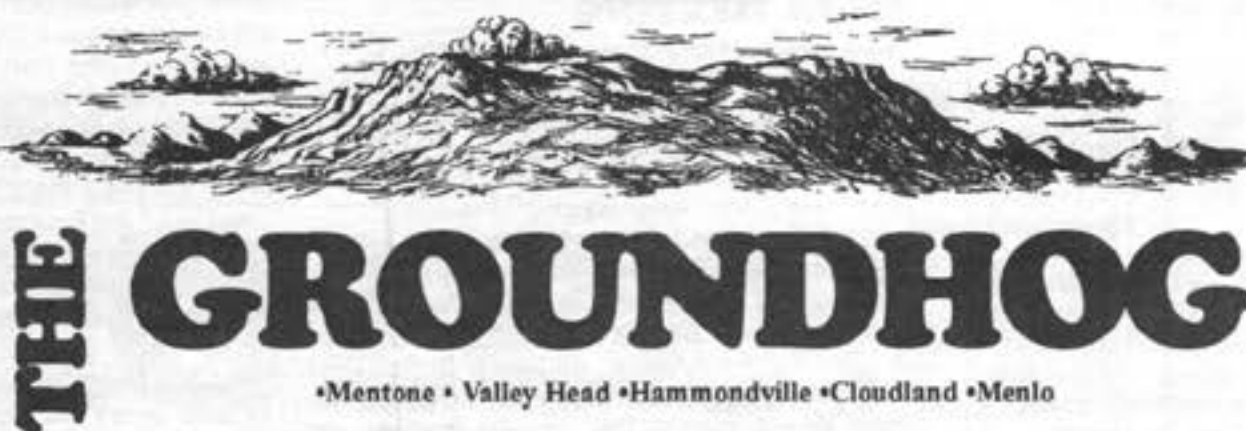


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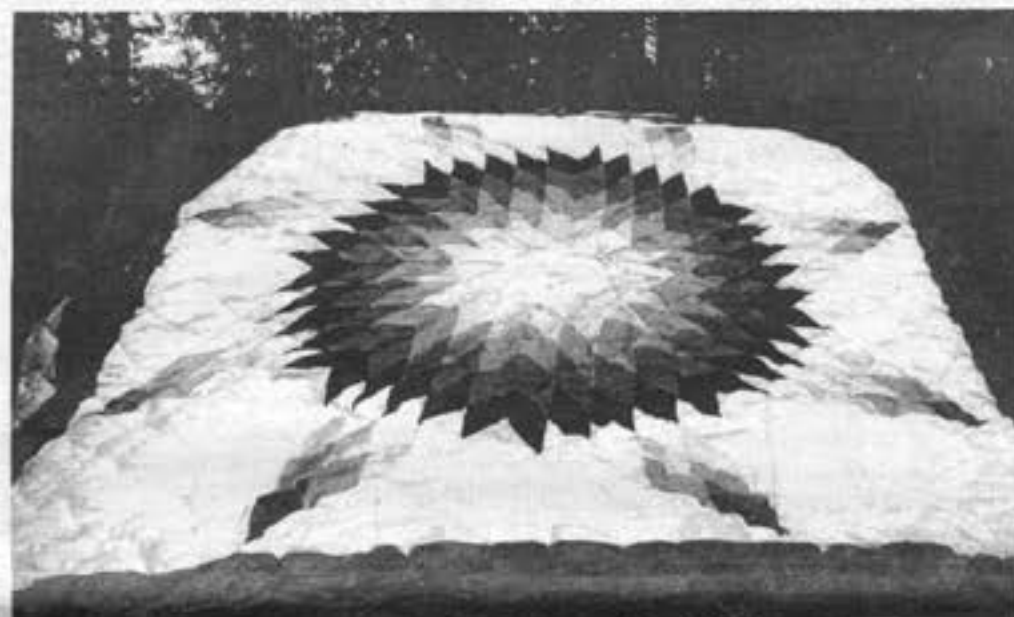
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THE 2002 OCTOBER COLORFEST GETS UNDERWAY THIS WEEKEND!!



"Morningstar Quilt"

This queen-sized, satin quilt was handmade in the traditional design originated by women of various plains tribes. The colors used are also traditional in that they represent the four colors/four directions found in much plains Indian art. The diamond shapes and star pattern are said to be symbolic of eagle feathers--a much-prized and honored item formerly awarded to members of a tribe being recognized for great achievements.

Brilliant oranges, reds and yellows are used along with the black and white.

CONGRATULATIONS MAPA ON 20 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG!

Please accept the Gift of this Star Quilt as a token of our love for Mentone and for everyone who calls it home.

From Bruce, Marsha,
Gen & Brent BonFleur,
Pine Ridge, South Dakota
"Morningstar Quilt"

Tiffany Bad Heart Bull, Quilter
Oglala Lakota (Sioux)
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD

Today, among the Indian people, star quilts are frequently given at special events and honorings. A newlywed couple may be given a quilt. They are also given in recognition of new birth as

well as at funerals. Sometimes a man or woman returning from military service or some other special service to tribe or nation is honored with such a quilt. Whatever the occasion, receiving a star quilt is always considered an honor and something to be treasured.

Depending on location and source, the value of a quilt like this is between \$250-\$350. That is for a machine-sewn one. A hand-sewn star quilt, again depending on size, materials used, and source can cost \$400 or more. If anyone is interested in obtaining a star quilt they may contact us at: P.O. Box 5050, Pine Ridge, SD 57770. Custom orders/colors/patterns are available. In all cases, the Indian quilter receives the monetary reward for the work.

MAPA thanks the BonFleur family for this exquisite gift. The drawing will be on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 4PM.

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 18, 19, 20

Friday night, Oct 18

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM: Bonfire on the square, with hot chocolate, cider, coffee, marshmallows, courtesy of MAPA

Cotaco Creek Band

Story Telling by Jack Jones and others who have a Halloween Story to share

Saturday, Oct. 19

9:00 am - 10:00 am Cotaco Creek Band

10:00 am - 11:00 am To Be ANNOUNCED

11:00 am - 12:00 am Bluegrass Harmonies w/Gene Gillian

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Boyce McCutcheon

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Bluegrass Harmonies - Georgia

2:00 pm PARADE from Mentone Post Office up AL Hwy 117 to the blinking light and south on Scenic Drive (Co Rd 89) to Cutler Ave and back to the Post Office

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Cotaco Creek w/Susan Iason

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Bluegrass Harmonies w/Gene Gillian

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Cotaco Creek

Saturday night

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Square dancing on the town square

Sunday Oct. 20

9:00 am - 10:30 am Cotaco Creek

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Bluegrass Harmonies - Georgia

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm To Be ANNOUNCED

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm New Generation Dancers/ Lookout Mtn. Cloggers

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Silver Liners, City Liners, Lake Liners (line dancing)

4:00 PM DRAWING FOR MORNINGSTAR QUILT

The North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District will be selling their BarBQ plates, drinks, ice cream, and other items under the food pavilion at Brow Park.

There will be over 50 vendors from which to select items for Christmas/birthday/all occasion, along with plants, and many other special items.

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MAPA MEETING

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The October 1st meeting was held at Crystal Lake Lodge, hosts David and Claudia Wassom. Ruby Brock gave the invocation. Present were Jack Jones, Dot Crow, Homer Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Lucille Crowe, Hope and George Walker, Rick Chapman, Claudia and David Wassom, Ruby Brock, Tom Donald, Pam Bettis, Barnabas Bettis, Olive Jones, Sonny and Francis Gilbreath, Kristen Emory, Angela Woods, Marsha Hair, Dorothy Shelden, and Talmadge Butler.

