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The MAPA October Colorfest this year, under the direction of Coy Crow, festival chairman, and his sisters, Doreen and Joyce, as well as Homer Crow worked extra hard to make this one of the most successful festivals in Mentone. A new feature this year was the helicopter rides. The Hatchett Creek Flight Company out of Talladega, AL, was contacted by Coy Crow and they accepted the invitation. For all of those lucky ones who were able to take the helicopter rides, the sights were incredible. Leroy Crowe offered the field behind their house in Mentone on Co Rd 647 as a place for the rides. Leroy also took

the trip--several times--and took digital pictures. These can be found at the top of this article, as well as throughout this issue. The Mentone Springs Hotel is above, and Tom, Kristen, and their their children also were thrilled with their ride. They are shown with leaving the helicopter. The field where the rides took place was at the back of Lil Mole Run Golf Course, and there is an aerial view of the golf course in this issue.

Coy said that Hatchett Creek has agreed to come back to any of our festivals and again provide flights for those who would like to take a view of the sights in and around Mentone.

2003 COLORFEST



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MAPA MEETING

The Mentone Area Preservation Association meeting was called to order by President Bernise Crow. The meeting was held at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy on October 7, 2003. Jim Lyday gave the invocation.

Present were Bernise and Homer Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Dot Crow, Coy Crow, Joyce Cooper, Hope and George Walker, Penny and Jim Lyday, Lynn and Tom Donald, Margaret and Page Cunningham, Dessie Newberry, Lucille Crow, Rick Chapman, and Dorothy Shelden.

The minutes of the September 1st meeting were accepted as read. Homer Crow gave the treasurer's report which was accepted.

One item on the report was the purchase of a popcorn machine to be used at the festivals and during other events. The membership had agreed to purchase one at their September meeting.

Coy Crow, festival chairman, announced that there would be helicopter rides and the helicopter would be flying in and out of the field behind Lucille Crow's property on Co Rd 647. Confederate Veterans would be firing rifles and a cannon during the festival, and would conduct a memorial service on Sunday. Classic cars would be here on Saturday the 18th. Several new entertainment groups will be at the festival and music will be on Friday night, and all day Saturday and Sunday.

A brief festival report was given; and the quilt (crazy quilt design) was displayed and will be raffled off on Sunday afternoon at 4:30. The quilt was made by Mentone quiltmaker, Lola Mae Blalock.

Page Cunningham made a motion to change the meeting time during the winter months to 6:30 p.m. Tom Donald seconded the motion which was carried.

The need for more workers at the MAPA booth was brought up and those who were able to help signed up.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to have refreshments.

NOTE: The winner of the quilt was Debbie Nozzal, of Gadsden, AL, a vendor at the October Colorfest. Her picture is in this issue holding the beautiful quilt (crazy quilt pattern).

~~~NOTICE~~~

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Letter to the Editor

10 Oct 2003

In Bernise Crow's August 2003 "The Country Journal", I read about using Ivory soap to keep deer out of the garden. I thought you might be interested in this article from June 1979, "Horticulture" magazine on the same subject.

Sincerely, Ken Llewellyn, Miami, FL

Hair Repellent

If you cut your own hair or your family's, you should consider saving the trimmings. Handfuls of human hair tied into balls with nylon netting apparently repel deer when hung from branches of trees and shrubs.

The New York Botanical Garden's Cary Arboretum has just entered into a research agreement with Seligman and Latz, Inc., a major beauty salon, according to BioScience (February, 1979). They will investigate which hair types are most effective and how best to package and attach the hair balls. The experiments, aimed at reducing the estimated \$5 million to \$10 million of damage done annually by browsing deer, will involve not only trees and shrubs, but vines and herbaceous plants as well. Preliminary results have indicated that the hair balls are effective at a range of one yard.

~~NOTICE~~

The original date for the
Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting

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By Tony Coggans, the Mentone Troubadour

It never ceases to amaze me all ymo you might run into in Mentone. I will never forget Willie Nelson showing up at the Courdie Shop one time with one of the Cash brothers. Talk about adding some clout to the shop. And there are always the local celebrities like Mark Herndon, drummer with Alabama, and Randy Owen, Jeff Cook, and Yeddy Gentry...ever Pierce Pettis, one of the foremost folk music entertainers, can be spotted from time to time on the streets and sidewalks of Mentone. And you would be very surprised who pays visits to James Patty, and Rachel Bryan, from time to time. Nurrnan Blake, who incidentally, has a great new CD and was spotted here just recently. But these folks are kind of expected, like seeing Paul McCartney, in his hometown, stopped at a traffic light.

However, this article is really about the unexpected that you may encounter as you roam this quaint little village town. One night as I was strolling at tables and singing favorites at Cragsmere Manor Restaurant and Gardens, I walked up to a table where there was a fellow who looked exactly like Randy Travis. Found out later that night, after he had left, that it was indeed Randy Travis. And there are the Forrester sisters and Naomi Judd was just here picking up a grandson from Camp. I could go on and on with the famous musicians who have been seen in downtown Mentone.

But famous musicians are only the beginning of who sneaks on and off the mountain. It is the people you see on the streets that you don't know that might amaze you. I once met a conductor from a big orchestra, whose name I can't mention. I met the main drummer for the Virginia Symphony. He comes once a year. There is a famous archaeologist who comes here quite often. I remember him telling me once he was leaving the next day for a "dig" in Egypt. There is a neat couple--he looks like Bob Dylan, and she looks like a royal princess--who are quite famous architects. They recently bought a mountain cabin escape down the road from Mentone. And there is the famous Edwene Gaines, the world's great prosperity teacher. She is often seen dining out in Mentone with distinguished looking people, who, like Edwene, I am sure, are world-known characters.

Mentone has this thing about letting a person come and be a "normal" (whatever that word means) person, leaving all that fame and prestige stuff behind, and at the same time, there is something about being seen in Mentone that just makes you look important.

Although success is hard to hide behind an aura of financial security and confidence, I know one fellow who is worth millions that does a good job of it. When he comes for the weekend or summer to his cabin in Mentone, he drives around in an old truck, wearing overalls, no shirt and barefoot. He seldom shaves, and he leaves his luxury car hidden in the garage at his cabin. He told me once that Mentone was Heaven to him.

Now, getting around to what I am really writing this article about...In the days prior to meeting him, I had, of course, heard of the incomparable Robert Bly, author of the famous book *Iron John*. It was Robert Bly from whom the character "Wilson" on "Home Improvement" was based. As far as I, and millions of others are concerned, he is the world's foremost poet.

Robert Bly privately reads poetry to Kings, Queens, and other members of royal families throughout the world in all kinds of countries. I had admired the idea of doing that and even daydreamed about what it would be like to enter places and be around all that royalty and sing songs to them. Anyway, whatever I expected and dreamed, I had never dreamed I would ever meet Robert Bly.

Many times I had heard Robert Bly recite poetry on Garrison Keeler's, *Praine Home Companion*, my most favorite radio program in the whole wide world. I dearly loved Robert Bly's deep-toned speaking voice. After being in the jungle business for years and having experienced many, many different types of voices, male and female, it has become a natural knack for me to take notice of an extremely talented speaking or singing voice.

Here are the most interesting steps which led to my first meeting Robert Bly.

For over a quarter of a century, on most every morning, rain, shine, snow, ice, or floods, unless I am out of town, you'll find me at DeSoto State Park Lodge writing in my journals. A few years back, I met the world's foremost anger therapist and writer, John Lee, author of "Flying Boy" at DeSoto Lodge. I had seen him there several times over several months drinking decaf coffee and reading the local paper. I finally asked him who he was and what he did. In his response, I could tell he wasn't nearly as interested in knowing me as I was in knowing him. After all, he was up there to escape and write. He didn't want to know anybody. However, being the nice guy that he is at heart, he did introduce himself and told me he was a writer.

I said, "I mean, what do you do for a living?" The way he looked at me...it was as though I had asked him when he was going to get a real job. He repeated that he was a professional writer...that he actually got paid to write. "Wow!" Imagine getting paid for writing!

The next time I saw John, a year or so later, he had purchased a cabin on the mountain not too far from Mentone and not too far from DeSoto Lodge. John has for years done anger sessions with hundreds of clients in his little hideaway, and...a couple or three times a year, he does a "How to Get Started Writing Your Book" Seminar. A lot of people come to these very educational and inspiring seminars, which, by the way, have gotten so big he has had to move the sessions out of his cabin into the Mentone Springs Hotel. Nowadays, John has offices for private consultations for individuals or couples in New York, Atlanta, and MENTONE. People come from all over the world for private sessions. He is nationally and internationally known for his work in grief, recovery, anger, and relationships. He has written 13 books all published by major New York publishers. He is considered as one of the early pioneers of the Men's Movement.

Anyway, over the years, and on occasions, I have gone up and helped John do little odd jobs. He calls me his caretaker and Mountain Guru. The guru thing is a cover for Handy Man. Imagine my surprise when one late, beautiful autumn afternoon in October, I went to visit John and found that the tall guy, with long, white wavy hair helping John pile brush and rake his yard, was the world-renowned poet, Robert Bly. John and Robert were moving a big log on to a blazing brush fire when I pulled up.

There was an aura about Robert Bly that went beyond explanation. I just sensed that this guy was important. I had never seen pictures of Robert Bly nor did I have any idea that Robert and John were best friends. Robert Bly has that look of confidence and wealth, and he just simply stood out. He has something about him that I have never seen in another human being. He is almost elusive and yet incredibly grounded in the moment. Celestial came to mind that day.

Even after several years of knowing Robert Bly and having met his wife, Ruth, I am still amazed at this remarkable character with whom I get to actually sit and talk philosophy once a year. You will have to meet Robert or see him in person in order to really get the full effect of Robert Bly.

Just to point out how close Robert and John are, Robert Bly, along with his wife, Ruth, flew from their home in Minnesota so Robert could be best man at John and Susan Lee's wedding, of which the formal wedding took place at Alpine in Howard's Chapel, highlighted with Robert Bly reading a phenomenal poem and the native American wedding service took place higher in the mountains, with Martin Pretzell, author of "Secrets of the Jaguar" heading up the service. And, to at least point out what a friend Robert Bly has been to my wife, Dana, and me. At Little River Cafe, one rainy, cold, and cozy night in November, with both fireplaces going and a packed house, upstairs and downstairs, and before Dana and I opened Little River Cafe in February, Robert Bly, without taking any compensation, headed up a poetry reading. In fact, Robert and John have tapes and CDs of that evening.

