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VALLEY HEAD TO GET GROCERY STORE

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

On June 20, 2006, several people were on hand for the groundbreaking of a new grocery store: **A & J Grocery**. Jerry Smith of Higdon and Alan Smith of Rainsville, owners of **A & J Grocery**; Steven Frazier Store Manager; Valley Head officials including Mayor Harold Carden and council members James Young and Liz Donovan, and former Valley Head Mayor Harold Carden; Senator Lowell Barron; Roy Smith, Valley Head Industrial Development; Mentone Town Clerk Marie Dillenbeck, and one of the owners, Barbie Hester and her daughter, Brittany Hester, were present at the ceremonies.

As you drive by the construction site on Alabama Highway 117 and 4th Avenue just outside the entrance to Shaw Industry and across from the Dollar General Store, progress can be seen. Owner Alan Smith said "Our projected opening date was to have been Thanksgiving; however, that depends on the availability of materials and other matters. The pouring of concrete for the columns and sidewalk in front of the store are on hold at this time as other concrete jobs are ahead of ours."

Once they get the building secured with the front and back walls, they can start on getting the piping to the refrigerator area. Work will go quickly after that. It could be up and running within 10 days after the building is secured. "We are pushing for a Thanksgiving Holiday opening if everything falls in place," Alan said. It may be December if the concrete doesn't get poured on time.

This will be a new grocery store for Valley Head for the first time in over 20 years.

The last grocery store in Valley Head was Bill Miracle's Grocery. It was located on the former site of Bell's Grocery and the current site of Citizens Bank in Valley Head. That location used to be the old town square, across from Morgan's Drugstore. The site of the new store will be located at the corner of 4th Avenue and Highway 117, near Shaw Industries and the Dollar General.

The owners, who are brothers had expected their store to be open by late October, however as one can see by the construction at the site, it will be later. Customers from Valley Head, Mentone, Hammondville, (Lookout Mountain) and surrounding areas will welcome the new grocery store.

"We started about a year ago," said Jerry Smith, "working on things to get everything together." The building will be an 11,000 square foot supermarket. "We'll have a full service operation," said Alan Smith, "we'll have fresh produce, meats, canned foods, dairy."

"We're here to help the community out," said Jerry Smith, "treat our customers well and be friends with them." Alan Smith agreed. "We want them to come to the store and we want them to feel welcome when they walk in the door. Anything that we can do to help them out, that's what we're here for."

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MAPA September 5 Meeting

President Dessie Brown called the meeting to order. Leroy Crowe gave the opening prayer. Present were Dessie Brown, Dot Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Leroy Crowe, Joanne Crowe, Lucille Crowe, Ann and Wesley Chesnut, Jerome Stephens, Eleanor and Tony Teverino, Cathy Haven Howard, Barbara Bleeker, Amelia Kirk, Clay W. Patrie, Sarah Wilcox, Claudia Wassom, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McDorman.

Leroy Crowe gave the treasurer's report, and announced that this was the month for members to pay their dues.

A festival progress report was given by several members. Dessie Brown prepared the letters and flyers to go out to all the media and asked that everyone present help stuff and address the envelopes to go out to the advertising agencies and others to go to the members with quilt tickets inside. Dave and Claudia Wassom are to be in charge of signs; Jerome Stephens, the parade; Sarah Wilcox the media; Boy Scout Troop 106 the parking; Leroy Crowe the chairs; boat rides by the McDormans; and LC Moon the port-a-potties and the big trash dumpster. Having the grass cut in both parking lots had not been assigned yet, and volunteers would be welcome. Dessie announced that for the quilt drawing, a quilt in the Dutch Boy pattern had been donated by Mary Mashburn of Birmingham. Dessie asked all members present to help with the stuffing of and addressing of the envelopes for the raffling of the quilt on Sunday, October 22. She also had the information to go in the envelopes to the advertising agencies to promote the Colorfest on the weekend of October 21 & 22. All members present helped with the stuffing of the envelopes. Sarah Wilcox proposed that other items be included in the raffle besides the quilt, such as donations from merchants who would be willing to donate other items, such as a free night at one of the bed and breakfasts or lodges, gift items from some of the merchants; dinner at a restaurant, etc.

Many other festival concerns were discussed. Sarah Wilcox stated that a website for the festivals had been set up (www.mentonefestival.com). This will connect to the website (www.MentoneAlabama.org) being maintained by Tom Donald of Birmingham.

Dessie announced that the MAPA bulletin board at the post office has been rebuilt, and it is now in use.

After the envelopes had been stuffed for mailing, there being no further business, refreshments were provided by Dot Crow and Dessie Brown.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30PM at Dessie's on AL Hwy 117.



Dr. Patricia Seymour

Dr. Pat was a lady of intelligence and grace, In a wide area she filled an important place; She had the precious gift of words and speech, Many minds and hearts she was able to reach. Altho miserable and suffering so much pain, In active work and service she did remain, Forgetting herself, others filled her mind, Proving her character as thoughtful and kind. She hid her pain in cheerful mood, Serving others with calls, cards, visits or food, Uplifting spirits with encouraging word And words of wisdom no more to be heard. She gave generously to each worthy cause-- Even in death her cause will not pause-- She loved and remembered children and youth, With a scholarship to learn wisdom and truth. Her writing, to so many meant so very much, No one can duplicate her far reaching touch. She served, wrote and spoke with knowledge and skill, She leaves a void impossible to ever fill-- But she has earned her reward and rest, From earth to Heaven to be richly blessed. We were blessed by knowing her as friend and communicator, We will always remember, love, and appreciate her! --Eloise M. Brown

On October 6, 1996, Patricia Joan Seymour, known as Dr. Pat to all who knew her, passed away. She left this world to go home to be with the Lord. He had given her so many talents and she used them all to His glory. She was my employer and best friend. I traveled with her to many of her speeches inside and outside the State of Alabama. Dr. Pat moved to Mentone in August of 1991 and set out to help people from the day she arrived to the day she went to the hospital. I miss her friendship, laughter, quick wit, humor, and the positive and caring attitude she had for everyone.

