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THE NEW Little River Hardware and Mercantile Store – More than Just Hardware

Have you been in the Little River Hardware and Mercantile Store lately? If you have, I am sure you have noticed all the changes going on. Shelves have been moved. A cooler and a freezer moved in. A very happy attitude flows through the store.

It started with a loaf of homemade bread and some homemade soup. Barb and Stan wanted a local general store; just like in the old days—a store that carries a little bit of everything that you might need. There's always some good company and maybe a game of checkers going on. The checkerboard is handmade and hand painted also. We want to be able to provide a service and support the community—someplace where you can keep all your shopping on the mountain. Save that gas.

When opening the cooler, you will find a large assortment of soy products, milk, yogurt, eggs, produce, and homemade breads. The freezer carries sorbets, soy products, free range organic turkey and chicken. Also, you will find local and packaged frozen fruits.

If you continue on to the right of the freezer, you will come to Barb's corner. This corner of the store has been set aside to carry organic and natural grocery items; along with some health and beauty care products. Flour, sugar, and salt; is that all the staples we need?

As you keep on flowing through the store, you will come to the "green" cleaning supplies, gardening supplies, unique gift items, and don't forget "man's best friend"—our pets. Yes, Stan has it all. The store carries a little of everything. If you don't see it, let us know. Someone will get on line and start looking for it. We



will do our best to try and find it. We want to be there for you.

Come check out the newest addition. When you walk through the front door, you can't miss the new log cabin showcase. So come on in and look around. It will be fun.

We will be reminding everyone as we enter into spring that we want to buy produce from you. Be sure to plant an extra row for us. If you have any produce now, let us know. We want to support local growers. The closer to home, the better it will taste.

Remember, to save gas, support your local merchants and neighbors, eat healthy, and love one another. Shop in Mentone. God Bless and watch over all of us.

We appreciate and thank *The Groundhog* staff for printing this article.

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MAPA MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 2008



Held at the
M.E.R.F.
Community
house in
Mentone 6:30
p.m.

Present were

Page Cunningham,
Homer Crow, Dessie Brown, Evelyn
Graves, Marie Dillenbeck, JP Nation,
Anthony Teverino, Barbara
Bleeker/Patrie, Beverly Ashley, Clay
Patrie, Wesley Griffith, Sarah Wilcox,
Paul Todd, Jim Weathers, Preston
Kirby, William Blackburn, John Baty,
John Vernon, Tammy Kirby, Hobson
Kirby, Gail Chambers, Lamar Bray,
Dewey Crow, Pam Crow, Rick Hardin,
Christy Hardin, Jeremy Bell, Charles
Gray, Phyllis Bailey, Charles Bain,
Amanda Gray, Robert Green, and
Evelyn Graves. Several of those listed
were new members in MAPA.

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to
order and announced that he had
agreed to be the president until the
general elections in July. He also
agreed to the chairman of the October
Colorfest. There will need to be a new
chairman for the Rhododendron
Festival in May of 2009. A motion was
made to make Dessie Brown the per-
manent festival chairman. A copy of
the Bylaws was passed out to each
member, so they could know how
MAPA operates. The duties of each
officer on the board are set out in the
bylaws. A budget was proposed, and it
goes before the board first, then is sub-
mitted to the members for approval.
The Treasurer's report was submitted
by JP Nation and a list of the items
proposed to be paid are listed on this
page. Dessie Brown, the Vice
President, stated that she did not have
a report to give.

A revised budget was passed out to
each member.
Sara Wilcox asked if MAPA wanted to

continue meeting at the M.E.R.F.
House. A discussion followed regarding
the three times MAPA has previously
met there. Dessie Brown made a
motion that MAPA pay the sum of \$25
for each month, and pay the monthly
fees as MAPA meets there. JP Nation
seconded the motion, which passed
unanimously.

Several matters came up for discussion
including dues. MAPA will have the
bonfire and music at Brow Park where
the festivals are being held. A place to
store large items was discussed.
MAPA has a building behind the
Hitching Post area, however it cannot
store certain types of items that need
to be kept specially. Page
Cunningham made a motion that
Dessie Brown be made permanent fes-
tival chairman. The motion was sec-
onded by JP Nation, and passed.
There being no old business to dis-
cuss, Gail Chambers asked about new
business and who was handling the
MAPA website. Tom Donald is present-

ly handling the information on the
MAPA website and the issue is to come
up at the next meeting on November
4th. Several other items will also be
taken up at the November meeting that
need to be clarified or changed. It was
noted that at the September meeting, a
motion was made and seconded to do
away with the spring festival. JP
Nation made a motion to rescind that
action and Dewey Crow seconded the
motion, which passed. Volunteers
agreed to work at the MAPA booth at
the Colorfest on the 18th and 19th.
The treasurer, JP Nation stated that
there were 85 members who had paid
their dues. Gail Chambers inquired
about a parade for the festival, and Mr.
Cunningham said there would be no
parade.

There being no further business, JP
Nation made a motion to adjourn, sec-
onded by Charlie Bain, and the meet-
ing was adjourned.

WHAT MAPA DOES WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are \$10 per person or \$15.00 per husband and wife
payable on July 1st. For these dues, MAPA will mail you The
Groundhog monthly. We must have your dues to continue to
mail your Groundhog. If you have not mailed your dues, please
do so today.

Your dues help to support the following in Mentone.

\$300 - Mentone Christmas Lights
4300 - Moon Lake Community Library
\$500 - Moon Lake School
\$500 - Boy Scouts
\$1000 NLM Volunteer Fire Department
\$1000 Mentone Police Dept

Many have asked what does MAPA do for Mentone. I hope this
will let you know what MAPA supports. MAPA is an organiza-
tion that began in 1982 on Groundhog Day, and was organized
on April 5, 1982. For further information, see the Staff Box on
this page.

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Thursday, January 15, 2009

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

Public Notice

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

Thursday, November 20
Thursday, December 18

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

Public Notice

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

Monday, November 10
Monday, December 8

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

Public Notice

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

Monday, November 10
Monday, December 8

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

Happy Birthday



LIBBY RYAN TUBBERVILLE

celebrated her **2nd** birthday September 27, 2008.

She is the daughter of Carl and Katy Tuberville, of Mentone.

Grandparents are the late Bruce Tarrant, of Collinsville; Mike and Renne Graham, of Powell; and Tony and Cindy Tipton, of Mentone.

ANNA ROSE LEE



CONGRATULATIONS

Matthew and Ginger Lee of Mentone currently residing in Sigonella, Italy announce the birth of their daughter Anna Rose Lee born at 9:50am Sept. 10, 2008 in U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella. She weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Larry and Kathy Gray of Mentone, Cindy and John Gilbert of Valley Head, Bill and Jane Elliott of Logandale, Nevada and Roger and Glenda Haney of Valley Head. Great Grandparents are Jr. and Mary Jane Gray of Mentone, AL.