The minutes of the September 3 meeting were read and approved as was the treasurer's report.

Talmadge Butler was introduced as the speaker. He has been with DeSoto State Park for 16 years. Recently, the North Alabama Tourist Association (NATA) selected DeSoto State Park the #1 park in Alabama. The park came into being in the 30s when the CCC was formed. Cottages were built and a lot of stone work done. The last Sunday in July each year the remaining members of the CCC who helped build the park meet at the picnic area for a reunion. Plans for the park include renovations of the cabins and campgrounds and the pool area with a handicap ramp. A new bathhouse is needed. Other changes include new boardwalk trails. Mr. Butler gave a very interesting and informative presentation concerning the history of DeSoto State Park and the renovations that will be taking place.

The meeting resumed with discussions about meeting places and property being auctioned in Mentone.

President Jones thanked the Wassoms for allowing MAPA to meet at Crystal Lake. MAPA was the first group to meet at this beautiful facility.

The upcoming OCTOBER COLORFEST is on October 18, 19, and 20, and this was again the main topic as MAPA readies for this year's event. Jack Jones again gave credit to Marilyn and Huey Mathews for the paperwork they turned over to assist in the smooth operation of the festival.

There will be a parade at 2PM, beginning at the Mentone Post Office, lining up on Douglas Avenue. The route will be up Alabama 117 to the blinking light



at the intersection of 117 and Co Rd 89, where they will turn left and go a short distance to Cutler Avenue and return to the Post Office area. Candy will be thrown from the vehicles. Weather permitting, Mayor C.E. Britt will be leading the parade as the Grand Marshal. Glenda Hollis of the Mentone Inn is assisting in the lineup those who will be in the parade.

Hot cider and hot chocolate, along with marshmallows, will be available to the public free, courtesy of MAPA. Roasted peanuts will also be for sale at the Bonfire on the Square.

The North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District located in Mentone will be serving its BBQ plates and sandwiches, hot dogs, drinks, chips, and hand-dipped ice cream during both days of the COLORFEST.

Jack Jones announced that COTACO CREEK again agreed to come for the weekend and be there for the Friday night bonfire to be held on the 18th on the square in Mentone. (See schedule of events for the entertainment during the COLORFEST on front page.)

The drawing for the beautiful Indian quilt shown on the front page will be at 4PM on Sunday, Oct. 20.

The next MAPA meeting is November 5, at 7PM at the Community House in Mentone.

The MAPA telephone number is 256-634-8339. This is located at Jack's Red Barn in the old hanger area of the Dude Ranch. The Festival Chairman is Pam Bettis. Come out and enjoy the COLORFEST this weekend.

COLORFEST information can also be found on the website at www.MentoneAlabama.org. This will include a schedule of the food available, the entertainment, the vendors and exhibits available, and any other happenings for the COLORFEST.

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Sid is shown checking out the new Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District Fire Truck just purchased by the community and volunteers



Sid Holcomb and Family shown at their home near Mentone celebrating Christmas in 2001



Sid, Karen and Brody enjoying the scenery at DeSoto Falls

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HISTORY OF THE JACK-O' LANTERN

Submitted By Marty Smith

People have been making jack-o'-lanterns at Halloween for centuries. The practice originated from an Irish myth about a man nicknamed "Stingy Jack." According to the story, Stingy Jack invited the Devil to have a drink with him. True to his name, Stingy Jack didn't want to pay for his drink, so he convinced the Devil to turn himself into a coin that Jack could use to buy their drinks. Once the Devil did so, Jack decided to keep the money and put it into his pocket next to a silver cross, which prevented the Devil from changing back to his original form. Jack eventually freed the Devil, under the condition that he would not bother Jack for one year, and that, should Jack die, he would not claim his soul. The next year, Jack again tricked the Devil into climbing into a tree to pick a piece of fruit. While he was up in the tree, Jack carved a sign of the cross into the tree's bark so that the Devil could not come down until the Devil promised Jack not to bother him for ten more years.

Soon after Jack died. As the legend goes, God would not allow such an unsavory figure into heaven. The Devil, upset by the trick Jack had played on him and keeping his word not to claim his soul, would not allow Jack into hell. He sent Jack off into the dark night with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved out turnip and has been roaming the Earth with it ever since. The Irish began to refer to this ghostly figure as "Jack of the Lantern," and then, simply "Jack-O'-Lantern." In Ireland and Scotland, people began to make their own versions of Jack's Lanterns by carving scary faces into turnips or potatoes and placing them into windows or near doors to frighten away Stingy Jack and other wandering evil spirits. In England, large beets are used. Immigrants from these countries brought the jack-o'-lantern tradition with them when they came to the United States. They soon found that pumpkins, a fruit native to America, make perfect jack o'-lanterns. [Source: History Channel Exhibits]

The World Book Encyclopedia, "According to an Irish legend, jack-o'-lanterns were named for a man called Jack, who could not enter heaven because he was a miser. He could not enter hell either, because he had played jokes on the devil. As a result, Jack had to walk the earth with his lantern until Judgment Day."





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(7) ORDER UP! You can order whatever you'd like when you become the new owner of Little River Café. The price has been reduced to \$129,500 and the owners are ready to let you take over. A well-known and established business featuring a fully equipped kitchen and dining room with large porch for outside entertainment, and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old house. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Geyser and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. What's else!



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(9) SURROUNDED BY CENTURY OLD TREES, this restored home in Valley Head has charm, simplicity, and historical appeal. With over 2000 square feet, this 2-story home features 3 or 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. The kitchen is equipped with a Jenn-Air range, built-in oven, dishwasher, and pretty Oak cabinets. Renovations include new wiring, plumbing, insulation, roof, and maintenance-free vinyl siding. Best of all...IT CAN BE YOURS. \$82,500.



(10) VALLEY VIEW FOREST - Secluded with an incredible view of the valley and Weiss Lake, this cabin offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and an eat-in kitchen. The living room has pretty pine floors and lots of windows. The bedroom upstairs is extra large and could easily be made into two rooms. All this and more located on 7.1 acres. Call today for more details on your perfect get-away. \$148,000. REDUCED TO \$136,000.



(11) LARGE FRONT PORCH welcomes neighbors and friends to this spacious rancher in Mentone. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, den with pine floors, and gas log fireplace. Beautiful landscaped yard with paved circular drive and privacy fence. All this plus 2.8 acres for \$125,000.



(12) BEGIN THE CASUAL LIFE TODAY in this custom built 4 year old log home. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large country kitchen with all appliances, living room with cathedral ceiling, exposed beams, rock fireplace with insert, wood floors and open stairs to 2nd floor. Include a full front porch, 2 side decks, one car garage and 1.9 +/- acres and you are ready to move in. Reduced to \$136,000. Go Broke with Prime Realty. (Photo to left)



(13) GREAT GET-A-WAY WITH ALMOST 6 ACRES OF LAND. Located near DeSoto State Park and historic Mentone, Alabama, this rustic cabin is surrounded by hardwoods and has a peaceful view. Also on the property, large carport with concrete floor, a shop with electricity, a barn, a small storage shed, and a covered picnic area. All this for only \$84,800.

