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2007 MAPA COLORFEST CONTEST WINNERS



Emily Brown winner of baking contest
MAPA BAKING CONTEST

By Rhonda Bruckno

I just want to thank all the great cooks that made MAPA's Baking Contest possible. Emily Brown, the nine year old winner was one of the very first entries in the contest and she worked hard getting her cake to look like a pumpkin as well as the taste and texture being so good. Some did not realize that she actually had pumpkin in her cake because it looked like a chocolate cake. Betty Perkins came in close to winning with her scrumptious Pumpkin Log with cream cheese filling. Lisa Whatley made a pumpkin cake that resembled a carrot cake with a filling similar to



German Chocolate and cream cheese frosting. It was wonderful. Big Jim's BBQ made a beautiful Pumpkin Spice Cake that was very light and moist. He is known for making other tasty cakes, such as German Chocolate, Red Velvet, and Carrot Cake.

Dessie made some awesome pumpkin fritters that customers raved about. Amelia Kirk-Lolli made a wonderful, light and fluffy Pumpkin Mousse with ginger. Eugene Potts made a tasty, healthy pumpkin bread with whole wheat, nuts, cherries, and fresh pumpkin. Naomi Potts made the best pumpkin pie, it was so light and not too sweet. Barbara Neel made a delicious Pumpkin Gingerbread Cake, and she also made a special sauce that we were not able to use because of the desserts not being refrigerated for such a long period of time. We did substitute whipped cream for those who wanted it. I made a pumpkin pie, which my grandson, Alex, is crazy about; and, at least, I am a winner to him! Many who sampled remarked

BEST DRESSED PET WINNER

Owner Alexis and Molly Manifold
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Playful, spoiled member of the family, he loves to run and play with his brother, Albert (black lab). Howie is the best dressed dog in Mentone. Howie can be seen at Bain Welding Supply playing with Albert and the cats. (Photo to the Left.)

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PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS

Saddler Emory of Mentone, Morgan Byrum of Selma, and Byrum Emory of Mentone carved these pumpkins with their Papa, Jim Byrum. Together, they created these pumpkins that are beautiful and glow in all directions. Byrum and Saddler live in Mentone and Morgan is their cousin and visits from Selma as often as she can.

on how hard it was to judge. We again thank you for your help. It was a fun and successful venture for Colorfest.

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October 2nd Meeting

The Mentone Area Preservation Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 6:30PM. President Amelia Kirk-Lolli called the meeting to order. Leroy Crowe gave the invocation. Present were Amelia Kirk-Lolli, Page Cunningham, Dessie Brown, Jerome Stephens, Dorothy Crowe, Dot Crowe, Joanne Crowe, Leroy Crowe, Marie Dillenbeck, Evelyn Graves, Wesley Chesnut, Anthony Teverino, Claudia Lowe and Dr. David C. Wassom, J.P. Nation, Ronda Bruckno, Kerry Breithaupt, Cindy Tyson, Lisa Carplone, John T. Fischer, Gloria Sitz, LC Moon-Keener, and John Baty, a new member.

The main topic of the meeting was the upcoming Colorfest. The treasurer's report was passed out. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to spend \$100 for gas for 3 different entertainment groups to attend and perform. Reports were given regarding publicity and the necessary port-a-potties. Rhonda Bruckno also reported that the website had been updated with color pictures.

It was announced that a quilt done by Louise Hedrick of Sand Mountain had been purchased for the Colorfest. Contests have been set up for pumpkin carving, best dressed pet in the parade, and pumpkin recipes.

Tony Teverino made a motion that MAPA write a letter to the town and request that they look into the possibility of public bathrooms and parking. David Wassom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

LC Moon Keener made a motion that MAPA have its own website so updates and events can be entered. Wesley Chesnut seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

JP Nation reported that he attended the New Salem, GA, Festival, which is a juried festival. They have hand made crafts only at each of their festivals. Discussions followed.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned to have delicious refreshments provided by Lucille and Joanne Crowe and Kerry Breithaupt. The drinks were provided by Dessie Brown.

Next month, refreshments will be provided by Jerome and Liz Stephens, and Marie Dillenbeck.

MESSAGE FROM THE M.A.P.A. PRESIDENT

By Amelia Kirk-Lolli

The October meeting was a wonderful success, many new members attended. The main topic was the Colorfest. Reports were given as to the status of assigned tasks in preparation for the festival. I would like to thank everyone who assisted in making this festival a wonderful event for all ages. The Pet Parade, Pumpkin Cooking Contest, and Pumpkin Carving Contest and the winners are all mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Again, thank you all for your participation and for your assistance. Without your help, none of these special events or the festival, could have been so successful.

I would also like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Festival Chairman, PAGE CUNNINGHAM for all the work he has done at each of the festivals over the past many years. This year he was assisted by J.P. Nation, who has agreed to be the chairman for future festivals.



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An Ode to Turning Seventy

By Linda Brown

I must have thought that I would never reach the age of seventy years. I was so shocked and surprised when I did!!

I grew up hearing the story of my birth on Friday, October 8, 1937. It seems that my grandmother's Yellow Delicious apple trees were so full that the limbs were touching the ground. On Thursday, October 7, my dad and my grandmother spent the day gathering apples. Grandmother always made apple jelly, apple butter, dried apples, apple pies, and canned apples to prepare for the winter. Not one apple could be wasted, those with rotted spots were picked up and fed to the hogs.

My mom sat under the tree and ate apples. You can guess what happened then, she went into labor with me sometime in the early afternoon. This was her first child and I was a very big baby. Dad had to go into Fort Payne to get the doctor. When Dr. Killian arrived at our home in Adamsburg he predicted a long night for everyone.

After dark the weather suddenly changed and turned very cold. My parents heated the two room cabin with a wood stove which was used for heating and cooking. Dad set in to cutting stove wood. (Stove wood is different to wood burned in a fireplace. Stove wood is much shorter and each log is usually split into four pieces.) Sometime in the night dad was called into the house and the doctor told him that he must make a decision to keep one of us, either me or my mom. My dad was not a man to use colorful language, but the story goes that he used a few choice words and told the doctor to save both of us.

I was finally born, with the help of forceps, at 6:15 in the morning. I joke and say that this is the earliest I have ever gotten up. Some of my friends believe this. Because the doctor's attention had to be centered on mom, my grandmother took me, all ten pounds of me, and put me into a pan of warm water and cleaned me up. After I was clean, she picked me up and held me over my dad's newly split stove wood pile. She said, "Pee on your daddy's stove wood." And I did!! Because I had three adults to care for me, the story is that I hardly ever wet my diapers. Someone would hold me and I would go and then they put the diaper back on. I think that I had a potty when I was about six months, so this was a big help to these dedicated kinfolks of mine.

For four years I was the only child in either my mom or my dad's family. Needless to say, I was spoiled rotten. The accounts of the fits I would have will have to be another article.

I am so happy to become seventy. Seventy is a number that isn't one-half like fifty. It's not like sixty, which is over the hill because it's more than fifty. Forty is a dreaded age because it is almost to fifty. Seventy is a wonderful age! Biblical history shows the numbers seven and seventy to be complete numbers. Some days I feel seventy and other days seventeen or even seven. Recently, a friend who is also seventy said that her body might be seventy years old but inside she was sixteen.

I have been married to Bobby Brown for fifty three years. We've been through some rough times, but most of those years have been smooth and happy.

We've both lived most of our life on Lookout Mountain and have never wanted to live anywhere else. I've known two wonderful parents and have three beautiful children, six grand children and Baby Zoe, my great-grand daughter.

I know that there are many things ahead of me that I will have to face. I expect to face them with dignity and grace and meet them head on. My outlook on life is positive and happy and I am glad to be seventy years old!

