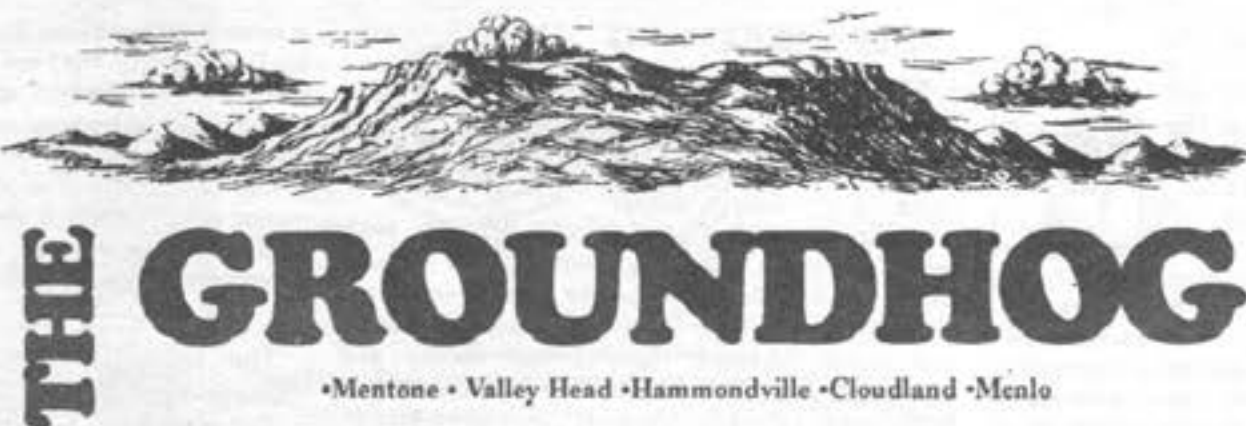


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"Neighborhood News from the Heart of Lookout Mountain"

September 2002

NORTH LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GETS NEW FIRE ENGINE

By Linda Brown

No one knows exactly when the dream began, it seems to have always been there. The dream was of having a new fire truck, one that had never before been used by anyone. Over the years, the Board of Directors of The District could not see how such a truck could be paid for and the costs of day-to-day operations be met also. When DeKalb County voted in the tax that would benefit only volunteer fire departments, they started to think that maybe the purchase of a new truck could be considered.

The Directors then started to look for the answers to many questions. What company had the best truck for the best price? Where would they borrow the money to make the initial purchase of the truck? What kind of truck did the volunteers need and want? After much research, they decided to order a truck from Sunbelt Fire Apparatus, Inc. of Fairhope, Alabama. Now they know which one they wanted, but where would the money come from? They first applied for a FEMA grant, but due to the number of applicants, this grant was denied.

After this rather disappointing setback, the members of The Board decided to try for a low interest loan from Rural Development of the United States Department of Agriculture. After tons of paper work, this loan was approved. The loan is for twenty years, with a payment of \$10,560 to be made yearly. (The Board has set a goal of paying this off in less than 20 years. There is a great need for a brush truck in this area and payments on two vehicles could not be budgeted at this time.)

Thus, the truck was ordered, it was to be manufactured by Emergency One and purchased through Sunbelt Fire, Inc. Because it had to be built to the specs that were drawn up by the volunteers, the wait seemed endless. After about six months or more, the department was notified that the truck was ready for delivery.

Then came more paper work and a meeting at the office of Pat Tate, who has been the lawyer for the fire department since its beginning in 1978. Present at this meeting were, Gail Chambers,



L/R: Rusty Chambers, Phil Harris, J.J. Wigley, John Chambers, Kevin Worthey, Jeff Harrison, Joseph Lee, Tommy Harrison, Lee Worthey, Milton Chambers, Jimmy Worthey, Greg Henry, John Johnson in front of the new Fire Truck

Chair of the Board of Directors, Dan Anderson, Rural Development Specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture, Wendell Harless, Sunbelt Fire Representative, Pat Tate, Attorney at Law, Ken Kirby, Board Member, Rusty Chambers, Assistant Fire Chief and Linda Brown, Treasurer.

We were told to come outside on the street across from the DeKalb County Courthouse and there coming down the street was OUR fire truck!! Rusty directed it to be parked in the parking lot of the courthouse and we all rushed over to get our first look at it. You would have thought we were children looking at our first Christmas tree! Everyone was oohing and aching and Gail and I had tears running down our faces. We were so proud and so excited!

Rusty climbed into the truck and drove it to Mentone. He drove through town with the siren blaring, the lights flashing and a big grin on his face. A dream had finally come true!!

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MAPA MEETING

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The September 2nd meeting was held at Shady Grove Dude Ranch. George Walker gave the invocation. Present were Jack Jones, Dot Crow, Bernise Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Lucille Crow, Hope and George Walker, Homer Crow, Rick Chapman, Claudia and David Wassom, Ruby Brock, Mickey and Sherman Gough, Tom Donald, Pam Bettis, Barnabas Bettis and Dorothy Sheldon. Gary Jones came in later.

The minutes of the August 6 meeting were read and approved as was the treasurer's report.

President Jones presented a list of proposed programs for the coming year, stressing preservation projects. He also appointed Homer Crow program chairman.

The OCTOBER COLORFEST is on October 18, 19, and 20, and the topic for this meeting was the COLORFEST. Jack Jones gave credit to Marilyn and Huey Mathews for the paperwork they turned over to assist in the smooth operation of the festival. MAPA will be serving pinto beans and cornbread, chili, coffee, hot chocolate during the COLORFEST. The Fire Department will be serving its BBQ plates, and other items. Both will be under the food pavilion.

Jack Jones announced that Cotaco Creek again agreed to come for the weekend and be there for the Friday night campfire to be held on the 18th on the square in Mentone. Hot cider, chocolate, and coffee, along with marshmallows, will be available to the public free, courtesy of MAPA.

Entertainment at the pavilion will include the Cotaco Creek Band, along with other entertainers, which include local dancers and cloggers.

Mr. Jones is planning to have a parade complete with candy thrown to the public. This is subject to approval by the State Highway Department as the parade will be along Hwy 117.

The next MAPA meeting is October 1 at 7 PM and will be held in the greatroom at Crystal Lake, owned by Claudia and David Wassom. Crystal Lake is located next to the Shady Grove Dude Ranch.

With the days becoming shorter, other places to meet are being considered and will be announced in next month's issue.

The MAPA telephone number is 256-634-8339. This

is located at Jack's Red Barn in the old hanger area of the Dude Ranch. The Festival Chairman is Pam Bettis. Many booth applications have already been received and continue to be received. Flyers are already posted about town and in other places.

Tom Donald agreed to post the COLORFEST information to the website at www.MentoneAlabama.org. This will include a schedule of the food available, the entertainment, the vendors and exhibits available, and any other happenings for the COLORFEST.

The OCTOBER COLORFEST will be on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20.