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NOVEMBER

- Monday, November 3, 6PM,
Mentone Town Council Meeting,
Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
(Mayor & Council sworn in for 4 year term
by Judge David Rains)
- Mondays - November 3, 10, 17, 24 - 6:30PM,
N.L.M.V.F.P.D.
Weekly Meetings
- Tuesday, November 11, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden
Club, MERF House
- Tuesday, November 11, VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY
- Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 PM, Post 215 Meeting,
American Legion Hall
- Thursday, November 20, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks
Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public
- Sunday, November 23 - White Elephant Open House
- Thursday, November 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY

Colorfest showcase for local talent



photo courtesy of Lisa Crow

Colorfest 2008 was the backdrop for brother and sister duo, David Bruno, of Fort Payne and Lisa Crow, of Mentone. A mix of country music and classic rock entertained the crowd at the Friday night bonfire. David and Lisa look forward to next year, same place...same time.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 - Sonny Gilbreath, Louise Hulan
- 4 - Eloise Breazeale
- 5 - Andy Akes
- 7 - Becky Burtam, Jason Hill
- 8 - Deborah Guffey
- 9 - Richard Green, Carol Hazel
- 10 - Toby Manifold
- 11 - Shelly Sutton
- 12 - Ovie Blalock
- 17 - Randy Green, Lorelei Lauro,
LeLani Dillenbeck, Wesley Griffith,
Stephanie Moore
- 18 - Luke Blalock, Debbie Guffey,
Katie Gray
- 21 - Yvonne Blalock,
Herman Jones (in memory of)
- 23 - Henry Akes, Teresa Brown
- 24 - Pam Baggett, Max Cash,
Tammy Green, Betty Johnson
- 25 - Susan Hume
- 27 - Carrie Ruth Kirby, Wayne
Wootten, Leslie Blalock,
Bill Schwarz
- 28 - Janet Spahr, Maxine Wright
- 29 - Carolyn Hendon,
Rod Hildreth

Anniversaries

- 1 - Anita & Scotty Hulan
- 5 - Mr. & Mrs. Haywood Baker
- 9 - Mart Ellen & Bud Fielder
- 14 - Morris & LuJean Pierce
- 24 - Paula & Jim Leftwich
- 29 - Jimmy & Barbie Hester,
David & Dorothy Bridges



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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 11AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

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

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 North of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at

6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

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

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

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

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

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

The Mentone Revival Center and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Homecoming is August 10. Brother Charles Elrod will be preaching and the Faith Walkers will be singing. 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.

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. Once again, St. Joseph On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will be doing an Angel Tree for Mentone and Valley Head children. Names will be accepted on a first-come basis through December 5. Please contact the church at 634-4476 to put a child's name on the list.

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

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lords 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. Rev. Terry Turner has been called to be the regular pastor at Moon Lake.

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 10AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

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

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

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

Former Pastor Randy Addison's moner passed away on September 13, 2008. If you would lik to send Pastor Randy and family a card, you may obtain his address from the church office. Betty Johnson is still in the hospital following 4 heart bypasses. You may send cards to: University of AL Hrsptal 1802 6th Ave. S., Birmingham, AL 35233

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

New Pastor for Mentone Church of God of Prophecy Reverend Dean Clair began his term as pastor of the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy on May 1. Reverend Clair has a wide range of experience in the pulpit and in other facets of his life. He most recently served as pastor in Oregon. He and wife Evelene have five sons. Further information will be forthcoming in another article. Everyone is invited to attend our services and enjoy the inspired ministry of our new pastor.



DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (1 Cor. 2:9 KJV)

We seemingly take so lightly how much God really loves Us. When we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are aware of His love in that He died on the cross for our sins so that we may have eternal life. But do we really realize that our very existence day by day is because of His love for us. The fact that we are breathing is because He allows it; the good health that we enjoy is because He wills it; the fact that we have a job to make a living for ourselves and our families is because of His providence; the warm homes that we enjoy are because He wants the best for us. He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. He has promised us wonderful things when we get to heaven at the end of this life if we accept Him here as our savior, and as the above verse states, "if we love him." I don't want to miss the blessings that God has for me. Do you?

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AUTHENTIC LOG CABIN in the Woods. 1BR with large loft and catwalk to 2d story porch, among the trees. Living kitchen area with hand crafted cabinets, tile counters, Cedar twig railings, custom wood doors, 1.5 bath with claw foot tub. All on 1.75 acres at Cherokee Hills. Walking distance to Eberhart Point, Little River Canyon. \$127,500 (18044)



4.5 ACRES with 1998 manufactured home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, island bar in kitchen. Open living, dining area. Master bedroom with large walk-in closet, garden tub and separate shower. Easy access to I-59. \$65,000 (18223)



GETAWAY CABIN ON THE CANYON. Very private with 8.5 acres. stream runs through the middle and a view of the canyon from the deck. Very private, and in a gated subdivision, called Canyon View Forest on the east rim of the canyon. \$179,000 (16247)



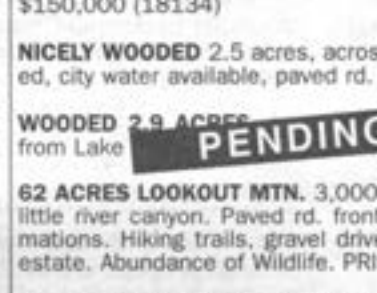
THE PAWNEE - is a modified Daniel Boone log home package. located on 2.06 acres, this newly built log home has a lot to offer. Situated on a lot next to the future covered bridge, homeowners have access to the Little River and a property owner's assoc. with mild restrictions. The cabin features covered front porch and spacious back deck with a running stream below. The amenities are endless and the setting priceless. \$184,000 (17778)



GREAT INVESTMENT in Valley Head. Triplex in very good condition Apt A: 2BR/1BA, kitchen, living area laundry room, stove, frig, window unit, side deck. Apt (occupied) Apt B: 1BR/1BA w/shower. Efficiency kitchen, small living room, large room with washer and dryer area and storage. Apt C: 2BR/1BA, large open family room and kitchen. DW, stove, lots of cabinets. Back deck and C/HA. A must see at 95,000 (17189)



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Cancer Group

Katherine (my wonderful fiance) and I are wondering if there is an interest in starting a Mentone area Cancer Survivor and Care Giver support group. This group would be for those who have survived cancer, those who are undergoing treatment, and those who care for the cancer patient.

When I battled cancer last year, both Katherine and I rode a roller

coaster of emotions and physical stress. I have also been reading that a high percentage of survivors and caregivers suffer from Posttraumatic Stress Disorder -something both of us have experienced, as well. We believe that a loving, prayer oriented support group would help people deal with the distress that cancer can cause, and such a group may bring hope to those still living the cancer ordeal.

If anyone is interested, please contact us at: Slate@McDorman.com or on Katherine's cell phone @ 205-344-1207

Christmas Lights

Mentone has been listed as one of the top ten places in the state to see Christmas Lights this year! To help promote this honor, we are encouraging anyone who wishes to display Christmas lights to let us know so we can place a dot on a map of the area to help visitors see your display. We will also be offering prizes for the best displays. Winners will be announced Saturday, December 20th.

