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Harvest Festival 2001

By Karen Saferite

The annual Moon Lake Elementary P.T.O. Harvest Festival has been a seasonal tradition for many years. Many of you have attended in years past and there are lots of former Kings and Queens in our community. This year, the festival will be held on Saturday, November 3, at the Moon Lake School Gymnasium, beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing until 8 p.m. when the 2001 King and Queen will be crowned. There will be all the games you remember-- bingo, cakewalk, fishpond, face painting and lots more. There will also be delicious food served in the cafeteria, so plan on coming for dinner.

The candidates this year are:

•Kindergarten - Amber Crowe & Tristan Smith;

•1st grade - Taylor Poff,

•4th Grade - Keisha Powell; and

•6th grade - Paige Wright & Chris Davis.

In the weeks leading up to the festival, there will be many fundraising events. There will be dinners held at the Community House on •Saturday, Oct. 20 and •Sunday, Oct. 21.

Watch for flyers around town with specific details on these and other upcoming events. Individual classes will

be raffling items. In addition, the P.T.O. will be having its annual \$1000 giveaway (for tickets contact the school or a P.T.O. officer).

All money raised goes to the P.T.O. to fund programs and projects for the school. Past projects funded by them are the gym floor, improvements to the gym, the addition of the concession area to the gym, sidewalks, landscaping, books for the library and many more. This year the P.T.O.'s goal is to raise enough money to purchase new playground equipment from Gametime.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 3, and come out to support these hard-working students, parents and teachers.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Margaret Taylor

The chill of Fall is in the air as we make the final preparations for Colorfest. As the trees begin to turn to crimson and gold we anticipate a spectacular show of Autumn color. We are also expecting a very large turn out. Virtually all guest accommodations have been booked weeks in advance. Also, our dealer turnout is expected to be quite sizable. Everything is moving along smoothly in these final days before the event.

We at MAPA wish to give a special thanks to Mayor Britt in his efforts in securing water service to the pavilions at Brow Park. This will be a very useful asset to us all. So I ask you one and all to come and join us at the Bonfire Friday night. We will have live music featuring The Colaco Creek Band. We will serve coffee, hot cider, hot chocolate, hot dogs, and marshmallows for the kids both large and small. This list of food and drinks will be served free as a good will gift to the community of Mentone and its guests.

Saturday, we will have our arts, crafts and food vendors, as well as live entertainment for the young and old alike.

Saturday night, beginning at dusk, we will have a street dance with music by Colaco Creek Band and Duane Walker and the Desperado Band. The music is great and the view is beautiful. Where else can you have this much fun for no charge!

Sunday, we will have more arts and crafts as well as good music, great food and entertainment by local dance groups. All this is sponsored and brought to you by MAPA. We are a small nonprofit volunteer group dedicated to the preservation of Mentone.

I will ask you to help us if you will. We want as many of you as we can convince to join us as members. We need your help and your ideas.

Our purpose is to maintain the wonderful atmosphere and rustic beauty of Mentone. Also, we wish to continue the work we perform for the community, as well as the money that the festivals bring that eventually makes its way into the hands of us all. Our economy is enhanced greatly by the influx of green that tourism brings.

Thank You, Mentone.



MAPA MEETING

The MAPA meeting was held at the Mentone Springs Hotel on September 4. Present were members, Margaret Taylor, president, Gerald Taylor, Jim and Penny Lyday, Homer and Bernise Crow, Huey and Marilyn Mathews, Sherman and Mickey Gough, David and Claudia Wassom, Dot Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Jack Jones, Tom and Lynn Donald, Lucille Crow, Ruby Brock, and Dessie Newberry. Also present was Carolyn Hendon, speaker.

To accommodate the schedule of the speaker, the order of business was changed and the speaker introduced first.

Program Chairman, Mickey Gough, introduced Carolyn Hendon, the naturalist from DeSoto State Park. Mrs. Hendon gave a very comprehensive and interesting overview of DeSoto State Park with slides of scenes from the park. She noted that in 1927, land was given for the State Park and then the Depression came and everything was on hold. In 1933 the Civil Conservation Corp came and that's when the park really got started. Tom Berry, Martha Berry's brother, donated most of the land. The naturalist listed all the events that are sponsored by the park. Those present were very much impressed with her presentation and asked several questions to which she gave very informative answers.

Following the program, the meeting returned to the regular order of business. The minutes of the August 7, meeting were read and approved. The treasurer gave her report, which was accepted. Dessie Newberry suggested that Gary Barr of Edward Jones be invited to come to a meeting and give his recommendations as to financial matters.

Matters discussed were the upcoming October Colorfest on Oct. 19, 20 & 21. Plans were being finalized.

Homer Crow handed out information about the website for MAPA - www.MentoneAlabama.com. Tom Donald demonstrated his laptop computer to those present. The matter concerning several aspects of the website was tabled until the next meeting. Homer Crow read a proposed resolution pertaining to the website. After the resolution was adopted, the following members were nominated and elected to serve on the Website Committee: Dessie Newberry, Jack Jones, and Homer Crow. Tom Donald was appointed as Web Site Administrator. The meeting was adjourned to have refreshments.

The following members were present at the October 2 meeting at Mentone Springs Hotel: Margaret Taylor, president, Gerald Taylor, Jim Lyday, Homer and Bernise Crow, Huey and Marilyn Mathews, Sherman Gough, Claudia Wassom, Dot Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Dessie Newberry, Lucille Crow, Ruby Brock, Tom and Lynn Donald. Also present was speaker, Gary Barr.

The order of business was changed to allow the program first. Gary Barr of Edward Jones presented several options to the members regarding investments in the money market, mutual funds, and bonds, etc.

Following the program, the meeting returned to its regular format. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was accepted. The members voted to leave the investments where they were. The president reported on the upcoming Colorfest. The NLMVFPD Volunteer Fire Department has purchased the necessary equipment to prepare food at the Colorfest; water is now available at the pavilions, parking has been arranged and scouts of Troop 106 will assist in parking cars; a quilt by Lola Mae Blalock will be raffled off. As a result of the MAPA website, numerous calls have been received so far.

Tom Donald proposes to have many family history stories placed on the website from articles written in previous issues of The Groundhog, articles of historical interest.

The meeting was adjourned to have refreshments.

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The Council and I have now completed one full year in office, and I am happy to report to you that the state of the town is well and healthy. We have accomplished many of the things together that we promised and planned to do.

Some of the items I pledged to work for in my letter to the voters were to make Town Hall more efficient; to encourage community participation; to improve police and fire protection, and to improve and preserve our water system.

First, we have renovated Town Hall. We have installed an innovated phone system with dedicated lines to the Police Department and Water Board. We have rewired Town Hall which was necessary to provide more outlets and additional lighting to get us out of the dark ages. We have built a customer counter for improved paying of bills. We have provided more working space for the Town Clerk and Magistrate. We have provided space for the Water Board Clerk and a new computer system. While we haven't reached our maximum efficiency, we have made great strides.

We have encouraged community involvement: Through the Judicial Committee chaired by Gerald Bailey, we have successfully launched a Community Watch program with 35 signs posted in the community. We acquired an a \$18,000 grant through the state judicial for a new radio system, including more powerful police car radios, walkie talkies, a base station with a repeater, and a 60 ft. tower, thus eliminating dead zones, giving us the capability of communicating with the four surrounding counties and other law enforcement agencies throughout DeKalb County with our own radio frequencies.

Through the Beautification and Seniors Committee chaired by Sam Franks and Ann Wright, I hope you have noticed the beautiful plants and rock planters around Town Hall. Once a month they have had a work party clearing and planting native plants in Mason Park. Through their efforts, we have applied for an Alabama Power Company tree grant of \$3,000 for 121 trees to be planted in Mason Park and adjacent streets.