One of the greatest secrets of the mountain, which was never intended to be a secret, takes place on this very mountain only 3 miles from downtown Mentone and revolved from, and revolves around, Robert and John. Each year in the fall of the year, hundreds of men, from all over the United States and Canada flock to the mountain to a gathering that is hosted by John Lee, Robert Bly, and Robert Moore, head of the Chicago School of Theology. It is a three-day gathering that takes place at Riverview Camp, in which men can escape their wives and leave the toilet seat up...where men can be men and talk men stuff.

We are taking some seriously famous writers (that I am not supposed to mention) that come to this gathering. Along with the writers, come some of the western hemisphere's greatest Native American minds. I personally have seen several amazing musicians at these gatherings. One musician that really stands out to me, who, again, I cannot name, is a world-famous flamenco guitarist. I have tried that flamenco stuff, hard on the finger nails.

And so, the next time you are in Mentone, especially around late October or early November and you see a rather tall man with a long, white, thick wavy hair, and a purple aura about him, that'll be the world-famous Robert Bly. And the other three guys walking with him, who have prestigious looks about them also, but slightly less visible auras, that'll be John Lee, Robert Moore, and the guy with no aura (maybe a little one, that only I can see), that'll be me, overalls, white shirt and bowtie, with a Stetson derby over the bald spot on top of my head and my long, white, straight, thin hair sticking out from under the derby.



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By John Baty

Robert Norace Baty, Sr., was my Daddy. Robert Glenn Baty (who many mistakenly think was my Daddy) was my oldest brother. Glenn was oldest of nine children, while I was second from the youngest. He was born in 1917 while my birth year was 1936. Some nineteen years of separation. We all had the same mother, Josie Smith Baty.

Glenn was a saw miller. As far as my knowledge goes, he never worked any significant amount at any other occupation. When he was newly married, Glenn operated a mill for Davenport Lumber Company. The "Lumber Yard" was by the railroad just north of Valley Head. The old building is still being used. Recently, there was a hardware business there.

My daddy, Robert Norace, had many occupations. Among them, produce farming and slaughtering cattle and goats, which he "peddled out."

When Glenn left Davenport Lumber Company and began saw milling on his own, Daddy started working for Glenn. Daddy also was employed by Davenport Lumber for a time before Glenn left them.

Most of the men of our immediate family worked some for Glenn. I, author, worked for him some six or eight years.

Before the mill was set up permanently at home, they moved about quite a lot; cutting the timber and setting the mill on site. They brought the mill to the timber back then.

Daddy was a hard-working man, who didn't take life so seriously that he couldn't enjoy the humorous side.

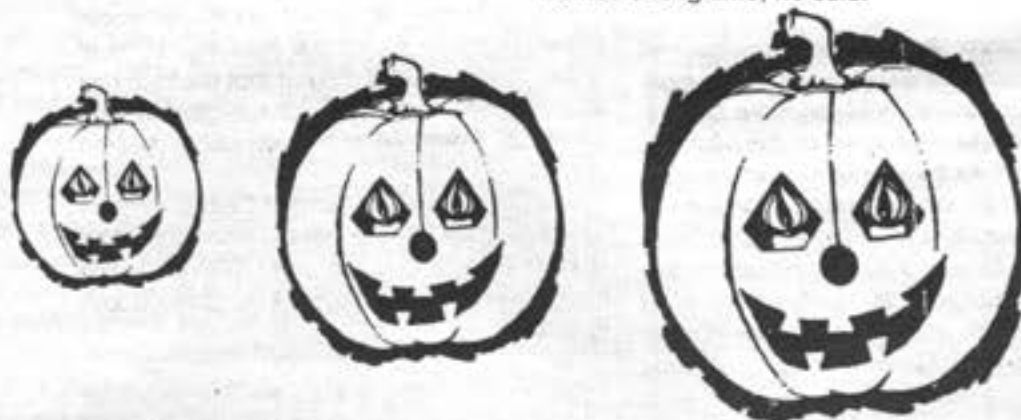
He left some good stories with us. He also sired one son who likes to laugh at the comical and incongruous.

Glenn, Daddy, and Dolph Johnson (who was a brother-in-law to Daddy) were milling down old Highway Eleven below Fort Payne. They commuted from here (Mentone) to their job. Saw milling is sometimes a rough, dirty, and tiring job. The three of them rode in the cab of a "ton and a half" flatbed truck. They liked to stop at a store up near the North-Y ("I'm sorry I don't remember who owned the store.) for a coke after work of afternoon. None of the three had a watch. --Don't ask how they knew when quitting time came, I don't know. --"Windy" Cooper operated a restaurant there on the west side of Gault at Third Street South.

The old courthouse had the spire in the top complete with clock and all the old characteristics of courthouses of that day. The three made a game of guessing the time on the huge courthouse clock; the winner getting his coke at the expense of the other two. Daddy was winning far too often to suit Glenn and Dolph. They strongly suspected some sort of prior knowledge, but they couldn't catch him. They dutifully bought his drink for most of the time they spent at that "set" of timber.

One day, near the time to move the mill to another job, the three men were discussing the upcoming change of location and had neglected to guess the time. As they neared the town and stopped momentarily at Third Street, Glenn almost shouted: "Ah! Ha! Heil! Now I see!" Almost obscured in one corner of the window of Windy Cooper's restaurant was a small clock!

Later, when Daddy explained it to me, he said that he would let Glenn and Dolph guess first, and then he would make his guess as far from correct as he could and still be closer than their guesses. It worked a long time, he said!



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September 9, 2003, Meeting

President Martha Wood called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Nippersink Lodge. There were 20 members present. Joyce Oliver, Jeanne Jackson, Barbara Nelson, and Kim Lawler were visitors.

After the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Gethryn Giles gave the devotional. Hostesses were Gerry Disney, Eva Estes, and Mickey Gough.

Margaret Baker introduced Honey Glover, a well-known local photographer, who gave an excellent program on Photographing Flowers. Mrs. Glover not only showed pictures of flowers she has taken, but also gave many tips on taking pictures, and the care and storage of cameras and film.

The minutes of the August 12th meeting were read and approved.

Dianne Kuehl moved that the club pay for the door prizes we have been requested to furnish for the District meeting. Motion passed.

President Wood encouraged members to enter two different sections at the Fair's flower show: horticulture and floral design. The fair will be in Fort Payne September 22-27. Two sheets were passed around for members to sign: one for work at the fair on Sept. 21st, and the other for contributions of flowers for the club's arrangement in the flower show. Mrs. Wood reported that she and Linda Brown are preparing an educational exhibit about the Plants of DeSoto Park for the show.

New Business: Ann Wright reported that during the summer there was a lot of remodeling and construction at Moon Lake School. In order for this to be done, all of the plants at the school had to be removed. Some were moved to the Mentone Springs Hotel and the owners have made a contribution, which has been used to buy new plants. These have been planted, but a lot of mulch needs to be placed around the area. Dorothy Cyr moved that the club pay for this mulch. Motion passed.

Since the club's regular meeting place is the Mentone Community House, there was discussion about the possibility of making a contribution for utilities and cleaning of this building. This was carried over to the next meeting.

Mickey Gough resigned as Parliamentarian as they are moving to Florida. She will continue as a member of the club and will spend time in Mentone next summer. Christina Wise moved that a big Thank You be given to Mickey and her husband, Sherman, for all the contributions both of them have made to the garden club and to the community. Motion passed with a round of applause.

Committee Reports: Dallyne Jones, chairperson of the Horticulture Committee, reminded members that now is the time to plant greens and other items such as brussel sprouts.

Lucy Fowlkes, chairperson of the Litter Control Committee, led a discussion about a clean up day for our mile of Highway 117 between the Hitching Post and Moon Lake School. It was agreed that the litter pick up will be on October 15th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Fowlkes will contact the Mentone Policeman to arrange help with traffic safety. The club has orange vests, which will be worn, and permission will be obtained from either the city or one of the businesses for the bags of litter to be put in a dumpster. More details for this work day will be given at the October 14th meeting.

The Moon Lake Library is selling 2004 community calendars, which will list many things, including the dates for the meetings of local clubs. Gethryn Giles moved that the club pay \$5.00 to have the dates for the garden club meetings listed on the calendar. Motion passed.

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.

The next meeting will be November 11, at 12:30 p.m. at the Mentone Community House.

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Gwendolyn M. Watson, Cellist, Composer, Improvisor, Teacher

+On September 9, Gwendolyn Watson spent the day with students at Moon Lake School teaching and involving them in and with music.

+On the same evening, September 9, there was a free concert for the community at 6:30 p.m. in the Moon Lake School gym.

+ Gwendolyn invited the students and their parents to volunteer to play instruments in the improvisational part of the program.

Pictured in the photos is Gwendolyn Watson, an internationally acclaimed improviser, cellist, composer and distinguished teacher/performer. She lives in Rome, GA. and gave a performance on cello in the Moon Lake School gym on the evening of Sept. 9.

Jan Wilkinson is shown doing a duet with Ms. Watson. Students from Moon Lake School, parents, and teachers were invited to participate in the improvisational part of the program and they are shown in the photo above.

Not only did the students enjoy their day with Ms. Watson, those attending the performance that evening were blessed by the enthusiasm and joy that Ms. Watson exhibited when she played the cello and addressed the audience. The volunteers enjoyed themselves as they played different instruments in accompaniment. Children and adults stepped forward and took up various instruments to be a part of the happenings of the evening.

We hope Ms. Watson will be able to come back and inspire others with her love of music and instruments.



Gwendolyn Watson and Jan Wilkinson



Gwendolyn Watson and volunteers during the improvisational part of the program



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- ▶ Children's Toys and Wading Pools
- ▶ Clogged Roof Gutters
- ▶ Tree Holes
- ▶ Old Tires

MAYOR'S NOTES: Mentone has been Discovered

The Octoberfest was, by all accounts, the best and largest ever. The article that appeared in the *Southern Living* magazine was responsible for many new visitors. Our thanks to Patty Tucker, Director of the DeKalb Tourist Association, for her efforts. Also, thanks to MAPA and its festival—Coy Crow, festival chairman, and his sisters, Doreen and Joyce, for their tireless efforts. Job well done! Also, many thanks to Homer and Bernice Crow, who were in the middle somewhere.

It is my understanding that the Bed and Breakfast facilities are booked for next year.

The Cloudmont Ski Resort better get ready, as a very cold winter is predicted, which should bring snow.

