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FALL COLORFEST FESTIVAL OCTOBER 20TH AND 21ST, 2007



Photos from a previous October Colorfest

By Page Cunningham

It's that time of year again, fall is in the air, the leaves are changing and the air has become crisp. We have two festivals a year--the spring festival the third weekend of May, (Rhododendron Festival) and the fall festival the third weekend in October, (The Colorfest).

Our spring festival explodes with all of the native color of spring and welcomes many visitors to our quaint little Town of Mentone.

Our fall festival brings the beautiful colors of fall as the leaves change to their bright colors, along with the crisp fall nights. Once again, we welcome the fall visitors.

Both festivals begin on Friday night with a roaring fire on the square at 6:30PM, followed by area musicians. This same schedule takes place on Saturday evening.

The square becomes the place to be on both evenings. Bring a lawn chair, enjoy the music, and get close to the warm fire.

The festival on Saturday and Sunday offers a variety of arts and crafts and delicious food.

Listed below is our schedule of events:

Friday night 6:30 - Bonfire and Music on the square

6:30 - Mallory Ledford-Gospel Music
7:00 - James Smith - Autoharp

On the Brow: Saturday afternoon

1:00 - Youth Orchestra directed by
Jan Goforth

Saturday night 6:30 - Bonfire & Music on the square

6:30 James and Rachel Bryan
& Dennis George

Old time Appalachian music

Sunday on the brow:

12:00 - Kathy's Kickers

1:00 - Silver Liners

2:00 - Lookout Mountain Cloggers

4:00 Drawing for handmade quilt (made
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So, you can see we are looking forward to the third weekend in October. So, put these dates on your calendar: **OCTOBER 19TH, 20TH, AND 21ST.** We promise you that you will have a good time.

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Festival Chairman, Page Cunningham

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MAPA Meeting

September 4 Meeting

The Mentone Area Preservation Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at 6:30PM. President Amelia Kirk-Lolli called the meeting to order. Leroy Crowe gave the invocation. Members present were Amelia Kirk-Lolli, Dessie Brown, Dot Crow, Homer Crow, Joanne Crowe, Leroy Crow, Lucille Crow, Page Cunningham, Marie Dillenbeck, Evelyn Graves, Tony Teverino, Claudia and Dave Wassom, J.P. Nation, Ronda Bruckno, Kim Albrecht, Mike and Madelon Houghland, Kerry Breithaupt, Mary Alice Stout, Beverly Smith, Dianne Kuehl, L.C. Moon, Ben Keener, and Rita Adrian.

The order of business was changed to accommodate the speaker for the evening, who had another commitment. The President introduced Rita Adrian, the new director at the DeKalb County Tourist Association. Ms Adrian gave a brief synopsis of her background and explained what the tourist association was presently considering. She mentioned the visitors center, setting long range goals for the next 5 years, the Board of Directors, and the plans for a rack card to distribute the list of events all over Alabama in the welcome centers. There was a question and answer period following her presentation.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

I would like to thank Jerome and Liz Stephens for providing the refreshments at the MAPA meeting on September 4th. As the president of MAPA, I also appreciate all those who came to the meeting.

Our guest speaker was Rita Chitwood, Interim Director of the DeKalb County Tourist Association. She discussed the duties and activities of the tourist association, and gave a brief synopsis of her background and explained what the tourist association was presently considering.

Hope to see all the members present at our next meeting on October 2nd, as well as any newcomers.

The meeting resumed its regular format. The minutes of the August meeting were approved. A discussion followed regarding the preparations for the upcoming October 19, 20, 21, Colorfest. Mary Mashburn donated another quilt (Dresden plate pattern) to be given away. Page Cunningham mentioned the need for a PA system for the weekend. Kerry Breithaupt offered to look into the matter of a system. Leroy Crowe gave a festival report of vendors who had already paid their fees. There are 50 spaces available. Vendors and music were discussed. A motion was made and passed to allow \$100 for the music. Several suggestions were made regarding publicity not only in the papers, radio stations, and on TV, but also on the MAPA website. Several suggestions were made and members agreed to follow up on them and report at the next meeting on October 2. There will be a parade on N. Cool Street through the Festival area.

On other matters, A motion was made to do away with letters to The Groundhog. A discussion followed. By a show of hands in the majority, letters will be allowed. A member of MAPA will be responsible for reading The Groundhog prior to its publication each month.

Treasurer Leroy Crowe passed out the treasurer's report for the month of August.

Jerome & Liz Stephens were thanked for providing the refreshments for the meeting.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

September 20, 2007

Dear Editor,

I love living in Mentone. I treasure the openness of the people and the close community I have found here. Jesus said the highest two commandments are to love God and to love others, and that is what I experience in Mentone. He also said, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." I recently went through a severe health challenge (colon cancer), and this community stood beside me and supported me beyond anything I could imagine. With their help, I was able to stay in my house instead of moving in with my father. For months my friends prayed for me, cooked for me, stayed with me at night, and took me to chemotherapy in Birmingham. I doubt I would have had such support anywhere else. Despite the fact that members of this community hold different beliefs, we can support each other in our journeys through life. Isn't that what Jesus did in his life? Thank you Mentone, for showing me the highest goodness and fulfilling my dream of real community!

Sincerely, Nancy Cammack

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Ider Mule Day



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By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

A 100 years ago mules were an important part of farming in the area, but no one would have believed that they would ever have an entire day dedicated to them. Ider's Mule Day proves that mules still can play a meaningful role in our lives. Mule Day has been drawing larger and larger crowds for the 21 years that it has existed. Crowds from the local area and the entire southeast come to enjoy the fun.

It all begins with a parade full of bands, mules pulling stagecoaches, wagons and people riding them. There are also horses and ponies. People with children of all ages line the street to watch hoping to catch some candy or shiny beads thrown from the passing wagons.

You don't have to be a fan of mules or even know how to recognize one to have fun. Mules are a significant part of the day, but there is so much more. A large baseball field is filled with antique cars. Gospel singing goes on all day at a large pavilion.

This year, for the first time, antique tractors have been on display. One of the smaller fields is full of things that children enjoy such as pony rides and moonwalks. There is a train for children to ride around the park. Stagecoaches drawn by mules give rides to all ages.

Vendors, more than 50 this year, packed the area as full as possible. Over 25 craft vendors were set up around the walking tract at the park. Merchandise included Native American items, handmade flutes,

hand-turned wooden pens and pencils, wooden rocking horses, T-shirts, jewelry, furniture, etc.

