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IRA JOHNSON CELEBRATES 101ST BIRTHDAY



**John and Mary Frances Shankles,
Harvey, Edgar, and Ira.** Photo taken approximately 1904

By Frances Johnson, daughter-in-law

Ira May Johnson was born on September 29, 1903, to John and Mary Shankles. She had two brothers, Harvey and Edgar.

Ira was married at the age of 17 on September 25, 1920 to Clarence Newton Johnson. They had 8 children: 3 boys and 5 girls. Ruby Wilson, the oldest, lives in Marietta, GA. Edith Watts, now deceased, lived in Tuscaloosa, AL. Edgar Johnson, now deceased, lived in VA. Bernice West lives in Anniston, AL. Pearlina Rentz lives in Dennison, TX. Paul Leldon, Diane Hunt, and Herman live in Mentone. Clarence Johnson, now deceased, was killed in a tractor accident in May of 1967.

While they were married, Clarence raised the garden and Ira Mae peddled with a horse and buggy to Mentone where she sold her produce. Her son-in-law at the time, Jack Capps, sold them a 1950 Ford pickup. They then truck farmed. Ira took her produce around Mentone and to the summer camps and people who came here for the summer. Next, they raised strawberries and sold them to anyone who wanted them. They also carried them to Gadsden and Rome, GA, and sold them.

Ira walked up and down the mountain to school.



Ira Johnson at 101 years

One day, she had her tonsils removed. She then walked up the mountain to her home and almost bled to death.

Ira fell at two different times and broke both hips. She has had both of them replaced.

Ira Mae lived by herself until about five years ago. She lived with Lei and Myrtle for a few years off and

on. Ira had a stroke in March of 2003, which left her paralyzed on her right side. She now lives in the home of Herman and Frances Johnson. They take care of her in the evening and at night. In the day-time, she has a wonderful sitter, Maxine Cooper. Maxine and her daughter, Katy, have spoiled her rotten. We could not have done it without her. We are so lucky to have someone to be so good to our mother.

Ira worked for Camp DeSoto for several years. She was good friends with Martha Berry, who supplied her oldest children with clothes.

She is good friends with Alma Crabtree. They used to go to the Senior Citizens Center all the time together.

She has 26 grandchildren and 47 great grandchildren and 14 great great grandchildren, making for a big birthday party.

Ira was given a 101st birthday party on September 25, 2004. Those attending this wonderful event were four of her children: Herman, Paul, Ruby, and Bernice; several of her grandkids and several of her great grandchildren for a total of 54 guests. Ira had a great time and we wore her out. She slept like a baby that night.

Happy Birthday, Mamaw, hope you have many more. We love you very much.



Clarence & Ira Johnson (1965 or 1966)

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MAPA MEETING

The Mentone Area Preservation Association met on October 7, 2004, at the fellowship hall of the Church of God of Prophecy.

Present were Homer and Bernise Crow, Leroy and Joanne Crowe, Lucille Crowe, Dot Crow, Ruby Brock, Dessie Brown, Marie Dillenbeck, Tom and Lynn Donald, and Greg Coe.

President Bernise Crow called the meeting to order and Ruby Brock gave the invocation.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Copies of the treasurer's report were passed to each member.

Homer Crow gave a festival report with 50 of the 80 spaces already having signed up for the October Colorfest on the 16th and 17th. The new parking lot, courtesy of Sharon Barron, will have spaces vendors and lots of parking. Leroy Crowe volunteered to help Homer put out the festival signs on the roads and highways leading to Mentone.

The 2005 Rhododendron Festival was discussed and everything seems to be getting into place.

Refreshments for the November meeting will be provided by Greg Coe who is doing the catering.

The meeting was adjourned to have refreshments.



Greg Coe winner of \$1000 from the American Legion Post 315 drawing on the last day of the Colorfest. Ed Ringer on the Left and Page Cunningham on the right behind Greg

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This will be the last issue.

We regret that economic circumstances do not permit us to continue.

The Editor

**St. Joseph's
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for Christmas 2004**



The purpose of the **Angel Tree** is to provide gifts to children of families who, for some reason, cannot provide for themselves. Last year, St. Joseph's located and provided gifts to families in both Mentone and Valley Head. Seven families and twenty-one children were given Christmas gifts last year. We hope to serve more this year.

Here's how it works. Anyone who knows of a needy family in the Mentone or Valley Head area who would otherwise be without a Christmas, should call the church office at (256)634-4476, or come by the church and leave the name of the family, the number of children and their clothing sizes. A tree will be put up in the church and each child will be represented by an angel and hung on the tree. The tree will have the child's age, sizes, and favorite toys or games. Anyone who wishes to provide for that child will take the angel from the tree, shop for him or her, and return the gifts wrapped to the church. The gift, along with a holiday food basket, will be delivered on or before Christmas Eve.

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By Mary Alice Stout

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Thinking about Home Schooling?



Adam, Bentley, Rita, Terral, and Aaron

From *The Messenger*, August 11, 2004 issue

Meet the Carr family of Gadsden—Terral, Rita, Aaron, and Adam. Why would you be interested in meeting them? My reason is because they are a wonderful Christian family who chose to home school. The oldest son is a second year medical student at the University of South Alabama; the youngest is a senior studying Civil Engineering at Auburn University.

I pulled into their quarter-mile driveway on a Sunday afternoon which led by a horse corral, pastures, birdhouses here and there, and finally to a beautiful home nestled under several trees. Two humongous dogs that would concern the most secure UPS driver came to greet me instantly. Just as quickly, one of the boys came out and called them off, then welcomed me to their home. He held out his hand and introduced himself as Aaron (24). I then met Adam (21) and Adam's fiancée, Bentley Chambers (20.) All three were home schooled in Gadsden. Terral and Rita graciously agreed to have me in their home and answer my questions regarding their home schooling experience.

