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THE BERRY FAMILY REUNION



The Berry family assembles on the back lawn of Berry Patch for photos at the 2000 reunion

Submitted Photo

By Bill Berry

Rebecca Cecil Berry felt the city was no place to raise children. Her vision always imagined a place in the countryside where she could expose her nine offspring to a world beyond their home in Birmingham. Accordingly, when a piece of land atop rural Lookout Mountain was made available in 1921 to her husband, Dr. William Thomson Berry, he and her brother quickly purchased it.

The 38 acres alongside Little River held only a two-room pre-Civil War log cabin and a barn, clearly not enough space to accommodate the large family. A sprawling facility called the Cottage was built near the cabin, and the family began making the all-day trek along the treacherous roads from Birmingham to Mentone at the start of each summer.

Recreation was always tempered with responsibility. Grandmother Berry assigned her children and their friends daily chores, after which they were free to ride horses, swim, or simply enjoy the tranquil setting. Big Daddy—as Grandfather Berry was known—often indulged in games of croquet with the grandchildren, always dressed in the suit and starched collar that were standard to his medical practice.

The small cooking and eating area in the Cottage was later replaced by a wooden structure with a tin roof, known as the Outside Kitchen. It was here that each person—family members and visitors alike—was expected to recite a memorized Bible verse before eating. It was also here that family birthday celebrations merged candle smoke with summer breezes wafting through the sur-

rounding screened windows. Over the years additional houses were built on Berry Patch. The barn was converted into a summer home by Grandmother Berry's brother, who was known affectionately as Unk.

As the nine children grew older, married, and moved away, Berry Patch became progressively more important as the place where a growing extended family could unite to reminisce fondly about old times and to create priceless shared memories. Grandchildren played badminton on the lawn, pack sardines in the Cottage, and upjinks-downjinks in the Outside Kitchen while their parents visited and reminisced in rocking chairs on the screened porch. In effect, it was the ultimate summer camp. Photographs both formal and informal from reunions held over the decades between the 1940s and the 1970s capture timeless poses of family groups and cousin kinships.

Time passed; in the 1950s, Big Daddy and Grandmother Berry died, leaving to their family a grand legacy of firm relationship and shared experience. The grandchildren had children of their own, and still they came regularly to Berry Patch to introduce the new generation to the family's history and heritage.

Across the Berry generations, vivid memories abound. As the youngest of the 25 Berry grandchildren and the only one to have grown up on Berry Patch, I am fortunate to have been directly involved in the events behind many of these memories and to have heard stories of those events that occurred before I was born. Although an only child, my life has been amazingly blessed with cousins who have been surrogate siblings. I am not alone in feeling this way; in fact, a strong legacy of Berry Patch has been to unite cousins in a manner that builds and preserves uniquely strong bonds.

This was proven once again two months ago when the

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- Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Meeting, American Legion Hall, Mentone
- Sunday, Oct. 15, 2 p.m., BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE at Brow Park. See notice on back page.
- Third Weekend in October, October 20, 21, 22
OCTOBER COLORFEST
- Sunday, October 29th Daylight Savings Time ends. When you re-set your clocks, check your smoke detector batteries.

- Saturday, Nov. 4, 5 - 8 p.m. Moon Lake School
HARVEST FESTIVAL
- Tuesday, Nov. 7, ELECTIONS DAY
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- Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting, Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Monday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Mentone Town Council, Town Hall meeting room

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews



I would like to extend my congratulations to Max Cash and James Johnson on their retirement as Mayor and Councilman. Huey and I did not have the privilege of meeting them until a year or so ago, but it is obvious the dedication with which they have served the Town of Mentone for a long time. I hope retirement comes with lots of good things for both of you. What better place to retire than Mentone?

At the same time, I would like to say-welcome to C. E. Britt as our new Mayor and Wesley Griffith who was elected to Mr. Johnson's council position. Huey and I have attended several of the meetings being held during the transition, and we are excited about the plans being made and the new programs being put in place. I look forward to working with them and all the returning council members during their term of office.

Final plans for **COLORFEST** were discussed at the October meeting of MAPA. Betty Bain has worked hard as chairperson, and it seems everything is falling in place nicely. We are looking forward to a fun weekend for everyone. Friday evening will feature our bonfire on the square. We appreciate the Mentone Inn owners and personnel allowing us to use their lot again this year. We hope you will come enjoy live music, storytelling, marshmallow roasting, and a visit from our own Good Witch Bernise. Our concession stand will have roasted peanuts, spiced cider, hot chocolate and coffee, and marshmallows.

Saturday and Sunday is the craft show in Brow Park. A good variety of vendors have reserved booths and their products sound exciting. I, personally, am looking forward to doing some early Christmas shopping during the show. **COTACO CREEK** will coordinate our entertainment again and several of our local dance groups will be included on Sunday. Of course, there will be a variety of food and drinks to enjoy. Don't forget the dates this year - **OCTOBER 20-22**.

Our bulletin board in front of the Post Office has been badly in need of repair, especially since the ice storm in January. Homer Crow and Huey repaired it and replaced the roof. I hope you have noticed that it looks much better.

The next meeting of MAPA will be November 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Dessie's Kountry Chef. C. E. Britt will be our speaker. This will be a good opportunity to meet our new mayor and get to know MAPA at the same time. As always, you are invited to attend. If you are not a member of MAPA, maybe we can help you decide to join. We look forward to seeing you.



MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL

By Marie S. Dillenbeck, Town Clerk

The Mentone Town Council met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. This was set for the first Monday in order to allow the new mayor and council to be sworn in. DeKalb County Probate Judge Paul Thomas will be at the meeting later to swear in the new council. Judge Thomas was attending numerous council meetings this same evening to swear in the new council of several cities in DeKalb County.

Mayor Cash called the meeting to order and Rev. Gerhard Grau gave the invocation.

Present were Mayor Cash, Linda Brown, John Corey, James Johnson, and Jean McGehee from the previous council, as well as the mayor elect, C.E. Britt, and councilman, Wesley Griffith.

Also present were the following individuals: Sam Franks, Roberta Cash, Ethel Manifold-Gregory, John P. Smith, Tom Setze, Virginia Setze, Ann Wright, Betty Johnson, Huey Mathews, Marilyn Mathews, Charles Bain, Phyllis Bailey, Gerald Bailey, Sue Henry, David Tidmore, Jim Gaylord, Gail Gaylord, Larry Gray, Marie Corsentino, C. Robert Brown, Karen Britt, Gwen Foster, and Debbie Guffey.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

C.E. Britt, mayor elect, presented a report on the formation of his new committees: Streets, Parks and Bridges; Beautification and Senior Activities; Finance and Budgets; and Judiciary and Ordinances.

DeKalb County Probate Judge Paul Thomas arrived at 7:30 p.m., with Rickey Little of DeKalb EMA. Judge Thomas administered the oath to the new mayor, C.E. Britt, and to council members: Linda Brown, John Corey, Wesley Griffith, Dick Keefer, and Jean McGehee. They were sworn in to discharge their duties for the next four years.

The council meeting resumed under C. E. Britt, mayor. He stated that a mayor pro tem needed to be appointed. John Corey made a motion that Jean McGehee be appointed Mayor Pro Tem. Dick Keefer seconded the motion, and it was passed by the council.

Mayor Britt read Resolution 2000-3, Resolution Honoring Max Cash and James Johnson, which was passed unanimously by the council.

Two other resolutions pertaining to bank accounts were also passed.

Mayor Britt reported that the Mentone Water Works Board was officially enacted as of October 1, and that the Town of Mentone would be transferring all the assets of the water department to the Water Board, subject to an audited statement from Gary Evans of Borders and Associates, and subject to an inventory of tools and assets. Attorney Pat Tate will prepare a resolution for the next meeting on November 13.

Mayor Britt introduced C. Robert Brown, Chairman of the Mentone Water Board to those in attendance. Mr. Brown listed the rest of the five-member Water Board: Jean McGehee, Vice Chairman, Jimmy Wright, Ed Jones, Dick Keefer and Jean McGehee. C.E. Britt is to serve as superintendent of the Water Board. The Water Board will operate independently of the town of Mentone, but will still be responsible to the town council.

John Corey acknowledged the \$5000 check that was delivered to the town of Mentone on September 22 by Senator Lowell Barron. (See photo on page 15.) The money is to be used for safety, road, and utility projects.

The council reviewed a letter from the Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding replacing existing school zone signs with new more visible school zone signs. According to the letter, these signs are on order and will be installed in the school zone on Alabama Hwy 117. The council had requested flashing signs to mark the school zone; however, the DOT did not approve flashing signs. The council will continue to address this situation not only to protect our children, but also to prevent speeding within the zone.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



DeKalb County Probate Judge Paul Thomas swearing in the new Mentone Town Council on Monday, October 2. L/R: Mayor C. E. Britt, Council members: Linda Brown, Dick Keefer, John Corey, Jean McGehee, and Wesley Griffith





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(6) TURN BACK THE CLOCK. Live in an authentic log house, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 fireplaces, wood floors, front and back porch. Included is a 19x20 log structure with loft waiting to be your studio or guest house. All on more than 2 acres. \$75,000.



(7) NESTLED AMONG TOWNING TREES you'll find this 2 bedroom, one bath in Mentone. Located near Lake Lanier, central heat and air, decks on 3 sides, only 1 year old and is sitting on 3 lots. If you have been looking for almost new and affordable, give us a call today! \$68,000.



(8) COMPLETELY FURNISHED and ready to move into! This cute country cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rock fireplace and pine floors, add a wet weather branch and 2 wooded lots and you have a great weekend get-away for \$78,500.



(9) IF TWO'S NOT ENOUGH, this house has 5 bedrooms and 3 baths, two living areas with fireplaces, sunroom, screened porch, extra large hobby room. Four bedrooms of balconies overlooking Lake Lanier. Patios and lights to the water. \$185,000.



(10) BE FIRST! You can be the first homeowner in this new subdivision on DeSoto Parkway in Mentone. This new construction is now complete with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, central heat and air, storage building, and metal roof. All bedrooms have a personal balcony and this new home is sitting on a large corner lot. Call us today for your appointment. \$109,900.

(11) ESCAPE THE MADNESS—Just minutes from tranquility, this rustic retreat offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a studio room, 2-story living area with fireplace, wood floors and lots of windows with great views from the brow of Mentone. Built by an artist, this house has tons of charm. \$109,900.



OTHER LISTINGS

(15) WEEKEND OR WEEKLY RENTAL available. 3 bedrooms and 2 baths will accommodate 8 people. For more information, call Susan Collins.