Food was also a necessary ingredient in the celebration, as it always is in the south. People wait from year to year for the barbecue plates that one local resident referred to as the best barbecue she had ever eaten. Traditional fair food, such as funnel cakes, hot dogs, fresh squeezed lemonade, and nachos were popular choices.

After the parade was over, the mules still "strutted their stuff" as mule pulls went on for the rest of the day next to the arts and crafts area.

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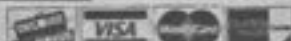
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(From AARP Life Insurance Program Fall 2007 Issue)

Want to know the secret to a longer life? According to researchers from the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF),¹ the proverbial fountain of youth may be closer than you think. In a recently released study, UCSF scientists announced that chronic stress — or the lack thereof — plays a key role in determining an individual's longevity. The less stress, the longer you are likely to live and vice versa.

At first glance, these findings may not seem all that surprising. After all, physicians have been linking stress to a variety of age-related ailments (high blood pressure, ulcers, etc.) for years. This new study, however, is the first to establish a direct link between stress and the aging process itself. It showed that stress has a detrimental effect on a cell's ability to divide and replicate, and ultimately results in cell degeneration (aging).

Since most people aren't in a position to avoid stress altogether, the question you need to ask yourself is: How can I minimize its effects? Well, short of packing up and moving to a deserted island, here are some suggestions you may want to consider:

Let It Go: Don't dwell on things that are out of your control. Rather than internalize, people with low stress levels tend to forgive and forget.

Act Quickly: If you have the power to correct a situation, do it quickly so you can put it behind you as soon as possible. Letting a problem linger only adds stress.

Exercise Regularly: In addition to improving your physical state, exercise helps relieve stress and creates endorphins that reduce anxiety.

Pursue Your Passion: Have you always wanted to play the piano, trace your family's genealogy, or do charity work? Having a strong sense of purpose can dramatically reduce stress levels — while keeping your mind active as well.

Do Good Deeds: Altruistic acts, even those as simple as helping someone cross the street, enhance your mental well-being and reduce stress. As an added bonus, many good deeds — such as delivering meals to the needy — also introduce an element of physical activity and benefit the recipients.

Laugh Often: Many of today's oldest seniors attribute their longevity to a good sense of humor. Since they don't take things too seriously, they are better equipped to handle stress.

Keep In Touch: People are by nature social animals, and maintaining close relationships is a great way to reduce stress.

Occupy Your Mind: If your brain is deeply engaged in a particular task, it doesn't have time to dwell on stressful matters. That's why so many people find it relaxing to play cards or complete crossword puzzles.

Naturally, there are many other ways to reduce and manage stress. Just find the ones that work best for you, and you may be on your way to a longer and happier life.

¹ As reported in "10 Secrets of a Good, Long Life,"

by Sarah Mahoney, AARP The Magazine, (July/August 2005)

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A WORD OF CAUTION

By John Baty

When I was a youngster, beginning about age nine, I walked the woods with my Daddy and older acquaintances either hunting, walking to their jobs, or just rambling thru the woods. Daddy loved the woods; was more at home there than any other place. But we stayed in good physical condition. In school we exercised and played ball.

Some of the older members of my family seemed to have inherited a somewhat hyperactive autonomic nervous system which, if not coupled with sufficient physical activity, would lead to high blood pressure, rapid heartbeat and potential trouble, long term.

It is statistically well known that such a scenario will often lead to early heart disease.

My life proved to be a classical example. As long as I kept the muscles in good tone with hard labor and exertion I had few problems.

But once I became preoccupied with study and began spending more and more time in a reading room, my health began a downward spiral. When I took a stressful job and really "threw myself into the work," with much tension and frustration, it wasn't long before I experienced heart problems which are still with me forty years later.

Beginning with the first symptoms, doctors began the pills. Just about everything known at the time in the category of downers were prescribed in an attempt to sooth an irritable heart. There is one chemical sold under the brand name, Pronestyl, which works sorta like Lidocaine, "numbing" the heart muscle. It and many of the "blockers," Beta and Calcium channel, did probably keep me alive, but the downer effect made the word "alive" a debatable condition. I once calculated the number of Pronestyl capsules I had taken over nine or ten years. The math scared me. I had swallowed eleven thousand of the big 500 mg capsules.

Every tranquilizer, sleeping pill, even anti-psychotic drugs were tried. I lived and walked in a near stupor. I don't believe all of it was necessary. I had by-pass surgery in 1997 and later found some medication and doctors more enlightened and experienced considerable improvement. I have no doubt that all the medicine, experimental and otherwise, permanently altered many physical processes, some of them neurological.

My motivation for the above disclosure stems from the current practice of drugging children, and adults, to cover up the ill effects of a lifestyle and culture out of sync with our biological heritage.

I believe few will disagree that man occurred on Earth hungry and in motion. To stop the motion and satiate the hunger drive, is an alien condition to our biology, and will result in harm. To stifle the restlessness caused by inaction with brain-damaging drugs is a defeatist action at best.

Peter Breggin, M.D., former teacher Harvard Medical School, consultant to NIMH, described as "the conscience of American Psychiatry" has a book, Toxic Psychiatry, 1991, in which he enlightens on the dangers of Prozac, Xanax, Halicon, Haldol, Lithium, Ritalin, other psycho-stimulants, and just about all "mind-altering" drugs. We recommend his work as must reading whether one accepts what he says or not.

When I personally see children being drugged to control the natural exuberant energy of the young organism, instead of "burning it off" with physical activity, and adults curbing their natural passions with downers, I reflect on my life and how Peter Breggin described me and how his true predictions proved to be.

I don't propose that anyone regard me as knowledgeable in the field of psychiatric medicines, but feel that everyone should take a long look at what you are doing before you swallow that pill. Although we are well aware of the impotence of one voice in our time, we wish to add our voice to those who object to the subtle pursuit of profit misleadingly portrayed as altruistic, humanitarian service.

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The Scarecrow Contest:

1. Build a scarecrow to be displayed outdoors at Snappy Graphics & Gary's Scoot N' Motors.
Deadline to drop off scarecrow is Halloween, Oct 31st. Scarecrow will remain in place until November 12th.
2. Judging will be done by the community. A ballot box will be provided for everyone to come by and vote on their favorites.
3. Judging categories will be: Scariest, Most Original, Most Unusual and Best Overall.
4. Prizes will be awarded in each category. Best Overall will win a \$25 gift certificate at Snappy Graphics or Gary's Scoot N' Motors. Other prizes include a photo of scarecrow on T-shirt and picture in The Groundhog. Smaller gift bags will be given to alternate winners.