Eloise Brown, who also is in Heaven, wrote the above poem, which appeared in the November 1996 issue of The Groundhog, along with the article about Dr. Pat. Eloise was gifted with the ability to capture the essence of a person in her poetry.

Marie Dillenbeck, Mentone, AL

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(4) Looking for country living? This 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home offers hardwood and carpet, family room with fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, front and side porch and is surrounded by 8 acres in a restricted subdivision could be 8. \$219,000 (14538)



(5) HOME WITH ACREAGE! Nearly new w/ 3 BR, 2 BA, vaulted ceiling LR, large kitchen, oversized 2-car garage, 2 stocked ponds & creek, 21x24 metal building with concrete floor. \$239,500 (15315)



(6) The commercial potential is endless in this great location at Fischer's Crossroads. Most recently known as The Barnyard, this rustic building sits on .67 acres and has 2 public bathrooms. Located inside Ft. Payne city limits. \$115,000 (14218)



SOLD

(7) Tucked away in downtown Mentone - This home offers 4 BR, 2 BA, fully equipped kitchen with granite countertops, antique mantel, RV carport, large storage/hobby building/ garage and a Sauna. \$159,500 (14871)



SOLD

(8) Comfort with a cathedral ceiling, gas log fireplace with built-in TV cabinet and bookcases, 12" pine flooring, paved drive, storage building and is situated on 2 beautiful wooded acres in Mentone. \$137,500 (14996)



(9) Take a recess from the rat race in this very private and authentic log cabin with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living/dining/ kitchen combo and front porch all on 1.66 heavily wooded acres on a private road. \$99,500 (14345)



(10) Situated on almost 23 acres, this beautiful southern home and farm have more than you can imagine! 4 BR, 4 full BA and 2 half baths, finishes walk-out basement with full den. \$899,000 (15053)



(11) Under Construction! Rustic cabin with brow view. This home offers 1450 sq ft with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, living room w/rock fireplace, 1 car garage/ storage in the basement and large porch and deck to relax and enjoy the view. \$179,900 (15390)



(12) Enjoy the view of the valley below from this Brand NEW cabin on the Parkway in Mentone. Cabin features rustic wood siding, 3 BR, 2 BA, living/kitchen/dining combo, stacked rock fireplace, balcony, wood walls and pine floors. \$359,500 (15340)



(13) Beautiful Traditional brick home and farm with 5 BR and 4 BA. This one-of-a-kind is situated on 40 rolling acres with circular drive, picture windows and gorgeous views. Large barn and livestock pond also on property. \$429,000 (14851)



(14) Beautifully situated on 5 acres, this brick home with guest house is a sight to see! 5 BR, rec room, media/workout room, sunroom, guest/pool house and large in ground pool and what else could you ask for? (15567)



(15) Now that you've conquered the world, separate yourself from it! Brick Colonial w/4BR, 3.5 BA, 200 year heart pine floors, wood burning FP, picket fence, deck & detached 2-car garage with upstairs apartment. \$495,500 (15196)



(16) Be the first to own this new construction on the West Brow of Mentone. Features include 3 BR, 2 BA, large living area with stacked rock fireplace and vaulted ceiling pine floors throughout, screened porch and deck. \$319,900 (14715)



(17) Mountain cottage offering relaxation on a gorgeous back deck with a spectacular view or from your very own screened porch you can enjoy nature at its best. 3 BR, 2 BA, pine walls and floors, wood burning stove and lots more. \$146,900 (13886)



(18) Unlike any other, this comfortably chic country French home is charming in every way, yet almost 6000 square feet of living space on 8 acres! Enjoy the view of the mountains in the distance from your covered porch, or relaxing around your large in ground pool and patio area (15293)



(19) Enjoy the view of Little River Canyon from the decks of this 3 BR, 2 BA cabin with wood floors and walls, fireplace, central heat & air, finished basement and more. A world away awaits you in this home away from home. \$200,000 (14730)



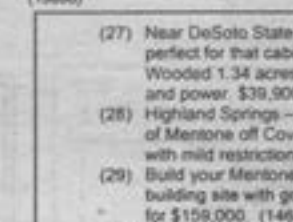
(20) Stressed for morning time? This in-town home offers walking convenience and 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, formal dining room/den and 3 finished rooms upstairs. Relax on the large screened porch under huge shade trees. \$59,900 (14772)



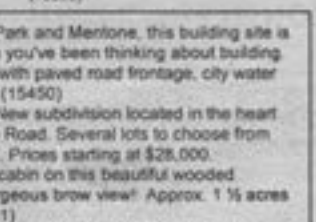
(21) Gorgeous 4.4 acre tract with a fabulous view of the valley below. This property is ready to build with its existing septic system and well. Located on the North Brow in Mentone, this lot has unique rock formations that will capture your eye from all angles. \$299,000 (14998)



(22) Be CAR FREE in this convenient in-town get-a-way or full-time residence. This 2 BR, 2 BA home with formal living room and large eat-in kitchen sits on a large 1.1 acre lot with barn and view of pasture behind. \$99,500 (15157)



(23) The WELCOME mat is out to this classic Southern home. 3 BR, 2 BA, great room, laundry room, open balcony living area upstairs, front and back covered porches overlooking 2.42 acres offering a relaxed feeling. \$194,500 (15263)



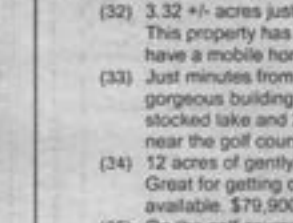
(24) Tranquility Acres...47-acre country estate with an 82' waterfall, 2800 square foot Southern Yellow Pine log home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal gardens with a gazebo and water garden, 1200 sq. ft. barn with 2 horse stalls, greenhouse, tool shed and a smoke house, 2 wooden bridges and so much more. (15007)



(25) ATTENTION INVESTORS! Duplex apartments, 2br/1bath, CH&A, appliances remain, rented. \$89,900. (15399)



(26) 11.7 acre farm - Main house features 4 BR, 3 BA, large kitchen and den, separate guest cottage with living/dining/ kitchen combo, bedroom, bath and private screened porch. Throw in a 3-stall barn, fenced pasture and frontage on Wills Creek. \$229,500 (15306)



(27) Near DeSoto State Park and Mentone, this building site is perfect for that cabin you've been thinking about building. Wooded 1.34 acres with paved road frontage, city water and power. \$39,900 (15450)

(28) Highland Springs - New subdivision located in the heart of Mentone off Cove Road. Several lots to choose from with mild restrictions. Prices starting at \$28,000.