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My granddaughter, Laurie Dell, came from Pasadena, Maryland, Wed., Sept. 18. She took me to Gadsden, Thurs., to two doctors and we enjoyed a meal at Jeff Cook's Warehouse Restaurant.

Friday evening we attended the annual picnic party of the Sunshine Club at Ruth and Bert Pickett's "Out Back Inn." Others enjoying this event were Elizabeth Bauerle, Verence Hawkins, Berlis and Leona Chadwick, "Scooter" and Sue Clark, Billie and Floyd Harper, Anna Daniel, Evelyn Clark, Lillie Bowden, Lillian Pickett, and Jewel Shelburne. They have an ideal place to entertain and have done a lot of it this summer. I told you last month about Bert's family reunion. Since then, they had Ruth's family—the Cobble reunion on Sat., Sept. 28, and had about 60 from TN, GA, AL, and CA. Two cousins, Mildred McKibbin and Norma Dickson, from GA, spent the night with them after the reunion.

Ruth and Bert joined a group to attend the Senior Jubilee of the Baptist Church at the Civic Center in Gaffney, Sept. 23-25. Art Linkletter was one of the speakers and autographed his book for them. Johnny Hunt and Chonda Pierce, a Christian comedian, were on the program, as well as singing groups each night. There were six thousand registered. Others of the group to enjoy this very interesting meeting and great fellowship were: Peggy Bentley, Marie Goan, Sadie Cooper, Clara Bridgeman, Eugene and Juanita Smith, Lillian Pickett, Dot Fullam, Patty Spencer, Johnnie Galloway, John and Jean Jones, Willard and Priscilla Monroe, Rev. Charles and Lynn Jenkins, and her parents, Clyde and Diane Germany, from Jackson, MS.

The Valley Head Baptist Church had a covered dish meal and Blue Grass gospel music by Lewis and the High Mountain Boys, Sun. night, Sept. 22. The band visited John and Jean Jones and were given a tour of Sequoyah Caverns. The Church invites everyone to come to their open house, Oct. 20, from 2-4 pm. They are having a Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 2, at the church of crafts, home made items, plants, etc. They will be receiving shoe boxes for their Christmas project, Nov. 18-24.

Valley Head Methodist Church was grieved for our pastor Rev. Terry Wright his wife, Tijuana, and family for the loss of Tijuana's mother, Mrs. Mildred Hamlin, who passed away Sept. 22. The funeral service was Oct. 1, at Pine Grove Methodist Church.

The Paulownia Association's Conference, Sept. 20-21, at Hunt's Reception Hall in Ft. Payne, had good attendance—seventy registered and more came later. They toured Barry's, AJ's and Robert's

farms and went to Cloudland to see the house of Mary Alice Stout and Ellen Spangler, which has some of the logs in a cordwood masonry wall.

Ed Ringer is recovering at the home of his sister, Joyce Allen, after having surgery on his ears, Oct. 2. We hope he will have a quick and complete recovery.

Adelaide Biddle and her daughter, Mary Lou Carmichael, visited Mary, John, and Ted Holleman, Sept. 24. Mary, John, and Ted visited Betty Adams in Gadsden recently.

Michelle and Robert Brown had a catastrophe this week. Little John Bob got a popsicle out of the freezer and failed to close the door completely. They lost all their good garden vegetables and beef. I had that to happen to me twice years ago, and of course, I wrote poems about it each time. So, I think this is the "worst" one, which I will dedicate to them and all others to whom this has happened.

Gremlin in my House

There's a Gremlin in my house,
It's as silent as a mouse,
For as long as I'm around,
It is nowhere to be found,
But as soon as I'm away
It comes out to romp and play—
Finds mischief to get into—
See what damage it can do.
Last time really took the prize,
I could not believe my eyes,
Nor the odor that arose
To assault my twitching nose
As I entered my back door.
What a mess upon the floor!
'Twas a kitchen polluted,
For man or beast unsuited!
A small river, putrid brown,
Was running outward and down;
No finger could point straighter—
Than to my refrigerator!
I approached the door with dread—
Threw it open—I saw red—
and black—and blue-purple-green—
Eeriest sight ever seen:
Waving like moss everywhere—
Spooky scene—thank goodness—rare!
Everything had grown whiskers,
Rolls exploded into twisters,
Milk had soured—phew!—did it stink!
Lemons puckered—just to shrink.
Butter melted—eggs had spoiled;
Instead of chilled—all had broiled;
The switch was off—not down low—
The fan was hot—it did blow.
The freezer too—all it held
Including peas I had shelled,
Strawberries I had picked;
Blackberries that my fingers pricked,
Meats almost as dear as gold
More treasures than can be told
Rhubarb that I was saving,
Just for that special craving
Money, labor, down the drain
Not a thing could I retain!
As I scrubbed and carried out
I wondered "What's it about?"
The only way to explain
A gremlin thing will remain
Doing mischief in my home

Whenever I choose to roam—
This time—the sad thought lingers.
It used my husband's fingers.

(He thought he turned it down before we went on a trip, but accidentally turned it off.)

You don't think so at the time, but it could be worse. Which reminds me of the poem I wrote and you have read in *The Groundhog*: "It Could Be Worse." My cousin, Frances Jacobson, called me from CA, and requested her second copy. She had broken her ankle and had surgery—confined to a wheel chair until it heals—and wanted that poem to constantly remind her—it could be worse.

In the poem, I wrote when you feel low to go to someone worse off than you know, as you cheer them, you will be blessed. So, last Sunday afternoon, I decided to practice what I preached and went to visit my husband Donald's cousin, Bill Brown at Dade Health and Rehab. He is confined to a wheel chair, not doing so well. I took him a pound cake. His two sons were there that I had not seen in years. They seemed to appreciate my visit so much, and I enjoyed seeing them. I was blessed by the visit and buying fruit at the fruit stand at the foot of the mountain at Trenton and filling the car with GA's "cheaper" gas.

Everyone have a happy and safe Halloween and enjoy October's beautiful colors.

The Refreshing Rain

Thank you, God for refreshing rain,
That lets the earth breathe life again
The plants and trees all looked their worst,
But when the refreshing rain came, down,
Earth bloomed with smile instead of frown.
It had a bath, was fresh and clean,
Instead of brown, once more was green;
Leaves unfurled from tip to tip—
Plants opened wide each thirsty lip—
Revived—they started making fruit,
New life, new hope from tip to root
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Decor can be comfortable

By Maria Ballard, Times-Journal
Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Ever been in someone's home and the decor made you feel as if you should not sit down for fear of messing something up? Obviously, this stuffy type atmosphere does not make a person feel relaxed. A motif that is elegant and makes a person feel like putting their feet up is a real talent. This talent can be witnessed at the Mentone Springs Hotel and Restaurant.

It would be so easy to make this historically registered 1884 masterpiece into an ostentatious showpiece, but that is not what you'll find. New owners Andy Talton and Mark Elacqua moved in 10 months ago and have created a place that says welcome in the loudest way possible. From the chandeliers holding candles instead of electrical gear to the period antiques peppered throughout, your eyes will survey with wonderment. The art work alone can take you to places of thought. Art works by Walter Day tell

a story all of their own and are displayed along with local artists. Art shows are definitely part of the agenda for this establishment.