I sat down in their living room and noticed my surroundings. A piano was situated in the corner, the sofa and chairs surrounded the center of the room instead of a television set, and an entire wall was filled with books, most of them about the Civil War. Not used to interviewing, I didn't really know where to begin. So I first asked them to identify the most common question they heard about home schooling. Terral Carr, a nurse anesthetist, said most people that ask him about home schooling are first and foremost concerned about socialization. He explained that he and Rita look at this issue as the least problematic, and said that parents teach their children social skills in the home. "We believe that socialization is a parenting responsibility not the school's."

I asked Rita why they decided to home school. She told me that back when they began, home schooling wasn't as common as it is now. They were first introduced to home schooling in the late 70s when they lived in Birmingham, when their oldest son was a baby, but they still chose to send their boys to school. "We immediately saw there was a huge time factor, a lot of homework, including sports, and there was very little time for family. Then, when Aaron was in third grade, Terral and I began to talk to friends we knew who home schooled, then we attended a home school seminar and decided we would try it for a year."

Every year Rita and I asked the boys if they wanted to continue having school at home. We gave them that decision" Terral said. At this point, I look up at the boys and see big smiles on both their faces. I surmised it must have been an easy decision for them, then Aaron spoke up and confirmed my assumption. "I loved being around my family," he said. "We did things with other home school families, and I loved horses, soccer, swim team, basketball, and camping. And when it came to schoolwork, we were motivated to finish quickly. We knew our assignments at the beginning of the day and knew when we finished, we could move on to other things."

Rita added, "The boys became very disciplined to finish their work on their own, knowing when their classes were completed, they were finished for the day. When they were younger, I would pack a lunch on warm days and we'd ride our bikes to the park, eat, and play. I did things with them to break up the school day and to make the days fun, and we did several activities with other families. When they were older, they started a lawn care

business and would wake at 5:00 a.m., and start school by 6:00 a.m., so they could get to working."

When asked about the boys' college education choices and how they decided on medical school and civil engineering, Terral said, "Rita and I didn't decide what field of study the boys would go into or pursue. We listened to them, took time to find out what God gave them the ability to do, and guided them in that direction."

Rita smiled and quoted, "Train up a child in the way he should go." The parents went on to discuss how both boys were different in their own way and that God helped each of them make the career decision." Rita said, "Now Aaron was the ideal student, loves to read, loves to learn. Whereas Adam preferred to be outside and wanted to be doing something else most of the time."

Aaron said, "Growing up, I enjoyed hearing about Mom and Dad's professions. They both are in the medical field and that was very interesting to me. I was able to watch Dad work, see how he comforted patients, and how he interacted with them. I soon discovered that was something that I would really like to do."

The family then offered a perfect example depicting how different the boys are in what they enjoy, explaining that two days prior to our interview, Aaron and Terral started on a concrete path in the backyard. I turned and looked out the back window to notice the forming board already in place and the gravel smoothed out. I must say I was pretty impressed that this young man had the knowledge and skills to do something like that. But what they were wanting to share with me was that Aaron knew how to do the work and was very good at it, but would have much rather been helping his dad instead of performing his studies. In other words, they would have gladly changed places.

Terral pointed to their piano and said, "Piano lessons provided the boys with their musical education. We wanted them to experience music, but we quickly learned Adam wasn't interested. As teachers, we attempted to maximize their abilities in every area and focus on their natural desires. Adam's natural desire wasn't piano. If Adam had been an artist, I would have helped him in that direction. But instead he's always loved outdoors, tractors and big machinery. One day, we were riding down the road and he pointed to some new roads being built and questioned about them. I explained to him that the field is called Civil Engineering. He became interested in it and wanted to learn more."

Adam then spoke up, "Which meant I'd have to take upper level math courses." Then with a huge grin he added, "I hate math."

Terral pointed out that Adam's discipline helped him to accomplish his goals even though some of the journey was unpleasant. "We didn't push him to do what he's doing. He pushed himself. One of the saddest things I see is when a child is forced to do something he's not capable of doing, or has no desire to do. It frustrates the parent and the child."

Our ultimate goal as home school parents was to educate the boys to a point where they would have choices in life," Terral emphasized. "At the end of the twelve years of schooling, they would have the quality experiences to go and do whatever they wanted to do. We set goals, we took home schooling serious, but we had fun. Home schooling gave us time. As parents, we

had more time to work on developing the boys' character and more time to be the parents we needed to be. The boys had more time to do the things they wanted to do, to pursue their own interests and friendships, and their own business. Academics was not the main thing in our home—life was the main thing—we enjoy life."

"Childhood is a vulnerable part of life," said Terral. We sent our children into the world when they are more mature, where things might not affect them. We don't want others to believe that we think they need to be separated or withdrawn from earth. I think that tends to be what some people think about home schooling, and we don't feel that way."

Bentley, Adam's fiancée, who was also home schooled by her parents Jim and Barbara Chambers, told me her major is in elementary education and she will graduate next May from Auburn. I asked her when the wedding was planned. Adam spoke up and said, "The day after she graduates." He was serious.

After saying good-bye to the Carr family, I got back in my car and thought about all they had shared with me and how awesome their family really is. Yet, they don't give the credit to home schooling; all the glory goes to God.

I recall the first time I saw Rita a few years ago at a Gadsden home school meeting. I was told, "Her boys are the kind of boys you want your daughter to find." After my meeting, I agree. The Carr boys are the kind of boys I want my daughter to meet one day, as well as the kind of boys I want my sons to emulate.