Through the Streets, Parks, and Bridge Committee chaired by Larry Gray: They have met with the state highway department and reviewed our bridges and school signs and other areas of concern. As a result, narrow bridge signs and fluorescent school signs have been installed. In an effort to provide a safe intersection of Hwy 117 and Scenic Drive, a DOT Traffic Enhancement grant for approximately \$50,000 has been applied for which includes curbs, gutters, and sidewalks with a striped cross walk at the intersection, and sidewalks to the Post Office. Also included in this application are 151 trees along Hwy 117 to the new library.

Improved Police and Fire Protection: Our police have participated in state and federal safety programs to create more safety awareness. These programs have resulted in a crackdown on DUI drivers, speeders, seat

belts, and general safety laws, such as speeding in school zones. These programs have resulted in a significant increase in fines and arrests. Our police have been doing a fine job and should be commended for their long fireless hours and dedication.

The Volunteer Fire Department has been engaged in applying for grants and/or loans to obtain necessary equipment to become ISO rated. This means a cut in insurance rates. We are presently as low as we can get, which is a 10. A drop to 8 would lower our rates by 25%; to a 6 by 45%. The most important element of this formula is water flows and fire hydrants.

Our Water System: In August last year I advised you that I was in the process of applying for several federal and state grant/loan combinations to rehab the entire water system. This has a two-fold purpose: first, to provide the citizens with quality drinking water and for the drought-stricken communities around us; second, to improve water flows for fire protection. I am happy to report that we have been notified and received one grant called a "Drought Stricken" grant for \$500,000 to provide service to communities on Co. Rds. 641, 639, 644, and Hwy 117 to Whalley Bridge and portions of 106. We will begin signing up customers within the next couple weeks. More significantly, is our application for a \$1,500,000 grant/loan to rehab the major portions of our town system and some outlying areas, and also to provide a badly needed new tank. This will help complete one of the requirements needed by the Fire Department to get ISO certified. We expect this application to be approved this month. It has been held up because of some environmental concerns about the endangered Green Pitcher plant. It finally bloomed in July, and the application was cleared in late August. Guess what? The Rural Development Program ran out of money, so we have to wait until they get 2002 funding, which is in October.

In summary, we have had a worthwhile year, and while we have not yet accomplished all that we set out to do, we can say, "It is in the works." The significant question is "How have we done all this and not raised taxes?" While we have had some short falls in taxing areas such as a decrease in sale tax collection of approximately 10%, through prudent budgeting and management we have increased our reserves by 18% over last year, while providing more services and benefits to the community and the town's employees. Much of this has been through participation of people serving on committees and dedicating their time and labors to make Mentone a better place for all of us. In the coming weeks and months, we must all pull together, as we cannot accomplish all that we have outlined without everyone's help. I hope that the people living in the suburbs (police jurisdiction) realize we are not just trying to provide for downtown, but for the Mentone community as a whole.

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Please keep Ilene Green on your prayer list, as she is very ill.

Congratulations to Lacie Clure, Valley Head's 2001 homecoming queen.

John and Kim (Worthey) Johnson have moved back to Mentone. John and Kim lived in Rainsville for 2-1/2 years while waiting for some property to come up for sale in the Mentone area. They live on County Road 165, across from Terry Bouldin and Jack Martin. Kim would like to let everyone know that she is an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay and will be glad to be of service to you. Call her at 634-8127.

Happy October 2001 Birthdays/Anniversaries to:

•1- Ethan Hunt, Brenda Burnett, Katie Browder; •2- Lucille Knopps, Walt Pullen, Mandy Wells; •3- Hope Walker, Tammy (Hawkins) Pilson; •4- Frank Hill, Eleanor Glover; •5- Mack Flannigan, Tyler Harrison, Stephanie Hester, Anna Kirchbaum; •6- Lisa Strickland, Lee Anne Parkison, Charles Hunt, Melody Moore (in memory of), Bryan Green (in memory of); •7- Amber Hunt, Justin Pelletier; •8- Linda Brown, Millard McNutt, Kathryn Jones (in memory of), Rovene Truett (in memory of), 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, Russell Wright, 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 & Ethel Gregory (Anniv.), Alisha McElhaney, Ken Busby, Holly Kitchens; •20- Harry Hopper; •21 - Raymond Brown, Rodney Moore, Mike Peterson; •23- Joey Dillenbeck, Edith Dean, Kathy Robertson; •24- Kyle Rape, Marsha Bon Fleur; •25- Jo Bain; •26- Jeff Harrison, Jon Whisenant, Dennis & Sherryl Lewis (Anniv.); •28- Wesley Frost, Paul Achley, Florence Mays; •29- Mrs. Louisa Harrison; •30- Nell (Kent) Reed, Jennifer Hooter, Elisabeth Evans, Tony Goggans; •31- Paul Blalock, Billy Clark, Aubrey Cash, John Dean, Danny (Oyler) Smith.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

•Johnny Edward Clark, Sr., 54, Valley Head, 9/24

•Hubert Edward Rogers, 58, Menlo, 9/24

Continue to pray for the family of the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11.

God Bless America!



Event Scheduling: Call Carol or John at LRH 634-4757

Community House Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm MERF 7:00 pm	2	3
4	5 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	6 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm Rescue Squad 6:00 pm	7 Senior Lunch 11:30 am **Health Fair 1:30 pm Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	8 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	9	10
11	12 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	13 Garden Club 12:30 pm Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm Cooking Class 6:00 pm	14 Senior Lunch 11:30 am Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	15 Book Club 10:00 am Tutoring 3:00-4:00 pm	16	17
18	19	20 Rescue Squad 6:00 pm	21 Library Comm Mtg 5:00 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Info on programs: Call Sue Henry 634-4599

*Reading 'Unveiled' by Francine Rivers
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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Allergy & Cold Season

By L.G. Moon

The fall is a spectacular sight in the southeast. The late blooming flowers coupled with the beautiful display of reds, yellows, oranges surrounding the landscape is enough to make even the worst allergy survivor have to get out to see the beauty. The breeze that is blowing in winter also stirs up pollen, which is an agonizing thought for many. The good news is that you can avoid or alleviate your symptoms with nature.

Nettle is a common "weed" that has helped rid me of allergies. I drink the tea regularly especially around allergy season. There have been clinical studies done that show evidence that it is beneficial, though nettle speaks for itself.

Local honey may build up your immune system enough to the native plants pollen that allergies are at a minimum. Bee Pollen is known to be equally as effective. Local Bee Pollen is ideally what you should use though it may be nearly impossible to find someone selling it. Some people with allergies may react poorly to Bee Pollen, so it is wise to use very little Bee Pollen & then gradually increase your dose.

When allergies start, you better keep the hankies handy. Unfortunately, allergies often turn into sinusitis. In this instance you may be able to find some mountain mint growing in an open field or far enough away from the road (at least 20 feet) to be safe to harvest. Mints help clear congestion. They are also helpful when taken in combination with other herbs because they stimulate the circulation through the body.

In this time of beauty, you can boost your immune system with a dose of vitamin C from the red fruits of a winged or smooth sumac. The flavor is reminiscent of lemon. Add a little mint and honey to some hot sumac tea and you have a recipe for relief.

I especially recommend mullein if your allergies lead to congestion in your lungs. I found the most effective way to clear your lungs with mullein is to smoke it in a pipe.

Other herbs that are known to aid in preventing and diminishing the symptoms of allergies are garlic, onions, dandelion, golden seal, cayenne, burdock and sage.

You must be careful when using herbs because each person will react differently to herbs.

Contact your healthcare provider before introducing herbs into your regimen.

If you have any questions or comments, please write to P.O. Box 224 Mentone, AL 35984

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TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

TURKEY SHOOT to be held Saturday, October 13, at 10 am (GA time). Rain date is Saturday, October 20. The SHOOT will be held at the Tri-County Headquarters on GA Hwy 48 at the GA/AL state line in Cloudland. Prizes include hams and knives. Biscuits, bar-b-que, hotdogs, coffee and cold drinks will be sold.

