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Colorfest 30th Anniversary to be celebrated

By Charlotte Gentry

The mountains are donning their autumn finery and the nights are "reach-for-a-blanket" chilly. October is here and folks in these parts eagerly anticipate all the fun things that go with it. There are football games to cheer on the favorite team (and heckle the rivals); bonfires to sit around and tell stories or just visit with friends; and



there is Colorfest, always held the third weekend in October in Brow Park, Mentone.

This year, for the 30th anniversary of this mountain festival, the line-up of entertainment, arts & crafts, activities and fun is going to be spread out from the breathtaking views of Brow Park, to the rustic log cabin village, to the Square and Pavilion at Mentone Inn, along Hwy 117 and eastward toward

the Post Office. All along the way, folks who attend Colorfest 2012 are sure to find something of interest to hear, watch, buy or eat!

A cooperative effort of Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA) and Mentone Area Arts Council (MAAC), the festival committee has seen great support in the form of sponsorships from area businesses and organizations and, as a result, all entertainment will be free of cost to attendees of the festival.

The weekend will kick off on Friday night, October 19, on the Square at Mentone Inn, with the bonfire (bring your marshmallows!) and entertainment by Will Dooley at 7:00 pm. Moon Lake Elementary School's 5th Grade Class will have chili, hot dogs and all the trimmings for sale (this is part of their fundraiser for their Space Camp trip). Bring a blanket, lawn chair (some seating



will be available) and plan to have a toe-tapping good time.

Saturday morning, at 9:00, the festival officially begins with vendors and entertainment throughout the day. The evening's fun gets underway when One World Adventure Company brings its fabulous fish fry (which faithful followers know from the 1st Friday Fish Frys to be some of the best fried catfish around) to the Pavilion at the Inn,

serving from 4-6 pm. Then, at 7:00 pm, the Pavilion welcomes blues group "Kazmic Mama" to the stage.

The Sunday events begin at 10 am, with music and vendors throughout the day. The grand finale of the festival will be an open jam session for musicians. The location of this event is yet to be announced, but it's sure to be a grand time for all.

For more information about the 30th Annual Mentone Colorfest, visit the Colorfest Facebook page or the group Mentone Area Tourist Information.

Entertainment schedule on page 7.

Featured photos from the 2011 Colorfest festivities.



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From the Editor

How does one end a relationship that has been such a mixture of richness, fulfillment, frustration, vexation, enlightenment, sweetness and delight? My time as Editor of The Groundhog Publication has been all that and more. Beginning with the May 2011 issue and its front page account of the tornadoes of April 27, we've walked together through the past, present and future of this dear little place we know as Mentone and its environs. We've celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA). We've looked at some history with one of Mentone's true gentlemen, Homer Crow. We've come to know The Chicken Lady. We've dined on Maypops and sassafras. We've met interesting people. We've shared happy times and sad times.

There are so many folks in the Mentone area who have stories that need telling. Part of my goal as editor was to get some of those histories recorded. It is a loss to us all when those remembrances are lost. One of those with whom I'd planned to visit has, sadly, passed away and I regret not following up on my planned visit.

Mr. Bill Blalock, of Mentone, passed away on October 1. I met Mr. Blalock at Moon Lake Elementary School's Veterans Salute last November. He was proud of his service to his country during WWII. His generation is quickly becoming lost to us.

It is my sincere hope that those who take on the task of publishing the Groundhog will get these stories told and that others will take an interest in recording the oral history of their family members who are getting older. The days fly past and, one day, they're gone.

Family and the need to spend more time with them is the biggest reason (but not my only reason, to be sure) for my decision to step down as Editor. Between running my business and doing all the things related to the Groundhog, I had found myself neglecting my precious grandchildren and missing those moments with them. My mother's failing health is also a concern and need for my time.

To take the place of a single editor who does all things related to it, there will now be a Groundhog Editorial Board (or committee) to take care of the publication of The Groundhog each month, beginning with the November issue. There are sure to be some adjustments and it may take a while to get the process working smoothly, but it is hoped this change will make the publication come out on a more regular schedule than has been the case under my watch. That will be a definite improvement for our readers and subscribers.

I'd like to thank our advertisers for their long-standing support of The Groundhog. Without you, we'd not have been able to continue these 30 years. Thank you to those who have contributed photos, articles, suggestions, comments, letters to the editor and even criticism. Thank you to MAPA for asking me to be editor and for those in the organization who supported me in my attempt to return the publication to what it was originally intended to be.

Thank you to the readers who look forward to reading "The Neighborly News from the Heart of Lookout Mountain." It's nice to know, in this age of on-line-publications and high-tech gadgetry, there is still a place for the printed word, for good news, no politics, for simpler things.

Thank you to Diane Sanders who worked tirelessly on the layout of this publication, taking time away from her own family.

Thank you, most of all, to my family for their patience and understanding and support.

I wish you all God's peace, blessings and infinite grace,

C.

Letters To the Editor

Dear Editor,

Over the past seven months, my mother has had a perfectly dreadful time with her health. I will spare you the details, but let me assure you that the entire ordeal has been horrible. Now, she is coming up on her 91st birthday on October 6, and cards are all the celebration she is up to.

Therefore, I am asking everybody I can think of to please send a card. Here is the address: Mrs. Mary A. Blanton, Apt 315, Riverwood Retirement Life Community, 51 W. 10th St, Rome GA 30165.

Thanks so much,

Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Rome GA

Dear Editor,

Please renew my Groundhog subscription for another year, enclosed is my check for \$15.00. I look forward to the arrival of this little paper and read it from front to back immediately.

My first visit to your area was in 1971, and stayed at Nippersink with the Hauges, then with the Disneys. When Ed and Gerry became disabled, I began going to stay with Christina Wise at Summerhaven.

I am now nearing my 89th birthday and am becoming feeble myself, so this may be my last trip up for the Fall Fest (Colorfest).

With your monthly "News" being so great, I can keep up with what's going on "On the Mountain."