The Carr and Chambers families are both involved with Gadsden Christian Home Educators (GCHE), a support group of home schooling families that is rapidly growing. Rita emphasized that home schooling needs to be a joint decision by both parents, and Terral's support was essential, along with the mom's encouragement meetings with GCHE.

Are you reading this article because you're interested in home schooling your children? You can meet more families like the Carr's through GCHE. The first Mom's Encouragement meeting is planned for Monday, August 23 from 7:00 until 9:00 PM at one of the member's homes. GCHE Membership is \$15 annually per family. The members work together to host mom's encouragement meetings, field trips, co-op classes, sports, teen club, Key Club, prom, Graduation ceremonies, yearbook, Beta Club, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Adventure's Club, park days, skating days, bowling days, karate, and much more.

If you would like to find out more about GCHE, or download a membership form, visit

<http://www.alabamahomeschooling.org/GCHE.htm>

or pick up a membership form at Gadsden Christian Bookstore on Broad Street, which has a whole wing of their store devoted to home school books and materials.

Editor's note: Rita is the daughter of Jim and Dailynne Jones of Mentone, and Adam and Aaron are their grandchildren.



Adam will graduate this year from Auburn University. Aaron is in his second year of Medical School at the University of South Alabama.

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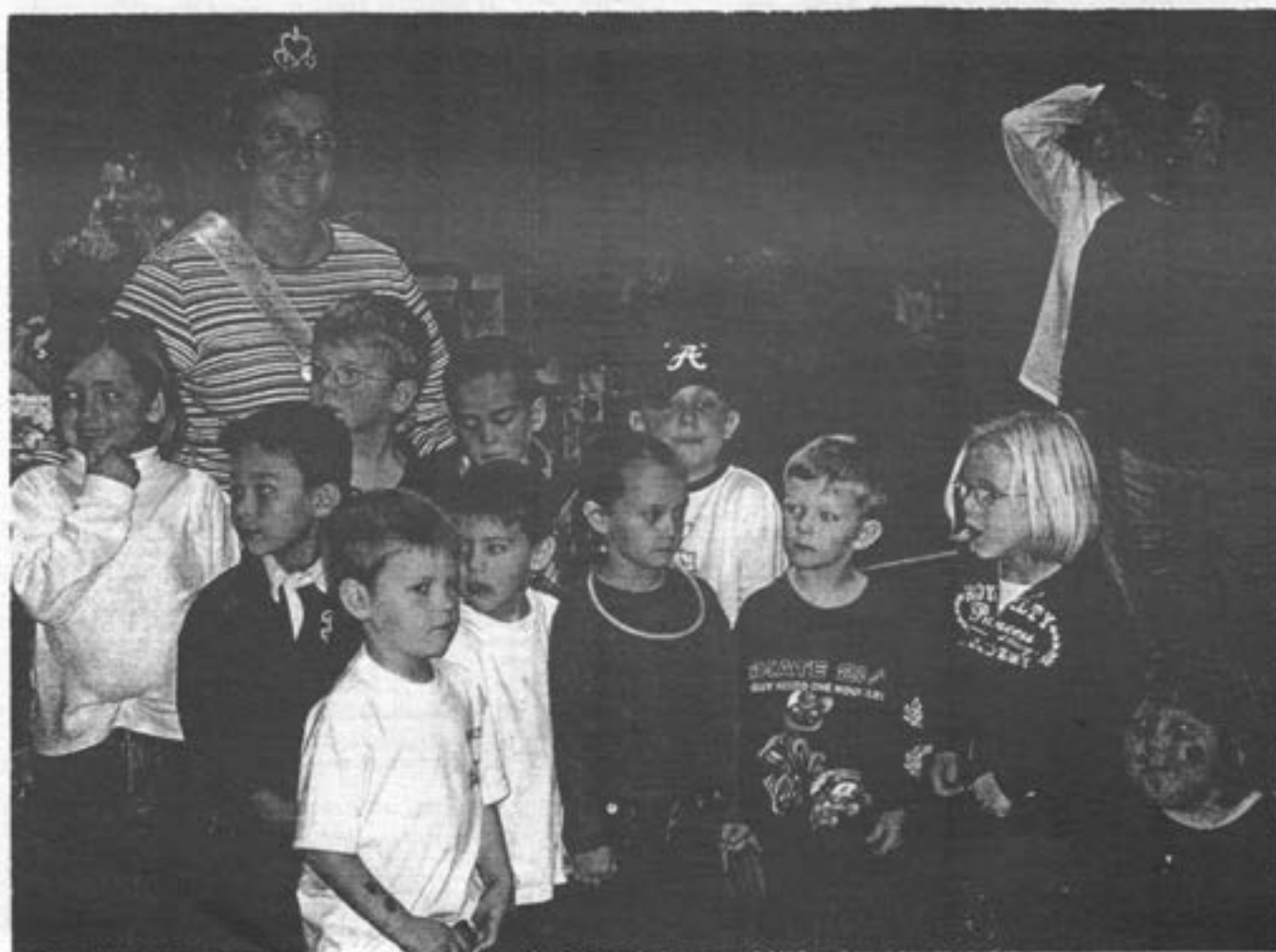


A grand total of \$20,722.81 was raised by the Moon Lake PTO during the annual Harvest Festival. Moon Lake's parents, friends and families, students, and staff members. This record-setting

The Harvest Festival provides an excellent opportunity for Moon Lake's community to share a common vision. This year's high level of financial success is a tribute to all those individual cooperative efforts.