RECIPES FROM PUMPKIN BAKING CONTEST

Chocolate Pumpkin Cake

By Emily Brown (9 yr. old Local)

- 1 1/2 cup Flour
- 2/3 cup cocoa
- 2 teas. baking powder
- 1 teas. salt
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup butter softened
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs plus one yolk

Heat oven to 375°. flour and grease two bundt pans. Sift the flour, cocoa, baking powder, soda and salt together. Stir the buttermilk, pumpkin and vanilla together in a small bowl. Beat the butter and sugar together using an electric mixer on medium until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs and extra yolk, one at a time. Reduce mixer speed to low and alternately beat in the flour and buttermilk mixtures in thirds. Pour the batter into the pans. Bake until a tester inserted in the cake comes out clean, about 35 minutes. Cool layers completely before frosting.

Step 2: Frosting

Beat 6 ounces of softened cream cheese using a mixer on medium high speed until fluffy and 1 1/2 cup confectioners sugar 2 1/4 teaspoon cocoa, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, and a scant 1/4 teaspoon orange food coloring on medium to soft peaks. Place the first layer upside down and frost it. (Flat side up) then place the second layer on it to look like a pumpkin. Frost the cake with the remainder of the frosting and chill for 30 minutes.

Pumpkin Log

By Betty Perkins

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teas. baking soda
- 1/2 teas. salt
- 3/4 cup Flour
- Chopped walnuts

Heat oven to 375°. Mix ingredients and pour into a 10"x15" cookie sheet pan that has been greased and lined with wax paper. Sprinkle with walnuts and bake for 10 - 15 min.; turn on to a towel sprinkled with granulated sugar, peel off wax paper and cool. while cake cools, mix with beater:

- 2 Tbs. softened butter
- 8 oz. softened cream cheese
- 3/4 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup confectionary sugar

Spread on cake and roll up. cut into slices to serve. Keep refrigerated.



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Lisa's Pumpkin Cake

By Lisa Whatley (like a carrot cake)

- 1 1/2 cups cooking oil
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups plain flour
- 2 teas baking powder
- 2 teas baking soda
- 2 teas. cinnamon
- 2 teas. salt
- 2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Combine sugar, oil & eggs and blend well. Sift together the dry ingredients and add to the above mixture. Blend in the milk & pumpkin, then the nuts. Bake in three greased and floured layer cake pans for 40 minutes at 300. Cool and frost.

FILLING: Combine in a saucepan:

- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 teas vanilla

Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened, about 12 min. Add 1 1/3 cup coconut and 1 cup chopped pecans. Beat until thick enough to spread. Spread between layers and on top

FROSTING:

- 1 8 oz package cream cheese
 - 1/2 stick butter
 - 1 box confectioners sugar
 - 1 Teas vanilla
- Combine and beat until creamy. Spread around the sides on cake to seal it. VERY GOOD.

Remembering Cloverdale Plantation, Part 1



Cloverdale House, built Ca 1835. Photo courtesy of Eleanor Allison Cearley, Greenville, SC

By Ernest H. Smith
FORWARD

This writer visited Cloverdale for the first time in 1970. One of the Green Family gave us permission to enter the old mansion and look around.

Sometime later, I was talking with a Mentone lady about my visit to Cloverdale. She told me that she had a book written by the builder of the house and kindly offered to loan it to me. I discovered that the Lookout Valley settlers and Cloverdale Plantation in particular, were plundered by the same Union Army the Lookout Mountain settlers had experienced just a few days earlier. The name of the book was *"Four Years on the Firing Line"* by Col James Cooper Nisbet, original edition. Col Nisbet was the owner of Cloverdale Plantation.

In the early 1830s, James Alexander Nisbet of Macon, Georgia acquired 3000 acres of land in what later become Dade County, Georgia, in 1837. The particulars of the acquisition were not pursued for the purpose of this article. The land lay about 2 miles south of Rising Fawn, Georgia, near Johnson's Crook, a primitive winding road up the western face of Lookout Mountain and reaching to Fox Mountain in the west.

Nisbet had plans for a working plantation and soon built his manor house. It was not as grand as the ante-bellum plantation houses, but was impressive and substantial. The two-story house had eight spacious rooms and a full basement for slave quarters. The house was built on a rise overlooking the vast acreage with breathtaking views of Lookout Mountain to the east and both Fox and Sand Mountain to the west. The owner named this beautiful place "Cloverdale."



From Four Years on the Firing Line by James C. Nisbet

JAMES COOPER NISBET, Rising Fawn resident and Captain of Company H, 21st Georgia regiment. The historic Cloverdale residence, now destroyed, was built by his family. He authored a book, *Four Years on the Firing Line*, about his experiences during the Civil War.

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James Cooper Nisbet was born in Macon, Georgia, September 26, 1839, son of James Alexander Nisbet. He was educated in preparatory schools of Rome and was a graduate of Oglethorpe University in 1858.

Soon after finishing his education and having reached his majority, his father sent him and his brother, John W. Nisbet, to Dade County, Georgia, to manage Cloverdale Plantation. Under their management, Cloverdale became a prosperous stock farm.

The brothers had hardly settled in and were still learning the business of run-

ning the farm when the American Civil War began. Both brothers wanted to enlist in the Confederate Army immediately, but one had to stay behind to insure that the farm was put under good management. The brothers drew straws and John W. won and enlisted immediately.

He was assigned to a company called the "Floyd Rifles" and was a part of the 2nd Battalion Infantry Regiment Army of Northern Virginia.

Not to be outdone, James Cooper recruited local men to form a company and drilled them at Cloverdale. He bought their uniforms at his own expense. The bowie knives, scabbards and belts were finished in Ben Easley's shop at his own expense and presented to the company.

After a time, Nisbet considered his company ready to serve and wired Richmond to that effect. Vice President Stevens sent Nisbet a telegram to report immediately. The only thing Nisbet had to show that his company had been ordered to report was the telegram which was not considered good enough for food or transportation.

The owner of the Crutchfield House, now Read House, in Chattanooga, at first refused to serve common soldiers even when Nisbet offered to pay him in gold. One of Nisbet's men, a former burley blacksmith wandered back in the kitchen and had a walk about. He was wearing his belt, scabbard, and bowie knife. The cooks got the message and decided it was time to rattle pots and pans. The company was seated and promptly served.

After their meal, Nisbet had the company board a train for transport to Richmond. The conductor refused to honor the telegram and demanded to see proof of payment or they would be thrown off the train. The troops had heard enough; they began a medley of chants demanding that the conductor be thrown off the train. The conductor settled down and decided he would wait until they arrived in Bristol to work it out. Of course in time, the Army Quartermaster paid the bills.

On arrival at Richmond, Nisbet was given the rank of Captain and put in charge of his company which became a part of the 21st Georgia Infantry Regiment. The regiment was ordered to report to Stonewall Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley Campaign.

Under General Jackson's leadership, the 21st was put through a baptism of

fire and soon became a fighting outfit to be reckoned with.

James Cooper Nisbet was wounded in the battle at Cold Harbor 20 June, 1863. In the Antietam Campaign, he relieved Major Glover in command of the regiment at the battle of Sharpsburg on 17 September, 1862, as senior Captain on the field. He, himself, was wounded in action there. Other battles he was in were second Manassas, Fredericksburg, and Seven Days Battle at Richmond.

In 1863, the Nisbet family of Mason, GA, moved to Cloverdale to spend the summer. They believed it would be a safe haven from the war due to its remoteness. In the late summer of that year, they would discover how mistaken they had been. A total of 40,000 union troops marched on Cloverdale.