(29) Build your Mentone cabin on this beautiful wooded building site with gorgeous brow view! Approx. 1 1/2 acres for \$159,000. (14681)

(30) Ready for development or to build your dream home. Gently rolling pastures, water and 571' of road frontage on Hwy. 11 and Wills Creek is the back property line. \$362,000 (10149)

(31) Build your new home on this BROW lot in Mentone with a breathtaking view of the valley below. Lot offers approx. 100' on the brow with 2 additional lots available. \$92,500 per lot. (14598)

(32) 3.32 +/- acres just outside the Mentone City Limits. This property has no restrictions so you can build or have a mobile home. \$28,500 (14350 & 14351)

(33) Just minutes from historic Mentone, you'll find 2 gorgeous building lots. Common areas include a stocked lake and 2 parks. These lots are located near the golf course. (15014 and 15015)

(34) 12 acres of gently rolling, heavily wooded paradise. Great for getting close to nature with city water available. \$70,900 (14534)

(35) On the golf course and just minutes from downtown Mentone. Restricted building lots are now available in Rock Bluff. Common areas include a stocked lake, two parks with rental cabins available for your out-of-town guests. Each wooded lot is approx. 3 (+/-) acres and will have public water and power. \$100,000 (15016)

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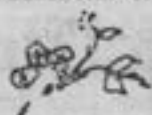


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In the Beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth. Gen. 1.1

By Kitty Sutherland

A thin band of light, moving slowly but steadily
down across the dark expanse, came into view, and
after a minute, disappeared.

The quiet, after-dinner conversation of weekend
guests, the Harris and McElroy families of
Birmingham, who were assembled on the deck of my
house in Mentone enjoying the peaceful ambience of
a nearly-full moon rising through the trees over Little
River, suddenly became animated.

What was it?

"Too high, too fast for a plane", pilot, Ron Harris
said, "It's the Shuttle". To Elizabeth McElroy, skepti-
cal, it appeared to be a "string of falling stars".
Conjecture continued.

An article in The Birmingham News and dramatic
photo documented the event and proved the pilot
correct. It reported that Space Shuttle Discovery
docked with the International Space Station could be
seen "streaking through the final frontier", high in
Alabama skies for several minutes around 8:30 p.m.
through the weekend of Saturday, July 8, 2006.

Many have lamented "We could have seen it, but
we forgot to look"....NASA warned that a small vari-
ance from the 3-minute optimum viewing schedule
could throw off sighting.... Precise scheduling was
required. The unplanned, unexpected nature of our
participation in the historical event inspires us to ask,
"What causes the environment that makes "pure
happenings" such as this, so frequent and natural at
Mentone?"

Is it the desire of the people to preserve the essen-
tial, original character of this 120-year-old place
where they, residents and visitors, still enjoy the nat-
ural blessings of the purest water, cleanest air, quiet
and darkness at night, rewarding occupation by day,
whose flowers, like the orange blossoms in the town
in the south of France, for which it may be named,
give the sweetest fragrance?

Is it that mystical quality that surrounds like an
aura and causes peace in the spirit before reaching
the top, in the drive up the mountain that by the river-
side, causes such rest and renewal to body and soul
that the hand of God is easily recognized as the
source of the goodness, and his praises burst forth?

Is it the thought of the prophets that such signs in
the heavens may symbolize the area's "front line"
position in fulfilling the prophetic prediction of
Alabama's leadership in the nation's return to belief
and practice of true Christianity?

If so, let this letter say thank-you to God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit, and to the people of Mentone,
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Church News

By Evelyn Graves



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

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

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-2002.

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

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

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

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

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

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

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

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

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

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

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM. Wednesday Bible study at 6PM. 256-634-4147.

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

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

Mentone Community Church Services are from 10-11AM throughout the summer. No evening services except for the youth. Wednesday evening services remain at 6:30PM.

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

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

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

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Ladies Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30 p.m. The pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is Dr. Bill Russell.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10 AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Potters House Church We are a small community church filled with the love of Jesus, where everyone of all denominations is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Worship is at 2 PM with Bill Miracle Pastor. We serve a meal at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, and our Bible Study starts at 6:30 with Sabra Gann, Teacher.

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

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(11) MENTONE HOME WITH ACREAGE 3.7 beautiful level to gently rolling acres, 2 outbuildings, well and city water, brick 3BR, 1.5 BA rancher. Nice trees. \$119,000 (15267)



(12) LITTLE RIVER CANYON AREA Cypress log cabin on 6 acres features vaulted ceiling, stacked rock woodburning FP, HW floors, giant master bath, all appliances, full wraparound porch, hot tub, craftsmanship and quality throughout. \$350,000 (14869)

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(13) BUILD YOUR MENTONE MTN GETAWAY HERE! And, you can have your pick of one of 4 lots on which to build. Thinking of a personal getaway or maybe even prospective rental? Each of these lots offers 1+ acre, wooded, public water and you're just a short drive to Mentone or DeSoto State Park. Just listed at \$40,000. (15446)

(14) A SITE TO BEHOLD! Build on this 1-acre piece of ground with big trees, level. Don't let this great lot get away! \$25,000 (14744)

(15) SWIM, CANOE OR FISH ON LITTLE RIVER, or sit and listen to the peace and serenity of the river and nature. 100x300' recreational lot in the wild water area of Little River with nothing around you but woods, animals and whatever you choose to take with you. For those seeking true off-the-beaten-path moments, this is the lot for you. Just Reduced to \$28,000!