The lighting event starts Saturday November 29th in conjunction with the lighting of the Mentone Christmas tree. To help conserve electricity, we are encouraging everyone to turn their lights on the week-ends leading up to Christmas and then the 23rd-25th. Of course anyone is welcome to leave their lights on during the week, but these dates are what visitors will see and we can save a little electricity and still have a show.

Please contact Tony Teverino at 634-4310 or email: Teverino@aol.com

Mentone Wedding Chapel



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

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2nd grade Mrs. Mills:

Kaylee Cartwright, Trinity Gold, Keegan Johnson, Kandis Lawton, Jordon Sutton,

Ashelyn Watson, Bobby White, Kori Willingham

3rd grade Mrs. Sarratt:

Caitlyn Collins, Saddler Emory

4th grade Mrs. Davis:

Anna Carden, Byrum Emory, Bailey Kirby, Justin Langston, Zoe Lovechio, Lexi Owen, Noah Watters

5th grade Ms. Preslwood:

Dylan Bloyer, Kateland Grider, Dawson Kincer, Mackenzie Willingham

6th grade Mrs. Bunch:

Amelia Saferite

All A's & B's Honor Roll

1st grade Mrs. Gorham:

Lily Wigley-Speakman

2nd grade Mrs. Mills:

Devin Crow

Caitlyn Morris

3rd grade Mrs. Sarratt:

Eli Battles, Breanna Blalock, Lily Cash, Bennett Crow, Matthew Dowdy, Triston Goss, Courtney Meadows, Kyle Miller, Haley Neal, Brianna Powell.

4th grade Mrs. Davis:

Logan Bloyer, Lara Easler, Ethan Harrison, Mason Hester, Phyllis James, Molly Manifold, Grace Tucker

5th grade Ms. Prestwood:

Sierra Chambers, Justin Easler, Kara Goss, Elizabeth Meadows, Tommy Tullis.

6th grade Mrs. Bunch:

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown, Secretary

The members of the Board of Directors met at the library on October 16, 2008, for their regular meeting. Several visitors were present to present various ideas. The members of the Board considered each idea carefully and took what the Board considered appropriate action on each. The regular reports were made including the report on the 2009 calendar. We have tried very hard to put in the correct dates. We will have the calendars well before Christmas and the cost will be \$5.00 each.

The members were excited to hear that, once again, it is time to start the program, "Reading for Pizza". Moon Lake Elementary School classes can participate in this program. Every time a book is checked out by an adult and the adult tells the librarian which class they have a child in, that class gets a star. The adult can be related to the child in any way or just a friend. At the end of the set time, the class with the most stars will get a pizza party!! This is a lot of fun for the adults and the students! If you need more information, ask the Librarian, Beverly.

It was decided to start a CCC activity. This is: coffee, cookies and conversation. Can you think of a better combination? We will start this on Saturday, November 1, and continue as long as we want to. Let's gather about 10:00 a.m. to have a cup of coffee and catch up on the happenings of the past week. There is no set time

to be there or to leave, feel free to come and go as you need to. Also, anyone who wants to bring cookies is welcome to do so. That way, I won't have to take on this responsibility every week. Do let me know if you want to do this. We will work on the restoration of the old quilt some and also have exhibits of crafts and handywork if anyone wants to do this. Let me know.

Our big project for November is the presentation of the book entitled, A History of World War II Veterans edited by Julia Brown. Robert Moehr and others who have worked on this book will be at the Moon Lake Library on Saturday, November 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. The books will be for sale as well as the telling of the story how the DVD's and the book came to be. Anyone who has a relative or friend who was in this war will enjoy the stories and pictures in the book. Those of you who were in the war will be able to compare your story to those in the book. Come and hear Mr. Moehr and buy a book or the DVD's.

I don't like to repeat myself in these articles, but we really need some new people to be trained. Give Beverly your phone number and I will call you. We need Help!! It is not hard and you will always work with Beverly.

Next meeting of Board of Directors: November 20 at 3:00 p.m. in library.

Write to us: Moon Lake Community Library, PO Box 481, Mentone, Alabama 35984

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NOVEMBER, THE ELEVENTH MONTH OF AD. 2008

by John S. Whitaker

The word November is derived from the Latin word *novem*, which means nine. In the old Roman calendar November was the ninth month, not the eleventh month as it is today.

In this month we vote every four years for our president. Also, Thanksgiving Day reminds us of our blessings that we have received.

The birthstone for this month is the topaz, and the special flower is the chrysanthemum.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND DATES IN NOVEMBER

2 - Caspar de Portola discovered the San Francisco Bay in 1769.

- North Dakota became the 39th state in 1889 and is known as the Flickertail State.

- South Dakota became the 40th state in 1889 and is sometimes called the Land of Infinite Variety.

- The first regular radio broadcast began in Pittsburgh, PA over station KDKA in 1920.

- Daylight saving time ends. Run your clock back one hour just before bedtime on Saturday night. (If you

don't, you'll be one hour early.)

4 - Today is the general election day, so be sure to cast your ballot. Don't complain about the candidates if you chose not to vote.

5 - Guy Fawkes Day is observed in England. In 1605 Fawkes led a group who tried to blow up King James I and the Parliament. He failed and was hanged for the attempt in 1606.

6 - The first intercollegiate football games was played in 1869. The opposing teams were Rutgers and Princeton; the game was played at Rutgers.

7 - Bolsheviks ousted the provisional Russian government in 1917. They were led by V.I. Lenin and later became known as the Communist Party.

8 - Mt. Holyoke Seminary for Women was opened in 1837 by Mary Lyon 1797-1849. Lyon was a pioneer in the field of higher education for women. She served as president of the school from 1837 until her death in 1849.

- Montana became the 41st state in 1889 and is called the Treasure State.

9 - The CIO (Congress of Industrial Organizations) was established in 1935. Most of the unions in the CIO were industrial unions, rather than craft unions; i.e., all the workers in a plant or factory were organized into

one union.

11 - Washington became the 42nd state in 1889 and is called the Evergreen State.

- The armistice was signed in 1918 that ended WWI. (On the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 a.m., the fighting stopped.)

- Veterans Day is observed to honor all the men and women who served in the armed forces of the USA.

15 - The Draft of the Articles of Confederation was approved by Congress in 1777. This was our first national government after the Revolutionary War and remained in effect until our present Constitution became law in 1789.

- The first meeting of the League of Nations Assembly met in Geneva in 1920.

16 - Oklahoma became the 46th state in 1907 and is known as the Sooner State.

17 - The Suez Canal opened in 1869. - Congress' first meeting in Washington, D.C., was on this date in 1800.

18 - Standard time began in the USA in 1883. The old method of sun time was not practical.

- The USA and Panama signed a treaty for the formation of the Panama Canal Zone in 1903. The Hay-Bunau, Varilla Treaty gave the USA

exclusive use of a 10-mile wide canal zone. This led to the building of the Panama Canal, which was completed in 1914. Total cost was about \$389 million..

19 - President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address in 1863. The speech, though short, remains one of the greatest speeches of all time.

22 - The first transpacific air-mail flight began in 1935.

- President John Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, in 1963.