In September of 1863, Union General Rosecrans, commanding the three corps army of the Cumberland, totaling some 50,000 troops, marched on Chattanooga only to discover that Confederate General Braxton Bragg had vacated the city and was, they believed, marching on Rome, Georgia. Gen Rosecrans devised a plan to split up his 3rd corps army hoping to strike Bragg front, center and rear. His Army was at that time on a deep probe on the west side of the Tennessee River looking for war materials to destroy. They had just crossed the Tennessee River near Bridgeport, Alabama, when they received General Rosecrans orders. General Crittenden's Corps was to march on Chattanooga and occupy the city. General Thomas' Corps was to march on Johnson's Crook near Rising Fawn, GA, and cross Lookout Mountain and descend through Steven's Gap to McLemores' Cove near LaFayette, GA. Gen McCook's Corps was to cross the mountain further south at Winston's Gap near Valley Head, Alabama, and proceed on to Alpine and Summerville, GA. This plan was to strike Bragg at different points along his projected march. Gen Negley's Troops, Thomas' Corps arrived at Johnson's Crook to begin making improvements on the road. By the time the rest of Thomas' Corps arrived, (He had completely bypassed Cloverdale) he was able to cross the mountain and safely descend into McLemore's Cove near LaFayette, Georgia.

(End of Part 1. See Part 2 in next month's issue.)

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Think about it, any time we use the word "should" we are imposing our own value system on another person and making a moralistic judgement. Our own value system is our own personal operating system. Like the operating system of a computer, it is always running in the background no matter what other tasks we are doing and we are likely not even aware that it is operating at all. It is very hard to become aware that we even have such a thing. If you don't think you have an operating system then just stop and think for a moment about driving down the road. Have you ever noticed that it seems like anyone who drives faster than you is a "maniac" and anyone who drives slower than you is a "moron"!!!!!! That's the kind of operating system we've all got. All of us, we're all in this together, we all have unexamined "programs" running all the time, and the more often we can shine a little light on these and become aware that we even have them, the less rigid these notions become and we find we can release judgement and anger and begin to view the world more compassionately and to experience more joy while doing it!

Maybe now that we've heard about such values and operating systems we will find ourselves once again driving down a road at exactly what we consider to be the proper speed, and someone will come whipping around us going faster. It could be that just knowing we have a value system in place about how fast we think people should drive, gives us the idea to examine that thought instead of immediately responding by habit. Perhaps just thinking about how our value system leads us to interpret events can give us a little room to add compassion to our thoughts. Maybe as they pass us we send them a blessing this time instead of a curse, realizing they may have some emergency up ahead. We may be able to feel gratitude to the little old man driving 14 miles an hour slower than we want to go who we will no doubt encounter up ahead in an old jalopy. Maybe because we are forced to slow down we take time to turn on the radio and find a favorite song is playing or we have time to look out the window and really see the fall color creeping. Maybe we send him a blessing too as we finally get to pass, sending warm thoughts for his prosperity and good health as we offer him a nod and a smile. Who are we when we are blessing someone? Who are we when we are blessing them out?

As a child, Marshall Rosenberg, PhD the internationally known peacemaker moved with his family to Detroit in 1943 just two weeks before their neighborhood was to become the very center of a race war that killed 40 people. After the riots ended and school cold finally began he discovered that a name could be as dangerous as skin color. Boys in his class hissed when his name was called and they asked if he was a "kike" a word he had never heard that was used by some people as a derogatory word for Jew. After school the boys threw him to the ground, kicked him

and beat him up. Because of these very dramatic events Rosenberg has dedicated his life to helping people find ways to live together compassionately and he has identified a system of speaking to one another that encourages compassionate communication. It is an incredibly simple four step system that allows us all to get more of what we really want out of life. The system is simple yes, but it is not the least bit easy! It is not easy, because to use it we have to first put down our habitual way of communicating which is not an easy thing to do at all.

Here are the four components of Non-Violent Communication:

Observation	Feelings
Needs	Request

To begin, we observe what others are doing without also mixing in our judgement or evaluation. Then we state how we feel when we observe this action, then we say what needs of ours are connected to the feelings we are having and finally we make a very specific request.

Let's take a closer look at step one: Observing without evaluating. We judge or evaluate when we offer our interpretations of the actions we see. For example, it's our evaluation of John to say "He's a terrible soccer player," an example of an observation without our evaluation mixed in might be "John hasn't scored a goal in 18 games." It is so very hard for a person to hear our judgement of them. From his book, *Nonviolent Communication* (ISBN 1-892005-02-6), Marshall Rosenberg gives these examples:

Observation with evaluation mixed in:

You are too generous.

Observation separate from evaluation:

When I see you give your lunch money to others,
I think you are being too generous.

Observation with evaluation mixed in:

Doug procrastinates.

Observation separate from evaluation:

Doug only studies for exams the night before.

Observation with evaluation mixed in:

Minorities don't take care of their property.

Observation separate from evaluation:

I have not seen the minority family living at 1679

Ross shovel the snow on their sidewalk.

Observation with evaluation mixed in:

Jim is ugly.

Observation separate from evaluation:

Jim's looks don't appeal to me.

We may not consider the way we talk to be violent, but words can lead to hurt. Instead we can choose to speak to others in ways that foster compassion. Become aware of Observation and Evaluation. Listen to others, do you hear frequent examples of one kind of communication or the other? How do you wish to communicate? Who do you want to be?

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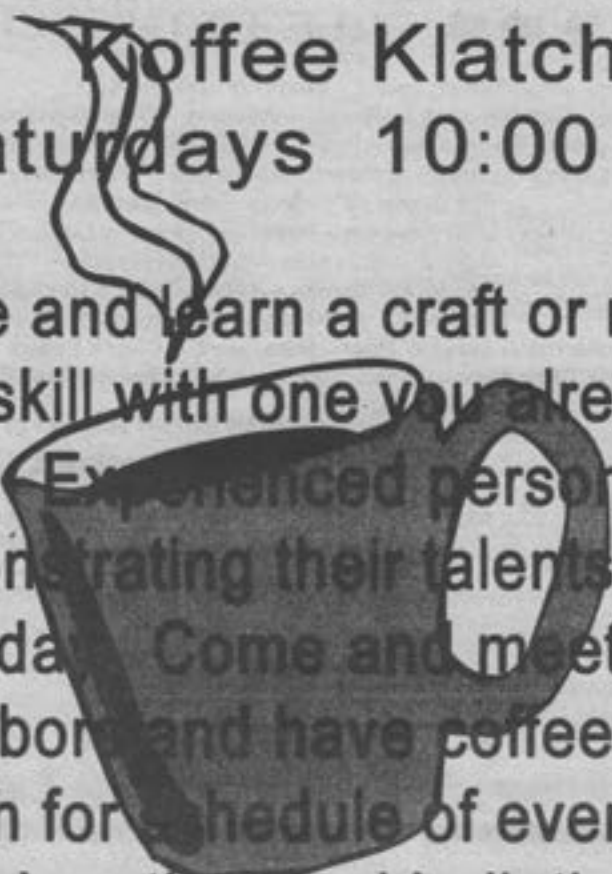
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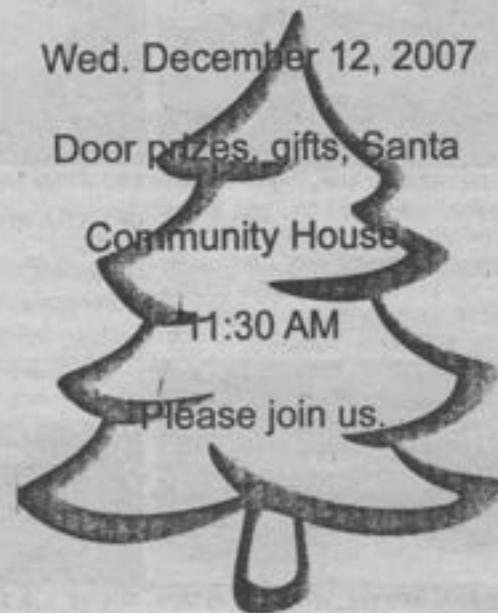
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Monday, October 8, 2007
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Monday, December 10, 2007
Monday, January 14, 2008

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2007** meeting dates for the **Mentone Town Council**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

Monday, October 8
Monday, November 12
Monday, December 10

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2007** meeting dates for the **Mentone Waterworks Board**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, as follows:

Thursday, October 25
Tuesday, November 13
Thursday, December 20

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2007** quarterly meeting dates for the **Mentone Planning Commission**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be as follows:

Thursday, October 18
Thursday, January 17, 2008

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

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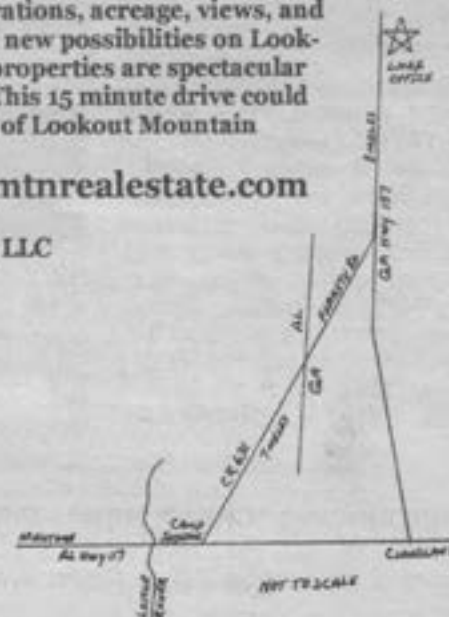
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ADD YOUR PERSONAL TOUCH to this under construction log cabin in Mentone. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, wood floors, screened porch and gas log fireplace make this a perfect retreat for any season. \$184,500 (15545)



THE VIEW IS BREATHTAKING! Located near DeSoto State Park, this cabin constructed of cedar log siding offers stacked rock fireplace and wood floors. Kitchen has white appliances, and a roomy pantry. 3BR/2.5BA, concrete drive and retaining wall which circles the back of the home is located on 2.2 acres and makes this home a MUST SEE! \$215,000 (16317)



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



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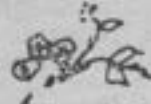
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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY by Linda Brown

The Koffee Klatch is off to a good start this year. We have had three sessions and all have been well attended. It is wonderful to have Beverly to help with this. We have had a session on embroidery, one to discuss a quilting club (or bee), and one on music, especially dulcimers.

The number of patrons using the library services seems to be increasing. We are trying to keep a better count and we are finding that somewhere between 15 and 30 persons come and use the library each time we are open. Having DVD's available is helping with the increase. We are glad to provide this service and hope to continue to add new discs. If you have DVD's or books that you would like to donate, we will be glad to get them.

We are working on so many changes in the library that I can't begin to tell all of them to you. A large room may be available soon for meetings, etc. Already we can use the larger closet to process our books out of. This will keep the donated books much straighter. There will be a place designated for those ready to be processed as well as those to carry to be traded. Those for the book sale will be carried to the Community House for storage. We may soon have our own internet service. All of this is, "a work in progress" and I will keep you updated.

Jill and Ann report that the "moving library" for the seniors who attend the lunches at the Community House on Wednesdays has been a great success. The seniors seem to like having this service and we like doing it. The members of the Board of Directors greatly appreciate these ladies who select the books, carry them to the Community House, and check them out to the seniors. Also, they collect the ones brought back and take them back to the library, check them in and usually put them on the shelves. This is a big job!

The calendars should be shipped and in Mentone sometime during the month of November. We will be delivering them as soon as they arrive. If you have not ordered one but would like to have one, let us know and we will put you on the list. I have seen the proof and it looks like our best one yet. Many thanks to all of those who advertised with us.

This year the snow village with the trains will be expanded. It will be bigger and better. We hope to put it and a holiday tree in place during the weekend following Thanksgiving and plan to have an open house on Tuesday, December 11th if this can be coordinated with the Moon Lake Elementary School calendar. More later.

Two new and very exciting things have happened! One, the date to finalize plans for a Quilting Club (or Bee) has been set. It was decided to meet on the second Thursday of the month. The first gathering will be November 8th. The time will be the same as the open hours for the library with this exception; we will officially start the activities at 3:30 p.m. and anyone can leave at any time or stay until 6:00 p.m. when the library closes. We will select a name when we meet. We are going to make quilts (two persons offered frames), share patterns, share and learn

new techniques, and maybe have a field day such as a visit to the Collinsville or Geraldine Quilt Show or a journey to a fabric store which specializes in "fat quarters". You don't have to be a quilter belong. If you love quilts and those who make them, you are invited to come and join us. The "real" quilters told me that there would always be something to do, such as cutting, sorting fabrics and patterns, and cleaning the floor. Come join us on NOVEMBER 8 at 3:00 to 3:30p.m. (or anytime you can make it.) We are going to keep this very informal so that it doesn't become just, "another meeting." We want it to be fun and a joy to come to the library for.

The other exciting thing is the extension of the open hours at the library. Community Librarian, Beverly Ashley, has agreed to be open on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and to extend the Saturday hours until 2:00 p.m. A volunteer will always be in place to help her. Look for this change when you volunteers get your notice to work. This will give us a total of fourteen hours to be open!

Watch the bulletin boards around town and the front door of the library for a schedule of the Koffee Klatch events and also a notice for the Quilting Club. I will try to post these soon. If you can do something for the Koffee Klatch sessions, please let me or another member know. It has been suggested that we show travel or the Great Classic DVD's during this time. We have the classics in the library and it seems that we have access to a way to show them. If you would be interested in this, let us know. You can always send a note to our address at the end of this article. Let us know what you want, this is what we want to do.

Don't forget that there is a new drop box for DVD's in place at the library on the side of the drop box for books. If at all possible, do not put donated DVD's or books in the drop boxes. Bring them to the library during our open hours. This enables our librarian and our volunteer to put them in place immediately and thus not inconvenience the school library in any way. Do NOT go to the front doors for any reason during school hours.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library will be Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the library. The library will be open for the public during this time and we urge you to continue to use the library during our meeting. Call Jan Wilkinson, 845-5048, to be placed on the agenda.

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

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WEDNESDAY, 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

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Rhododendron Garden Club News By Linda Brown, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was called to order by President, Martha Wood at 10:00 a.m. on October 9, 2007 at the M.E.R.F. Community House in Mentone, Alabama. Martha led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America. The inspirational minute was given by Linda Brown.

Due to the fact that the speaker never arrived, quite a lot of business was discussed and actions were taken on each item.

President Wood stated that the members of the club made a very good showing in the VFW Fair Flower Show. Our club entered more designs than any other club and several members received numerous ribbons. The educational exhibit, entered by the Partridge Peas Eco-tots, sponsored by the Rhododendron club, won a blue ribbon for Batter Up - Lives of Bats. The Petite Award, given for the best design in the miniature sizes, was awarded to Martha Wood. A Youth Award was awarded to the granddaughter of a member. All in all, our club was well represented.

Several motions were made and approved including one to pay for one mowing of the grass in the yard of Moon Lake Elementary School and one to increase the donation made to M.E.R.F. each month.

It was decided to have a flower show in May of 2008. This information and other commitments to help with the meetings were needed to complete the 2008 Year Book for the club.

The next meeting will be November 13, 2007 at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 11:00 a.m. This will be a combination of a covered-dish luncheon and a holiday celebration. Please note the change of time.

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

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By Mark P. Gibson

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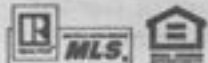
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By Evelyn Graves

"I truly believe God led us to Mentone because we could not get Mentone off our minds," says Julie Lepper, who is now the delightful owner of Lookout Muffin, a charming little coffee shop located on Hwy 117 in the heart of downtown Mentone, adjacent to the Information Center, and across the street from the Mentone Market.

Julie and her husband, Scott, and four children, Wyatt, Savannah, Hallie, and Delanie lived in Indiana. They checked the internet to locate a rustic cabin to spend a vacation. A cabin at Mentone, Alabama, appealed to them, and they rented it for a week. They were so delighted with the cabin and the area that they made repeat vacation trips to Mentone. They simply could not bear to leave to return to Indiana when the vacations were ended, and they eventually bought the cabin and moved to Mentone. They soon found that the cabin was not large enough to accommodate their family of six and Julie's grandmother who moved with them, so they sold the

cabin and bought a house. Julie's husband, Scott, is a master plumber, and it was no problem to set up his business here.

