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Barbeque Chef David "Rabbit" Richards shows off his unique barbeque skills.

September 19

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September 25

Ladies' Golf Tournament — at Cloudmont Saddlerock Golf Course. Award ceremony will be held in the Rusty Fox Café.

Barefoot Dance Party — celebrate Summer's end with One last Dance and Mountain Romance. Dance to up-beat rhythms in the cool green grass of the Hotel's front lawn.

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To sign up for an event or for more detailed information on any event,
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September 3

Walking Tour of Mentone — culminating at Brow Park to celebrate a Lookout Mountain sunset. **Storytelling** by Jack Jones. Meet at the Hotel for Horse and Carriage Rides to Brow Park just like in the early days of Mentone. Red Door Café will serve refreshments, sweets & treats on the Brow.

Mentone Springs Hotel Flower Show — a competition of area Garden Clubs displaying their expertise in flower design throughout the Hotel.

September 4

Celebration Dinner — celebrate 120 years of Hotel history. Listen to tales from previous owners Ray and Sandra Padgett.

September 5

Low Country Boil — Open air and great food set stage for one of the Dining Room's most popular meals served on the Hotel's 3,000-square foot porch.

My Fair Ladle book signing by Rebecca Noojin -

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September 11-12

DeSoto Fiber Guild — group of Women Weavers meet annually at the Hotel to display their work. Seminars on chair caning, spinning thread, weaving fabric, and other, texture-related items. Learn to cane your chair...or just watch some great ladies at work with what they love to do.

Antique Show — enjoy displays of antiques and pottery from areas around the mountain on the lawn of the Hotel.

September 17

Candlelight on the Porch — an evening of Fine Dining on the porch of the Hotel with Pianist Charlie Teer entertaining everyone.

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MAPA MEETING

Be sure to attend the
Sept. 7, 2004, meeting

as the upcoming

October Colorfest

which will be held
October 15, 16, and 17,
will be discussed.

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the Church of God
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Valley Head escapes slippery Sardis for season-opening win

Harrison scores twice and picks off a late pass

By Ben Shurett

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The Valley Head Tigers dodged a bullet Friday night, escaping with a 13-7 home win over the Sardis Lions in non-region high school football action.

But the bullet came from the Tigers' (1-0) own gun, as they almost self-destructed with 14 penalties for 110 yards.

However, junior running back Tylor Harrison saved the game for the Tigers with an end zone interception of a Scotty Maddux pass in the game's final minutes.

Harrison was also the offensive star for Valley Head, picking up 131 yards on 20 carries. He also scored both of the Tigers' touchdowns on runs of 4 and 47 yards.

Although Valley Head coach Charles Hammon was happy with the win, he was disappointed with how "undisciplined" his team played.

"This has to be the most penalties we've ever had," Hammon said. "The flags stopped almost every drive we had. Still, I like the fight in our players — especially our defense. Those guys had their mugs on the field for almost the



Times-Journal photo by Mark Harrison
Valley Head running back Tylor Harrison (41) scored two touchdowns Friday in the Tigers' win over Sardis.

entire second half."

Harrison wasn't the only defensive star for Valley Head. The Lions had driven from their own 24 to the Tiger 15-yard line on the strength of a 17-yard run by Maddux and three 15-yard

penalties on Valley Head.

But on first down, Adam Battles and Jeffrey Bain dropped Blake Terrell, who led all rushers with 156 yards on 24 attempts, for a 7-yard loss.

Two incomplete passes

and a delay of game penalty followed for Sardis (0-1), and Harrison picked off Maddux' fourth-down pass in the end zone with just 2:55 remaining to seal the victory.

The win wasn't all defense, however, as all the scoring took place in the second quarter, and Valley Head's kicking game was responsible for all the Tigers' points.

Late in the first quarter, Billy Wyrick blocked a Sardis punt, giving Valley Head a first down on the Lion 7-yard line.

Harrison scored from 4 yards out on the first play of the second quarter, and the Tigers took a 7-0 lead.

Sardis tied the score at 7 on a Maddux to Ricky Ferguson 21-yard pass with 2:04 left in the half.

Bain, a freshman, returned the ensuing kickoff 32 yards to the Lion 47 yard line. Harrison scored from there on the first play with 1:46 left. Bain's kick was no good, but the Tigers were able to make their 13-7 lead hold up for the win.

"It wasn't pretty, but we're 1-0 right now," Hammon said, "and it's been about 10 years since Valley Head could say that."

The Tigers will look to improve to 2-0 as they play host to St. Bernard, of Cullman, on Friday.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Summer is winding down; leaves are falling early, schools have opened early and the carefree days of summer are over for our youth. Our great grandson, Alex Whatley, seems to enjoy school and was not terribly sad about starting early this year. I just hope he has learned not to talk to others in the classroom at inappropriate times. Wonder why he talks so much? Where in the world did he inherit that personality trait? Do you think he may have gotten it from his great grandmother? Nooooooo.

August brought us the 450-mile yard sale for the 17th year (I think). Of course, the Lookout Mountain Parkway was added much more recently. We have participated in the sale for the last five years. It is so much fun to get rid of lots of "Stuff" that we've accumulated from one year to the next. It's amazing how it grows! This year, I had bundles of linens I no longer needed: sheets, pillow cases, towels and bedspreads. They sold well @ \$1 each for sheets, 50 cents for towels, and \$5 for good bedspreads. Homer cleaned out some hand tools that sold well. He sold his long "boat gun" that has been a conversation piece for several years. The man who bought the gun looked at it last year and said he had thought about it ever since then and was so happy it was still here.

We have a habit of asking people who come to our sale where they're from. We had some people from California, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, North and South Carolina and Virginia. We had some interesting people who were humorous and kept us laughing. Others were quiet and eased through without saying a word. There are all kinds of people, which makes us all interesting. If we were all alike, it would be a dull world. Some are pessimists and some, like me, are optimists. I had a neighbor one time that I would greet in the mornings with "Good morning!" She would respond, "What's good about it?" Well, that would shock me. There are many good things to enjoy and we should be happy that we are well and able to do things. No matter what problems we have, there are always others in far worse situations.

Camps are now closed and our customers have not been as many as a few weeks ago. September is usually a slow time for our businesses, but we have time to rearrange and clean and get ready for October when the trees start coloring. That's my time of year! We have experienced much cooler weather a little early in the season this year. It was in the low forties on our thermometer for several mornings. That made it nice for the yard sale. We could have sold sweatshirts if we had them.

The leaves are falling from the trees early, so fall is coming a bit early. Someone told me that the hornets had built a huge nest near his grapevines and the older people said if the nest was close to the ground, it was sign of early fall and a cold winter. I hope that doesn't

work out. I don't enjoy a really cold winter. If daughter, Doreen, permits, Homer and I may stay some with her in Coral Springs, Florida, this January.

It was a great pleasure to see George and Hope Walker this weekend. Both of them are in wheelchairs for the most part. They can walk with assistance and are blessed to have a lady and a grandson to stay with them. Their daughters, beautiful, sweet girls, live right by them in Florida and they brought George and Hope up here to stay a week and see their friends. They came by the Hitching Post and visited with me. That made my day! Hope has always been beautiful and still is lovely. They say the girls will bring them back for Thanksgiving, so we hope to see them again soon. They still have their home here, called Stonehenge, not far from where we live. Hope was President of our Rhododendron Garden Club one year, at time when we were having a problem getting someone to take the position and I was on the nominating committee. We had secured the other officers, and I looked at Hope and said, "Hope, you are our only hope!" She took the position and did a great job.

Beverly Hoyt, a former Rhododendron Garden Club President, called me last week from Colorado. She said she felt lonely that day and just wanted to talk. She asks about many people here every time she calls, especially the Garden Club members. She said to tell everyone hello for her.

After our nine days with the yard sale, we had to clean up and put things away. Some things will go in the garbage. When I looked at the "stuff," I could hardly tell any of it was gone, but I know we sold quite a bit. Homer was tired and so was I. Coy helped put away things one day, but we still had more to do. So we took off for two days and stayed at our home in Chattanooga. It is cozy and restful there. We don't do so many things there, so we get some rest. Other people come to the country to get away from stress and we go to the city. It's just a change of pace that does one well.

We are enjoying the sour apples from our tree at the Hitching Post. They are faulty and it takes a while to cut them in pieces (there is more to throw away than to use). I fry them for breakfast with a little butter and honey and they are delicious. They are so tart that they cook in just a few minutes. The only problem is that they fall all the time and hit the sidewalks, making a real mess. But they will be gone soon and we will go to Crow Mountain, near Scottsboro and get some apples that I can bake whole. Crow Mountain has many kinds of beautiful apples including some new varieties I like to try. We eat a lot of fruit and vegetables and a small amount of meat these days. Well, so much for nutrition.