We have been trying to apprise our citizens of the dangers of mosquitoes and their breeding places. We have done a lot, but not enough, as it has been confirmed

that we have West Nile Viruses in Mentone. (See notice this page.) The *Times-Journal* reported that a horse in Henagar died this past week. The Mentone Town Council will take up stronger measures to deal with this issue at its next meeting. We ask that you cooperate with us for the safety, health, and welfare of all the people in our area.

We are nearing the completion of the Drought Grant with projects on County Roads, 639, 641, 644 and 106, and Alabama Highway 117. If you have a legitimate complaint, such as a drive-way repair, drainage, etc., you should let us know as soon as possible. Call the water board office at 634-9106.

The Rehab Grant, which bid September 4th, was \$400,000 over budget. Therefore, we have had to rebid it, and the new bids will be opened on November 20. The new tank and water board office were on budget.

NOTICE

IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT WE HAVE WEST NILE VIRUS CARRIERS IN MENTONE

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS CONFIRMED
THRU TESTING OF A BLUE JAY
THAT WE HAVE WEST NILE VIRUS IN MENTONE.

BLUE JAYS AND CROWS ARE NOT THE CARRIERS, MOSQUITOES ARE!
DISCOVERY OF THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION CAME AT A TIME IN THE
SEASON THAT GIVES US TIME TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SEASON.
THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE MOSQUITOES YET THIS YEAR.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

WHEN OUTSIDE, WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.
USE MOSQUITO REPELLANT WITH DEET IN THE FORMULA.
REMOVE THE BREEDING PLACES AROUND YOUR HOUSE AND YARD.

KEEP GRASS CUT. REMOVE DEBRIS OR PLACES OF COVER SUCH AS
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WHERE MOISTURE CAN ACCUMULATE UNDER THEM.
REMOVE ANYTHING, WHICH CAN CATCH RAIN WATER, SUCH AS BUCKETS, BARRELS,
CANS, OPEN OLD JUNK VEHICLES, BOATS, OLD TIRES, LAWN MOWERS,
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DINNER FOR WORLD HUNGER

Sunday night, October 12, 2003, marked the second annual dinner to raise money for world hunger sponsored by the children of Moon Lake Baptist Church. The evening began with a parade of countries in which five of the children, dressed in costume, presented a poster and interesting facts from one country in each of the five continents represented. This was followed by an array of foods and breads authentic to these countries. The service was buffet style with the children serving the food that their parents and friends prepared for the occasion.

At the close of the meal, the group of 15 children presented a program about world hunger and the work of the World Hunger Relief Fund. This was highlighted with scrip-

tures and songs by the children. Brother Bill Russell, pastor of Moon Lake Baptist Church, closed the evening with a few comments and prayer.

The event raised \$400, which will be sent to the World Hunger Relief Fund. One hundred percent of this money is used for short and long term hunger and disaster relief programs. We are looking forward to the one for next year and hope that you will join us then. A special thanks to all the children and all those who made the event possible.

Children's Committee
Moon Lake Baptist Church

Written by Carolyn Hendon,
Pictures taken by Cheryl Baker

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

Some very exciting things are happening at the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library. The members of the Board of Directors have already sponsored a program of music at the school. Now we are planning two more special days. Well really, one is for an entire month. The month of February has been designated as History Month. In keeping with this theme, the members plan to sponsor events related to American History in every grade. The opportunity to write a theme report will be offered to the fifth and sixth grade. Cash prizes will be awarded to the writers of the top three best ones. These students will read their reports at the PTO meeting on February 10. Other activities will be scheduled then also. It will be a fun time for all.

The last special event will be in April, the emphasis of this workshop will be poetry. A famous poet will be in school that day to conduct classes regarding poetry. More on this will be available later.

On October 11, a work day was held at the library. Most of our volunteer workers were on hand to help with shelving books, covering books, cleaning out drawers and even cleaning the tables and counter tops. It was a very productive day and also a lot of fun. In fact, everything that we do at the library is fun. So many of our volunteers tell me that they look forward to their time of working and always enjoy seeing the people who come in and use the library.

We would like for you to tell us the titles of some books that you would like to have available in the library. We have a swapping system with a book store in Chattanooga and might be able to get it for you. Just this week we have had requests for more *Star Wars* books and also for *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown. Hopefully we will get the latter donated soon. I know several people who have it and have already read it. If you have any *Star Wars* books that you have finished with, we would like to have them. If we already have that book on the shelves, we will put the one you donate in the next book sale to raise money for the needs of the library. If we don't have that one on the shelves, we will process and shelve the book as soon as possible. A notebook is available at the library for your requests.

We have quite a lot of Young Adult books on the shelves now. These are in a special place so that the young people who are interested in them do not have to look through all of the books. We have made a special effort to meet the needs of students who are older than Moon Lake students. The members of the Board felt that this group of people was being

neglected in the availability of reading material to interest them. We have made a concerted effort to have some new and interesting books for this age.

One of the items of interest discussed at the last Board meeting was that of groups holding meetings during the hours that the library is open to the public. A policy was adopted stating that anyone who wants to have a meeting in the library during the hours it is open to the public must have the meeting approved by the Chairman of the Board of Directors well in advance. This will enable her to notify the volunteers who are working at the library that night that a meeting will be taking place. Many times the volunteer does not know the people who are meeting and feels very uneasy about them being in the library. Also, the noise and congestion of a meeting seem to discourage those who come to the library for a quiet time or to find a good book. Call Jan Wilkinson, 845-5048 before you plan a meeting in the library. Any unauthorized meeting will be asked to leave.

These persons have become FRIENDS of the library since the last listing: Ann and Bill Benton, Donna Sutton, Pam and Mike James, Dorna Hutcheson, Anne H Ransom, Lynn Gibson, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Virginia Setze and George and Harriett Lillich. All of them have been given the tote-bag. The Board is planning some special events for them soon. If you want to become a FRIEND, send a donation of \$20.00 or more to: MLESCL, PO Box 481, Mentone AL 35984 or come by the library on any open day.

There will be a day of training for new volunteers on Saturday, November 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and lasting as long as needed. If you would like to stay in the library during open hours or help with the many other tasks of keeping the library running smoothly, call me at 634-8006.

If this is the last issue of the Groundhog before the tour of Bed and Breakfast inns of Mentone, remember that the library will be on the tour. It will be decorated for the holidays and we would like for you to come by and visit us. The date for this is Sunday, December 7. I don't know the time of the tour, but I'm sure that it will be advertised before the event.

The new hours that the library will be open for the winter months is: Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Saturday time has not changed and the new hours on Tuesday should give everyone more time to come and get a book before dark. Please come by and visit during our open hours, our volunteers get lonely without any patrons. COME VISIT THE LIBRARY!

**MOON LAKE COMMUNITY
LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
NOVEMBER 11 FOR
VETERANS' DAY AND
NOVEMBER 29 FOR
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS**

New Community Library Hours

**Beginning October 28
Tuesday, 4-6 pm
Saturday, 9-12 am**

NOTICE VETERANS!!!

The November issue of The Groundhog will have a special section honoring our veterans. If you are a veteran, please send a picture in uniform with your name, branch of service, and the dates you served. Enclose a self-addressed envelope so that your picture may be returned to you. Please get this information to us by **November 10**. Send it to:

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Mentone, AL 35984**



Promotion



**Marie Frazier Walker
Glendale, AZ**

Marie Frazier Walker, daughter of Helen Frazier, Mentone, Alabama, was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel on 4 September 2003. Marie is with the 944th ASTS, Luke AFB, Arizona. She is the Officer in charge of the Mental Health Section, Education and Training Section, and Nursing Self-Inspection Program. She is employed as a Psych/MH nurse practitioner with Value Options in Phoenix, Arizona. Marie is also in a Ph.D. program with Capella University working on a degree in Health Psychology. Marie is a 1965 graduate of Valley Head High School.

About

Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Can you believe that it is already November? November is the beginning of the holiday season and you know how time flies when we get into that. We will probably celebrate Thanksgiving before another issue of *The Groundhog* is out. What are you thankful for? Sometimes it is so easy to forget to be thankful for the small things in life. I try to remember to be thankful for just being able to walk to the breakfast table. When I had some of the vertebrae in my back fused together fourteen years ago, one of the things that was presented to me as "a worst case scenario" was that I might not be able to walk again. Of course, those of you who see me regularly know that I can walk and that I have no real problems with my back. This is only one of the things for which I am thankful, so maybe this will start you to thinking of things for which you are thankful.

I'm not aware of a lot that is happening in Mentone right now. I know that the Color Festival was a huge success. I wasn't able to be there at all. It seems that I always have my bad cold of the fall at this time. This happened to me last year. I had promised to help the Fire Department in the food booth and had even ironed my shirt, but then did not feel like going up to the festival. Gail Chambers said I get "festivalitis" every year and this may be true. I continue to have mixed feelings about so many people coming to Mentone. I understand why the business places and the bed and breakfast inns really want tourists to come here, but those of us who have homes here and have to contend with the extra amount of traffic and people sometimes have a different feeling for these weekends. I also know that Mentone is destined to grow. This is one of the reasons that I have supported the zoning movement for so long. We cannot hide our heads in the sand and think that it won't happen. I have seen bumper stickers on cars that state, "Mentone, the state of Alabama's best kept secret." The ironic part is that they are doing their part to make sure that it doesn't remain a secret.

The town is just going about the usual happenings. Things such as keeping the streets in fair shape and making sure that the police are available to help with the traffic at Moon Lake Elementary School and in other situations where they are needed. A lot of time is spent solving the day to day problems. Hopefully, we will have the library signs up before long. Allen Husky is going to help me with them, but he has been very busy lately with mowing and keeping the parks looking good. The signs are very attractive. They are blue and white with the universal logo for library on them. We are going to put them in front of the Moon Lake Library.

We are having much sickness in our community right now. Some are just the expected things with the changing of the seasons and some are more serious. We need to remember all of them with positive thoughts. I know that this is one of the reasons that my dad is doing so well. I told him recently that he wouldn't dare not get back on his feet, so many people were thinking of him and wishing the best for him. As Sue Schwarz said to me recently, "He certainly is loved and respected." The doctors have taken him off the blood thinner and told him to eat anything he wants. He needs to walk a lot to keep his strength up and to help his breathing. When I told him recently how many people were concerned about him while he was in the hospital, he said, "I must have been sicker than I realized." That is an example of his Irish humor. I have decided that a good sense of humor may be a person's best asset.