For those wishing to contact MAPA for membership, for applications to the October Colorfest, or for other MAPA related inquiries, the telephone number is 256-634-8339.

Mentone Community House Announcements

•If anybody wants any of the apples around the walking track, they are WELCOME to them.

•This fall SENIOR LUNCHESES will be from Oct. 2nd (on Wednesdays) thru Nov. 20th.

•Health Fair November 5th

•Tutoring will start at Moon Lake on Sept. 30th

•The Book club Book for August is "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

My husband and I recently completed approx. 300+ miles of the "World's Longest Yard Sale" and were pleasantly surprised by your charming village.

We were particularly pleased with our dinner at the Log Cabin Restaurant. The food was great, as was the service and the professional way the large crowd of people was handled was appreciated. You should be proud. Keep up the good work. We will be back!!

Sincerely, Ben and Jenna Arico, Frankfort, KY

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September 2002 / The Groundhog/Page 3 MAYOR'S NOTES

Contrary to some people's thinking, the mayor does not have "the power to override or fix a ticket," nor does he have the authority to change anything in regard to an ordinance. An ordinance is the law, the same as a law written by the state or federal code. An ordinance written for a municipality under the Alabama law must be enforced the same as those written for and by the state and federal governments.

When we each came in office, we swore, under oath as follows, "to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, and to faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God."

I am doing this to the best of my ability. If it is contrary to what some believe is not what it should be, then, I invite you to do one of the following: make an appointment with me to discuss the issue, and then, if necessary, we will place you on the agenda to come before the appropriate committee, or town council. Circulating a petition or running around town trying to drum up support is not going to get the matter resolved.

Let us all work together. We all wish to make Mentone a better place to work, play, and live.

The laws and penalties against an elected official are far greater than those against a citizen for breaking the law. The same is true of our policeman. They cannot just make an arrest as some think without dotting the "i's and crossing the t's".

We will be meeting with the D.O.T. engineers this month to learn what we can and can't do at the intersection of Scenic Drive and Hwy 117. Our plan is to make the intersection safer for both traffic and pedestrians. As I advised last month, we were awarded a \$50,000.00 Enhancement Grant for this project.

In previous issues of the paper, we have mentioned a problem with dogs. We will not require everyone to fence their dogs. A leash law would be too expensive to enforce. Besides, we do not have the manpower. Our attorney is working on a Vicious Dog Ordinance.

Let us remind you that burning trash, leaves, and limbs as dry as it is, is not a very smart thing to do. The legal chances are too great. Especially if you do not have a burn permit. To obtain a burn permit, call the Alabama Forestry at 1-800-572-2017, give them your name and address, including the section, township and range, in which you live and are planning to do the burning.

The contractor started on the Drought Grant water lines the week of August 26th. As of September 11, he has laid the pipe on 641 and has started on 644.

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Mason and Geri White were recent visitors to the home of John and Joanne Javorsky, in Freeport, PA. John was a football coach at Valley Head High School from 1950-1952. Mason, a native of Mentone, is a 1953 graduate of Valley Head, where he played football for Coach Javorsky. Mason now lives in Arlington, VA, having moved there from Annapolis, MD, last January 1. During the visit, Mason and Geri accompanied John and Joanne to an ethnic festival in nearby Grove City, PA. John said to say hello to his old friends and football players back in Valley Head.

Congratulations to Brandi Shirley. She recently graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is the daughter of Terry and Anita Shirley, of Valley Head.

The 2002 Men's Fall League Softball Schedule will be half over by the time this issue is delivered. If you find you have one of the following Tuesday or Thursday nights free, go down to the Fort Payne Sports Complex and support the Mentone Softball Team. They are presently 4-1. Last season they were #11. Score: 15-0. The dates are: Thursdays: 9/19 & 26, 10/3 & 10; Tuesdays: 9/24 & 10/1, & 8.

Dessie Newberry went in for a "checkup" and was put in the hospital and had 4 bypasses. We all miss her and hope she will have a speedy recovery.

Continue to keep people in your prayers as they are still on the sick or ailing or needy list: Lesley Brown.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Huey Mathews, who had a birthday recently.

The girls of Elsie Clark gave her a surprise 90th Birthday Celebration at New Home Baptist Church on Aug. 4, from 2:00 until 4:00. All her family were present and 23 churches represented. There were so many surprises—one E.T. Holloman and Elizabeth Coleman of Valley Head, old classmates of Class 1932. Everyone seemed to enjoy the celebration.

Happy October 2002 Birthdays/Anniversaries to: ●1- Ethan Hunt, Brenda Burnett, Katie Browder; ●2- Lucille Knopps, Walt Pullen, Mandy Wells; ●3- Hope Walker, Tammy (Hawkins) Pilson; ●4- Eleanor Glover; ●5- Mack Flannigan, Tyler Hamson, Stephanie Hester, Anna Kirchbaum; ●6- Lee Anne Parkison, Charles Hunt, Melody Moore (in memory of), Bryan Green (in memory of); ●7- Amber Hunt, Justin Pelletier, Dr. Pat Seymour (in memory of); ●8- Linda Brown, Millard McNutt, Kathryn Jones (in memory of), Laura Pullen; ●9- Audie Beason, Tom Tipton; ●10- Allie Rhodes, Jimmy Worthey; ●11- Jeff Cooper, Jeremiah Robertson; ●12- Gertrude Cox, Ronnie & Kathy Robertson (Anniv.); ●13- John Foreman, Treana (Davis) Lacey; ●14 - Ashley Blalock, Tina Langston; Robert Hall; ●15- Barbara Weber, Polly Chambers, David (Tator) Hopper, Lanita Allen, Robert Hall, Tina Langston; ●16- Shannon Raines; ●17- Renae Langston, Alisha Busby, Ken Busby; ●18- Joe & Ethel Gregory (Anniv.), Alisha McElhaney, Ken Busby, Holly

Kitchens; ●20- Harry Hopper; ●21 - Raymond Brown, Rodney Moore; ●23- Joey Dillenbeck, Edith Dean, Kathy Robertson; ●24- Kyle Rape, Marsha Bon Fleur; ●25- Jo Bain; ●26- Jeff Harrison, Jon Whisenant, Dennis & Sherryl Lewis (Anniv.); ●28- Wesley Frost, Paul Achley, Florence Mays; ●29- Mrs. Louise Harrison; ●30- Nell (Kent) Reed, Jennifer Hester, Elisabeth Evans, Tony Goggans; ●31- Paul Blalock, Billy Clark, Aubrey Cash, John Dean, Danny (Oyder) Smith.

The following is a list of loved ones who have passed away in the past few months and have not been mentioned in my column. I have had several requests to continue this listing.