Thank you, Moon Lake Elementary School supporters, for your many contributions throughout the year as well! Thanks to each of you, Moon Lake continues to thrive as an outstanding school. All pictures on this page were taken during this year's Harvest Festival, in the Moon Lake

At left, kindergarten parent Misty Watters gets into the Halloween spirit early. Below left, kindergarten teacher Phyllis Sarratt (in crown) and her class celebrate their Harvest Festival victory. At \$11,760.40, kindergarten won this year's royal title. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Noah Watters, Dale Howard, Ethan Harrison, Bailey Kirby, Justin Langston, Emily Hilliard, and Samantha Harrison and (back row, left to right) Lexi Owen, Byrum Emory, John Brown, and Sam Langston. Kindergarten parents Kristen Emory and Cindy Harrison look on at right.



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3rd-grade teacher

wife Rhonda teaches English
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twin sons Dylan and David

enjoys events of historical
re-enactments

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where I'd rather be than
Moon Lake!"*

y School

stival activities, thanks to the dedicated efforts of t will be applied toward funding various school needs. orters to work and play through shared effort and rroups who dedicated their time and talent toward

his time of Harvest Festival *and* during the remainder le of the traditional community school. ym.



Above, 5th-grader Megan Petersen and her mother Barbara Petersen oversee a multitude of suckers and pumpkins. Below, last year's Harvest Festival king and queen, Dylan Lewis and MacKenzie Willingham, prepare to crown this year's royalty. At left, kindergartners Ethan Harrison and Noah Watters enjoy sharing the fun of Harvest Festival activities.

g Events @ Moon Lake Elementary School

9 @ 6:30 p.m.:	PTO with first-grade program
11/10 @ 8:00 a.m.:	Veterans Day program
/13 @ 9:00 a.m.:	Moon Lake vs. Ider (basketball)
/13 @ 10:00 a.m.:	Moon Lake vs. Sylvania (basketball)
/13 @ 11:00 a.m.:	Moon Lake vs. Plainview (basketball)
/13 @ 11:00 a.m.:	Moon Lake vs. Plainview (basketball)
/23-Friday, 11/26:	Thanksgiving holidays

ry School welcomes four new staff members to the campus family . . .

DAWN LANGSTON

5th grade aide
husband Keith (a Moon Lake graduate!) delivers ice cream for Mayfield
son Sam and daughter Sara

enjoys scrapbooking and spending time with family

"I enjoy the challenges and rewards of each day!"

TABITHA BRYANT

kindergarten aide
husband Terry works as a manager for Allgas
daughter Taylor and twin daughters Ashleigh and Amanda

enjoys cross-stitching and fishing

"Moon Lake is a beautiful place . . . and the kids are polite!"

KATHY ROBERTSON

custodian
husband Ronnie works at Sara Lee
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(1) MENTONE COTTAGE WITH ACREAGE! Cozy cottage with 40 wooded acres near DeSoto State Park featuring 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, double French doors, wood burning fireplace, cathedral ceiling, ceramic flooring and 2 storage buildings. \$229,900 (PLS #12724)



(2) CLOUDLAND, GA - New listing with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 3500 square feet. This log home was built in 1928 and is filled with character. Priced at \$138,000. (PLS #11807)



(3) New cabin on the brow near DeSoto State Park! You'll feel right at home in this cabin on the brow featuring 2 bedrooms (1 up and 1 down), 2 baths, open living room with rock fireplace, kitchen cabinets with tin inserts, sunroom, unique wood ceiling, large back deck, enclosed landscaping and so much more. \$209,500 (PLS #12951)



(4) Wide Open Spaces! You'll have plenty of space to roam on this 8 acres complete with a 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with a large pond and stream all surrounded by nature. The home features an open kitchen and living area, wood floors, sun porch with gas iron stove, large bedrooms, and baths, 3-car carport with storage, front and side deck, and list goes on. Call to make your appointment today! \$179,900 (PLS #12941)



(5) Looking for a MOUNTAIN RETREAT? self contained cabins, office building that could be converted into living quarters, numerous RV and camp sites all on 13+ secluded acres adjoining DeSoto State Park. \$385,000. (PLS #10906)



(6) LESS THAN 1 MILE from downtown Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an open porch on front and a sunroom on the back. All appliances to remain including washer and dryer, 2-car carport with workshop and a 20x24 building for extra storage... office... craft shop, etc. \$89,900 (PLS #11605)



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(8) NEWLY REMODELED... This immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has new exterior paint and a brand new central heat and air system, wood floors, large front porch, 2 decks, wood burning fireplace and lots more. Sellers are leaving the appliances and most furnishings. Call to see today! Priced to sell at only \$123,500. (PLS #125050)



(9) LITTLE RIVER CAFE - featuring a fully-equipped kitchen and dining room with a 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. \$129,500. (PLS #10215)



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(11) Almost maintenance-free BROW HOME with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with island, cozy living room with fireplace, den/pool room with pool table already there. Great views of the valley. \$250,000.