I have a favor to ask of all of you. The Moon Lake Community Library is in need of copies of the books entitled, *The DeKalb Legend*. These were published by Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc. I'm not sure how many of these were published but only two or three are still available for purchasing. James R. Kuykendall has always been involved in this organization. He has given the library a copy of one of the issues. My favor of you is that if any of you have duplicate copies or maybe copies left in an estate, please give them to the library. You may bring them by the library on Saturdays, 9 - 12 a.m. or Tuesdays, 4 - 6 p.m. Also, you may leave them at the Mentone Town Hall and I will pick them up. We will make good use of them when we conduct the history study with Moon Lake Elementary School students in February of 2004. I have the Bicentennial Edition - 1975 - 76 in my hand now to be sure that I get the name, etc. correct. In thumbing through it, I found an article on all of the camps in Mentone. There is a picture of Eloise Hart Temple and one of Rob Hammond when he had hair. There is one of Janice Chitwood, Queen of Skyline in 1961, she is in evening wear and seated in the most beautifully decorated canoe you will ever see. Part of the caption reads, "The winner of the election, by secret ballot, makes her regal appearance to an anxiously waiting crowd and is escorted by the king (the archery champion) during the afternoon. After skits and entertainment, supper is served outside." There is a picture of Council Bluff School. You may have seen the picture of it in *The Times-Journal* recently, it has been restored to its original state. There is a picture of Alpine Covered Bridge and of New Union School in 1923. In this picture are some names that I recognize, such as, Leonard Crow, several Westers, Frank Blalock, Leila Bell Kirby, R.B. Blalock, Ruby Blalock, Tiny Kerby, Woodrow Biddle and some girls that I probably know by their married names. I like the last line under the picture, "Large boy in window is Ted York." These will become a valuable part of our library and will be enjoyed by many. While they will not be available for checking out, you will be most welcome to come and read them while the library is open.

When looking through this volume, I found an actual page from my great-grandmother's Bible. It seems to be a poem and is written in her writing. It is entitled, *Any Mother's Bible*. The writing is very faint and faded but so far as I can tell these are the words:

"This book is all that's me now,
This vile unbidden start,
With faltering life and throbbing brow,
I possess it to my heart.
To many generations past,
This is our family tree,
My mother's hand this Bible clasped,
She dying gave it to me."
Mrs. W. T. Holbrook
Aug. 7, 1923
Read this book and take it for ye guide." End of inscription.

Grandmother Holbrook may have composed this, my mom was always writing something in verse and we know that such talents are passed down from generation to generation. I have a very rich and wonderful heritage, which is another thing for which I am very thankful.

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"GIVING THANKS"!!

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1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Jesus said, as long as two people meet in my name, "I am there."

Long ago on a very cold, snowy Sunday morning, Mr. Will Igou and Mr. M.S. Hick braved the cold wind and went to their church, Pine Grove Methodist. They were the only two there. Mr. Will read a scripture and led a prayer. They shook hands and returned home.

As our "footprints", they were not alone.

Elsie Clark

Mentone Wedding Chapel

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

Linda Patterson, owner of the chapel, said the idea for it began with a bell, and now that bell rings as newlyweds exit the door of the chapel.

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DeKalb County will be a very popular place for the next two months, at least, thanks to the magazine, Southern Living, and the Today Show, where it was featured as one of the top places to view fall colors. Now everyone can know, as we have always known, that we live in a beautiful place.

September 26, the following members of the Sunshine Club ate lunch at Heroes in Fort Payne: Lillie Bowden, Bethye Bettea, Rebecca McGinny, Estie Palmer, Ann Wright, Sue Clark, Elizabeth Bauerle, Lillian Pickett, Joy Hurt, Ruth Pickett, Billie Harper, Barbara Palmer, Treva McElhaney, and Jewel Shelbourne. After lunch, most of them went to Collinsville to the Quilt Walk, which featured free buggy rides, beautiful quilts, and a tour of homes and points of interest.

Venna Livingston and daughter, Sue Mosely, attended the annual meeting of the Dairy Department of the Agricultural Department in Cleveland, Ohio, recently. They enjoyed a bus tour of Akron, Fun Night and dinner at the Stan Hywet House and Garden, original home of Goodyear Rubber Plant founder.

A group of about 20 (mostly from Valley Head Baptist Church, few from Fort Payne and Mentone, enjoyed a trip to Gatlinburg, Sept. 22-24, staying at a Bed and Breakfast.

Lillie Bowden went to the Bowden reunion in Fort Valley, GA (over one hundred were there). A few days later, she, Jewel Shelbourne, Lucile Oliver, and Gladys Tucker, went to Pigeon Forge for a few days.

Bart Rountree and Katie Freeman spent Sat, Oct. 18, in Chattanooga working with an estate sale for Welch's Antiques.

Tommy and Gail Carson are spending a week in Gulf Shores. Jo and Howard are joining them for a few days, then will drive the scenic route from Toccoa, GA, to Gaffney, SC.

Ted, Mary and John Holleman enjoyed a beautiful drive across the mountain to Bridgeport on Saturday.

About 35 members of Bert Pickett's mother's family--the Ferrells--met with him and Ruth at their house for a family reunion. They were from GA, AL, OH, and FL. Three were there who were 90+; and one died the next week. They were glad to have that time together, as it had been a long time since seeing each other. Ruth has recovered amazingly well from gall bladder surgery--now her daughter, Patricia, is scheduled for it.

Ernest and Emma Brooks, and Christine and Walter Brooks, drove along the East Coast. they stopped at the Gettysburg, PA, Battlefield. They drove through Maine--which was beautiful with its lighthouses and boats--turned west and came back through Ohio and Vermont (where they discovered it takes 30-40 gals. of sap to make 1 gal of maple syrup). In Ohio, they saw huge pastures full of Buffalo

and Deer; in New York state, huge grape vineyards. In Portland and Kenny Buck, they were impressed by beautiful houses--so many of them with window boxes full of flowers.

Arthur "Lightning" Goss is in I.C.U. in UAB Birmingham in serious condition with 2nd and 3rd degree burns he received burning leaves and caught on fire. He rolled to the branch to put himself out, then walked to his house and called his son, Benny. We hope he recovers completely.

Christine and Walter Brooks visited Clyde Hulan, Ernest Gilbert, Mrs. Grindstaff and Elaine Hulan, in Collinsville Nursing Home recently.

Congratulations to Coley Morgan who won two hams at the Mentone Ham Shoot last Saturday.

Joe Pickett has been accepted as a student in Nursing School in Gadsden for the Spring semester.

Blanche and Bill Fuller came from Madison, AL, and took me to see our cousin, Tommy Fisher. He is a patient at the Life Care Center of East Ridge. That is a beautiful place with lots of flowers, aviaries of beautiful birds, aquariums, even dogs and cats to pet. Tommy's wife, Billie Jean, was there, daughters, Pam and Rhonda, and some grandchildren, we had not seen in years. We had lunch at the Outback Steak House and came home in time to spend some time with Emily and Barry Brown.

The Valley Head Marching Band spent Oct. 10, 11, and 12 in Panama City Beach, FL, where they competed in the Gulf Coast Marching Competition. They brought home the following trophies: Drum Major- Superior; Percussion - Superior; Color Guard - Superior; Dance Line - Excellent and Best in Class, Overall Band - Excellent. Congratulations!

Everyone have a happy and safe Halloween. Don't let the witches and goblins get you. Enjoy the beautiful colors of autumn while they last.

I went to Disney World many years ago with a bus load of AARP members led by Doris Patterson, a widely known and beloved teacher at Valley Head. I wrote this poem in the bus on the way back and Doris had copies made for each one. The poem is in this issue on page . I really didn't think any more about "returning" but thanks to the insistence and persistence of my granddaughter, Laurie Dell and her husband, Andy, I finally did return after many years.

Sept. 27, my granddaughters, Cindy Meadows and Beverly Wright took me to Birmingham, where I boarded a plane and flew to Orlando, where Laurie and Andy met me. We had a lovely villa at Indian Creek Estates at Kissimmee near all the attractions. We were joined by Andy's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Dell from Maryland. They spent one day at Cape Canaveral Space Center. We spent Sunday in Animal Kingdom, where we shared in celebrating the lavish and beautiful festival for the Lion King. We took a Kilimanjaro safari over 100 acres of Africa-like land by bus with hundreds (?) of animals roaming loose. We saw Tigers, Lions, Elephants, Tapirs, Zebras, Crocodiles, etc. They all seemed bored by people. Monday we spent at Epcot. The best thing there was a movie--"Impressions of France" -- beautiful scenes on huge moving screen we were a part of. A huge tree was there with carvings of many animals. Monday night we saw "The Illumination" a spectacular fireworks and light show over the lake. There were many technical and beautiful things to see and do. There were flowers of all kinds and colors every-

where. They had a Scooter rented for me, which I enjoyed.

In fact, I couldn't have made it without it. Tuesday night was one of the highlights--the Cirque Dub Soleil-La Nouba--"In this theater--big top, dream becomes reality and talent turns the ordinary into the extraordinary. Colors and sounds astound the senses, light invades the theater, and movements strain the boundaries of belief. The urban world confronts the circus world as two parallel universes." It was a lavish production with many talented performers and much color.

I came home on Wednesday. Laurie and Andy were joined by a friend, Donna Rodman from Annapolis, and went on to Fort Myers Beach for a few days and enjoyed shelling and sunning and parasailing.

Spirits of Hallowe'en

October's moments are fading
Into yesterday's history;

The few remaining are shrouded
In the deepest, dark mystery.

The moon is in mourning, waving
wisps of black veil at the breeze--
While eerie sounds are pervading
atmosphere, whipping the trees.

Witches are galloping on brooms,
round-eyed owls are asking "Who-oo?"
Jack-o-lanterns grin in darkness,
goblins and spooks answer "Boo-oo!"

Electrical fears are shocking
all who venture forth this evening;
black cats revive superstitions
for even the unbelieving.

Jack Frost's icy fingers playing
dirges on bones of human spines--
Only the brave can stand this night--
ignoring the sounds and the signs.