MAPA is happy to welcome Greg Coe as a new member. Greg attended our last meeting (held at Brow Park) and we enjoyed having him. He is building a home on property purchased from Lynette McCary, and is ready to begin work on it. He is renting a cabin from Dorothy Crow that is close to where he is building. Greg will work with Homer on financial ideas for MAPA investments. Welcome, Greg.

Joyce is working on the Colorfest and Coy is planning good entertainment. All of us answer the phone and send applications. We need a good publicity chairperson to help make this a great festival. Anyone wanting that job or willing to help with any festival planning and preparations should give us a call at 634-4344.

Continue to pray for our boys in Iraq that they return home soon and safely. May God continue to bless America!

Have a safe and happy Labor Day!

RECIPE CORNER

By Sue Schwarz

It is always hard for me to believe that summer passes so quickly. It seems as though the children were just last week beginning their summer vacation. It won't be long before we have to close up our houses and get out the sweat shirts and sweaters. Before we do that, try these summery recipes. The Baked Peach Pudding is almost as easy as cobbler and very good. The Danish Potato Salad is very tasty and my vegetarian daughter wanted to make sure her husband (the cook in the family) had copied the recipe.

BAKED PEACH PUDDING

- Nickie Florentine

2 C sliced peaches
3/4 C sugar
1/2 C milk
4 tsp Butter
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder
1 C flour
1 tsp vanilla

Slice peaches into 8x8 inch pan. Cream butter and sugar. Add dry ingredients with milk and vanilla. Spoon over peaches.

TOPPING:

1 C sugar
1 T cornstarch
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp cinnamon and nutmeg
1 C boiling water

Mix sugar with cornstarch, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Sprinkle over batter. Pour cup of boiling water over all. Bake 50 minutes at 325 or until brown.

DANISH POTATO SALAD - Anna Pump

3 pounds medium Yukon gold or red potatoes (3 inches in diameter)
1/2 C finely chopped chives or green onion tops
1/2 C chopped fresh parsley
2 T drained capers
3 t white wine vinegar
1 T caper liquid from jar
1 tsp coarse-grained Dijon mustard
1/2 C extra-virgin olive oil

Cook potatoes in large pot of boiling salted water until tender. Drain potatoes; cool 30 minutes. Peel potatoes, if desired, and slice into 1/3 inch-thick slices. Place potatoes in large bowl with chives, parsley and capers. Combine vinegar, caper liquid and mustard in small bowl. Whisk in oil. Season dressing to taste with salt and pepper. Pour dressing over potatoes and toss gently. Serve at room temperature.

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JOY OF MOVEMENT

JOY OF MOVEMENT, Creative Arts Center, is beginning a new schedule for the Fall. We are located about 2 miles East of Mentone on Hwy 117 next to Donna Sutton's Body Maintenance Studio of Massage Therapy.

Our **Yoga class** is very popular. Kyle Dersham is an excellent teacher and I highly recommend Hatha Yoga as a therapeutic movement form that increases flexibility, builds strength and grace, and teaches the whole body how to use breathing to relax. Kyle will be offering 2 classes starting Sept. 7th. They will both be on Tuesdays. The first will be from 3:30 - 5:00 and the second will be from 5:30 - 7:00. Kyle provides mats and blankets and wonderful scented eye pillows for the final relaxation. Cost of each session is \$7. Give yourself a gift this year and discover the joy and healing that is Yoga.

Belly Dancing classes will again be offered. Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 for intermediate and advanced students who have taken my previous courses or have taken belly dancing in the past. We will be working on some performance pieces that will reveal the deeply spiritual aspect of this ancient dance form. Like Yoga, it increases flexibility, conditions every muscle in the body, develops grace and confidence, and uses breath to relax and celebrate life. I will be adding another Beginning Belly Dance

class on Wednesdays at 5:30-7:00. Cost is \$7 per session. Private lessons are also available on the weekends for anyone interested.

Fitness classes will be offered on Mondays from 1:00-2:00 and 5:30-7:00. Pre-registration is required for the one hour classes. They begin with warmups and easy movements for flexibility and stamina. Floor work follows, which conditions the leg and stomach muscles. Classes end with a short cool-down. Working out can be fun! Pre-registration is required for these classes. Call Morgana at (706) 862-6150 to register for classes starting on Sept. 6th. Instructor is Jeannie Chelsey.

Also beginning in the Fall will be **Creative Movement classes** for children. These will be offered on Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30. Cost is \$5/class. I will be teaching Creative Dance to 3rd and 4th graders at Auburn's Art Camp from Aug. 29th-Sept. 2nd. Ala's Artists in Residency program invites artists to teach their craft in schools throughout the state. I will have lots of new ideas since I'm working with a sculptor and African drummers. In my classes, children explore natural body movements and learn to express themselves as they connect with their inner being. They learn the basic elements of dance as I use music, painting, and literature to develop creativity and help build self esteem. If you are interested, call me at (706) 862-6150.

SCHEDULE FOR FALL CLASSES BEGINNING SEPT 6TH

YOGA: Tues. 3:30-5:00 & 5:30 - 7:00 (\$7/class)

BELLY DANCE: Tues. 7:00-8:30 advanced (\$7/class)
Wed. 5:30-7:00 beginning (\$7/class)

FITNESS: Mon. 1:00-2:00 & 5:30-6:30 (\$5/class)
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CREATIVE DANCE: Thurs. 3:30-4:30 K-5th (\$5/class)

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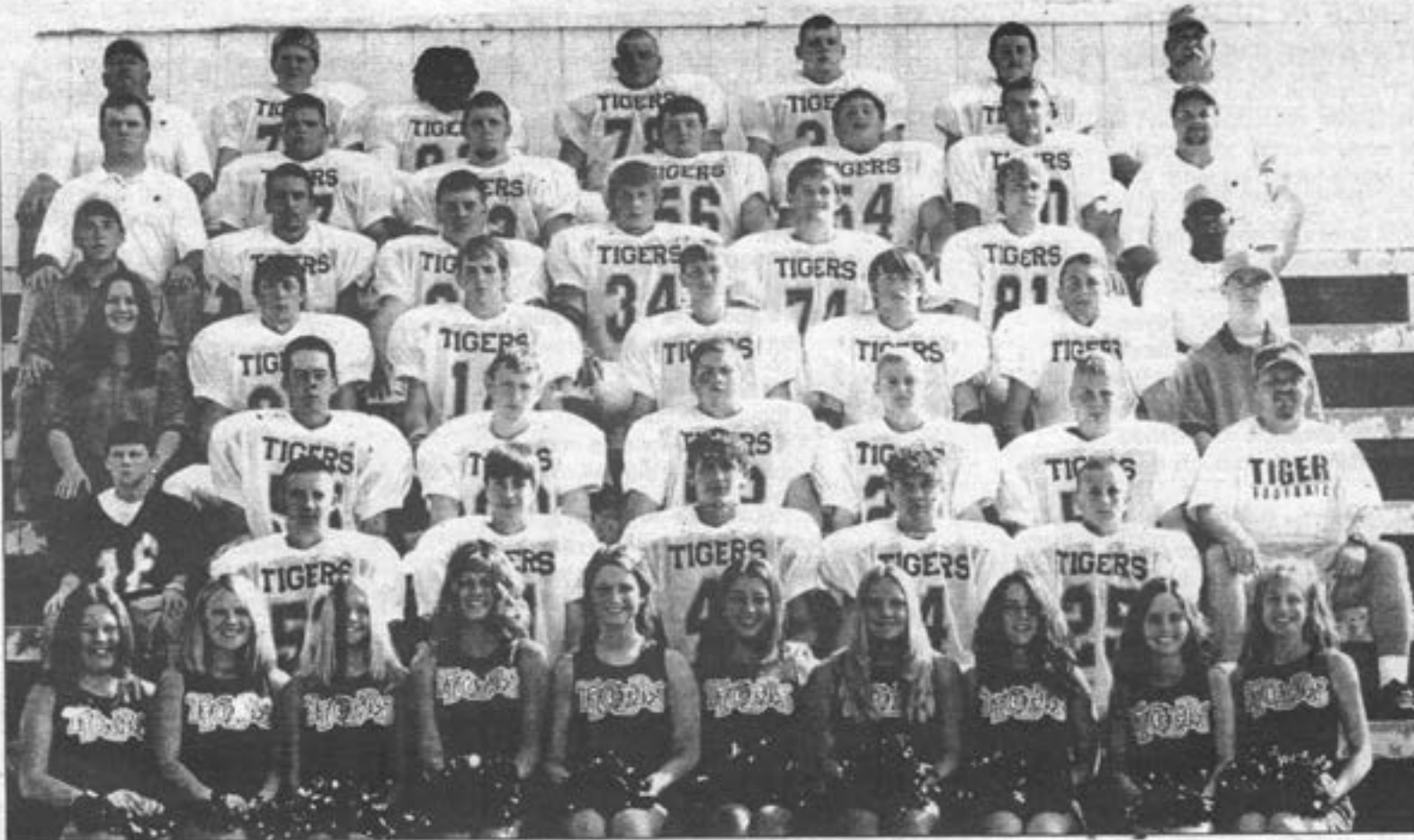
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Beverly Watts, Job Developer for the Fort Payne DeKalb Rehab Center, says she has helped to place clients in jobs in the fast food industry, the hosiery industry, other manufacturing plants, retail establishments, and a variety of other businesses throughout the county. Over the past few years, dozens of local employers have hired qualified applicants from the Fort Payne Rehab Center and most feel that the experience has been mutually beneficial and rewarding.

