of wishes. Since there was no category to put it in, I asked to be allowed to bring it home with me. This is a quote from it, "I wish for you to learn to love darkness as well as light, for the tree needs roots below to grow up to the sky. May you love the child that you were and the person you have grown to be." This is my wish for you in this wonderful holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

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If there is enough response to this ad, I plan to begin basic sewing classes for girls ages 10 and up, and for women of all ages. We can learn many different things together. The fee for this service will be \$10.00 per person for a one-hour class, or \$30.00 per month for four 1-hour lessons.

Please call me at 634-4390 if you are interested in discussing the lessons or in signing up for them.

As a grower, we at The Shed are growing a few varieties now so they will be well rooted for spring. Keep in mind some plants will be limited due to the fact that some are spoken for by The Huntsville Botanical Gardens. I will have a plant to keep the animals out of the gardens. You will have to wait to see what it is. Not many people will have it. Being new, it will be patent only. Specialty Nurseries and Growers will have it. It will be limited, so get here early.

There are 150 new perennials and we will have about 60 of them, along with native plants and shrubs. Also available will be Christmas trees, live or artificial, fresh greenery wreaths, as well as artificial. The best looking poinsettias will be right here close to Thanksgiving and, when we are out, we are out. So do not wait on those.

The Shed is having the biggest SALE ever. We have decided to go mad: house plants and cacti and succulents till the end of November are .75. Perennials-1 gallon are \$3.50 & \$4.50. All shrubs and trees are wholesale. We have 2 Gallon Butterfly Bushes \$4.50 below wholesale. Nothing wrong with them just grow several hundred of them. Our Nursery has leaned toward new improved plants which are called Proven Winners or Proven Selected. This means we grow plants that live in our climate and do well in our climate but are also new plants.

To be a grower for the Huntsville Botanical Gardens is an honor. We grow what is truly hardy to our zone. Does any one know what zone you are in? Let me tell you--zone 8b and 7a. When you buy your perennials you should buy them for those zones and not 7b. Why 8b and 7a? It is due to the coldness of the climate of our winters, which are in the teens; and the heat that zone 7a gives, which is about 100 degrees. 7b means it is scorching hot from April till now. Also in the winter, the lows will only be about 45, which is not us.

We carry more native plants than we ever did because some native plants can handle the dry conditions we have had, such as the Maiden Hair ferns. Females are easy to get; but males are rare and hard to find. We will have them for about \$3.00. Foam Flowers, Ginger, Tiarella, Polygonum also known as Variegatum Solomon Seal, Lysimachia, Heuchera, Macrophylla, Aruncus and many more of our native flowers are RARE & HARD TO FIND that is why we grow for The Botanical Gardens. We are featuring this month Witch Hazel. It is a native shrub that blooms in the winter. Get them while you can because they are going quick.

The Shed has gone mad, we have grown. We told you from the start we have a lot of land to play with and have fun doing it. We will always bring you new things such as sweet potato vines all colors are only \$1.75 in a 4" cup. What is new at The Shed? You have to come and see!

New ornaments and trinkets have arrived. Fall Merchandise is 50% off, which is below wholesale. Due to all the new Christmas merchandise coming in, we must clear all the fall things out. The day before and after Thanksgiving Day Sale--do not miss it. Lots of neat gifts for under \$10.00, and some cool gifts. Guys, listen up! Tell the wives to come check out our new Hunting, Fishing or Lodge Ornaments or Cabin Collection. Just remember we have WEEKLY SALES to bring in new merchandise. We are a Grower, Floral Shop, Gift Shop, as well as a Fireworks Store. Buy one Get one Free, Mix and Match we do not mind it's all year round. Wind Chimes are on SALE this month get them while they last. Suggestive retail \$69.99; our price NEW \$36.99, Retail \$29.99 our price new is \$15.99. Baskets for Flowers or Home Decor we have lots of them and great prices.

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Girl Scouts Begin Annual Cookie Sale

And there's a life lesson in every box

The time to place your order for Girl Scout cookies is here! Girl Scouts in North Alabama and Southern Tennessee will be taking orders for Girl Scout cookies from Saturday, November 9 Through mid-December.

The old favorites are back from last year - Thin Mints, Somoas, Trefoils, and Tag Alongs. The North Alabama Council, made up of 12 Alabama and 2 Tennessee counties, is almost 8600 girls strong. Many of those girls will be out in force in the Tennessee Valley taking cookie orders and hoping to sell even more cookies than last year. The Council total last year reached 42,323 cases of cookies.