Hoyt Tildon Parker, 62, Mentone, 4/13
Cecil Bridgeman, 80, Valley Head, 4/17
Ernest Lee Davis, 55, Mentone, 4/20
Mary Baker, 73, Mentone, 5/23
Opal Tatum, 94, Valley Head, 5/23
Bobby Lacy, 57, Flatrock, 6/21
Florene Pullen Kirby, 82, Mentone, 6/29
Mrs. Gracie Wilborn Brooks, 90, Valley Head, 7/10
Alma Lucille Smith, 84, Valley Head, 7/17
Vernon Glynn R. Hunter, 81, Mentone, 7/21
Calvin Shrader, 78, Mentone, 8/13
Royce Cecil Hairston, 59, Valley Head, 8/11
Sidney Dee Everett, 65, Valley Head, 8/22
Edith Vada Hatfield, 83, Sulphur Springs, 8/30
Isabelle Miller McSpadden, 96, Ft. Payne, 9/5
Vesta Huihan Hawkins, 98, Hammondville, 9/9

I thank all of those who contribute information and those who read it.

At the Rhododendron Garden Club on Sept 10, Christina Wise gave the most beautiful prayer in honor of the victims of the 9-11 attack, and I would like to use a phrase from that prayer. May the God of all nations continue to look after the victims, the families of victims, police officers, fire fighters, rescue workers, and all involved in the aftermath, cleanup, assistance, and rebuilding. Our God truly is a God of all nations. May he continue to bless each one of us and our nation.



BELL ANNOUNCES FOR PRESIDENT, DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSION

Valley Head High School Educator, Mrs. Charles Bell, announced that she is a candidate for President of the DeKalb County Commission. She is seeking the office held by her late husband Charles Bell who died in office.

Angie Bell is a graduate of Sardis High School, Gadsden State Junior College, Jacksonville State University and the University of Alabama. She has been a teacher for almost 26 years.

The mother of two grown sons, Mrs. Bell is a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa, the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, DeKalb County Education Association and the National Education Association. She is an active member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

In announcing her candidacy, Mrs. Bell said that she wanted to finish the work her husband started. She wants to keep honesty and accountability in government. She will work with the county commission in a harmonious manner to insure that county money is spent in the wisest manner possible.

"The needs of DeKalb County are great and the resources are few. I pledge to the people that I will do everything in my power to see that we receive a dollar's worth of value for every dollar spent. I want to see roads paved, bridges repaired, and health care improved," Mrs. Bell said.

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Lenton Williams teaching Shaker Boxes at John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN GALLERY
AUGUST ARTIST OF THE MONTH

LENTON WILLIAMS
 By Deb Hebert

The Lookout Mountain Gallery is proud to announce its Artist of the Month for August Lenton Williams of Wattsville, Alabama. The Gallery is one of a select few shops and museums where you can view and purchase Lenton's finely crafted Shaker boxes.

Several years before he retired from the Army in 1982, Lenton began looking around for a woodworking hobby that would hopefully keep him busy in his upcoming retirement. During the Fall Festival at the renowned John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina, he was completely taken with some examples of Shaker boxes he saw there. He took a class in Shaker box making at the School the next year and has become so adept at his craft that he has now become one of their instructors.

These beautifully crafted oval boxes are only one of a number of woodworked items made famous by the Shaker religious sect. These beautiful boxes are as strong as they are charming. The Shakers used them for storing a wide variety of goods. They could hold small household items or heavy nails for keeping the homestead in working order. Boxes like these have made their mark and done their part in history.

Lenton thoroughly enjoys teaching and demonstrating how to make the boxes at various festivals and shows throughout the region but still takes time to study Shaker history and expand his knowledge of primitive woodworking techniques through attending occasional workshops. He continues to teach at the John C. Campbell Folk School when he can spare time from his Wattsville workshop. Lenton and wife, Annette, also enjoy spending time at their antique log cabin in Mentone.

Lenton's Shaker boxes are available in a variety of sizes and are produced from a number of fine hardwoods. The next time you're in town, come on up to the Gallery and see these examples of a time-honored craft.

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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing:
Goldenrod

The landscape on Lookout Mountain and in most of the United States is colored with goldenrod during late summer and early fall. Like many plants, goldenrod's appearance dictates the name. It has many small gold-yellow flowers that line the curving top of the stalk. The leaves are three veined and lance shaped. Goldenrod is often mistaken for ragweed—a plant that commonly causes allergic reactions but it is rare. Goldenrod is better known among the natural healing community as a safe useful herb.

There are several species of goldenrod. Most species have medicinal uses. However some species of goldenrod are better known for specific uses.

Sweet goldenrod, *solidago odora*, has a pleasant anise scent and is the most aromatic of the solidagos. It can be used to make bitter herbs more palatable. *Solidago odora* was used at one time to promote digestion. Presently it is used for colic, stomach cramps, colds, coughs, fevers, measles, dysentery, and to regulate menses. A teaspoon of dried leaves and flowers steeped in a cupful of hot water for ten minutes makes a pleasant tea.

Canada goldenrod, *solidago canadensis*, is easily distinguished from many other solidagos because it has sharp teeth along the lance shaped leaves. Native Americans used the root for burns according to *Indian Herbarology of North America* by Alma R. Hutchens. *Indian Herbarology of North America* also states that a flower tea was used by Native Americans for fever and snakebite. Crushed flowers can be chewed for sore throat. *S. Canadensis* contains quercetin, which is a compound that is helpful when hemorrhaging occurs as a result of nephritis.

James A. Duke MD mentions *solidago virgaurea* in *The Green Pharmacy* as a widely used form of goldenrod in Europe. According to Dr. Duke's research, Commission E—a group of medical experts that advises the German government—recommends goldenrod as one of the safest and most esteemed diuretic and astringent herbs.

Kidney and bladder infections are treated with many different species of *solidago* in Europe. There is clinical evidence that supports it being useful to treat kidney inflammation.

Goldenrod is used to prevent, as well as help, the body eliminate gall and kidney stones. The action is achieved because goldenrod contains the compound leucocarposide. The dosage Commission E recommends is five teaspoons of chopped, dried flowering shoots steeped in a cup of water and drunk three to four times a day between meals for a month to eliminate gall or kidney stones. According to Dr. Duke less is needed for preventive measures.

Goldenrod is a carminative and mild stimulant when drunk as a cold tea. Ester saponins present in goldenrod are beneficial to treat yeast infections. A tea of goldenrod may benefit an upset stomach, colds of tuberculosis and hay fever. Russian herbalists recommend flower and leaf tea for diarrhea.

Russian herbalists use goldenrod externally as a wash for rheumatism, neuralgia and headaches. Native Americans use goldenrod successfully to treat wounds. Powdered leaves are sprinkled on sores as a protective dressing.

Homeopathic medicines containing goldenrod are in the form of tincture—using the flowers—or the dry leaves and flowers are infused according to *Indian Herbarology of North America*. Homeopathic practitioners recommend goldenrod for croup, deafness, gout, leukorrhea, enlarged prostate, and scanty or suppressed urine.

Solidago missouriensis is an unusually long stemmed goldenrod with a fluted leaf. The leaves are eaten as a salad green and the seeds are eaten as a survival food.