(16) 10 ACRE TRACTS - gently rolling heavily wooded with creek. Close to downtown Mentone on private road. "Lightly" restricted. \$25,000.

(17) PRIME PROPERTY - 6 acres on DeSoto Parkway ready for developing. Almost 600 feet of road frontage. Great opportunity! \$49,900.

(18) TWO - 3 1/4 ACRE TRACTS just minutes from DeSoto State Park. \$40,000 each.

(19) 1.75+ ACRES SUBDIVISION \$29,500.

(20) SPECTACULAR VIEW - perk tea to build on. 1 acre brow lot north of Mentone. City water available. \$35,000.

(21) A RARE FIND - building lot inside of Mentone's city limits. Wonderful rock formations. \$16,000.

(22) BROW LOT on County Road 103 South of Mentone in Phase II of Lake on the Brow. \$45,000.

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(25) BUILD HERE!! We have just listed (3) Five-acre tracts just off DeSoto Parkway! If you've been looking for acreage to build on, give us a call today! \$44,500 each or all for \$99,000.

(26) GO JUMP IN THE RIVER - Little River that is! Just listed 3 +/- acres on the West Fork of Little River. No restrictions. Call today. \$60,000.

(27) JUST OFF DESOTO PARKWAY - 8.2 acres with large rock formations and a winter view. \$58,500.

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Keep the following on our prayer list: Marilyn Blanton Campbell, who says she is "hanging in there"; Rovene Truett, Betty Chapman, Cindy Jones, Joyce Cooper, Kathryn Jones, Herman Jones, Herman Jones Jr., Jimmy Graves, Lora Dell Perkins.

Congratulations to Mike and Lu Smith who will be celebrating their 17th Anniversary on November 19.

Happy Birthday to Ethan Lewis who celebrated his 12th birthday on September 30th. He shares his birthday with his cousin, Dillon Lewis, who turned 3 years old on the same day. Ethan is the son of Dennis and Sherryl Lewis of Henagar. He has one brother, Trevor, who is 7. Dillon is the son of Jerry and Wanda Lewis of Mentone.

Happy October Birthdays/Anniversaries to: ●1- Ethan Hunt, Brenda Burnett, Katie Browder; ●2- Lucille Knopps, Walt Pullen, Mandy Wells; ●3- Hope Walker, Tammy (Hawkins) Pilson; ●4- Elanor Glover; ●5- Mack Flannigan, Tyler Harrison, Stephanie Hester, Anna Kirchbaum; ●6- Lee Anne Parkison, Charles Hunt, Melody Moore (in memory of); ●7- Amber Hunt, Justin Pelletier, Dr. Pat Seymour (in memory of, who died 10/7/96); ●8- Linda Brown, Millard McNutt, Kathryn Jones, Laura Pullen; ●9- Audie Beason, Tom Tipton; ●10- Allie Rhodes, Jimmy Worthey; ●11- Jeff Cooper, Jeremiah Robertson; ●12- Gertrude Cox, Ronnie & Kathy Robertson (Anniv.); ●13- John Foreman, Treana (Davis) Lacey; ●14- Ashley Blalock, Tina Langston, Robert Hall; ●15- Barbara Weber, Polly Chambers, David (Tater) Hopper, Lanita Allen, Robert Hall, Tina Langston; ●16- Shannon Raines; ●17- Renae Langston, Alisha Busby, Ken Busby; ●18- Joe Gregory and Ethel Manifold-Gregory, Alisha McElhane, Ken Busby, Holly Kitchens; ●20- Harry Hopper; ●21- Raymond Brown, Rodney Moore; ●23- Joey Dillenbeck, Edith Dean, Kathy Robertson; ●25- Jo Bain; ●26- Jeff Harrison, Jon Whisenant, Dennis & Sherryl Lewis (Anniv.); ●28- Wesley Frost, Paul Achley, Florence Mays; ●29- Mrs. Louise Harrison; ●30- Nell (Kent) Reed, Jennifer Hester, Elisabeth Evans; ●31- Paul Blalock, Billy Clark, Aubrey Cash, John Dean, Danny (Oyder) Smith.

Benjamin Corey, son of John and Jean Corey of Mentone, is a new student at Alabama School of Mathematics and Sciences in Mobile.

Congratulations to DeSoto State Park Director Talmadge Butler who received a coveted PEAK Award on Sept. 22, during the 36th annual meeting of the Alabama Lakes Association (AMLA).

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Peter Atkins, a Master Sergeant in the Air Force from Valley Head, has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal, his fifth award. He is currently stationed in Fairfield, CA, and is the son of Olin and Natalie Atkins.

Deepest sympathies to the families of those who passed away recently:

- Mary Harmon, 63, Valley Head, Sept. 7;
- Willie Dean White, 97, Valley Head, Sept. 14;
- J. Floyd Jones, 58, Valley Head, Sept. 19.

Congratulations to the Valley Head Band and band director Spencer Johnson. On Sunday, Oct. 1, they participated in the high school marching bands of DeKalb County. Superior ratings went to the drum major and the band over all. The color guard received an excellent rating. We are proud of you!!!

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, while putting this issue of the paper together, it was my sad duty to bury one of my beloved pets. Flora kitty had leukemia. She was my indoor cat and didn't see any need to go outside. The house was her domain. I will remember her deep purring whenever I petted her, and crawling up in my lap, not only to get attention, but also to calm me when I was upset. She was always there to greet me when I came home from work or from being out. Those who have pets and love them, will know what I mean. I will be taking a photograph of her to the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 15, which will be at Brow Park in Mentone. God surely blessed me with His gift of Flora during the years she was allowed to be here and keep me company and I her. I will miss her terribly.

By the time this issue comes out, the 45th Annual DeKalb County Fair will almost be over. I hope everyone found time to go and enjoy the attractions, music, flower show, exhibits, and animals. This is one event that all the DeKalb County schools let the children out to attend.

Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Sunday, October 29, when Daylight Savings Time ends.

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How desperate one can be, I never did realize,
Until this news I did see, with amazement and surprise—
A sanitation worker saw a very puzzling sight,
And not being a shirker, called for help to solve the plight.
A policeman came to aid, armed with club and gun.
Was all set to make a raid, put invaders on the run.
He was told what had been seen, "They went in that window there.
They were fat, and slick and mean, woman in that room to scare—
So many,—counted thirty, had long whiskers to their knees.
They were so big and dirty, I'll just bet, they had some fleas!"
The policeman stopped and asked—as caution warning did ring—
"This may be too big a task, reinforcements I must bring,
Was this an organized gang—were they white or were they black?"
The man scratched his head and thought—
"I really did not keep track,
If it matters, then I ought—but the best that I can say.
They were all running so fast, is that all of them were gray—
Squeaking and streaking on past."
"Gray? Gray of hair, gray of face, speak up man, what do you mean?"
Were they men—from outer space? I must call help to this scene!"
"Men, who on earth mentioned men?"
He exploded in laughter, then commented with a grin,
remembered ever after—
"If you will my advice heed, you will call a gang of cats—
That's all the help you will need to catch thirty alley rats."—
The cop was so embarrassed he did not know what to say—
"Since the woman is harassed, I must try to save her day."
When he knocked upon her door, she came, lettuce in her hand.
Rats were eating on the floor, amazed—they couldn't understand—
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Berry family held its first mass reunion since the early 1970s. Every first cousin (the grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. William Thomson Berry), with the exception of two who have passed away, made the trek to Mentone. Five made the journey from Southern California, two traveled from Texas, and one each came from Kansas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Virginia; others arrived from surrounding states. Several had not visited Berry Patch in more than 35 years. Since many cousins brought along their extended families, a total of 86 people attended the reunion. Most of them stayed the entire three days, participating in varied daily activities and traditional family picnics. They renewed acquaintance while watching their own children and grandchildren explore Berry Patch and develop relationships as they had once done. The event was planned and orchestrated by cousins long known within the family as the Three Musketeers—Carolyn Wolcott Hendon, Becky Berry Wright, and Cecil Berry Avery.

Each evening, everyone gathered under the stars for a sharing session. The age range of 72 to 43 meant that the cousins' family stories were told from broad perspectives. Common themes emerged from the tales: childhood visits to Berry Patch, physical improvements to the property, and heartfelt tributes to deceased relatives. I was amazed to learn that my older cousins had played the same games and observed the same traditions as those of us in my age group. Hearing each cousin's stories reconfirmed our solidarity as a family and transmitted a foundation of deep Christian faith and values to those younger relatives who had never before visited Berry Patch.

Now only two of the nine Berry children remain. Rebecca Berry Stephan resides in New Hampshire, and Gordon Cecil Berry lives in Atlanta. Uncle Gordon regularly visits his Berry Patch home, which is a second conversion of the original barn. He shares the vision of his mother—as did all nine Berry children—that regards the land known as Berry Patch a place for present and future generations to gather, to recall heritage and experience, and to establish strong roots of family and tradition. It is a vision and a reality uncommon in today's world.



The Berry family assembles on the back lawn of Berry Patch for photos at the 1948 reunion (above) and the 1967 reunion (below).



Cousins known as "Three Musketeers" are (left to right) Becky Wright, Carolyn Hendon, and Cecil Avery.

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MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

- October 6 is Fair Day and student Holiday.
- Monday, October 9, is Parent Involvement Day when parents, relatives, and friends are invited to visit the school in the afternoon, and in the evening we will have a program beginning at 6 PM, which will give students and special guests an opportunity to learn more about the school. Refreshments will be served.
- Thursday, October 12, and Friday, October 13, are in student holidays.
- Monday, October 16, report cards go out for the first 9 weeks.
- Saturday, November 4, is **PTO HARVEST FESTIVAL**, 5-8 PM, in the gym. Everyone is encouraged to support classes as they have special activities during the month of October to raise money, and to attend that evening as well, to enjoy the fellowship, food, and fun, and to witness the crowning of the 2000 King and Queen.

MOON LAKE SCHOOL/ MENTONE NEW LIBRARY

A year ago it was announced that a donor had pledged to match funds up to \$50,000 for the construction of a new library for Moon Lake School. That amount was matched, and with the help of the DeKalb County System, plans have been drawn up and are in Montgomery being approved. The library will become a reality in the year 2001.

There is a book sale drive going on at the present time. A booth will be set up at the October COLORFEST on October 21 and 22. Help make the sale a success!! Go by and purchase some really good books and enjoy the festival and entertainment.

All book items not sold at the Colorfest will also be available at the Moon Lake School PTO HARVEST FESTIVAL. If you miss the Colorfest, you can still find selections at the Harvest Festival.