Sincerely,

Clarice Goodwin, Hueytown AL





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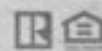


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20 ACRES, NICE FISHING POND & DOCK, corner property, mostly woodland. Great place to take the family, park a camper and enjoy the weekends! Rustic outhouse already on property for campouts. Build a cabin in the woods, or several! \$115,000. (PLS#21863)

10.8 ACRES ON N. BROW, Mentone. Approx 340' brow frontage. Awe-inspiring views; interesting rock formations. \$199,900. (PLS#21467; MLS#928654)

4.43 ACRES & RV READY TO USE as a getaway till you're ready to build. Private drive off winding country road. Frontage on Hwy 117. \$52,000 (PLS#21853; MLS#311288)

RIVERFRONT LOT, Little River near DeSoto Falls. Perched on a hillside with great up & downstream view. Deep water access for swimming, fishing & boating. Nature hike to the Falls. \$175,000 (PLS#22036; MLS#706869)

7.59 BROW ACRES, TATUM GULF "A getaway in the making!" Roughed-in retreat or guest house already built. Enjoy the lush native rhododendron by the small mtn stream. Private & serene. Beautifully forested, great views. Now \$175,000 (PLS#21592; MLS#604670)



FIND YOUR "HAPPY PLACE." Fish, boat, swim. Room for a couple or a crowd! Main cabin has 2BR/3BA, WB-Fpl, screened porch on lakeside; 2BR guest cabin w/3-high bunk room (plus trundle!), gas-log Fpl, full Kt, bath w/claw-foot tub & sep shower, laundry & 2 screened porches; "library" cottage w/lg. open, main-level room, pantry/office area, 1/2 BA & upstairs studio/BR. Furniture, carvings & whimsical statuary (such as the lifelike alligator near the lake) by mtn craftsmen Kaw-liga, Phil Faircloth & Lightfoot. Lush yard w/seating areas, grilling shed, 2 fire pits & fish pond w/iron fountain forged in 1860. Intriguing furnishings, art & stained glass windows (some from a historic church & one from an Irish pub!), most of which will remain. \$289,000. (PLS#22609; MLS#799345)



DELIGHTFUL FARM HOUSE getaway or residence! Enjoy the simple life in this approx 1648 sq ft, 3BR/1BA, well-preserved charmer with new roof & new windows; spacious country kitchen; room for 2nd bath; great "Granny's Attic" for additional living space. Outdoors, the big screened porch, back deck, large trees, meadow views & nice plantings add to the inviting ambience of this vintage Mentone home in Moon Lake area. \$120,000 (PLS#22040; MLS#939381)



JUST ABOUT RIGHT: House, 6 acres, a pond, small pasture, fruit trees, blueberries, nice woods, waterfall & stream. Freshly-updated, 2(or 3)BR/3BA cedar-sided, one-level home w/beautiful new cabinetry; granite countertops; new appliances; fresh paint; pine floors; inviting, all wood den/florida room; det 2-car+ garage; small pond; fenced pasture area; varied evergreens; great plantings. New furnishings negotiable. \$155,900 (PLS#22158; MLS#504329)



MILLSTONE AT LAHUSAGE. Stone & board-batten, 3BR/2.5BA, one-level cottage. Extreme total makeover! New roof, windows, plumbing, wiring, sheetrock, CH/A, cabinets, floors (bamboo hardwood & cork!) Rock columns, spacious 2-car carport w/porch; deck; quaint board-batten outbuildings. New board fence. Mature oaks and hickories. Mtn stonework w/old grist millstone embedded. The lake is just across the road & public boat ramp is just down the road. \$175,000 (PLS#22540; MLS#960277)



THE BERRY FARM, 40 acres, 2 ponds, stream, quaint board-batten 3BR/2BA ranch house w/3/4 wrap-around screened porch; outbuildings; old chicken houses; well; workshop that looks like a dollhouse! Land is all fenced, approx 1/2 pasture, 1/2 wooded, frontage on two roads. Owner may divide into two portions. Property in town limits of Mentone. Build your own family compound, summer retreat, or get back to the land & become a farmer! \$250,000 (PLS#21468; MLS#754360)



OH MY GOODNESS! Yup, that is one ugly little cabin. Hmm, it does have a certain something...kinda cute...well, maybe it does have potential. And, after all, building lots on Lake Lahusage don't even exist anymore! Great dock; 133' river frontage; rhododendron & mountain laurel; trillium; columbine; interesting rock formations. And the seller is going to put on a new roof? Gee whiz, where else are you gonna find a cabin on the lake for only \$119,000? (PLS#22071; MLS#717120)



1.46 ACRES & HOUSE ON BROW w/breathtaking sunset & valley views. Residence retreat or rental. Finding this much property, this much house, at this low price is just plain amazing! 4BR/2.5BA, 2-car att garage; back deck w/hot tub; established, beautiful-landscaped yard; iron-gated entry. Over 185' brow frontage. Less than a mile from the village of Mentone. \$264,500. (PLS#21259; MLS#580676)



JUST PLAIN CHARMING & surprisingly spacious. Well-hidden, brow-side cottage, tucked away behind a lush, bird-song-filled garden along the Scenic DeSoto Parkway. Part of what was once Brow Park Lodge ("motor court" active in late 50s-early 70s), transformed into an inviting getaway with a view that is downright amazing! 1450 sq ft, 2BR/2BA. Furnishings negotiable. \$239,900 (PLS#21972; MLS#423110)



THE OLD BRUCE HOUSE, one of the few remaining of Mentone's early residences, on the corner of Cool Street & Linchney (the address alone is fabulous!) Two-story frame home with heart pine walls, ceilings and floors. Stone, wood-burning fireplace fitted with gas logs. The well bucket & windlass on back screened porch is still operational. Breathe new life into this one-of-a-kind classic home. Right in the heart of Mentone, behind the Mentone Inn. \$119,900 (PLS#21463; MLS#913251)



SUNRISE VIEWS, intriguing backyard w/boulders & numerous plantings and a spacious home w/approx 2100 sq ft; 3BR/2BA; formal LR w/gas log Fpl; study; bright country kitchen w/sunny b'fast area, large pantry & tons of cabinets! MABR w/access to the 10x32 den/sunporch to enjoy the backyard views. Quaint shop (or future guest cottage); RV shelter w/power, 2-car att garage. Easy commute to GA. \$149,900. Call for details!



BEAUTIFULLY RUSTIC LOG CABIN in Hunters Ridge, on 2.06 acres. 2BR (or 3 if you decided to turn the dining room into a BR)/2.5BA, great covered front porch to enjoy nature's beauty around you. Small stream below the back deck gives wildlife a place to drink and humans a place to spend peaceful mornings with a cup of coffee. Stone Fpl w/gas logs completes the mountain getaway atmosphere. \$125,500 (PLS#20916; MLS#588906)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

Birthdays

- 1, Cody Wigley
- 2, Gary Jones; Becky Blalock
- 3, Elizabeth Gentry
- 4, Dianne Kuehl; Mason Hester; Eloise Breazeale; Sue Crane (in memory)
- 5, Coach Randy Taylor
- 6, Katy Tuberville; Breanna Blalock; Bob Hume; Dr. Pat Seymour (in memory)
- 9, Tom Tipton; Dailyn Jones; Monique Fielder; Debbie Tullis
- 10, Jimmy Worthy; Daniel Akas; Kathie Crow
- 11, Michelle Wooden; Wayne Gautreau; Betty Dooly
- 12, Vicki Stone; Quincey Griffith; Gertrude Cox (in memory)
- 13, Amanda Wright
- 14, Tina Langston; Martha Kirby; Ashley Phillips
- 15, Lanita Allen; David "Tater" Hopper; Charlie Brown; Karen Britt
- 16, Sarah Cox
- 17, Rose Cox; Renae Langston
- 18, Beatrice Crow
- 20, Harry Hopper
- 21, Emily Stone; Raymond Brown (in memory)
- 22, Beverly Ashley
- 23, Joey Dillenbeck; Rhonda Holoway
- 24, Marjorie Berry
- 25, Joshua Ferguson
- 26, John Lauro; Dee Kelley
- 27, Brooke Copeland
- 28, Megan Sutton; Ted Howard
- 29, Jessica Nelson
- 30, Nell Kent, Roger Dowait; Madelon Houghland; Howard Carson (in memory)
- 31, Charlotte Gentry; Gracie Ann Hannah; John Dersham; Kathy Roebuck