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY by Linda Brown

The Moon Lake Library continues to be the happening place in Mentone! We have started a new program. The Koffee Klatch has been convening at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday since the beginning of September. Everyone who has attended say that they are having a great time. We started off with Dorothy Cyr giving us some pointers on making quilts. She only scratched the surface of this subject, so we hope that she will come for another session. (She received a top award for her quilt at the VFW Fair this year.)

The next Saturday, Jane Faile had all of us writing about an event of our childhood. This was a lot of fun. This is not writing like you remember in school, there is no correcting of grammar. Jane said that she threw her red pencil in the garbage when she retired from teaching. Those who chose to do so were encouraged to read their story. At everyone's request, Jane will be back for another session in October. Watch the bulletin boards around Mentone for the schedule.

On September 23, Marilyn Blanton Campbell talked to us about embroidering. Marilyn does beautiful work with a needle and thread. She shared many of the short-cuts and tips that she has learned from experience. Marilyn brought many examples and shared them with us. We hope to have her back soon.

The last Saturday (and all fifth Saturdays) will be a time of meeting and sharing ideas. This will be a time for everyone to come and bring something to work on or just to sit and talk. I need some more ideas that are of interest to everyone and some activities that men will like. We will have a session on stringed musical instruments with Mickey Luck in November. He would like to have some dulcimers available if we can locate any.

Come and join us for these sessions, we are having a lot of fun and meeting new people. This group is very diversified and I think that you will enjoy meeting and visiting with them. P.S. My coffee is getting better and if one of the good cooks in Mentone would like to come and bring a snack, that would be fine with all of us.

The members of the Board of Directors decided to offer the Traveling Books Program to those who attend the Senior Lunches at the Community House on Wednesdays. This is a great service for the seniors. They can check out books at the lunch and then return it in the allotted time the same way. We hope that those who are able to come to the library will do so during the other months of the year. Getting a library card is very easy, just fill out a card and then pick up your permanent card in about two weeks. You can check out four books at any given time with the card. A big **Thank You** is in order to Virginia Setze, Ann Chesnut and Jill Whitten, the ladies who are willing to select the books each week, carry them to the Community House and then carry the ones not checked out or returned back to the library.

Lots of books have already been given for the Winter Book Sale. This will be in February and will be in the back room of the Community House if we can make these arrangements. You may bring any books that you would like to donate to the library

during our open hours. We will be taking paper backs and hard backs for the sale. We do not have paper backs on our shelves in the library anymore due to lack of space. But, they go fast at our book sales and we are glad to get a wide variety of them.

The fourth issue of our community calendar has been processed and sent to the printer. We sold all of the spaces for ads and have taken orders for a ton of calendars. Our goal is to have one in each household in Mentone, especially those where there are school children. We make a great effort to put all information pertaining to the schedule for school in the calendar. We also put the Character Words (ask your student what this is) and any other information that we think will help you. It has most of the dates for club and service organizations meetings. Of course, the birth dates of many of your friends will be listed. If you missed out on ordering one this year, we may have a few extra and then you can get your information in the 2008 calendar.

The Moon Lake Community Library will be closed on Tuesday, October 31. This is Halloween night and we think that everyone will have goblins and ghosts on their minds instead of books. As always, leave your books in the box by the front doors. If you are ever asked to pay a fine when you do this, tell the volunteer on duty and you will not be required to pay.

The meetings of the Board of Directors are open to the public. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 16, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. and we meet in the library.

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The Last Country Journal

Homer Crow

This will be the last Country Journal. Bernise went to be with the Lord August 12, 2006, after a long battle with cancer, and I will not attempt to try to write this column in her place. I believe that if anyone makes it to heaven, she did, and is now singing with the angels.

We would have been married 60 years as of August. You can't imagine how much you would miss your mate unless you have lost one. I miss her every waking hour of the day.

I would like to thank everyone who expressed their sympathy in any way to me and to the family, whether by calling, bringing food, helping at the house, coming to the funeral home, sending a card, sending flowers, or any other way. Thank you all. May God bless each of you. I am not good at expressing my feelings, so if I haven't thanked you properly, please forgive me.

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Nippersink Lodge in Mentone, Alabama was the beautiful setting for the regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club on September 12, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Gethryn Giles. The thought for the day was given by Dorothy Cyr.

The members always enjoy the beauty of nature and the graciousness of Ed and Gerry Disney on these visits. All were saddened to hear that Gerry was in the hospital and that she and Ed could not be present for the meeting. She had insisted that the club meet as scheduled. (I talked with Gerry the next week and she told me surgery was not necessary and she was going to be fine. lcb)

Martha Wood and Jan Wilkinson served refreshments to twenty members and six visitors. Visiting the club were: Eleanor Robinson, Nancy Krenkel, Madelon David, Martha Baker, Julia Quarles and Carol Thomas.

Dianne Kuehl introduced the speaker, Benny Campbell. Benny is a renowned speaker and the owner of a florist shop in Attalla, Alabama. He prepares the floral designs for many weddings and other special occasions. He has a second home in Mentone and stated that he spends as much time as possible here.

He gave the members some ideas for making the different floral designs which can be entered for competition in the VFW Fair. His recipe for assured success consisted of four main points. One, select the right container, the height and width needs to be in the correct proportion to your flowers and the color should add to your design instead of detract. Two, use the proper mechanics to keep your design in place, floral tape and floral foam are the two most needed. Three, condition your material by cutting it the day before and placing it in deep water with a floral preservative or a mixture of equal parts of Sprite and water. And four, use the correct tools for the job. His favorites were pruning shears, a sharp knife and scissors. He said that he often makes the design in a plain container that will transport without spilling and then places it in the container of choice when arriving at his destination.