(12) WHAT A VIEW you get from this 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home featuring 2-story living area with open balcony and mountain stone fireplace. Large kitchen with island and bay window eating area. Offered for \$225,000 with five acres. (82 acres available) Call for more details. (PLS #12481)



(13) Magnificent Brick Colonial on the brow in Mentone! You'll never want to leave this 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath home with open kitchen and great room with fireplace, sun porch, formal dining room, 10' ceilings, transom windows, authentic Heart Pine floors and so much more. The large back deck overlooks beautiful rock formations with a fabulous view. The front of the home is covered with ivy and is accented with a picket fence adorned with roses and surrounds the herb garden. The property also features a detached double garage with storage and an additional bedroom and bath upstairs. Don't wait...this is a must see! \$449,500. (PLS #12932)



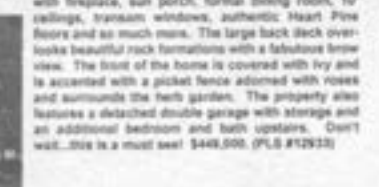
(14) Unique with lots of History and 250' of Waterfront! Come home to in-town seclusion in this lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with lots of room to expand. This home was built in 1925 and is filled with character. Features include an over-sized living room with fireplace and dining area, spacious kitchen including a large island workspace with a vegetable sink and eating area, sunroom with fireplace, large bedrooms, wood flooring throughout, lots of storage, screened porch with rock floor, front and side covered porches, back deck. Claw-foot tub in the master bath. Sitting area with bay window in master bedroom, and so much more. Enjoy the 250' of waterfront on West Fork of Little River, and is the site of the old covered bridge. Must see to appreciate. \$450,000 (PLS #12965)



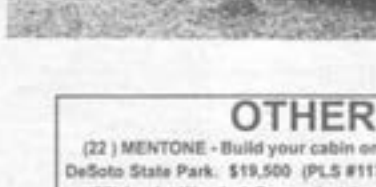
(15) NOW under construction! This cedar-sided home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open kitchen/dining/living combination, gas log fireplace, central heat & air, large front porch and more. Contract now to customize to your liking. \$145,000 (PLS #12309)



(16) PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home sits on 6 acres and borders Brush Creek. \$74,500. (PLS #12686)



(17) GREAT LOCATION! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home sits on County Road 106 in Mentone. Property has CHSA, stove, refrigerator and updated wiring. Sold "As-Is" for only \$39,900. (PLS #12683)



OTHER LISTINGS

(22) MENTONE - Build your cabin on this secluded yet convenient lot located near DeSoto State Park. \$19,500 (PLS #11730)

(23) land - Wooded Corner Lot just South of Downtown Mentone. \$5,500 (PLS #11806)

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

(25) 4.3+/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,900.

(26) BUILD YOUR WEEKEND GET-AWAY...on this 1.17+/- acres filled with spectacular rock formations behind city hall in Mentone. \$14,500.

(27) LAND! 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy 11, between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$384,750.

(28) 11.98 acres on county Road 106 in Mentone. \$66,000 (PLS #12412)

(29) LAND AND LAKE...40+/- acres with a 5+/- acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake was stocked with Bass and Bream 2 years ago and is approximately 35' deep. \$180,000.

(30) 3.68 +/- acres on the Brow near DeSoto State Park. \$59,900.

(31) OPPORTUNITY AWAITS - 10 acres on Hwy 117, East of Mentone. 3 mobile homes and 2 one bedroom apartments and room to grow. Outside the city limits - no restrictions. \$158,500.

(32) RETREAT, RETREAT, RETREAT - This 40 acres is partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. \$170,000.

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(34) LOOKOUT MTN. - Build your dream home on 3 beautiful wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. Water and power available. Some restrictions. \$23,000 (PLS #12002)

(35) Don't wait any longer...we've just listed 3.28 acres priced at \$16,400. (PLS #12291)



(18) RETREAT TO LAUREL CREEK! You can be the proud owner of this new construction with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen/dining combo, living room with feature window and fireplace. Exterior to be reverse board and batten. Contract now to customize to your liking. \$124,000. (PLS #12892)



(19) NEW CONSTRUCTION - Rustic country cabin at Mentone. One bedroom, one bath, with sleep loft, wood floors and walls, 2 story great room with wood burning fireplace, front and back porch with cedar posts and wonderful view of creek on property and Comer Boy Scout Camp Lake. \$98,500. (PLS #12401)



(20) CABIN IN MENTONE - you will love coming home to this adorable cabin now being built near DeSoto State Park. Cabin features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, pine floors throughout, and rock fireplace. 8'x40' porches on front and back with Yellow Pine exterior and metal roof. \$149,900.



(21) LOTS OF CHARM IN A NEW HOME - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features a large living/dining area with 9' ceilings, Cathedral ceiling in the master bedroom with his & her closets, separate tub and shower in the master bath with ceramic tile, and a 2-car garage connected with a breezeway onto the back porch. The full front porch overlooks a 1.156 wooded lot and is located in Mentone. \$149,000 (PLS #12777) (Photo to the right)