Costume Contest:

1. Dress up in your scariest, cutest, ugliest, or most original costume and come by on Halloween, Wed Oct 31st by 8 pm.
Contest is open to all ages and will be grouped as age 10 and under, 11 to 17 and adults 18 and up. There's no age limit on having fun!

2. Your picture will be taken and candy will be given out.
3. Judges will view the pictures and will decide on the winners. Judges will be shown the pictures and pick the winners. Marie Dillenbeck at Town Hall will be one of three judges.
4. Winners will be notified and will receive prizes as stated above.

Everyone is encouraged to come by to view and vote on the scarecrows. This will be a fun and safe Halloween event. Don't forget to bring items for the collection box to help Battered Women and Children. The items listed below are an example of the things they desperately need.

Can goods	Towels
Dishwashing Liquid	Spoons
Paper towels	Kotex
Napkins	Tampons
Diapers	Razors
Wipes	Mouthwash
Tissues	Laundry detergent
Trash bags	Peanut butter
Toilet paper	Tuna
Pots/pans	Boxed foods
Sheets	Rice
Can opener	Pinto beans
Windex	Adult and
409	Children's Tylenol
Bathroom cleaners	
Deodorant	
Toothpaste	

Any of these items would be great or other items you may think of. Families who do get food stamps cannot get non food items and when women are battered and have to leave their homes for their safety and the safety of their children, they have to leave everything behind and start over with nothing. So, when you're out shopping for your families, just throw in an extra item or two and bring it by on your way. All items will be appreciated and you'll feel better knowing you're helping out.

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Community Crossroads

By Susan Cheronas
Respect

I call on our community, right now, to embrace Respect. We all want to live in a community where caring, fairness, understanding, and respect are present. When our Team Building company leads Cooperation workshops for school personnel, we sometimes look at this list from the Emotional Intelligence website (eqi.org) and talk about the ways our actions help create or destroy a healthy environment.

Read through this list and have a talk around the dinner table, the break room, or with a group of friends or family members. Compare your experiences, ask yourselves and one another where you feel respected in your life and where you don't. If there are places in your life where you do not receive the respect you would like, is there a way you could ask for more respect? If you ask for and do not receive more respect, begin to think about ways to change your circumstances. Everyone deserves to feel respected. We don't feel respected when:

We are forced
We are ignored
We are threatened

We feel imposed upon
We feel intruded upon
We feel judged or rejected
We are not listened to
We are lied to
We are lied about
We are not given reasonable explanations
We are not asked for our opinions
We are invalidated
We are interrupted
We are laughed at (especially when we are upset or in pain or some kind of trouble)
We are not cared about
We are mocked
We are stereotyped
We are underestimated
We are not taken seriously
Our feelings are not taken seriously
Our preferences are not taken seriously
Our dreams are not taken seriously
Our ideas are not taken seriously
Our needs are not acknowledged and not taken seriously
Our questions are not taken seriously
Our questions are not answered or are evaded
We are told that we wouldn't be able to understand something

We are not asked for our ideas
Others make decisions about us without our input
Others do not try to understand us
Others make assumptions about us
We are not asked what we think we need
Others tell us what they think we need.
We are not asked how we feel
Others believe they know what is best for us
Others believe they know us better than we know ourselves
Our way of doing things is not accepted
Our privacy is invaded or denied
We feel betrayed
We feel controlled.

Let us examine how we speak to each other and about each other. Are the people around us likely to feel respected by the things we do and say?

If not, for our own self-respect depends upon it, we can begin to develop habits that will help create more respect in our world. As we give respect, we can expect to also receive respect. Everyone wins with Respect!

From the Team Building professionals at ExperienceWorks-building community for over 10,000 participants on Lookout Mountain since 1998

By Bill Crane

As predicted, Tiger won the PGA Championship giving him a major tournament win in 2007. This was his second successive win in the PGA. It was 2004 since he went a whole year without a major victory. This win gave him 13 victories in the majors. Imagine! Lookout, Jack, a legend is creeping up on your record of major victories. The majority of the pro golfers today just want a tournament win, while the question with Tiger is not whether he'll win in a given year but how many will he win. There are three things certain in this life that you may count on, taxes, Tiger winning when he plays the last day of a tournament when close to the lead, and death.

The last time I rambled around on paper I wrote an entire article without mentioning the Braves, and I apologize! How can anyone write about sports without mentioning the Braves? They have had a tough year, to say the least. The Men's Club in my church approved a motion in 2006 to send a delegation to the Braves' training camp to give them help so their not making the playoffs would not be repeated in 2007. The action was to be taken in 2007 when the Braves opened their training camp. I had volunteered to head the group, but as luck would have it, sufficient funds were not available for anyone to go. Maybe, next year? Furman Bishop of the Atlanta Constitution says that the Braves struck out in 2007, and it looks like they have for they will miss the playoffs again. What's wrong with them? Pitchers? Batters? Manager?

As you may guess, baseball is my first love when it comes to sports. It started over fifty years ago when my high school in Dixie (that's right, that is what I said, for Dixie, GA is a small town in south Georgia) had two sports, baseball in spring, summer, and fall and basketball in the winter. It continued when I went to college in Atlanta. We college kids used to go to Ponce De Leon Park there, jump the fence and watch the Atlanta Crackers play. Not many of you remember that setting. You may remember the Sears store, the largest department store in the south at the time, where the things in the Wish Book came from. It was across the street from the ball park.

Speaking of baseball, there are dull games, and there are exciting games. When it comes to exciting baseball, you can't beat the little league games! I think that anyone who watched the Little League World Series this year will agree. How can you beat the Georgia vs Texas and Georgia vs Japan games for

excitement? I don't know of anything in baseball that may top them. Derek Jeter of the Yankees I don't think would have gotten to that line drive the Georgia shortstop caught in the Texas game for he was already running to his left when the Texas batter hit the ball. And who, in professional baseball has hit a home run in the second extra inning to win a world series, as happened in the Japan game? You want excitement, just watch little league baseball. You see why I'm hung up on baseball?

The football season has started, and Saban has begun to earn his \$4,000,000 this year. Surely, he has started preparing for the last regular season game in November for so much depends on that game. Will the Tide roll over the Tigers, or not? Everyone is waiting to see. He started the season with a blast of Western Carolina. If he keeps that up, he will stay as coach for the full eight years. The SEC started the football season on September 1 with warm-ups. The exception was Tennessee who played a ranked opponent and couldn't pull a win out of the bag. It looked like Auburn was going to lose by being behind four points with a few minutes left in the game. But they got the dog behind them with a touchdown and an interception to pull off the win.