Julie has always loved baking, and her grandmother loved baking as well and taught Julie a lot through the years. Julie perceived the idea of opening a coffee shop and was able to locate a small building just perfect for a coffee shop. It opened in time for the Colorfest, and business is remaining steady. She says the coffee shop "just happened." She wants it to be a place for the Mentone Community, where people can stop in and enjoy a good cup of coffee and spend a few minutes relaxing and chatting. She would like to reach out to teen-agers also.

Among the coffees served are a house blend, which is a smoother, mild coffee, and a Samatra coffee just came in which is a stronger coffee. It all comes from Stone Cup Roasting Company in Chattanooga. Lattes are quite popular in a whole line of syrups--vanilla, hazel nut, cinnamon, chocolate, and caramel. White sauces for

mochas are also available. A line of organic hot teas is served. Iced coffee and green tea-based smoothies are wonderful, as well.

All baking is done at 3-Bean Coffee Café in Fort Payne and transported to the Mentone shop. Blueberry and bran muffins, cakes, pies, cookies, biscotti, cinnamon rolls, cream cheese danish, and other delectable baked goods are the shop's specialties.

Julie has no immediate plans to expand the facility at this time. She feels that the space is adequate with the four tables that are now available.

Julie invites you to drop by and enjoy a cup of coffee or call ahead for beautiful gift baskets for delivery or mailing.

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MORE PICTURES FROM COLORFEST 2007



Diana Forester, Calhoun, GA, has once again filled Thanksgiving & Mountain Mama's

By Ellen Spangler

In spite of the drought and extreme heat, those of us on Lookout Mountain have much to be thankful for—the beauty of the area, the friendships of caring neighbors, a community that cares about the environment, and many talented and creative artists in the area.

Because of all this talent, the Mentone Area Arts Council is sponsoring the Second Annual STUDIO/GALLERY TOUR on Saturday and Sunday, November 17th & 18th, 10am to 6pm GA time. MOUNTAIN MAMAS CRAFTS and ROCK SHOP is on the Tour and will have tour maps available.

Then, the next two weekends, Mountain Mamas will hold our Annual 20% OFF SALE—the 3 days after Thanksgiving, and the Saturday & Sunday of the following week-end. The Shop will be open from 10:00am to 6:00pm (GA time) on Friday, Nov. 23, and from noon til 6:00pm on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24 & 25, and Dec. 1 & 2. Everything in the shop is 20% off for this sale. Hot tea will be served. Come and do your holiday shopping!

After December 9th, Mountain Mamas will be closed for the winter and will re-open in the Spring of 2008.

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Katie Byrd Cobble

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You'll see local artists like potters Katie Bird Cobble and Valinda Miracle, plus painters Joan Byrum, James Green, Ann Hamilton, Jack Jones and Ginger Lowry-Brown. There will be several furniture makers and wood workers such as Wil Henry Cobble, Chris Hale, Mickey Luck, Hank and Nancy Sturm, Gary Jones, and Casey Brown. Visit the studio of Heather and Lyle Nicely for a variety of items such as natural stone basins, water fountains, bonsai, and stone mosaics. Sandra Comley's house and studio, though still under construction by her own hands, are a work of art unto themselves. Other artists are Harriet and Steve O'Rear of Iron Age Crafters and a young blacksmith Raven Brown, weaver Carolyn Jana Ballinger, stained glass creator Chuck Peters, and photographer-graphic artist Beverly Smith.

Galleries showing fine works of art by both local and regional artists include Mountain Mamas Craft and Rock Shop and Father Sky, both in Cloudland, GA, just 1/2 mile east of the AL state line. The two shops feature more than 80 artists' handmade items.

Many of the galleries and studios will be serving light refreshments.

The tour is sponsored by MAAC, the Mentone Area Arts Council (an Alabama nonprofit corporation), and is beginning its third year. MAAC is organized exclusively for charitable, benevolent, educational, civic, literary, and cultural purposes pertaining to the arts. The goals of the organization include providing venues for shows and performances, educational arts programs, and maintaining a network for artists and patrons.

Make plans for a FUN weekend!

Maps for the tour will be available at local stores and businesses the week prior to the tour and at all studios and galleries during the event. Signs leading to each studio and gallery will be posted throughout the Mentone area. This is a great way to support our artists!

For more information about the tour, email MAAC35984@aol.com or call the tour coordinator, Heather Nicely, at 256-634-4124.



Mentone Area Art Council Needs YOU! Become a MAAC Member

The presence of the arts and arts programs is at an all-time low, if they are existent at all, in the American school system. Reading and writing skills are plummeting. The world of artistic creativity is evaporating. It might be said that right-brained thinking is becoming a thing of the past. Studies show that the arts are vital to the physical and mental health of society; so it is up to communities and organizations such as the Mentone Area Arts Council to help stop this decay.

The Mentone Area Arts Council extends an open invitation to everyone who would like to become a member, or renew their membership, and express their concern for the condition of the arts in American society. Joining MAAC in this endeavor is an easy thing to do. You can pick up a printed membership form at various locations around town, or email MAAC at MAAC35984@aol.com to request a form, or you can simply mail the following information to P.O. Box 370 Mentone, AL 35984: Your name (and how you'd like it to appear in MAAC publications); Mailing address; City, state and zip; Email address for newsletters; Phone number(s); and Level(s) of membership.

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The benefits of joining the Arts Council are: your name or business name listed in MAAC publications, discounted tickets at MAAC sponsored events, invitations to MAAC appreciation parties, and advance notice to MAAC events. But the most important benefit is supporting the arts in the Mentone area. Your membership dues are the main source of funding which enables MAAC to bring artistic and cultural events to the community.

Also consider becoming a volunteer and help bring the arts back to the forefront of American life. You and our future generations will be glad you did.



Wil Henry Cobble



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8 - Deborah Guffey
9 - Richard Green, Carol Hazell
10- Toby Manifold
11 - Shelly Sutton
12 - Ovie Blalock
17 - Randy Green, Lorelei Lauro,
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Wesley Griffith
18 - Luke Blalock
21 - Yvonne Blalock
23 - Henry Akes, Teresa Brown
24 - Pam Baggett, Max Cash,
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25 - Susan Hume
26 - Krissy W. Harris
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RAMBLINGS

By Bill Crane

The Braves didn't make the playoffs again this year, but if they had played as well in the early part of the season as they did in September, they would have been East Division champions. They are in a position to do a turnaround next year, I think. They have two good batters and two good pitchers, and if they get Lofton to play center field and lead off, and Glavine to pitch, they will be contenders next year.

The season's longest consecutive losing and winning games were ended when Duke University's 22 game losing streak was ended with a win and Appalachian State's 17 game winning streak was ended with a loss. Alabama stumbled their toe playing against Georgia and Florida State. In the Georgia game, they were too conservative in thinking that a field goal would win in overtime. I don't think that will happen again. Their defense went to sleep, or failed to wake up, during the first half in the Florida State game. Alabama may be looking forward to the LSU game and not concentrating on the game at hand. There is probably another factor in Alabama's games this fall, and that is the way their opponents look at their game with Alabama. Beating Alabama is the best thing that can happen to an opponent this year, and each opponent concentrates on playing Alabama as if it is a matter of life and death. Beating Alabama was big, big for FSU, more so, I think, than their beating Florida or Miami. I think that Saban is finding this out for the first time in his career. I think he will be considering each game now instead of looking ahead.

Auburn really pulled a big upset! Or was it an upset? They had beaten Florida the last two times they played them, but the sports experts were saying that Auburn didn't have it this year. But Auburn showed everyone they were their old self, and went out and made it three in a row over Florida. You have heard that a team can get "snake bit" in playing another team; and, if there ever was a team that is snake bit, it is Florida when playing Auburn!