The Shed Floral & Nursery News

I want to first state that I was in great shock after talking to Mrs. Jackie Johns from the Alabama State Association, to come to find out that what we thought was a degree from Auburn was not a Degree that it was just a certificate to make us a better Florist. In fact she cleared up all the misunderstandings we had about it all. She said no "Cheryl the Leroy Black Class", was to improve your Skills; that it was a class to make you a better Florist not a degree. Jackie and I also Spoke about the certification part she said in the state of Alabama you do not have to be certified to be a Florist only one state has that and they are trying to do away with it. You are business licensed through your store license and that is all you need. The Leroy Black Class is not a degree just a certificate to make you a better florist. Which I have to admit, "I have learned how to make Bows". No more having someone else make my bows up for me and that really help out there. We want to make certain that this information was re-written and there are no misunderstandings such as I had about the certificate and certification. I want to also give a special thank you to all the Businesses and Community in Mentone for helping participate in the fundraiser for the school. Camp Alpine also has a very special thank you as well, a very special donation for \$100.00 from Alpine Camp went towards the Play Ground. In all the fundraisers that were going on last month to include Roberts art picture bringing in \$100 for the school which was held at Mentone Springs Hotel. Then there was the fund raiser for the Suckers, there was our Fundraiser for the Handy-Cap Play Ground Equipment for the disabled children, and of course the schools Harvest Festival I believe they all went well. The Shed how ever was able to raise \$ 706.55 for the Play Ground; Moon Lake received a personal donation for \$ 2000.00 which brought those funds up to \$ 2706.55 for the Play Ground Equipment for the Handy Cap Children Equipment. The Play Ground Fundraiser is nearly halfway there. If you or your business would like to make a contribution please send a check to Moon Lake School in care of Disabled Play Ground Equipment for Disabled Children. We also sold Suckers for the School, and are still selling Roberts Art T-Shirts which are at the Mentone Springs Hotel, Robert signed many of them at the hotel and will be willing to sign more if needed. I'm very happy to announce my son Robert was very proud and excited that his picture made the Shirt for Mentone's Art Project. That was a very exciting time for Robert and he is still very happy over the fact his Drawing for Art was chosen. It is nice to have an Art Foundation such as Moon Lake is Developing and will be nice to know they will continue with the project with the help of the parents and community. I know I saw my son's face light up when he was chosen to be on the t-shirt. To see a Childs eyes twinkle such as Roberts did for one day was full of joy for him as well as excitement for David and I. Cub Scouts Fund Raiser; just a friendly reminder begins November 12th - December 18th. We will donate \$ 1.00 per Cut Tree, \$ 1.00 per Live Wreaths made, \$ 1.00 per poinsettia's, .50 per Christmas Collages, \$ 1.00 per Amaryllis, 10% of all Christmas items throughout the store. The benefit will go towards purchasing them new Uniforms, Hats, and Supplies for recreational uses as well as Special Awards and recognition. Our Scouts help this community stay clean, as well as they are always doing projects for the community to help Beautify Mentone. Come help our little troopers, you will not be disappointed in all the different trees we do this year, we have already started putting up the trees. The children both like the nature tree it has several birds, squirrels, pine cones, berries and natural things on it. Robert likes the Children's tree lots of unique colors and jack in the boxes and many things to look at that makes a Childs eye twinkle. I like the country patriotic tree it's covered with country bears and country Santa's that are red, white and blue with patriotic red, white & blue ornaments & poinsettia's. I will have many trees this year decorated ready to sell. We are doing more and more country home decorating, with all dried and naturals but we will also do traditional trees as well to. I think it will be very exciting to bring the children out the prices will be right. Do not forget the fresh cut wreaths we make through Christmas. I'm already taking orders now so you may want to get your orders in early this year. I had a few wait, I only have so much greenery available to cut each year off of certain trees, and bushes on the mixed greens now our Frazier we have tons of it when the trees get here. We will also be trying a few new things such as making some crosses for a loved one, I just got in the crosses and studying hard on how the greenery will lay in it. Wreaths are easy they go in circles but this one looks somewhat difficult. I'm sure I will figure it out, I always do. Looking for more large pine cones to spray and coat, if you think you have good pine cones please call us here. Come on the weekends throughout November we will be serving our homemade cider, with oranges and spiced pumpkin & apples, cooked and simmer the southern way.

Thank you Cheryl, David Baker
Christmas Open House November 1st - 9th
November 1st-December 1st
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From the Editors: Cheryl L. Baker requested that all of her articles not be edited in any way and run exactly as they are written. We have run it exactly as it was written.



Paula Chamilee & Robert Baker

Robert Baker, son of David & Cheryl Baker, brother Gage, Grandmother Norma Baker, is pictured here with his art teacher. The function was held at the Mentone Springs Hotel for Art Foundation. Robert's shirt won the t-shirt for Mentone. We are all so very proud of you and we all love you very much.

From Granny, Daddy, Mommy & Brother



Cheryl Baker, David Baker,
Dr. Bill Berry, Ashley Harrison,
PTO president, Gage Foster
and Robert Baker



Mentone Community Business Forum

By Jane Faile and Gregg Wilhite

On Thursday, October 7, a "Mentone Community Business Forum" was hosted by Pattie Bryan, Margaret Baker, Carol Hazell, Jan Wilkinson, Jane Faile, Glenda Hollis, and Harriett Lillich. The purpose of the meeting at the Mentone Community House was to bring together business owners, political leaders, and representatives of various service organizations to engage in a dialogue about preserving Mentone's environment while encouraging economic growth.

This meeting created a sense of hope and excitement. Those attending seemed to reach a consensus that our natural resources are also our economic resources. There was agreement that, in order to preserve the natural integrity and charm of Mentone and the outlying area, a plan of development was necessary.

Bill Martin, of Jacksonville State Field School at DeSoto State Park, suggested following an already established concept termed "Smart Development." This "Smart Development" plan looks at development as inevitable, and therefore accepts the necessity of having a plan that benefits the business and environmental concerns of the Mentone Area.

Other speakers included Patty Tucker of the DeKalb Tourist Bureau, Johnny Harrison of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Cameron Vowell of the Alabama Land Trust, Jeff Pruitt of the Top of Alabama Regional Council of Government, and Jimmy McKeehan of Sand Mountain Electric Co-op. Each speaker offered valuable, specific information about ways Mentone can preserve and protect the area.

Everyone enjoyed the lunch the sponsors had prepared, and when the meeting ended, many people stayed around to continue talking about the issues that had been raised. This was a wonderful opportunity to facilitate positive dialogue about things that are important to all who live on this beautiful mountain.

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Sinus Soothers

By L.C. Moon

The change in weather does not allow many people to fully enjoy this beautiful time of year. Allergies, colds & sinus problems often put a damper on the festivities of fall. The unstable temperatures rapidly changing from hot to cold cause the body to work harder than usual to acclimate- as a result the immune system can potentially be more susceptible to infection from virus or bacteria.