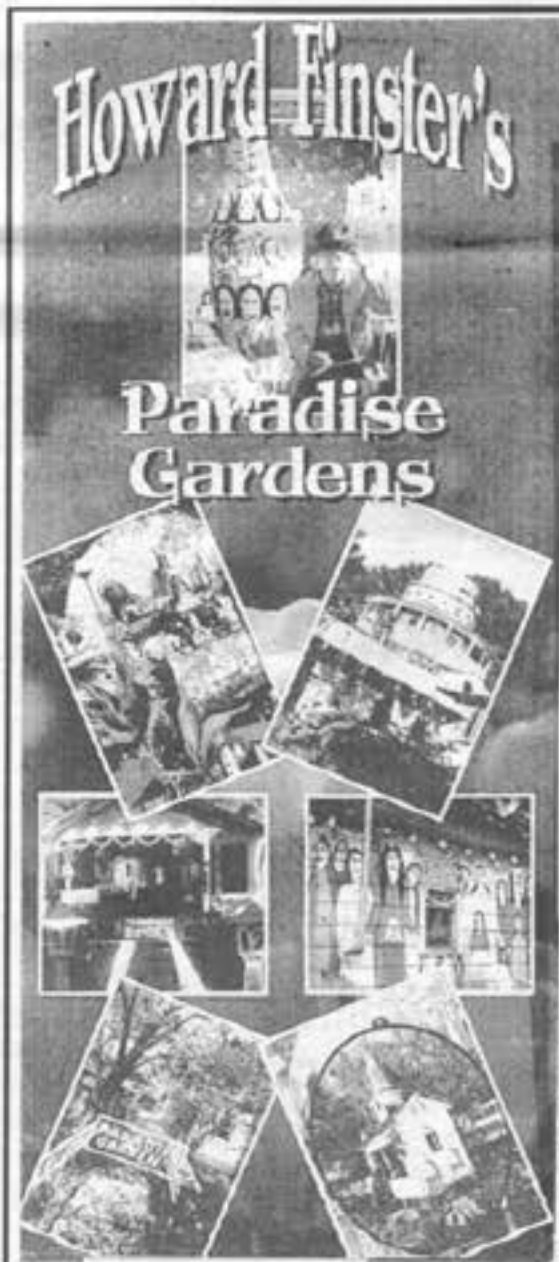
This four-story structure plays host to overnight guests in 10 rooms on two levels. You may be placed in a room with a turret, a piece of architecture that is not often seen. Or perhaps you'll be enthralled with the Moroccan foot trucks were brought in full of furnishings dating from 1780 to 1950. Personally, my eyes were focused on the handmade metal fire screen. Talton has a degree in horticulture/flora-cultural design and it is evident from the floral arrangements placed perfectly around the premises. While he may not have a degree in decorating, his talent for decorating is clearly evident.

Most of the furnishings come from estate sales and have been blended together to create a mood of relaxation. One of the things the owners are proud of is making the establishment wheelchair accessible. Safety for the elderly has also been a priority.

New steps on the front of the building with hand rails and wide landings for those who use the front entrance. While most might be tempted to come into this seasoned home and slather paint from floor to ceiling, you won't find this being done. They do not want to create a fake feeling. A little chipped paint here and there only lends to the true quality and feeling of the home.

The wraparound porch is an invitation of its own. Perched up at treetop level, you experience a dining atmosphere like no other in the DeKalb area. Soft music and candle light enhance my evening. Great attention is given to the dining experience. For those who prefer an air-conditioned environment, the dining room is available and the decor is locally unmatched.

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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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**Jill Heather Hendon
and Gregory Allen Crow**

Roland and Carolyn Hendon of Mentone are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Jill Heather Hendon to Gregory Allen Crow, son of Gary and Cathy Crow, also of Mentone.

She is the granddaughter of Alton and Magdalene Hendon of Arley and the late Drew and Corine Wolcott of Mentone. She is a 1998 graduate of Sand Rock High School and a 2000 graduate of Troy State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training. She is currently employed by Southeastern Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine in Rainsville.

Allen is the grandson of Bea Crow and the late Leonard Crow of Mentone and the late Ed and Ruby Gilliam of Fischer. He is a 1990 graduate of Valley Head High School and a 2001 graduate of Jacksonville State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Administration. He is currently employed by W.Y. Shugarts in Ft. Payne.

The wedding is planned for November 16, 2002, at 11:00 am at Moon Lake Baptist Church in Mentone. Family and friends welcome.

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Poke is a blessing as a food source and medicine though it is an herb that creates a valid apprehension when self medicating. In early spring, the young leaves and stalks can be gathered, boiled twice-to destroy all of the poisonous lectins-and eaten. The young leaves and stalks of poke are said to have a tonic effect as well as contain vitamins A & C if they are properly prepared. the roots and berries are the most common parts of the herb known to have medicinal value when prepared and administered properly.

The blueberry reminiscent ripe berries of this red stalked beauty are gathered in the fall. They demonstrate an anti viral effect according to the Physician's Desk Reference for Herbal Medicines. Tommie Bass recommended eating three berries three times a week for arthritis. The berries are also known to have a medicinal effect on skin eruptions, ulcers, and diseases, as well as for cancer. The roots of poke are better known for their medicinal uses, especially concerning rheumatism and cancer. For rheumatism, the roots of poke can be prepared for use internally or externally as a liniment or poultice. Tommie Bass said soaking poke root in kerosene can produce an oil for arthritic joints. I personally prefer making a salve of organic unhydrogenated vegetable oils infused with poke root.

Breast cancer has fared especially well under an intense treatment of poke root poultice, according to Back to Eden by Jethro Kloss. Poke root seems to be beneficial in treating all forms of cancer, as it is an alternative that helps the lymphatic system and is an overall good cleanser of the impurities in the body.

Tommie Bass...Herb Doctor of Shinnbone Ridge, states that poke tea is almost magical for weight loss. I believe this is a result of poke's ability to increase the metabolism--making it also beneficial for the under nourished--cleanse the digestive tract and colon. When the metabolic and digestive system do not operate properly, then toxins and excess weight build up in the body.

The roots of poke are good for skin disorders. They are known to cure ringworm infestation, parasites such as scabies, poison ivy, the itch, skin ulcers, eruptions and disease.

In homeopathic and folk medicine, poke is most commonly used to treat inflammation of the mucous membranes, rheumatism, feverish infections, and inflammation of the mammary glands. Poke root is also known to help hardened liver, throat and ear problems, goiters, thyroid disorders, inflammation of kidneys and bladder.

One tbsp of poke root mixed with one pint of water and boiled for ten to fifteen minutes will create a medicine that is safe for an adult to take one tea-spoon at each dose. Medicating a child with poke is risky. Even one berry eaten by a child is supposed to constitute treatment for poisoning--10 berries is equivalent to poisoning in an adult. Shortness of breath, diarrhea, dizziness, vomiting, increased heart rate, spasms and death due to respiratory failure are signs of poke poisoning.

Poke is a well-known and effective medicine. It can be your friend or enemy depending upon the respect you give. Children should always be watched closely around poke. When using poke, it is wise to be under the supervision of a health care provider, especially if you are not very experienced in herbal treatment.

You may contact me if you have any comments or questions regarding herbs (for identification or use), oils or salves. L.C. Moon, P.O. Box 224, Mentone, AL 35984. (205) 616-3148. Email--aruallove@aol.com

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Rhododendron Garden Club News (September)

The regular monthly meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held Tuesday, September 10, 2002 at Nippersink Lodge. The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mickey Gough and a devotional was presented by Christina Wise. The devotional was a thoughtful tribute to the memory of the events following September 11, 2001.