Anniversaries

- 1, Garry & Shenna Stephens
- 5, Connie & Donnie Bell
- 17, Bobby and Linda Brown
- 22, Gwen & Michael Stone
- 24, Bob and Susan Huma
- 26, Cindy and Gary Jones

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Moon Lake Elementary School's Annual Harvest Festival

November 10, 2012 — 4:00-7:00 pm

Games for all ages; cake walk; mini putt putt; hayride and all the fun events you'd expect at a Harvest Festival. Watch for Bake Sales, Dinners, Yard Sales and other events leading up to Harvest Festival. All proceeds go to Moon Lake PTO and their efforts to help keep Moon Lake School one of the best in DeKalb County!

OCTOBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAPA MEETS every 1st Tuesday, 6 pm Board meets; 6:30 pm general meeting. Join MAPA and help us make a difference in our community!

VISIONS IN MINIATURE ART SHOW, Oct 5-first week of Nov. Vision Gallery, 9974 Commerce Street, Summerville, GA. All items in the show available for sale. Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm; Sunday 1pm-4pm.

PROGRESSIVE WOMEN OF NE ALA will meet Friday, Oct 12, 11:30 am. Chow King, Hwy 35 (Glenn Blvd) Ft Payne.

HAM & TURKEY SHOOT, Sat Oct 13, 10 am. To benefit Valley Head Fire Department. More info call Valley Head Town Hall, (256) 635-6814.

LRC HALF MARATHON, Oct 13, 8 am. Little River Canyon Center. Possibly one of the most scenic half marathons in the country. Certified course loops 13.1 miles on paved roads, starting and ending at Canyon Center. Proceeds go to environmental education programs. Register online www.active.com or call (256) 782-8010.

VALLEY HEAD HOMECOMING PARADE, Oct 18, 5 pm. Downtown Valley Head. Line-up for the parade will be at 4:30 pm on the south side of campus where the buses park. Anyone wanting to be in the parade, contact the school.

VALLEY HEAD HOMECOMING GAME, Oct 19, 7 pm. Valley Head Tigers vs Woodville Panthers. Come out and cheer on the Tigers!

30th ANNUAL MENTONE COLORFEST, Oct 19-21, bonfire, music & food on the square at Mentone Inn kicks off the event on Friday night. Arts, crafts, live entertainment, food, activities for kids and more. Mentone Brow Park and throughout downtown Mentone on Saturday & Sunday. More info (256)634-4548.

LANDMARKS ANNUAL MEETING, Oct 21, 2 pm, Fort Payne Opera House. Historian and author Leah Rawls Atkins will present "Fort Payne CCC Camp 472 Remembered."

CAMPFIRE TALKS: GHOSTS ON THE MOUNTAIN, Oct 26 & 27, 5-6pm. DeSoto State Park large CCC Pavilion (in picnic area, across road from Country Store). Free programs, guaranteed to put shivers up your spine! Learn about Alabama's finest spooks, legends and folklore from JSU Field School's Renee Morrison and Jenny Walker Whitman. **DRESS WARMLY!** More info, (256)997-5025

SPOOKY MOVIE UNDER THE STARS, Oct 26, 7 pm. DeSoto State Park's Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (gate will open 30 minutes before movie starts) Free & open to the public; Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair or blanket if you wish. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown in the large Pavilion in DeSoto's Picnic Area. More info (256)997-5025

5th ANNUAL MAAC HOME TOUR & SILENT AUCTION Oct 27 & 28. Hours 9 am-4 pm Saturday; 11 am-4 pm Sunday. Nine homes and one historic camp are scheduled to be a part of this 2-day autumn tour. Registration, maps & tickets (\$5 and good for both days) at Mentone Fire Hall. Silent auction items will be on display at fire hall. More info (706)398-0858

CREEPY CRITTERS SHOW, Oct 27, 12 noon. DeSoto State Park Nature Center (Next to Country Store). Scary! Slimy! Ugly! Scary! Join Dan Spaulding from the Anniston Museum of Natural History for a showing of some creepy, crawly critters at this fun program. Children will squeal & adults will squirm! Free to the Public. Great for all ages! Seating is limited, so you might want to register beforehand. (256)997-5025

SPOOKAPALOOZA! Oct 27, 2-3:15 pm. DeSoto State Park, pavilion at improved campground area. Afternoon of fun & games including Pumpkin Decorating, Halloween Bingo, rub-on tattoos, & more! Free program for all ages! More info, (256)997-5025

TRICK OR TREAT AT DESOTO STATE PARK, Oct 27, meet at 3:30 at DeSoto State Park's Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground before starting trick or treating. Wear your favorite costume if you wish! Candy stations are located throughout the campground. Free program. Info, (256)997-5025

FREE FOOD FOR NEEDY FAMILIES. New hours: Tuesdays, 9 am-12 noon. The Food Bank at St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church. Recipients and new applicants. Joint effort between St Joseph's Community Outreach Ministry and North Alabama Food Bank.

KARAOKE EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT, 6-10 pm, The Blue Lantern. Nice, clean, family entertainment. Blue Lantern building is located on Co Rd 642, Mentone, 0.7 mi N of Hwy 117.

FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS offered most Thursdays, 6:30 pm, at Tom Bevil Center in Rainsville by Duos and Solos Dance Club. For more information (256) 638-2780

DEKALB QUILTERS meet every 4th Tuesday, 9:30 am, Second Baptist Church in Ft Payne.

DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 9am at the MERF house in Mentone.

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

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; Women on Mission meet at 1PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

Lee'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. 635-1001.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 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 Bunnel.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 10AM each Sunday-English; 1PM-Spanish; 6PM-English; Tuesday 6PM-English; Wednesday 4:30PM-Spanish; Thursday 6:30AM-English; Friday 9AM-English.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM Sunday. Bible class or Lent/Advent services every Wednesday at 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. Everyone 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 Pastors Ken and Elaine Hoffman 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. Sunday School 9:45AM; Sunday Worship - 10:55AM. Church office: 256.845.4756.

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 5PM.

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.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church

21145 Scenic Highway, Mentone
Everyone welcome to 10:30 AM
Sunday service of Holy Eucharist
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Call for more information 256-634-4476
<http://stjosephmountain.dioala.org>

Mentone United Methodist Church, 415 Cutler Avenue, Mentone, Alabama invites you to come and worship with us. Each Sunday, our worship service is at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Tom Holt is the pastor. He and his wife, Beth and daughter, Abigail reside in the parsonage which is adjacent to the church. The service of Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month, the second Sunday is Youth Sunday and Fifth Sunday is a service of music and pot-luck lunch.