HALLOWEEN PARTY - The annual Tri-County Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 27, starting at 4 pm (GA time). Children of all ages are invited to share the fun. Planned activities include a "haunted" walk, costume judging, and refreshments. The party will be held at the Tri-County headquarters in Cloudland on the GA Hwy 48 at the GA/AL line.

MOUNTAIN MAMAS - CANDLES TO WARM YOUR FALL DAYS

By Mary Alice Stout

Mountain Mamas Craft shop has candles handmade by one of the owners, Susan Bradley. Her floral tapers are hand-dipped and made of high-quality beeswax-paraffin blend. This technique makes these tapers long-burning and beautiful. When kept from a breeze, the tapers are dripless.

You need to see Susan's large rose candles to completely appreciate their beauty. Each rose is hand-crafted, petal by petal. They provide many hours of burning enjoyment. When the core has burned down, the outer petals will remain, forming a permanent holder. Refill votive candles may then be used. These make a beautiful, long-lasting gift.

During October, Susan has 2 baskets of candles on sale with savings of 50 to 60%.

Mountain Mamas is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from noon to 6 pm (GA time), every weekend through Thanksgiving. Mountain Mamas is in Cloudland, GA, a short trip from Mentone. Go East on AL 117 (it becomes GA 48 at the state line) and the craft shop will be on your left, just 1/2 mile from the GA/AL state line.



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Rovene Crabtree Truett

In loving memory of my very dear friend, Rovene Truett, who lost her long fight with cancer in June. Ro had the most kind, wonderful, and generous heart of anyone I've ever known. I miss her laughter, positive attitude, and winning personality. I know God has surely picked her as one of his angels. I think about her now as her October 8th birthday approaches, and for all of you who knew her and called her friend, please light a candle in her sweet memory.

Sadly missed by, Vickie Blackburn

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A Friendly— *Valley View*

By
ELOISE BROWN

How our world can be changed in an instant. Unbelievable! But how fast time is today in every way—rushing—no time to really live—I wonder how it would be possible to slow it down? It's a beautiful world—here—after all.

Susie Clark was hostess for the **Sunshine Club**, Sept. 14, at her home with a good luncheon. Those present were Evelyn Clark, Gladys Harris, Anna Daniel, Elizabeth Bauerle, Ann Wright, Verence Hawkins, Estie Palmer, Lillie Bowden, Trecia Lacy, and Eloise Brown.

Laura Margaret Allison has returned home after spending two weeks with her daughter Ansley and John McGinnis in Florence, SC, and a week with daughter, Peachie and David Cearley at Alpharetta, GA.

Miss Carroll's first grade at Valley Head is going on a field trip today (Oct. 10) to the Pumpkin Farm at Pisgah. Maybe to make interesting jack-o-lanterns or pumpkin pies later?

Lillie Bowden went with her daughter, Jo Welch, to Land of Lakes, FL, to visit her granddaughter, Jennifer Wasilevski and Bob and their children, Kaley and Will. They helped them move into their new house, then came back to Perry, GA, to visit her sister, Maxine Forehand, and attended the Bowden family reunion, which has been an annual affair since 1930. Over 100 people were there.

Karen and Mark Freeman were hosts for an engagement party at The Cliffs Restaurant, recently, for Michora Lee Martin, and Lucas Benson Freeman, who will wed Oct. 20. It was a real fun party with 55 or 60 family members and friends attending.

Oline Roberts went to Aiken, SC, to attend the beautiful garden wedding of her grandson, Andrew Killian, to Vanita Smith. She spent a week with her daughter, Martha Joan Killian, before the wedding.

Maureen Hammond took Mozelle Crow and me to spend the day with Venna Livingston, Sept. 21, at her new home in Rossville, Ga. She has a beautiful and so convenient town house and seems to be happy and content. We are glad for her, but really miss her.

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Beverly and Shane Wright have moved to a lovely new house in Valley View near Fort Payne. We will miss them, but hope to see them often.

My cousins, Bill and Blanche Fuller, from Madison, AL, spent Sunday with us recently. We had a good dinner at the State Park Restaurant and spent the afternoon with Barry and Emily Brown. They had a trip to Iceland and brought me a lovely book of Icelandic poetry, "The Prophecy" (The Prophecy of the Vikings, one of the most beautiful poems preserved from the Viking age-composed between the years 700-1000, according to its preface.)

Barry and Emily recently attend the tenth annual conference of the Paulownia Association at Santee, SC. Later, they were visited by Al Hammond and Steve Guy, of the AL Farmers' Federation, Tim Boyce, from the State Forestry Dept., and Robert and Louise Davis, from the Paulownia Assoc., from Sweetwater, TN, who came to see Barry's stand of Paulownia trees. He and his sons, Robert D. and A.J. have several acres. The Davises brought several products made from the wood, including snow boards, furniture, spoons and forks, cups and bowls. They are all very enthusiastic about the qualities of the Paulownia wood. The trees were named for a Russian princess who loved its beautiful purple blooms. It has huge leaves. It is an ancient tree, (I remember it from my childhood) but only recently being recognized for its supreme qualities: fastest growing—maturing in less than ten years, will not warp, split nor rot—water resistant and fire resistant, light and strong, weighs 1/2 as much as white pine, ideal for plywood, resistant to insects, purifies air more than any other tree, purifies groundwater by removing nitrogen because of its deep roots. Ideal for making furniture, musical instruments or anything else that wood is used for. It has an interesting peculiarity—you must cut it down at a certain size to make it grow straight and strong. They say this part of Alabama is an ideal place to grow these trees for a good cash crop, as it is the highest priced lumber in the world today and fastest growing to maturity.

Everyone have a happy Halloween and above all—a safe one—perhaps with more parties at home like in the "good old days"!

Beautiful October Days

Beautiful October days
Earn a poet's truest praise
Azure skies so serene and clear,
Unite earth with Heaven near,
Teasing breezes gently blow
I dial weather to bestow
Fruitful harvest from the land
Unto every working hand
Lavish in all of her ways
October's beautiful days.
Colors so glowing and bright,
Trees whose leaves are a delight,
Over all the golden sunshine
Blessings for this heart of mine
Embracing all earth that sings
Rapture that perfect beauty brings—
Days that dazzle with lazy lassitude
And inspire sincere praise and gratitude
Yielding to Autumn's colorful time
Summer surrenders to a cooler clime.

—Eloise Brown

Healing Of Our Nation

Our nation has been invaded by horror raining from the sky

By the forces of evil as they exultantly die.
We have to ask and wonder why—what is their ultimate aim?

Do they wish to rule the world—in death,
where is their gain?

Is jealousy and envy at the root of it? Can't
bear to see a nation content?

As the willing tool of a ruling fool, will destroy it
to any extent?

"War and vengeance," now we hear—
hate and grief rule our land—

"Capture and destroy the guilty ones" —
this all wise men understand.

But check the record, you will find—if you
understand the score—

War means death and destruction—no one ever
wins a war—

No one can estimate the cost—after destruction,
comes reconstruction.

And so much is irretrievably lost—

If we destroy the innocent to get the guilty,
we become as guilty as the bad.

We should tread softly and patiently and
prepare to recover and preserve the
precious freedom we have had.

Complacency has been our weakness—
we knew of horrors in other lands,

But we felt secure and were unprepared,
now our grieving land understands

A war between Good and Evil is raging,
our nation is covered with a pall of
destruction and grief.

Only through strong faith and trust in God's
guidance can it be restored to healing
and relief.

We have lost the luxury of complacency, we
must stay close to God and be ever alert.

To preserve the peace and beauty God gave
us, that it may not again be so horribly hurt!

God bless all heroes who so valiantly strive to
find and rescue the lost ones whether
dead, mangled, or alive.

God bless all who have lost loved ones
and heal their broken hearts.

May they feel new hope and comfort that
faith in God imparts.

God bless our leaders with wisdom to make
decisions for the good of all mankind,

And open to reality, and love and kindness,
all the eyes that are wilfully blind.