27 - Thanksgiving Day was first proclaimed as a national holiday by President George Washington in 1789. It was based on the first Thanksgiving Day when Governor William Bradford decreed that a three-day feast be held in 1623. These Pilgrims chose to thank God for His blessings in spite of all their past hardships.

29 - Commander Richard E. Byrd and his crew of three were the first to fly over the South Pole in 1929.

THOUGHT: The Psalmist asked a penetrating question: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" (Psalms 116:12). Let us consider the same. It's always possible for things to be worse. Therefore, count your blessings, because we are a blessed people.

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MOUNTAIN MAMAS RETIRING — CLOSING DECEMBER 2008

After 14 great years of offering to the public the handmade artwork of more than 90 women artists (local and regional), Mountain Mamas Crafts and Rock Shop is closing for good.

All eight of the owners have moved on to other careers, other community work, or have retired. There are no owners left to work with the artists to fill the shop with art; make the sales; do the book-keeping; write the newspaper articles and ads; clean the floors and windows; see that repairs are made and yard work done; and on and on. Thanks to hundreds of volunteer hours over the years from these eight women, and their inspiration, Mountain Mamas has been an asset to both the artists and the public.

The Shop began 14 years ago with the women buying the property and developing a retail outlet for women-made arts and crafts to be sold on consignment. Mary Alice Stout has staffed the shop during the recent years. She said, "I'll really miss all my artist and customer friends." While celebrating the success of 14 good years, all the owners are sad about Mountain Mamas closing.

CLOSING SALES — The Shop has

always had 20% OFF sales at the close of the season. This year there will be three weekends of 20% OFF sales 1): Nov. 22-23 when the Mentone Area Arts Council sponsors their annual tour of local studios and galleries. Mountain Mamas is on the tour. 2): Thanksgiving weekend — the sale begins on Friday, Nov. 28 and continues on Sat & Sun. The Shop will be open noon to 6:00pm, GA time, all three days. 3): The closing weekend will be Sat. & Sun., Dec. 6 & 7, continuing with the 20% OFF sale. There may be some fixtures for sale also.

After January 1, some of the Mountain Mama's artists will have their work for sale at other businesses — such as Melanie Drew's leaf bowls for sale by appointment at Mountain Laurel Inn, 256-634-4673 — and Andrea Brandon's landscape art will be at the Art Box Gallery in Rising Fawn, for an appointment call 706-398-0111.

Mountain Mamas will be open every Sat. & Sun. in November at their regular hours, noon to 6pm, GA time. They are located in Cloudland, GA, on Lookout Mountain, GA Hwy 48, just 1/2 mile east of the GA/AL state line, where AL Hwy 117 ends. Also by appointment, call Mary Alice at 706-862-2142.

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OVERLOOKING LAKE LAHUSAGE on 2.62 acres. Great room w/stacked rock fireplace. Kitchen with ceramic tile and stainless appliances. Master bedroom on main level and the bath features a whirlpool tub and shower. Upstairs are 2BR, a bath, and lots of extra storage space, 2-car garage. Additional property may be purchased. \$269,900 (17217)



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

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



YOU'LL FEEL RIGHT AT HOME in this charming farmhouse on a beautiful level lot of over one acre. Wood floors and wood walls, comfortable living area, large dining room, kitchen with walk-in pantry, 2 bedrooms and a lovely bath with whirlpool tub, and more. Major renovations have been completed on much of the house. \$159,900 (17131)



COME SEE THIS BROW LOT in Mentone featuring a unique log structure that you can use to get away from it all. The log structure has been moved to this site and offers an open living space with 1 bedroom and a bath. You'll have plenty of acreage to build something new or just enjoy the atmosphere of days gone by. \$279,900 (18256)



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Ideas for Festive Holiday Tablesetting

(MS) — Setting the scene for your holiday event doesn't have to take a lot of money or effort. All it really needs is a little imagination and some items you probably have around the house.

Get started by first picking a theme. Go with something close to your heart or a theme that inspires you. For Thanksgiving, a harvest concept is one that often comes to mind and it can perfectly complement the scope of the holiday. Make a running list of items that will fit with the harvest theme: Gourds, acorns, pine cones, corn cobs, and other outdoor finds are appropriate. They can also probably be found right in your yard.

Purchase a tablecloth or look for alternative materials to serve as one. An inexpensive piece of burlap cut, leaving the fraying ends can impart an earthy feel to the table. Gather thin twigs that can be attached together with cord to make inexpensive placemats. Place these items on the table and build up from there.

For an eye-catching centerpiece, purchase two vases, one larger than the other so that the smaller vase can fit inside the larger one. Fill the smaller vase with water and fresh flowers that fit your color scheme. Add interesting texture by also putting in a few more twigs, berry sprigs, or pine cones attached with floral wire. Place the smaller vase inside of the larger one. Fill the void between the two vases with something small and colorful, such as coffee beans, berries, acorns, or dried leaves.

Many hosts or hostesses fret that their table will look mismatched if they do not have enough matching china or flatware for the dinner service. Don't worry: eclectic tablesettings are all the rage. As long as you keep to the color scheme, you can pull off just about anything. Think about visiting discount stores that sell dishes singularly and pull together a few different colors or shapes that will look cohesive together. Tie things together with the same colored napkin or another consistent element.

Create unique "place cards" that can also serve as take-home favors for guests. They don't have to actually be cards at all. Here's an interesting idea. Gather small pumpkins and monogram them to serve as seating guides. Push whole cloves into the pumpkins to spell out the initials of the guests. The setting will not only look festive, but smell good, too.

Resist the temptation to over-do your tablesetting. You want the food and conversation to flow, so too many hindrances can detract rather than add to the occasion. Keep scale in mind for your centerpiece and any table adornments so that guests can easily chat with one another and pass food around the table.

Tablesettings can be ornate or casual depending upon your mood. They're also a great way to get kids involved with holiday preparations. Put them in charge of designing interesting centerpieces or seat and table accoutrements. You may be surprised at what they create.

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**Moon Lake Elementary School
Parent - Teacher Organization (PTO)
Executive Meeting September 9, 2008**

1. Call to order at 5:00pm by President Kim Johnson. Present were: President Johnson, Treasurer - Frost, Reporter - Flannigan, Parliamentarian - Emory, Teacher Representatives - Lori Owen, Leslie Bunch, and Classroom Representatives - Lindy Pettit/Kindergarten, Samantha Perrydore/1st Grade, Angie Shugart/2nd Grade, Misty Watters/4th Grade, Donna Willingham/5th Grade and Karen Saferite/6th Grade.
2. Angie Shugart addressed the Committee concerning her opinion on the debate of whether or not to take out all the competition from Harvest Festival.
3. President Johnson presented everyone present with a telephone list of the Executive Committee members numbers.
4. Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Nancy Frost. Balance was \$12,740.60 not less the earmarked funds of \$1,795.50 for the yearbook, \$6,000.00 for the school sign and \$200.00 for microphones.
5. Old Business:
 - a. President reminded all that the motion to provide teacher dinners for PTO meetings had failed and that only the Executive Committee could vote in the Executive meeting.
 - b. Motion to change Harvest Festival into a school-wide celebration and not a competition was not voted on and must be tabled to next meeting.
 - c. Possible ideas for festival if no competition motion passed to General Meeting were not voted on, but were discussed, pending outcome of vote on Festival.
6. Motion was made by Tom Emory Parliamentarian to leave Harvest Festival a competition but every class run as a whole and have no more King/Queen candidates. Misty Watters seconded with 4 opposed. Motion PASSED.
7. Motion was passed to have a Harvest Festival Planning Meeting on September 23, at 3:30.
8. Doug Powell motioned to reimburse Mrs. Sarratt and Mrs. Long for t-shirts purchased for students to wear during the Veteran's Day program in the amount of 25 shirts @ \$2.50 ea. Tammy White seconded. Motion PASSED.
9. All other motions on the agenda were TABLED to October 14th Executive Meeting due to lack of time. With General Meeting about to begin, Executive meeting was adjourned.