Donations are ALWAYS welcome and are still needed. There are many items for the library that are not included in building plans. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so by sending it to:

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



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

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

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

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

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM. Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The **Mount Calvary Baptist Church** is truly growing, and we hope you will come visit and take part in our services - Sunday School 10 AM; worship hour - 11 AM; 'Children's Church' also at 11 AM - Sunday night at 6 PM and Wed. night at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland. See the 2000 singing schedule in next column.

Lighthouse Fellowship. Greetings, Mentone! All are welcome to our church just south of the Georgia/Alabama line on State Road 48. Our services: Sunday School - 10 AM CST; morning Worship - 11 AM CST. Events: Look for more information concerning our upcoming gospel singing.

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

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

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

Mentone Wesleyan Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible classes: Wed. 7:00-7:45. Ladies' Bible study and low-impact aerobics: Wed. 7:00-7:45. For additional information, call church office, 634-4210. Pastor Randy Addison. All are welcome!

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

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

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

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Linda Tucker. Upcoming events: ●October 10 - Older Adult Fall Fling at Camp Sumatanga 9am-2:00 pm; ●October 15 - Service for Blessing of the Animals 2:00 p.m. at Brow Park; ●October 22 - Laity Sunday; and ●October 29 - Fifth Sunday lunch followed by meeting of the Nominations Committee (Linda Brown, Carrie Ruth Kirby, and Marie Dillenbeck).

Mt. Calvary Baptist Singing Schedule 2000

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Dylan Colton Lewis

Dylan Colton Lewis celebrated his 3rd birthday with a Scooby-Doo party on September 30, 2000. His parents are Jerry and Wanda Lewis. Lots of friends and family were at the party: Charles and Betty Mitchell, Gail Chastain, Trisha Lewis, Ken and Jenell Fraizer, Charles and Debbie Mitchell, Chastity, Logan, Morgan Coleman, Jeremy, DeeAnn and Katelin Mitchell, SherryL, Trevor Lewis, Larry, Diane, Savanna, Jeremy Shankies, Tony, T.B., James Thomas Phillips, David Rindy Millican.

-PUBLIC NOTICE-- **MENTONE PLANNING** **AND ZONING COMMISSION** Meeting dates for remainder of 2000 **December 21**

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SPORTS **AFIELD**

By
PHIL HARRIS



National Sports at a Glance

Baseball: The Atlanta Braves stagger into the playoffs. They did win the Eastern Division for the ninth straight time. What they lost was a chance to have home field advantage against St. Louis. The Braves have been the best of the National League for a long time. Anything less than a World Series would be disappointing. The Mets play San Francisco in the other division series.

The New York Yankees are struggling! Pitching has let them down lately. The American League is up for grabs. Seattle and Oakland are hot going into the playoffs. The Chicago White Sox are the leagues best. They have to get by the Yankees mystic.

Groundhog picks: AL Cy Young- David Wells, Toronto

NL Cy Young- Tom Glavine, Atlanta

AL MVP- Frank Thomas, Chicago

NL MVP- Todd Helton, Colorado

Auto Racing: Tony Stewart dominated the Auto Care 500 at Martinsville. Stewart won for the fifth time this year. Dale Earnhardt finished second and closed too within 213 points of Winston Cup points leader Bobby Labonte. Jeff Burton is 227 points back in third. Dale Jarrett and Stewart round out the top five in the standings.

Six races remain. Labonte is setting pretty to win his first points championship. Talladega weekend is coming up next week. All you folks that are Dega bound, be safe and have a good time!

NFL Football: The St. Louis Rams are dominating once again. They are punishing people. The NFC is theirs to lose. The Minnesota Vikings may have something to say about that. After a disappointing 1999 season, Dennis Green and company are off to a great start. The Washington Redskins figure to be in the mix somewhere. They have the talent. Atlanta may slip into the playoffs.

The AFC is up for grabs. Baltimore, Miami, Indianapolis, Tennessee, Oakland, Jacksonville, and N.Y. Jets are solid clubs. The Colts and Jets lead the pack with some big early season wins.

College Football: Halloween has come early for the SEC Superpowers. Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee have been spooked. Who would have thought it: So. Miss over Alabama. Miss State over Florida, and LSU over Tennessee. The SEC may have whole different look come December in Atlanta.

Georgia is in the driver's seat in the Eastern Division. The Dogs need a win over the Vols to become one of the nations elite. Florida and Tennessee may struggle to defeat improved South Carolina. The Western Division is up for grabs. Auburn leads with Ole Miss and Miss. State nipping at their heels. Alabama is still in it, but must defeat Ole Miss and Tennessee to have a chance.

Not enough can be said about the Auburn Tigers. They are unbeaten and nearly everyone expects them to fold at anytime. The Tigers could be for real. Mississippi State is ripe for picking, after stunning Florida last week. Auburn can quiet all the critics in Starkville.

Groundhog Top Ten: 1. FSU 2. Nebraska 3. Virginia Tech 4. Clemson 5. Michigan 6. Miami 7. Kansas State 8. Ohio St. 9. Oregon 10. Georgia

Sports on the Scene

The Valley Head Tigers have responded. After a disappointing 0-3 start and a heartbreaking 15-13 loss to Spring Garden, the Tigers have bounced back. They defeated Cedar Bluff 40-34 and Warrior 34-6. Coach Scott Tate has his team playing with a world of confidence. They are currently 2-1 in region play with four contests to go. Two more wins should get them into the playoffs.

This week, Valley Head travels to unbeaten Sumiton Christian. After that, they return home for three straight: Appalachian, Gaylesville, and Collinsville. They finish with county rival Fyffe. Circle the Collinsville game on your calendar, it may be for the region runner-up spot--the winner hosting a first round playoff game.

The Valley Head Tigers won the WQSB team of the week trophy for the Warrior game. They will be honored at the pep rally on Thursday. Derek Crane was the *Times-Journal* player of the week for the Warrior game. Crane rushed 19 times for 193 yards and two touchdowns.

Team Stats	rushes	yards	tds
Derrick Crane	73	468	6
Corey Blalock	47	255	2
Dean Gravitt	36	195	1
Kenneth Taylor	13	98	0

Team Stats	tackles
Clay Castleberry	32
Jonathan Dean	24
Dean Gravitt	22
Patrick Oizak	22
Derrick Crane	19
Chris Mechum	18

The Valley Head Junior high team is off to a 1-2 start. They defeated Fyffe 8-6 and have lost to Geraldine 26-8 and Sylvania 28-0.

The Valley Head pee-wee teams continue to win. The 11-12 year old team would be undefeated, but they had to forfeit a win over Geraldine. Last week, they defeated Pisgah 14-0. Tyler Harrison has rushed for 13 touchdowns in four games. The 9-10 year old team is 2-1. They both play at Ider this week and finish the regular season against Section. The playoffs begin after that.

Congratulations goes out to Jonathan Dean of Valley Head High School. Jonathan was awarded the WQSB student of the week honor. The award goes to students who excel in and out of the classroom. Jonathan is a member of the Tiger football team.

The Valley Head under 12 soccer team is currently, 1-2-1. Here is a list of the team members: Logan Chambers, Chad Franklin, Wendy Edgeworth, Tyler Gatlin, Sidney Johnson, Zach Cooper, Alex Hazell, Alan Crider, Adam Tuxbury, Billy Wallace, Joseph Arwood, Chris Moran, Dallas Manning, Isaac Akes, and Charlie Akes. The coaches are Randy Cooper and Rusty Chambers.

Well that does it for another month. God Bless!!!!

VALLEY HEAD **TIGERS** **Football Schedule** **2000**

Oct. 6 Sumiton Christian.....Away
Oct. 13 Appalachian.....Home
Oct. 20 Gaylesville.....Home
Oct. 27 Collinsville.....Home
Nov. 3 Fyffe.....Away

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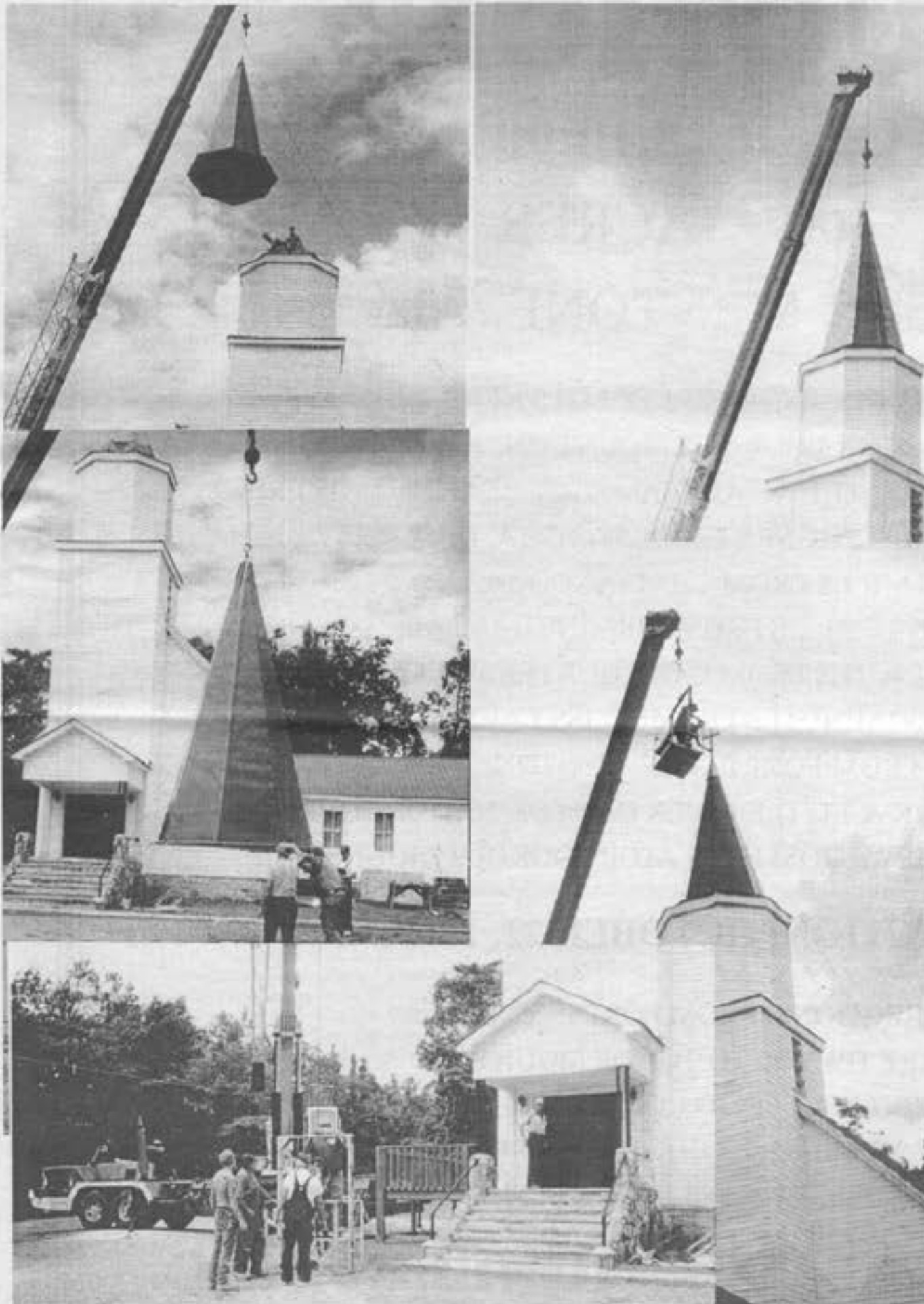
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PHOTOS OF THE RAISING OF THE NEW STEEPLE FOR THE MENTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



By Marie S. Dillenbeck

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Carl Jones Construction Company contracted to build the steeple and see to it being placed atop the church. The workers for Carl Jones were David Wright, Milford Pendergrass, and Calvin Blalock.