I reach for nettle if the sinus problems are as a result of allergies. Nettle is known to be great for allergies & it has been used by many cultures for congestion in the head and respiratory. Nettle has a high nutrient content-iron, B-complex vitamins, potassium, carotenes, selenium & more- which is great when your immune system is vulnerable.

Eyebright is one of the most overlooked herbs for sinus. As the name spells out, it is great for the eyes but should not be overlooked for the sinus. Chickweed is also known as being great for treating the watery eyes, eye infections & sometimes allergy. Chickweed boosts the immune system with nutrients such as iron, zinc, calcium chlorophyll, potassium, proteins, carotenes & more.

Mountain Mint, Peppermint and other mints are helpful to clear up sinus congestion in conjunction with Eyebright, Nettle and/or other herbs depending on the person and the reason for congestion. Peppermint by itself will help to relieve the pressure in the sinus immediately though combining the other herbs gives a more balanced approach to health as opposed to getting temporary relief of the symptoms.

Native plants I have grown to love for treating sinus and colds are rabbit tobacco, mullein and boneset. The mullein and rabbit tobacco are good in any form for sinus whether extract, tea, capsule, using as a steam (explained more in the following paragraph) or inhaling the smoke from the plant. Boneset in my opinion is most effective in extract form but can be made into a tea or taken in capsule form.

Eucalyptus, Rosemary & Sage are great sinus soothers. They open up the sinus and help disinfect the room if you diffuse the essential oil either in a humidifier, the bath, a diffuser or used in an aroma therapy spray. Another way I use these herbs is to lean my head over a bowl or pot with either eucalyptus, rosemary or peppermint and cover my head and the bowl with a towel so that the steam and herb penetrates deep into my sinus. I've successfully used a Eucalyptus beeswax salve as a rub around my nose and across my sinus. I have also burned white mountain sage, with good results, as an incense to fill the room to clear my sinus as well as disinfect and cleanse the room especially if I or someone in my family has an infection.

Whenever I notice Tsoi, my 5-year old daughter, is getting all stopped up I immediately start administering Echinacea/Eyebright combination (which also contains some boneset) and a single Echinacea glycerin based extract. If she sounds like she is having some drainage down her throat and chest then I start rubbing a Lobelia/Cayenne/Peppermint preparation-made by Ginger Kogelschatz of Shinbone Valley Farm (this preparation is also good for muscle spasm) and administer valerian at night. If a cough begins, I then give her a wild cherry bark blend or horehound & elderberry extract blend. Elderberry, lobelia, boneset, wild cherry bark and mullein are all natives that are great at relieving congestion in the chest & lungs.

Most of us have trouble sleeping when we can not breathe properly- in this case I recommend valerian &/or Lemon Balm in combination with the other herbs listed in this article. Rest is essential when healing. Valerian helps decrease mucous in the body as well as being one of the best sleep aids (without morning after side effects for most) that I've experienced in the botanical world. I drink lots of Lemon Balm for health & rest as it aids sleep and it is an antiviral herb. German Chamomile is known to aid sleep as well as treat coughs, fevers and colds, however be careful with this herb if you are prone to ragweed allergies.

Garlic and Echinacea are very common herbs to use to help boost the immune system and clear the sinus whether it is as a result of an allergy or viral or bacterial infection. I've added Oregano to my recipes for immune system boosters & sinus aids. Dr. James Duke says of the 60 herbs that he has studied for antioxidants- oregano is in the top two for having the most. It is also known to aid coughs and inflammation of the bronchial mucous membranes according to PDR for Herbal Medicines. Local raw honey is also a type of homeopathic remedy for allergies and is also filled with essential amino acids.

Mountain Life & L.C. Moon Herbs will order or has in stock many of the herbs and herbal remedies listed. We are always happy to order or refer you to someone nearest you that may have what you need. I have given some examples of herbs to aid in healing the sinus as well as herbs to help in case of respiratory congestion though there are so many and each person is different. If you have questions or want a more personal assessment of what herbs are best for you then you may contact me. It is wise to consult your healthcare provider before incorporating any new herbs into your regimen particularly if you are taking medications.

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The Groundhog regrets that space did not permit the printing of Bernise Crow's article, *The Country Journal*, which was delivered on the day of the printing of this issue. It contains lots of information about the 2004 October Colorfest, and will be printed in the next issue.

Also covered in the next issue will be photographs from the Moon Lake School Harvest Festival. The parents raised over \$20,000. Photos from this event will be in the next issue.

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Rhododendron Garden Club

By Gethryn S. Giles

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on October 12, 2004, at the Mentone Community House. There were 16 members present. Martha Baker and Dorothy Shelden were guests. In the absence of President Martha Wood and Vice President Harriett Lillich, Gethryn S. Giles, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

After the pledge to the flag, Linda Brown gave the devotional.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Mary Ellen Fielder and Sue Ann Jones.

Patti Bryan, a member of the club, gave the program titled "Visions for a Dump." She talked about how the Mentone community rallied together to change the area behind the Moon Lake Elementary School Gym from a dump into a beautiful butterfly garden.

After the program, the business meeting started with reading of the minutes from the September 14 meeting. Minutes were approved as amended.

Margaret Baker reported that the plans are underway for the garden at the Fire Hall. She asked garden club members to begin thinking about the plants they can contribute to this project.

Gethryn S. Giles reported on the recent meeting of District II of The Garden Club of Alabama. Both the state and district units of the garden club have changed their fiscal years to January-December. Since the Rhododendron Garden Club's year is June to May, the Board has appointed a By-Laws Committee to look at changing this club's year to January-December. The committee is Gethryn S. Giles, Mary Ellen Fielder, and Dorothy Cyr. They recommended changes to the club's by-laws. After review of the changes, Linda Brown moved that the by-laws be changed, and the motion passed.