There were two notable upsets on that first Saturday. The upset of the century occurred when Appalachian State University of Boone, NC, beat the number 5 mighty Michigan. This was history in the making as ASU is a Division II team. They won the Division championship last year and still have a good football team. The other big upset was the way Notre Dame folded to Ga. Tech 33-3, which was another historical record. What has happened to the Big fish? This is the first time in my memory that Notre Dame has not been ranked in the preseason top 25. It wasn't many years ago when the preseason question was who was going to play Notre Dame for the championship at the end of the season. It appears that there are more good football players available than the major schools need, so the smaller schools are now getting good players. Witness the Appalachian State victory and the Central Florida victory over N.C. State. Incidentally, the Central Florida coach is George O'Leary, the former Notre Dame and GA Tech coach. He may not be a Harvard graduate, as his resume may show, but he is a good football coach. Give him a few good players and he will win some games.

Other notable game since the start of the season was Clemson's victory over

Florida State and LSU's blowout of Virginia Tech. While I'm asking questions, I will also ask what has happened to Florida State? They are not the powerhouse of old. Even though Bobby Bowden, their coach, loves football, and especially to win, if he keeps getting the short end of the score, I think he will give up coaching this year. However, when asked about when he was going to retire, Bobby said: "when one retires there is only one big event left in life,

and I'm not ready for that yet." LSU's blowout of the projected ACC champion was unreal, and may have established them as the best team in the nation. The next few games could put them on top.

It is an exciting time in sports locally, regionally, and nationally. We can also look forward to the Olympic Games next year in China. If you have any comments, or rebuttals, you may email them to me at wcrane76@aol.com.

NOTICE

For the November and December issues, please have all your articles and ads in by the 10th of the month. During the

Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, I wish to spend time with some of my family. My sister lives in Illinois, and one of my sons lives in Texas. Thank you for understanding.

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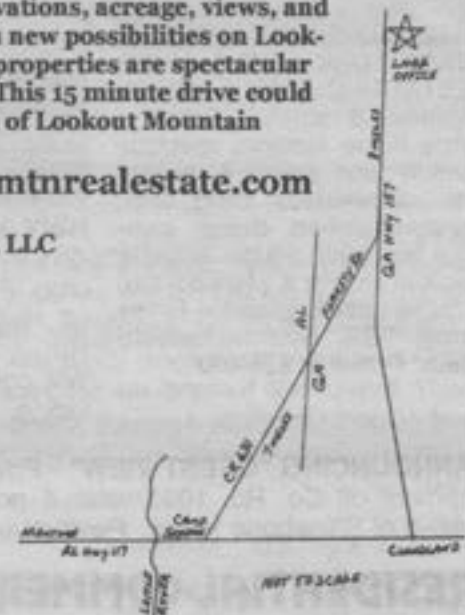
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To New Beginnings

Melinda R. Seela

I was recently promoted to the position of Postmaster of Mentone, Alabama. Naturally, I was excited and welcomed the opportunity to start my new position in this lovely little town. I had researched the town prior to applying for the position and what I uncovered was intriguing and sparked my interest. Mentone used to be a thriving health resort where people visited the mineral springs that were supposed to have healing powers but the springs are no longer used. They came here for solitude to get away from the hustle and bustle of bigger cities.

This small town atop beautiful Lookout Mountain is known to be the 'Camp Capital of the South.' The whole year round, except for the summer, this sleepy little town has a population of 450 residents, but as soon as school is out and summer hits, the population explodes to 3000 residents and business starts booming in the Mentone Post Office. The camps are in session and the parents are sending their children presents, snacks, packages galore, postcards,

letters and mementos. Summer is a busy time in this small community, but we welcome the customers and the revenue.

DeSoto State Park is only a few miles down the road from Mentone and home to waterfalls, camps, water sports, hiking, fishing, and other outdoor activities. Mentone also has a small zoo, numerous Bed and Breakfast establishments, Inns, and Cabins if anyone is interested in visiting the area. I know I sound like a travel agent but my enthusiasm for my new Post Office is my focal point at the moment.

Although, I was really proud of my promotion, I was faced with the difficult task of leaving my former Postmaster position in Dawson. I was reluctant to leave the host of friends I had made during my stint as Postmaster of Dawson. One of the hardest tasks you have as a Postmaster is leaving an office where you have made friends and have a good rapport with your customers and your employees. I won't forget my acquaintances or experiences in Dawson but I will forge ahead to the bright future I have with the Postal Service.

I look forward to my new position in Mentone and I thank the Postmasters, friends, customers and residents that sent Congratulations to me. I hope everyone will visit this beautiful, scenic little town on top of Lookout Mountain--and don't forget to stop at your friendly, neighborhood Post Office in Mentone to say Hello to the New Postmaster. I will leave you with a quote I found while researching my new community: "Mentone creeps into your soul and bathes it with the gentle gift of the universe." The verse is so poetic, but after only a short time here in Mentone, I find it to be true.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Melinda Whitt, Birmingham, AL 35242

September 4, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting a piece for consideration for printing in your paper. I am a new resident of Mentone, and live on the brow on Highway 89. I love your paper, and eagerly look forward to receiving it. Mentone folks have been so kind to me and my family, embracing us from the very beginning and making us feel a part of the community. Along the way, everything I have outlined in my story unfolded, giving us many laughs. I hope you enjoy reading my tale. I am sure you will identify with it. If you decide to print it, please feel free to edit it or change it.

Sincerely, Melinda Whitt

Wallenda Conquers Husband

Here we are, fresh from the big city to the south, in our precious new mountaintop home on the brow overlooking cows and countryside and complete with a charming train. We've added furniture that is cozy, beds that sleep softly, and even a stuffed bear head. The air is cooler, the neighbors friendly, and the wildlife viewing is interesting. We think we have everything we need for human comfort on the mountain in the woods.

Always having been interested in bird watching (city style), we hang bird feeders on the porch adjoining the brow woods. We imagine we will soon be experts. We buy bird books, research bird habits, learning their preferred foods, likes, and dislikes. We think we might even learn enough to pen a book about Mentone birds, maybe one with pictures of the birds on our own feeders.

It was about two days into our watching when we first met Wallenda. For any among you who might be unfamiliar with this most extraordinary and famous moniker, Karl Wallenda was a world-renowned acrobat and sire to an entire family of highly trained gymnasts who performed death defying stunts in circuses all over the globe. Their stunts, begun by the family as far back as 1780, remain legendary to this day. In our world, Wallenda is a common gray squirrel with uncommon abilities. He lives in our woods.