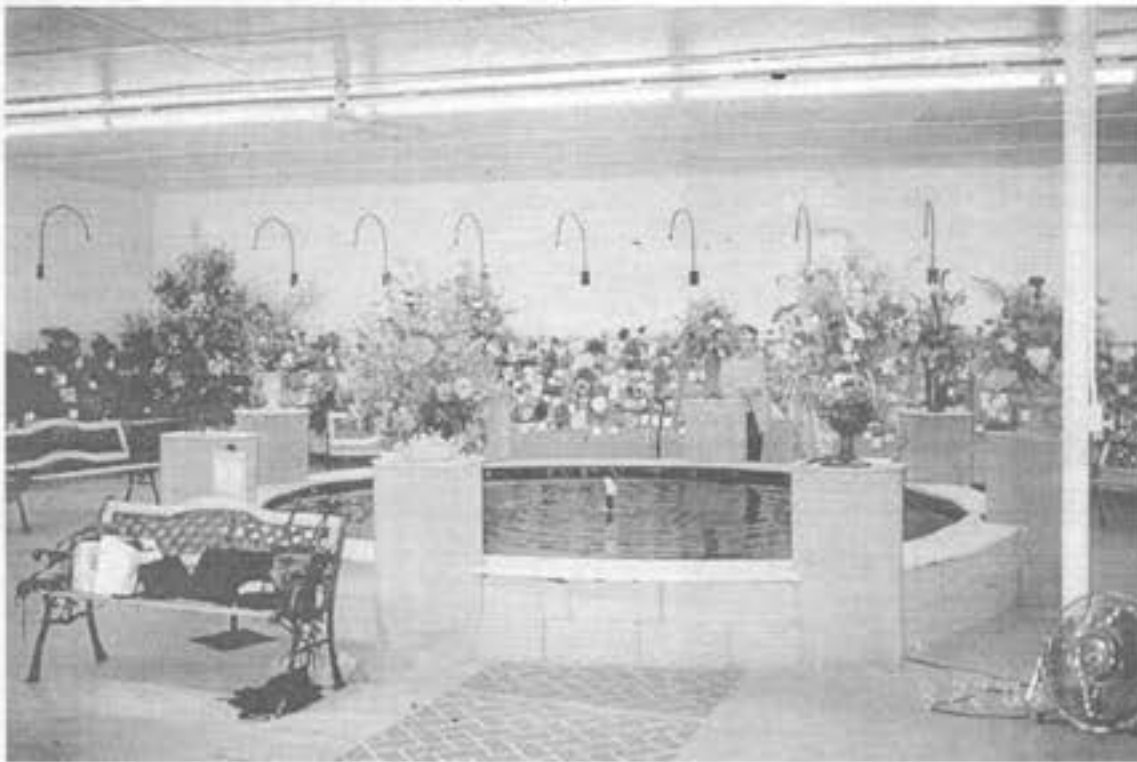
Spiders are spinning their lacy traps,
making more menacing the scene
for all who travel unaware
with the spirits of Hallowe'en

--Eloise Brown

How Beautiful!

How beautiful, how beautiful is each autumn leaf.
When golden sunlight ignites it into bright relief!
The fronds of the Sumac blaze in red burning bush.
The leaves of the Maple flush into rosy blush,
Sweetgum leaves clothe their trees in purple majesty;
Great Oak leaves achieve red, brown and green mystery.
Golden leaves crown the trees on mountains, plains and hills--
Splendor of colors that stirs souls as beauty thrills--
How beautiful, how beautiful are Autumn leaves--
Until they weave a brown blanket which earth receives.

--Eloise Brown



FLOWER SHOW WINNERS

By Christina Vincent

The DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs presented another award-winning flower show at the 48th annual VFW Agricultural Fair. The Flower show entitled "A Stroll in the Park" showed a total of 717 exhibits: 656 in the adult division and 61 in the youth division.

Hundreds of ribbons were awarded in all classes, with 118 in the horticulture division alone. Blue ribbons must score 90 or above. Special awards must score 95 or above and the Sweepstakes award is given to the exhibitor with the largest number of awards.

The Garden Club Competition award and the First Place blue ribbon was awarded to Rainsville Garden Club. The Designer's choice award went to Peggy Benefield, the Tricolor to Ada Campbell, and the Petite Award to Martha Wood. The Sweepstakes award was given to Marzee Etheridge in horticulture, Peggy Benefield in design.

The Rhododendron Garden Club won the blue for Plants in the Park in the Educational division. Awards of Merit went to Sue Stone,

Marzee Etheridge, Verley Rowell, Evelyn Landstreet and Mildred Smalley. First Place Youth awards went to Wesley Spears - Horticulture Award of Excellence; Emma Grace Hartline, Ashley Houston and Kayla Hazell. Individual Adult design entries that took first place were: Scavenger Hunt - Peggy Benefield; The Old Lamplighter, Lois Fuller; Our Spacious World - Peggy Benefield; Serenity - Peggy Benefield; Peddler's Cart - Lois Fuller; Send in the Clowns - Ada Campbell; Picnic - Dee Legg; Fireflies in the Night - Martha Wood; At the Feeder - Billie Harper; Jubilation - Dianne Kuehl.

Youth designs: Peek-a-boo - Emma Grace Hartline; Fun and Games - Brooklyn Wright; Kaleidoscope - Kayla Hazell.

The flower show will also enter into other state and national competitions. Judges were Betty Castleberry, Carlene Elrod, Gladys Cornus, Nell Bragg, Isabella Head, Evelyn Lucas, Mary Lou McNabb, Joyce Bollinger, Dot Rants, and Barbara Wilson.

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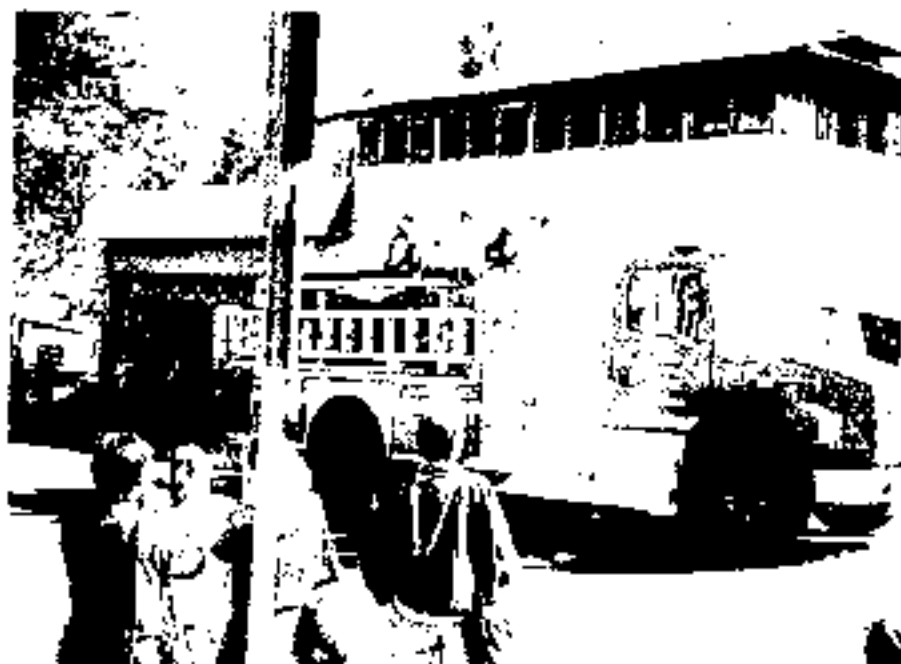
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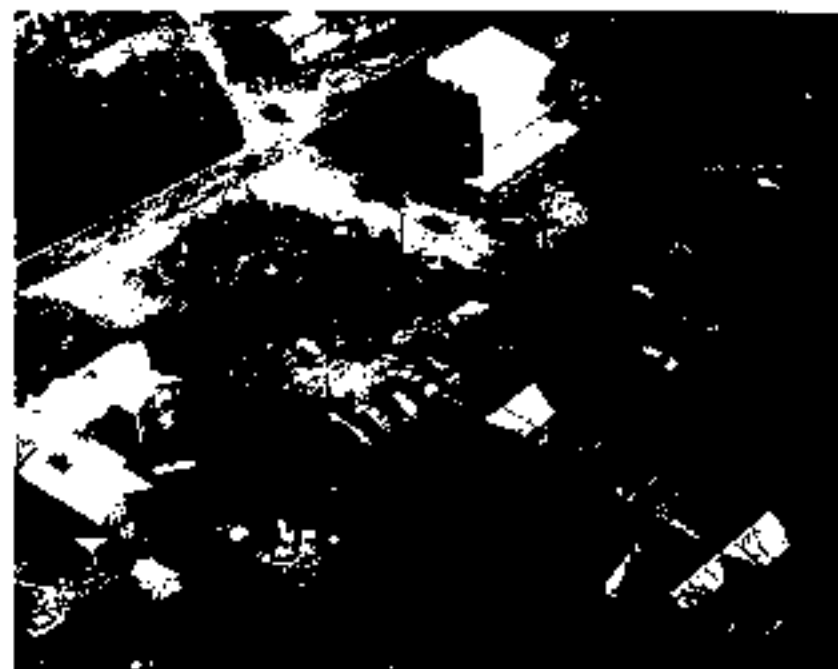
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Doris was Shepherdess for her sheep and constant vigil she did keep
Lest any of us went astray, forever lost along the way.
Our driver was nice and very cute...a good chauffeur knew his route.
But at first we almost parted, for we could not get him started.
But we were even when we were late and kept him waiting at the gate.
When they made us cross the moat in a slowly moving boat,
But he waited without a fuss--hope he didn't get mad at us.
Sometimes the road seemed very long, but we shortened it with jokes & song.
Everyone friendly, nice and sweet, helped make our journey quite complete.
Disney World's beyond compare--so much to see of beauty rare--
Its architecture and landscaping alone is outstanding show on its own.
Too much to see and too much to do--a Fantasyland that has come true.
It brings a lilt to your voice, and a lift to you step and restores your exhausted pep
And you become like a child again, free of worry, hurry and pain.
I said "Look, look, look," enough to fill a big book.
You become Snow White, or fly with Peter Pan, all earth and space you scan
You live through History of the past, you fly into the future, make memories to last.
We had the ease, comfort and thrill, traveling thousands of miles standing still.
You hear birds talk and flowers sing--they move their tongues and everything
And while you are having so much fun, you wonder "How on earth is it done?"
From above the earth to beneath the sea--what is real and what is fantasy?
Walt Disney must have had a close kinship with God for his divining rod
True to the most minute detail and ideal, he made the unreal become real.
He had a wonderful gift and knew how to give--he made the dead and lifeless to live.
I know that all of us had a wonderful time--now from sublime to ridiculous rhyme
You will be surprised--but now you know--I was the star of my own show--
As we waited to fly as Peter Pan, what happened was not according to plan--
One of my feet strayed to a moving platform and I began to perform
The rest of me was on solid ground, but that foot was a monster, soon I found.