Janet Spahr introduced her guest, Joan Reid, Janet's sister-in-law who is visiting from Maine.

Harriet Lillich narrated a slide program which featured many lovely slides of flower arrangements with critiques of each.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Linda Brown reported that the Partridge Peas will begin meeting in October.

Martha Wood, reported for the Horticulture Committee. She brought several types of salvia and stressed that most are hardy in this area and that they are enjoyed by butterflies and hummingbirds as well as humans.

Old Business

The flower show will be judged the 23rd of September. People are still needed to help register flowers and exhibits on Sunday. We were all encouraged to develop entries for the show.

The meeting was adjourned until October 8, when we will meet at the community house.

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

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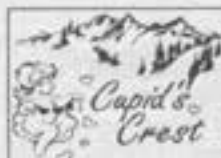
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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

We have had a busy September and a very warm and dry one. We began the month with a party at our house, given by our children and grandchildren, to celebrate our 58th wedding anniversary and my birthday. We called a few good friends to help us celebrate on an impromptu decision. We should have just announced an Open House party. Doreen's lovely balloons from the Package Store decorated the house and an arrangement of red roses Homer gave me complimented the serving table.

Michael DeYampert and his family came from Chattanooga and he, Barry and Coy played music. We loved having our neighbors and friends drop in: Tom & Tookie Anderson, Rick Chapman, Al & Jan Cherbonneau and family, Amelia Kirk Loli's daughters, Cathy from California and Cindy from Dallas, came with Dorothy, Grace and Bea Crow (that was an added pleasure), Page & Margaret Cunningham, Bill & Dorothy Cyr, Ed Disney, Shurlee Froehler, Sherman & Micky Gough, Jimmy & Pat Hathcox (they have a second home here and have become good friends), Jack & Olive Jones, Jim & Penny Lyday, Huey & Marilyn Mathews, Dossie Newberry, Clyde & Jean Phillips, Elizabeth Romans, and George & Hope Walker.

Family present included: Lucille Crow and her son, Leroy & wife Joann and their son Danny and wife Wendy and baby James Ethan. That was a treat. We had not seen the baby. Lucille has a great grandson - a beautiful baby boy!

Jesse Crow & Nell and Dewey & Pam Crow rounded out our family.

Jack and Olive Jones were celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary that day. Isn't that fantastic? With divorce so prevalent nowadays, we should really celebrate with those who have chosen to respect the vows they made.

What a wonderful day we enjoyed, filled with the love and joy of friendship and, most of all, a loving, caring family.

We have many interesting things happening now in Montone and I have not had time to check out all of them. During September, we usually take stock of our little businesses and do cleaning, renovating and buying for our wonderful color season. When the leaves start turning, our tourism hits its peak for the year. We have had some good rains recently, so our colors should be brilliant this fall.

Pam Bettis, Colorfest Chairman, is hard at work on the Colorfest craft show and the spaces are filling fast. She would welcome anyone who would like to work during the festival. We look forward to the bonfire and ghost stories on Friday night, the 18th. The Cotaco band will play music and MAPA will have hot chocolate, marshmallows, etc. This is a fun time for

children and adults. Please come with a good spooky story to tell because we ask for volunteers to tell us their stories. This evening's event has been one of our best features of the Colorfest for 20 years! If you have not attended in the past, you don't know what you've missed.

The air now has the soft feel of Autumn that is always welcome after a long, dry summer. My yard looks better than it has in months. The impatiens are blooming more profusely than they did all summer when we watered them twice a day. Tap water can never be as good for growing things as the natural rain water. Thank the Lord for rain.

We have purchased a pick-up load of books again and I'm having a fun time looking through and pricing them. Books are a great source of joy for me. I found the book "Stars Fell on Alabama" that I have not read. This will be on my agenda. How sad it would be not to be able to read when there are so many good books on any subject one chooses to learn about. Our son, Coy, wants to read everything he finds about civil war history. (Of course, he prefers reading about the Confederacy!) I like books about gardening, history, decorating and, of course, antiquing.

We continue to sell Zora Strayhorn's book, "Montone - a History." It's a great little book, well researched.

Homer and I are busy these days and we like it that way (just realize that we have to stop and rest once in a while). We do take time to enjoy our lovely scenery here in Montone.

It was hazy during the warm, humid days of summer and our view of the valley was not as clear as usual, but it held a beauty of a different type. Now the view is so clear, we can see Sand Mountain well. The little White Hall Methodist Church near Valley Head is my object to look for every morning. Its little steeple glistens when the early sun touches it and gives it a magical glow.

We attended the wedding of Lea Baker and Stephen Sharp at First Baptist Church in Fort Payne on September 14. Lea is Pam Crow's daughter and Dewey's stepdaughter. The wedding was beautiful with wonderful floral decorations and the service itself was very meaningful. It just makes one wonder how anyone could ever break those sacred vows made to each other before God. The catering for the wedding was done by Debbie Gamble and Judy Whitley. It was well done and very pretty. Debbie now has the Back Porch Cafe here at the Hitching Post, and she opened October 3rd. I've already enjoyed some terrific meals there and am encouraging others to try this new establishment.

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Laurel Eris is the creative force of the arm which wields the hammer at Copper Age Castlewares in Liberty, TN. Her tools are what she finds around her. Her anvil is part of the engine block from a caterpillar Bulldozer. Her copper is recycled from scavenged water and gas pipes and electrical wire.

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Currently, Laurel is working on a series of mirror frames and reptilian yard art.

Pat High is also from Liberty, TN. She received her M.S. in Agricultural Engineering from the Univ. of Tenn. and worked as an oil field engineer before starting her spiritual medicine jewelry business. Her continued interest in particle structure has taken her "back up" Turkey Branch Hollow, where she mounts what naturally falls from the stars and what naturally surfaces from Mother Earth's soil and water. She incorporates fire, earth, air, water, and spirit elements into each of her pieces using high quality gem stones, meteorites, naturally shed baby wolf teeth, fossils, and native American crystals and artifacts. Her medicine shields, earrings, and wands are totally unique and specialized, seeking to share universal grounding, peace, and empowerment. They are truly "out of this world."

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TRI-COUNTY PLANS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

By Mary Alice Stout

Children and adults of all ages are invited to come to a Halloween Party at Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue on Saturday, October 26 at 5:30pm GA time until?

The famous haunted walk will be featured and it continues to be a favorite of everyone! Games, refreshments and a costume contest will be enjoyed by all.

Tri-County Fire/Rescue is located at the GA/AL state line, where GA Hwy 48 meets AL Hwy 117.

CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS—We all "Fall Back" on October 27. It's the time to turn your clocks back one hour and check your smoke detector batteries.

TRI-COUNTY RE-CERTIFIES—Members of Tri-County recently experienced a day of reviewing and re-certifying their CPR and AED skills. Everyone took a test at the end of class and all made "A's"! Wanda and James Durham recently completed their EMT training, joining our other two EMTs, Charla and Wesley Welch. We are fortunate to have a well-trained fire/rescue.

During the class, Chattooga County EMS called Tri-County First Responders to assist in loading a patient. Six members jumped into the rescue vehicle and quickly provided aid. (See photo)



Tri-County members re-certify in CPR & AED. Clockwise from left: Shinice Smith, Janet Harris, Denise Green, Wesley & Charla Welch, Daniel Huskey, Donna Smith, & Justin Green. Photo by Mary Alice Stout.