Since changes in the By-Laws will affect changes in the terms of office for the officers, it was agreed that the terms of office will be as follows:

Current officers will continue to serve out their two year term ending May 31, 2005.

The next officers will serve a one and one-half year term from June 1, 2005, to December 31, 2006.

Beginning 1-1-07, the officers will serve a two year term from January 2007 to December 2008.

At the District meeting, district dues were changed from \$.50 per year per member to \$1.00 per year per member. There was discussion about changing the dues for this club, but this was tabled until the

November meeting.

The names of new officers are due to The Garden Club of Alabama by February 2005; therefore it will be necessary to elect new officers for this club, although they will not take office until June 2005. The Nominating Committee will be asked to meet and present a slate of officers at either the November or December meeting.

Linda Brown reported on a DeKalb-Cherokee Federation meeting she attended on October 11. The federation will have a plant sale on April 2, 2005, at the Ruritan Building in Henagar. Those contributing plants can keep 1/2 of the sale for their expenses and the other 1/2 will go to help finance the flower show at the fair.

Linda also reported on the Mentone Community Forum which was held on October 7th. There were over 35 persons there. At this meeting, the Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative pledged to donate money for wildflower seeds to use under the electric lines. TARCOC will do an environmental study of Little River. There was a representative from the AL Dept. of Transportation at the meeting, and he stated that Whatley Bridge (the one over Little River on AL 117 near the Georgia line) will be worked on in 2005 and the bridge in Mentone near Camp Skyline will be worked on in 2007.

Announcements:

Congratulations were extended to members who entered the flower show and those who won ribbons. Our junior garden club, sponsored by Linda Brown, won first place with their educational exhibit. The flower show at the fair was a big success. Thanks were given to all who worked there.

Linda Brown asked that members continue to contribute "junk" CD's to her as she uses them at Christmas with the Junior Garden Club.

The Design Study Club will meet on the last Thursday of February, May, August, and October.

National Garden Club calendars are on sale for \$5.00 each. Linda Brown will sell them.

The next meeting will be a covered dish luncheon on November 9 at the Boy Scout Building.

Lucette Dix won the door prize. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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

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, and Saturday and Sunday the following weekend. The Shop will be open from 10:00am til 6:00pm (GA time) on Friday, November 26, and from noon til 6:00pm on Saturday and Sunday, November 27 & 28, and December 4 and 5. Everything in the shop is 20% off. Hot tea will be served. After December 5th, Mountain Mamas will be closed for the winter and re-open in the Spring of 2005.

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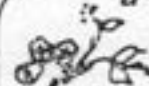
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Church News

By Evelyn Graves



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

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

The **Valley Head Methodist Church** Sunday Worship is at 10 AM. Pastor is Wayne Nesbitt. Everyone is welcome to attend the services.

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: 9:30-10:45AM. Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnel.

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

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30AM each Sunday; and Communion services at 5PM on Tuesdays.

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

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

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

Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland begins at 10AM (EST), and the Menlo service begins at 11:15AM (EST).

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

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

Lighthouse Fellowship, 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 10AM; Worship - 11AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-862-2607.

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

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

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

Mentone Community Church Sunday School 10AM; Sunday Worship 10:45AM; Sunday evening service 6:30PM. Wednesday evening service 6:30PM with Bible study and Teen class. Nursery provided for all services. Pastor Rick Haworth welcomes all.

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

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

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

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Pastor Les Brown welcomes everyone. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 11AM in the fellowship hall and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30PM, subject to change due to scheduling.

Moon Lake Baptist Church welcomes you. The Sunday schedule is: Bible study 9:45AM; Morning Worship - 11AM; Children's Choir Practice - 4:30PM; Youth Choir, Disciple-ship Training & YGAs - 5PM; Evening Worship - 5PM; Adult Choir Practice - 7PM; Wednesday: Team Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study - 6:30PM. Young Women's Prayer & Share Group meets each Wednesday evening at 5:30PM.

Cove Road Baptist Church invites all children of the surrounding area to attend children's church. Parents are also invited for SS and church. SS at 9AM; Worship at 10AM. Sunday Evening Worship at 5PM. All times CST.

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

The **Fort Payne Christian Center** and Pastor Ken & Elaine Holleman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10AM. Wednesday Evening at 6:00 PM. God Bless you.

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Mentone Church of God Hallelujah Night, October 30, 2004; 6:00 PM until 7:25 p.m. and \$1.00 games, cake walk; chili and hotdog supper. "A Walk Without Jesus" trail walk after dark. Come join the fun! No costumes, Please! Call 634-4418 for more information.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.
Psalm 10:1-2

This one of my favorite psalms. I love to make a joyful noise, I love to serve the Lord. I may not sing so good, but I sure love to do my best. If I sing before the Lord, He always adds His blessings to it, and since this is Thanksgiving, let us all be joyful and sing praises to the Lord.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Where: Mentone Community Church
Family Life Center

When: Thursday, November 25, 2004

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. If you are a single person or a family with no where to go for Thanksgiving, come and enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner with us! We will be providing transportation for anyone needing a ride. Please call Rachel Lee @ 634-4073 or Ilene Green @ 634-4770 for more information or to arrange transportation.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, Nov. 2, VOTE TODAY
- Monday, Nov. 8, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, Oct. 9, 12:30PM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7 PM, American Legion Hall, Post 215 Meeting

- Thursday, Nov. 18, 4PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public--date changed due to Thanksgiving on 25th.
- Thursday, Nov. 25, THANKSGIVING DAY
- Sunday, Oct. 31, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS--TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
- Sunday, Oct. 31, Halloween