The fifth weekend in college football is now known as Upset Weekend. Five of the top ten rated teams, and nine of the top twenty-five, lost. This caused a big shake up in the rating for the following week with LSU becoming number one in the AP poll. LSU looks to be the best at the moment. The top twenty-five continued the upset trend the next weekend with nine losing, but only three of the top ten fell. Florida should have beaten LSU, but ran out of gas near the end of the game. By winning, LSU strengthened their hold on number one.

The upsets at the end of September were not confined to college football. The Mets, who were ahead by 7 games on September 12, couldn't win a game when it counted for the remainder of the month, and were beaten by the Phils for the National League East division crown. I would say that was a flop instead of an upset. And the Colorado Rockies decided they wanted to play in the playoffs and beat San Diego to become the wild card in the National League. Like the Mets in winning the East division, San Diego had a lock on the wild card spot in early September. Such happenings is what makes baseball so interesting. The American League Division playoffs went pretty much according to script with Boston and Cleveland winning. It is amazing that the Yankees with the largest payroll in baseball, \$214 million, did a flop against Cleveland. Everyone, including George Steinbrenner, the Yankee owner and boss, is looking for answers to why the sudden demise.

The first half of the Major Leagues Playoffs has been completed. There is no Mr. October this year. When Reggie Jackson retired, there has been no one to step up and claim the title. What a shame. The playoffs so far have made two records--the most sweeps, three, and the fewest number of games in the first series, thirteen. Those two records could have been four and twelve, except for the Yankees winning a game.

The American League will be represented in the World Series by Cleveland, or Boston, an eastern team, and the National League represented by Arizona or Colorado, a western team. While the two World Series teams have not been decided as I end this article, I'm going to stick my neck out and predict that it will be Colorado versus Boston in the World Series.

My last words here are about Joe Torre, the Yankees manager. He is the highest paid manager in baseball, the Saban of baseball, and worth every penny he is paid. The Yankee owner said Torre was the highest paid manager for the purpose of winning, and if he didn't win, he could not be brought back next year. I hope that was said in the heat of the battle, for no other manager could have won with his high paid players doing a big flop. Players like Jeter and A-Rod should give back most of their salary, so to keep only what they earned during the playoffs.

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Marie S. Dillenbeck, copy typesetter



Bain Family Reunion

By Naomi Potts

On August 25th, 2007, The Bain Family celebrated "another wonderful family reunion at Cloudland Park, in Cloudland, Ga. There are only four siblings out of nine left from the Edd and Lula Bain Family; but a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great, great grandchildren. We had several that did not make it this year; but we had around seventy plus a few friends and neighbors. The family had a wonderful time reminiscing about old times, and, of course, eating all we could hold.

You would have thought we were feeding the Town of Mentone, we had so much food!!!!

We also enjoyed wonderful music and singing. There were families from California, St. Louis, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. We were so happy to see our niece and her husband from California, as age is creeping up so fast. These four siblings may be having a reunion in heaven next year. **What a reunion that would be!!!**



These are the four siblings of Edd and Lula Bain of Mentone, AL: From Left to Right: Naomi Potts, 81; Ruby Stalvey, 78, Dolas Bain, 86, and Roy Bain, 72

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This sign honoring all veterans, was on display for several days in Trenton, GA. The sign was made by Rev. Dolas Bain. Rev. Dolas Bain is a Veteran of WWII. He fought on the Beach of Normandy where the war started, through France in the battle of the Bulge, and through Germany near Berlin, where the battle ended. Unknown to Dolas and his brothers, Homer and Dewey, they were all fighting in the same battle. There was rejoicing when Dolas accidentally met Homer on the battlefield. Dolas' third brother Roy was in the Navy, but did not have to fight. Dolas and one friend were the only two out of their company of 280 men that

returned home without any casualties. God allowed all four Bain brothers to come home safe.

Rev. Dolas Bain is a retired Church of God Minister, having pastored in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Illinois. Dolas is 86 years old, still doing well and lives in Wildwood, Ga.



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Final Segment

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Signed Nelda E. Howe, November 18, 1980

(NOTE: The History of Mentone has been printed in segments in previous 2007 issues of *The Groundhog*: May (Part 1); June (Part 2), and August (Part 3).

Mentone was a thriving summer resort from 1884 to 1924. Besides the Mentone Springs Hotel were Windward Inn, Riverdale Lodge, Riverside Hotel, DeSoto Hotel, Chimney Corner Inn, and Nippersink Lodge. All are now closed except Nippersink Lodge.

Five miles south of Mentone is DeSoto State Park, established in 1934. Thomas Berry, brother of Martha Berry, donated several hundred acres to the state for park purposes after Milford W. Howard had headed a movement to obtain a park in this area. The park contains 4,869 acres of the picturesque interior of Lookout Mountain. A stone lodge with a 150-capacity restaurant, cabins, campsites, motel-lodge complex, picnic areas, playgrounds, and swimming pool are available to visitors of the mountain.

Camp Alanita, an exclusive girls' camp was the oldest camp for girls in Mentone. It was organized in 1923 by Mr. and Mrs. Nick Lowry of Nashville, Tennessee, Russell Lowry, and Nick Davenport of Valley Head, Alabama. The camp enrollment was limited to 100 girls. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Lowry had charge of operating the camp. Camp Alanita was located on the ledge just under Eagles Nest Rock. It was operated there for three years, after which it was moved to a site three miles north of Mentone. It was operated at the latter site for two more years before being closed.

Camp DeSoto was built by Mrs. Ada Newton of Illinois. Her nephew, Curtis Springer, named the camp DeSoto and operated it without success as a boys camp. Mrs. Newton died, and her lawyer, Mr. Aherns, inherited the property. A Mr. Young and Mr. Orr of Birmingham, Alabama, rented the property and ran it as a boys and girls camp from 1928-1935. Miss Eloise Hart and Miss Bess Cook bought the equipment and rented the property from Mr. Aherns 1935-1936. Miss Hart's sister, Mrs. Davies, supervised the operation of the camp. Miss Hart bought the camp and Miss Cook's interest in the equipment in 1937 and operated it as a girls' camp until 1945. At that time, she sold the camp and part of the property to Miss Bess Herron, Mrs. Norma Bradshaw, and Miss Sue Henry, retaining the property south of the road leading to the camp. Miss Herron and Mrs. Bradshaw retired four or five years ago and sold to Miss Sue Henry, present owner.

Camp Cloudmont was originally established on 40 acres of land in 1924 by the Y.M.C.A. of Miami, Florida, and operated by C.W. Ables and L.B. Somers. Six years later it was purchased by Ables and Somers, along with Charles W. Edwards, who is still a director. From that time on, it has been operated as a private camp for boys, with additional buildings and facilities being added. Today there are over 40 buildings and a total of more than 5,000 acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones, formerly of Coral Gables, Florida, bought the camp in 1947 and are the present owners.

Lookout Mountain Camp for Boys was organized in 1927 by Dr. J.A. Gorman and his son-in-law, Gray D.

Morrison, of New Orleans, Louisiana, and opened in 1928. At that time, it was considered one of the most beautiful camps in the South. It is now owned by John Morrison, son of Gray D. Morrison, and is open for religious retreats.

Skyline Camp, established in 1947 by Mrs. Eloise Hart Temple, is a girls' camp. Over 50 staff members and counselors assist in operating Skyline. Mrs. Temple has retired and Miss Marty Griffin operates the camp.

Alpine Lodge was started in 1924 and finished in 1926 by Milford W. Howard. He operated it as a mountain resort until 1934. In 1934, Miss Alice McVickers of Miami, Florida purchased the lodge and founded Alpine Lodge Camp for Girls, which she operated until 1959. Rufus Hyde of Dallas, Texas, and Richard C. O'Ferrell, Jr., of Jackson, Mississippi, bought the property and established Alpine Camp for Boys. Hyde retired in 1962 from camping activity. O'Ferrell continued to expand and develop the property and is the owner at the present time.