Randy Carson of Pride Welding and Fabrication in Valley Head constructed the cross for the steeple.

Kittle Crane Service out of Henagar brought the crane equipment for two days.

Bobby Brown was there helping throughout the entire proceedings on September 11 and 12.

Fritz Steel of Valley Head donated a piece of channel iron to mount the bell, which had not been rung in a long time. Sunday, Oct. 1, Bobby rang the bell to announce that church had begun. It was such a wonderful sound! For those who live in and around the church, you will be hearing the bell on Sundays.

We appreciate all that everyone has done to not only repair the steeple, but also to see that it was raised. We are proud of our church and we thank the Lord that His church now has the steeple repaired. Please stop by and see for yourself. The pictures do not do it justice.

Brandol Jones and his dog, Oreo, on their 4-wheeler, came by to watch on the day the cross was placed on top of the steeple.

The members of the church are very proud of their new steeple, as well as His church. The cost was \$6,000, and at the present time the amount raised through donations is \$3,090. If you would like to make a donation toward the steeple, you may mail it to:

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Can you believe how quickly the fall weather has arrived? It seems like yesterday (it was!) that it was still so hot we were running the air conditioner in the house. Today it is cold enough for a jacket and expected to be colder before the week is over. Today the sky was the most brilliant blue you can imagine. It made me think of a poem I knew long ago called, "October's Bright Blue Weather." I would like to see a copy if anyone has this poem.

Lots of things are happening in Mentone right now. The Mentone Zoning Commission held its quarterly meeting in September. Several people are building new buildings or adding onto existing structures. The town, in conjunction with the Zoning Commission, has started a campaign to clean up some of the unsafe buildings around town. Letters were sent to the owners of the most unsafe ones asking them to do something about the situation. Most of them have responded by tearing the structure down and/or rebuilding. The State of Alabama recently adopted an ordinance allowing cities and towns to enforce this. If you have a building that is about to fall in or has partly burned, you might consider tearing it down before you are asked to do so. If you read The Times Journal, you already know that the city of Fort Payne has started to make their town a safer and more beautiful place by enforcing this ordinance. Another issue is automobiles that can't be repaired and put on the streets again. If you have these, you may want to find someone who will come and haul them off for the scrap metal. Some of these people pay pretty good for these cars. Let's all do our part in making Mentone a safe, clean and beautiful town.

I've always heard the old saying, "a new broom sweeps clean." Maybe this describes C. E. Britt as mayor-elect. He already has five or six committees in place to work on such things as beautification of the town, the development of a Senior Citizen's Club, better streets in town, and other positive programs. I have asked him to call some of these groups "task forces", this way when the job is finished the group can be relieved of the obligation to serve. It seems that a "committee" just stays around forever. I'm sure that everyone has heard the joke that a giraffe is a horse put together by a committee.

A Senior Citizen's Club will require a lot of work, both before we can establish one and also to keep it going. We would be working with the DeKalb County Council on Aging. The first step is to get forms filled in by anyone sixty (60) years or older. These forms will tell us that you do want a Senior Club in Mentone. This is a very simple form and you do not have to commit to participate any certain number of meetings. It simply states that you are interested and would support such an organization. There is a copy of this form on this page. You can fill this one in and return it to the town hall. They will also be available at most churches. Please take the time to do this. Forms are also available at the town hall.

The Senior Club would meet at the Community House beside Moon Lake School on the number of days you designate on the form. A hot meal will be served at noon. A program to deliver hot meals to shut-ins may be added as plans progress. Other activities will be available as you express an interest in them. Some of these may be card games, dominos, craft projects and even line-dancing or exercise groups. This will be your club and you will tell the manager what you want. More details will be available when the paper work is done. The first thing we need is completed forms.

C. E. Britt and Wesley Griffith will be installed into their new positions on the town council at the meeting of the Mentone Town Council on October 2nd at 8 PM. The Honorable Judge Paul Thomas will administer the oath of office to them and to the incumbents. Everyone is invited to come to this meeting and meet the new officials.

The Book Club continues to meet monthly. We all read the

same book and then meet for an hour and discuss it. We like most of the books, but some we don't care for at all. We decide on next month's book at this month's meeting. Kathy McMunn orders them for us. The last one we read was The Quilter's Apprentice. We decided it was a little too sugar-coated and people in general were not that nice. If you like to read and want to join us, watch for the signs around town as to the date and time of the next meeting. You can come and just listen if you want, but so far no one has done this. We all have definite opinions by the time we finish the book.

I want to remind everyone of the School Zone on Alabama Highway 117. Please observe this and obey the speed limit. So many people do not see the signs and are speeding through there during the hours of school opening and closing. The town is trying to get flashing lights installed as these would catch the attention of drivers more quickly. Our children are the only future we have.

The plans for a new library continues. It will be exciting to attend a ground breaking for this! I understand that it will be a combination of two libraries, one for Moon Lake School and one for the community of Mentone. I have always hated the fact that churches sometimes are empty on week days and other buildings are empty on the week ends. It seems that with effective planning all buildings could be used all of the time. This will happen with the new library.

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I hope all of you have been watching some of the coverage of the Olympic games. It is so interesting to see the people from so many countries come together to compete for the gold, silver and bronze medals. From what I have seen, I have developed a deep sense of appreciation for the dedication of all of the athletes. I have disagreed with the decision of the judges on several events. Maybe I've become a "Monday morning quarterback" after all.

Take time to enjoy the beautiful fall weather, look at the sky, watch for an unexpected pleasure, and get those windows washed!

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

The second most lovely season and time is about to begin here in NE Alabama, and that is autumn or fall. The drive to and from work is going to be pure pleasure. Our eyes will feast on all those wonderful and spectacular earthy colors, with bursts of bright burnt orange thrown in here and there to take your breath away, and our senses will be greeted with the fresh, brisk, bracingly cool, fresh air that will greet our lungs and flesh each morning and evening, while during the day, we will have the gentle heat of the autumn sun to bathe us in its warmth. I am hopeful that this fall we will have more colors than we had last year, but perhaps that is too much to hope for due to the drought that we have had for the last two years. There is nothing to say that we can't hope for it anyway.

Now, let us see what we all need to do to tend to the fall gardening for this year. First off, we will need to shop and find the best prices on bulbs, and be sure to check the bulbs before purchasing. You don't want to spend hard-earned money on bulbs that will just rot away. So, make sure that each bulb is crisp looking, with its outer layer of covering still intact as much as possible. Don't buy shrivelled bulbs, as that denotes starvation of nutrients, and the bulbs are likely to rot. Also, make sure that they don't have any black spots that resemble mold or fungus, as that is probably what it really is and it will infect the rest of your soil and garden.

The deeper you plant the bulbs the longer they will take to come up in the spring, the average depth is about six inches, a little less if you want a crowd of blooms at the first showing, as it is said that bulbs multiply quicker if they are not planted too deeply.

When planting the bulbs, make believe that you are an artist, and arrange them in bursts of bright and subdued hues to attack and then calm the senses.

YELLOW JACKETS: Yellow jackets' nests are constructed underground or in cavities in wall and trees. They consist of chewed wood pulp connected into combs and surrounded by a papery covering with one opening. Any quick movements will attract them and they are known to sting numerous times, unlike bees, but the good news about them is that they are not active at night so one is safe from their attacks if you happen to stumble into one of their stomping grounds.

The yellow jacket is a good pest predator, it will feed off whole flies and caterpillars, so it is probably a good idea to try and co-exist with them if at all possible.

TRAPS: Trap queens by placing a shallow pan half filled with sugar water and a squirt of liquid soap as near to the den as you dare to go. Yellow jackets can normally tread water but the liquid soap changes the surface tension of the water and causes them to sink. This queen trap is only effective in spring but each queen you trap will eliminate an entire future nest. Later in the year, you can trap the workers by suspending a piece of ripe fruit or fresh meat over a large pail of soapy water, after the yellow jacket gorges himself, he drops to the ground (the bucket of soapy water).

According to healthy.kids.com, the EPA announced a ban on one of the most common pesticides used in homes and gardens, reportedly because of risks to the health of children. The EPA has concluded that the pesticide **chlorpyrifos**, sold as **Durban** and **Lornban**, and belonging to a group of 37 pesticides known as **organophosphates**, poses a risk to children because of its potential effect on the nervous system and possibly brain development. The EPA will impose tighter restrictions on the use of it on apples and grapes, and ban its use on tomatoes, foods eaten in great quantities by children.

The pesticide is also found on a variety of other items, including pet flea collars, lawn and garden chemicals, and indoor sprays. It has also been used on fruits, vegetables and grains to protect them from insects.

Also, according to a BBC News report, gardeners and farmers who use pesticides are at risk of developing brain damage. Research carried out in the Netherlands, suggests people who expose themselves to pesticides, including those who work with chemicals, may suffer from long-term side-effects. A side-effect is mild cognitive dysfunction (MCD) which meant that they had problems identifying words, colors and numbers and had problems with speech.

The researches found that people exposed to pesticides were five times more likely to suffer from mild brain problems. Farmers and gardeners were most at risk of developing the risks.