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 Lords 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. Rev. Terry Turner is the pastor at Moon Lake.

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 10AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Martin

Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 9AM (10AM GA time); Church Services 10AM (11AM GA time); and Sunday night services 5PM (6PM GA time).

Summit Church of God invites you to be in service. Sunday morning 10:45 a.m., Sunday night 5:00 p.m., Wed. Bible study 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lance Kincer invites everyone.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

Mentone Community Church, 90 Summerville Rd., Mentone, AL 35984
Sunday Services: Sunday School 9AM - all ages; Sunday Service 10:30AM; Bible Study Wednesday 6:00PM; Youth Services 7:00PM Sunday and 6:30PM Wednesday (Meet at Mentone Revival Center Bldg.).
Pastor Fred Johns

Cloudland Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to come join us for services, with Pastor Roger Kvam. Bible Study Sunday at 9:00 a.m (e.s.t.) and Worship at 10:00 a.m (e.s.t.)

Since 1889 worshippers have gathered at the **Historic First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)** at 300 Grand Avenue North in Downtown Fort

Payne. We invite you to join us for worship this Sunday at 10:55 AM. 256-845-2915

New Oregon United Methodist Church, located off DeSoto Parkway, would like to invite you to their services. Sunday School for all ages 9:45; Traditional Worship service 11:00. Sunday Evening youth activities 5:30 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm. We have a variety of activities for all ages including Wednesday evening youth activities; knitting ministry for ladies each Tuesday at 9 am; Elderberries for Senior Adults once a month for fellowship and meal. Pastor Jeff Davis, Associate Pastor Keith Davis. Address : 1203 New Oregon Dr, Ft Payne AL 35967. Phone (256)845-7446.

The Church of God 7th Day in Hammondville located just off Hwy. 11 N at corner of Hwy. 117 and Palmer Road. Sabbath School Classes at 9:30 AM and Worship Service at 11:00 AM. Visitors are always welcome.

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Pray For Our Neighbors

Enduring Suffering

One can endure almost anything, so long as it isn't meaningless. By the very nature of our finite existence, we are going to suffer. All God's creatures will suffer sickness or injury, and ultimately death, but that does not make life meaningless. Suffering can be made sacred by identifying our suffering with the suffering and death of Christ, which gives our suffering cosmic significance. Another way in which one can make one's suffering meaningful is by envisioning it as a trial. It may be a cliché to say that suffering produces character, but that doesn't make it less true. We all must find our own way to make our suffering meaningful. Sometimes the suffering is just the tedium of our jobs, and even mind-numbing boredom can be an opportunity to find meaning via mindfulness. Other times the suffering is physical pain or discomfort, and the challenge is to figure out how to view our pain or discomfort in such a way that it can be handled with equanimity. Perhaps the hardest suffering to endure is mental or emotional suffering. Anxiety and depression can literally be too much for many people to endure, and so it is vital to ask for help, and sometimes that is the meaning in suffering: that we are finite, limited creatures who are quite often helpless in the face of horrible pain and that we must be ready and willing to reach out for help.

—Christopher Simon



"Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, LORD, to help me."

Psalms 70: 1

FORT PAYNE CCC CAMP 472 REMEMBERED

A brief history

by Dr. Leah Rawls Atkins



During the late twenties DeKalb County was enjoying a period of prosperity. Most likely music filled the "ballroom" in Manitou Cave as young couples danced to their favorite jazz songs. Little did they suspect that their world was about to collapse like a heap of rubbish around their fast-moving toes.

It happened very suddenly in 1929 when the economic boom they were accustomed to ended when the stock market crashed. Factories closed their doors, banks failed, and the "Bull Market" turned into a hibernating bear.

In a desperate measure to keep government moving, taxes were raised and budgets were slashed. Schools in rural areas like DeKalb County let students out early during harvesting time to help on family farms. As unemployment increased, and salaries were cut, long food lines were a common sight in most communities. The stage was set for the election of a new president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and his "New Deal." After his inauguration on March 4, 1933, out of the chaos, and as part of the New Deal, the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) was born.

Construction began on Company 472 in Fort Payne in November 1934 at the old ballpark located at what is now known as the South "Y." Young men were trained to build fire breaks across Lookout and Sand Mountains. Their accomplishments included erecting watch towers, fighting for-

est fires, and developing DeSoto State Park. They labored long hours and their work consisted of building trails and cabins on hundreds of acres. DeSoto State Park is now one of the most popular parks in the State of Alabama.

This idea of putting young men to work all over the country was a huge undertaking, but a successful one. The boys were given lodging and food in military style camps, and were paid \$30.00 per month. They were allowed to keep \$5.00 but had to send \$25.00 home to their families. Many of them learned skills and trades that they used the rest of their lives to make a living for their families. We wish to honor them and their legacy.

(Historian and author Leah Rawls Atkins will be the keynote speaker at Landmarks' Annual Meeting at the Fort Payne Opera House on October 21 at 2:00 pm. Mark you calendar and join Landmarks of DeKalb County for this program. In addition, Landmarks is seeking family information, photographs or oral remembrances of CCC Camp 472, as they partner with DeSoto State Park to gather and publish this history.)

The Civilian Conservation Corps Quarry

DeSoto State Park

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a government-made work program during the Great Depression, a time of great suffering worldwide where jobs, money, and food were scarce. The CCC was developed as part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, which was designed to bring relief to millions of unemployed Americans.

Five Depression-era work programs matched the needs of the Civilian Conservation Corps. The CCC contributed to the preservation and improvement of fish and wildlife habitats, as well as the reforestation of thousands of acres, state, and national forests, parks and campgrounds. The CCC taught valuable skills to these young men and provided America with trained, skilled labor when they left the CCC.

All the hard work and effort of the Civilian Conservation Corps is still visible in many places throughout DeSoto State Park today. Many long, hard hours were spent here at the Quarry by the crewmen, removing and hand cutting the large stones for constructing the many facilities here at the park. Notice the tool marks still visible over 70 years later.

The CCC built walkways, trails, roadside shelters, DeSoto State Park's Lodge, large picnic shelters, cabins, and even helped locals on several projects and buildings in the area.



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11:00AM.....Jason Rogers.....country/bluegrass

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1:00PM.....Three By Grace

2:00 PM.....Jess Goggans Band.....mix of Genres

3:00PM.....Chris Hale.....old-tyme banjo

MENTONE INN PAVILION

4:00-6:00 PM Catfish Fry by One World Adventure Company

7:00 PM.... Kozmic Mama, Carla Russell.Blues/Jazz

SUNDAY, OCT 21 BROW PARK PAVILION

11:00 AM.....DULCIMER CLUB.

1:00PM.....The Clay States.....folk music.