Camp Laney was founded in 1959 at the old Riverdale Hotel by Coach Malcom Laney, assistant coach at the University of Alabama. It is now owned by Rob Hammond, formerly a Rome, Georgia, elementary teacher, who is now living here.

Camp Laurel Dell, built in 1956 by Dolores Morgadanes of New Orleans, is now owned by Alexander Glover of Rome, Georgia. The name was changed to Camp High River.

Camp Comer Scout Reservation, consisting of over 1,000 acres atop Lookout Mountain, belongs to the eleven-county Choccolocco Council of the Boy Scouts of America and was officially opened June 8, 1965, though work on the reservation continued. The following summer, 3,000 scouts and leaders attended camp. I have no idea how many now attend.

Camp Ponderosa Bible Camp, located five miles north of Mentone, is owned and operated by the Children's Bible Mission, a non-profit, non-denominational home mission organization with national headquarters in Lakeland, Florida. Mentone is the camping facilities of the North Alabama branch of the Children's Bible Mission. The local camp director is Glenn Miller.

Mr. A.A. Miller built the 20-foot dam at DeSoto Falls, installing a hydroelectric generator below the falls. The plant generated electric power for Fort Payne, Mentone, Valley Head, Collinsville, and Menlo, Georgia. This was our first electric power, and later it was sold to Alabama Power Company.

Mentone had to incorporate in self-defense. Valley Head was trying to bring Mentone into their corporate limits, claiming an air-line mile as the crow flies, requirement to be incorporated within one mile. Fred Huron was the first mayor. He, with Hal Howe, W. Paul White, Lyn Pierce, and the town council organized the Mentone Water Works, and that was really a blessing for us. Hauling water for the hotel with the Health Department on our backs was no fun.

Mentone is a town very conscious of the religious side of life, and there are many churches scattered around. There are Mentone United Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church, the Church of God of Prophecy, the Moon Lake Baptist Church, the Wesleyan Church, the Church of God (Mrs. Bain's church), another Church of God in the Batty Community, the Little River Baptist Church, and Howard's Chapel.

Howard's Chapel was built by Colonel Milford W. Howard in 1937 in memory of his first wife. Above the rostrum are these words, "God has been as good to me as I would let Him be." The chapel has been purchased by the Baptists. A nondenominational group has service there on Sunday mornings.

The Mentone United Methodist Church, Little River Baptist Church, and Holly Springs Baptist Church are the three oldest churches in Mentone.

Mentone is now a haven for people retiring from the toils of life and wanting a peaceful, quiet existence. Many homes have been built and are being built for year-round residence. We welcome you.

I am quoting two stanzas of a college song, written for the Lookout Mountain Educational Institutions, located at Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. The song was written in 1868 by Mr. George Norton, assistant teacher and poet. I think it is appropriate for all of Lookout Mountain. This too, is copied from Robert Sparks Walker's "Lookout, the Story of a Mountain."

Lookout Song

Lofty and grand, like a warrior band
Are the mountain peaks, dark frowning,
And tall and green on their heights serene
Are the pines, their dark cliffs crowning.
Then far and near ring out the cheer,
Till the mountains join the chorus,
For above them all, like a giant tall
Is Lookout smiling o'er us.
And ere we part, join hand and heart
In bonds which naught can sever,
And a three-times-three for the wildwoods free,
And our mountain home forever.

Note: 1 Mentone Store and Hitching post bought in September, 1980, by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Crow.

2 Skyline Camp bought in August, 1980, by Cash Brothers Construction Company.

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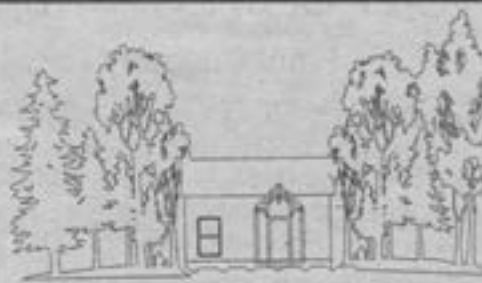
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MEMORIES OF MENTONE

By John S. Whitaker,

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Your recent article in The Groundhog, March, 2006, "Mentone History and Charm," brought many memories to my mind about Mentone. I lived in the community from 1958-1962 and 1978-1982 and served as pastor of the Mentone Church of God.

I first became aware of the town of Mentone in April, 1955. I was a student at Lee University, Cleveland, Tennessee, and a former pastor of the Blue Diamond, Kentucky (This was my home church where I grew up in Kentucky.) Church of God invited me to come to the Fort Payne, AL Church of God to preach in his church.

So I rode from Cleveland to Fort Payne with a classmate, Milford Jones, who was a student minister and was also from Fort Payne. I rode with him in his car on a Friday night. I preached that night in the Fort Payne Church of God.

The next night, Pastor J.R. Lenning and I visited the Mentone Church of God. The pastor, Rev. Willie Howard, invited me return and preach to his church. I think the appointment was in May.

Thus, on a Friday evening in May, I again rode with Rev. Jones. He let me out in Hammondville near the Rock Castle Cafe (I believe this name is correct.) where AL 117 leaves U.S. 11 in the direction of Valley Head. I had done hitch hiking previously and thought nothing unusual about it. In a few minutes two or three boys passed me in an old car, went on down the road, turned around and passed me again. After some two or three passes they had compassion on me and stopped. I got in, and they asked where I was going. I said, "I'm going to the Mentone Church of God. Do you know where it is?"

They said they did and would also take me there. I discovered they were drinking alcoholic beverages; it, however, didn't seem to affect their driving skills.

They drove on through Mentone, as the church is some 4+ miles from the town and let me out near the church. At that time, the church was about a city block from AL Highway 117, and was situated on the dirt road leading up the slight hill.

I thanked the young men for their kindness to me and began the brief walk up to the parsonage. By now, night had come. Some lights were on inside the parsonage. I knocked on the door, but no one answered; and, turning the doorknob, I discovered that it was unlocked, so I opened the door and went inside. As I sat on the couch, there was a great sense of quietness and peacefulness. I thought, "I really like this place; it's the place for me." In a few minutes Rev. Howard and his wife came in. They were surprised to see me sitting in their living room. When I told them how I had gotten there, they readily accepted me. Rev. Howard and his wife were exceptionally hospitable to me, and I'll always remember their kindnesses.

The next night, Saturday, I preached in the church. We had a good service that night, one that the people seemed to enjoy. I preached Sunday morning. Another good service. I had an agreement to meet Rev. Jones in Hammondville Sunday afternoon; so we went back to school in Cleveland. Little did I know what lay ahead!

I was about to complete my formal college education at Lee University in May, 1958. However, I had gotten married in October, 1955, to a young woman, Georgia Hughes, who was a member of the Fort Payne church. She is a true Alabamian, having been reared in DeKalb County.

I knew I wanted to pastor, so in early May, I came down to Fort Payne to consult with the Fort Payne pastor and also with the state overseer. I did receive the appointment to pastor the Mentone church but there was one stipulation: Since I was an out-of-state man, any Alabama pastor could pastor the church if he so desired ahead of me. I thanked these men and returned to Cleveland.

Graduation was May 15, 1958. I was in the fourth graduating class of the Bible College. I had met some fine Christian teachers while I was in Bible College. Their teaching and example were tremendous challenges for me and continue to be so even today.

It was necessary to remain in Cleveland for about three months, as the pastoral appointment did not begin until August.

In August we made the move to Fort Payne and lived with my wife's parents for about two weeks.

At the end of the two weeks we moved to Mentone. It was on a Friday evening, but the parsonage was locked. I drove to a "country" store that was owned by Emmitt Bain and asked him about the parsonage key. Roy Blalock was there also, and he knew where the key was. So he went to get it, and soon returned with the key in his hand.

I was following Rev. M.F. Robinson, and he had followed Rev. Willie Howard.