GENERAL MEETING

1. All motions brought before the General Meeting were passed.
2. Third and Fourth Grades tied for room count. Money to be split.
3. Meeting adjourned to Open House.

Executive Meeting October 14, 2008

1. Call to order at 5:00pm by President Kim Johnson. Present were: President Johnson, Treasurer - Frost, Secretary - Kincer, Teacher Representatives - Lori Owen, Leslie Bunch, and Classroom Representatives - Lindy Pettit/Kindergarten, Samantha Perrydore/1st Grade, Angie Shugart/2nd Grade, Misty Watters/4th Grade, Doug Powell and Tammy White/3rd Grade and Karen Saferite/6th Grade. President cautioned all present regarding picking up other classes donations.
2. Treasurer's Report remained unchanged from the September meeting and was read by Treasurer Nancy Frost. Balance was \$12,740.60 not less the earmarked funds of \$1,795.50 for the yearbook, \$6,000.00 for the school sign and \$200.00 for microphones.
3. Secretary Michelle Kincer read the minutes from September meeting.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Motion was made to remove old idea to do away with competition at Harvest Festival from the agenda by Secretary Kincer and seconded by Teacher Representative Bunch. Motion PASSED.
 - b. Motion was made by 6th Grade Representative Saferite to begin Harvest Festival at 3:00pm. Same was seconded by Teacher Representative Bunch. Motion PASSED.
5. New Business:
 - a. Motion was made by Secretary Kincer to purchase new copy contract for PTO use. The offer was 5,000 copies for \$25.00. Seconded by 3rd Grade Representative Doug Powell. Motion PASSED.
 - b. Motion was made by 3rd Grade Representative Tammy White to allow Ms. Wisner and Mrs. McCurdy to sell socks for Al Cherbonneau for \$6.00 per pack giving us 1/2 the profit (\$3.00) per pack. Seconded by Kindergarten Representative Lindy Pettit. Motion PASSED.
 - c. Motion was made by Treasurer Frost to purchase extra bicycle helmets for library and support personnel in the amount of 30 helmets at \$5.00 each. Seconded by Vice President Sarratt. Motion PASSED.
6. After President Johnson made several announcements concerning different classes' events in the upcoming weeks until Harvest Festival, meeting was adjourned to General Meeting.

GENERAL MEETING

1. All motions brought before the General Meeting were passed.
2. Kindergarten & First Grades tied for room count with 35 family members present each. Money to be split.
3. After announcement by President Johnson, meeting was adjourned for Kindergarten and 1st Grades Halloween Program.



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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By Linda Brown, Secretary

The Rhododendron Garden Club of Mentone met October 14, 2008, at the M.E.R.F. Community House. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Martha Wood, President, opened the meeting by leading the pledge to the flag of the United States of America and Dianne Kuehl gave the inspirational minute.

Peggy Roark showed one of the cacti which will be delivered to shut-ins before the Thanksgiving holidays. The horticulture suggestion was to put leaves in a pile or a wire enclosure so they will decay and can be used as a soil enhancement. This led to the possibility of the use of a public place where leaves and other plant material could be dumped and the entire community could draw from the enhancement material. President Wood will investigate this and more discussion will be held at a later meeting.

President Wood praised the club members for their great participation in the VFW Fair Flower Show. The members won several ribbons for designs and horticulture specimens.

It was decided to plant a tree in memory of Virginia Setze. Some places suggested were the lawn of the library or the community house. A pink dogwood was suggested. Plans for this project will be made at the correct time for planting a tree.

Refreshments were served by Shirley Hussel and Jenny Rogers.

A DVD of Roger Swain presenting, "People, Places and Plants" was shown. He showed many different and useful ways to use plants in the home garden and yard.

Next meeting: November 11, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the M.E.R.F. Community House.

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

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MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes from

September 8, 2008

The Mentone Town Council met on Monday, September 8, 2008, at 6 PM, at its regular meeting, said meeting having been changed from the second Monday to the first Monday by notice. Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order and conducted the pledge of allegiance. Wesley Griffith gave the invocation.

On roll call, present were Mayor Hammond, Gerald Bailey, John Paul Verdon, Gail Chambers, and Wesley Griffith. Absent was Larry Sanders. Also present were Officers: Chief Lamar Bray and Jeremy Bell. Visitors present were Karen Britt, Page Cunningham, JP Nation, Angela Flannigan, Mrs. Clarence McDorman, Simbo McDorman, and Lee Whorton. Angela Flannigan had requested an opportunity to speak to the council concerning the bridge near the Skyline Camp area.

The minutes from the August 11th meeting were reviewed. Mayor Hammond stated that he had a couple corrections under Old Business, third paragraph, where it says AED, should be Community Action Group, and the next paragraph regarding additional police, Jeremy Bell worked during the yard sale. Does anyone else see any other corrections? Wesley Griffith made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections. John Paul Verdon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The financial report was reviewed. Gail Chambers made a motion to accept the checks written for August. Wesley Griffith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, the mayor announced that the Mentone Waterworks had agreed to move the flag pole and the flag to another area in Mason Park where the flag could fly freely without hitting the building. Mayor Hammond reported that it was necessary for a culvert located near the Fire Hall to be cleaned out to allow the water to

flow properly, as people had been throwing trash into the culvert. Gail Chambers stated that the culvert at East Avenue needed to be cleaned out and have a grate over it.

John Paul Verdon inquired about the trees on Dogwood Avenue that had not been cut back yet. A discussion was had. Mayor Hammond stated that the trees on Dogwood had not been done yet. Gerald Bailey recommended that it be done soon. Mayor Hammond reported that Rusty Chambers would be contacted to do the work. Officer Jeremy Bell commented that the rose bush at the intersection of Co Rd 89 and AL Hwy 117 needs to be cut back as the bushes block the view of the intersection. The State is to be contacted to do the work.

John Paul Verdon recommended that the trees on the banks down Alabama Highway 117 also needed to be cut back as well as the ROW. The State of Alabama is to be contacted to do the work.