May we all go forward with new hope, faith,
and determination

That Good shall always prevail in Evil's
eventual extermination!

—Eloise M. Brown



American Legion Post 215 Sponsoring Essay Contest for MLS 6th Grade

American Legion Post 215 is sponsoring an essay contest for the sixth grade students at Moon Lake School. Mrs. Leslie Bunch is their teacher. She will enlist the aid of her fellow teachers to select the three top essays. The subject will be: **Is Freedom Really Free.**

The three top students and their parents, along with Mr. and Mrs. Bunch will be invited to a Veterans' Day Dinner at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, November 10th, at 7:00 p.m.

On November 9th, at 9:00 a.m., Moon Lake School will hold its annual Veterans' Day Program. All veterans are invited. Commander Sherman Gough will present the prizes to the winners at this time.

American Legion Post 215 wishes to express their appreciation to students and faculty of Moon Lake School for their observance of Veterans' Day.

Joseph L. Stokes, member of American Legion Post 215 in Mentone, passed away Sept. 11, 2001. We fellow members and veterans offer our deepest sympathy and prayers.

American Legion Post 215 in Mentone, will hold its Veteran's Day meeting on Saturday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m., with a pot luck supper, and special speaker.

Moon Lake School News

Dr. Bill Berry expresses his appreciation to the many people who attended the annual Parent Involvement Night Activity. Attendance and participation is yet another example of Montone's strong commitment to Moon Lake Elementary School, and we appreciate the town council for postponing their meeting one hour so that they could attend. We are excited about everyone's interest in helping Moon Lake be a prime example of school-community interaction.

Holiday on Monday, October 15

Report cards for the first 9 weeks go out the next day on October 18.

The traditional Moon Lake PTO Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, November 3, from 5 to 8 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



October is here! This may be the most beautiful time of the year, especially in Mentone. The first thing that I always notice is the brilliant blue sky. It seems that overnight the blue of the sky increases by several hues. The clouds seem much whiter and fluffier. The foliage is beginning to turn to its wonderful colors and more people can be seen on the street and highways. I'm sure that people who live in places other than Mentone often say to each other, "Let's ride up to Mentone to see the color." We who live here sometimes take the beauty of our mountain for granted. This fall, let's all resolve to appreciate what we have and not complain as much.

As always, Moon Lake School is moving forward. A new reading program has been started. This seems to be a good program. It helps the slow readers to catch up and encourages the good readers to continue with their journey of reading. When I read to the children in the Head Start Program at Moon Lake, I always begin by stressing the importance of words. I tell them that books are always the same, no matter how old they are. In this time of media-overload, I hope to help them realize that nothing will ever replace books and the printed word.

As I am writing this on October 8, tonight will be Parental Involvement Night at Moon Lake School. This is a time for the parents to come to school and see the progress that their children are making. It is a statewide program and will be in progress today in every school in Alabama. I know that Moon Lake has a program of speakers planned as well as visits to all of the classrooms by the parents. What could be more important than the support of our local school?

The annual Harvest Festival will be held at Moon Lake School on Saturday, November 3. Since this event will probably happen before another issue of *The Groundhog* is out, I want to urge everyone to attend this event and support the Parent Teacher Organization in this endeavor. Even if you can't attend that night, be sure to watch for fund raising events that are sure to happen around town. The festival is one of

the main ways that the PTO has of raising funds to help the school and they need the support of the community.

The town of Mentone continues with business as usual. There is always some issue to be resolved and decisions to be made. Sometimes these decisions may affect the entire town and sometimes only a few citizens. The mayor and council members consider each matter carefully and always try to do what will ultimately benefit the most people.

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District has received word that the applications for grant money available through FEMA have been denied. There is some doubt that this money will ever be available again, so the Board of Directors and the Volunteer Firefighters will regroup and try to come up with another plan to purchase a new fire truck. We can't understand why the applications were turned down, except that the amount of money asked for by the many applications far exceeded the amount available for distribution to fire departments. We will stay on top of this and apply again if and when it is appropriate. But in the meantime, we are very much in need of a new truck.

What a difference a day makes!! As everyone in the United States knows by now, terrorists attacked New York City and The Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Could anyone have imagined the difference this day would make in our lives and the lives of other Americans? The families of the victims will never recover from the loss of their loved ones. The nation will be a long time in recovering from the resulting fear of what may happen next. Yesterday, October 7, we were informed that the United States had retaliated and attacked the terrorist camps. Many innocent people must now suffer because of these actions. I have never been in favor of war, but I realize that sometimes that is the only recourse. Many of our freedoms, perhaps all of them, have been gained through the fighting of a war. My granddaughter has an assignment due soon. She is to write an essay entitled, "Is Freedom Really Free?" At the age of eleven, can she even understand the question? On September 11, I would have said that it was impossible for her to understand. But after the events of the next day, who is to say how much she and her peers understand. Some of their innocence has been destroyed. They will not be able to trust as they once did. They will always have a certain fear of what may happen. She lives in Mentone, Alabama, just imagine what is going on in the mind of an eleven year old in New York City.

I was not surprised by the terrorists attack. I was surprised at the enormity of it, the number of lives that were lost, the total destruction of the buildings, and the

cost of the clean-up. I knew, as did anyone else who listens to the daily news, that there were many people who hate America and Americans. I knew that they would try again to get the best of us through fear and despair. Now it is up to me, my granddaughter, the president, his staff and all Americans to show them that we will not run scared. Long ago, a great man said to Americans, "All we have to fear, is fear itself."

Once again, I am amazed how many people read *The Groundhog*. For a small monthly newspaper from a small town, we have a very large coverage area! Someone recently told me how much they enjoy it when I write about the way things used to be. After the recent events that have happened to all of us, does the past have any place in our lives anymore? After much thought, I have decided that it does. Most of our ancestors came to America by ship. Imagine the fear of leaving the land you knew to come to a strange and foreign country. Probably you could not even speak the language. You would have to find a place to live and a way to make a living, but how would you start? If you have done any research on your heritage, you know that many times a family would come over on a ship. In some of my research I have found a record of Charles, Elizabeth and Henry Cochran arriving by ship in the port of Baltimore, Maryland. Henry is listed as three years old! What mother in her right mind starts across the ocean on a ship with a three year old! Didn't she know all of the dangers that he would be exposed to? Perhaps Elizabeth knew that all she had to fear was fear itself and she chose not to fear. I don't know if these are my ancestors, I have no way of tracing the lineage. I do know that my great-great-great grandfather was Henry F. Cochran. I would like to think that this was the little Henry on the ship. I would like to think that my lineage is from people who have this kind of courage. I would like to think that I would have the courage to bring a three year old to a strange land, in hope of freedom for him. I would like to think that terrorists would not be able to take away my freedom and that of my descendants. I would like to think that America will overcome the effects of this attack and be stronger for it.

I attended a church service on Sunday after the attack. As I'm sure happened in all churches that day, there were many tears being shed. I heard these words, "How long must we cry?" We must cry until we are free from fear.

The butterfly that I wrote about last month came out of the cocoon and sat on the roof of the habitat for about four hours to dry. I called the school and asked if I could bring it over to show to the kindergarten class. Mrs. Sarratt, the kindergarten teacher, said I could. When I showed it to the class, they were as excited as I was that we had, "hatched a butterfly." We carried it to the Moon Lake School Butterfly Garden and released it into a shrub. It flew straight up and lit on a top branch. We stayed there awhile and saw it fly back and forth many times. What a wonderful experience for all of us.

I want to send my best wishes to John Baty. I heard that he has been having some health problems and I want him to know that I am thinking of him.

Be free, love a child and have the courage to face tomorrow!

(P. S. This article was very hard for me to write. What do you say and yet say we must.)

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

September 11, 2001, will burn in the memory of Americans as one of the most horrible acts of terrorism ever done to our country. It was worse than Pearl Harbor when the Japanese sent suicide bombers to attack the harbor in Hawaii. It was a Sunday Morning and we were caught off-guard with an ambassador from Japan talking peace in Washington.