Don't worry! If you don't know where there's a Girl Scout in your area, call the North Alabama Council at (256) 883-1020 in Huntsville or toll free at 1-800-410-6336.

Girl Scout cookie leaders say that the cookie sale is great fun for everyone. Girls enjoy the experience and consumers love the cookies. But the real reward behind the annual cookie sale is that it helps girls build business and financial savvy.

"The secret ingredient in Girl Scout cookies is business training for our girls," says Carol Kelly, Executive Director of Girl Scouts of North Alabama. "The sale makes mini business owners of each girl, and fosters business and entrepreneurial development," she said. Girl Scouting has always encouraged goal-setting, and career exploration through its many events and initiatives. In fact, many of today's businesswomen say that selling Girl Scout cookies was an important first step toward successful careers.

Like most things in the Girl Scout Program, the benefit to girls is that it's a skill-building exercise. Taking orders, handling money, tallying sales and distributing orders helps to teach and reinforce money management, decision making, and goal setting. For some girls it's a first-time experience with such disciplines.

"I Look forward to selling cookies every year", says Lauren Duckworth, one of the area's top sellers. "I set a goal and I find new ways to achieve it. I think I'll be a really good sales executive some day."

The girls not only learn skills and earn beautiful patches, but they plan and enjoy special events with the proceeds of their sales. Cookie sales finance troop activity, contribute to Council expenses, and last year even allowed trips to fun, educational destinations like Six Flags and the Tennessee Aquarium -activities that would otherwise not be possible.

Now, when cookie lovers place their orders, they can remember that the real magic of Girl Scout cookies isn't just the great taste or the wonderful tradition, but the lifelong lessons the experience provides girls in our community every year.

In the Montone and Valley Head areas, contact Barbara Petersen at 635-6787, Troop 1012.



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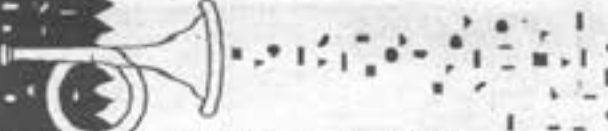
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DATE: *Saturday, December 7, 2002*

TIME: *11:30 a.m. Line Up At Valley Head School*

*For further information
Call: 635-6814, 635-6105*

PRIZES FOR: *1st, 2nd and 3rd Place*
Refreshments will be served at the Town Hall after the Parade

Needed: Donations for "Suitcases For Kids"

The Able Student Alliance of Northeast State Community College is collecting new and used suitcases for "Suitcases For Kids". You may drop off your donated suitcase locally at the Valley Head Water Works Board. These items will be donated to the local Human Resources Office where they will be given to the foster children who are desperately in need of them.

For more information, call
Beth Moore @ 256-638-8683; or
Lisa Smith @ 256-635-6527.



The Community House Book Club meets every third Thursday at 10 a.m.

The book for November 21 is "Mama Makes Up Her Mind" and other dangers of Southern living By Bailey White.

For more information, call
Kathy McMunn, 634-4575.

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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise, be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Psa. 99:4

There is a song that says, "Count your many blessings, see what God has done." Do we take time to thank God for the many blessings he gives us or just forget them? Do we take time to tell our friends and loved ones "thank you" when they do us a good deed? This would be a good time to start. I'm a long way behind, but I do thank God with all my heart.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- November 16, 5 PM-8PM HARVEST FESTIVAL AT MOON LAKE SCHOOL
- Monday, Nov. 18, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- **CHANGED DUE TO VETERANS DAY**
- Thursday, Nov. 21, 4:00 pm., Water Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- **CHANGED DUE TO THANKSGIVING DAY**
- Thursday, Nov. 28, THANKSGIVING DAY
- Friday & Saturday, Nov. 29 and 30, & Dec. 1 WHITE ELEPHANT'S 5TH ANNUAL SALE
- Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7 pm, MAPA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING, Dessie's Kountry Chef

- Monday, Dec. 9, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, Dec. 10, 11:30 A.M., Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House, Annual Christmas Party-Covered Dish Luncheon
- Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 P.M., American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Dec. 13 and 14, Community Christmas Pageant in Fort Payne at the armory at 6 PM
- Sunday, Dec. 15, Community Christmas Cantata 5 PM, Moon Lake Baptist Church 7 PM, Valley Head Baptist Church

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 6, 20
- December 4, 18
- January 2003 - 1, 15, 29

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