Those individuals who are not quite ready for competitive employment are able to work in the Extended Employment Program at the Center. Currently, the Center has job contracts with RTI, Heritage Wire, and Summit Hosiery. These arrangements are usually very cost effective for the company and provide additional "job readiness" opportunities for the disabled individual.

To be eligible for the Vocational Development Program, an individual: Must be 16 years old or older. Must have a physical or mental disability. Disability must keep you from getting or keeping a job. The physical or mental condition must be stabilized. Must be able to care for daily personal needs or provide an attendant. Must be able to ride public transportation or provide own transportation.

During the past quarter, 22 individuals were enrolled in the Fort Payne-DeKalb Rehab Center program. For more information and details regarding services, call Beverly Watts at 256-845-9367.

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Mr. Robin

By John Baty

Strolling early dawn's asphalt
A knarled old apple tree I past
On a broken limb an early robin
As though asleep so fast

Nearer, nearer my footsteps took me,
Until I asked: Mr. Robin, are you sick
But when I put out my hand to touch him
He launched himself so quick

Alighting on the nearby grass
He surveyed the turf around
Here and there a tuft of green
But mostly gray and brown

In somber mood he explored the scene
As though his hopes were slim
Of finding any suitable morsel
I could not help but ask of him:

Mr. Robin, how do you ever find
Sufficient food that you may eat
How do you keep the winter's ice
From freezing your bare feet

How do you find that special mate
When spring unfolds her welcoming arms
How do you convince her you're the one
How do you display your manly charms

Mr. Robin, does life also look grim to you
When you do not know for sure
Exactly which way you should fly
That you might longer endure

Is your life always full of struggles
Or does it sometimes smile on you
In those days of cold and famine
What is it that sustains and encourages you

What is your purpose and your reason
For struggling, searching and pushing on
How do you place an accurate value
On the life through which you've flown

With quickening speed he hops and jumps
And alights upon the fence
Intently surveying the distant horizon
As though he has important business hence

He looks around at me so quick
And stretches his wings and beak
Then he flies so quickly away
I had not yet heard him speak

Wait now Mr. Robin!
I have questions by the score
I need your answers so very much
Can't you wait for a couple more

Oh, I guess you have your troubles too
That's the way it's always been
And in that respect, Mr. Robin
I am sure we are close kin

We all face the same dilemma
Every creature great or small
Life is only won against great odds
Indeed, it's hard to keep at all

If we stop often through our journey
And ask too many questions, rare
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Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of the people who supported me in the recent mayoral election. A special thanks to all of you who voted for me. To those who were elected, I wish the best four years possible for Mentone and for you. The rewards of helping your neighbors always outweigh the aggravation that is sure to come. May you always listen to all sides of every story and not let assumptions guide your decisions.

The past five months have been very interesting to me. When C.E. Britt, mayor of Mentone, became ill the last of March and had to be hospitalized, no one knew how long he would be away from the office. With this in mind, I agreed to try to continue with the many programs that he had started. With the help of Pat Tate, Mentone Attorney, the town council adopted an ordinance allowing me to sign documents and assume the duties of mayor. There again, everyone thought that this would only be for a couple of months. Because Mr. Britt never officially resigned and due to a strange glitch in the way all towns and cities operate, he continued to draw the salary of mayor. He continues to live and recover in a health care center in Summerville, Georgia.

Since this will be the last article that I write under this title, I want to take this space to thank the many people who helped make the last five months easier. I soon realized that we needed more help with keeping the town hall flowerbeds and both of the parks looking good. Tyler Huskey came to my rescue. Because he is still in school, he can only work a limited number of hours per day. Tyler is a wonderful worker and I will give him a recommendation on his resume if he ever needs my help. He helped me weed, plant and mulch the front beds and then continued to keep them watered all summer. He also helped his brother, Allen, maintain the parks and other grounds.

Allen Huskey has been my right hand. He starts out each week by going to Fort Payne on Monday morning to pick up the frozen meals that we deliver to the shut-ins in Mentone. He loads the meals into our vehicles, counts out five cartons of milk per bag and cleans up everything while the volunteers make the deliveries. Allen keeps the parks immaculate and this summer he has even cut some dead trees in the parks and planted the bare spots with grass seeds. He keeps the areas around the recycling bins clean and has helped load heavy items into the containers. There are many other things which Allen does and I will touch on some of them later in this article.

When the town first started talking about a recycling center, Mr. Britt had the dream of establishing a permanent site on some property owned by the town. This property was once used as a dumping site and was in very bad shape. The plan

proved to be cost prohibitive, but because the clean-up campaign was already started, we continued with the improvement of this property. Dewey Cash and Al Brown have the knowledge to operate large machines and this was what was needed. They have pushed up trees, buried debris, scraped up dirt, and moved dirt. Now it is a very nice piece of property. Recently, when I went to see it, I immediately picked out the perfect spot for a house. It is now in good shape to "lay out" (a term used by farmers when a field rests for a season.) After the dirt is settled and packed, I hope that someone will have the foresight to apply for a grant and maybe turn it into a place of activity for children and youth. Dewey and Al have a talent for knowing which trees to leave and which to take out. They have done a remarkable job. Allen and Tyler were involved in this project too. Allen has the ability to be all things to all people and to be in the right spot at the right time. Tyler is following in big brother's footsteps and learning how to do many things. Thanks to each of them for a wonderful job!

I would certainly be remiss if I didn't mention the great job that the police officers have done this summer. Police Chief Johnny Ferguson has had some unfortunate health problems. He has had many months of rehabilitation and is now back to work. Johnny has been with me in making every decision regarding the police department and has never given me bad advice.

Mr. Britt had just hired Mike Putman when he became sick. Mike has been invaluable in filling in when Johnny needed some time out. He is always willing to do whatever needs doing. He has "blue lighted" for ditching the sides of Highway 117, for cutting the limbs away from the speed limit signs and for cutting trees that have fallen in the streets and highways. He is equally fair to all. He has a great knowledge of traffic laws and is very helpful in any crisis.

Ross Greenwood is the new kid on the block. Those of us who were working in the town hall this summer have received many calls complimenting Ross on the way that he handles the school traffic. The presence of an officer during the time of school opening and closing not only slows the traffic but also serves to remind the children that the police officer is their friend. Ross is a kind and caring person. He is a valuable part of the police department. This is one of the few times that I remember Mentone having three officers on duty. One of the things that many of you have brought up at the town council meetings is that you would like to see the officers out in the community more. With three officers we can have someone either in Mentone or on stand-by to get here fast. This also gives all of them two days off. Thanks to all three of these guys, they have made the summer much easier for me.

There have been many others who have helped me so much. The engineers who have helped with the ongoing projects have been great. Not one of them laughed at my ignorance and inexperience, even though I'm sure that they would have liked to. Gus Spahr has been my guide, mentor and dear friend as he used his experience to help me in knowing what to do with engineering projects. The people who work with ALDOT, TARCOC, ADECA, (I feel like FDR), the DeKalb County Commission and even the City of Fort Payne have been wonderful. I have never called

and asked them anything that they did not do the best to help me with. They have been very patient with me and for that I am grateful. Sometimes wasn't sure which way to go or who to call, but no matter who I called, they were always helpful. There were two Jeff's who worked for different agencies and I was forever calling the wrong one to answer a certain question. It happened so many times that they would just laugh and tell me that I had the wrong Jeff!