Tri-County First Responders assist Chattooga Co. GA EMS. L-R: Charla Welch (EMT), Jamie Harris, Denise Green, Donna Smith, and Wesley Welch (EMT and newest member). Not shown is Mary Alice Stout, Photographer.



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The Community House Book Club meets every third Thursday at 10 a.m.

This month, the book that will
be discussed on Sept. 19 is
"Divine Secrets of the
Ya-Ya Sisterhood"
by Rebecca Wells.

For those wishing to join the club,
the next book for October 17th is

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Garnett Hammon celebrating her 94th birthday September 24

On Sunday, Sept. 22, a birthday party was held in her honor at her home. Around 60 people attended. She received many cards, flowers, and gifts, which she appreciated very much.

As her youngest grandchild, I have been blessed to have her in my life. She has taught me many things. Grannie is so fortunate to still have good health and to be able to live by herself. She has a lady named Betty who comes during the day for a few hours to help her. Grannie has also seen all of her grandchildren turn 40. We have all been blessed to have Grannie with us for all these years and hope to celebrate next year for the big 95th!

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MAYOR'S NOTES

We have just completed our second year in office, with two more to go. We have accomplished most of the things we set out to do, either finished or well under way.

Judicial Committee: Community Watch Program completed in the first year. The Radio Communication Program and Tower which provides the police, water, and streets with direct contact with Town Hall and each other on an as-needed basis is working well.

Financial Committee: The newly acquired accounting system (CSA34) we have set up this past year now has data retroactively entered into the system, both town and water. What a job! We think we have most of the bugs worked out. We were able to provide full-time employees with health insurance this past year, and just in time for one of our employees. If the council approves, we will obtain workmen's compensation benefits in January. These benefits have been a long time coming. The magistrate's reporting system has been set up and is on line with Montgomery, which means tickets can be entered into the state-wide system much earlier than in the past.

Seniors and Beautification Committee: We received a grant of 200 trees from the National Tree Foundation, and many of them have been planted in Mason Park, Brow Park, and along public right-of-ways. Anyone needing some of these plants may have red maple and green locust, available to plant on public right-of-ways. We will provide you with instructions for land width of your street for location of right-of-way.

Streets, Parks and Bridges Committee: Improvements will be forthcoming at the intersection of Scenic Drive (Co. Rd. 89) and Highway 117 from a grant we received. Engineers are surveying and designing curbs and sidewalks now. The walk bridges in Mason Park are being built and should be finished within the next month. This was a donation from Senator Lowell Barron.

Water: The Drought Grant is moving along on a timely basis. You will be receiving a letter outlining the required cross-connection controls and required inspections before turning the water on where one wishes to stay connected to his well.

Remember to VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 1 to keep the tax money in Mentone for the Fire Department. This is not a vote for more taxes, just to keep what we already voted for four years ago in this fire district. It will mean \$20,000 more per year to the volunteer fire departments.

This will be the last of the Mayor's Notes each month. I do not have time with my other duties with the grants we have in place that require my attention and with badly needed work in the town. Instead, we will replace the column with questions and answers. If you have a question or wish an explanation or answer, we will publish it in The Groundhog if you so desire. Write out your question and drop it in the mail or into the drop box at Town Hall.

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The RECIPE CORNER

By
SUE SCHWARZ



As I write this, we have experienced the rains of Isidore, and now possibly Lili will pay us a visit in the next week or so. September has come and gone and we are looking forward to the fall and winter seasons. I found a recipe that makes Brussels sprouts something special; and, in cleaning out some old files, ran across a recipe for a bread called Hobo Bread, that was a favorite of our family and came from my cousin, Donna Simmons. I hope you enjoy both of them and have a great month of October.

Sauteed Brussels Sprouts with Walnuts and Red Onion

2 pints Brussels sprouts
2 T butter
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 T chopped walnuts
2 T minced red onion
Grated lemon rind from one half lemon
1 T lemon juice

Trim bases off Brussels sprouts, cut sprouts in half and place, flat side down, on a cutting board and cut into fine shreds, starting at the base. Heat butter in skillet over medium heat. Add Brussels sprouts, salt, black pepper, chopped walnuts, and red onion. Saute mixture until sprouts are tender-crisp. Remove from heat and stir in grated lemon rind and lemon juice. Serve immediately. Makes six servings and looks lovely in a nice glass bowl.

Hobo Bread

2 C raisins
2 C boiling water
4 t baking soda
2 C sugar
4 C flour
4 T oil pinch salt.
Nuts may be added

Grease and flour coffee cans or any other cans of approximate size to one-pound coffee cans. (I found it takes 3 cans to bake this recipe). You can also use loaf pans. Fill containers 3/4 full with batter and bake for one hour at 350 F or until bread tests done.

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In memory of Emmett Bain
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Written by Tiffany Wallace

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Our
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By

LINDA BROWN



So far October's bright blue weather has been dull gray!! It has rained or been cloudy almost since the first day. We really need the rain. Some things have new growth on them just as though it were spring. Nature is a very interesting subject, no wonder some people spend their entire life and millions of dollars studying some aspect of it. Although spending millions studying the sex life of the bar fly (or some such) seems a little ridiculous to me.

Several things are occurring in Mentone this month that are not usual happenings. One is the October Festival that will be the weekend of October 18, 19, and 20. Another is the Health Fair which will be on Wednesday, November 6. I think it will be held at the Jim Berry Scout Cabin. I know that flu shots will be given. This question has been asked by lots of people. It seems that the DeKalb County Health Department is not in a convenient location for this end of the county. Many folks do not like to go there for their shots, so having them given at Mentone is a great help.

The Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library continues to be a big success. We do need more people to come and sign up for a library card or if you have one, please use it more. Remember that we have some resource books that you can use while in the library and also, there is a copier which enlarges and decreases size. It can be used on the community nights. Let's make this our library. Books can be checked out from either the school side or the community side. This enables patrons of all ages to use the library. I have noticed that we seem to have a more relaxed atmosphere than some libraries. No one is going to say, "ssssh" if you bring children who make a little noise. Also, a "come as you are" policy has been adopted. Recently, Kathy McMunn ran in the front door and laid a book and some money on the counter with this comment, "My book is over due, I have a bad cold and I have a sunny disposition." Well, most of the time Kathy does have a sunny disposition, but not on this particular night. Get well soon, Kathy!!

Karen Saferte has trained several more volunteers. This will be the last of the training sessions until spring. If you have signed up to be a volunteer and did not get to the training sessions, you need to call a member of the library board or go by the library any Tuesday or Thursday night and sign up again. Your name will be removed from the list and you will not be contacted until you sign up again.

Even though the rain has raised the water table, many people are very anxious for the lines to be finished so that they can have public water. A contractor is now laying water lines in the police jurisdiction of the town and beyond. One area that has needed water forever is finally going to get it with this last grant. Gray Road and Brandol Jones have been in need of more and better water for a long time. Now, unless some unforeseen problem arises, they will finally get it.

Talking about water, when I lived on a farm, our water for washing clothes came from a spring and we pumped water from a well for other uses. That spring was a wonderful thing. The water came from under a huge rock. My dad and uncle had installed a big tile in the main part of the spring. This caused the water to collect to about a ten foot depth. Below this tile, the water still ran in a small stream. It was here that we would wade on warm days and many times we carried a bar of soap and a towel and took a bath in the stream. This is frowned upon now as the soap residue seems to last forever.