Goldenrod is a showy and useful plant that is often marked as a weed or wildflower. It is relatively safe but you should contact your health care provider before introducing the herb into your health care regimen.

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

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



(8) 2 STORY HOME ON CUTLER AVE, MENTONE, 3 Bdrms 1 1/2 bath, updated with Metal Roof, 15x16 deck, Kitchen-dining combo. Living room w/gas free standing fireplace, cozy den, Large Bdrm with second story balcony. All appliances stay. Located on a level one-acre lot with large Oak trees and lots of wild flowers. \$72,000.

(SEE PHOTOS TO LEFT)



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OPEN HOUSE AT MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Jan Wilkinson, Sue Schwarz, Linda Brown

By Linda Brown

On September 5, 2002, the new library was the setting for an Open House to celebrate the progress that has been made at Mentone's newest attraction. Recently, Virgil Battles, who works at Ruby's Variety in Mentone, stated, "I never thought I would see a library in Mentone, but now I have." It is this kind of pride that makes projects such as the library possible.

The new library is very unique in that it is used by the students of Moon Lake Elementary School during school hours and by the community in the evening hours. Right now the open hours for the public are Tuesday, 4-6 p.m. and Thursday, 5-7 p.m. In the future it may be open longer hours, more days and perhaps some on Saturdays. This will depend on what the public wants. The building is divided into the school side and the community side. This seems to be working very well.

Over one thousand books have been processed into the computer for the community. This means that they are now on the shelves of the library and are available to be checked out on any open night. The quality and quantity of the books has been very surprising. The library has classics as well as books on the current



Bill Berry, Pat Schoen, Elizabeth Romans

best sellers list on the shelves. All books have been donated by individuals. There are several shelves of reference books, many how-to books, biographies, fiction, large print fiction, paper backs and the newest category, young adult books.

It was estimated that about one hundred people attended the Open House. As each arrived, they were greeted by Jan Wilkinson who presided over the refreshment table of cookies and punch. Once inside, they were greeted by volunteers Sue and Bill Schwarz, Ella Voils, Pat Schoen, Karen Saferite, Ilene Green, Marilyn Mathews, Linda Miller, John Wilkinson and many others.

Door prizes consisted of books written and donated by local Mentone authors. Many were on hand to autograph the books for the lucky person whose name was drawn. Jean McGehee was in attendance with her new book, "Parallel Lives: Soul Sisters". She donated all of the proceeds from the sale of her book to the library. The McMunn Family Singers entertained with some wonderful and timely patriotic songs.

Stations were available to sign up for a library card, to be a volunteer to work in the library, to list things that are needed in the library, or to help with the



Marilyn Mathews, Karen Saferite

expenses of maintaining the community side with a donation of money. Many of the books that are now available were displayed on one of the tables. An added attraction was a beautiful plant given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lusk. Two large floral arrangements of summer flowers were provided by Dallyne Jones.

The librarian for Moon Lake School, Tonya Lasseter, was on hand to help explain the function of the state-of-the-art computers and other hi-tech equipment. Moon Lake's principal, Dr. Bill Berry, was in attendance to help with questions and to explain how the library came to be. Both of these teachers have been very supportive and cooperative in helping to get the community side ready to be opened to the public.

The library is still accepting donations of books, these can be dropped off at the library during the hours that it is opened to the public. Another need, as with any volunteer endeavor, is help with the expenses of maintaining the community side of the library. Donations may be mailed to MLESCL, PO Box 981, Mentone, AL 35984.

The new library is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when a community unites for a common cause.



Brittany Hester, Amelia Saferite,
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Erin Jones

Erin Jones recently completed a two month study abroad program in Austria and Britain. This program was organized by the Foreign Study office of the University of Southern Mississippi. She received a scholarship from the USM Foundation to study abroad.

While in Vienna, Austria, Erin studied Austrian history, taking an educational excursion to Berlin, Germany. While in London, she studied World War II through the University of London, and visited the landing beaches at Normandy, France.

Erin is a Senior majoring in International Studies. She is the daughter of Bob and Marcia Jones of Huntville, and the granddaughter of Brandol and Blanche Jones of Mentone.

Scholarships Awarded

Nine persons from the Mentone/Valley Head area have been awarded scholarships from the Jimmy McCary Scholarship Fund. This fund was established at St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church in 1988 and has awarded many scholarships to local students during the last 14 years. The purpose of the scholarships is to assist Mentone area high school graduates continue their education at a school of their choice.

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New fire engine coming into DeKalb County

2003 Fire Engine Pumper

The acceptance of a new fire engine pumper by the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District is a continuing effort to upgrade the department and their fire fighting vehicles. The truck, manufactured by Emergency One and acquired through Sunbelt Fire Apparatus, Inc., is the newest truck to be added to the department. The unit is a state-of-the-art vehicle.

The new pumper body is made of aluminum. This will eliminate damage from rust, which will extend usage life. The truck is a 1250 G.P.M. triple combination pumper with a 1000-gallon polypropylene tank.

The control panels are easily removable so the mechanics have easier access to the pump when maintenance is required. The two door chassis is a Freightliner FL70 with a 300 horsepower engine coupled to an Allison automatic transmission.

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NORTH LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN GETS NEW

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Late at night, when sleep has escaped me, I think of wonderful topics and better words to write. When morning comes, my poor mind is blank—know what I mean?

We have had a hot summer and a dry one, but fall is in the air and it is invigorating. On hot, humid days, I just want to stay inside and avoid all strenuous activity. Iced tea and lemonade were in the fridge all summer for anyone needing to be refreshed.

I missed the Nancarrowes while they were here. You know they bought the Paul and Janie White home a few years ago, and did a lot of work on the house and outbuildings, worked on the landscaping and made a lovely place that they enjoyed in the winter. They would be back to their home in northern Michigan in the summer. Bob and Barbara are nice people, both doing creative work. They made interesting miniatures of local buildings that were very well done, down to the minute details. Terry and Dorna Hutcheson gave us a replica of the Hitching Post they made together that I treasure. Bob did the woodwork and Barbara did the details and painting. Barbara worked some with Volinda Miracle in the Hitching Post, where Volinda made pottery and Barbara did applied decorations on the pieces. I'm glad I have one of those vases. Barbara has had a stroke and is unable to do any of these things. It seems so sad for gifted people to be disabled. I must write to her. They have returned to Michigan to be near her doctors, I suppose.

We had a good time selling trivia and some big items during the 450-mile yard sale. Joyce and I sold some good things, but small ones. Coy sold his Oldsmobile convertible and Jerry sold a golf cart. Homer sold some woodworking tools at a giveaway price. It was fun meeting people and asking where they lived. I kept a register for them to sign, but missed a great many of them when I was in the kitchen preparing food. Some of the visitors were here two years ago and seemed like old friends. One man was a photographer, and he had made a picture of Gary Johns (my niece Lou Ann Elrod's

husband) last year. He brought a nice copy for Gary. It was made on the bluff, with a good scene of the valley and Sand Mountain.