It was doing a tug of war and had its way, although the rest of me fought to stay--
And while Geraldine was frantically calling, I lost the battle, and went sprawling
I know not what nor where I was doing, but feared I was headed for complete ruin.
But finally, I collected my wits and picked up all the pieces and bits.
Won the battle with platform speedily taking me away, with determination did stay.
(I could have been mangled if I hadn't got untangled.)
Nonchalantly, I went on my way, and it did not hurt my day--
I had a good time and much pleasure, with memories I shall cherish and treasure.
If I can preserve enough steam, it shall be my constant dream--
If a bus can get gas to burn--like McArthur,--I shall return!

---Eloise Brown

Christmas in Mentone

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ACTIVITIES IN MENTONE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. THE TOWN WILL BE DECORATED THE WEEKEND AFTER THANKSGIVING. SHOPS WILL BE EXTENDING THEIR HOURS TO ACCOMMODATE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. ON DECEMBER 6TH, THERE WILL BE CHRISTMAS CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS. ON DECEMBER 7TH, FROM 2PM TILL 5PM THERE WILL BE A TOUR OF B&B'S, A GUEST HOME, AND THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY. TICKETS WILL BE \$5.00, AND THE MONEY WILL GO TO M.E.R.F. AND THE LIBRARY. TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE LITTLE RIVER HARDWARE, MENTONE TOWN HALL, WHITE ELEPHANT, AND THE DEKALB TOURIST ASSOCIATION IN FT. PAYNE. ON DECEMBER 10TH, THE SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH, OFFERING A TURKEY DINNER AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE. MORE ACTIVITIES TO BE ANNOUNCED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. THE MENTONE TOURISM AND EVENTS ASSOCIATION HOPES EVERYONE ENJOYS THE HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES.

ANNUAL 20% OFF SALE AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

By Mary Alice Stout

The ANNUAL 20% OFF SALE will be held at MOUNTAIN MAMAS CRAFT and ROCK SHOP on the 3 days after Thanksgiving. The shop will be open from 10:00am till 6:00pm (GA time) on Friday, November 28, and from noon till 6:00pm on Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30. Everything in the shop is 20% off. Hot tea will be served.

After Thanksgiving weekend, Mountain Mamas will be opened for one more weekend, December 5, 6, and 7, noon to 6:00, then close for the winter and re-open in late March of 2004. The 20% OFF SALE is for Thanksgiving weekend only.

The Shop contains handcrafted creations of 60+ regional women artists. Items include pottery, candles, fabric art, yard art, gourd art, birdhouses, fine art, soaps, folk art, collectibles, and a rock shop. This sale has become a very popular time for our old and new friends to do their holiday shopping.

Mountain Mamas Craft and Rock Shop is located on GA Hwy 48, just a mile from the end of AL Hwy 117, at the GA/AL state line. For more information about the sale, call Mary Alice Stout at 706-862-2142.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

We have entered into the days of Autumn and it's a welcome change. I love the seasonal changes because it gives us a new outlook on everything. The warm, rainy, summer days were good for farmers giving an abundance of corn, potatoes, tomatoes, okra, etc. We have enjoyed good tomatoes and green beans here at home.

Time slows down and it gives us shop keepers time to clean and prepare for winter, or I should say for the rush of the last weeks of October. What a beautiful month of October: skies are azure blue, the trees are colorful and it's just cool enough for a sweater in the evenings.

Our Colorfest, on the third weekend, was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. Our "kids" worked very hard preparing for it, and it seemed to pay off in having one of the largest, most enthusiastic crowds we have ever had. It was such a surprise that our children would take the responsibility for doing all the work required for doing a festival. "Bless their little pea pickin' hearts", as Tenn. Ernie Ford used to say.

Coy was head chairman, but Joyce did all the paper work and answered the phone, and Doreen arranged the entertainment. Coy got in touch with a civil war reenactment group who was popular with most people, and he secured a group to come and do helicopter rides over our Mentone area. I was so busy I missed getting to ride. Leroy Crowe generously gave them permission to land the helicopter on his level property between his house and Lil' Mole Run Golf Course. Leroy took two rides and used his digital camera to film scenic attractions in the area—a beautiful picture of the Mentone Springs Hotel, the Mentone Market, DeSoto Falls, and other interesting places. Coy had a group of antique cars scheduled to be in the parade; but something happened that made them feel unwelcome and they left.

On Friday night, our bonfire was a huge success. The Cataco Creek Band has been furnishing music for the bonfire and the whole festival for a long time,

but Steve who played and sang with them and did their sound system, got transferred to Louisiana. So, Jerry and Betty Grantland got a professional band to come and they were good and well received. Jerry and Betty's son played drums with the band: "Duane Walker and The Desperados."

Joyce, Doreen, and Marie Dillenbeck sold popcorn, using our machine, hot cider, coffee and hot chocolate, as well as cold drinks. Hope Walker sold hot dogs. It was a fun evening. Of course, I did my "witch" appearance; but there were not as many children as usual and I had candy and bubble gum left over.

It takes many hours of work to produce a festival and we always learn something that will help us with the next one. We had an overflow crowd due to the nice article *Southern Living* did on Mentone, and good Morning America announced that Mentone was one of the ten best places to view fall coloring.

Our main problem was parking. The Boy Scouts of Troop 106 in Mentone do a good job, but they just did not have enough room. Mayor Britt is working with us to try to arrange another larger space for parking cars. We need a shuttle to bring people from parking areas too far away for walking. It would be wonderful to have a van or SUV that could take visitors on tours to DeSoto Falls, the park, and Little River Canyon, Howard's Chapel, and other points of interest.

Many thanks to the Boy Scouts for their work at parking cars and picking up litter; to Glenda Hollis for arranging the parade, and allowing us to use the lot, owned by the Michael Campbells, for our bonfire; to David and Cheryl Baker for their generous support. Cheryl decorated the stage for the entertainers at the bonfires and David brought us bales of hay for seating. We paid them for the hay and then he brought the check back and picked up the hay! Can you beat that? And Phil Faircloth was helpful in many ways—furnishing the sound system at the festival and playing tapes between entertainers. And his wife, Cathy, did the clowning for the parade. She was cute.

Our good friend, Ralph Miller, and his band, "River City Red Hots" were very good. Ralph is a music major and is high school principal in Chattanooga. He played music with our son, Barry, when they had a swing band at Chattanooga High School. Michael DeYompert plays banjo with the band, and he also played with the swing band. It was fun to have them and brought back many pleasant memories.

I am doing quite well and thank everyone for their prayers. Please continue praying for Joyce, who is still taking treatments in Birmingham, probably mid-way through with them.

Enjoy our good weather while it's almost perfect.

RECIPE CORNER

By Sue Schwarz

November is approaching and with it the promise of some cooler weather and the holidays. Enjoy the season and entertain friends and family. I want to share a recipe for Sweet Potato Cranberry Galette, which is easy and different. It was found in a cookbook called *Meals on the Move* by Holly Clegg. The other recipe is an apple tart recipe, which I kind of stumbled upon since I lost a recipe that I wanted to try.

SWEET POTATO CRANBERRY GALETTE

- 1 T margarine or butter
- 1 T olive oil
- 1 C chopped onion
- 1 C dried cranberries
- ½ C light brown sugar
- 1 T ground ginger
- 2-½ pounds sweet potatoes

Preheat oven to 400°. In a skillet, heat margarine and olive oil and saute onions until very tender, about 5-7 minutes. Add cranberries, brown sugar, and ginger, stirring until mixed. Line a 9-inch round cake pan with aluminum foil and coat with nonstick cooking spray. Peel potatoes and slice very thin, preferably with a food processor. Spoon one tablespoon of cranberry mixture in center of cake pan. Arrange one-third of the potato slices in concentric circles, overlapping in bottom of pan. Spread half of cranberry mixture over potatoes. Top with another one-third potato slices, arranged in same manner. Top with remaining cranberry mixture and end with potatoes. Coat a sheet of aluminum foil with nonstick cooking spray and cover potatoes lightly. Cook for 50 minutes, uncover and continue baking for an additional 20 minutes or until brown and crisp on top and potatoes are tender. Place serving plate on cake pan and invert. Makes 8 servings.

APPLE TART

- 1 Pillsbury already pie crust
- 2 T jam - Apricot or Peach are good
- 2 or 3 apples peeled and sliced
- 2 T sugar
- 2 T butter
- Nutmeg and cinnamon to taste

On floured surface, unfold pastry and roll with rolling pin until about 14 inches in diameter. Place pastry on cookie sheet. Spread jam in middle of pastry and place apples in center over jam. Sprinkle sugar over top and dot with butter and sprinkle with nutmeg and/or cinnamon if desired. Then gather up the edges of the pastry, pleating or pinching as you go so you end up with an open-faced tart. Bake at 425° until brown and apples are done—about 25 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream.

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MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

Saturday, November 1, from 5 until 7 PM, the Moon Lake Elementary School PTO will host its annual **Harvest Festival**, with games, prizes, and various fundraising activities occurring in the school gym. Food will be served in the cafeteria all evening, and the evening will culminate with the crowning of the king and queen. All proceeds go toward the PTO, which sponsors an array of instructional and extra curricular programs for the students, teachers, and families of Moon Lake School.

PTO will meet the following Tuesday, November 4, at 6:30 PM in the gym.

Pictures of basketball players and cheerleaders will be taken on Friday, November 7.

Students will enjoy a holiday as we commemorate Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11.

Mid-term reports for the second 9 weeks grading period will be sent home on Tuesday, November 18, and Thanksgiving holidays will occur on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Thanksgiving week.

Two days of home basketball games will occur in November. On November 8, Moon Lake Tigers will play Collinsville teams at 9AM and 10AM, and an Ider team at 12 noon. One week later, on November 15, Moon Lake will host Plainview for games at 9AM and 10AM and Geraldine at 11AM. All games will be played in the school gym, and concessions will be available from the Moon Lake Athletic Club.

DESCRIPTIVE STORIES WRITTEN BY MOON LAKE SCHOOL FIFTH GRADERS ABOUT FICTITIOUS CEREALS

FRUITIES

By Starla Cash

My cereal is very delightful it taste like bananas, apples, grapes, and plums. The bananas are as yellow as the sun. The apples are as red as cherries. The grapes were a vibrant color and so where the plums. When you mix milk with it change different colors it is very grand it is very colorful to, it's like eating real fruits.