It is strange why so many people hate Americans. It seems that we are always giving aid to other countries and they seem to hate us for our generosity.

I do think this is a wake-up call for America. We were founded on the principle of "In God We Trust" based on a firm belief in God and somehow strayed from that firm foundation. This has caused people to join hands in prayer without regard to creed or race. I pray for those innocent people who are having to suffer because of a sadistic madman—Osama Bin Laden, who does not regard the life of anyone sacred. All of the tragic events point to the fact that our lives are fragile and we should value each day of our lives as a special gift. We must go on with our daily lives and be quick to be kind and forgiving to each other—there should be no room for hatred, envy, or strife.

This is truly a beautiful month. October skies are the bluest, the moon seems to shine the brightest, and the sunsets are clear and radiant. When we enjoy the beauty of the earth, it's hard to imagine anyone wanting to destroy it.

Our leaves are glowing with red, yellow, and some in between, even purple. Summer has ended and autumn presents a colorful last show before winter. We usually have wonderful weather until Christmas—a great time of year. The air is clearer, the haze is gone and the humidity with it.

Our gardens are pretty well spent and laid to rest until spring. We have enjoyed Kentucky Wonder beans all summer, even put several packages in the freezer for winter dinners. We are green bean lovers and eat them most every day, with occasional dry beans. We have had plenty of tomatoes until the first of the month. Now, we have turnip greens if the groundhogs don't get to them first. I'm hoping turnip greens are not one of their favorites. They seemed to like our zinnias best of all, and ate most of the early ones. The ones blooming now have not been chewed on.

We had Mildred Durgosa, Homer's sister, spend a week with us recently, and that was a pleasure. Her son, Mark, and daughters, Sherri and Darla, and Mark's daughters, Kristi and Misti, and Sherri's daughter stayed a day and night with us. We had all of Mildred's family, but Darla's son, Sean Bantic, who is serving in the Air Force in California.

Mildred lost her husband Dennis in January. Dennis' mother, Althea Burgess, passed away and

that was the reason for the entire family being here. The whole family was impressed with the area here and are talking about moving here, or near. Mark and Darla work for EDS and think they might get a transfer to Atlanta or some other city close by. We would be happy to have them near us.

Jesse Crow, Homer's brother, has had three heart by-passes and has had a hard time recuperating. Homer has spent some time with him. He was improving at the time of this writing.

We took a few days off recently and drove to Baton Rouge, LA to deliver a sofa. We did it for a minimum price because we wanted to visit Louise MacMillon, a very good friend who lives in Metairie, which is maybe 60 miles from Baton Rouge. Cindy Maughan bought the sofa in July while her child was here at camp. She is a lovely person. She has a beautiful home and I was happy that she chose the sofa from The Crow's Nest.

Louise MacMillon and her husband, Sydney, used to come and spend their summers here for several years; but Sydney had a stroke and died while they were here, and Louise never came back. We have kept in touch with her, but had not seen her in fifteen years, I think. She looked wonderful—a very attractive lady with a spark still in her eyes. She will be 81 on October 10. She gets The Groundhog and loves to read anything about Mentone. When they used to come for the summer, they rented the Mary Cowden house, not far from the Hitching Post. They would visit with Jean and me at the antique shop, and we would have a lot of fun. Pleasant memories. She could tell good humorous stories and she made the best chicken soup I ever ate. Louise showed us some beautiful Fish dishes, hand painted by her Grandmother, and a sword from the Civil War that belonged to a General Wood who was her great grandfather. That was fascinating. All of Louise's family are gone. Her only son died a few years ago. But she has good neighbors who look in on her and visit some. She doesn't drive anymore and someone takes her to buy groceries or for any other errands. She has a woman stay every other day who cleans for her, and a good friend stays week-ends and takes her to church at St. George Episcopal. We had such a good visit we hope to return before long when we have more time. She wants to take us to a restaurant that serves good Cajun food.

Good friendship is to be valued more than money or any other treasures. I'm sure I have said this before, but then, I do repeat myself often.

We are having a good time sitting on the porch at the Hitching Post. Phil Faircloth, his wife Cathy, their son Jessie, and daughter Brittany are usually here week-ends and they are lively and fun company. Donna Miller works part of the time and is a nice complement to their shop.

If you have time, come sit with us while we have beautiful weather. You never know who might come by. Rev. Bob Blackwell and wife Kay were here last week and had lunch with me at the Dish. Bob was the rector at St. Joseph's fifteen years ago, and has been in Talladega, AL, thirteen years. They were looking for property here where they could build and maybe retire here eventually. That would be good.

Business is a little slow, but we think things will level off soon. We must not give way to despair. There will be brighter days. Our country is strong, patient, and courageous. We will survive.



L/R: Homer & Bernise Crow, Ardele Cantrell, Gaynelle Smith, and Gaynelle's mother, F. cousins' reunion.



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Why I Love Mentone

By Judge W. G. Hawkins

Opie had a cousin that lived in Mentone, J.B. Whitehead. His mother, Aunt Jack, was one of the kindest people I ever saw. I would visit their home most every month and listen to her talk. I would take a long stemmed red rose. She liked flowers and she would know I was to visit and not just passing through. She was born a Mason and I think her family named the settlement.

Mentone is unique. It spreads from the brow westward with a cool breeze most of the time. A river runs through it. Ripley says it is the only river in the world that originates and runs its course on top of a mountain. DeSoto Falls is about a mile down river. A beautiful one hundred foot plunge, it flows through DeSoto Park and begins to cut a deep gorge in the top of Lookout Mountain. That gorge was called Mays Gulf. I think I was instrumental in changing the name to "Little River Canyon". I thought it was more descriptive of what is there.

I stopped at Hill Bridge on Highway 35 and walked one hundred feet or so and looked up river to the bridge and beyond and near me the white water flowed down a series of falls. I thought that would be a good place for a picnic table. I went to Montgomery to see the Director of Conservation, Earl McGowin, and ask him about it. He said that was about eight miles from the park but if I would get Guerry Pruitt, the Highway Director to do the spade work, he would maintain it.

I went to see Mr. Pruitt. He said if it is that much of an attraction, let's build a road down the river. I asked if he would and he said he would. He was a man you could trust. A signature and jurat were not necessary with Mr. Pruitt. A man of his word, he required an extra wide right of way, a lot of other things I provided. I got far from Mentone and must get back.

There are two kinds of Residents, those that live close and neighbors. Mentone is populated with neighbors. They do not meddle, they do not pry, but if you need help they are close by.

Opie and I were in an eating establishment one day and got into a conversation with a very nice couple. I told him about visiting a rocket testing facility in south Mississippi. They had computers in concrete rooms underground. They recorded the data of the tied down rocket. I explained that the computers were quite large in the early days. I thought I was the only person in North Alabama that had visited that testing facility. He listened politely, then told me that he installed the computer at that place.

A dignified gentleman spoke to the Rotary Club in Fort Payne. He told me that Jack Jones talked him into visiting Mentone. He said he did and liked it and stayed all summer. He was president of the American Medical Association.

Jack Jones is an interesting fellow. He has a ski slope, golf course, Camp Cloudmont and extensive land holdings. He is also an author, I saw his books for sale at Mrs. Crow's store and the Kountry Chef.

Mentone has many interesting people and that added to the aptitude, attitude, altitude and climate that makes Mentone one of the most desirable places not only of the state but the entire nation.

Aunt Jack took us to the Mason home place. Not any buildings remain but an artesian well. The well water is cool and said to have medicinal characteristics. She passed on several years ago and her son lived alone. After the passage of a few years, J.B. died and had been dead several days when found. The neighbors did not know what to do. Someone suggested that they find us. We were in Florida, but they found us and we came right up and took care of the matter with the help of good neighbors.