Mr. Campbell prepared four of the designs which would fit the categories listed in the schedule for the Design Division of the VFW Flower Show. He has spoken to the club before and is always one of the favorite programs of the year. He was asked to put us on his schedule for the year 2008.

The business of the club, including a signing up to work at the fair to help with registration of flowers, concluded the meeting.



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OUR LITTLE RIVER

By Katherine Baker and Slate McDorman

Teaming with wildlife and greenery, Little River's crystal clear waters twist and turn nearly 53 miles atop Lookout Mountain before plunging almost one hundred feet to form DeSoto Falls. Awing even the greatest of nature enthusiasts, it is recognized worldwide for many reasons.

One of the highest honors our Little River holds is being federally designated as an Outstanding National Resource Water (an ONRW). Little River's pristine quality makes it one of the cleanest rivers in the nation. Formed from underground springs that run miles into the earth, Little River's water bubbles to the surface untouched by pollutants. Because of the spectacular value the river holds, the ONRW classification provides the strictest protection allowed under the Clean Water Act. The classification reads in part, "...existing water quality shall be maintained and protected". This added protection helps protect the fish and plant species in the area, such as the endangered Blue Shiner, Kral's Water Plantain, Green Pitcher Plant and Harperella. Aside from the endangered species, Little River also shelters Rainbow Trout, Redeye Bass, Large and Small Mouth Bass and Bream.

Little River also has the distinctive characteristic of being the only known river in this hemisphere to flow completely on top of a mountain. It was formed at the end of the Paleozoic era by the same earth shifts that formed the Appalachians. This is unique because most rivers paths are carved by the flow of that river's water. For example, the Grand Canyon's walls are round and smooth due to the Colorado River cutting itself through the Rocky Mountains over millions of years. In contrast, Little River's path was already created by plate shifts causing rips and tears along the earth. This is most apparent along the walls of Little River Canyon, which are sharp and jagged.

When the pressure in the earth builds to the point that steam must be released, the water finds its way to the surface and makes the tributaries that create Little River. From here, the water continues along the path of the mountain fold. After Little River drops off Lookout Mountain, it empties into Weiss Lake and becomes one of the major tributaries for another Alabama river, the Coosa River.

Little River exudes a crisp and clean beauty found rarely anywhere on Earth. Little River's mystical quality provide a heavenly experience for all who witness it. The responsibility of preserving this awesome gift from nature falls upon each and every one of us. If we take this responsibility seriously, generation after generation will be able to take part in this incredible Little River.

FALL AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

By Ellen Spangler

Cooler weather, leaves turning colors, leisurely driving around the Mountain (thanks to lower gas prices)--this is a good time to appreciate your own creativity as well as that of others. Come and see one-of-a-kind hand woven scarves, shawls, and head coverings of many colors and materials. There are dresser scarves, rugs, pillowslips, aprons, wall-hangings, and more, made by nine different fabric artists at Mountain Mamas Crafts and Rock Shop.

A new artist in the shop, Jeri Jankovsky, a potter and sculptor from Rome, began as a graphic artist, then a potter since the early 90's. Initially making functional pottery, Jeri has been drawn to more sculptural pieces in the last several years. She tries to create a different and unique "angel" each year and strives to incorporate old handmade linens into the design. Jeri says, "I enjoy the thrill of hunting and finding linens that some dear lady has put her heart into making. I then use these treasures as part of the essence of my angels. I hope that through my art the art of another wonderful woman can live on."

Two of Jeri's angels are on display at Mountain Mamas. These unusual sculptures have a New Orleans quality-maybe they are here to remind us to keep helping those still struggling along the Gulf coast.

Mountain Mamas has more than 70 regional women artists with handmade items in the shop, on consignment. We are open every Saturday and Sunday, noon to 6pm (GA time), through Dec. 3rd, when we close for the winter. During the week we open by appointment, call 706-862-2142.

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(5) ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES? A colorful palette of flowers border this 2 bedroom 1 bath Mentone home. Within Walking distance to Historic Downtown Mentone. Why wish and wait? Call and see! \$89,900 (15165)



(6) A Superb Sanctuary! Enjoy stylish simplicity in this mountain home. This 3BR/2BA wooded-lot residence on a tree-fringed street has a brow view. Hardwood flooring, screened porch and decks. Great lifestyle setting! \$399,900 (14566)



(7) MENTONE LOG CABIN GETAWAY sits on 1.4 gorgeous wooded acres at end of tree-shaded lane. Conveniently close to downtown, yet private. Needs work. Maybe a rental?? \$99,500 (15466)



(8) CABIN WITH DELUXE ACCENTS!!! Outstanding 3BR/2BA residence. Delightful winding drive. Designer and Antique wood walls, ceilings and floors so beautiful. An exceptional choice! \$209,000 (14746)



(9) CUTE, CUTE, CUTE! This A-frame cabin near DeSoto St Pk is bigger than it looks. Offering 3BR, it could be a full-time residence or possibly a rental opportunity. New interior. Ready to move in! \$65,000 (14894)



(10) Many Comforts Await in This Prize! Welcoming 3BR/2+BA Ranch. This enticing residence highlights hardwood flooring. Private drive. Attractive large bedrooms, central heat/air. Two-car garage, workshop, deck. Manicured lawn. Here's a stand-out featuring neat extras. \$129,900 (15002)



(11) MENTONE HOME WITH ACREAGE 3.7 beautiful level to gently rolling acres, 2 outbuildings, well and city water, brick 3BR, 1.5 BA rancher. Nice trees. \$119,000 (15267)



(12) LITTLE RIVER CANYON AREA Cypress log cabin on 6 acres features vaulted ceiling, stacked rock woodburning FP, HW floors, giant master bath, all appliances, full wraparound porch, hot tub, craftsmanship and quality throughout. \$350,000 (14869)