SETHY O'S

By Seth Massey

Sethy O's is a great way to start off the day. Do you want to be the cool guy on the street. If you like popping, crackling, and pickle juice then, this is the cereal is for you. It's nutrition is great. Vitamins A,B,C, and D, and the best thing is it makes you live forever! It gives you super powers and makes you super smart. And if you buy 5 boxes you get one free.

ANIMAL KINGDOM

By Brittany Bain

Our cereal is good for kids because it has no sugar. Vitamin A and B, nutrition and it has all kinds of health food taste in it. Ninety-nine point nine percent of people say it is wonderful. It looks like plants and animals. If your child admires animals then they'll love this. My whole family buys it. You'll love the delightful taste and chewy animals. People have wrote us a lot of enjoyable letters telling us how sensational our cereal is.

UGF CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY VOLUNTEERS PREPARE FOR 1ST REPORT MEETING

Speaking to the volunteers who gathered on September 10th for the Kick Off of the 2003 United Givers Fund Campaign, Mark Dawson, Campaign General Chairman said, "The job we are undertaking, the goal we are trying to reach, will be more difficult this year because of the economic climate. Please note that I said difficult, not impossible."

The Division Chairmen, Team Chairmen, Group Captains and other volunteers are indeed looking at a difficult task this year. Each of the volunteers will be faced with a real challenge in meeting their individual goals this year.

Industrial Division Chairman Carla Bryan is looking for a goal of \$269,000—\$130,000 from the Diversified Industries Team and \$139,000 from the Hosiery Team. Commercial Division Team Chairman Andy Parker has a goal of \$22,000. Larry Hancock is heading up the Professional & Special Gifts Division with a goal of \$16,000. Public Service Division's goal is \$10,000, Elizabeth Wheatley Chairman; and the Town & Country Division is facing a goal of \$49,000. Danny Ashley is heading up this division.

Team Chairmen working with the Division Chairmen include: Diversified Industries, Ann Quevedo; and Hosiery Industries, Julie Morgan. Commercial Team Chairmen are: John T. Davis and Sarah Birmingham. Professional & Special Gifts Team Chairmen are Pat Dunne, Jr., and Sandy Hallmark. Liz Wear and Jim Davidson head up the Public Service Teams. The Town & Country Team Chairmen are: Lookout Mountain/Valley Team, Sue Wills; Sand Mountain Team I, Randolph Bell, and Gelane Nelson, Team II.

"Meeting the \$375,000 overall goal is vital to the agencies funded by UGF, especially those member agencies that are facing cutbacks in state funding," UGF Executive Director Barbara Turner said. She went on to say, "The Campaign has gotten off to a good start with just over \$60,000 in pledges and contributions received as of Friday, September 19th. Eight employee groups that participate through payroll-deducted giving, several community reports and a good response from the by-mail solicitation letters have helped to boost the totals this early in the Campaign."

The Campaign volunteers are looking with optimism toward the first Report Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st. The Campaign is scheduled to end with a final Report Meeting on October 29th.

To support this year's campaign, call the UGF office at 845-4006, or mail your pledge or contribution to: United Givers Fund of DeKalb County, PO Box 680292, Fort Payne, AL 35968



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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 devotional at 8:30 AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. 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 Atwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnel.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 230 (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, 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, call 845-2246 for time and location.

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.

Lighthouse Fellowship, 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: 706-862-2607.

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 Community church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible Study Wed. 7:00-7:45PM. Pastor Fred Rick Haworth 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 regular services.

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. The new Pastor is Brian Hancock, who moved here with his wife Regina and their three children.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama, regular services are Sunday at 9:30 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 Lee Brown. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 1 PM in the fellowship hall, and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30 PM at the church.

Moon Lake Baptist Church welcomes you. The Sunday schedule is: Bible Study - 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.; Children's Choir practice - 4:30 p.m.; Youth Choir, Discipleship Training & YGA's - 5 p.m.; Evening Worship - 5:00 p.m.; Adult Choir Practice - 7 p.m. Wednesday: Team Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. Young women's Prayer & Share Group meets each Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Cove Road Baptist Church invites all children of the surrounding area to attend children's church. Parents are also invited for SS and church. SS at 9:00am; Worship at 10:00am. Sunday Evening worship at 5:00pm. All times CST.



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- (10) **SECLUDED** wooded acreage, with power, septic, well, driveway installed. Homesite area cleared. Lightly restricted. 11 ac M/L. \$19,999.
- (11) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES.** Building lots on the west Brow, above N. FL Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.
- (12) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY** (1 tract left) 220x300 on the East fork of Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and Rapids. \$30,000.
- (13) **WILDLIFE ABUNDANT** on these three 20+ acre tracts. Mostly Open Land, Rolling hills, ponds. May be purchased individually or together. Priced \$2,000 an acre. Located in Mentone area with deeded access road.
- (14) **CANYON VIEW FOREST** adjoins National Preserve, and Wildlife Management. 5 acre tract, wooded with drive, power, well installed. Private access behind locked Gate. Overlooks Little River Canyon National Preserve.
- (15) **WOODED LOTS** on Dempsey Ave. Mentone 200x300 = 1.38 acres. \$16,000.
- (16) **COZY COTTAGE** in the Cloudland Area. 2 bdrm 1 bath, on 3.7 acres. Spring fed stocked pond. Large Yard and garden area. \$33,500.
- (17) **LAUREL CREEK LAKES SUB.** Lots 1&2 approx 2.77 acres wooded with half of Arrowhead lake. Surveyed and parked. Great place to build that Weekend retreat. \$23,500.
- (18) **EAST FORK LITTLE RIVER ESTATES.** 3.8 acres with 1.75 ft on water. Located in Cherokee County. City Water, wooded, private road. Restricted Covenants. \$35,000.
- (19) **7.25 ACRES.** on Co Rd 106, City water available, mostly cleared with lake site, Large Oak Trees, where the Old Homeplace used to be. \$56,000.
- (20) **BUILDING LOTS, ADJACENT TO BROW.** 4 lots over an acre. Level, surveyed, parked. Paved Road 88 North. Mentone. Lightly restricted. \$15,000 each.

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Valley Head Woman's Club

By Evelyn Graves

The Valley Head Woman's Club met on September 17, at Nippersink Lodge, which is a meeting members always look forward to attending. It is not only the first meeting of the club year, but it is always held at Nippersink Lodge with Gerry Disney, Sue Hamilton, Maxine Wright and Marilyn Knight as hostesses.

The program was presented by Sid Holcomb, DeKalb County Revenue Commissioner, who talked about the state of affairs in the county. He brought a very interesting and informative talk and invited the group to participate in a time of questions and answers, which proved to be helpful to our understanding of what is taking place in our county.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments with the traditional muscadine punch that Sue Hamilton always makes. There were various wonderful apple cookies and cakes, and the table was decorated with a huge basket of apples.

October's meeting was held at the Moon Lake Community Library. Elizabeth Ellis gave an interesting devotional and Ruth Hammon, who has many years of library experience, both in high school and public libraries, brought the program. She gave a history dating back to the first library and talked about the progress that has been made in libraries since that time. She gave an excellent presentation. The Club's chief item of business was our annual pecan sales, which will begin around the first of November.

Please save your pecan orders for the club. Any member will be happy to assist you.

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CLOUDLAND AREA, Co Rd 103, Mentone - Mountain living at its finest. Located in a peaceful community, this cedar-sided home offers living room, eat-in kitchen, home office, utility, master suite, 2 additional bedrooms and full bath. Enjoy the well-landscaped acre from the screened back porch. Also features attached garage, CHVAC & new metal roof. Asking \$130,000. (No. A-055)



LOWER EAST BROW OR LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN - This magnificent cypress home is truly one of a kind. Tiled entry leads into 24x34 great room with beautiful oak flooring, massive fireplace and dentil molding. The wall of Anderson windows in great room provides panoramic view in all directions. Wonderful deck with hot tub overlooks the valley. 2 bedrooms, tiled sunroom, kitchen, dining, wet bar, 1-1/2 baths, utility also on main floor. Large master loft and bath with marble tub grace the second floor. Separate guest house walled garden, heated garage and shop are included. Call for more details. (No. G-001)

LAKE ON THE BROW - Lot #66 - 2+ acres. Asking \$39,900. (No. A-508)

CLOUDLAND - 35+ acres located off CO RD 103. Beautiful brow views; \$3,000 per acre. No subdividing. Cloudland water available. Contact Steve Baker 706-857-5980. Owner/Agent.

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MOON LAKE SCHOOL FALL FUNDRAISER

What a great fundraiser this was for Moon Lake School. I want to thank all participants for helping sponsor and making this a successful Fundraiser. The total amount raised for the school was \$670.00 that was (\$170.00), over the goal as you can see it was all given to Bill Berry in cash in a Maxwell House coffee can. I want to say many people have made this dream happen for the children and that is great. We are honored to have had such a successful fundraiser our largest one yet. I hope we can do just as good in the next 2 fundraiser as we have this one. I want to say thank you especially to the following Businesses, Organizations, Schools & Churches in the following orders: These businesses helped a tremendous with the fundraiser with either advertising, suggestions, or buying, for fund raisers are prepared months in advance. These people support the community and respect Mentone a great deal, for they are helping our community and need to be recognized. Everyone knows that you were a great help and helped these children earn the money they deserve for sometimes funds come in handy when they are needed in this case it will go to fund new computer software for the children. Everyone is greatly appreciated and just want to make sure that everyone knows I could not list everyone in here due to I would be taken up all the

space so I listed all Businesses, Churches & Organizations from the Mentone area and a few from Ft. Payne area. You know we love you and always will be appreciated for helping the children of our future. Just remember we will be doing one for the Boy Scouts 106 and Cub Scouts 106 Nov.-Dec. to raise funds on the on going scouts programs. It will be on; Christmas Trees, Swags, Wreaths, Poinsettia's, Ornaments & all kinds of Christmas things. It will also be a great contribution as well, with the help from many of these businesses who has already helped us and continues to help us and this community. Once again we thank all of you and remember these people should be recognized when you see them for doing such a great job and participating in such a large fund raiser and remember we love you and thank everyone for helping with this fund raiser. Just remember if I could list everyone who helped with the fund raiser it would take up 2 pages of The Times Journal and several pages in The Ground Hog. Just remember I listed all businesses in Mentone for certain when you see them they should be greatly honored for helping with such a wonderful fund raiser

American on Line	Mentone Tourist Association
A-1 Claims	Mentone Inn B & B
Boy Scouts 106	Mentone Village (includes all small shops)
Chattanooga Press	Moon Lake Baptist Church
Chrysler	Moon Lake School
Cranberry Corner Gift Shop	Mountain Laurel Inn B & B
Crystal Lake Lodge	Mountain Life Organic Foods
Dade County School	Nipper sink Lodge
Dekalb Tourist Association	Plant Broker (John McBride)
First State Bank of Dekalb County	Proven Winners (Penny & Marshal)
Ft. Payne High School	Raven Haven B & B
Garden Clubs of All Counties	Rainville Elementary School
Hamilton Theaters	Shaw Industry (Staff & Employees)
Hill Environmental	St. Joseph's church
John Deere Landscapes	Summerville School
Ladd Environmental	The Ground Hog (Evelyn & Marie)
Lookout Mountain Realty	The Rose Cottage (Weddings, Linda)
Magnolia Joe's Restaurant	The Times Journal (Gloria & Staff)
Master Gardener of All Counties	The White Elephant (Gift Shop, Owner)
Monte School	Valley Head High School
Mentone Lodge	



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September 25, 2002

The funeral service was held at Heritage Funeral Home, Chattanooga, TN on September 28, 2002, with graveside services, an interment in Little River Cemetery, Mentone, AL. Rev. David King officiated.