Our little Boston Terrier went away and I called Marie Dillenbeck and Max Cash, the mayor and clerk, and a few others. The Groundhog came out a day or so later and Marie had put a notice in the paper. The community joined in the search for Christopher and found him. Just a couple of more reasons why I love Mentone.

Editor's note: If you would like to write to WG & Opie Hawkins, their address is 2021 Dahlke Dr NE, Cullman, AL 35058. Incidentally, "Aunt Jack" was Mrs. Jessie O'Rear Whitehead, whose mother, Alice Mason O'Rear, was the namer of the town.

The Shed

First I want to thank the community for the support of our business, we went through several hundred scarecrows and it is not even Halloween yet. We have another late order coming in for Halloween and Thanksgiving that will arrive and be out by the 9th of Oct. I have about 20 out of 300 floral picks for the fall left and they are on sale. Of course, we do 25% over wholesale on floral picks, so I cannot come down too much, but 15% discount will allow us to make 10%. The arrangements we made up for the fall are just about gone, so to work again we go. Our prices are so compatible it is hard to believe. However, I have a few scarecrow picks that the suggested retail is \$1.99, but are \$.99 less 15%. Out of 150 maybe 10 left. Scarecrow picks that were \$.63 are now \$.53, very small supply left. Straw wreaths that were \$2.99 now \$1.99 less 15% very small supply left. All sorts of floral pots now 15% off.

It's harvest time, and everyone knows what that means! Here at The Shed, it means a lot. We spent all month preparing the store for the fall festival. We will have a booth set up at the festival; it will be right in the middle of town at the Ice Cream Parlor like it has always been in the past. There with me will be some craftsmen who will be selling lots of fall goodies & Christmas goodies. Wreaths are all handmade, as well as swaps, sprays and arrangements, so come by and welcome them to our community. They will have all sorts of hand made unique items and very affordable prices.

Our Co. is a growing Co. and we want to bring nice things to you that you can afford. Everyone has been pleased with our prices on candles, and floral picks, etc. The large wind chimes that are \$31.99, suggestive retail is \$49.99. The large wind chimes we have left are very few at that price. Wind chimes that retail for \$17.99 are \$12.99. Peter wind chimes that are \$14.99 are \$8.99. We buy in large quantities, so we can offer these prices to you. A few scarecrows are left, big scarecrows suggestive retail price is \$24.99 is \$14.99. However, I have more on order and will be here Oct. 9th. Like I said in the past, it is nice not to have to drive off the mountain. I can promise you that by the time you drive to Ft. Payne and back up the mountain you have spent at least \$10.00 in gas. With the shops that are coming in and our Co. we are trying to get you top quality merchandise at reasonable prices.

Mums everyone on this mountain knows we offer top quality plants at good prices. I was in town a week ago and saw a bloomed out Mum in a 2-gallon pot for \$9.99. We have 3 gallon Mums just blooming for \$8.00. We also have 8" Mums just blooming 5 for \$25.00 any color of your choice. No, we are not going up on pansies \$9.99 a flat or \$2.00 a cup. Pumpkins-- you guys, we always get a large order of pumpkins and gourds in. Our pumpkins are 2 for \$5.00 and gourds are 3 for a \$1.00. Squashes--all sorts of unique squashes beginning @ \$.75. Everyone has been very intrigued by our white pumpkins that begin @ a \$1.00. At those prices, we will be back in the field again and have more pumpkins and gourds picked before the festival.

I cannot begin to even tell everyone how many employees we have, quite a few--6 men and 2 ladies. We have to have a large crew to do the type of jobs we do. Let's say this-- the unemployment office has had many layoffs in DeKalb county in the last few months and we try to help out many of those people without jobs. We try to find out what areas they are best in. The Shed is always employing help, we have training available. David who is a Licensed Landscaper and Supervisor always is training men in that area. I am a certified horticulturist and train our employees in plants from the growing stages to the development. I can say we promised a lot and we are doing it.

Thank You,

David & Cheryl Baker

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It's a Boy!



Zachary "Keegan" Johnson

John M. and Kim (Worthey) Johnson of Mentone are proud to announce the birth of their son, Zachary "Keegan" Johnson, on June 6, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. in Gadsden, AL, at Gadsden Regional Hospital. Keegan weighed 6 lbs, 6 oz, and was 21 inches long. His grandparents are: Milton and Gail Chambers and the late Eddie Worthey of Mentone, and the late Marvin Johnson and JoAnn Johnson of Rainsville. Great grandparents are Luke and Mildred Crouch of Chickamauga, GA, and Alfred and Polly Chambers of Mentone. Keegan also has a great-great grandmother, Mary Crouch of Red Bank, TN.

PUBLIC SERVICE
ANNOUNCEMENT

The DeKalb County Board of Education is continuing with their Child Find Program through their special education department. If you know of any student in need of any type of special education services (speech-language therapy, learning disability services, developmental delay, etc) or you suspect may be in need of such services, ages birth through 21 years, please contact:

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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

September 11, 2001

The September meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at Nippersink Lodge. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the Devotional was given by Dallyne Jones.

The program was then presented by Carolyn Hendon, Naturalist at DeSoto State Park. Carolyn has been a resident of Mentone for 20 years and after retiring from teaching, has taken on the position at the State Park. The title of her very interesting program was "Mammals in this Area".

Hostesses for the meeting were Mary Ellen Fielder, Lucette Dix and Shirley Hussel.

Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved. Diane Kuehl, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

Tickets for a raffle the final day of the fair to benefit the Flower Show Fund were distributed. Mrs. Gough asked that more arrangements from the club be entered in the annual Flower Show at the DeKalb County Fair.

Linda Brown reported on the junior garden club and her successful butterfly project. She asked us to save compact disks for use in the butterfly garden. The junior garden club decided to name their club the "Partridge Peas" in honor of the plant their butterflies ate.

Linda Brown asked for reimbursement to her of \$36.00, which she had spent to have pictures reproduced for the educational booth at the fair. Sue Schwarz moved that she be reimbursed and Margaret Baker seconded the motion and it was carried.

Margaret Baker, Horticulture Chairman, passed out a list of poisonous plants.

It was announced that there would be a prayer meeting at St. Joseph's to pray for the victims of the horrendous events of the day and all of those involved.

The next meeting is to be held at the Woodman of the World Hall in Valley Head. Mrs. Gough asked that volunteers bake cookies for that event and that the hostesses for that meeting be on standby to help with other meetings. Our club will provide drinks and cookies for refreshments as the district clubs have been invited to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

CABIN FOR SALE

Log Cabin (main structure over 100 years old). Located on a beautiful 1.3 acre lot on DeSoto Parkway. Old pine floors. Upstairs loft bedroom. Fireplace and gas heat. Dishwasher and modern bathroom. Walk to Gragsmere Restaurant. \$125,000. Call (256) 634-0292.

DeSoto State Park Interpretive Program 2001

Date	Program	Speaker	Time
Oct 15	Nocturnal Animals	Carolyn Hendon	7:00 PM
Oct 13	Birds of Prey	Pato Cerny	7:00 PM
Oct 10	Legends of the Canyon	Francine Hutchinson	7:00 PM
Oct 20	Water Quality of Little River		7:00 PM
Oct 26	The Chamizal Trail of Tears	Kelly Gregg	7:00 PM
Oct 27	Geology of Little River Canyon		7:00 PM

The
RECIPE
CORNERBy
SUE SCHWARZ

I hope that none of you experienced losses in the terrorist attacks of last month. It seems that a lot of people we know were touched by loss on that terrible day, and our prayers go out to all in these troublesome times.

I have been rummaging around in my recipe box and have found a couple of recipes that I have used and enjoyed. Being a great fan of anything chocolate, these cookies are my new favorite cookie. This time of year I always enjoy apple dishes and Apple Crisp is one of our favorites and I hope you enjoy these recipes too.

DOUBLE CHOCOLATE COOKIES

3/4 c butter or margarine, softened
1-1/2 c sugar
2 large eggs
3/4 c cocoa
1 tsp baking powder
1 (12 ounce) package semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup chopped pecans,
toasted and coarsely chopped.