Lot and Land Listings:

(13) BUILD YOUR MENTONE MTN GETAWAY HERE! And, you can have your pick of one of 4 lots on which to build. Thinking of a personal getaway or maybe even prospective rental? Each of these lots offers 1+ acre, wooded, public water and you're just a short drive to Mentone or DeSoto State Park. Just listed at \$40,000. (15446)

(14) A SITE TO BEHOLD! Build on this 1-acre piece of ground with big trees, level. Don't let this great lot get away! \$25,000 (14744)

(15) SWIM, CANOE OR FISH ON LITTLE RIVER, or sit and listen to the peace and serenity of the river and nature. 100x300' recreational lot in the wild water area of Little River with nothing around you but woods, animals and whatever you choose to take with you. For those seeking true off-the-beaten-path moments, this is the lot for you. Just Reduced to \$28,000!

(16) Delectably Different Lot! 7.2 acres on the West Brow of Lookout Mountain. Property is wooded and has a spectacular Brow view. It is worth checking out. Stop and see it today. \$175,000 (14827)

(17) A Tribute To Your Success! Don't wait this 1.9 acre tract north of Mentone won't last long! It's delightful & desirable! \$47,500 (14753)

(18) Compliments, Please! One-acre lot, wooded and level. Beautiful large trees. Just minutes from Historic Downtown Mentone. Once you see it you'll want to own it. \$25,000 (14743)

(19) YOUR HEART'S DESIRE! Build on this appealing lot providing pleasant lake front living. Underground utilities. It will capture your heart! \$59,900 (14234)

(20) LISTEN TO LITTLE RIVER From your porch when you build that perfect getaway (or maybe several) on this 7.44 ac tract of wooded land joining LRCNP. Teeming with native mountain plants, flowers and animals. \$124,000 (15090)

(21) BUILD YOUR CABIN GETAWAY Within walking distance of Little River Canyon, this 5-acre tract offers level to gently rolling land, nice trees, paved road frontage. Wildlife abounds. \$83,400 (15017)

(22) GREAT DAY, 21 ACRES ON LOOKOUT MTN!! Cleared and ready for you. County Water down the paved road. Septic at the end of chert drive. Call TODAY! \$110,000 (14939)

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Mentone Chatter

By LuJean Pierce

Welcome, everyone, to the very first Mentone Chatter column. I was very happy to open my e-mail for this column only two days after the announcement in *The Groundhog* and find a kind welcoming note from a stranger to me with the beautiful name of **Garnett**. Thank you so much, **Garnett**, for taking the time to welcome me and encourage me in this new endeavor.

As I promised, I will tell you a little more about myself. I consider myself one of God's miracles (aren't we all?). My parents had been married 7 years before my conception. After many hours of labor for my mother and waiting for my father the doctor, Dr. C. D. Gaines (in Birmingham), came out and sat beside Daddy. "Howard, Lou Ada has had too long a struggle and we are going to have to take the baby through surgery called a C-section. We probably are not going to be able to save Lou Ada or the baby, but if there is any chance at all which one do you want me to save?" My father replied, "C. D., you're the doctor, but you are not in charge and I have talked to the One who is. Everyone is going to be fine, you just go on back in there and do what you have to do. It will be all right." Dr. Gaines being the fine Christian that he was said, "You are right, Howard. He knows best." My mother lived to be 75 and I am still here to write for you at 66, for that was on July 30, 1940. I will tell you more about me at another time when we need to fill up space. Right now let's have some "Mentone Chatter".

On Labor Day, **Gary** and **Cathy Crow** had their annual cookout with family and friends from all around the area. **Marris** and I have been privileged to attend for several years and, as usual, there was a lot of great food to enjoy and many wonderful people to talk with. There is no way I am going to begin trying to name who was there because I will leave out someone, and I would not want to do that. I will say that I know there was one young family from the Chattanooga area and there were several families from Ft. Payne as well as scattered up and down the mountain. It was a fun time and it is great that **Gary** and **Cathy** open their home, property, and hearts to us every year. Thank you.

Ken and **Cher Cordell** enjoyed a visit in late August from their children, **Don** and **Paige Cooper**, and their grandchildren, **Josie** 9, **Beau** 8, and **Jett** 2-1/2 of Nashville, TN. They played at the farm; rode 4-wheelers and dirt bikes; swam in the home place swimming hole; visited the local shops; rode bikes at DeSoto State Park; and went on a tour of Collinsville Trade Day. The **Coopers** try to come to Mentone at least four times a year, and they always hope to arrive when there is an event like Colorfest to buy those one-of-a-kind gizmos the children can't live without. Coming to Mentone is very relaxing for this busy young family.

Evelyn Graves enjoyed a 2-day visit from her niece, **Kim Patterson**, recently. **Kim** lives in Rossville, Georgia, and it was a real pleasure for **Evelyn** to have her visit with her. Another of her nieces, **Jan Pinson**, visited with her during the Labor Day week-end. She always enjoys their visits and plans to have all three of

her nieces for a week-end soon.

Mentone is glad to welcome **Amelia Kirk Lollie** back to live in the beautiful brick home built by her mother **Mabel Crow Kirk** just up the hill from the Alpine bridge on the Little River near Alpine Boy's Camp.

Evelyn Graves attended the dedication of the new worship center and facilities at the **Rainsville First Baptist Church** on Sunday, September 17. **Dr. Bobby Welch**, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, Florida, and retiring president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the guest speaker for this occasion. This was the first church where the late **Jimmy Graves** was pastor after he and **Evelyn** married, and it has always been special to her. She enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Hershell and Sandra Pruitt, and **Evelyn Graves** attended the funeral of **Milton Graves** in Rome, Georgia on Tuesday, September 19. Many of you will remember **Milton** and his wife, former **Ozella Crane**. **Milton** was the late **Jimmy Graves'** brother. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Let's all remember **Nell Kent** in our thoughts and prayers. She has found that she has a crushed disk in her neck which has been causing her a great deal of pain in her right shoulder and arm. To add to that **Nell** had a fall on her back porch on September 18th spraining her right wrist and causing her even more pain in that arm.