From the Editors:

Cheryl L. Baker requested that the above article not be edited in any way and run exactly as it was written. We have run it exactly as it was written.



The winner of the quilt was Debbie Nozzal, of Gadsden, AL, a vendor at the October Colorfest. She is shown above holding the beautiful quilt (crazy quilt pattern).



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(1) CABIN ON THE BROW - You will love coming home at the end of the day to this adorable cabin on the brow near DeSoto State Park. Wood walls and floors, kitchen cabinets with tin inserts, sunroom, stacked stone fireplace, new deck and hot tub, and so much more. Call to see for only \$195,000. (PLS #12004)



(2) CLOUDLAND, GA - New listing with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 3000 square feet. This log home was built in 1928 and is filled with character. Priced at \$172,500. (PLS #11807)



(3) This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in kitchen area, spacious living room with fireplace and multi-purpose basement and includes 2.9 acres. \$100,000.



(4) Room to roam in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offering lots of extras. Great room with cathedral ceiling, wood floors, recreation room, barn and fenced pasture on 46 private acres connecting DeSoto State Park. \$249,900.



(5) Looking for a mountain retreat--a self contained cabins, office building that could be converted into living quarters, numerous RV and camp sites all on 13+ secluded acres adjoining DeSoto State Park. \$395,000.



(6) Located on DeSoto Parkway, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 lofts, wood floors, large deck with hot tub, 1 bedroom, 1 bath guest cottage, and more. ONLY \$239,900.



(7) Postcard setting with this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring a 2-story living room with loft and wood burning fireplace, large country kitchen, 2 hot tubs and a 36' above-ground pool, stocked pond, barn, shed, storage building and 21 acres. ONLY \$125,000.



(8) Own this thriving, well-established restaurant in a prime location of downtown Mentone. Fully-equipped kitchen and dining room that seats 125 people, both turn key and financial information furnished to serious buyers. \$397,500.



(9) COUNTRY AT ITS BEST describes this rustic style home with spruce ceiling--floors and walls. Add charm to the 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and great room, large front porch looking out at a beautiful field from the 3.5 acre wooded lot. Listed at \$150,000. (PLS #11719)



(10) INCREDIBLE VIEW IMMACULATE HOME! This lovely brick home features over 5000 square feet of living space, 5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, with decks, patios, circle drive, beautiful landscaping and situated on over 3 acres for privacy. Owners must relocate. All reasonable offers will be considered! (Additional lot available also.) \$459,000 (PLS #11917)



(11) LESS THAN 1 MILE from downtown Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an open porch on front and a sunroom on the back. All appliances to remain including washer and dryer, 2-car searers with workshop and a 20x24 building for extra storage...office...craft shop...etc. \$92,500 PLS #11805



(12) Almost maintenance-free BROW home with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with island, cozy living room with fireplace, den/pool room with pool table already there. Great views of the valley. \$270,000.



(13) Rustic Mountain Lodge...minutes from DeSoto State Park...as a single family residence...ideal business. Pine and rock floors...room with fireplace, 2 loft bedrooms with cat walk, 20 acres, and a 2-room guest house included. \$199,000.



(14) Established old home place in historic Mentone...House is over 100 years old and is restorable with 18.89 acres. This home has several primitive barns and sheds all surrounded by huge Oak trees. Retreat to an era gone by for less than \$100,000.



(15) Brow home...Main house features 3 floors each with a bed and bath, living area, office space and/or sitting room. Decks and porches surround the house on all 3 levels. Detached 2-car garage with apartment upstairs, and 2.7 acres. \$195,000.



(16) SATISFY YOUR APPETITE for private living and roominess with this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on 34 acres. This traditional brick house also includes large eat-in kitchen with an island, Oak cabinets and French doors to living area and large screened porch. Add a fence and you have great pastures with a barn already there. Priced to sell at \$389,000. (P3 #11719)



(17) OWN A LITTLE VILLAGE CALLED VALHALLA--Twenty acres atop Lookout Mountain bordering Little River Canyon National Preserve & DeSoto State Park, including a large farmhouse and four unique cottages all with screened porches, living rooms, dining areas, and full kitchens surrounding serenity pond. Call for details. \$650,000. (PLS #11425)



(18) NEW LISTING! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with 1500 square feet, room, single garage, central heating, fenced vegetable garden and water. \$130,000. (PLS #11820)



(19) NEW LISTING! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 9.89 acres with 1800 square feet, appliances to stay, rock fireplace and located near DeSoto State Park. \$150,000. (PLS #11809)



(20) WEEKEND RETREAT OR PERMANENT RESIDENCE! Either way you will love coming home to this 2 bedroom, 2 bath cabin located off DeSoto Parkway near Mentone. Kitchen/dining combo with oak cabinets, all appliances. Living room with hardwood floors and fireplace. Wrap-around deck on nice wooded lot \$119,000.

OTHER LISTINGS

- (21) MENTONE - Build your cabin on this secluded yet convenient lot located near DeSoto State Park. \$20,500 (PLS #11730)
- (22) WEST FORK SUB. - 254' of river frontage (Little River) Gently sloping with great building sites. Lightly restricted. \$40,000 (PLS #10134)
- (23) LAND - Wooded Corner Lot just South of Downtown Mentone. \$4,400. (PLS #11805)
- (24) GENTLY ROLLING, WOODED VACANT LAND IN VALLEY HEAD. Perfect for development. Extensive paved road frontage. 62 acres listed at \$3,000 per acre.
- (25) 4.34+/- ACRES on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,500.
- (26) ALMOST 600' on the West Fork of Little River, gently rolling and heavily wooded all within 1 mile of Mentone. \$70,000.
- (27) BUILD YOUR WEEKEND GET-AWAY...on this 1.17+/- acres filled with spectacular rock formations behind city hall in Mentone. \$14,500.
- (28) HWY 11 NORTH - 130+/- acre tract enjoys the setting of the valley with pristine views of pastures, ridges and Willis Creek which meanders through the property.
- (29) LAND! 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy 11, between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$384,750.
- (30) LAND AND LAKE...40+/- acres with a 5+/- acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake was stocked with Bass and Bream 2 years ago and is approximately 35' deep. \$180,000.
- (31) BROW PROPERTY ...1.7+/- acres on County Road 166 near DeSoto State Park. \$37,500.
- (32) 3.68 +/- ACRES on the Brow near DeSoto State Park. \$59,900.
- (33) OPPORTUNITY AWAITS - 10 acres on Hwy 117, East of Mentone. 3 mobile homes and 2 one bedroom apartments and room to grow. Outside the city limits - no restrictions. \$158,500.
- (34) RETREAT, RETREAT, RETREAT - This 40 acres is partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. \$170,000.
- (35) MENTONE - Beautiful Wooded lot for your weekend get away or home of your dreams. \$16,500 (PLS #11955) (Can be purchased with PLS #11954 for \$53,000 for a total of 6.3 acres.)
- (36) MENTONE - If you're looking for just the right place to build your weekend get away or even a permanent residence, this property is waiting on you. Wooded, although a proposed building site has already been cleared, this property is what you have been looking for. \$37,500 (PLS #11954) (Can be purchased with PLS #11955) for \$53,000 for a total of 6.3 acres)
- (37) LOOKOUT MTN. - build your dream home on 3 beautiful wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. Water and power available. some restrictions. \$25,000 (PLS #12002)
- (38) LOOKOUT MTN. - 3 acres near Cloudmont on County Road 614. \$49,500 (PLS #11764)



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- Friday, Oct. 31, Halloween and Halloween Party on Town Square at 6PM - 8PM, Children of Mentone, ages Three thru Sixth Grade
- Saturday, Nov. 1, 5PM, HARVEST FESTIVAL MOON LAKE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
- Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7PM, MAPA Meeting at Fellowship Hall of Church of God of Prophecy
- Wednesday, Nov. 5, 12:30-5PM HEALTH FAIR AT JIM BERRY SCOUT HALL. Flu shots available.
- Fri., Sat., Sun., Nov. 7, 8, & 9, 9AM-4PM, Homestead Hollow's Christmas in the Country, Springville, AL (See info inside.)
- Monday, Nov. 10, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, Nov. 11, VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY

- Tuesday, Nov. 11, 12:30PM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, Nov. 11, 6:30 PM, Covered Dish Meeting; American Legion Hall Post 215
- Saturday, Nov. 15, Mentone Musical Mountain Strings presents The Sharps & Friends, GOSPEL NIGHT ON THE SQUARE
- Thursday, Nov. 20, Waterworks Board Meeting, 4PM, --- changed due to Thanksgiving---
- Thursday, Nov. 27, THANKSGIVING DAY
- Fri., Sat., sun., Nov. 28, 29, & 30, Annual Mountain Mamas 20% Off Sale (See article inside.)
- Sunday, Dec. 7, 2-5PM, Tour of B & Bs, a guest home, and the Mentone Community Library during Christmas in Mentone Festivities (See flyer inside.)

NOTICE VETERANS!!!

The November issue of The Groundhog will have a special section honoring our veterans. If you are a veteran, please send a picture in uniform with your name, branch of service, and the dates you served. Enclose a self-addressed envelope so that your picture may be returned to you. Please get this information to us by **November 10**. Send it to:

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