Wallenda wrecked the first bird feeder overnight, tearing it off the tree where we thought it was so securely fastened, spilling its contents onto the ground where it was quickly devoured by what we now know was a pleural Wallenda. Not to be deterred by such a tiny creature, husband immediately purchased a bigger, stronger bird feeder, this one with perches only, thinking Wallenda surely could not grab it, sit on it, or yank it down. One week of bird viewing pleasure ensued. We spied golden finches, indigo buntings, nuthatches, chickadees, and more in our mountain woods. Unfortunately, Wallenda struck again, gnawing through the steel cable supporting the feeder, sending it crashing to the rocks below, spilling the feast

for all the little Wallendas in the neighborhood. Husband uttered many curse words, all of which were directed at Wallenda, or his mother. Husband also began researching squirrels, squirrel-proof feeders, and the like.

About this time, another plan was hatched. Husband lovingly purchased a squirrel feeder and squirrel toy, carefully mounted farther down the brow, and designed to entertain the cute little rodents while feeding them corn. Surely, now Wallenda would leave the feeders alone, and more birds would flock to our mountain for our now gourmet bird food, purchased at great price, in the hopes Wallenda would turn up his nose. Husband purchased stronger steel cable, and rehung the slightly damaged feeder. The owner of the local hardware store willingly sold the items to fortify the feeder, but remarked that husband would be back to see her soon.

One week later, a now much-the-wiser Wallenda had learned to push off the tree nearby, and swing the bird feeder repeatedly, until the entire contents were on the ground. Husband, feeling emasculated and powerless, began to verbalize thoughts of "getting even". A neighbor close by, witnessing Wallenda's antics, brought up the subject of a gun. The man at Lowe's said he liked to cook squirrel and would take all anyone could bring to him. Husband, a kind soul, still thought squirrels were cute, in addition to being little resourceful geniuses. After all, birds were still coming to visit and to enjoy our birdseed. However, he did purchase another feeder, this one equipped with a squirrel spinner powered by a battery that, when tripped, would send the squirrel spinning laterally off the feeder.

Wallenda had only one witnessed spin, and the current feeder held for two weeks before it, too, met its demise at Wallenda's hand (or foot, in this case). Wallender disengaged the spinner from the feeder. Husband ordered a new part for the feeder to replace the one Wallenda destroyed, had it shipped overnight, and rehung the feeder. He relocated it to a higher tree, and moved it outward to eliminate any pushing off or leverage by Wallenda.

One must also note at this time that the bird seed bill had soared, and the neighbors began to mention the superior physique of all the Wallendas nearby. It is also important to note that Wallendas in our yard are now so confident that they no longer bother to run away when a human steps outside.

It has now been seven months since our encounters with Wallenda began. The feeders still hang. Wallenda just last week chewed a fist size hole in our enormous storage-container that houses the birdseed. Wallenda can now simply put one paw in and dip the seed. Quiet resignation has set into our mountain home. Husband rarely mentions getting even now. After all, Wallenda was on the mountain first.

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By Sarah Jacoway Chastain



Valinda Miracle

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Finding something that is made in America has become increasingly more difficult; but, for those of us fortunate enough to live in the shadows of Lookout Mountain or nearby, it's easy. At Miracle Pottery & Art Gallery on Highway 117 between Valley Head and Mentone, there is a rich array of art and pottery not only made in the USA, but also actually made on site by our neighbor, Valinda Miracle.

There are the ordinary items such as tableware, as well as a lot of unusual items, such as egg separators, gourmet salt crocks, egg scramblers, apple bakers and French butter bells. More ordinary items such as casseroles, berry bowls, colanders, vases and teapots are also popular items. She explains, "Most of the things that I make are functional." However, there is a bit of whimsy lining the shelves on the wall. These are her "Muglies" and "Juglies" that many people collect.

Upon entering her attractive shop, recently enlarged to accommodate more items, you are greeted by a mug bearing a tree hung with mugs just invited a freshly brewed cup of coffee or hot tea.

The items that she most enjoys making are teapots and birdhouses. "When I make a bird house, I look at the almost finished product and think now where would I like to sit if I were a bird and it just happens." The birdhouses are both functional and attractive.

The paintings on the walls are also evidence of her talent. Many of them have a religious motif. She also has prints and note cards.

She didn't start out as an artist. In fact, when she came to Mentone 30 years ago, she opened Log Cabin Deli; and she would have argued with anybody that suggested that she had an artistic side.

That all changed when she was in wreck resulting in a head injury that destroyed her short-term memory much as Alzheimer's disease does. It was suggested that developing the artistic side of her brain would help her recover her memory. She didn't believe that was an artistic side to develop, but she agreed to go to a pottery class with a friend. When she became sick again, she started painting.

CAMP JULIETTE LOW OPENS ITS DOORS FOR HISTORY TOURS OCTOBER 20TH

Dear Evelyn,

Attached is a document containing an article for the October issue of the Groundhog. It announces History Tours of Camp Juliette Low that will take place on October 20th. I will send a paper copy to The Groundhog's mailing address just as a backup in case you can't open the document. I've also sent via email two photographs to be included with the article if you have the space. One is of the 1922 camp Lodge and the other is of the gates.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me. Camp Juliette Low thanks you and MAPA for putting our article in The Groundhog. If you ever want to print a larger history of the camp, I would be glad to furnish you with one.

Sincerely,

Peggy Carter, Board Member of Camp Juliette Low
email address: tompeg@alltel.net

Have you ever driven North on GA Highway 157 from Cloudland and wondered just what was behind those gorgeous gates at Camp Juliette Low? Would you like to see the original lodge building, constructed by local craftsmen in 1922? Would you like to know which President's wife has visited the mountain and the camp? Can you see yourself walking across the East Fork of the Little River on a swinging bridge? Do you know what "Soft Rocks" are?

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- 9 - Dallyne Jones
- 10 - Daniel Akes
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- 12 - Quincey Griffith;
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- 13 - Amanda Wright
- 14 - Judy Pierce, Russell Wright;
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- 15 - Charlie Brown; Karen Britt;
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- 17 - Aaron Streeter
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- 20 - Harry Hopper; Harry Acton
- 21 - Raymond Brown, in memory of
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Tom Kilgore

Tom Kilgore named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Valley Authority

President and Chief Executive Officer Tom Kilgore was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Valley Authority in October 2006, having served as Acting CEO since March 2006. He was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer in March 2005.

He is responsible for managing all aspects of TVA, including power production, transmission, power trading, resource management programs, and economic development, as well as TVA's corporate functions. He heads TVA's Executive Committee and chairs its Business Council.

Kilgore came to TVA from Progress Ventures, where he served as president and chief executive officer. Progress Ventures is a subsidiary of Progress Energy. The company has a diverse portfolio of energy-related businesses in fuel extraction, transportation, energy marketing, energy trading, and other areas.