We had intermittent showers every day of the sale, but it didn't stop people from coming. We found a beautiful little dog in the middle of the road, about to get run over, picked it up and brought it home. It had no collar for identification so we had no clue where it came from. It was covered with fleas, so Jerry gave it a bath and Doreen got flea killing medication for it. They took it home with them and found a home for it. They have two miniature schnauzers and didn't need a third dog.

Jerry Waters is a grandfather! You, or most of Mentone residents, remember that he was president of MAPA one year. His son, Derek and wife Mindy are the parents of a baby boy named Ethan James. He is a beautiful baby and Jerry is so excited about it. He and Doreen went to Little Rock, Arkansas, and were there when Ethan arrived. Derek sent pictures by e-mail, and of course we got copies. We feel that we are grandparents again. Ethan was born August 10th, which is also the birthday of Joyce's husband, Gregg Cooper, and of our great-grandson, Alex Whatley! So we can have a big party for all three of them one day.

I hear good reports about the wonderful food served at the Mentone Springs Hotel. Homer and I will go one day. They are serving Friday and Saturday evenings for dinner, and a buffet lunch on Sunday.

We have leased the restaurant section of the Hitching Post, to Debbie Gamble and Judy Whitley. They do catering, and plan to serve some food in the restaurant. They have not yet worked out the type of menu they will serve. They are friendly, nice ladies and we look forward to having them. They even have thought about serving breakfast. It would be on a trial basis, just to see how it is received. Many of us would enjoy it, I know. They have been catering in Fort Payne for some time, and I think they can do wedding receptions, etc., here. They are doing Pam Crow's daughter Lea Baker's wedding reception September 14th. The ladies have cleaned up the garden area and around the deck on the Hitching Post, and it already looks better.

I hope all of you know that the Boy Scouts collect aluminum cans. They have a neat bin with a fence around it at the Boy Scouts' building behind Little River Hardware. Homer and I took some cans there last week, and enjoyed the beauty of the lawn and the building. What a nice tribute to Jim Berry and the community.

We haven't yet seen inside the new library, but hope to do so soon. Another great tribute to Moon Lake School and the community as a whole. Mentone is moving forward.

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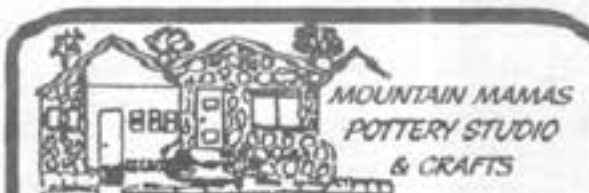
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A Memorable Mentone Moment

By Harriett Lillich

Every summer in Spain, a festival draws thousands of tourists to the tiny town, Pamplona. The curious come from far and near to watch the running of the bulls; and, for the brave and foolish, they come to run with the bulls. Cheering crowds line the streets which wind around from the bull pens to the bullring. People lean out from windows that face the route of the run, and the day is charged with excitement. A rocket fires signaling the opening of the pens and announces that the bulls are out! Hundreds try to outrun the bulls or to race them. The run itself lasts about four minutes, but the anticipation has gone on for days, and the celebration will continue after the last bull is in the ring.

This event also took place in Mentone one day last summer. My husband, George and I, witnessed an amazing sight when we drove onto County Road 177 just south of the Morgan's Hereford Farm. There, in the middle of the road, were two bulls, one young one and one who could have been his father. Both were enormous, especially the older, whom we had affectionately named "Mr. Magnificent"; and the younger one, we called "the bull in training."

Paying absolutely no attention to us, the two moseyed on down the road headed for greener pastures. We headed for the pen where we usually saw them. Sure enough, the gate was wide open, and we could not find a sign of human life. Across the road was the drive that leads to the beautiful home of the Morgans, owners of this Hereford farm. George went to the door and found Mrs. Morgan who had never laid eyes on either of us, and we didn't want to alarm her.

George said, "Mrs. Morgan, I think your bulls have escaped."

Mrs. Morgan looked across the road, then said with dismay, "He left the gate open! She quickly checked out the fleet of vehicles in her spacious

driveway and saw that her husband had taken a truck without a phone. George volunteered us to help her round up the runaways.

I thought, "Yeah, right. George and me and two bulls!"

Back in our Bronco we climbed and drove to the intersection of 177 and 106. Just then another truck arrived and turned into the dirt road that leads to Holly Springs Stables. The driver, dressed in a white shirt and tie, tapped the younger bull with his truck. The truck moved backwards; the bull did not move. This stranger moved his truck around the bulls and blocked the dirt road. Since we had blocked 106 eastbound, the bulls had two less choices of directions to go.

Enter Mrs. Morgan—who drove up in her pickup and got out. This elegant lady in stylish shirt, shorts and sandals had a switch in her hand. I thought, "A switch? a twig? whatever is she going to do with that?" What she did was to march right up behind those huge imps and shouted, "Git out o' here! What do you think you're doing? Go on, now, git on home!" And what do you know? They did head back.

Those bulls pranced, they skipped, they butted heads, then they pranced some more. It seems they were saying, "Look what we did...what fun we're having." When they finally reached the home farm, gates were open on both sides of the road. On the left was the gate into the bulls' pen; on the right was the gate leading into a pasture that had an audience of cows watching the show. No question about which gate those guys chose. The last we saw of them they were kicking up their heels butting heads, and performing for the females.

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This was Harriett's first writing assignment in Jane Faile's writing class.

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Our
TownBy
LINDA BROWN

I cannot believe that it is already September!! Last month in this article, I was complaining about August being a long and boring month and it's already gone. Now here comes September with the changing of the seasons. The leaves will start to change color, much too soon if we don't have some rain. The last holiday of the summer, Labor Day, is over. School has started back and everyone is settling into a regular routine of school and work.

September is a month that is completely filled with events that are related to home and country. The first that comes to mind is the anniversary of the destruction of the twin towers and the attack on The Pentagon on September 11, 2001. This has come to be designated as 9-11. Isn't it interesting that an entire nation would adopt a symbol to represent such a horrible event as this? Many events will commemorate this event and I hope that each of you will take a moment to remember the loved ones of the victims, to remember the many heroes who risked their life to try to save another, and to hope that it never happens again.

The Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library celebrated their continuing growth with an open house on September 5th. And a good time was had by all! Books by local authors were given as door prizes. Most of the authors were present to autograph their books as they were given. The McMunn Family Singers led us all in some very patriotic songs. Punch and cookies were served outside. Many people signed up to be volunteers to work in the community side. Others signed to get their library card, so they could check out books. A wish list was made for things that folks would like to see offered by the library. Donations were given to help with the expenses of the community side. Offers of more books were made. Many citizens of the area came and liked what they saw. Everyone is invited to come and use the library each Tuesday from 4 until 6 p.m. and Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. We have made the hours on Tuesday earlier hoping that this will help those who do not like to be out after dark.