The McCallie brothers have handled the furnishing and emptying of the recycling containers and helped with ordering the recycling bin. They are great to work with. They always bring them on the day that they say they will and have been great to take pains to not tear up the ground where they have been parked. Constance Gwen has worked with Mr. Britt and then with me to establish the best possible plan for recycling. She has visited Mentone several times and always has some very good ideas.

The recycling containers will only be available one more time. The one for large metal objects will be in place by at least Tuesday, September 7. Because a total CLEAN-UP MENTONE day is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, we will try to have the other one in place to put all of the bags of garbage into. Perhaps it can be there from Monday, September 20 until Monday, September 27. If you are planning to bring a large amount to throw away, you might want to call the town hall and see if it is in place.

I will never be able to express my thanks to Marie Dillenbeck. She has always been there for me and helped in any way that she possibly could. She would always stop what she was doing to find something that I needed. Marie wears many hats and all of them look very attractive on her. I am always amazed at the way she will stop and help tourists and visitors who come into town. She has maps and information ready to give to any who stop and ask for it. She knows when, what and where about most events that are scheduled in the town. Marie is truly an ambassador for Mentone. I have seen first hand the love and kindness that Marie shows to the elderly folks of Mentone. We all have a favorite in "Miss Georgia." Marie is always the first one that children come to when they have something to sell, they know that Marie will always buy. We still wonder what she does with so much Boy Scout popcorn and Girl Scout cookies. She is a regular contributor to all charities. Perhaps the biggest compliment that could be paid to anyone can be applied to Marie; she loves her mother. I have never seen such patience and devotion of a daughter for her mom. Everyone who knows Marie, loves her and that includes me!

Contrary to some of the things that were told before the election, I never compromised my integrity nor the integrity of the town of Mentone. I'm sorry that those who listened to some of the tales didn't call and ask me what the truth was. I would have told you. At all times I have treated everyone as I would like to be treated. To me, serving the public is just that; serving. At all times it was my intent and purpose to let everyone know that their opinion was of value and that they were a person of worth. Education is probably our most valuable commodity. Education means studying the issues and knowing the facts before making a decision. (Continued to Page 13.)

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

The FRIENDS of the Library are ready to move into the school year with the students of Moon Lake Elementary School. Our enrichment programs will begin on September 14 with a day of interpretive dance instructed by Sandra Comley. This sounds like a world of fun for everyone. The Twist was about as interpretive as I have ever done and that was a long time ago. Those of us who were teens in the 1950's remember that the way The Twist was taught was to imagine that you were drying your back with a long towel and move your hips and shoulders to the music. I'm sure that Sandra has a much more innovative method of teaching.

Of course we will be sponsoring the Essay Contest for Fifth and Sixth Grades again. To allow these students to get a head start on this assignment the title will be: An American Patriot. More details on this later.

Another enrichment program being planned is a day of clowning and mime. We will be working with make up and performance. Who knows, we may have a student who will become famous as a clown or a mime. What better way to spend your life than making people laugh! Watch this column for more details as they become available.

We have another book signing planned. This one will be the book, Dear Sister by Frank Chappell. The date for this is not definite yet. We'll let you know.

Our book sale during the Longest Yard Sale was a huge success. We started by serving barbeque meals to our FRIENDS of the Library on Thursday and giving them the first choice of the books on sale. On Friday and Saturday we were open for the public to buy and buy they did! We moved a lot of books and were very pleased with the amount of profit we made. Thanks to all of you who have given us books and told us that we could use them as we thought it would be best for the library. Some of the books are carried to McCay's in Chattanooga and exchanged for ones that we do not have. Let us know if you have one that you would like us to look for, I have put in an order for the Bill Clinton autobiography. I understand that the word Monica appears a few times.

An exciting change this year is that Tonya Lasseter, Librarian for Moon Lake Elementary School, is going to keep the library open directly after school on all Tuesdays. Adults can visit then and check books out from the community side. Any FRIENDS who would like to drop in around three and help out are welcome to do so. There is always something to do, just look in the closet where we keep the unshelved books.

We are in the process of selling the 2005 Community Calendars. These are calendars with birthdays, anniversaries and meeting dates for organizations printed on each date. These make wonderful gifts and are only \$5.00 again this year. This allows you to place the birthdays, etc. of all who live under your roof and gets you a calendar. Many families get one for every member. Look for a form somewhere in this issue of The Groundhog and return it to the listed address. A form is also on the back of the August page if you have the 2004 calendar. We will mail or hand deliver your calendar as soon as they become available. The deadline to submit this information is September 15th. Calendars will be ready in time for holiday gift giving.

We are always looking for new ideas and ways to increase the use of the library. Let us know what you would like to have at the library. We are always open to suggestions and are willing to try anything to increase the use during our open hours. We want this to be YOUR library.

A welcome addition to the comfort of the library is the recent gift of a rocking chair. This chair is near the publications given by Landmarks of DeKalb, Inc. These books have a lot of the history of Mentone and many pictures. They are not available for checking out but you can come in and sit in the rocker and read them during our open hours. This would be a fun way to spend an afternoon. If your spouse is working, why don't you come and spend some time researching Lookout Mountain? Lookout, the Story of a Mountain is on these shelves also. It is no longer in print and we are very fortunate to have been given a copy. Be careful with it, it is rather fragile.

The rocking chair was given in memory of Lydia Speed by her family. Those of us who knew Lydia can almost see her sitting there and telling one of her stories. She was a delightful person and an asset to Mentone. Thanks to her family for this wonderful tribute to a dear lady.

The library will NOT be open September 4 in honor of Labor Day. Have a wonderful holiday and please use the book drop. You will not be charged a late fee.

Questions or suggestions, call me, 634-8006 or Sue Schwarz, 634-4271. To mail a donation or other material: Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library (or MLESCL) P.O. Box 481, Mentone, AL 35984. COME AND VISIT!

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MOON LAKE SCHOOL

Greetings to the citizens of Mentone from the 125 students and 20 staff members of Moon Lake Elementary School! We salute you and thank you for your ongoing support of your community school!

The year began with several personnel changes. former third grade teacher Jennifer Tullis shifted into the position of reading coach. In this capacity, she will work alongside teachers toward developing and delivering outstanding reading instruction. Taking the reins of third grade is Jim Lasser, who recently completed his Master's degree in elementary education. Also coming on board is Priscilla Byrum, who works as an instructional aid in Karen Prestwood's classroom.

Returning for her second year is Paula Easter-Chamlee, who provides an arts program each Friday for all classes. She will teach art during the first 12 Fridays, music during the middle 12 Fridays, and Spanish during the last 12 Fridays of the school. We at Moon Lake are extremely grateful to the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation for its very generous financial commitment toward her sponsorship, greatly enhancing the creative opportunities of Mentone's children.

During the past few months, the Moon Lake PTO has worked hard toward the first major playground improvements since the wooden structures were constructed during the spring of 1994. New equipment from Game Time was installed last spring, and additional units will soon be added. The Shed is also donating percentages of in-store sales toward these playground improvements. This valuable support from the PTO and The Shed will help further the positive development of Moon Lake's playground facilities.

The school library is now open after school hours every Tuesday. Media specialist Tonya Lasseter remains in the facility from 3:00 till 5:00 to assist students and parents with library-related activities such as Internet research, Accelerated Reader, class projects, and book check-out. All students and parents are encouraged to use this weekly opportunity to visit the library and utilize its varied resources.

A school website is currently being developed. This online resource will eventually provide a wide variety of information about the school and its activities.

The first PTO meeting of the new academic year will occur in the school gym on Tuesday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. Paula Easter-Chamlee will lead students in a musical program. Everyone is invited to attend this important meeting, enjoy the children's performance, and join the PTO. This organization's work is vital to the ongoing successes of Moon Lake, and it would be wonderful for all of Mentone's citizens to participate.

If you haven't visited Moon Lake's campus recently, you are always welcome to come for a tour...or to serve as an adult volunteer. We

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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing by L.C. Moon

On Saturday August 14th I spent the morning touring Little River Canyon Mouth Park with a group of nearly 50 people listening to the late Tommie Bass' apprentice Darryl Patton. For those of you who have never heard of Tommie Bass, he was a very effective folk herb doctor in Leesburg, AL. He lived in a shack, called himself a hill billy and swore the only day he ever went to school he taught the class; however he has had many books written about his wisdom and even made the cover of the Wall Street Journal. It was sure a pleasure to meet, Darryl Patton, Author of Mountain Medicine & the man responsible for keeping Tommie's art alive. Darryl's tour covered a lot of the basic native plants. I will share only a few of those with all of you that did not get to experience his informative presentation.