Kilgore previously served as president and chief executive officer of Oglethorpe Power Corporation in Georgia. He joined Oglethorpe in 1984 and held numerous management positions, becoming president and chief executive officer in 1991 and serving in that capacity until 1998. Prior to joining Oglethorpe he worked for Arkansas Power and Light Company and for the U.S. Department of Defense at Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas.

Kilgore serves on the board of directors of the American Museum of Science and Energy Foundation and has served on the boards of directors of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Electric Power Research Institute, and the United States Council for Energy Awareness. He has also been a member of the industry advisory board of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

A native of Alabama, Kilgore earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Alabama and a master's degree in industrial engineering from Texas A&M University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1972. In 2002, he was inducted into the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame.

Kilgore and his wife, Myra, have a daughter, two sons, and four grandchildren.

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Our global community just marked the anniversary of two catastrophic disasters—the 2005 Storm Season when Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, changed millions of lives, and the terrorist acts of September 11th, likewise emblazoned in our memories.

A hard reality that these tragedies — and the more recent Peruvian earthquake, Midwest flooding and Hurricane Felix — teach is that disaster strikes, often without warning. We are continually reminded that being prepared before an emergency occurs is crucial. In some cases, it will save a life.

A national survey reports that only seven percent of Americans have taken the three recommended actions to prepare for disaster: 1) Get a kit, 2) Make a plan, and 3) Be informed. That's why the Red Cross has joined a nationwide effort during September to promote National Preparedness Month.

You deserve the confidence and peace of mind that comes with being ready when disaster strikes. Join this month in making preparedness a priority!

Warm Regards,

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P.S. If you have already taken these three steps, bravo! Now you can spread the word to friends, family and colleagues, by sending a Be Red Cross Ready eCard.

MERF Senior Lunches

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NOTICE

For the November & December issues, please have all your articles and ads in by the 10th of the month. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, I wish to spend time with some of my family. My sister lives in Illinois, and one of my sons lives in Texas. Thank you for understanding.

Marie S. Dillenbeck, copy typesetter

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

An exciting thing is happening at the library!! We now have a librarian who will be in the library during the hours we are open. The board of directors agreed to contact TARCOC and see if they would put a part time worker in the library. Little did we know how quickly this would happen.

Jan Wilkinson called TARCOC and was told that this was a good possibility. In turn, she called me and asked me if I knew someone who would like to do this and if I would help with the paper work and all of that. A person from TARCOC called the next day and said that a representative would be in Mentone to interview our candidate in two days.

Beverly Ashley had told me that she would be interested. I called Beverly and we met with the representative for quite some time. Beverly signed some forms and then the lady said, "Oh, by the way, you get to count four hours for this interview." Just like that, we have a librarian.

Beverly has worked as a volunteer in the library for quite some time and knows what needs doing and how to do it. Diane Kuehl is going to teach her how to do some of the more involved procedures soon. She can work more hours that we are now open, so we may extend the hours we are open and maybe add another night to be open.

I am very excited about this because this will allow us to have more special projects. Already, Beverly has thought of some and I would like to put some of those we have tried back in and try some new ideas. If you have some things that you would like to have us try, please let us know.

One program that we will start again soon, is the Koffee Klatch. This was so much fun, but it is a lot of work. This will be much easier with two people working on it. I just turned my calendar to the month of October and I think we can start the Koffee Klatch by Saturday, October 13. Plan to come on that day. Marilyn Blanton Campbell has told me that she will demonstrate embroidery as the first one, so maybe she can do this. She said that if anyone wants to give an embroidered article for Christmas, they need to start it yesterday. Watch the town bulletin boards for a complete schedule. Let us know what you would like to have and Beverly and I will try to find someone who can do it.

Since the last article, we have been given a room in the M.E.R.F. Community House in which to store our books. Some of the FRIENDS of the Library came over and helped clean out the room and we thought that this would be the perfect place for the four bookcases given to us by the DeKalb County Board of Education. Two men (or more) and a truck moved them to the room and several of the shelves are already filled. This will enable us to store all of the books given to us for the book sales. Remember that we will have a sale in February, so bring us books. Continue to bring them to the library when we are open.

Two of our FRIENDS have agreed to build us another set of bookshelves for the library. This will enable us to put quite a few more books in use as they are processed. Always, we have a committee to sort through any books that are donated and any that we do not have on the shelves are processed for use. Again, bring us your donated books, we can always use them.

Our 2008 Community Calendar order has been completed and will be delivered well before the holiday season. We sold more ads than we had spaces for. We asked one of the ad holders if they would sponsor the Character Words instead of their ad. They graciously did this and helped us out of a tight spot. Most problems can

be solved when people are willing to work together on them. Your calendar will be delivered as soon as we have them. There will probably be a few extra so if you want one, let us know. Your birthday information will not be in this one but you can put it in the 2009 calendar. This is a good fund raiser for the library and we plan to continue to do it again. So long as we do this yearly, the company will not let any other organization compete with us by having this type of calendar.

There is now a drop box for DVD's in place at the library. It is on the side of the drop box for books. It is designed so that the books do not fall on the DVD's and break them. The DVD's have become very popular. Please continue to donate them so we can continue to offer this service to our patrons. Your donations enables us to use our money for other improvements to the library.

Some other exciting things are happening in the library. It concerns more space which may be available to be used by the community. Library use by the students continues to change and this may free up some space for our use. I will fill you in on all of this when it is in place.

I am leaving the open hours as they are at the end of this article. But, watch the library parking lot and if a dark red vehicle is there and the open sign is on the drive, chances are that the library is open. We have not had an official meeting of the Board of Directors to change them. Watch for longer hours each open day and possibly one extra day. We will make this decision as soon as all of the board members are available for a meeting. I will post the new hours on all town bulletin boards.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library will be Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 3:00

p.m. We will meet in the library. The library will be open for the public during this time and we urge you to continue to use the library during our meeting. Call Jan Wilkinson, 845-5048, to be placed on the agenda. Let us know what you want to see done in your library. We are open to all suggestions and will try to implement programs of interest to you.

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library or to make a suggestion, you may write to us at this address: Moon Lake Community Library
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Rhododendron Garden Club News

By Linda Brown, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was called to order by President, Martha Wood at 10:00 am. on September 11, 2007 at the M.E.R.F. Community House in Mentone, Alabama. Martha led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America. The inspirational minute was given by Linda Brown.