3:00 PM.....Curtis Strange.....acoustic guitar

To end the festival, we will have
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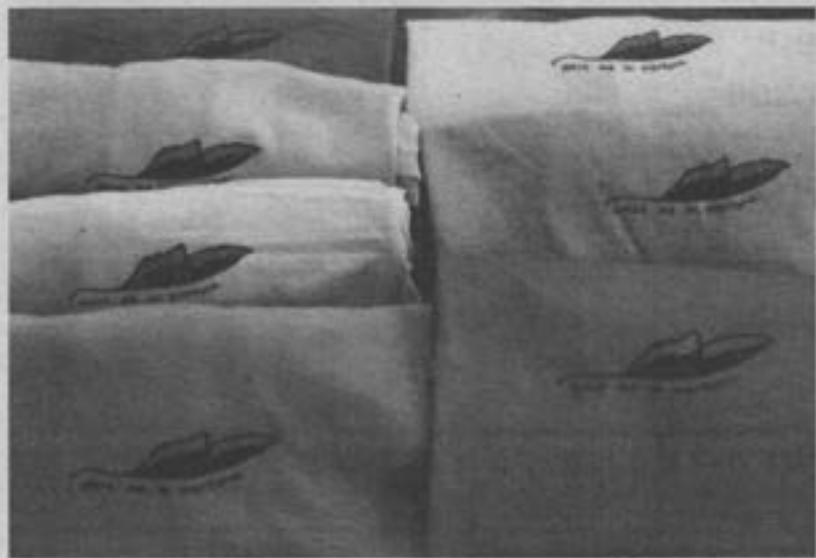


Kozmic Mama

This Old House: MERF Community House-October

My boards may be a little creaky and my paint a little flaky but I am full of life. I continue to open my doors to the young and the wise so my walls are full of joy, laughter and learning.

"The Sky is Falling, the Sky is Falling!"...Oh, that's just the acorns taking aim at my roof and getting me ready for the fun of fall in Mentone at the community house. The ever-young Senior Lunch Bunch crew has begun arriving again on Wednesdays and after-school tutoring will start soon. Hopefully, many of you took advantage of the flu shot clinic offered by Rite Aid in September. I love watching the leaves changing colors and blanketing the earth in preparation for winter. If you need some warmth this fall and winter, pick up a "Leave Me In Mentone" sweatshirt, cap or long sleeve tee at MERF's booth during the Colorfest. I've been listening to the many plans of MAPA and MAAC to make this



another fun, entertaining and creative festival on the mountain. It warms my rafters to know that our great community organizations can work together. The MERF booth will also display and sell artwork from the Art students at Moon Lake Elementary School. Come out, enjoy your neighbors, see the beautiful creative works and support the programs of MERF.

(MERF: Mentone Educational Resources Foundation is a local non-profit with the mission "To enrich the learning and living of the community by identifying needs and coordinating resources." Like our page on facebook and see more pics and videos.)



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The building, which is actually the historic old Davis Mill, is located at 8th St NE in Fort Payne. Open hours are shown to be from 7 am till 4 pm. Custom orders and catering are available. You can also visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Big-Mill-Bistro-Bakery for more information and to see fabulous photos of their tempting offerings.

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

Someone dropped a ray of sunshine into Patricia Shavers. She came to the Moon Lake Community Library on Saturday, September 15, 2012. She came to tell us about her book, When the Tornado Hit the Asylum, the missing papers. She did everything *but* this. She started by telling us to write. Write anything. Write and throw it away. Write even if you choose to not let anyone see it. Just write. She was a joy to listen to and a joy to look at. With a sunny smile and a slight movement of her body, dressed in

a long flowing skirt and a peasant blouse, she was the epitome of a person who was content in her skin.

She said to write for joy, to peel back the layers of your understanding, to let off steam or to find the truth versus fiction. She quoted, "I write to discover what I know,"

and, "We write to taste life two times, once in the moment and then when we write about it." She said to write stories, letters, poems, songs, memories, and even emails.

We reminded her that she was there to preview her book for us. The book is a compilation of short stories. The supposition is that when the tornado hit the asylum all of the records were scattered all over the countryside. One of the requirements before anyone could be a resident of the asylum was to write a story of a life event. Of course, the stories are very funny and entertaining. Patricia read one of the stories, complete with voice intonations and hand movements. We hope to feature more authors in the future, so watch for advertising of the events.

For our regular meeting, the members of the library board meet at the home of Harriett Lillich for a covered-dish lunch. This gathering was to honor Jan Wilkinson for her many years served as chair of this board and Sue Schwarz for her many years served as secretary. The event was more than a success. When we arrived, Harriett had everything ready for a sit-down lunch. Each member brought a dish of something and no two were alike. How does that happen? We had researched the history of the library and presented this information orally and gave copies to Jan. We plan to display copies in the library and also put it in the scrapbook.

After enjoying much good food, fellowship, memories and fun, our guests left for other places and we called a meeting to order. A good and happy report, the eighth person, John Mills, was voted in as a board member. This makes the required eight. They are: Liz Baker, Barbara Blalock, Linda Brown, Gethryn Giles, Dianne Kuehl, Harriett Lillich, Mickey Luck

and John Mills. We are committed to serve the community of Mentone through entertaining programs and other functions of the library. We would like your input, let us know what you would like.

Remember, Operation Paperback is still going on. Put your paperback books in the box with the flags. We still take donated books, so bring these during open hours of the library. The library now has an email, the address is: MoonLakeCommunityLibrary@yahoo.com.

News, news!! We will not have a book sale at the October Fest. We do not have enough books to have another sale because we sold so many books at the spring sale. We will have enough collected by next spring, so watch for us.

The meeting adjourned until Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Moon Lake Library. Everyone is welcomed to attend our meetings. To be placed on the agenda, tell Beverly or call 256/634-8006.



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THE SHIGLEY FAMILY — a brief history

Henry Frank Shigley was a contractor in DeKalb County who was kept busy during the early "Boom Days" of Fort Payne, when it was necessary to have four horses to pull his building materials through the muddy streets of town. The Opera House was among the buildings he helped build.

He was such a staunch supporter of education that, on one occasion, he made oyster stew (which he kept hot on a pot belly stove in the first Moon Lake School house) and sold it by the bowl in order to pay the teacher. One year, when the school closed, he employed a teacher (Juanita Anderson) to teach his own children in one room of his home.

He organized many Sunday Schools, including one in the old Allen's School house. He and his wife instilled strong moral principles in their own children. He was a charter member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church (Source: "Who was Who in DeKalb County," Vol 1)

Part of Henry Frank Shigley's family was photographed at Allen Spring during the summer of 1911. Shigley, born in Indiana in 1865, came south during the 1880s for his health and homesteaded 120 acres near the present location of DeSoto State Park. He married Melissa Keith, daughter of John Marshall Keith, in 1888 and they had 12 children. One daughter, Margaret Crowe, is still living at Mentone.

Henry Frank Shigley died in 1954 at the age of 89; Melissa Keith Shigley died in 1963 at the age of 93.