BEN STEWART 12TH EAGLE SCOUT FROM MENTONE TROOP 106



Randy Stewart, Ben Stewart Eagle Scout, and Barbara Stewart

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

On August 26, 2000, at 2 PM, at Grace Presbyterian Church on N Gault Avenue in Fort Payne, Ben Stewart became the twelfth scout in Troop 106 in Mentone to be presented the Eagle Award. Benjamin Stewart, son of Randy and Beverly Stewart, had to work very hard—as do all the Eagle Scout candidates—but Ben chose to complete his requirements by long distance, having moved to Tampa, Florida, with his family. As an Eagle Candidate, Ben appeared before the Eagle Board of Review on May 7. He had joined Troop 106 in October of 1996. He soon became chaplain of the troop. His rank advancements were: Tenderfoot Scout: 10/6/97; Second Class Scout: 3/9/98; First Class Scout: 5/4/98; Star Scout: 10/5/98; Life Scout: 7/22/98.

Ben earned the following merit badges: Camping, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, Family Life, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Swimming. His elective merit

badges are: Architecture, Canoeing, Computers, Dog Care, Fingerprinting, Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Lifesaving, Metalwork, Music, Pets, Pioneering, Public Speaking, Reading, Safety.

Having accepted the Eagle Challenge, Ben proceeded along the Eagle Trail. His Eagle project involved the planning and execution of landscaping in the rear of the Moon Lake Baptist Church fellowship hall. He replaced dirt and gravel with topsoil, planted grass and several shrubs, and installed two benches and trellises. Fellow scouts assisted in work sessions to accomplish the project.

The Leaders of Troop 106 are: David Gilbreath, Scoutmaster, Bill Berry, Assistant Scoutmaster, Tom Oberle, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Dan Tweedell, Assistant Scoutmaster.

The Troop Committee consists of Jim Ellis, John Hurt, Dianne Gilbreath, Brandol Jones, Wesley Griffith, Jim Jones, Jan Wilkinson, and John Wilkinson.

With support such as this, it is no surprise that so many have achieved their eagle scout awards. Each of the fol-

lowing have also been the benefit of or will be the benefit of this wonderful support group.

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Curt Miller, November 25, 1996
Bryan Young, February 22, 1997
Adam Blalock, March 10, 1997
Jake Pinholster, May 26, 1997
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Ryan Drake, October 12, 1997
Chad Oberle, January 25, 1998
Paul Whittle, March 7, 1999
Marlin Cox, April 5, 1999
Jack Corey, October 23, 1999
Andrew Habel, January 17, 2000
Ben Stewart, May 7, 2000

FUTURE EAGLES OF TROOP 106:

Jared Bare
Greg Carreker
Ben Corey
Clark Crow
Tripp Griffith
Kyle Hooks
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Robert Shirley
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Mentone Troop 106, scouts, leaders, and committee members who were present at Ben Stewart's Eagle Ceremony

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UGF AT 25% OF GOAL FOLLOWING SECOND REPORT MEETING

At the second UGF Campaign Report Meeting held on Wednesday, October 4, campaign pledges and contributions totaled \$82,077.42 or 25% of the \$ 330,000.00 goal.

The Town & County Division is out front with 51% of their \$51,500 goal. Virginia Wright is Chairman of this Division. Team Chairmen are: Sue Wills, Lookout Mountain Valley; Randolph Bell, Sand Mountain Team I; and Tammy Dixon, Sand Mountain Team II. These chairmen and their community workers have done a great job in reaching the half-way mark just three weeks into the campaign.

Another Division approaching the half-way mark is the Professional & Special Gifts Division at 44%. Larry Hancock, Division Chairman, along with Team Chairmen Pat Dunn and Candice Scott, have made a good start toward their \$25,000 goal.

The other three Divisions, Industrial, Commercial, and Public Service, are each at approximately 20% of their respective goals.

A highlight of Wednesday's meeting included presentations by agency representatives Nancy Cobble with The Salvation Army; JoAnn Pearson, Girl Scouts; and Scarlett Farley, Fort Payne-DeKalb Rehab Center.

Volunteers were invited to "Agency Open House" following the meeting. The seven agencies whose offices are located in Fort Payne (The American Red Cross, The ARC, Children's Advocacy Center, Fort Payne-DeKalb Rehab Center, Salvation Army, Child Development Center, and CASA) were each hosting an open house from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for any of the volunteers who wished to stop by.

The third Report Meeting will be held next Wednesday, October 11. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to this year's campaign can stop by the UGF office at 106 SE Third Street or mail their contribution or pledge to: UGF of DeKalb County, P.O. Box 680292, Fort Payne, AL 35968-1604.

The final Report Meeting for this year's campaign is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25.

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KICKS OFF 2000-2001 CAMPAIGN

An enthusiastic crowd of volunteers gathered early Wednesday morning at the Wills Valley Recreation Center in Fort Payne to officially "kick-off" the 2000-2001 United Givers Fund Campaign. Burger King and Bruce's Foodland Plus provided a breakfast of biscuits, coffee, and juice for the approximately 60 volunteers, UGF Board members, and agency representatives attending.

UGF President Jim Houston welcomed the group and expressed appreciation to the sponsors, to the City of Fort Payne for the use of the facility, to the recreation center staff for their help in setting up for the event, and to all those in attendance.

Campaign General Chairman Linda Sterling thanked all the volunteers and expressed her confidence that this group will be up to the challenges of this year's campaign. She then gave a very inspiring testimonial of her more than 23 year as a UGF supporter through her employer, the V.I. Prewett organization. She expressed her thanks for the organization's long-time support of United Givers Fund. Sterling said "The Prewett organization matches dollar for dollar what their employees contribute." She went on to say how much she appreciated not only their financial support, but also their allowing her time to assist with the annual UGF Campaign for more than ten years now.

Ms. Sterling told about how this year's theme, "Don't Let the Chain of Love End With You" held special meaning for her. She said the theme, inspired by a country music video, expressed her long-held belief and commitment that we should be ready to do everything we can to help people who need help. To close her presentation, Ms. Sterling introduced Carla Bryan who did a beautiful job singing the "theme song" for this year's campaign.

The first Report Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27 to begin monitoring the progress toward this year's \$330,000 Campaign goal.

UGF CAMPAIGN OFF TO A GOOD START

Following the September 13th Kickoff of Campaign 2000-2001, UGF volunteers seemed ready and eager to meet the challenge of this year's \$330,000 goal.

Community workers are already busy collecting funds from their friends and neighbors. Mentone Co-Captain, Linda Clark, was the first worker to turn in a community report. Other community workers reporting early include: Sue Wills, of Dogtown and Priscilla Monroe and Oline Roberts of Valley Head.

Charleston Hosiery has already completed their employee campaign. Ann Quevedo, Charleston's UGF campaign coordinator, turned in totals this week for Charleston Hosiery's Fort Payne and Rainsville plants. And those totals are impressive. Employee pledges along with the company contribution totaled over \$23,000. This was an increase of about 18% over their pledges last year.

UPS has already kicked off their campaign and should have totals soon.

The first report meeting was held on Wednesday, September 27 in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. The Lookout Mountain Homemakers Club catered the meal.

The program for the meeting was presented by the Boy Scouts and American Red Cross. All volunteers, UGF board members, and agency representatives were urged to attend.



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VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Evelyn Graves

The Valley Head Woman's Club met for the first meeting of the 2000-2001 club year on September 20, at Nippersink Lodge with Sue Hamilton, Maxine Wright, Gerry Disney and Marilyn Knight as hostesses.

Maurine Donahue gave a very inspirational devotional from 2 Timothy concerning Paul's second imprisonment in Rome, with Luke as his companion. Paul was lonely and missed Timothy who was like his own son. He mentions Timothy's grandmother and her faithfulness to the Lord and her teaching of Timothy. Mrs. Donahue emphasized the importance of grandparents in the lives of grandchildren.

Doris Carmichael, projects chairman, announced that pecan sales will begin soon. (If you need pecans, please contact Mrs. Carmichael at 635-6572, or any other club member to place your order now.)

Marsha Hurt, an associate club member, was the guest speaker for the meeting, and her topic was, "The Importance of Grandparenting." She invited club members to participate in the discussions, giving their personal stories about their relationships with their grandparents which were most interesting, and she gave some very good thoughts about her grandparents and the important role they each played in her life. Those of us who are grandparents came away from the meeting feeling very proud to be grandparents and to have even a small part in the growth and development of our grandchildren.

An abundance of delicious refreshments, including muscadine punch which is traditional to every September meeting, were served by the hostesses in the Nippersink Lodge dining room. Fall flowers complemented the serving table.

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Valley Head News

By Lisa Moore

The Valley Head Band would like to express their thanks to Rep Todd Greeson for his help in obtaining \$2,500 to purchase 2 new instruments for their band. The new instruments have been purchased and are already in use.

The band would also like to announce that it has over 30 new beginner students this year. We are all excited about the large number of beginners and are looking forward to seeing them march and play in the future. Instruments are expensive and sometimes it is difficult to afford one. If you or someone you know has an old instrument (or a new one not being used) and would like to donate it to the band, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr. Spencer Johnson, Band Director at Valley Head, and speak to him about donating an instrument or making a donation toward purchase of instruments. It could make a difference in a child being able to participate in the band.

The band performed at the DeKalb County Marching Festival Sunday, October 1st. This is their first year performing under the direction of new band director, Spencer Johnson.



Alabama Senator Lowell Barron presenting a \$5000 check to Mayor Max Cash and council members Linda Brown and John Corey, on September 22. The money is to be used for safety, road, and utility projects

A Very Special Thank You

Harold and Annmarie Foshee wish to extend sincere heartfelt gratitude to our friends and neighbors who have so graciously assisted them during the difficult time following Harold's accident. Thank you so very much to the following: Bill and Inez Guffey; David and Lisa Guffey; Mr and Mrs. Andy Beason; Ronnie (Buck) McMahan; Mr and Mrs. Jim Hawkins; David Fisher; Dee-Js Beverage Store (Rising Fawn); Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hulan (Texaco); Scotty and Anita Hulan; Billy Cash; Jim and Betty Pullen; Dobby Hawell; Shorty's Restaurant.

A very special thanks to Bill and Inez Guffey for buying a new recliner for Howard. It has truly been a lifesaver. Howard and Annmarie also wish to thank all those in Hammondville and Valley Head for their support in the June benefit.

Happy 2nd Birthday!



Sam Langston

Sam Langston celebrated his 2nd Birthday on September 10th, with his family and friends. All of the children got a special treat when Mr. Tatum pulled up with six ponies for them to ride. There were also cupcakes and homemade ice cream for all to enjoy.

Sam is the son of Keith and Dawn Langston of Mentone. Grandparents are Loy and Becky Langston of Mentone; Margaret Farmer of Fort Payne, and the late Woody Farmer.