Beat butter and sugar at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs and next 3 ingredients, beating until blended. Stir in chocolate chips and pecans. Drop mixture by heaping table spoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets.

Bake at 350 for 8 to 9 minutes (tops will be soft.) Cool cookies on baking sheet for 1 minute and then remove to wire racks to cool. 5-1/2 dozen cookies. If you prefer a crisper cookie, bake an extra minute or two.

APPLE CRISP

Topping:
4Tbsp butter cut into pieces
1/2 C packed brown sugar
1/2 C flour
1/2 C rolled oats
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/2 C chopped nuts
4 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice

Place apples into buttered, 8-inch square baking dish. Toss together with lemon juice.

Combine topping ingredients except for nuts in a bowl. Work together with fingertips until mixture resembles coarse meal. Mix in nuts. Sprinkle topping evenly over the apples. Bake in an oven at 350 degrees F for one hour or until bubbly and the apples are tender. Let cool slightly. Serve warm, topped with ice cream or cream, if desired.



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(1) A MAGICAL MOMENT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ENTER THIS WONDERFUL LOG HOME close to DeSoto State Park. Delivered in the woods, you can enjoy the large porches, the pine floors, solid wood walls, high ceilings with spacious loft room and beautiful landscaping. A perfect get-away location, but only minutes from town. Enter today! \$168,500.



(2) LOOKING FOR A FARM? Picture yourself there in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath brick home featuring living-dining combo, den, large utility room, 2-car garage and full basement with kitchen. All situated on 18 acres surrounded by dogwoods overlooking the pasture and ponds. A must see at \$190,000.



(3) WHY PAY RENT when you can afford to own this country charmer with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, large kitchen and three rooms ready to be finished with your personal touch. \$58,500



(4) OWN A NEW HOME WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF BUILDING-Perched on the edge of the mountain, this 2 bedroom, 2 bath all wood cottage with stacked stone fireplace can be a weekend get-a-way or permanent residence. A must see for \$169,000.



(5) NESTLED AWAY IN MENTONE - This 3 bedroom, 2-bath modular home comes with a fully equipped kitchen, living room, dining room, central heat and air, 20x30 shed/garage, and a nice landscaped yard on over 1 acre. Call today for more details. \$55,000!



(6) HISTORIC HOME IN VALLEY HEAD! You'll love this 3 bedroom house with its large screened-in front porch, spacious living room and dining room, high ceilings and green moldings and wood floors, plus a new roof, new central heat and air, new exterior paint, situated on over 1 acre. Reduced \$79,900.



(7) WHAT A MOUNTAIN RETREAT SHOULD BE! Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 sitting rooms, sunroom, dining room and kitchen with breakfast nook, pine floors and more. All this on more than 2 acres of Atlanta brick front property. \$250,000.



(8) GET-AWAY TO THE CANYON! Located just 800' from the rim of the canyon, this would make a perfect getaway property. Featuring 1 bedroom, 1 large bath, walk-in kitchen, rock fireplace, central heat and air, metal roof, screened wrap-around deck and nice landscaping including brick entrance columns. Don't wait, call today! \$74,500.



(9) ESCAPE THE MADNESS-Just minutes from tranquility this rustic retreat offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a studio room, 3-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. 4 1/2 acres \$249,000. Will Lease.



(10) WANT TO BE YOUR OWN BOSS? Why not buy the Little River Cafe? A well-known and established business featuring a fully equipped kitchen and dining room with large porch for outside seating, stage for entertainment, and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon, and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. What a steal for only \$168,500.



(11) WATCH THE SUNSET from the deck of this rustic country cabin. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, two-story living area with mountain stone fireplace, large kitchen and sunroom all with a charm of their own and sitting on 2.8 acres of brow property. \$179,500.



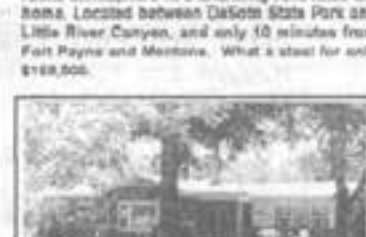
(12) COME SEE...COME BUY! This cottage type home located on 17 1/211 between Fort Payne and Hammondsville offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, carpeted dining, an updated kitchen, central heat and air and a detached garage. Put this cozy cottage on 5 beautiful acres and it's priced to sell at \$303,300.



(13) ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED is right here! This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, large eat-in area kitchen, entertaining area living room with fireplace and a multi-purpose basement that could serve as a guest room, office or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blend home and nature all on 2.8 acres. Once you see it, you'll want to own it. Call today for your showing. \$229,999.



(14) MENTONE - Impressive rustic contemporary rises before you as you drive down the driveway. Main house features 2 floors each with a bedroom and bath, living area, office space and/or sitting room, decks and porches surround the house with magnificent views of the valley and mountains. A 2-car garage with 1 bedroom apartment also sits on the 2.7 acres all for \$215,000.



(15) MENTONE - Stone and frame, 3 bedrooms, spacious kitchen with 2 stoves, separate dining, some wood floors, 8 acres, fruit trees, woods and cleared lands, room for horses, plus you can ride your golf cart to the course nearby. REDUCED TO ONLY \$189,000.



(16) ENJOY LACY AFTERNOONS in the picture book setting of this 3 bedroom 2-1/2 bath home featuring a 3-story porch on front and sunroom on back, a detached garage and garden all with extensive landscaping and views, with a winding paved driveway bringing you into the 7 1/2 acres. This house has everything you might be looking for. Located on Lookout Mountain. \$279,999.



(17) WHAT A DEAL! 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**Joannah "Annie" Michelle Graham
and Curtis "Curt" Brent Miller**

Joannah "Annie" Michelle Graham and Curtis "Curt" Brent Miller were married Aug. 18 in Tucson, Ariz. at Canyon Del Oro Baptist Church. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. David Lee of Louisville, Ky.

Parents of the bride are Timothy and Susan Graham of Tucson, Ariz. Grandparents of the bride are Owen Greer of California, Helen Snyder of Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Graham of Brazil.

Parents of the groom are Glenn and Linda Miller of Mentone. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Miller of Samson and Helen Yerkes of Seminole, Fla.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Julia Tucker of Tucson, Ariz., sister of the bride, served the bride as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Naomi Graham and Emily Graham both of Tucson, Ariz., sisters of the bride, Kara Miller of Mentone, sister of the groom, and Melonie Jones of Portland, Ore.

Kenneth Miller of Mentone, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Ryan Drake of Mentone, Jeremy Tillman of Raleigh, N.C., Marcus Bellamy of Dallas and Keith Miller of Mentone, brother of the groom.

A reception was at Wycliffe's Summer Institute of Linguistic Center Auditorium. The Rev. David Lee played the piano for the reception.

The couple plan on taking an extended honeymoon in January. The couple will live in Chattanooga, Tenn. The bride, a 2000 Pensacola Christian College graduate, will continue a nursing career in Chattanooga. The groom is a 2001 graduate of Pensacola Christian College. The groom plans to continue his education at Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga, TN. The couple plans to become involved in full-time missionary service.

UGF CAMPAIGN OFF TO A GOOD START

The first Report Meeting of Campaign 2001-2002 was held on Wednesday, September 26th. Dr. Mike Parker, UGF President, expressed appreciation to all the volunteers who, despite heavy hearts for our nation and those affected by the terrible tragedy, are united in their efforts on behalf of the UGF Campaign. A total of \$67,924.00 has been pledged to date toward this year's \$350,000.00 goal.

Parker told the group that, according to the latest news reports, approximately \$483 million had been contributed to help the victims of this horrible disaster. He went on to say that "this is a testament to the giving spirit of the United States of America, and I know that giving spirit exists here in DeKalb County."