After the business meeting, Margaret Baker introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Herbert Pace of Bryant, Alabama. Mr. Pace is a member of Tennessee Dahlia Society, retired from working for the IRS, and an avid grower of dahlias. He stated that growing dahlias is a very rewarding experience. Dahlias are rapidly growing flowering plants that produce some of the most stunning and varied blooms existing in nature. Dahlias are

grown from seeds, cuttings, and root divisions. If the plant is grown from seeds it may take on any number of characteristics from either or both seed parents. If grown from cuttings, the plant will produce an identical genetic duplicate of the plant from which the cutting was taken.

Dahlias come in many sizes and colors. Blooms can be as small as one inch to up to fifteen inches across. They can be from two feet tall to over eight feet tall. Over eight thousand different named dahlias are listed by the American Dahlia Society. Seventeen hundred of these are Ribbon Winners. There are nineteen forms, sixteen colors (many different blends of these colors), and ten sizes of named dahlias.

Dahlias prefer full sun but will tolerate some shade. Do not plant dahlias close to trees or large shrubs. Avoid planting in an area that has poor drainage where water stands all winter. Plant tubers after all danger of frost has passed and temperature of soil is 45 degrees or warmer.

Dahlias do best in soil that is light, well drained, and not too acid. Acidity can be reduced by an application of agricultural lime. Prior to planting, apply a fertilizer that has the elements of nitrogen, phosphate, and potash, such as 16-16-16 or 10-10-20. Animal fertilizers are also good to use for dahlias. Slow release fertilizer can be raked into the top two inches of soil after planting.

To plant dahlias, dig a hole four inches deep, lay tuber horizontally in the hole with the eye or growth bud facing up. Cover the tuber with soil. Dahlias need to be tied to a stake to prevent tip-overs from the wind. Insert lengths of rebar at planting time. When plants are tall enough to need tying to the stake, use a soft yarn, twine, or old pantyhose lengths.

Avoid watering until plants emerge. After flower buds form, water frequently. As soon as dahlia plants have emerged from the soil, spray plants with Malathion, Diazinon, Orthene, or Seven. Removal of all debris around the base of the plant and the first side branches on the plant will help with insect control.

To have a compact, bushy plant with long stems and more useable flowers, pinch out the center growing point when the plant is about one foot tall. As the side buds form, pinch off all but the tip bud to get the maximum bloom size and long stems.

To preserve the life of a dahlia display, cut blooms early in the morning or late at night. Immediately put cut stems in hot water and leave them until the water cools. Put the blooms in a cool, dark place while the water cools. Mist blooms with a fine spray after arranging them in water.

Dahlia roots left in the ground in this area will survive cold winter weather if kept from freezing. This can be accomplished by heaping straw, leaves or any good mulch over the clumps. Tubers can be dug up and stored if desired. This is a rather involved process, so you should research the method before deciding to do this. A good web site for this is: www.tndahlia.org.

The members were reminded of the VFW Fair to be held on the fairgrounds in Fort Payne, Alabama. The dates are September 24-29. A highlight of the fair will be the Flower Show entitled, Flower Games, sponsored by the Northeast Alabama Federation of Garden Clubs. This consists of nine garden clubs including Rhododendron Garden Club.

The next meeting will be October 9, 2007 at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 10:00 a.m. The subject of the program will be early spring plants.

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

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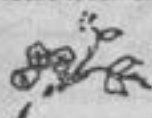
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Pierre Abelard, a French philosopher of the eleventh century and participant in an intriguing and painful scandal, commented that:

"The beginning of wisdom is found in doubting; by doubting we come to the question, and by seeking we may come upon the truth."

Many readers will be curious about the scandal mentioned above. If their questions persist, they may even crack open an encyclopedia or do an online search. In doing so, they have proved Abelard's point. Seeking precedes wisdom. Our slogan for this semester is, "Wisdom... Wanting to learn what you do not know." This process begins with the recognition of questions and doubts. "Can I support my family with the job I have?" "Are my skills sufficient for the job I want?" "Am I content with the path my life is taking me at this moment?" "Is there any hope of a better economic future for me?" If you are seeking some answers to these and other questions, the Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program wants the privilege of aiding you in your quest. They have many caring and skilled teachers ready to help you in this process. FREE academic classes are available at many locations, with a complete fall schedule starting September 10th. These classes provide FREE BASIC SKILLS and GED classes to help prepare adults to take the GED exam or just to be more prepared to enter college. They are designed to help improve skills in English, math, social studies, science, and reading. Enrollment is possible at any time by simply attending the most convenient class. GED classes are even available ON-LINE for qualified students who are home-bound or unable to attend classes due to their work schedule or other reasons.

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For more information, contact your local community college, board of education or the Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program (located at and operated/managed by Northeast Alabama Community College) at 256-638-2957 or 256-228-0021 between the hours of 8 - 4. Information can also be obtained by visiting their website at www.nacc.edu/adulted Adult Education help you learn what you do not know....today!

We at Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program are pleased to announce our fall schedule of classes. We continue to appreciate your help as you serve our community with public service articles. Below is a short news article announcing all types of classes that we offer: GED/Basic Skills, Adult Literacy, and English as a Second Language. You will also find an excel attachment with a worksheet specifically announcing the classes in your area. Just click on the tab corresponding to your area. Please expect a call from me (Dawn Saint) to confirm your receipt of this emailed message and your ability to open the excel schedule of local classes. I'll also answer any questions you might have about our program. If you would rather, you can just reply to this email and let me know that you got everything, and I won't have to call you.

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Pottery Face Jugs at Mountain Mamas

By Mary Alice Stout

Diana Forester, Calhoun, GA, has once again filled a shelf at Mountain Mamas Crafts & Rock Shop with face jugs. Her last jugs sold quickly and are becoming collectable. Diana's jugs have names--like Alex, Eve, and Minerva.

Face Jugs, or "ugly jugs", are a traditional form of folk art pottery. Pottery with faces dates back to Egyptian times and appears in many other cultures throughout time. A Massachusetts potter created the first face vessel in the U.S. around 1810.

Research has shown that both white and black potters created these vessels--not just the slave potters. These vessels sold well because there was a need to store moonshine in a container that warned against touching that jug or "the boogie man would get ya!" So, the jugs were made as mean looking and ugly as possible; and, generally, the faces were crudely fashioned. Today, contemporary potters, like Diana Forester, have resurrected the interest in face jugs.

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Contact: Larry Beane, Park Ranger

Date: September 18, 2007

Subject: Little River Falls Backcountry History Hike

Little River Canyon National Preserve will give a guided History Hike at the backcountry gravel parking area past the Edna Hill Church on County Road 295, Saturday, September 29, 2007. The ranger lead hike will begin at 9 am. The hike will be in the area of the first Highway 35 bridge over Little River. The hike will focus on life around the Little River Falls and Edna Hill Community prior to the establishment of Little River Canyon National Preserve. People should bring water, good hiking shoes, field guidebooks, and a snack.