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CLOUDLAND - IN THE PARK, needs a little TLC. On the market - Oct. 4. \$30,900.



ENJOY THE VIEW - From the top of Lookout Mountain in Cloudland, GA! Just listed, this 2-year-old custom-built mountain home! Pine board and batten blends with the view from the top of the brow that you can enjoy from your 12x34 deck! Massive mountain rock in the back yard overlooks the stream! Hide in our back yard, all 3+ acres of it, to the waterfall! In the evening, start a fire in the rock fireplace and relax in the great room that has a vaulted ceiling and overlooking loft bedroom! Two other bedrooms are located in the west wing along with one full bath! Professionally decorated, it's worth the drive to see if privacy is on your agenda! Central HVAC, satellite dish, custom kitchen cabinets and all appliances! Restricted. Reduced to \$100,000. (No. G-2)



MOUNTAIN RETREAT - Cloudland - Cherokee Co., Ala. - This home offers 2,700+ sq ft. featuring family room with stone fireplace, large kitchen with 2 dining rooms, master suite, 2 additional large bedrooms, full bath, large utility room, 12x60 front porch & 14x90 back deck, 2 acres +/- with an additional 48 acres available. \$125,000. (No. A-33)



SAFE HAVEN - Mentone, Ala. - Chateau offers great room with stone fireplace, bedroom, full bath, 2nd bedroom upstairs with deck, 2 outbuildings. Situated on 40 acres of uncut timber. When privacy is a must. \$129,000. (No. A-32) (Photo to right) ***

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-MENTON, GA - Jamestown Hwy. 22+ ac. OPEN/Pasture/Road frontage - 1 creek inside the city - Gas, Water, Sewage Potential - Potential Potential. \$3,750.00 per ac. No subdividing.

-EAST BROW - Hwy 157 - 2.67 ac. 200 ft. of Brow. One of the best views on the mountain. \$80,000. Financing Available. G-7

-LAKE LANUGA - "Ready to move in" 1560 sq ft. Home features first floor: living room w/fireplace - large kitchen/dining combination, appliances - Master bedroom opening to 12x12 porch with custom lighting overlooking Lake - full bath. 2nd floor: 2 bedrooms & full bath. Landscaped - great outdoor cooking area with customized Mtn. Stone Grill. Part furnished Central HVAC. A must see - \$155,000. A-87

-500+ ACRES on Little River, road frontage on 3 sides, hardwoods, \$4,000/acre.

NEWS FROM THE SHED

By Cheryl Baker

I am happy to see fall is here. Norma Baker and I just came back from a beautiful Home Int., Florist and Christmas Show. Norma said she never had so much fun; yet, we were so exhausted just from walking and shopping. The colors this year are: blue and silver, purple and green, mauve and green, and always yellow, orange, and brown.

Last year, the Home Int. and Christmas Shop went over well, but I would like to announce that, this year, as far as prices go, it is even better! We are with a new distributor this year that has spectacular prices and unique Christmas items. It takes time to get quality made. I have been working daily on the Fall and Christmas Show.

As we spoke in the past, we were going to improve the store. This year, David and I have done something a little bit different. We have closed in the front porch, not only to give you more room, but also to demonstrate the decorating techniques in Christmas and Fall. This will allow you to walk through one room and look, and then go to another room and decide. And, folks, we are talking about top quality florist arrangements and wreaths at 20% over wholesale cost.

There are lots and lots of decorating techniques that I can't wait to share with you. The show this year is October 28—the weekend after the Colorfest. The show begins at 8:00 a.m. with a shopping spree at 20%-40% off selected items.

Then, at 11:00 a.m., stay and listen to speaker, Cheryl Baker, on decorating and the colors as she points out and shares her thoughts and techniques with you.

Everyone knows what plant season it is—mum and pansy season. At the next hour, stay and listen to David Baker speak on how to care for those mums and keep them looking good longer and not looking burned up or faded. Then, Cheryl Baker will demonstrate what you can do with them as far as decorating goes.

Then, stay and listen for the last part of the show, which will be on gourds and pumpkins. It is going to be lots of fun, and prizes will be given away.

Come join us. Have some fun with growers and decorators—David and Cheryl Baker at The Shed, Hwy 117, about 3 miles past Mentone on left-hand side.

Upcoming Events: Fall and Christmas Show - Sat. Oct. 28
Pumpkin and Gourd sale - Oct. 4th

Mum and Pansy Sale - Oct. 1st til end of month



TRI-COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout

HALLOWEEN PARTY - Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue will hold its annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28, from 5:00 to 8:00pm. CHILDREN of all ages are invited to attend and participate. The activities include face painting, a haunted walk, and prizes in the categories of scariest, most original, and funniest. Free refreshments will be served.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED - Tri-County Fire/Rescue recently elected new officers. DANIEL HUSKEY of Cloudland will serve as the new CHIEF. Also elected: Howard Durham, Cloudland, as Assistant Chief; Mary Alice Stout, Cherokee Co., as Secretary; Donna Smith, Mentone, as Treasurer; and Janet Harris, Cloudland, as Assistant Treasurer. Chief Huskey said, "I'm proud to be able to serve with such an excellent group of strong, dedicated volunteers."

Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue serves the Chattooga, DeKalb, and Cherokee County areas, within a five-mile radius of the station. Early this year, the sixteen volunteers completed FIRST RESPONDER Training and were certified. First Responders are trained to respond to emergencies as the first trained person at the scene. The Volunteers are currently studying Fire Fighter 101 and hope to have their certification soon.

IMPORTANT REMINDER—CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS! On October 29th Daylight Savings Time ends. When you re-set your clocks, please check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

TRI-COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE STATION is located on GA Hwy 48 at the GA/AL line, where AL Hwy 117 ends.

Health Nugget

By Dowe Foreman

Boost Your Immune System

I miss summer when it's gone. The warmth of the sun on my back as I work in the garden just can't be beat. Of course, in July and August, ice storms look pretty good, but all in all, I love summer. We just can't keep it with us though, and although I do fuss about it, I also enjoy the other seasons. Fall is definitely here; awesome deep blue skies, no humidity, less bugs, did I say no humidity, and of course the cool crisp air. Hmmm... cool, crisp air, nothing like it. But, let's center upon the cool part of it all. When I start thinking cool, I start thinking cold and then I start thinking of colds and flu and diseases and lots of other yucky stuff. Maybe some folks don't progress in their thoughts in this direction but mine tend to branch out into sometimes very 'interesting' areas.

Ok, let me tell you about the immune system. It simply is a system (in our bodies) that fights sicknesses of all sorts. So, we need to do all we can do to strengthen this system.

Here are several proven things you can do to give yourself that much needed boost.

1) Lower your sugar intake. Sugar depresses the immune system, the average American consumes 150 grams of sugar a day. (No wonder everybody is sick!)

2) Stay away from fatty foods. Excessive fats, salt and protein depress your immune system.

3) Exercise—white blood cells (wbc) tend to hang on to the walls of your blood vessels, exercise stimulates their release into the blood system.

4) Beta carotene has loads of Vitamin A (found in carrots, pumpkin and other orange veggies) eating these increases wbc activity.

5) Vitamin C enhances immune system by increasing wbc activity, but too much (2.5 grams a day) will suppress your immune system. If you are eating your fruits and veggies instead of popping vitamins, you don't need to worry about overdoing Vitamin C.

6) A vegetarian diet has been proven to improve function of the NKC. NKC stands for Natural Killer Cells. They work to kill cancer and viruses.

7) Phytochemicals have flavonoids, which are found in citrus, potatoes, tomatoes, cherries, and berries, and they enhance the immune system.

8) Drink enough water, since water increases circulation of blood and lymph, it also improves wbc activity.

9) Alternating Hot and Cold when you shower increases circulation, stimulates wbc to be more active and to multiply (3 min. hot, 30 seconds cold, 3 times, ending with cold).

10) Regular sleep—early, deep sleep helps by making more growth hormone and also helps the thymus gland which is especially important for T cells (a type of wbc that fights



"YOU CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO MOUNTAIN MAMAS"

By Ellen Spangler

Mountain Mamas Craft Shop has some of the most beautiful and unusual candles you can find anywhere. Our candle maker, SUSAN BRADLEY, (one of the eight owners) has been sculpting in wax for more than thirty years. She started making candles in San Francisco, hand sculpting animal candles, then continued the experimenting in wax and customizing candles in Tallahassee, FL., then St. Augustine, FL. Her candles are made of the highest quality paraffins and beeswax, and blended for long lasting durability. The scents contain essential oils whenever possible and are formulated using high percentages of quality fragrances. From scented votives, to poured molds... "I make them all", Susan says. "My favorites are the hand sculpted candles." Susan believes in the therapeutic benefit of burning candles, whether it's tapers, votives, large roses, pillars, or special occasion candles. Their burning enhances their beauty. Drop in to Mountain Mamas for some candles—enjoy candlelight, an affordable luxury.

Mountain Mamas Pottery and Craft Shop is in Cloudland, GA, on GA Hwy 48, about a mile from the AL/GA state line. Open FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY, noon to 6:00pm. GA time.

Healthy Cooking Classes held at the Mentone Community Center

A "vegetarian" cooking class with low fat, low sugar, and anti-cancer recipes was held on Sept. 26. Several demonstrations (hands-on for those who attended) included recipes such as cashew loaf, cashew gravy, Tapenade (olive spread), Guacamole, and Hummus.

A special pumpkin pie recipe was prepared by Miguel Larcher, chef for Country Living Restaurant in Chattanooga. A health lecture was given by Nadine Larcher of Wildwood, who passed out handouts on "How to Boost the Immune System" and "Good News About Cancer." She discussed the following good habits we should each adopt to assist us in taking care of ourselves:

- practice good nutrition (fruits, mts, grains, vegetables)
- exercise to raise good cholesterol levels and lower bad cholesterol levels
- drink plenty of water - 8 glasses a day
- get adequate sunshine - 15 minutes a day
- practice temperance in all things
- get fresh air - keep windows open to circulate the air
- rest to rejuvenate the body and the immune system
- trust in and depend on God for everything!

After the lecture, those attending enjoyed a meal of the items listed above. Some even took extra home. The food is very good and very tasty, and the fellowship is wonderful.

Entry fee is only \$5.00 to cover the food expense.

The classes for the rest of the year are:

Tuesday, October 24 - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 14 - 6:30 pm

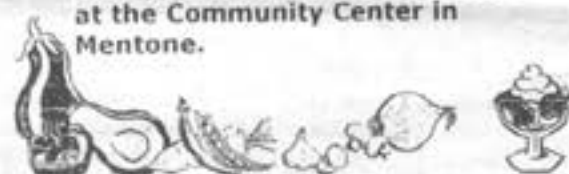
Tuesday, December 12 - 6:30 pm

Cooking Classes this Year in Mentone!