John Wilkinson is undergoing tests at the hospital. Please remember him and **Jan** at this time. **Gerry Disney** has returned home from a week's stay in the hospital. She is much improved. **Doris Carmichael** had heart surgery in a Birmingham hospital on Tuesday, September 19. She is doing well. **Doris Baker** has a bad blockage in one of her legs and is awaiting surgery. She and **Bill** would appreciate us keeping them in our thoughts and prayers at this time. **Ken Cordell** has recovered well from his fall and hip and knee displacement while feeding his goats back in August.

October Birthdays:

2nd Gary Jones; 3rd Hope Walker, Ed Disney; 4th Dianne Kushi, Ardeen Lacy; 5th Saddler Emory; 7th Christian Henry; 8th Linda Brown; 9th Debbie Tullis, Dallyne Jones; 10th Daniel Akes; 12th Gertrude Cox, Quincey Griffith; 14th Judy Pierce, Russell Wright, Martha Kirby, Tina Langston; 15th Karen Britt, Charlie Brown; 17th Aaron Streeter; 19th Lauren Wall; 20th Harry Acton; Angie Strange; 22nd Rod Quinn; 23rd Joey Dillenbeck; 24th Marjorie Berry; 26th John Lauro; 30th Howard Carson, Roger Dowait, Nell Kent.

October Anniversaries:

5th Harry & Marilyn Acton; 17th Bobby & Linda Brown; 25th Ardeen & Barbara Lacy; 26th Gary & Cindy Jones; 30th Carl & Teresa Jones

Deaths:

August 28th Lt Col. George S. Walker, 85, of Mentone
August 29th William C. "Billy" Hulan, 71, of Valley Head

September 5th James W. Gaylord, 68, of Mentone
September 13th Raymond L. "Jack" Hulan, 69, of Valley Head

"Sometimes one smile means more than a dozen roses."

Remember if you want your Chatter in *The Groundhog* get it to me no later than the 20th of each month either by e-mail to mentonechatter@earthlink.net or by regular mail:

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Josie, Beau and Jett Cooper, children of Don and Paige Cooper of Nashville, TN, and grandchildren of Ken and Cher Cordell of Mentone

There will be a reception at the
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who is running for Probate Judge
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Poems by Rev. James C Young, of Valley Head,
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NOVEMBER ELECTION

NOVEMBER SIXTH, ELECTION DAY, IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
SOME OF US WILL REJOICE, OTHERS OF US WILL BE MOURNERS.
AS AMERICANS WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE THAT MANY DON'T.
FOR WE CAN VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE WE WANT.
A PRIVILEGE GIVEN US BY OUR FOREFATHERS.
SO LET'S GET OUT AND VOTE, AND MOVE OUR NATION FORWARD.
WE HAVE ALREADY GONE TO THE POLLS TWICE THIS YEAR,
BUT, AREN'T WE THANKFUL, WE CAN VOTE WITHOUT FEAR.
Oct. 26, 1984

HALLOWEEN

BE CAREFUL OUT THERE ON THE STREETS,
FOR CROWDS OF CHILDREN YOU MAY MEET.
THE GHOSTS AND GOBLINS ARE ON THE MOVE,
THEIR SPIRITS TO PROVE.
IT'S TRICK OR TREAT, SOMETIMES IT ISN'T NEAT.
PAPER IS THROWN ALL OVER THE STREET,
SO BEFORE THEY CAN DO THE TRICK,
GIVE THEM THE TREAT.
WINDOW WASHING WAS NEVER MY THING,
BUT I DO IT AFTER HALLOWEEN JUST THE SAME,
NOW CHILDREN WE WANT YOU TO HAVE FUN,
BE CAREFUL AND LOOK BEFORE YOU RUN.
THERE ARE OTHER GHOST AND GOBLIN ON THE PROWL.
FOR WHEN YOU HEAR, "WHO, WHO ARE YOU",
IT MAY NOT BE AN OWL.
HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO EACH OF YOU,
BOYS AND GIRLS AND YOU PARENTS, TOO.

Oct. 12, 1984

AUTUMN

THE LEAVES SHOW THEIR BEAUTY,
AS THE WIND BLOWS THE CHIMES.
THE CROPS ARE BEING HARVESTED AS THE WINTER
CLOUDS BEGIN TO GATHER.
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL IS ALMOST OVER,
AND THE BEES HAVE GATHERED THE LAST OF THE CLOVER.
THERE IS A DAY SET ASIDE,
OF WHICH EVERYONE SHOULD ABIDE.
"IT'S THANKSGIVING DAY."
A TIME FOR US TO BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT WE HAVE MADE.
OUR FOREFATHERS PAUSED TO BE THANKFUL ON THIS DAY
TO THANK YOU FOR THE HARVEST THEY HAD MADE
NOT ONLY THE HARVEST BUT THE BLESSINGS OF LIFE,
AS THEY TOILED THROUGH THE STRIFE.

MY PRAYER

I THANK YOU FOR THE HARVEST I HAVE MADE.
I THANK YOU FOR THE SON YOU GAVE.
I THANK YOU FOR THE U.S.A.
THAT OTHERS MAY HAVE FREEDOM
AS THEY COME FROM FAR AWAY.
I THANK YOU FOR THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH,
AND FOR THE HORIZONS I MAY REACH.
I THANK YOU FOR MY FAMILY,
THAT I LOVE AND CHERISH SO DEARLY.
I THANK YOU FOR MY FRIENDS,
WITHOUT THEM WHERE WOULD I HAVE BEEN?
I THANK YOU FOR THE TASKS, FAILURES AND SORROWS.
FOR WITHOUT THEM I COULD NOT BE STRONGER TOMORROW.