Another open house is being planned. The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District will have an open house on Saturday, September 21st from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at no cost. It will consist of barbeque, hot dogs, chips and drinks. The Sharp Family, a gospel singing group, will be performing and the new fire engine will be on display for everyone to tour. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate this event with the Volunteer Firefighters and the members of the Board of Directors. We are all very proud of our new fire engine!

Other fall events are being planned and will be in place before long. The tutoring program, sponsored by MERF, will begin the last of September. This program benefits many students of Moon Lake Elementary School and also gives those who do the tutoring a new perspective on life, as seen through the eyes of a child. Another happening that is sponsored by MERF is the Senior Luncheon. This is a very popular event, not only for the good food that is served but also for the fun and fellowship. Look for the dates of these events in this issue of The Groundhog.

The Rhododendron Garden Club always has a special treat in September. That is the month that Gerry Disney invites us to meet at Nippersink. Part of the fun is having Ed direct us as to where to park. This way we get to see and enjoy both of them. They are truly "Southern" in the hospitality that they offer.

The garden club members are busy getting ready for the upcoming VFW Fair. The dates this year are September 23-28. The flower show that is held in conjunction with the fair is shaping up nicely. There will be many changes in the staging and as always, there will be many interesting floral designs and exhibits of horticulture. Be sure to attend at least one night. I would recommend Monday or Tuesday night if you want to see the flowers at their best.

The contractor has started installing the new water lines for Mentone Water Department. These lines continue over Highway 117 and also off many of the side roads. This is being funded in part by what is called a "drought grant." This is certainly an appropriate title, as many wells in that area have either gone completely dry or are getting very low. I'm sure that most of us will see the day that water is our most precious commodity. In fact, it may already be. More research needs to be done to remove the salt from sea water. I know that this procedure would be very expensive, but that may be one of the few sources available before much longer.

Grace Pullen was honored by her children with a birthday party on August 31st. Gracie was eighty years young and we wish her many more happy years. She had a floral arrangement of eighty roses! I have never seen that many roses in one place before. It was beautiful. Cake, ice cream and drinks were served, but the wonderful smile on everyone's face as they celebrated with her was the most beautiful of all. I told Grace that we would all be back to celebrate her one-hundredth birthday and she said she would hold me to that promise!

Speaking of eightieth birthdays, this made me remember an event that happened when I was a child. An old man, named Mr. Payne, lived in a house below my grandmother's farm. He and his wife were good friends of my family. When the big snow of 1939 came, Grandmother brought the Paynes to her house. Since my parents and I lived on her property, we went there also. The snow accumulated to over three feet deep. My parents and my grandmother had their hands full keeping water and food available for the animals during the storm. Since I was only two years old and Mr. and Mrs. Payne were in their seventies, they sat by the fire in the fire place and kept me warm and happy. When Mr. Payne was eighty years old, the community gave him a birthday party. I was about seven years old by then. As part of the celebration, I stood beside his place at the table and slowly dropped eighty pennies into his plate. I can still remember the sound that they made

as they piled onto his china plate. I dearly loved those old people and think that they helped to teach me to love and appreciate all ages of people.

I just received a telephone call from my grand daughter, Shelly Brown. She is in Duluth, Minnesota for some on-the-job training. She said she was homesick, not for her family especially but for Southern food. She said that she couldn't even get sweet tea in the restaurants. I know that we have to give our children and grandchildren roots and wings. But the wings are the hardest. Four of my grandchildren are now away from this area and I miss all of them. I do not like it when they can't be home for our family celebrations.

Family life is one of those things that we shouldn't take for granted. Many of the unpleasant things that happen in our society today can be traced to the lack of family life. Take the time to eat meals together. Go to church with your children. Take an interest in their school activities, help them with their homework. Let them know that you care about them.

We have had more humming birds and butterflies this year than I can ever remember. The butterflies have been huge, some look like they have a five to six inch wing span. I have tried to keep the butterfly bushes alive by watering them some. Some mornings there will be as many as six butterflies on one bush. The hummers are too many to even count, but I feed them six cups of nectar every two days. They will be leaving soon and I will miss them.

Take care of yourselves, don't work too hard putting everything to bed for the winter and remember there is always another day.



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OPEN HOUSE AT MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Jan Wilkinson, Sue Schwarz, Linda Brown

By Linda Brown

On September 5, 2002, the new library was the setting for an Open House to celebrate the progress that has been made at Mentone's newest attraction. Recently, Virgil Battles, who works at Ruby's Variety in Mentone, stated, "I never thought I would see a library in Mentone, but now I have." It is this kind of pride that makes projects such as the library possible.

The new library is very unique in that it is used by the students of Moon Lake Elementary School during school hours and by the community in the evening hours. Right now the open hours for the public are Tuesday, 4-6 p.m. and Thursday, 5-7 p.m. In the future it may be open longer hours, more days and perhaps some on Saturdays. This will depend on what the public wants. The building is divided into the school side and the community side. This seems to be working very well.

Over one thousand books have been processed into the computer for the community. This means that they are now on the shelves of the library and are available to be checked out on any open night. The quality and quantity of the books has been very surprising. The library has classics as well as books on the current



Bill Berry, Pat Schoen, Elizabeth Romane

best sellers list on the shelves. All books have been donated by individuals. There are several shelves of reference books, many how-to books, biographies, fiction, large print fiction, paper backs and the newest category, young adult books.

It was estimated that about one hundred people attended the Open House. As each arrived, they were greeted by Jan Wilkinson who presided over the refreshment table of cookies and punch. Once inside, they were greeted by volunteers Sue and Bill Schwarz, Ella Voils, Pat Schoen, Karen Saferite, Ilene Green, Marilyn Mathews, Linda Miller, John Wilkinson and many others.

Door prizes consisted of books written and donated by local Mentone authors. Many were on hand to autograph the books for the lucky person whose name was drawn. Jean McGehee was in attendance with her new book, "Parallel Lives: Soul Sisters". She donated all of the proceeds from the sale of her book to the library. The McMunn Family Singers entertained with some wonderful and timely patriotic songs.

Stations were available to sign up for a library card, to be a volunteer to work in the library, to list things that are needed in the library, or to help with the



Marilyn Mathews, Karen Saferite

expenses of maintaining the community side with a donation of money. Many of the books that are now available were displayed on one of the tables. An added attraction was a beautiful plant given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lusk. Two large floral arrangements of summer flowers were provided by Dallyne Jones.

The librarian for Moon Lake School, Tonya Lasseter, was on hand to help explain the function of the state-of-the-art computers and other hi-tech equipment. Moon Lake's principal, Dr. Bill Berry, was in attendance to help with questions and to explain how the library came to be. Both of these teachers have been very supportive and cooperative in helping to get the community side ready to be opened to the public.