Date: November 14th - 6:30p.m.

Date: December 12th - 6:30p.m.

All Cooking Classes will be held at the Community Center in Mentone.



Vegan Recipe

By Dowe Foreman

Linda's Sesame Herbed Potatoes

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| 8-10 large potatoes | 1 tsp. Salt |
| 1 tsp. Sweet basil | 1 tsp. Oregano |
| 1 tsp. Parsley flakes | 1 tsp. Onion powder |
| 1 1/2 Tbsp. Nutritional yeast flakes | 2 Tbsp. Sesame oil |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wash potatoes and peel if desired. Cut potatoes into medium cubes. Place in large bowl, then drizzle sesame oil and toss well. Add remaining ingredients and toss. Spray large cookie sheet with "Pam" and add one layer thick of potatoes and bake for one hour. Turn halfway thru. Note: Nutritional yeast can be found at most health food stores. For more info, call me at 634-4021. This recipe is by Linda Lawton.



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Shannon Jones PROUD PARENTS

By Brandol and Blanche Jones

Shannon Jones, daughter of Brandol and Blanche Jones has had a story published on her first try. Brandol said he always knew she'd be a writer, because she loved books. Blanche would take her to the library at least once a week, and Shannon would leave with her arms loaded down with books. When she was about two or three years old, she said, "This is the best store of all. You get what you want and don't have to give them money."

Shannon hit pay dirt her first time sending a story for publication. She is an American Red Cross employee and is also a professional story teller.

Jones' story, "The White Cat" is based on stories her mother told her about the family. Her story appeared in the July-Aug 2000 issue of Cicada magazine. Cicada is published bi-monthly by Carus Publishing Co., Cricket Magazine group. She will be telling her stories at Barnes & Nobel bookstore, schools, and other places around Savannah, GA, where she lives. She has had several articles written about her in the Savannah papers.

Shannon is an organic gardener and she has a beautiful yard and garden. She is the Education Coordinator for Ga. and Fla. Red Cross.

She is also the proud mother of 15 year old Philip Brandol Jones-Freeman. Philip has won district awards for his writing. Shannon has submitted three more stories and is working on a book.

Blanche said, "I knew she'd do it!! Way to go, Shannon!"



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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Apples, Apples, Apples everywhere. This time of year the apples are plentiful and good, and I enjoy eating them fresh or especially in desserts. One of my favorite memories is of the orchard that my grandfather had planted and nurtured, and the many old varieties of apples that he grew. There were Winesap, northern spy, russets, and yellow transparents that were all very tasty. I am sharing two dessert recipes this month, one of which is an old family favorite and the other for Harvest Cake is a variation of apple cake that I found in a cookbook, "Favorite Recipes from the Mary Browning Senior Center", in Oakland, Maryland. Enjoy Apples-stewed, fried, dried, fresh applesauce, or fresh off the tree.

HARVEST CAKE - Glendie Ringer

4 C chopped apples

2 C sugar

Mix together and let stand for about 1 hour.

3 C flour

1 tsp salt

1 C oil

1 C English walnuts, chopped

2 tsp. Soda

2 eggs, well beaten

1 tsp. Vanilla

Mix dry ingredients together. In separate bowl, mix eggs, oil and vanilla. Add dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Add chopped apples and nuts. Put into a 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 350°F for 40 to 45 minutes or until done.

GLAZE

1 stick margarine

1/4 C milk

1 C brown sugar

Boil together for two minutes. Spread on warm cake.

APPLE CRISP

1 C Sugar

2 T flour

1/2 tsp cinnamon

6 C peeled, chopped apples

3/4 C quick cooking or old fashioned oats

3/4 C flour

3/4 C packed brown sugar

1/2 C chopped pecans

1/2 C butter or margarine, softened

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease an 8-inch square baking pan. Stir together sugar, T flour and cinnamon in large bowl. Add apples and stir gently to coat. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Combine oats, 3/4 C flour, brown sugar, pecans and butter in mixing bowl to make crumbly mixture. Sprinkle crumb mixture over apples. Bake 40-45 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly.

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Mentone Residents "Can" Recycle

By Fran Hawkins

Good news for Mentone residents! The Ft. Payne Recycling Center, located at the corner of Logan Street and Sanders Avenue S. near the Ft. Payne Improvement Authority, accepts recycling materials from one and all—not just residents of Ft. Payne.

The Center is set up so that DeKalb County citizens can bring their sorted and rinsed items (lids are not recyclable) to the Center and place them into the clearly-marked bins by type of material. The Center's hours are 7 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday and the attendant, Ralph Pike, will be more than glad to assist first time recyclers, and the elderly and disabled to deposit their items properly. After hours there are additional bins available, but care should be taken to not leave cardboard, etc. out in the weather to ruin.

Items, sorted into these categories, accepted for recycle and to lessen the load on local landfills are:

•No. 1 & 2 Plastic bottles - soda and milk rinsed (look on the bottles for recycle code numbers)

•Plastic shopping bags and trash liners (use these to sort your items)

•Newspapers

•Mixed Paper - slick, dyed paper, pet food bags, miscellaneous paper and paperboard (cereal boxes etc, thin cardboard used to package many of our purchased products)

•Magazines, catalogs, junk mail, old envelopes, etc.

•Office paper

•Flattened cardboard

•Clear and colored glass

•Aluminum cans and mixed metal cans—large and small (rinsed)

•Exterior Aluminum

•Used motor oil

•Large Batteries from boats, autos and mowers

The last year's students of Ms. Nancy Martin's Williams Ave. School in Ft. Payne were instrumental in getting the Center operational. John Walker, Solid Waste Coordinator for Ft. Payne can be reached at 845-8977 or Ralph Pike at the Center at 845-0758 for further information.

Remember also that the aluminum can Recycling Center is still run by Mentone's Boy Scout Troop 106 and is located behind the Little River Hardware Store at the Jim Berry Scout Hall.

Editor's note: We are so appreciative that Fran Hawkins agreed to write this article for The Groundhog. In previous issues she did a tremendous job of researching recycling centers in the surrounding area and informing the readers of their locations and the types of materials accepted. Thank you, Fran!



Autumn is here and is most welcome. We have had good rain recently and everything looks fresh and clean. This is apple and pear season and many good jars of jams, jellies and preserves are being packed away for the winter months. Apple cider and boiled peanuts can be found at produce stands in north Georgia and beautiful orange pumpkins are piled high, ready to be selected for pies and jack-o-lanterns. George and Hope Walker gave us wonderful pears and I made preserves with them. Nothing is better with a hot buttered biscuit. Much appreciation to George who picked the pears and delivered them to us!

In September, I passed a landmark birthday with flying colors! I'm so glad to be here. Our children, Barry, Coy, Joyce, and Doreen and her husband, Jerry, had a party for me at the home of Doreen and Jerry and gave me nice gifts. It was fun to have all four siblings together. It's been a wonderful privilege to have Joyce with us while she is recuperating from major surgery.

The day after my birthday, Homer and I hosted a cousins' reunion at our home for descendants of my grandparents, Byron and Monterey Taylor. Those present were: Ruby Taylor and daughter, Pam Craig, from Chattanooga (her other daughter, Gaynelle Smith, was unable to come as her husband Jack was recovering from heart surgery); Ardelle Cantrell from Chickamauga; Gary and Lou Ann Johns and their little daughters, Miranda and Caroline, from Jasper, Georgia; Elizabeth King from Centerville, Alabama; Andrew and Alvie Lea from Gadsden, Alabama; Lisa Crow and son Alex and Tim Hulan of Ft. Payne; Lee Ann Parkison, Ft. Payne; J.B. and Gail Elrod, Ft. Payne; and Joyce and Coy. It was an enjoyable day for me and I think everyone had a good time. We had no planned ceremony—just had fun reminiscing and getting acquainted with Gary and Lou's beautiful baby, Caroline, whom we had not seen. Coy played guitar for us and Miranda danced!

We have loved every moment of having Joyce with us and the joy of seeing her regain her health. It will be a few months yet before she will be completely restored, but she is progressing and is working some with Doreen and is happy to be doing lovely packages, making gift baskets and balloon decorations. We know she will be leaving us soon. Her husband, Gregg, has been very patient to let us have her for a while. We love you, Gregg, and hope you can spend some time with us soon.

Dorothy Crow had a birthday September 23. I didn't ask her how old she is, but I know she is about two years younger than me and that's not saying she is a spring chicken (or Crow!). I have known Dorothy since we were kids and I believe there is not a finer person on the face of the earth. She comes from a loving family of good, solid American-Mentone citizens. They were always kind to me and did many things for me that meant more than they could ever know. Dorothy's parents, Blevie and Maggie Crow, were some of the finest people one could ever meet. They always had room in their hearts to love and care for others. Dorothy cared for them for several years

before they passed away. Then she took care of Erskine Crow, her Dad's brother, for a long time; she looked after her brother and his wife, Paul and Ruth; she looked after Mabel's place when Mabel was away; and she cared for her sister, Mary Lee, staying with her a week at a time, alternating with Mabel and Grace. God bless her many loving deeds. Dorothy now helps distribute food to many people who are in need. As an active MAPA member, Dorothy arranges speakers for MAPA meetings and we look forward to having our new Mentone Mayor speak to us in November. Now, I have not told half the history of Dorothy's kind deeds as that would take up all my column space. There must be a special reward laid up for her. God bless Dorothy and give her many more birthdays. I'm so glad I know her.

While Joyce has been here, we have initiated her into the "Estate Sale Program." Homer and I have spent a great deal of time at these sales in the Chattanooga area. We find many useful items for the home and some antiques for the shop. It's interesting to see what's in the homes of other people. One can almost visualize the lifestyle of a person by items being offered for sale. Some are camera buffs, others play golf; some are avid readers and have many good books; some are collectors of teapots, pitchers, Hummel figurines, Lladro, china, crystal, guns, etc. But most people are like us—collectors of all sorts of things. These sales usually include items of interest to everyone. The first day of a sale, everything is top price, but on the last day, everything is half price and that's when we buy. If one is interested in a particular piece of merchandise on the first day, one can leave a bid (a bit over half price) and sometimes get the item. For us, this is a good hobby and is addictive. One always hopes to find that special purchase as shown on the road shows, but that's a rarity. The people who hold these sales study their products and become fairly knowledgeable. I recently bought a beautiful black teapot with gold overlay for under \$20 and am very pleased with it. Now Joyce is hooked. She will watch for sales in Columbia, South Carolina, when she returns home.