Pine needles are fine for making a tea that is rich in vitamin C. The young needles and inner bark, preferably of White Pine, are used to clear mucous out of the lungs.

Pine is not as effective as Sweet Gum to clear out the mucous. Neither Pine nor Sweet gum are as healing to the lungs as Cherry Bark.

Dogwood Bark is good for ringing in the ears with the exception of Swamp Dogwood. The Swamp Dogwood is good for breaking a fever.

Smooth Sumac, Darryl pointed out, as being the more effective of the sumacs. He said to drink a hot tea for canker sores and a cold tea for the kidneys. There are many other herbs that are more potent for the kidneys. Sumac berries have a citrusy taste yet that is as a result of Malic acid as opposed to ascorbic acid that is in citrus fruits.

Darryl told of how Tommie used the White Oak for hot sweaty feet and fungus. The Southern Red Oak is used for Hepatitis and Cirrhosis of the liver.

Blackberry, Tommie used for diarrhea and milk allergies.

Virginia Creeper--a common vine with 5 leaves--is often mistaken for poison ivy. I found out during this walk that Virginia Creeper is actually a good treatment for Poison Ivy if the leaves are gathered in the Spring and Summer, made into a tea and used as a rinse.

Darryl also mentioned eating the young leaves of the Poison Oak or Ivy to allow yourself immunity from allergic reactions for as little as a month and as long as 3 months if you eat a little of the leaves everyday for a week. He recommended that you put it between a piece of bread before eating it because after it passes your lips it won't break you out.

Sassafras and Peach leaves made into a tea and used as a rinse or wash are good to help hair growth according to Darryl. Both Peach and Sassafras have many other uses.

For weight loss you could try Queen Anne's Lace and Chickweed. Chickweed is great to trick your body into feeling full as well as working to get off water weight. Queen Anne's Lace, Darryl pointed out, is good to increase your metabolism so as to actually help you lose weight. The real truth is that the herbs will only help weight loss if you are willing to push away the plate when you are not hungry or feel full. The interesting thing to me about the Queen Anne's Lace is that so many people are on low carb diets to lose weight and this diet does not allow carrots--yet Queen Anne's Lace is wild carrot.

It was a real pleasure to get the opportunity to walk through the woods with Darryl. I got to ask questions that I have had over the years of my own medicinal plant research. It is truly a miracle that seeds can grow into plants that will then allow us ease from every ailment and provide us food to survive. The balance of nature is so precious and magical. All of us in Mentone are truly blessed to have the diversity of medicines and food surrounding us.

If you have any questions regarding medicinal herbs, you may contact me at (256)634-3333 or LCMoon03@aol.com.

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Gethryn S. Giles

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on August 10, 2004, at the Mentone Community House. There were 20 members present. Guests were Wesley Chesnut, Ann Rowe, Sarah Stribling and Dorothy Shelden. President Martha Wood called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

After the pledge to the flag, Dorothy Cyr gave a devotional titled "Don't Stay In One Place Too Long." As chair of the Conservation Committee, she said, "Conserve earth, crops and your own energy."

Refreshments were served by the hostesses Lucette Dix, Lucy Fowlkes, and Jan Wilkinson.

Harriett Lillich introduced Andy Talton who presented a program on Floral Designs. Mr. Talton studied Horticulture at the University of Georgia and in Williamsburg, VA, under Bennett Barnes. He has been a judge at the State Fair in North Carolina. He stated that "Flowers are for everybody." Beginning in early childhood with members of his family, he was taught a passion for flowers. While talking about his life with flowers and about various kinds of flowers, plants and herbs, which grow in Mentone, Mr. Talton designed a large and beautiful floral arrangement.

After the program, President Wood distributed a proposed budget for the year. Jan Wilkinson moved that the budget be adopted. The motion passed.

Linda Brown moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 13, as they were published in *The Groundhog*. Motion passed.

Announcements included: ●Landscape Design Course III will be in Huntsville, Aug 24-25.

●The Board of District II of The Garden Club of Alabama will meet on Aug. 26.

●The fall meeting of District II of the The Garden Club of Alabama will be in Arab, Sept. 22.

●Turn in computer printer cartridges to Marie Dillenbeck or Linda Brown.

●The Flower show will be at the DeKalb Fair Sept. 29-Oct. 3. Someone is needed to be in charge of the design for the club.

●Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library will be open on Tuesdays from 3 to 7.

●Sue Schwarz reported that Moon Lake Community Library calendars are being sold.

●Work needs to be done on the Heritage Garden. Members should try to help, if possible.

●This is Alyce Springer's last meeting as she is moving to Indiana.

●Lucy Fowlkes announced that PALS (People Against a Littered State) is hoping to get a special license tag. The income from the sale of the tags is needed for educational purposes and will help with Adopt A Mile, Adopt A Stream, Coastal Clean-up and to provide more trash containers.

●Linda Brown said she is going to make an educational exhibit for the Fair for the Junior Gardeners and she needs donations of "homes of insects, birds, etc." such as nests and other items.

●Garden Club members are participating in the Flower Show at The Mentone Springs Hotel 120th Anniversary Celebration during September.

Marie Dillenbeck won the door prize.

The next meeting will be at Nippersink Lodge on September 14, at 12:30 pm.

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

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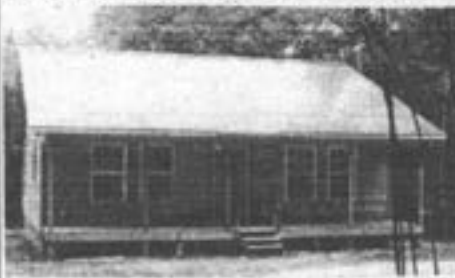
(2) **RUSTIC CABIN**, on the East Brow. See Weiss Lake in the distance from these 7 acres. 2 bedroom 2 bath with open living. Kitchen area, Large Loft, all appliances stay. \$124,900.



(3) **WEST FORK SUBDIVISION.** Private, yet only minutes from Mentone. 2 lots with combined footage on water of 593 ft. 4.4 acres wooded, on the cul-de-sac. \$65,000.



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(5) **BRAND NEW, Weekend Getaway Cabin** with 2 bedrooms 2 baths. Tin roof, Rocking Chair Porch. On a private wooded Acre. \$89,000.



(6) **NESTLED ON A SHADY LOT** sits this 3 bedroom 2 bath cottage with Rock fireplace and screened porch. Metal roof soothes the sound of summer rain. Located on DeSoto Parkway, minutes from Park and Mentone. \$69,900.



(7) **MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES.** A River runs through it! Direct Access from the Lookout Mtn. Parkway, on AL Hwy 117. Minutes from Mentone and Cloudland, GA. Three to 7 acre riverfront Tracts starting at \$35,500. Five to fifteen wooded stream tracts from \$21,000. Restricted covenants apply.



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(11) **COMMERCIAL COTTAGE STYLE.** would make a wonderful gift. Gallery retail store of any kind. Heart of downtown Mentone. 5 rooms 1 bath. Kitchenette. If you ever wanted a business, here is the Opportunity. \$73,500.

(Photo to the left)



(12) **VALLEY VIEW FOREST.** 11 acres with Well, Septic, drive, power and a great East Brow View. Adjoins Wild Life Management, and Little River Canyon National Preserve. \$58,500.



(13) **OLDER FARMHOUSE.** Lookout Mountain with 5 acres. 3 Bdrm 2 bath. Living room, screened porch. Storage buildings and an old Barn. Quiet area, Murdock Rd. \$75,000. More acreage available. Total 20+ house \$129,000.

OTHER PROPERTIES

(14) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES.** Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.

(15) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY.** 220x300 on the East Fork of Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and Rapids. \$30,000.

(16) **WILDLIFE ABUNDANT** on these three 20+ acre tracts. Mostly Open Land, Rolling hills, ponds. May be purchased individually or together. Priced \$2,200 an acre. Located in Mentone area with deeded access road.

(17) **7.25 ACRES.** on CO RD 106, City water available, mostly cleared with lake site, Large Oak Trees, where the Old Homeplace used to be. \$66,000. REDUCED \$49,000.

(18) **80 ACRES of Wooded Brow property** with creek and waterfall. Private drive with bridge. Great views, \$240,000.

(19) **HIDDEN BROW ESTATES,** Cloudland, GA. Spectacular Views East side. 7.5 acres, 500 ft of brow frontage, private, large Rock bluffs, \$162,500--will divide.