Linda Clark, Manager of the DeKalb County Chapter American Red Cross, gave an update on the work of the National Red Cross in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. Clark said that donations to the American Red Cross Disaster Fund have been overwhelming. Contributions received to date at the DeKalb County Chapter total over \$12,000.00, with funds still coming in from area clubs, schools, churches, business, industry and individuals. She said she has been especially impressed with response from the school children.

She concluded by urging everyone to also remember the UGF Campaign now in progress, saying that the local Red Cross Chapter depends on UGF funding for its day-to-day operations. She credited the United Ways and United Givers Funds across the nation that fund local Red Cross Chapters—allowing them to provide the training and the volunteers needed to respond to disasters such as this. She announced the dates for the two upcoming disaster classes to be given free of charge to the public. One class was held on October 3 and another will be held on October 24. Anyone interested in registering for these classes should contact the local Red Cross Chapter at 845-0202.

Campaign General Chairman Linda Sterling said she feels the Campaign is off to a good start with approximately 19% of total goal reached within the first two weeks. Several industries are expected to report by the next meeting and that should boost the totals for the Industrial Division, which now stands at 11% of its goal.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution or pledge to this year's campaign should call the UGF office at 845-4006 or stop by the office at 106 3rd St. S.E. in Fort Payne. "Giving Today...Give Hope For Tomorrow."

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DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD NEWS

by Gwen Douthat

Greetings from DeSoto Rescue Squad!!

October will be a busy month for DeSoto Rescue Squad. On October 4th through 7th, we will be providing a medical station at the Tennessee/Alabama/Georgia Cave-In at Sequoyah Caverns. Every year, hundreds of people come to Sequoyah Caverns to attend the event; and this year, they have asked us to staff a medical station for the entire time, which means we will be there the entire four days, 24 hours a day. Other rescue squads and volunteer fire departments from around the county will be coming in to help us man the station. Not only did we ask for help because of the amount of time we will be spending at the event, but so that we could keep members available to cover your community.

We also will be setting up a booth at the Colorfest in Mentone this year. We hope you will all come out to see us and what we have to offer you and the community. We will be offering blood pressure checks among other things, also.

Thanks to your generous donations, we are well on our way to paying for our new AED (Automated External Defibrillator). We have ordered a brand new model, but we still need your continued support because it is not paid for yet. We have been told it will be shipped immediately and therefore it should be in service very soon.

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gardens of paradise. They are long forgotten items from another time gone by. Walk around the old gallery and view the Reverend's original people mural, a favorite of reporters and photographers. The breathtaking cement sculptured bed of roses and flowering plants holds a majestic Mosaic cross. Layered like a huge cake in the sky, you will never forget the World's Folk Art Church Museum. After your tour, roam around the Finster Folk Art Gallery and view the folk art and collectables of the Reverend Howard Finster and other notable artists. It will be difficult to leave without one. You may stumble on a group of students, a wedding, or even a baby dedication. You may even meet the Reverend Howard Finster himself on a Sunday from 2 til 5 PM. He has never met a person that he didn't love. A trip to Paradise Gardens is a memory you will treasure forever.

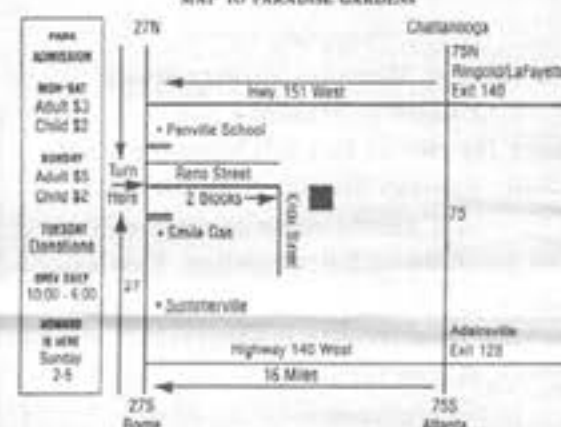
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The Church News

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 devotion at 8:30 AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes.

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 Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnell.

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

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 845-4842, has regular Sunday services at 9 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 p.m.

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.

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

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

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 Cloutland.

Lighthouse Fellowship—A church alive is worth the drive. All are welcome to our church just south of the Georgia/Alabama line on State Road 48. Our services: Sunday School - 10 AM (AL time); morning Worship - 11 AM (AL time). Pastor Obie Walker, 706-862-2607.

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 Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible Study Wed. 7:00 - 7:45 PM. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

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

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend 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 service. 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.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Pastor: LaRue Carraway.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Frankie Jorico.

Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church, 1041 Yankee Rd, Cloutland, GA 30731, 706-390-7010, now offers a 24 hour Prayer Line. Need Prayer? Just call and leave your message. Other activities include: Sunday School - 10 AM, Worship Services - 11 AM & 6 PM; Monday 7-8 PM - Informal Prayer Time; Wed 7 PM - Mid-week Prayer Service; Thursday 7-8 PM Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and Youth!

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OCTOBER 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m.	2 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m. Rescue Squad 6:00 p.m.	3 Sr Lunch 11:30 a.m. Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m.	4 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m. MRF 7:45 p.m.	5	6
7	8 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m.	9 Garden Club 12:00 p.m. Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m. Nutritional Brown 4:00-6:00 COOKING CLASS 6:00 p.m.	10 Sr Lunch 11:30 a.m. Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m.	11 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m. *Life Skills 6:30-7:30 pm	12	13
14	15	16 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m. Rescue Squad 6:00 p.m.	17 Sr Lunch 11:30 a.m. Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m. Library Comm Mtg 5:00 pm	18 Book Club 12:00 a.m. Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m. JPL 3:00 6:30-7:30 p.m.	19	20 Harvest Festival Event Kindergarten
21 Harvest Festival Event 4th Grade	22 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m.	23 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m.	24 Sr Lunch 11:30 a.m. Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m.	25 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m. *Life Skills 6:30-7:30 pm	26	27 
28	29 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m.	30 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m.	31 Sr Lunch 11:30 a.m. Tutoring 3:00-4:00 p.m.	*Life Skills Classes Oct. 11 - Landscaping by L.A. Smith Oct. 18 - Nutrition/Sensible Grocery Shopping by Edna Morgan Oct. 25 - Home Repair & Decoration by Tony & Eleanor Teverson		

Community House Calendar

**Reading 'Dream of Orchids' by Phyllis Whitney

For info on programs call:
Sue Henry (MRF chairperson)
634-4599

The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule:

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•October 10, 24 •November 7, 21
•December 5, 19

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9:00 - 10:00 Cotaco Creek
10:00 - 11:00 Ballet Dancers
11:00 - 12:00 Bluegrass Harmonairs
12:00 - 1:00 Cotaco Creek
1:00 - 2:00 Duane Walker &
The Desperado Band
2:30 - 3:30 Boyce McCutcheon
3:30 - 4:30 Cotaco Creek

SATURDAY NIGHT, OCT 20 - STREET DANCE

6:30 - 7:30 Cotaco Creek
7:30 - 9:30 Duane Walker &
The Desperado Band

SUNDAY, OCT 21

10:00 - 11:45 Cotaco Creek
12:00 - 2:00 Brown and Grey
2:00 - 5:00 Line Dancers & Square Dancers

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

•Third Weekend in October OCT. 19, 20, 21 - MAPA COLORFEST BROW PARK, MENTONE

•Thursday, Oct. 25, 5:00 pm., Waterworks
Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room,
open to the public

•Wednesday, Oct. 31, Halloween

•Saturday, Nov. 3, 5 PM, Moon Lake School
HARVEST FESTIVAL

•Tuesday, Nov. 6, 7 P.M., MAPA meeting at
Mentone Springs Hotel, everyone welcome
•Friday, Nov. 9, Annual Veterans Day Program at
Moon Lake School. All veterans invited!
•Monday, Nov. 12, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting,
Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
•Tuesday, Nov. 13, 12:30 P.M., Rhododendron
Garden Club, Mentone Community House
•Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 P.M. American Legion
American Legion Hall, Mentone