We have been watching the progress on a log home being built across the road from us. It's a large house and will be very attractive and in keeping with mountain style. About two months ago, the property owners came in my shop and introduced themselves—very nice people. Their name is Capps. We look forward to having them for neighbors.

I'll be pulling for Bama to win their next football game. What a shame that Arkansas beat them in the last few minutes of the game.

We're looking forward to spending some time soon with my sister Jean's children. They have to get together in Mentone (and/or Ft. Payne) to iron out all the details involving their mother's estate. Sad business. My heart goes out to them as they make final preparations for the auction of Jean's home, which I believe will be held at the Ft. Payne courthouse October 12. I hate to see Jean's house and property go to the highest bidder instead of staying in the family. (This is the result of failing to prepare a will.) Some things just don't turn out the way we think they should—there are always obstacles to overcome and barriers to hurdle—tangible and intangible, people and things. God bless you, Carol, Pam, Lou, and Joe. You know we're with you.

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A Friendly— **Valley View**

By
ELOISE BROWN

"The leaves of brown came tumbling down, remember? last September in the rain?" Yes, they did—it seems earlier than usual, but then—everything gets earlier every month—or faster. The older you are, the easier you understand what I mean.

Some have had lovely vacations. Evelyn Clark, accompanied by Gladys Hulan Harris, of Chattanooga, flew to Deer Trail, CO, where she visited her sister, Anna Daniel. Gladys visited in Colorado Springs. They spent three weeks doing a lot of sightseeing of points of interest.

Christine and Walter Brooks and their granddaughter, Rebecca Gilbert, went to Savannah, GA (the oldest city in GA). They went on a bus tour of the old historic homes, including Juliette Lowe's home (founder of Girl Scouts). They also enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Savannah Queen on the Savannah River and the gospel singing on the cruise.

Ruth and Robert Hammon have returned home after enjoying two weeks in Alaska.

On Fri, Sept. 15, Joe and Donna McGlinchey, who were spending a few days at Mentone, spent the afternoon with Doris and Jim Carmichael.

Friday night, Doris and Jim joined Greg and Syd Ashley at the Lookout Restaurant for dinner. (The Ashley's are from Hendersonville, NC). After dinner, they went to the home of Helen Longshore to visit with her and Joe and Donna McGlinchey, who spent Friday night with Helen.

Ralph and Lucille Hixon from Greensboro, NC, spent several days at DeSoto Lodge. Sunday, Sept. 17, Doris and Jim Carmichael met them for dinner at the State Park Restaurant. They spent the next day visiting Fischer Cemetery and Lala Prewitt in Fort Payne.

Friday, Sept. 22, Doris and Jim Carmichael went to St. Louis, MO, for the wedding of Kerry O'Reilly Moynihan, of St. Louis, to Cody Wilson (Will) Pruett II of Fort Payne at the beautiful Cathedral-Vasilica of Saint Louis. After the wedding, they enjoyed the reception and nice seated dinner at the Mahler Ballroom.

Gracie and Dillon Brown spent the weekend with her father, Coy Butler, in Cartersville, GA. It has been a year since the death of Gracie's mother.

About thirty-six members of Garnett Hammon's family helped her celebrate her 92nd birthday on Sunday, Sept. 24, at Randy's Restaurant in Trenton, GA. They had a delicious dinner and she had a birthday cake and lots of gifts. Congratulations and may you have many more healthful, happy birthdays!

Venna Livingston said to tell everyone that she is fine and feeling much better than she did before her hip replacement. She said she missed everyone, and we miss her.

Benny O'Shields is recovering from quadruple by-pass heart surgery, which he had in Gadsden.

Gladys Cobble broke her hip for the second time. She is at Collinsville Nursing Home—Room 11B.

Eugene Smith is home recovering from heart surgery, which he had at Montclair Hospital in Birmingham. One stint was able to correct four blockages. His wife, Juanita, is not well and has an appointment for tests.

Mozelle Crow is slowly regaining her strength.

Dot Blackburn is not well and has an appointment for tests.

We hope and pray that all these and other who are ill, will soon be completely well.

Selma McElhaney, from Fort Payne, spent the day with her sister, Ruth Pickett, recently.

Wed., Sept. 20, the following members of the Sunshine Club had a delicious lunch at Dessie's Restaurant at Mentone: Verence Hawkins, Lillie Bowden, Sue Clark, Joy Hurt, Evelyn Clark, Estie Palmer, Ann Wright, Ruth Pickett, and Eloise Brown, also Jean Mitchell, from Menlo, and Joyce Arden from Trion. Afterwards, some of us visited the Mum Farm. It was a beautiful sight—so many chrysanthemums of every color!

Everyone have a happy and safe Halloween. Watch out for witches, goblins, and children while traveling.

October's Gleaming Rays

Gone is September's dreary haze,
Come is October's color blaze
In a month of glittering days.

Each green needle on towering pines,
Each luscious grape on twining vines,
Each one sparkles and brightly shines.

The sky above is so deep blue,
Mornings are bathed with diamond dew,
Leaves are blazing with every hue.

The scarlet Sumac shocks the senses,
Brilliant berries trim the fences,
Autumn its beauty gifts dispenses.

Bright is October's gleaming ray
Lighting harvest's redeeming way
Fighting Winter's cold threatening gray.

—Eloise Brown

The Groundhog has had the privilege of printing many of Eloise Brown's poems over the past few years. We deeply appreciate her generosity.

Rhododendron Garden Club

By Christina Wise

The members of the Rhododendron Garden Club enjoyed their September meeting in the tranquil surroundings of Nippersink Lodge. The graciousness of the proprietors, Gerry and Ed Disney, is endless. The hostesses, Gerry Disney, Peggy Roark, and Flo Kirby, prepared a wonderful buffet, which was enjoyed by all.

The club's own Jo Beaubie presented the program. Her subject was spring bulbs. It was an interesting topic and Jo gave a history of the origins of various bulbs, together with advice on when to plant, how deep to plant, and the best ways to tend the multitude of different bulbs which do well in this area.

President Dallyne Jones was in charge and called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. One guest, Janet Spahr, was recognized and introduced. The devotional was given by Linda Brown who agreed to substitute for the nominated speaker. Linda did this for the club at comparatively short notice.

The Pledge to the Flag was repeated in unison as was the club collect.

The roll was called and confirmed the attendance of 23 members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written. Peggy Roark gave the Treasurer's report, which was accepted as accurate.

President Jones spoke at length about the forthcoming agricultural show in Fort Payne. Volunteers were sought to fulfill the Rhododendron Garden Club's obligation in preparing the site at the V.F.W. for the flower show, which is an integral part of the agricultural fair.

Members wishing to assist were asked to coordinate dates and times with club secretary Christina Wise. Members were encouraged to enter flower arrangements. The president extended her support, encouragement and thanks to Mary Ellen Fielder, who is in charge of the entry for the entire club. The show will take place during the week of 2 Oct.

Martha Wood offered the club the use of her copy of the *Book of Rules for Flower Show Entries*, from the National Council of States Garden Clubs and proposed that the club should purchase a volume to keep permanently in its library. The proposal met with unanimous approval.

Under old business, various members reported that they had written letters of concern about the litter on the county roads to Commissioner Charles Bell. This effort was made to continue the club's attempt to achieve some lasting resolution to the escalating problem of accumulating litter on our roadsides. This problem has been marring the natural beauty of the northeast corner of Alabama for several years, now.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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

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**OCTOBER
20-21-22**

MENTONE, AL. BROW PARK

ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

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Hammondville Fire Department Haunted House

At the Hammondville
Armory on the
following dates
from 7-10 PM
**October
13-14,
20-21,
27-28,
and 30-31**



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.

Phil. 4:6

It seems that everyone is so busy they don't take time to do the things they know they should do, such as prayer and thanksgiving. Yet, when they get in trouble, they call on God. Why not take time for prayer and thanksgiving when things are going good? Then, when trouble comes, you can ask for help from God with faith.

God Loves you!

A Service for the Blessing of the Animals October 15, 2 pm Brow Park, Mentone

October 15, you and your pets are welcome to join Mentone United Methodist Church at the Brow Park at 2:00 p.m. to bless the animals that enrich our lives. A service for the blessing of animals witnesses to God's love, care and concern for all of God's creation, including our pets. The service is traditionally held in October in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi. Even if you don't have a pet, come and enjoy a celebration of God's creation.

NEW AND USED BOOK SALE

The Moon Lake/Mentone Library will have a new and used book sale at the Mentone Colorfest Oct. 21 and 22. The proceeds will benefit the new library. If you have books to donate for this sale, call Jan Wilkinson at 845-5048 or Sue Schwarz at 634-4271 to arrange pick up.

- Little River Hardware,
 - Mentone Superette, and
 - Moon Lake School Library
- have agreed to be drop spots for books for your convenience.

The Library Committee appreciates their cooperation.

The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule:

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

- October 11 & 25
- November 8 & *
- December 6 & *
- January 2001 3, 17 & 31

*(Vacation)

The Bookmobile is in
VALLEY HEAD
on the same days from 1:15 to 2:15

and in **HAMMONDVILLE**
on the same days from 2:30 to 3:30

*First 30 Wheelchair donations will receive FREE Meal at Ryan's Restaurant - Ft. Payne location

*Lowline readers available for each Wheelchair donation by Wheelchairs for the World - Ft. Payne

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FOR MORE INFO CALL: Herman Golden (256) 634-4596

Wheels for the World collects used but serviceable wheelchairs, restores them and distributes them around the world to those in need. If you would like to make a monetary donation, the cost of restoring and shipping each wheelchair is approximately \$150.00. In order to receive a tax-deductible receipt, checks should be made payable to JAF Ministries with "Wheels for the World" written on the memo line.

Lost Puppy

Seven (7) week old black puppy. No collar, yet, just got him. I was trying to teach him the name "Sebastian". Please help bring him home. He has been missing for about four weeks. If you have seen him, or if you were kind enough to pick him up thinking he was lost, please call Ashley at 256-634-4836. She is asking for your help in locating and returning her puppy. Thank you for your help!

Mentone Community House Book Club

10 a.m., 3rd Thurs. of each month
at the Mentone Community House

• Thurs., Oct. 19
"Murder on the Lusitania"

For more information, call:
Sue Henry - 634-4599; or
Kathy Kirby McMunn - 634-4575



Do you need help with

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE?

Alzheimer's Disease Seminar
Fort Payne/DeKalb Senior Center
600 Tyler Avenue Southeast
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October 18, 2000
10:00 A.M.

Public is urged to attend

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