(20) **BUILDING LOTS, ADJACENT TO BROW.** 4 lots over an acre. Level surveyed, perked. Paved Road 89 North. Mentone. Lightly restricted. \$12,000 each.

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A Friendly—

Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

The members of **Valley Head Quarterback Club** have been very busy repairing, painting, and "tiger flying" the football field. There are cute tiger paws everywhere. they appreciate, very much, every one how helped in anyway, with their fish dinner, which was a success.

Mary, John, and E.T. Holleman, and Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis, went to Dallas, GA, August 22, to help **Adelaide Biddle celebrate her 81st birthday**. (Her birthday was Aug. 17). About thirty loving children and grandchildren met at the home of Mary Lou and David Carmichael for a happy party.

Doris Carmichael enjoyed a two-day visit at the Ricketts home in Birmingham.

Lillie Bowden went to Fort Valley, GA, and spent a week with her sister, Maxine Forehand, at Perry, GA. She visited a lot of her relatives and enjoyed seeing many of them at church, which she attended.

Katie Freeman has moved to Charleston, SC.

Ruth and Bert Pickett, are glad to have their daughter, Patti, and her husband, Sydney Spencer, move to live near them. They moved from Chattanooga.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** had a full house, Aug. 22, to enjoy the delicious covered dish luncheon, as they entertained the Valley Head football team, coaches, band, and cheerleaders. They also enjoyed some band music.

Tom and Irma Allison had a family birthday dinner for Peachie Cearley, Aug. 18, at their home in Arden, NC.

Doug Hoyt has been with a client in Indiana. **Daal** came by to see me Thursday, Aug. 26, and brought me a lovely and delicious salad.

Heather Daniel celebrated her 15th birthday, which was Aug 2. She had an outdoor party at her home on July 31, with about 25 friends and family members attending. She is in the 10th grade at Valley Head High School and is in the marching band.

Venna Livingston came down recently for an appointment with Dr. Frost. She was joined by Mozelle Crow and they had lunch at Captain D's. Venna and her family had enjoyed a week together at Gulf Shores.

Mozelle Crow went shopping with Christine Brooks and they spent sometime walking at the walking track in Minvale and then had lunch. "Jug" and Dot Crow celebrated Mozelle Crow's and **Jill Howard's** birthdays by taking them for a family dinner to the Western Sizzlin in Fort Payne, recently.

Christine and Walter Brooks, Martha and Bubba Browder, and Mandi Goza attended the Buckmasters Bow Indoor Championship Tournament in Montgomery the weekend of Aug. 21.

Mrs. Ruth Burnette is now living at Dogwood Haven.

This seems to have been the **month for birthdays**: Gladys Cobble celebrated her 93rd birthday, but I was not able to hear from her. I also had several in my family: Jason Meadows, Andy Dill, Allison Johnson, Shane Wright, and Ray Darby. Congratulations and best wishes to all who had birthdays--may you have many more happy, healthful birthdays!

The leaves are falling and Summer is fading fast away--as it has a habit of doing--each one faster than the one before. We have been blessed as to weather. I hope it continues with a colorful, beautiful autumn.

To A Good Book

In vital pastures of the mind, I feed
On vivid phrases, filling soul and heart
With thoughts of rapture, satisfying need,
And living vicariously the part--
Adventures wild or quiet pastoral scene--
I travel far to exotic places,
And soar thru space--content, sublime, serene.
I'm lost in oblivion's embraces--
In deepest tragedy or happiness.
I feast o thoughts of others, grasping their tone;
How wonderful to know to feel--express--
From mind to mind 'til each shall know his own!
I hold you reverently in my hands,
And keep your treasures in my heart--
Harvest of fertile mind that understands,
And obeyed the urge the message to impart.

Eloise M. Brown

This is one of my favorites. I would like to put a framed copy in every library. I wish parents would read to their children and give them a love for books.

This was considered ideal by the National Library of Poetry for their Album "Sound of Poetry."

At Day's End

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?
The day is almost over and its toiling time is thru;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?
Can you say tonight in parting with the day
that's slipping fast
That you helped a single brother of the many
that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading,
now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day or lose it.
Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness
or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber,
do you think God will say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow
by the work you did today?"

By John Hall

Submitted by Eloise

School Days

School days are here once more--
They open wide each door
To knowledge precious and free--
For mental security.

Gift--not given--but earned--
With each fact that is learned--
A new world to reveal
Treasure -- no one can steal.

Worth more, each passing year,
Making the way more clear and secure,
If only each dear youth
Could realize the depth of truth.

And use all precious time
To make the brain sublime--
Then each school day would bless
Real achievement with success!

Eloise M. Brown

September Showers

September showers
Remember flowers,
They grow in the spring.

With shattering speed
They're scattering seed,
With blowing free fling.

With fierce and quick thrust
They pierce and nick crust
Of every seed pod.

They pound them down deep
Then round up a heap
Of very neat sod.

There they leave them sleep
Neither grieve nor weep--
No dirge can they sing.

September showers
Remember flowers
Emerge in the Spring.

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UGF-FUNDED AGENCIES...MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN DEKALB COUNTY GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTH ALABAMA



JoAnn Pearson presenting to Herman Gurley, Executive Director of the Community Action Agency/Headstart, a plaque commemorating five years of Headstart's "Growing A Daisy" literacy programs.

DeKalb County Girl Scouts and adult volunteers are gearing up for the 2004-2005 membership year. This year's theme is: Mission Possible! Girl Scouting makes so many exciting adventures possible for both adults and girls. Girls in Pre-K through grade 12 are invited to become members at local Girl Scout Sign Up Nights. These will be held throughout the United States and 120 countries abroad. Membership Director JoAnn Pearson says, "Look for Girl Scout Sign Up dates in the community news section of your local paper." She says, too, that flyers announcing the event will be given out to all girls in every DeKalb County School. Scholarships are available for both girls and adults who cannot afford the membership fee.

Volunteer Coordinators Kim Williams, Darlece Vaughn, Alethea Tanner, Ashley Pearson, and Candy Richey will be attending the PTA/PTO meetings and Girl Scout Sign up Nights along with Pearson. "Every leadership team member in our area works full time.

They know the importance of spending time with our youth. To many, it's a ministry. We hope that our local churches will sponsor troops of their own. Our young women need guidance and help to become the responsible adults of tomorrow. The future of our country depends of their faith and leadership," Pearson said.

2004 has been a busy year for DeKalb County Girl Scouts. They participated in the second annual "April Showers Service Project" and collected over 1800 personal care products (products that are not provided by food stamps) and donated these to non-profit organizations in DeKalb County, such as the Upper Sand Mountain Methodist Parrish, Save-A-Life, CASA, and The Way Home.

Other recent highlights included the Annual Girl Scout Award Events that were held to recognize the accomplishments of both Girl Scouts and adult volunteers. Herman Gurley, Executive Director of the Community Action Agency/Headstart, and his staff received a plaque commemorating five years of Headstart's "Growing A Daisy" literacy programs. These programs continued in centers all over DeKalb, Jackson, and Marshall Counties.

Four Cadette Girl Scouts from Geraldine Troop #426 earned the second highest Girl Scout recognition, The Girl Scout Silver Award. Congratulations to Jade Austin, Jordan Gary, Jodi McMurray, and Tabitha Richey for this outstanding accomplishment.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the largest organization for girls and women in the world and has been active for over 92 years. Girls learn leadership and the importance of service through exciting activities led by adult leadership teams and mentors. Caring and concerned adult volunteers make Girl Scouting possible for hundreds of girls here in DeKalb County. However, more volunteers are needed.

Adults who would like to help make a difference in the lives of children are encouraged to consider becoming a Girl Scout volunteer. For more information, contact JoAnn Pearson, Membership Director, at 256-638-6182 or jb_pearson@hotmail.com

Girl Scouts of North Alabama is one of 14 agencies currently funded by United Givers Fund of DeKalb County.

A Month of Weddings

By Cathy Wehrenberg, Mentone
and Ted Howard, Fort Payne

As Ted and I began to understand that we were thinking about getting married, we became aware that two of our sons, one from his marriage and one from mine, were going to get married: it looked like there was a strong possibility that they were going to get married on the same weekend in July in different parts of the country. In the early part of this year, the places and reception facilities where they wanted to have their weddings were finally decided. We breathed a sigh of relief. Ted's son, Dan Howard and Renee Swaine would get married in Voorhees, New Jersey on July 10th. My son, Scott Wehrenberg, would marry Mary Virginia Alexander on July 17th in Birmingham.