The parsonage was very neat and clean. In a few minutes, we had all our possessions in the parsonage. The parsonage consisted of four rooms: a living room, kitchen, and two bedrooms. There was an outside privy. The well (about 60 feet deep) was topped by a hand pump; the water contained a great deal of iron in it and the aluminum dipper had turned brown due to the strong concentration of iron in the water. AND, IT WAS STILL QUIET AND PEACEFUL IN THE PARSONAGE JUST AS IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I WAS IN IT IN 1955.

Two days later, on Sunday, I preached my first sermon as pastor of my new church.

The church was about 30 feet by 50 feet and was a wooden frame building heated by a pot bellied stove. Four Sunday School rooms had been added to the back of the church. There was also a small basement room on the front of the church. We had that served as a kitchen for church activities. The room was situated under the steps of the church and was about 20 feet by 20 feet.

After the service concluded, Sister Lula Bain shook hands with me and said, "Brother Whitaker, I hope you don't leave us. We've had two preachers who came and looked at the church. They turned it down, but I hope you don't." I assured her I wouldn't. (I had known nothing about the visits of the two men who inspected and rejected the church.)

The next three and one half years were pleasant to me. Our son, Stephen Mark, our first child, was born in August, 1960. This was quite an event for me.

One revival lasted all the month of March, 1961. Rev. Chester Kilgore was the evangelist, and he preached every night. Results of the revival were 17 conversions, 17 sanctified, and 18 filled with the Holy Ghost. (This was the method we used to count the experiences during the revival.) It was a great, great revival.

There was a great snow and ice storm on March 20, 1960. Schools were out for about 2 weeks, and later went on some Saturdays to make up for lost time. We had already had the spring break. Telephone services were out about a month, and electricity was out about 2-1/2 to three weeks.

I helped to conduct a funeral, my first during this term, the mother of Brother Lee Crow.

I conducted my first marriage while at Mentone: Don Chambers and Nancy Wright. And the second was J.R. and Evelyn Bain.

We (my wife and son) left Mentone in February, 1962, to pastor the Crossville Church of God.

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We came back, (my wife and four children) in August, 1978. (Note: there were 20 years between the two appointments: 1958 to 1978.) By now, the church had moved a little closer to the Georgia state line, maybe a half mile or so, and had a nice brick structure for services but there was no parsonage. (Eventually, we did acquire a mobile home and set it beside the church.)

This second term was punctuated by many funerals and many marriages. Several people died, especially senior citizens. (If I call names, I'll miss someone.) Two of the marriages were those of our oldest daughter, Bonita, to Freddy Dodson and our son, Stephen Mark, to Virginia Dodson.

In 1982, we left Mentone, as our term was up. I have to say that the 7-years spent there were some of the best in my life. So many of the people call me "Brother John," and my wife "Sister Georgia." I like the informality. The people, the scenery, Little River, DeSoto State Park, the camps, and the peacefulness all combine to make Mentone a unique place. So many memories—so many, happy, pleasant memories.

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Church News

By Evelyn Graves



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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 10:30AM each Sunday; Hispanic Mass 6PM Saturday night. Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road NW (DeKalb County Road 85), Fort Payne. Phone: 256-845-4842. The community is welcomed. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Bible Class every Wednesday @ 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 256-845-4314.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mentone Community Church Services are 9:30AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship; 6:30PM Sunday evening (Third Sunday of each month are Small Group Home Meetings); 6:30PM Wednesday; Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Pioneer Club.

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. Randall Beagles welcomes all.

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

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

Potters House Church. We are a small community church filled with the love of Jesus, where everyone of all denominations is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Worship is at 2 PM with Bill Miracle Pastor. We serve a meal at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, and our Bible Study starts at 6:30 with Sabra Gann, Teacher.

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

New Oregon United Methodist Church, 1204 New Oregon Drive NE, Ft. Payne, AL 35967. The activities of New Oregon include: Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. and Evening worship at 6:00 p.m. Sunday morning fellowship time is from 9:20-9:40 a.m., followed by Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and all activities of the church.

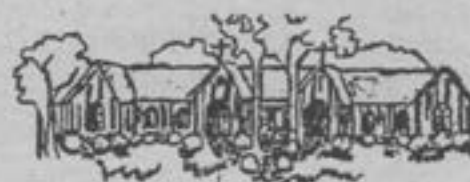
Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM; and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

Dial-a-Devotional 634-0103

is provided daily by Evelyn Graves as an extended ministry of the Moon Lake Baptist Church. Feel free to call any time of the day or night.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain

Episcopal Church



At the corner of Scenic Hwy & Hwy 117

Sunday Service: 10:30am

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- Ginger Lowry-Brown — Paintings
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- Chuck Peters — Stained glass
- Chris Hale — Appalachian furniture
- Beverly Smith — Graphic art

A driving tour of artists' studios and art galleries in and around
Mentone, AL and Cloudland, GA

Tour maps are available at area stores & businesses the week prior,
and at all tour stops during the event.

For more information, call Heather Nicely @ 256-634-4124

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Valley Head Christmas Parade Saturday December 8th

Parade begins at 2:00 P.M.

Line Up at Valley Head School at 1:30 P.M.

Prizes Will Be Awarded!!

For 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Floats

Application To Compete For Prizes Can Be Picked Up At:

A & J Supermarket, Citizens Bank, Dollar General, Old Barbershop Cafe,
Tiger's Inn, Up Scale Re-Sale & Gifts, Valley Head Discount Food Mart,
Valley Head Drugs, Water Board, & Town Hall.

Applications for competition must be turned in to the
Town Hall by 4:00 p.m. on December 7, 2007.

For More Information call: 635-6814 or 635-6642



Psalm 100:4-5 Enter into his gates with
thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth to all generations
(King James Version)

We should always be in an attitude of
thanksgiving to God for his goodness, but
this is the season which is designated as
Thanksgiving when we come aside from our
busy lives and honor Him with our thanks
and worship for his bounty to us.

May you have a rich and rewarding season
with family and friends in the fellowship of
God's grace.

**NEW MEETING DATES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NLMFPD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

EACH 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
7:00 P.M.

2007 DATES
SEPTEMBER 17
OCTOBER 15
NOVEMBER 19
DECEMBER 17



**QUILTING
BEE CLUB**

MOON LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007
3:30 P.M.

Come help us finalize our plans to have
a fun time and do some quilting. Come
if you make quilts or if you love quilts
and those who make them.

NOTICE

For the November and December issues,
please have all your articles and ads in by
the 10th of the month. During the
Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, I
wish to spend time with some of my family.
My sister lives in Illinois, and one of my
sons lives in Texas. Thank you for
understanding.
Marie S. Dillenbeck, copy typesetter

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Thursday, November 1, 5:30 PM,
MENTONE MUNICIPAL COURT, Town Hall
Meeting Room
- Saturday, November 3, MOON LAKE
SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL
- Sunday, November 4th, Daylight Savings
Ends. Remember to change clocks
& Check Batteries.
- Mondays - November 5,12,19,26- 5:30PM,
N.L.M.V.F.P.D. Weekly Meeting
- Monday, November 5, 6:30PM, DeSoto
Rescue Squad Meeting
- Tuesday, November 6, 6:30 PM, MAPA
Meeting, Dessie's
- Friday, November 8, VETERAN'S DAY
HOLIDAY--Sunday, NOVEMBER 11, ACTUAL
VETERAN'S DAY
- Monday, November 12, 6PM, Mentone
Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting
room, open to public
- Tuesday, November 13, 6:30PM, PTO
meeting Moon Lake School
- Tuesday, November 13, 10 AM,
Rhododendron Garden Club, MERF House
- Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 PM, Post 215
Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Thursday, November 15, 4PM, Mentone
Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room,
open to the public
- November 21, 22, 23, SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22,
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November
23, 24, 25, WHITE ELEPHANT OPEN HOUSE



Winner of the 2007 Colorfest Quilt
Joanne Crowe of Mentone, holding the
quilt, with her husband, Leroy Crowe