Mayor Hammond brought up the matter of an environmental trail grant. He reported that he had contacted Wayne Meadows of Ladd Environmental concerning a Trail Grant that the town could apply for. The Town would have to put up a 20% match over the part of the hiking trail and install restrooms. A complete survey of the 9 acres belonging to the Town of Mentone would also have to be done. Gail Chambers inquired about the location of the 9 acres. Mayor Hammond said that it was on the brow, which included the Brow Park area. TARCOC is the agency that would be administering any grant. A discussion was had, after which Mayor Hammond said he would contact ADECA representatives.

John Paul Verdon asked about what the town could do with the dump site. Mayor Hammond said that a Brown Study had been done on the dump before; and we need to check on other areas.

Mayor Hammond passed out a request from the Planning Commission recommending that Article III(c)(1) be deleted and replace the wording concerning lots of records. There is also a

request to change Kat Johnson's property to a logging district. Mayor Hammond reported that two more meetings would be required, as well as advertising, a public meeting, and then confirmation. Discussion was had concerning subdivisions that had been re-plotted. The Board of Adjustment would meet and could follow the recommendations and approve them. Requests need to go to the Board of Adjustment for approval concerning any existing lots of records on the brow that are too small according to our Zoning Ordinance.

Under New Business, Gail Chambers inquired about asking for funds to change the bulbs for the Christmas Displays to LED lights. She stated that the cheapest is \$1.14 each and to change them out it would cost \$4,416.00, and that would be in the snowflakes. She reported that some donations to the Christmas Committee in the amount of \$2000 have come in, not counting displays in Mason park. Discussion was had. Mayor Hammond recommended that the town could buy lights and pay the light bill. Gail Chambers made a motion that the Town purchase 300 light bulbs. Gerald Bailey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Gerald brought up the matter of the Free Historic Marker to Participating Municipalities and making it a homecoming event. The matter is to be brought up at the October meeting. A decision needs to be made prior to December 1st, to comply with the State of Alabama requirements for the 2010: Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns. John Dersham is the person to be contacted, Mayor Hammond said.

Mayor Hammond asked if there was any further new business. There being none, Mayor Hammond stated that Angela Flannigan had asked to speak to the council on the matter of the need for a new bridge. Mrs. Flannigan was given time to make her presentation. During Mrs. Flannigan's presentation, a member of the audience required 911 assistance, and the meeting was suspended temporarily in

order to have the DeKalb Ambulance Service arrive and take the individual to the hospital. Mrs. Flannigan then completed her presentation.

Visitor, JP Nation spoke to the council expressing his appreciation for all the new members in the organization of the Mentone Area Preservation Association. He reported that the upcoming Colorfest was the weekend of October 18 and 19, and would be set up at the Brow Park. Gerald Bailey mentioned another event that was coming up, the Scooter Ride, which was scheduled for the Brow Park for this weekend. The matter of permits to do special events was brought up by visitor Page Cunningham, the President of MAPA. The clerk stated that there had been no establishment of a fee for events at the park. Mayor Hammond is to contact the town attorney, Pat Tate regarding any fees that could be charged. Mayor Hammond said many events had been at Brow Park and no fee had been charged. Discussion followed.

Wesley Griffith asked Karen Britt, who was in the audience, if she would like to make any comments. Mrs. Britt said that she would like to see more published in The Groundhog about what is going on during town meetings. One thing is the matter of permits. Even though the square is private property, Mrs. Britt would like to see that the town is advised concerning the events that are taking place, and they all need to have to sign up on a calendar with the city. Any time someone wants to have something in the square or whether it's the hotel or the inn, the town needs to have knowledge of the events so that there is not a conflict between events.

As to the minutes of the town council, Mr. Griffith replied that once they have been approved by the council, the minutes could be put in the local paper.

There being no further business, Wesley Griffith made a motion to adjourn seconded by John Paul Verdon.

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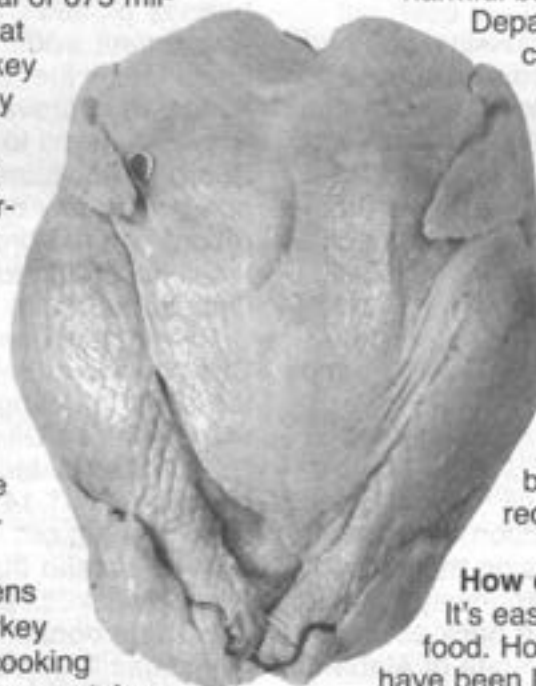
(MS) — Turkey and stuffing: Are there two foods more synonymous with the Thanksgiving holiday?

According to the University of Illinois Extension, 97 percent of Americans enjoy turkey on Thanksgiving, with a total of 675 million pounds of the bird being eaten each year on that famed November Thursday. As one of the ideal turkey dressings, millions of pounds of stuffing is also likely enjoyed across America during Thanksgiving.

Turkey and stuffing can bring smiles to the faces of friends and family this holiday. However, if improperly prepared, they can also bring something else to the table — food borne illnesses. That is why it is important to maintain safety when handling and preparing the Thanksgiving feast.

Should I stuff the turkey before cooking?

One of the first safety concerns should be with regard to stuffing a raw turkey and then cooking the stuffing and turkey together in the oven. Health officials advise against stuffing the turkey, primarily because salmonella and other microscopic pathogens may enter the stuffing from the raw juices of the turkey and then not be adequately eradicated during the cooking process. It is better to cook the stuffing and turkey separately. Once the turkey is nearly cooked through, the stuffing can be added to the bird's cavity and heated up so that the flavors will meld and it makes for a traditional presentation.



What is the best way to thaw a turkey?

Turkeys come both fresh and frozen. A fresh turkey should be purchased no more than a day or two before it will be cooked. This is why many people opt for frozen turkeys, so that they can get the best deal and buy ahead.

Frozen turkeys will need to be thawed before cooking. It is not safe to thaw a turkey on the countertop as it may promote the proliferation of harmful bacteria at room temperature. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) says that you can choose among three methods of thawing: in the refrigerator, in the microwave, or by submerging it in cold water. Depending upon the size of the turkey, it could take a day or more for the turkey to adequately thaw.

How do I know the turkey is done?

Turkey should be cooked until the internal temperature reads a minimum of 165 F on a meat thermometer when the thickest part of the breast is checked. Baste the bird frequently to maintain moisture while cooking if you fear a dry bird. If you need to cook the turkey longer to achieve this internal temperature, consider tenting parts like the wings and breast which may burn or dry out with aluminum foil to redirect some of the oven heat.

How do I handle leftovers?