The library is still accepting donations of books, these can be dropped off at the library during the hours that it is opened to the public. Another need, as with any volunteer endeavor, is help with the expenses of maintaining the community side of the library. Donations may be mailed to MLESCL, PO Box 981, Mentone, AL 35984.

The new library is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when a community unites for a common cause.



Brittany Hester, Amelia Saferite,
Haley Saferite, Kayla Hazell



Bill Schwarz, Jan Wilkinson,
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(7) ORDER UP? You can order whatever you'd like when you become the new owner of Little River Café. The price has been reduced to \$129,500 and the owners are ready to let you take over. A well-known and established business featuring a fully equipped kitchen and dining room with large porch for outside entertainment, and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon and only 19 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. What a steal!



(8) ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED is right here! This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in area kitchen, entertaining sized living room with fireplace and a multi-purpose basement that could serve as a guest room, office or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blend home and nature all on 2.9 acres. Once you see it, you'll want to own it. Call today for your showing. \$329,000. Reduced \$199,000.

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(11) VALLEY VIEW FOREST • Secluded with an incredible view of the valley and Weiss Lake, this cabin offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and an eat-in kitchen. The living room has pretty pine floors and lots of windows. The bedroom upstairs is extra large and could easily be made into two rooms. All this and more located on 7.1 acres. Call today for more details on your perfect get-away. \$449,000. REDUCED TO \$139,999.



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Maureen Hammond flew from Atlanta, August 2, to Washington, DC (one hour and 11 minutes) and spent the weekend with her granddaughter, Camilla Yamada. They enjoyed going through the Jackie Kennedy Museum and Friday night dining at the Watergate Restaurant. They were joined on Saturday by Jessica Anderson and Justin Bryant, (friends of Camilla), and toured the International museum, where they had lunch, then through the Smithsonian and then to the I-max Theatre, where they enjoyed the movie "Mt. Everest" and had dinner at a quaint little downtown grill. Maureen's grandson, Elliott Yamada, has enjoyed traveling during his vacation, including two weeks in New Hampshire.

Wed., Aug. 28, Major Harold Allen (retired) and daughter, Sarah Schmidt and her husband Bert (W.W.4) joined Ed Ringer at Tigres Inn for lunch and spent the afternoon with him. On Sunday night, Sept. 8, his brother, Dr. Robert Ringer, from Marianna, FL, came by and spent the night. He had been to Lebanon, TN, to his Korean Battalion reunion and came back by Crow Mountain and bought some apples.

Uoe and Jack MacLaren, from Coral Gables, FL, attended the Trade Show in Atlanta and came by and visited their cousin, Lily Bowden, for two days. Lily had eye surgery in Chattanooga, Aug. 26, and has recovered well.

Cathy and Randy Carson attended the Car Show in Gatlinburg last weekend and took their classic car.

Eugene and Juanita Smith attended a family reunion and welcome home party at the home of their nephew, Jim Barnes, at Clanton, AL, Aug. 31, to welcome home from Afghanistan, their niece, Althea's husband, Capt. Brett Teckinburg. He is with the 101st Airborne Division. Fifty-two family members and friends attended, so happy and thankful he was home.

Ruth and Bert Pickett had a reunion of Bert's relatives--the Wright and Farrell families--Sept. 8, at their home. Fifty members attended--the youngest eight months--the oldest 96. They were from GA, TN, AL and OH. The Sunshine Club will meet at their house, Sept. 20, at 5:30 for the annual picnic.

Edith and Alvin Cox have returned from a trip to Scales Mountain in Highlands, NC. They met friends, Elise and Robert Riddle from Opelika, AL, and stayed at their cabin. It is a beautiful place with cool temperatures of 70 in daytime and 52 at night.

Writeups. Valley Head Mayor, Kenneth Hammond, got a good, long writeup and picture in a Huntsville paper. Barry Brown got a nice writeup and pictures in Alabama Living, and I got nice writeups in The Groundhog and DeKalb Advertiser, which I appreciated.

Jean Pangle, gave a surprise birthday party for Luda Hala, Sun Sept. 8. Her 90th birthday was the 10th. Congratulations to her.

I am not able to serve as Hammondville Chairman for UGC and unfortunately, I was not able to get anyone to serve. Sue Willis is very kindly sending stamped addressed envelopes, and I do hope everyone will respond generously, as you always have. We always met our quota and ever, so don't let them down. I enjoyed the many years I served,

meeting my neighbors and the report meetings with all the fine workers, but sadly, there comes a time when we can't do all we would like to do. Venna Livingston called me a few minutes ago and reminded me of a Bible verse--some words of Jesus (John 8:21V18) "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, when thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee and carry thee whither thou wouldst not." Sad--but true!

As I write this, our nation is under "Orange Alert" because of terrorists, so I'll close with a verse from a hymn I wrote some time ago (Tune: Rock of Ages)

Bless our home, our church, our land,
Keep them safe within Thy hand,
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Joined in joy, of peace and love
Till we live with Thee above.

Vesta Hulan Hawkins 1904-2002

She was a beautiful lady in every sense of the word. Only good reports of her were heard. Faithful to her church as long as she could-- Teaching and helping as a good Christian should. We have missed her as the year caused her to leave, But knew it was better for her, we must not grieve. She had a long, useful and lovely life. Now she has earned freedom from all care and strife. She will be missed by all who knew her. But after 98 years, rest in Heaven is due her-- To spend eternity in Heaven in blissful peace. Embraced by love of God and angels that will not cease. She was a good citizen, a loyal, faithful friend-- And a beautiful lady even in death's temporary end.

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This Bike-A-Thon is for bicyclers of all ages. Participants will cycle laps around the Camp DeSoto Gym and although prizes will be awarded per age group for most laps finished, this is not a race. All pledges and donations should be collected by the riders before the event and should not be based on the number of laps completed by the participant. St. Jude's will award prizes based on the amount raised by a participant. The Mentone community is urged to be involved in this worthwhile fundraiser by responding to Bike-A-Thon riders or donating items or money for prizes.

Our goal in holding this event is to help the children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS and sickle cell anemia. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a world leader in the fight against these diseases, and they have made great progress because of the help of people like the citizens of Mentone and DeKalb County.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, was founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas. The hospital is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for catastrophic diseases of childhood. The hospital's work is supported through funds raised by the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC). ALSAC covers all costs not covered by insurance for medical treatment rendered at St. Jude. Families without insurance are never asked to pay.

For more information or money/prize donations please call:

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9:00 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

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

The Valley Head United Methodist Church prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

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

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 230 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM, Morning Worship is at 11 AM, Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30 AM each Sunday; and Communion Services at 6 PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church announces time changes: Worship Service 10 AM, Sunday School 9 AM. The church is located at 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne. Steve Schrader, Pastor, 845-4541. Look for a change in location in October.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship service at 11 a.m., Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6 p.m., and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in observing the Sabbath and Holy Day, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 65, off Highway 11, approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2246 for information.

Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland, begins at 10 AM, (EST) and the Menlo service begins at 11:10 AM (EST).

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

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

Lighthouse Fellowship assembly has moved to Cloudland. Turn at the produce stand, pass the tennis court, and go to the stop sign. Go right two blocks. A church alive is worth the drive. Sunday School - 10 AM, Worship - 11 AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-862-2607.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM, Worship at 11 AM, Wednesday Bible Study at 6 PM. 256-634-4137.

The Mentone Revival Center and Pastor Alfred Chambers and his wife Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

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

Mentone Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible Study Wed. 7:00 - 7:45 PM. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 6 PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend any of their services or activities. Two Morning Services with Children's Church are at 8:45 AM, with Sunday School at 10 AM, and the second service at 11 AM. GAs meet at 4:30 PM, Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM, followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time, Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer.

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

Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church, 1041 Yankee Rd, Cloudland, GA 30731, 706-398-7018, now offers a 24 hour Prayer Line. Need Prayer? Just call and leave your message. Other activities include: Sunday School - 10 AM, Worship Services - 11 AM & 6 PM, Monday 7-9 PM - Informal Prayer Time; Wednesday 7 PM - Mid-week Prayer Service; Thursday 7-8 PM - Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and You!

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama, regular services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM. Contact the church at 634-4478 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Les Brown. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 2 PM in the fellowship hall; and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30 PM at the church.

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

This month, the book that will
be discussed on Sept. 19 is

**"Divine Secrets of the
Ya-Ya Sisterhood"**
by Rebecca Wells.

For those wishing to join the club,
the next book for October 17th is
Alas, Babylon,
By Pat Frank.

The book for November 21 is
"Mama Makes Up Her Mind"
and other dangers of Southern living
By Bailey White.

For more information, call
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The RECIPE CORNER

By
SUE SCHWARZ

In last month's column, the Corn Pudding recipe was incorrect. The amount of butter should have been 1/4 Cup instead of 1-1/4 Cups. Please pardon our error. The Groundhog is reprinting that recipe. For those who have already tried the recipe, we express our profound apologies.

Corn Pudding

2 T sugar
1-1/2 T all-purpose flour
1 t baking powder
1 t salt
3 large eggs
1 cup whipping cream
1/4 Cup butter, melted
3 cups fresh corn kernels (about 6 ears) or 3 cups frozen or drained canned corn may be substituted.

Combine first four ingredients. Whisk together eggs, whipping cream and butter. Combine sugar mixture and milk and egg mixture whisking until smooth. Stir in corn and pour mixture into a lightly greased 2 quart baking dish. Bake for 45 minutes at 350° or until golden brown and set. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving. This serves 4 easily and is easily doubled.

UGF CAMPAIGN OFF TO A GOOD START

First Report Meeting Next Week

Following the September 4th Kickoff of the 2002 United Giver's Fund Campaign, UGF volunteers seemed ready to meet the challenge of this year's \$375,000.00 goal.

At the Kickoff Breakfast, Campaign General Chairman Ann Quevedo expressed appreciation to Sandy Sarrett, an employee of GameTime who came up with this year's campaign theme, "Enriching Lives Through United Giving." She thanked all the volunteers for their willingness to put forth the needed effort to ensure a successful campaign and the enriching of many lives right here in the county.

Quevedo reported that Charleston Hosiery had already completed their employee campaign. Ms. Quevedo, who is also Charleston's UGF Campaign Coordinator, said that after final totals are in, the amount pledged by employees of both their Fort Payne and Rainsville plants should exceed \$20,000.00.

Early response from those joining UGF's Leadership Giving Clubs with individual contributions of \$200, \$300, or \$500 or more is very encouraging with membership already at 30.

The first of four report meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 18th in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. The Lookout Mountain Homemakers Club will again be catering the meals. All volunteers, UGF board members, and agency representatives are urged to attend.

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Greetings from Desoto Rescue Squad!!!

Another year has passed and yet again we want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement!

It's been a little bit of a rough year for us as we have lost some members and other members have had health problems which temporarily put them on the sidelines. We are starting to bounce back now, but still need all the help we can get. If you or anyone you know of would be interested in joining us, please don't hesitate to contact us or just come to our next meeting! We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Mentone Community House. Everyone is welcome!

We continue to make strides in our training and through your generous donations were able to purchase a new AED (Automated External Defibrillator). We also just updated our training in CPR, AED operation and oxygen administration; and we have two members who have just recently completed Advanced Emergency Medical Technician training. Our rope rescue training was delayed for a while for many reasons, but we hope to start our courses in the Fall. We were given a donation of a used Chevrolet Suburban and are in the process of equipping it as our rope rescue vehicle.

We are hopeful we can continue our advances in training and purchasing new equipment, but to do that we need your help. Please remember us when you consider giving donations this year. Any help you could give us would be greatly appreciated. Also, any donation to Desoto Rescue Squad is tax deductible.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us, Gwen Douthat, Captain, 634-0207 or Richard Douthat, 1st Lieutenant, 634-4813. Also remember, if you would like to join us, feel free to come to a meeting or call us anytime!

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MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

On Monday, September 16, mid-term reports will be sent home.

Interim holiday will be Thursday, October 10; Friday, October 11; and Monday, October 14.

On the evening of October 15, we will have our annual parental involvement program and a PTO meeting. Details will be announced later.

Report cards go home on Tuesday, October 15.

Thanks to Senator Lowell Barron and J. Luther Hendrix a commemorative video was made featuring the police and fire departments in the towns in DeKalb County. Each school and town in DeKalb County received a copy to be played on Sept. 11.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Thursday, Sept. 19, 4 P.M., Mentone Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Saturday, Sept. 21, 11 am-3 pm OPEN HOUSE NLMVPD Fire Hall on AL Hwy 117, Mentone
- Sept. 23-26, YFW Fair, Fairgrounds, Fort Payne
- Thursday, Sept. 26, 4:00 pm., Water Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Saturday, Sept. 28, 2-4 PM, OPEN HOUSE for British Visitors, Mentone United Methodist Church, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, hostess
- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6 pm, MAPA MEETING Greatroom, Crystal Lake (next to Dude Ranch)
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 12:30 P.M., Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 P.M., American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Monday, Oct. 14, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

• October 18, Campfire on Square;
19 and 20 Vendors on the Brow
Oct. 19: 2:00 PM Parade from
Mentone Post Office to Scenic Hwy
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Meeting dates for remainder of 2002

• September 19 • December 19

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will be posted as required.

The regular quarterly meetings are on the
3rd Thursday, and all meetings are held in
the town public meeting room at 4 p.m.
and are open to the public.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in
him, but I will maintain mine own ways
before him. Job 13:15

Job did not know why he was being tested,
but he did know he had done no wrong. So,
he could say, "I'll just keep mine own ways
before him. I'll just keep on trusting him
though he slay me. God has my record."

God has our record. Can we say, "I don't
need to change my ways?" Testing time is
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