(Information courtesy of the Shigley Family and Landmark's of DeKalb's publication The DeKalb Legend, Vol 6- 1977-78)



Pictured seated are: Grandma (Melissa Keith) Shigley, Margaret, Grandpa (Henry Frank) Shigley and Stella. standing: Edna, Elizabeth, Belle, Ernest, Ruby, Clarence, Rona, Grace, Nona and Ethel

SHIGLEY REUNION Descendants of the Henry Frank and Melissa Keith Shigley Family held a reunion October 6, 2012, at the Mentone Community Church, which Grandpa Shigley helped organize in the early 1900s. Henry Frank and Melissa raised twelve children, mostly in the Mentone area. Only the youngest, Margaret Crowe, age 97, is still living today and she plans to be present at the reunion. Mentone Community Church, formerly Mentone Wesleyan, is located at 90 Summerville Road in Mentone.

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Each month we try to feature recipes from area cooks, along with some bits of information about its origin, history, photos, etc. Sometimes we go back to the Groundhog archives to get a recipe. We hope you enjoy our Recipe Corner and that you'll give the recipes a try.
(If you have a favorite family recipe, please submit it (along with any history or info that you think might be of interest to Groundhog readers) to The Groundhog, PO Box 387, Mentone AL 35984 or email to editorgroundhog@yahoo.com.)

We were blessed this month to receive several recipes submitted by Groundhog reader Linda Stephenson of Gardendale, Alabama in response to our call for favorite recipes to be included in the "30 Years of Cooking with the Groundhog."

Linda writes:

Hello Groundhog Staff,

My family made a cookbook several years ago including all our favorite family recipes. I have copied some and am sending them to you. I would be happy to give you a cookbook if you would like one.

Sincerely,

Linda Stephenson, Gardendale AL

We decided to feature one of Linda's recipes this month in honor of Jim "JT" Griffin, who passed away on October 24, 1994. Thank you to Linda and others who've submitted recipes.

(Editor's Note: Unfortunately, we did not receive enough recipes yet to fill a decent-sized cookbook in time for Colorfest. We still hope to get one pulled together and need your help. If you have family recipes, a little bit of history behind them if possible, and old photos you'd like to share, please send them to Groundhog Recipes, PO Box 387, Mentone, AL 35984)

DAD'S SOUP

Stock pot filled 1/2 with water
4 to 5 lbs potatoes, cut up
2 lbs onions, cut up
1 can of salted peanuts (no skins) or raw peanuts without skins about 8 oz.
3 stalks celery, cut up
12 cloves garlic, cut up
3 lbs. ground chuck
2 large steaks- sliced thin
1 gal. tomatoes, cut up
1 small bag of elbow macaroni
1 large bag okra, cut up
1 large bag frozen green peas (small peas)
1/2 gal. milk
salt & pepper to taste

Bring water to a boil in a large stock pot. Add potatoes, onions, peanuts, celery, garlic, ground chuck and steak. Cook at boil till peanuts begin to get tender. Cut up tomatoes and add half to soup. Cook awhile. Add small elbow macaroni, okra and rest of tomatoes. Kept stirred from the bottom of the pot so soup will not burn. Add green peas. Stir well and remove from heat. Cool some and add milk. Bring heat up to just before it boils.
Note: Years ago, people did not go often to the hospital. The doctor came to the house and made a visit if you were sick or had a baby. Then a local woman, who cared for the sick and for new mothers and their babies, would come and stay with the family for a week or two and take care of the family. Every time my mother would have a baby, Mrs. Crowe (our next-door neighbor) would come to our house to help out. She always made this soup for the family and she taught me how to make it. We looked forward to it.

Note: Good with fried bread. A Griffin family favorite.

J.T. GRIFFIN
9/25/12-10/24/94



Thirty Years of Cooking With The Groundhog

Throughout its 30 years of publication, The Groundhog has featured favorite recipes of local cooks, many of whom are no longer with us. Thankfully, we still have these recipes and we'd like to share them with Groundhog readers.

We are currently putting together a cookbook which will feature these recipes from past issues of The Groundhog as well as favorite family recipes that are submitted to us. The cookbook will be titled: "Thirty Years of Cooking With The Groundhog" publication date is still to be determined. (All proceeds from sale of the cookbook will go to MAPA)

We would love to have area cooks submit their "tried and true" family recipes, along with a very brief history of how you came to have it and, perhaps, any historic photos that would be helpful, for inclusion in the cookbook.

Please submit your recipes to The Groundhog Recipes, PO Box 387, Mentone AL 35984. (We will try to return photos, but suggest you send us duplicates or email them to us.)



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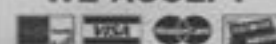
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IN REMEMBRANCE: Bill Blalock October 15, 1917 - October 1, 2012

Willie L. "Bill" Blalock, age 94, of Mentone, AL, passed away on October 1, 2012, at his residence. He was a life-long resident of Mentone and a proud veteran of WWII. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy York Blalock; daughters Carol (Jackie) Smith and Mickie Lemaster; ex son-in-law, Joe Lemaster; grandchildren, Hannah (Joseph) Watson and Gabriel (Holly) Lemaster; great-grandchild, Katherine Lemaster. Funeral services were held October 3, 2012 at Burt Funeral Home, Valley Head Chapel, with Charles Flannigan officiating. Mr. Blalock has been laid to rest in the Bankhead Cemetery, Mentone.



BILL BLALOCK always enjoyed attending MERF's Senior Lunches on Wednesdays at the MERF house with his wife, Dot, and daughter Mickie. Here he and his family are shown enjoying ice cream with girls from Camp DeSoto. (photo courtesy of MERF)

The Town of Mentone will hold its annual Salute to Veterans on 11/11/12 at 11:00 a.m. at Mason Park. After a brief ceremony, refreshments will be served in the Town Hall.

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Diary of a Chicken Lady

Part 13

By Kristen Emory



Chicks Gone Wild!!!

Adding a Rooster to the flock made for a busy summer and my hens are running amuck. I have lost control of my chicks! I am no longer in power. Kirby the Rooster is ruling the roost. He likes it

when his Chicks Go Wild.

I have hens laying eggs in the garage and by the back door on the table. I found an egg in the cabinet outside. (I don't know how she opened the door and got in to even lay an egg!) There was an egg under the rose bushes and out in the day lilies. The poor dogs have lost their dog house because it is Favorite Chicken's laying spot. My favorite place of all is on the seat of a broken scooter Tom is fixing up.

I am telling you people, I have trouble. My hens have lost themselves and they need a new Rooster in town, ME.

Kirby the Rooster has to go. I have been putting off his dismissal because I just felt bad. I feel like I am giving up own my little chicken family.

Well, forget that! He leaves today. He is going to a home where a very nice Future Farmer of America will be taking care of him. Wendy Haynes' son Byron (Wendy is PE teacher at Moon Lake School) loves chickens. He even won first place at the fair with one of his chicks. So, I feel like Kirby the Rooster will be fine, just fine.

I will regain control. I am not sure how, but I know I can do it. Watch out girls, there's a new head chick in town!