It's easy to linger at a Thanksgiving table overflowing with food. However, it is not a good idea to package up foods that have been left out for more than two hours. When satiated, wrap up gravies, stuffings, leftover turkey, and all the rest and put it in the refrigerator as soon as you can. Do not leave "doggie bags" out for guests. You want them leaving with fond memories of the meal, not with leftovers that may cause food poisoning later on.

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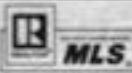
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Colorfest 2008

by Rhonda Bruckno

The 2008 Color Fest was a great success. Many vendors were saying they had the best day on Saturday that they have ever had at one of our festivals. Both parking lots were packed and there were several tour buses from out of town.

The vendors looked so colorful with a beautiful arrangement of fresh produce and pumpkins, potted plants, shrubs and other nursery items, quilts, art work, iron sculptures, wood carvings, all types of jewelry, pocketbooks, christmas ornaments, basket weaving and stain glass art and so much more.

Food vendors of all types filled the air with tempting aromas. There were funnel cakes, Smokin' Joe Barbeque, snow cones, kettle corn, cajun burgers, soul food such as pinto beans, greens and cornbread, chili, homemade soup, fudge, coconut pie and much more. Friday night started with a great crowd at the brow park for music with Lisa Crow and David Dunn. David is a warm and natural host with a great sense of humor who has written several songs himself. They sang country favorites like "Help Me Make It Thru The Night" and we thought Janice Joplin had stopped by when Lisa did "Me and Bobby McGee".

Scott Miller and his family entertained us with a dulcimer and his seven year old who played the violin. Scott's daughter later did a clogging dance. She was so light on her feet and didn't miss a step.

In the middle of the night, Martha Templeton told us some great stories and a poem. It was magical

with the starry sky, blazing bon fire and the lights below the brow. Martha's passion and imagination captures you and takes you on a little adventure. Each story has a moral to it and usually ends with a little chuckle.

On Saturday night Abby Parks did a great job with her folk music and guitar. It was such a relaxing and peaceful night under the stars. We all hated to leave at the end of the night.

Sunday was another busy day filled with entertainment and dancing. At four in the afternoon everything started winding down. The Boy Scouts drew Jerry Poe from Chattanooga as the winner of the quilt. Mary Murphree, Tammy Jones, Pat Moore and Ella White were winners of the matted fall pictures.

MAPA wants to thank all who helped make this festival be so successful. We appreciate the hard work of Paige Cunningham and J.P. Nation for overseeing everything and keeping it running smoothly. We especially want to thank the Boy Scouts who worked tirelessly all through the festival parking cars, taking care of the bon fire and cleaning up at the end. MAPA works hard to put these festivals on each year and the proceeds are donated to the Boy Scouts, the fire department and Moon Lake school.

All the business owners of the town benefit most; both festivals bring in the two best business weekends of the year. It's a good thing because we want to do whatever we can to promote our small businesses and jobs for our local residents. If you can come and help us with the next festival.



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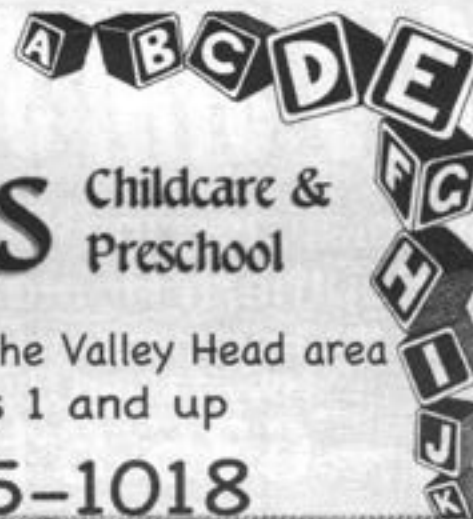
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Mentone - Our Home Sweet Home

By Evelyn Graves

Born in Saluda, South Carolina, On May 5, 1926, Dudley W. "Dud", "Big Slim", "Big Bad John" Easler began his life. He has always made friends easily and places a great deal of value on these friendships. He says with that broad grin for which he is well known, "my father always told me to not allow anybody to intimidate me because 'every man gets into his pants just like I do.' He added, 'I've never seen a stranger, and I have never been intimidated by a person of renown.'"

Slim started working in construction Work on April 17, 1951, and he has worked in 17 different states. He was working in Florida when the job there was completed, and he came to this area to work on the interstate I-59 project. The state of Georgia did not want to furnish its part of the expense between Alabama and Tennessee and they were told that because they were not willing to pay their part, there would be no exit between Alabama and Tennessee. Georgia quickly decided to participate with its part of the money. While he was in the Alabama area, Slim also helped build the roads at the arsenal in Huntsville.

Slim's wife, Bonnie, was working at the Ridgeview Truck Stop between Hammondville and Sulphur Springs at the time the I-59 interstate was being constructed, and Slim met her there. Slim had been married before, and he had five children

from that marriage. Bonnie was married for a short time because she had a difficult time at home with an abusive alcoholic father, and it seemed that anything would be better than what she was experiencing. The short marriage did not prove to be what she had hoped it would be, and it ended in divorce. Bonnie had had a vision when she was fourteen years old, and in the vision she saw the man who was meant to be her husband. When Slim walked into the truck stop, she recognized immediately that he was the man she had seen in the vision. Before long, Slim asked her to marry him, and at eighteen years of age, Bonnie became the wife of Slim Easler on December 7, 1961. The people at the truck stop where Bonnie worked called Slim "The Alabama King", and they called her "The Cajun Queen." Their marriage was blessed with seven children - Dudley, Darlene, Mary Jane, John Wayne, Sam, Jake, and Anna. The last child was born after Slim was 62 years old. Slim's 6'6" frame earned him the title of "Big" Slim, but when he got to Mentone, he became just "Slim" to us, and this is what he has been called for 45 years.

Slim and Bonnie moved to Mentone on Dudley's second birthday, and Darlene was just a baby. Bonnie's brother, Leon Crider, had started the house, and it was still just a shell. They finished the house, and as their family grew, they added more rooms until it became a 10-room house. The children all completed Moon Lake Elementary School, and then they moved on to Valley Head High School.

Slim worked for 64 years in construction work. He worked 4-5 years for Butch

Manifold at the golf course from daylight to dark. He stated that Butch is a perfectionist and wants everybody who works for him to do quality work. When he would think Slim was going to quit, he would give him a raise. Slim said he gave him a raise of \$2.00 on the hour all at one time on one occasion when a big tournament was coming up the next day and the man who was supposed to do the work had not finished it. Slim got on the motor grader and worked all night by the lights at the golf course and finished the job for Butch. He rewarded him with the raise.

Slim and Bonnie both love Mentone, and they say they would not want to live anywhere else. They have good neighbors, and now that Slim is in bed most of the time, he knows that any of them will be there when he needs them. He recounts a birthday party

that Charlie Bain had for him at Larry's in Trenton. People came from Mentone, from up in Tennessee and all over for the party - approximately 75 people - and Slim was totally surprised. He thought it was for someone else until the crowd started singing "Happy Birthday to

Slim." Slim's face lighted as he talked about the party.