Families are encouraged to join us for this one-mile hike. Young participants may earn Junior Ranger materials. For more information call the park office at (256) 845-9605.

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Little River Canyon National Preserve

Contact: Larry Beane, Park Ranger

Date: September 18, 2007

Subject: Geology and Fossils of Little River

Little River Canyon National Preserve will present a program on Geology and Fossils of Little River at Canyon Mouth Picnic Area Sunday, September 30, 2007. The program will begin at 2 PM.

For more information, call the park office at (256) 845-9605.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The meeting dates for the Valley Head Water Works Board, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be as follows:

Monday, October 8, 2007

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Monday, December 10, 2007

Monday, January 14, 2008

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00PM in the Valley Head Water Works office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works Building. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works Building prior to the meeting date and time. The location of the meeting will also be posted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 meeting dates for the Mentone Town Council, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

Monday, October 8

Monday, November 12

Monday, December 10

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 meeting dates for the Mentone Waterworks Board, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, as follows:

Thursday, October 25

Tuesday, November 13

Thursday, December 20

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00PM in the Mentone WaterWorks office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board of the Mentone Town Hall, adjacent to the water office. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 quarterly meeting dates for the Mentone Planning Commission, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be as follows:

Thursday, October 18

Thursday, January 17, 2008

All meetings will be held beginning at 5:00PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

The

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 NW (DeKalb County Road 85), Fort Payne. Phone: 256-845-4842. The community is welcomed. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Bible Class every Wednesday @ 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 256-845-4314.

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.

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

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

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 9:30AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship; 6:30PM Sunday evening (Third Sunday of each month are Small Group Home Meetings); 6:30PM Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Pioneer Club.

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.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church - a place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration. Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

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).

New Oregon United Methodist Church, 1204 New Oregon Drive NE, Ft. Payne, AL 35967. The activities of New Oregon include: Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. and Evening worship at 6:00 p.m. Sunday morning fellowship time is from 9:20-9:40 a.m., followed by Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and all activities of the church.

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 Lord's 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 6:30PM.

Dial-a-Devotional

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is provided daily by Evelyn Graves as an extended ministry of the Moon Lake Baptist Church. Feel free to call any time of the day or night.

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At Mentone Health Foods

Pumpkin Carving Contest

A Silent Auction will be held for the best Carved Pumpkin at the

2007 Mentone COLORFEST

This is a great opportunity for kids and veteran carvers alike to show their talents. Plus you can bid on one to take home to decorate for the fall holidays! Be creative and have fun with this project. To register, send your Name, phone number and email to Mountain Properties, PO Box 255, Mentone, AL 35984 or bring to the Hitching Post or email: rondabr7@charterinternet.com by Oct. 15, 2007.

All entries will be brought to the Brow Park by Friday, Oct 19, at 6PM. The silent bid will close on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Winning Pumpkin will be featured in the November Groundhog. Proceeds will go to a Moon Lake Elementary School special project. If you have any questions please call Kerry at **Massage Therapy** 256-254-9802 or 251-401-9409



Pumpkin Dessert Contest

You could win \$50

....If your dessert is chosen as the 2007 ColorFest Winning Dessert!

To register, send your recipe to Mountain Properties, PO Box 255, Mentone, AL 35984 or bring to the Hitching Post, or email: rondabr7@charterinternet.com by Oct. 7, 2007. All recipes will become property of MAPA and may be published.

Be sure to include your Name, phone number and email. All entries will be brought to Dessie's Restaurant, Friday, Oct 19, at 4 PM. They will be sampled by Mentone residents and festival visitors and voted on with \$1 per vote. Proceeds will go to MAPA for community projects. A recipe booklet will be available with all the recipes and the three top desserts will be

featured in the November Groundhog in time for Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions, please call Ronda Bruckno at **Mountain Properties** 256-634-4333 or 256-516-4663



*He hath made everything beautiful in His time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11 (King James v.)*

God has truly made everything beautiful, but there is no season more beautiful than autumn with its color display. He has made everything for us to enjoy, and it is easy to return to Him thanksgiving for his goodness to us.

Let us take just a few minutes to honor Him in prayer and thanksgiving for his providential care.

*What is man that thou shouldest magnify him?
Job 7:17 (King James v.)*

We have done nothing to deserve the goodness that God bestows on us every day. May we be more mindful of His love.

New or Used Refrigerator needed by MERF Community

House. If you are planning to replace your refrigerator or would like to donate a new one to the MERF House, please call: Dorma Hutcheson at 634-4449 - or Sara Wilcox at 634-4673. Thank You!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Saturday, September 29, 9AM, Little River Falls Backcountry History Hike (See pg.26)
- Sunday, September 30, 2PM, Geology & fossils of Little River, Canyon Mouth Park Picnic Area (See pg. 26)
- Mondays - October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29-5:30PM, N.L.M.V.F.P.D. Weekly Meeting
- Monday, October 1, 6:30PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad Meeting
- Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting, Dessie's
- Monday, October 8, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to public
- Monday, October 8, COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY
- Tuesday, October 9, 6:30PM, PTO meeting Moon Lake School
- Tuesday, October 9, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, MERF House
- Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 PM, Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall

- Friday, October 12, School Mid-term Holiday
- MAPA OCTOBER COLORFEST - OCT. 18 19 & 20: FRIDAY NIGHT 18th - Singing on the Square, 6:30 PM; Arts & Crafts in Brow Park on North Cool Street SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 9 to 4; and Singing on the Square Saturday night 6:30 PM
- Thursday, October 25, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public
- Wednesday, October 31st, Halloween. Check for various events at schools, businesses, etc.
- Sunday, November 4th, Daylight Savings Ends. Remember to change clocks & Check Batteries.
- Sunday, November 11th - VETERANS' DAY



Costume Pet PARADE

You and your pet can dress up for the 2007 Mentone COLORFEST Costume Parade. Show off your beautiful pet and win a FREE GROOMING Certificate, plus a feature in the November Groundhog. To register, send your name, phone number, and email to Mountain Properties, PO Box 255, Mentone, AL 35984; or bring to the Hitching Post; or email: rondabr7@Charterinternet.com by Oct. 15, 2007.

Bring your pet to Stoneridge Cottage next to Brow Park on Saturday, Oct. 20th by 1:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call Kerry at 256-254-9802 or 251-401-9409; or Jerome at 634-9031.