(Kristen Emory and her husband, Tom, reside in Mentone and, in addition to raising chickens, are owners of Mentone Market)



When We Were Wee

By Larry Smalley

Here we are in the first week of October. Fall is here and winter will soon follow with the cold winds and dark gloomy days. I know some enjoy the winter months and love doing outside activities, but I am not one of those people. I like a little cold weather, but I am always glad to see springtime. It does seem like the winters now are not quite as cold as in the past, but that is enough about the weather. My point was another year is coming to an end.

I was talking to Gerald Bailey the other day and he was talking about some of the things he remembered growing up in Mentone. We were talking about the diving platform that was out at Desoto Falls.

I remember going to Henagar and just as you get to the top of Pea Ridge there is a pond on the right side of the road. I remember people stopping on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and swimming in that pond. A little farther up the road is another pond on the left and you could often see Baptisms taking place on Sunday afternoons.

Do you remember hanging your old jean shorts that you swam in on the car antenna and letting them dry as you were driving down the road?

Walt Pullen and I were talking the other day about the days not so long ago when no stores opened on Sundays. You went to town if you needed to on Saturday afternoon and bought what you needed because Sundays were a day of rest or worship, and visiting on Sunday afternoon. People sat in the shade and talked, and every once in a while, maybe made homemade ice cream.

Some of the old ways were not so bad. You didn't know what was going on around the world and didn't really care. If you got any news to speak of it was Chattanooga or Huntsville and that was about it. I think maybe we worry too much now because we know about everything and can change very little of it.

Let's all enjoy the Holidays coming up and try to spend as much time as possible with family and friends. When you get together try to think of things you remember and drop me a line so we can share your memories. Be sure to make plans to come to Mentone in a few weeks to enjoy the fall colors. Our peak time is about the third week in October.

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A Stitch in Time

by Ellen Harris

How do you document your quilt? It's a good idea to write down as much information as possible about a quilt whether you are the quilt maker or the recipient of a family quilt. If you have any old family quilts you have stashed away in your closet, take them out and document

what you know before memories fade. Document as much information as possible about the quilt as well as the quilt maker.

Record the quilt maker's name and their relationship to you. Write down the name of the pattern. Some quilt makers even name their quilts. Make a note of the quilt's condition: excellent, good, fair, poor or deteriorating. Is the quilt pieced by hand or machine? Is it embellished, stuffed, painted, embroidered or include inked signatures? Determine the size of the quilt and note whether it has a scalloped edge and what type of binding was

used.

What types of fabric were used? Perhaps the quilt is made of cotton, silk wool or maybe the fabrics are an unknown mixture. Study the quilting designs used and write down if the quilting included straight lines, outline, shapes, etc. and note what color thread was used.

Take a look at the back of the quilt and determine how it was put together. Is the back one piece of fabric or more? What color or fabric pattern is it? Is there a label from the quilt maker who has signed it or did the maker sign anything onto the quilt.

Try to estimate the date of the quilt. If you aren't sure, give the dates for when you have owned the quilt and anything anyone said when they gave it to you. Take a photograph of the quilt.

If you discover you only have a quilt top; remember, "It's not a quilt, until it's finished." Go ahead and take up where the quilt maker left off. Just remember to document when you are finished.

I keep a quilt journal of the quilts I make with photos. I include swatches of the fabric used in the quilt, the name of the quilt pattern, the dimensions, the completion date, the name of the recipient and for what occasion the quilt was given. On the back of my quilts, I include my signature, the date and my hometown. Quilts, after all, are to be treated as artwork.



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Parable of Snickers

Part 4

At this point, it had already been close to a month since Snickers' second escape, and, despite the Lord's encouragement, we were undeniably distraught, our emotions ranging from resignation, to worry, to downright annoyance with him. Nonetheless, we continued to pray and to hope. As I was out searching for him one day, and silently praying, I thought I heard the Lord say, "It will turn out better than you expect." It was a word to which I clung.

One night, as we were driving home from a trip to town, we turned a bend near an old summer cabin about a half a mile from our house just in time to see Snickers dart out from the tall grass by the side of the road. He ran ahead of us for a short distance, then suddenly disappeared back into the grass. We were shocked to see him so far from the house, and he certainly gave us cause for worry, but an hour later, at his appointed time, the little rascal showed up at the food dish!

At times, when we spotted him at night, I would open the living room window over the front walkway and gently call to him. He had by now established a routine whereby he would eat, then walk briefly into the garage and out again, then walk along the concrete walkway towards the steps leading to the front door. Often, he came so close that I was only 15 feet or so away from him, but the instant that I even cracked the door open, he would dart past the steps and, blending into the shadows, would disappear into the woods on the opposite side of the house. It pained me to be so near him, and yet so far, and I wondered how this creature who had so enjoyed our companionship and the comforts of home, could be such a different being once outside. He had already been out for a month, and the longer he remained out, the more I feared that he would be simply become another wild cat, forgetting us except for the food.

In early May, we prayed for him, asking the Lord that Snickers be more than just a night visitor whom we watched from the window as he came to eat. Allen thought he heard the Lord say,

"Snickers is a parable of those who desire freedom. They could have the freedom they desire, and the blessing, if they would but come when I call. If Snickers would come when you call, he would have both freedom and security, but he does not understand that, and his fear keeps him away, even though he longs to be back. He would come, if he could, and like many in the world, if they could understand the freedom and the blessing which I offer, they would come, but as it is, they sit out in the forest, relishing their 'freedom,' but missing so much."

I was struck, and indeed haunted by, the thought that Snickers longed to be back with us, for longing was not an aspect of his nature that I had taken into account. Here again was a divine insight that both troubled and encouraged me, for not only did it make me all the more anxious to have him back, but it also gave me an increasing confidence that there would be a good outcome: Snickers would come to typify those who make the good choice.

Some time later, I had an astonishing dream one night. In it, I was standing in the open garage, and Snickers came to me there, approaching me cautiously at first, but finally coming and rubbing against my legs. Somehow I knew the dream to be prophetic, and I became certain that he would return in the way in which I had seen it in my dream.

IT'S A BOY...AND A GIRL!!



Congratulations are in order for the Guinn family whose twins, Dillon Wyatt John Guinn (6 lbs, 5oz) and Tessa Shaylee Guinn (5 lbs, 6oz), arrived on September 13, 2012. Proud parents are Timothy and Amy (Izell) Guinn of Mentone. Grandparents are Sharron & Jerry Centers of Henagar and Kathy & Johnny Guinn of Fyffe. Aunts and uncle are Tammy Hamilton, Shasta Izell and Dale Izell.

(submitted photo)

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Gail Crider, of Mentone, won first runner-up in the Ms. Golden Girl Pageant held during the DeKalb County VFW Fair. Mentone folks already know Gail as a special lady, always willing to help wherever needed. Congratulations, Gail!

(Photo courtesy of Dowe Foreman)



CONGRATULATIONS TO DESOTO STATE PARK!