Then, in the early spring, Ted got a call from his daughter, Jeri McElwee, in Oklahoma, who asked if he would walk her down the aisle in the renewal of her vows. She had been married by a Justice of the Peace seven years before, and she wanted to have a church wedding and reception. She had planned to renew her vows to Steve McElwee on July 30th in Claremore, Oklahoma.

So, we began to gear up for the series of showers and parties that accompanied both of the weddings of our sons. And we knew that the month of July would be a very busy and special time for our families.

As we traveled to the separate weddings, we found that each was very special and reflected the unique beliefs and values of that couple. We were very excited and happy to share in these special occasions and to extend the love and the sense of families that weddings bring. We now can also breathe a little sigh of relief and begin to think about our own wedding, which is tentatively planned for April 30th 2005.



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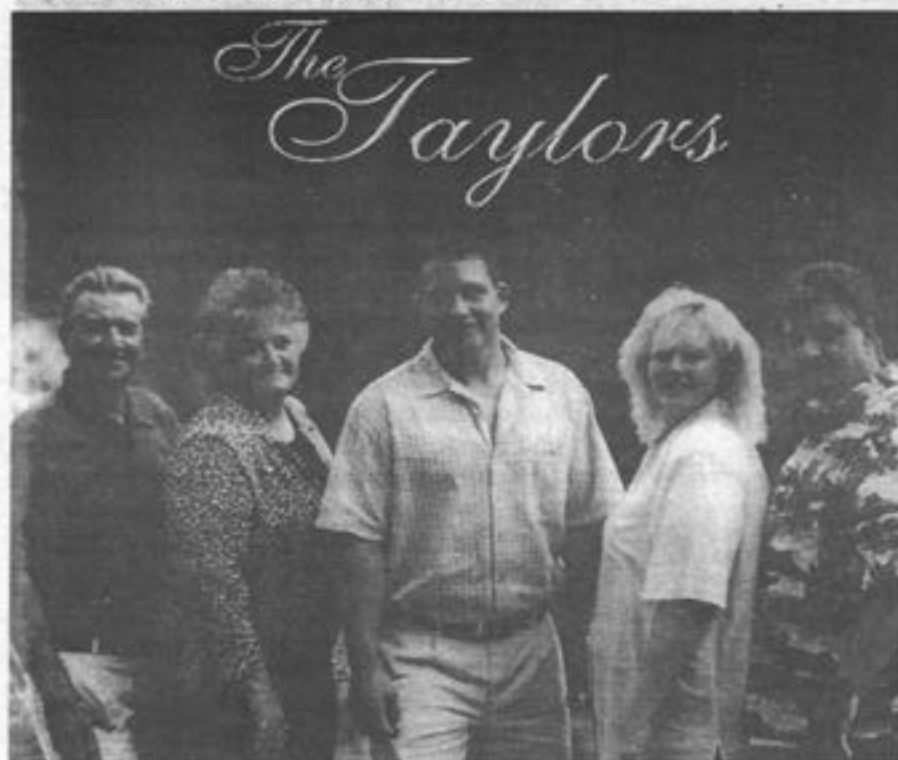
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The Taylors - The Kind of Music We All Love

Has SIMS Records been hiding the next great traditional Southern Gospel mixed quartet family group for some secret reason?

Come to find out, it was our ignorance in not knowing them. And maybe you don't know of them either, but you surely need to. In through the door a few days ago traipses the postman with a brown paper package. Oh, another CD to listen to," he mundanely said. "Yeah, and I LOVE listening to Gospel music. That's my passion," was my response. Little did I know that inside would be a CD from The Taylors, entitled "Taylor Made for Jesus." This ten-song album of original music gets a great big TEN.

Wow! Think McKameys with a slice of zest. Anointed singing, meaningful lyrics and the sonic quality that can stand with the best in the industry. CMP predicts that The Taylors will be your next favorite group. Do what it takes to find SIMS records and buy your copy right now.

William DeWayne Taylor, Sherry Ann Taylor, Carolyn Jean Taylor, and Phillip Taylor are some superior songwriters, and they can sing the fur off a family of raccoons.

Russell Sims, you've done it again sir! You have had a unique quality of finding, developing, and producing some awful good music over the last fifty or so years and you have struck Tennessee gold with The Taylors.

their producer Russell Sims went into Hilltop Studios. With engineer Frank Green, along with musicians, Mike Duchette, Kelly Back, Jeff King, Berry Walsh, Gordon Mote, Tommy Wells, and Rob Hajocoos and out popped one of the best traditional Southern Gospel albums I've heard in many moons.

I also hear these good folks have a live performance that will make a Baptist shout. So book them real soon, you hear?

I'm sure operators are standing by. If not, be sure to leave your name and phone number, because adding The Taylors CD to your collection is a no-brainer for the die-hard Southern Gospel fan like me.

Bookings & Product: Talent, Inc., 4100 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, TN 37067. (615) 591-5756.

NEWS FLASH: We just got off the phone with SIM Records and were informed that The Taylors are now recording a brand-new project of more fantastic original music. Stay tuned into The Taylors. Call your local radio stations and request their music. Become part of their ministry. Big things ahead for this dynamic family...

Editor's note: Sherry Ann Taylor, who sings with this group, is the daughter of Gerald Bailey of Mentone. Her husband and other family members also sing with the group. This news release was copied from *Christian Music Perspective*.

TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE

By Mary Alice Stout

Thanks to everyone who visited Tri-County during the World's Longest Yard Sale. We sold hundreds of hamburgers, bar-b-q sandwiches, hot dogs, soft drinks, and ice cream.

Special THANKS go to business that donated food and supplies. This list includes Summerville Wendys, Sav-A-Lot, McDonalds, and Burger King.

We also thank all who donated and/or bought yard sale items. Thanks to Mountain Mamas Craft and Rock Shop for selling these hundreds of donated items for Tri-County, and giving 100% of sales to the Tri-County equipment budget.

All of our mountain-top community thanks the volunteers of Tri-County for working together—not only at the Yard Sale, but on a day-to-day basis, to provide fire and rescue help to residents and visitors on Lookout Mountain.

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(1) MENTONE COTTAGE WITH ACREAGE! Cozy cottage with 40 wooded acres near DeSoto State Park featuring 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, double French doors, wood burning fireplace, cathedral ceiling, ceramic flooring and 2 storage buildings. \$229,900 (PLS #12734)



(2) CLOUDLAND, GA - New listing with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 3500 square feet. This log home was built in 1928 and is filled with character. Priced at \$138,000. (PLS #11807)



(3) This CUSTOM BUILT HOME offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in kitchen area, spacious living room with fireplace and multi-purpose basement and includes 2.9 acres. \$199,000. (PLS #10234)



(4) ROOM TO ROAM in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offering lots of extras. Great room with cathedral ceiling, wood floors, recreation room, barn and fenced pasture on 3 acres connecting DeSoto State Park. \$129,500. (PLS #10907)



(5) Looking for a MOUNTAIN RETREAT - 8 self contained cabins, office building that could be converted into living quarters, numerous RV and camp sites all on 13+ secluded acres adjoining DeSoto State Park. \$395,000. (PLS #10906)



(6) LESS THAN 1 MILE from downtown Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an open porch on front and a sunroom on the back. All appliances to remain including washer and dryer, 2-car carport with workshop and a 20x24 building for extra storage... office... craft shop...etc. \$89,900 (PLS #11605)



(7) GREAT GET-A-WAY! Privately located 2 bedroom A-frame on 2 plus acres. Wood floors and walls, newly remodeled bathroom, double paned windows, fenced yard, storm shelter, PLUS a large workshop and a 2-car carport. \$89,000. (PLS #12294)



(8) NEWLY REMODELED ... This immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has new exterior paint and a brand new central heat and air system, wood floors, large front porch, 2 decks, wood burning fireplace and lots more. Sellers are leaving the appliances and most furnishings. Call to see today! Priced to sell at only \$123,500. (PLS #125050)



(9) LITTLE RIVER CAFE - featuring a fully-equipped kitchen and dining room with a large porch for outside eating, stage for entertainment and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. \$129,500. (PLS #10215)



(10) HIGHWAY 117 IN MENTONE-YOU CHOOSE! This property can be used as residential or commercial. Spacious 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with living-dining-kitchen, Florida room, utility, Central heat & air, and a detached workshop. This completely remodeled home has NEW vinyl siding, metal roof, guttering, carpet, kitchen cabinets, fresh interior paint and an updated bath! This home would also be perfect for a Day Care Center, Restaurant, Office or Retail.



(11) Almost maintenance-free BROW HOME with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with island, cozy living room with fireplace, den/pool room with pool table already there. Great views of the valley. \$250,000.