Slim has an excellent voice for singing. He loves gospel music. He and Bonnie go to church together and have sung together on many occasions. Bonnie plays the piano, having taught herself to play. Slim says Bonnie can do anything she sets her mind to do, and he added that he could have looked the world over and he would never have been able to find a better wife. He says she has been a wonderful wife, mother, housekeeper, cook, and is able to do anything. Before I left, Bonnie shared with me a painting she had done which was just beautiful.

It is obvious that Slim and Bonnie love each other very much, and they both say that they love Mentone. Bonnie adds to that statement, "our home sweet home."



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BOULDERS AND WOODS shelter this private 1900+/- sq ft home in Mentone w/2BR, 2BA, loft for 3rd BR/office/studio. Attached 2-car garage, paved circle drive, breezeway, large back deck. Neighboring a large woods with boundless walking areas, this could be your personal retreat or a place to gather friends who want to enjoy natural peace & beauty. Parklike setting just off the Scenic Pkwy between DeSoto State Park and Mentone. \$249,900. (17777)



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IT AIN'T PRETTY now, but this little house could be just the sweetest little cottage in the downtown Mentone area! Shoot, just the lot would be worth the price! But, you can get this 2BR/1BA little fixer-upper, spend some time, money and elbow grease, and have a delightful personal retreat or investment property in the heart of the village. Zoned R-4. Sweet little price, too. Only \$50,000. (18409)



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CUDDLE UP BY THE FIREPLACE! Or relax on the front porch, or the back deck of this charming, affordable 2200 sq. ft. mtn ranch home on 1.2 acres. Beautifully landscaped yard. Sunny, large kitchen w/ pine cabinets & hardwood floors. 3 bedrooms and 3 baths, plus a bonus room that could be a 4th bedroom. Large 2-car garage with storage area, paved drive. Add'l acreage available. Only \$145,000. (17973)



AVAILABLE WITH 2 ACRES OR 10.2, this cute little mountain cabin is big on charm and would make a great getaway for yourself or a rental. Energy-efficient wood-burning heater, well-insulated, built in 2001, all wood floors, walls and ceilings, with nice front porch (includes a swing!), tucked into the woods yet still in Mentone Town Limits. You decide how much or little land you need. Priced with 10.2 ac \$150,000, with 2 acres \$90,000. (17038)

LOTS and LAND

4.42 AC LOT WITH STREAM offers peaceful areas to hike, watch abundant wildlife, or just relax in the cabin you build. Perfectly located at end of quiet lane. Only \$37,000 (16824)

UNRESTRICTED MENTONE LOT offers nice woods and 1/2 acre of land on which to build a cabin, set up your RV or a mobile home. Outside town limit, not far away. \$10,000 (18147)

AWESOME SUNSETS FROM THE BROW are just a few steps away from this beautifully-wooded lot neighboring Mentone's Brow Park. 0.5 ac lot has had a perc test and offers 150' paved frontage & public water. Add'l land avail. \$45,000. (18277)

SELDOM SOLD, ALWAYS DESIRABLE and right at the back entrance to DeSoto State Park, this Rocky Top Estates lot offers approx 1.5 ac wooded land with established flower garden already in place. Offered to you for only \$42,500. (18279)

A Walk in the Woods

By Charlotte Gentry

When was the last time you took the time to get out in the woods and just ramble, stopping here and there to see what you could see, taking time to smell the leaves you crushed between your fingers, tasting the sweetness of the ends of weeds you pulled out of their stalks? When was the last time you smelled the bittersweet smell of earth beside an almost-dry stream bed?

In early October I was fortunate enough to spend some time with L.C. Moon, along with her daughter Zoe, walking on her property. What was to have been a "business trip" turned into a lovely 3-hour jaunt through some of the most inviting and luxurious woods anyone could ever hope for...and with a hostess who knows and cares deeply for the bounty to be found there.

I had been looking forward to visiting with Moon and her 36-acre woods close to DeSoto State Park since she told me about the land, the two log cabins and the several "huts" for campers and other campsites that had been built on the place by a previous owner. Being familiar with the area, I knew the woods there would be filled with interesting native plants and I was eager to see it with Moon, whose knowledge of plants and their place in traditional herbal medicine are well-known; her natural herbal products held in high esteem.

As we walked along, we were happily astonished at the abundance with which nature seemed to be blessed this year. The muscadines were heavy on the vines in such numbers as I had never seen. The dogwood trees were dressed gaudily in their autumn leaves and masses of red berries. Crabapples covered the ground as well as the trees. Hawthorn bushes were covered with their still-unripe fruits, a promise for later days.

We found persimmons on the ground, sweet and ripe in spite of the earliness of the season and there not having been a frost. We savored the pulp, then I broke the seeds in half with my teeth to reveal the



"fairy silverware" hidden inside. To my amazement, Moon had never heard of this sweet little treasure chest. I felt privileged to have been the one to "teach the teacher" and her daughter about this piece of my childhood just as it had been passed on to me by my mother and, most likely, by her mother before her.

During the course of our walk we passed out of the shady woods into a good-sized sunny meadow where



late wildflowers, such as asters and goldenrod, grew profusely. Moon named several of those whose names I didn't know and told me of their uses in herbal medicines. She picked several and gave them to Zoe to add to the growing bouquet clutched in her hand. It was just Moon's natural way to offer this knowledge while we walked along. We continued through the wood-

ed areas, pausing to peep into the small, rustic huts. These little places seemed perfect refuges for the camper who didn't necessarily want to rough it in a tent but who still wanted to experience the outdoors. Each one was unique, some in better condition than others, yet all were surrounded by the rich woods and connected by hiking paths. Eventually, we came to Straight Creek, which meanders through Moon's property and is one of the tributaries of Little River. The creek, though low, still gurgled

along and we picked our way through it on moss-covered rocks, taking note of the unmistakable raccoon tracks in the soft sand. The smells of Galax, fallen leaves and moss made for an earthy perfume, somewhat pleasant and unpleasant at the same time. From somewhere underground, a small spring created a steady drip-drip-drip off a stone ledge into what would have been, in wetter weather, a nice swimming hole beneath a waterfall.

It was toward the end of our walk that we found the fox grapes. How many years had it been since I'd seen fox grapes? Too many. I was like a child again, pleased and in wonderment at their profusion. I picked a bunch and shared them with Moon and Zoe. That taste...Mmm... brought back memories of the East

Tennessee woods where my siblings and I roamed and where fox grapes were a rare and wonderful autumn snack. November is upon us and the weather will turn cooler. These fine, crisp days would be a good time to button on that favorite old flannel shirt, put on those comfortable jeans,



lace up some sturdy shoes and reacquaint yourself with the woods. Crush a few pine, cedar or hemlock needles in your fingers and savor the smell. Perhaps you'll come across some ripened red haws or honey locust pods to refresh you along the way. Isn't it time you went for a walk in the woods?

(L.C. Moon's herbals may be found at her restaurant The Wildflower Café in Mentone. Charlotte Gentry enjoys sharing the beauty of our area as a free-lance writer and as the Broker/Owner of Mentone Realty.