We had cows that were milked each day. As soon as mama strained the milk and put it in a glass jug, it was my job to take it to the spring, tie it on a rope and lower it to the bottom to cool. At night I would go back and bring the cool milk home for supper. More times than I like to count, I was in a big hurry to get back and as I pulled the milk up, the jug would start swinging and bang against the side of the tile and break! This would cloud the spring for days and daddy would have to dip out as much water as he could. I soon learned to be more careful as I brought the jug up the side of the tile. We did finally get an icebox that would keep ice, so we could put the milk there. The ultimate luxury was when we got electricity and bought a refrigerator!

I am constantly amazed at how much progress and technology have occurred in my lifetime. I could not have chosen a better time in history to be here. Some people have said that this has to be my second or third life, because I remember things that haven't occurred in my lifetime. My answer to this and at other times when I know something I shouldn't is always, "I read a lot." I have a curiosity about everything. For instance, I was substituting in the office of Moon Lake Elementary School and someone was using what is called the Ellison Machine. This is a machine that cuts letters of the alphabet and shapes

for bulletin boards from paper. I tried and tried to determine how the machine works, I could not and I still do not know. I may have to call the company that makes the machine and ask.

People have asked about the flags and why they aren't being flown in the town more often. There was a problem with getting them put up and taken down. This was never a town of Mentone project, even though they supported it. The town workers really do not have time to do this and no organization seems willing to do it. Therefore, it was decided to wait and see if they were missed enough that someone would volunteer to be responsible for getting them up and back down. So far this hasn't happened. Let me know if you or your organization are interested in doing this. It is quite a job and requires a ladder in many places. This is another case where the question needs to be asked, "Does the end result justify the effort it takes to achieve it?"

Soon the holiday season will be here. I think that the makers of our calendar had wonderful foresight. The holiday season comes at the most dull and boring time of the year. What better way to brighten things up than to throw in Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's celebrations. These are all things that are meant to be enjoyed. Everyone should make an effort to relax and enjoy them more this year.

The Town of Mentone will be hosting a dinner meeting of the DeKalb County Mayors Association in October. We have had them in Mentone one time before and are very pleased to have them again. This is the one time that the mayors and other representatives of all of the towns get together and discuss things that affect us all. Right now one of the main topics of interest is the prospect of a new jail in DeKalb County. The housing of those who break the law is a real problem. All politicians whose name will be on the ballot in November will be invited to speak at this meeting.

Tuesday, November 5, will be the General Election. Please go out and vote. This is a very important election. We will elect a governor, a senator, a sheriff and many others for important offices in our state and county. Also, several amendments will be on this ballot. One that is important to all of us is a proposal to give all shares of the three mill tax for the volunteer fire departments to the departments. In the initial voting one share was given to the Forestry Division. This has not been satisfactory and this amendment is to change that. This is NOT a new or increased tax, just a change in the distribution of an existing one. Vote YES, support the volunteer firefighters of your area.

Enough of this foolishness for this month. Colder weather is predicted, protect your plants, pets and yourselves. Hi, Rebecca and Jim. Hope you get the quilt. Hi, Jane and Epp. Good to hear from you.

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(1) JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED. A little NAR. 36 acres level to riding fields, partially wooded, pond, and cabin. City water, 2 wells, 12x24 storage building, private road. Located in Mentone area, on Lookout Mountain. A must see at \$464,500. REDUCED \$154,500.



(2) A-FRAME CHATEAU. 1.9 acres of landscaped yard. Open living area. Kitchen. Bdrm-bath, private deck. Upstairs has 2 large bdrms, bath w/garden tub. CHA. 1,200 sq. ft. Garage. Fenced. Located Hwy 117, Mentone. Priced to sell. \$118,000.



(3) LOG AND FRAME HOME. Close to downtown Mentone. Originally built in 1918. 4-sided fireplace, now closed, would make a nice renovation project. Home consists of 3 bdrms, 1-1/2 baths, Den, formal dining, living room. CHA, large screened porch. Attic room, and level front yard. \$75,000.



(4) MOUNTAIN MENTONE. 3 bdrm., 2-1/2 bath, living room with gas fireplace, dining, kitchen. Hardwood floors through most of the home. Sunroom and 18x50 deck overlooking the pond. Separate 14x44 workshop. 16x80 2 bdrm., 1 bath rental mobile home. All on 7 acres. Paved road #642. \$157,000.



(5) THE HANGOVER COTTAGE. Phenomenal East Brow View from this 3 Bdrm 2 Bath, with Open Living, Dining, Kitchen with Rock Fireplaces. Large screened porch and Deck. All privately located on 6 acres. Priced Right at \$155,000. Cloudland area.



(6) 1988 30X34 MOBILE HOME. situated on 4.11 acres NW. 3 Bdrm 2 bath. Open living, Kitchen area. All appliances stay. Gas Log Fireplace. City water and Well. \$88,500.



(7) EARLY 1900s TWO STORY FARMHOUSE. located on Cutler Ave. Mentone. High Hedges and Oak Trees make a private setting in town. 2 Bdrms upstairs with sitting area and bath. Living area, eat-in Kitchen & Bath on the main level. Large screened porch. Pine floors, walls, and ceiling throughout. \$85,800. (Photo to the left.)

OTHER PROPERTIES

(11) MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES is located between Mentone, Alabama and Cloudland, GA., on Alabama Hwy 117. There are river front and mountain stream tracts ranging from 3+ to 14+ acres in size. The middle fork of Little River runs through the property with over a mile of clean pristine water, containing both whitewater and placid pools. The property is situated on the Lookout Mountain Parkway. This secluded, unspoiled area is a perfect getaway for retirement or a second home. All homesites have access to electricity, and city water is planned to reach the development by 2003.

(12) 31.45 ACRES. GREAT HUNTING LAND. Consists of Wooded and Open land. Test Well, private deeded access. Mentone area. \$83,500.

(13) INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES: Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.

(14) SIX WOODED LOTS (300x150), across from Sunset Park, DT Mentone, a rare find with Rock Formations, City water and perk. Perfect for the Cabin you have always dreamed of. \$40,000.

(15) DESOTO PARKWAY. 1.58 Wooded acres. Private access on Polecat Hollow Road. Surveyed, city water access. Build your cabin in the Mountains here. \$21,000.

(17) FARMHOUSE WITH 1.8 ACRES. MENTONE. Oak trees outside, oak floors inside. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with tile shower and clawfoot tub, living room with stone fireplace. Open country style kitchen/dining area. Large covered front porch. Detached garage, city water, paved road. \$85,000.

(18) WILD RIVER COMMUNITY (1 Tract left) 220x300 on the East Fork Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and Rapids. \$25,000.

(19) HWY 117. MENTONE. Older home, 1 bdrm, bath w/walk-in shower. 36x24 living room, handicap accessible. Storage rooms in basement. Over one acre, city water and priced to sell. \$39,000.

(20) ICTORIAN STYLE-THREE STORY. Home on BROW, Mentone. Over 4500 sq. ft., 6 Bdrms, 4-1/2 baths. Marble Foyer, Hallways, Dining Room, Living, Kitchen w/Breakfast Nook, tile counter, wrap-around Porch, 2 car garage. Situated on 1.2 acres with a wonderful Sunset View. Priced to sell. \$242,900. (Contract Pending)

(21) FISHING CABIN ON LAKE LAHUSAGE. Three rooms and a bath. Pine and Rock Floors. Large Deck, with over 2 acres and 500 ft on the East Fork of the Lake. Adjoins boat ramp.