To Ken Thomas and all the staff who make the park great! At this year's annual meeting of the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association, DeSoto won Attraction of the Year. Also, congratulations go out to Nanda Patel of Holiday Inn Express in Fort Payne for winning the Good Neighbor award for her volunteerism in DeKalb and Etowah Counties. Also, congratulations to John Dersham of DeKalb County Tourist Association who was awarded the Lasting Impression Award.

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So have we. We would like to move from an image of musty library books to becoming a community hub, with people coming and going to a variety of activities. We would like for you as a Friend to become a proactive part of our library's evolution. We need your ideas, inspiration, organizational abilities and short-term leadership. We are blessed with a great facility that is an integral part of children's education. We believe that it should also be a place where the community can come together.

We are looking for new ideas for "fun"raisers to get our community spirit in gear and get focused on the future. Some of these could also be an important way of helping to fund the library. Some of the possibilities could include bridge parties, silent auctions, a pet parade or dog show, book clubs, and writing or storytelling!

In hopes you will join us in stepping into the future, please become a Friend of the Library, choose an area of interest and contact us. You may email us at baker194@centurytel.net, drop by the library or send your information by mail to Moon Lake Community Library, PO Box 481, Mentone AL 35984.

(A message from the Moon Lake Community Library Board of Directors)

ARE THERE ANY BEARS AROUND HERE?

Because of the lush woodlands in our area, we sometimes have folks who ask,

"Are there any bears around here?" A few years ago, park service personnel would have answered, "No." (Of course, local folks knew better.)

In the last few years, however, the park service acknowledges the bear population in NE Alabama has risen and there are occasionally bear signs found or, rarely, bears spotted. A black bear was killed earlier this year on Hwy 35 in the area near Little River Canyon National Preserve. The numbers are not large, so there's not much chance you will have an encounter, but one never knows and it is better to have some foreknowledge than hindsight.

The following information was taken from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park website.

What do I do if I See a Bear?

If you see a bear remain watchful. Do not approach it. If your presence causes the bear to change its behavior (stops feeding, changes its travel direction, watches you, etc.)-you're too close. Being too close may promote aggressive behavior from the bear such



as running toward you, making loud noises, or swatting the ground. The bear is demanding more space. Don't run, but slowly back away,

watching the bear. Try to increase the distance between you and the bear. The bear will probably do the same.

If a bear persistently follows or approaches you, without vocalizing, or paw swatting, try changing your direction. If the bear continues to follow you, stand your ground. If the bear gets closer, talk loudly or shout at it. Act aggressively and try to intimidate the bear. Act together as a group if you have companions. Make yourselves look as large as possible (for example, move to higher ground). Throw non-food objects such as rocks at the bear. Use a deterrent such as a stout stick. Don't run

and don't turn away from the bear. Don't leave food for the bear; this encourages further problems.

Most injuries from black bear attacks are minor and result from a bear attempting to get at people's food. If the bear's behavior indicates that it is after your food and you're physically attacked, separate yourself from the food and slowly back away.

If the bear shows no interest in your food and you're physically attacked, fight back aggressively with any available object--the bear may consider you as prey! Help protect others, report all bear incidents to a park ranger immediately. Above all, keep your distance from bears!

(For additional information about safety in black bear country, please watch the "Day Hiking & Wildlife" video.

<http://www.nps.gov/grsm/nature-science/black-bears.htm>)

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As an all-volunteer fire department, our funding is limited. We must rely on your donations for the maintenance of our buildings, vehicles and other equipment. The cost of insurance and other day-to-day expenses continues to rise. We continue to make an annual payment of \$10,606 on the pumper engine.

As a district fire department, we cover one hundred square miles! We now have Station II in place in the Alpine Community and are in the process of building Station III in the Camp Ponderosa area.

PLEASE HELP the NLMFPD continue working for a better, stronger and well-trained fire department so that we will be better prepared to serve and protect YOU and OUR COMMUNITY in an emergency. Remember, your donation is tax deductible. Dial 911 to contact the firefighters.

Mail donations to: NLMFPD, PO Box 154, Mentone AL 35984



MAPA QUILT FOR COLORFEST

The handmade quilt turned out beautifully with considerable thanks to these three ladies, Ellen Harris, Wilma Fletcher and Phyllis Bailey. Thanks, also, to any others who worked on the quilt. The quilt should be on display and chances available for purchase at the MAPA booth at the Brow Park Pavilion during Colorfest, October 19-21.

(submitted photo)

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They Shall Rest Underneath Alabama Soil

Alabama Soldiers Honored 150 Years Later... Epilogue

Photos by Dale Crawford



Young Hero

Dane Smith of Nokesville, Virginia took on a huge project to earn his Eagle Scout badge. Dane got volunteers to help him restore an abandoned cemetery at Bristoe Station, Virginia. The cemetery was identified as the 10th Alabama from the War Between The States. On September 22, 2012 the Sons of Confederate Veterans held a ceremony dedicating an appropriate marker to the fallen members of the 10th Alabama. Dane, you are a real hero to thousands of descendants of Confederate soldiers.



Commander of Army of Northern Virginia

Frank Earnest, Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia; Sons of Confederate Veterans speaks at Saturday's dedication at Bristoe Station, Virginia.



They Shall Rest Underneath Alabama Soil

I'll bet there wasn't a dry eye in the crowd while this was happening. In a moving ceremony, Alabama soil is spread over the graves of the 10th Alabama in Bristoe Station, Virginia on 9-22-12.



Two Leaders

Gary Carlyle, Commander of Alabama Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans meets Dane Smith. Dane, an Eagle Scout from Virginia started the project to honor the fallen members of the 10th Alabama in Bristoe Station, Va.



A Cool Drink Of Water

After Alabama soil was spread over the graves of the 10th Alabama, Linda Curry of Albertville, Alabama sprinkles the ground with cool spring water from Alabama. This was part of the dedication ceremonies at Bristoe Station, Virginia honoring the fallen soldiers of the 10th Alabama.



Alabamians Stand Tall At Manassas

Fifty people from Alabama traveled to Bristoe Station, Virginia to help dedicate a proper marker to a cemetery that was restored by Boy Scout Dane Smith. Bristoe Station is just a very short distance from Manassas. Shown after the monument was unveiled are Sons of Confederate Veterans officers: Army of Tennessee Commander, Tom Strain; Dekalb Rifles Adjutant, Harold Bouldin; 1st Lt. Commander of Alabama Division, Jimmy Hill and Alabama Division Commander, Gary Carlyle.



Two Pioneers

Dane Smith, an Eagle Scout from Virginia and Jimmy Hill 1st Lt. Commander of Alabama Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans were two of the driving forces behind the ceremony honoring the 10th Alabama in Bristoe Station, Virginia.



Dane Smith and Harold Bouldin

Eagle Scout Dane Smith and Harold Bouldin, Adjutant of the Dekalb-Rifles are pictured at the Bristoe Station ceremony on 9-22-12.