Last month, we asked readers to identify the mill in this picture. Numerous calls have come in and each person added something interesting to the story about the mill. Amelia Kirk Lollie was the first to call, and she said the mill was located below Alpine Camp and that it belonged to her grandfather, Blevie Crow. Others identified it as being the mill below Alpine, and that it belonged to Colonel Milford Howard, and that Blevie Crow operated it for Col. Howard. Ernest Murdock from Fischer identified it as being the same mill, and he added that his father had operated it at one time for Col. Howard. Dick O'Ferrall confirmed that the mill is indeed the one below Alpine and that remnants of it still remain. Thanks to all of you who responded.

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(2) SECLUDED EAST BROW VIEW TRACTS: Great view of the valley below. 3 to choose from or buy combination for more privacy. Over 5 acres each. \$50,000



(3) CANYON VIEW FOREST on the east rim of Little River Canyon. 5 acres wooded with Canyon View and access. Private Gated area. A must see. \$70,000.



(4) 5.7 ACRES WITH A VIEW OF LAKE LANHUSAGE. Driveway and partially cleared for Homesite. Paved road and city water available. \$58,000. (PLS 15068)



(5) MINI FARM IN MENTONE. 9.25 acres, includes 1 bdrm cottage, garage, Garden Area, Large Shade Trees, City Water, Paved Rd Frontage. \$135,000 More acreage available. (PLS #13989)



(6) CUSTOM BUILT CHALET STYLE COTTAGE, large wrap-around porch with woodland views and sunset vistas. 2Bdrm, 2 Bath, Open Great Room with 19ft. Rock Fireplace. Tung and Groove walls and Ceilings. Much more, all on 3.25 private acres. \$199,000. (PLS #15131)



(7) WILD RIVER COMMUNITY, (1 tract left) 220x300 on West Fork Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and rapids. \$60,000. (PLS #10250)



(8) RUSTIC CEDAR SHAKE EXTERIOR, and Exquisite Interior, describes this New 3Bdrm 3 bath home in Mentone (Shady Grove). Wood Floors and 30ft wood Ceilings. Rock FP, Textured Drywall, Open Great Room design. Over-sized Laundry. Master suite has 3 closets, Built-in furniture, Hot tub and a 2 person Block and tile Shower. 25,500 sq. ft of Heated space, 3 sets of French doors leading to the 2100 sq. ft wrap-around porch. Many more amenities await. Located with 2 acres of wooded property. \$440,000.

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(2) THE CHURCH IN THE WILLOWOOD: features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, woodburning fireplace and large screened porch. This cabin is equipped with thermal windows, CH/A, open living area, wood floors and ceilings. The bell tower reaches 35' to its copper steeple. \$179,900 (PLS #15321)



(2) THE NEST COTTAGE: consists of 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, open living area, rock fireplace, CH/A, wood ceilings and floors. Insulated windows, batt and board siding, stained glass dormer. \$145,000 (PLS #15322)



(4) THE BARN: It is a lofty 2 bedroom, 2 bath cabin. The living area features 17' gambrel wood ceilings with old tin end walls. Large wood burning fireplace, wood floors throughout. Screened porch, CH/A. Come see for yourself. \$169,000 (PLS #15320)

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(9) BLUFF LOT IN MENTONE: approximately 1 acre, surveyed and perked. City water available, paved road frontage, rock formations. \$125,000. (PLS #15323)

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October 21st, 22nd, 2006



MENTONE AREA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 50; Mentone, Alabama 35984

PRESENTS: 'OCTOBER COLORFEST 2006'

Located on North Cool Street at the Brow Park. Turn north at the caution light

Starting Friday evening October 20th at 6:30, a bonfire party and music on the square in downtown Mentone will kick off our celebration of 'FALL on the MOUNTAIN!!!'

Saturday evening October 21st at 6:30 we will have another bonfire party and music.

~~~~~Don't miss these fun affairs~~~~~

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## DEVOTIONAL

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor 16:59 KJV

Do you become discouraged when you do all that you can, and it seems that no one listens or no one cares that the Lord loves them and that the work you are doing in His name seems to be to no avail? Take heart and be encouraged because the work that you do for Him is not in vain. Continue to serve Him with a cheerful heart, and your efforts will be rewarded.

### SENIOR LUNCH BEGINS

Come join us for Senior lunch  
Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

September 20 - November 15

MERF Community House  
Call Sue Henry 634-4599  
to help.

### Class Reunion

The VHHS class of 1952 will have a reunion on October 14, 11AM-1PM, at Western Sizzlin in Fort Payne. Spouses are invited, as well as class members who did not graduate but were in this class.

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, Oct. 2, 6:30PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad meeting, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6:30 PM, MAPA MEETING, Dessie's
- Monday, Oct. 9, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, Oct. 10, 10:00AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 PM, American Legion Hall, Post 215 Meeting
- Thursday, Oct. 12, Columbus Day Holiday
- Oct., 21, 22, October Colorfest Brow Park, Mentone
- Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6:30PM, (monthly on 4th Wednesday of each month) Mentone Area Arts Council (MAAC) Board Meeting, at the Mentone Community House, open to the public
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public
- Sunday, Oct. 29, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS. Remember to change clocks back an hour and check batteries.
- Tuesday, October 31, Halloween

### North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District

The Volunteer Firefighters based in Mentone respond to the following types of calls at personal risk and without compensation:

- Structure Fire
- Brush Fire
- Vehicle Accident
- Natural Disaster
- Residential Medical Alert

#### Ready and Willing

Our financial assistance is needed to support the activities and maintain the equipment of our local Fire Hall. Your donations are appreciated. No amount is too small. Donations are tax deductible and may be mailed to:

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Fire Protection District  
PO Box 154  
Mentone, AL 35984



**CLOSED**  
Moon Lake Community Library  
Tuesday, October 31  
Halloween Night