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(8) WEBB CREEK MOUNTAIN LODGE, and guest cottage, in the Mentone area. 5 wooded acres. Lodge consists of Pine floors, FP, Great Room Kitchen, Bath w/rock floors, 2 screened porches. All Doors and Cabinets are hand crafted. Upstairs has 2 loft bdrms, connected with a cat walk above the Great Room. 1/2 bath. Large covered porch and Deck for the Entrance. Cottage has 2 rooms and Bath, pine floors and screened porch. Many unique Mountain touches, make this property a great retreat. \$150,000.



(9) 2 STORY HOME ON CUTLER AVE. MENTONE. 3 Bdrm 1 1/2 bath, updated with Metal Roof, 12x16 deck, Kitchen-dining combo. Living room w/gas free standing fireplace, cozy den, Large Bdrm with second story balcony. All appliances stay. Located on a level one-acre lot with large Oak trees and lots of wild flowers. \$72,000.



(10) WEEKEND COTTAGE ON LITTLE RIVER. Private location with 12 acres and 330 ft on the East Fork. 2 story cottage with bonus room and bedroom upstairs, greatroom, kitchen, bedroom and bath on main. Large deck. All this for \$170,000.

SPOTLIGHT ON AGENCIES FUNDED BY UGF CAMPAIGN

**GREATER ALABAMA COUNCIL,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

With the 2002-2003 United Givers Fund Campaign now underway, UGF will be featuring several of the local member agencies in press releases during the coming weeks.

Today's featured agency is Greater Alabama Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Greater Alabama Council serves youth in 22 Alabama counties. DeKalb County is in the Sequoyah District and Wayne Garrett serves as District Executive.

With 92 years of tradition, Scouting offers one of the best character building programs available today to any young person in the country. Scouting programs are also exciting, rewarding, and fun.

DeKalb County is very fortunate to have a strong active scouting program serving over 1,200 youth and their adult leaders each year.

Summer Camp was held during June & July at Camp Comer on Lookout Mountain near Mentone. Hundreds of Scouts attended and enjoyed a full range of fun, excitement, and challenges.

Some of the Scouting activities now in progress include their annual Popcorn Sale going on now through the middle of October, their Fall Recruiting Program called "Hooked on Scouting", and a fishing derby planned for this fall.

Scouting is alive and well in our community, helping to develop our youth into tomorrow's leaders. A UGF Member Agency since 1958, Boy Scouts is one of 13 agencies currently funded by the annual United Givers Fund Campaign. For more information on the scouting program in DeKalb County, contact Wayne Garrett at 256-237-1777 or 1-800-951-5015.

**GIRL SCOUTS
OF NORTH ALABAMA**

During this year's Fundraising Campaign, UGF will be featuring several of the local member agencies in press releases. Today's featured agency is Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc.

DeKalb County Girl Scout staff and volunteers work hard to provide an outstanding Girl Scouting program throughout the county. There were a total of 636 girls in DeKalb County enrolled in Girl Scouts this past year with 146 adult leaders.

Each fall, approximately 4,000 flyers are distributed to all schools in the county inviting any girl age 5-17 to join Girl Scouts. Special recruitment events are held throughout the year to show girls what fun Girl Scouting can be. No girl is denied membership in the organization because of economic status. Financial assistance is available to girls who would otherwise be unable to join.

Some of the activities that DeKalb County Troops participated in during recent months included: Co-Sponsoring blood drives with DeKalb County Chapter of American Red Cross and participating in Alabama State Literacy Service Project to purchase books for their schools. Girls learn the importance of service to others by participating in a wide variety of worthwhile community projects to help their local community or school.

Adults who would like to help make a difference in the lives of children are encouraged to consider joining a Girl Scout Leadership Team.

For more information on Girl Scouting in DeKalb County or on becoming a volunteer, contact JoAnn Pearson, Membership Director, at Regional Office, 256-582-0093.

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Christmas caroling at the Fountains
Dec. 2001, Troop 49



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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9:00 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 6:30 AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

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. 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 Abroad; Lay Pastors - James Harley and Ryan Dannel.

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, dedicated their new sanctuary and church building on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 3 PM. Their new location is at 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular worship services are at 10 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 845-4314. All are welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 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.

Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland begins at 10 AM, (EST), and the Menlo service 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, Cloudland, Georgia, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday evening at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Singing April 27, 7:00 GA time. Special Singers will be the Brown Brothers.

Lighthouse Fellowship assembly has moved to Cloudland. Turn at the produce stand, pass the tennis court, and go to the stop sign. Go right two blocks. A church alive is worth the drive. Sunday School - 10 AM; Worship - 11 AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-662-2607.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM, Worship at 11 AM, 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 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 any of their services or activities. Two Morning Services with Children's Church are at 8:45 AM, with Sunday School at 10 AM, and the second service at 11 AM. 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.

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

Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church, 1041 Yankee Rd, Cloudland, GA 30731, 706-398-7018, 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; Wednesday 7 PM- Mid-week Prayer Service; Thursday 7-8 PM -Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and You!

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama, regular services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. 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 Les Brown. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 2 PM in the fellowship hall; and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30 PM at the church.

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Johnnie Ellis passed away in April

A lot of people in Mentone will remember Bud & Johnnie Ellis who used to live here with their three children - Mamie, David and Chris. Friends will be saddened to learn Johnnie passed away in April from an undiagnosed heart condition.

They owned--and Bud still operates, "Horsin' Around"--a carousel animal carving school in Soddy Daisy, TN. She and Bud and their school carved the beautiful wooden animals on the carousel at Coolidge Park in Chattanooga and a plaque there recognizes their efforts.

Mickey Strickland

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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

I will go into thy house with burnt offerings; I will pay thee my vows, which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken when I was in trouble.

Psa. 66:13-14

Today, we don't have to take a burnt offering to the house of the lord, but we are told to assemble together. It is very easy to make God promises when we are in trouble, but just as easy to forget them when trouble is over. God doesn't forget the vows we make, so it would be good to go to church and pay our vows.

Happy Halloween!

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- October 18, bonfire on Square;
19 and 20 Vendors on the Brow
- Oct. 19: 2:00 PM Parade (see front page)
- OCTOBER COLORFEST**
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6 pm, a special PTO HARVEST FESTIVAL MEETING at Moon Lake School for those entering their children as participants
- Thursday, Oct. 24, 4:00 pm., Water Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Sunday, Oct. 27, TIME CHANGE, TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HR.
- Thursday, Oct. 31 - HALLOWEEN
- Tuesday, Nov. 5, ELECTION DAY-GO VOTE!!
- Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7 pm, MAPA MEETING
Mentone Community House, AL Hwy 117
- Monday, Nov. 11, VETERANS DAY, all state and county government offices closed
- Monday, Nov. 11, 6:30 P.M., American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall, pot luck supper (This is a change to coincide with Veterans Day!)
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 12:30 P.M., Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Saturday, Nov. 16, Moon Lake School annual fundraiser: **Harvest Festival**
- Monday, Nov. 18, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
****CHANGED DUE TO VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY****

The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule:

Mentone at Town Hall parking lot
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- September 11, 25 ●October 9, 23
- November 6, 20 ●December 4, 18
- January 2003 - *, 15, 29

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