(12) WHAT A VIEW you get from this 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home featuring 2-story living area with open balcony and mountain stone fireplace. Large kitchen with island and bay window eating area. Offered for \$225,000 with five acres. (92 acres available) Call for more details. (PLS #12481)



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



(14) ESTABLISHED TIRE BUSINESS! This 40x100x14 metal building houses 3 lifts, 4 roll-up doors, concrete floors, Office, 2 restrooms, space heaters & window air unit and all inventory included. Call today for more information. \$235,500. (Photo to the left.)



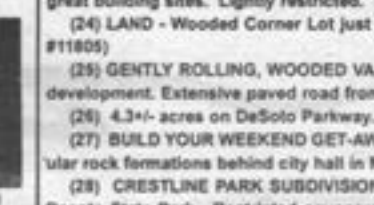
(15) ESTABLISHED Service Station/ Convenience Store for sale - near Little River Canyon. All equipment and inventory to remain. \$239,900.



(16) PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home sits on 6 acres and borders Brush Creek. \$74,500. (PLS #12686)



(17) GREAT LOCATION! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home sits on 2 acres on County Road 106 in Mentone. Property has CH&A, stove, refrigerator and updated wiring. Sold "As-is" for only \$39,900. (PLS #12683)



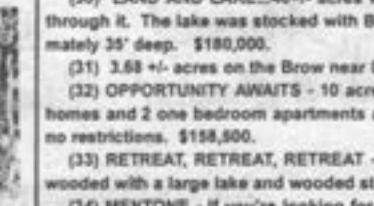
(18) VERY NEAR TO LITTLE RIVER CANYON! With an operative campground on almost 5 acres, this scenic spot is located next to the Little River Canyon National Preserve and the proposed Jacksonville State University Field School. Included are eleven RV Campsites with water and electricity, numerous tent sites, 2 bath houses with showers, commodes, sinks, and two 80-gallon hot water tanks. All this plus a 2 bedroom house and a large storage building. \$135,000.



(19) NEW CONSTRUCTION - Rustic country cabin at Mentone. One bedroom, one bath, with sleep loft, wood floors and walls, 2 story great room with wood burning fireplace, front and back porch with cedar posts and wonderful view of creek on property and Comer Boy Scout Camp Lake.



(20) CABIN IN MENTONE - you will love coming home to this adorable cabin now being built near DeSoto State Park. Cabin features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, pine floors throughout, and rock fireplace. 8'x40' porches on front and back with Yellow Pine exterior and metal roof. \$149,900.



(21) LOOKOUT MTN. - Build your dream home on 3 beautiful wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. Water and power available. Some restrictions. \$23,000 (PLS #12002)



(22) LOTS OF CHARM IN A NEW HOME - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features a large living/dining area with 9' ceilings, Cathedral ceiling in the master bedroom with his & her closets, separate tub and shower in the master bath with ceramic tile, and a 2-car garage connected with a breezeway onto the back porch. The full front porch overlooks a 1.156 wooded lot and is located in Mentone. \$149,000 (PLS #12777) (Photo to the right)



OTHER LISTINGS

(22) MENTONE - Build your cabin on this secluded yet convenient lot located near DeSoto State Park. \$19,500 (PLS #11730)

(23) WEST FORK SUB. - 254' of river frontage (Little River) Gently sloping with great building sites. Lightly restricted. \$40,000 (PLS #10134)

(24) LAND - Wooded Corner Lot just South of Downtown Mentone. \$5,500. (PLS #11805)

(25) GENTLY ROLLING, WOODED VACANT LAND IN VALLEY HEAD. Perfect for development. Extensive paved road frontage. 62 acres listed at \$3,000 per acre.

(26) 4.3+/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,900.

(27) BUILD YOUR WEEKEND GET-AWAY on this 1.17+/- acres filled with spectacular rock formations behind city hall in Mentone. \$14,500.

(28) CRESTLINE PARK SUBDIVISION - several wooded lots now available near DeSoto State Park. Restricted covenants for permanent or vacation home. Water and Electricity available. \$24,000 each. (PLS #12394)

(29) LAND! 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy 11, between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$384,750.

(30) LAND AND LAKE...40+/- acres with a 5+/- acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake was stocked with Bass and Bream 2 years ago and is approximately 35' deep. \$180,000.

(31) 3.68 +/- acres on the Brow near DeSoto State Park. \$59,900.

(32) OPPORTUNITY AWAITS - 10 acres on Hwy 117, East of Mentone. 3 mobile homes and 2 one bedroom apartments and room to grow. Outside the city limits - no restrictions. \$158,500.

(33) RETREAT, RETREAT, RETREAT - This 40 acres is partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. \$170,000.

(34) MENTONE - If you're looking for just the right place to build your weekend get away or even a permanent residence, this property is waiting on you. Wooded, although a proposed building site has already been cleared, this property is what you have been looking for. \$37,500 (PLS #11954)

(35) LOOKOUT MTN. - Build your dream home on 3 beautiful wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. Water and power available. Some restrictions. \$23,000 (PLS #12002)

(36) Don't wait any longer...we've just listed 3.28 acres priced at \$16,400. (PLS #12291)

(37) 11.96 acres on county Road 106 in Mentone. \$66,000 (PLS #12412)

(38) PEACEFUL AND SECLUDED, but not too far out! 34 acres with paved road frontage and lots of timber near Hammondville. No restrictions. \$88,000 (PLS #12363)

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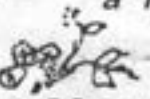
John and Lisa Moore recently celebrated their 10th Wedding Anniversary. On July 23, 2004, the couple renewed their vows in front of family and close friends at the Mentone Wedding Chapel.

Mrs. Lindsey Webb, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. John and Lisa's son, Trey, served daddy as

best man.

A honeymoon trip to Dahlonega, GA, followed the ceremony.

John and Lisa would like to thank Mrs. Nancy Stiefel McMahan for all her hard work in helping to plan the wedding and the reception and especially the beautiful handmade wedding dress that she made for the bride.

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Jonathan Wayne Dean and Tiffany Marie Hall

Jonathan Wayne Dean and Tiffany Marie Hall were united in marriage on Saturday August 14, 2004, at Violet Hill Baptist Church. Tiffany is the daughter of Keith and Debra Hall of Fyffe and Phyllis Biddle Hall of Highpoint. Jonathan is the son of David and Pam Dean of Valley Head and Delaine Summerford Dean of Henagar.

The bride was attended by Candace Summerford, cousin of the groom; Kaitlyn Dean, sister of the groom; and Allie Rhodes, cousin of the groom. David Dean served his son as best man. Groomsmen were Zack Dean, brother of the groom, and Matt Davis, friend of the groom. Wesley Rhodes, Austin Hall, and Tristan Hall were honorary groomsmen and arrived in a little red wagon.

A reception followed at the fellowship hall of the church. The bride and groom would like to thank Diane Sargeant, grandmother of the groom, and Doris Chamlee and Debra Rhodes, aunts of the groom, for directing the wedding and hosting the reception.

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The Shed Floral and Nursery Fundraiser for Moon Lake School

As everyone knows, the children at Moon Lake School got new playground equipment last spring. Everyone thought the equipment was handicapped accessible. However, it was discovered that it was not. David and I saw a child's heart break who had waited two years to play on the new equipment along with the other children. It devastated him and changed his way of thinking and doing probably for the rest of his life.

However, the PTO and I have come to some agreements on how we can all fix the problem. The PTO is going to raise some money and we are going to raise some money to make this playground truly handicapped accessible for all hand capped children, not just my son. Something more has to be done to help handicapped children. If you're not in a wheelchair, you would never understand what it is like to see other children who are able to walk, run, and play on a playground while you just sit there riding around in circles in a wheelchair wondering, When am I going to be able to do something with those kids? We have been to playgrounds that are accessible for disabled children in wheelchairs. No one is blaming the PTO, for they do not have a child who is handicapped and no one knows until they have one what it is like for someone to be in a chair and have to watch other children play right there in front of you. David and I are going to do something about it, though not just for our son Gage, but for other children to feel comfortable and have fun too.

We have raised the expectations on the fundraiser to \$500. Last year we raised \$670 for the school, and I believe we can do that again. I do want everyone to know that we will be doing our fundraiser on 23-ounce Home Décor candles, which are at the incredible price of \$9.99 for the school with \$1.00 being donated for each one we sell. We will also sell scarecrows starting at 63 cents and Home Interiors products throughout the store at unbelievable prices; for these items we will donate 10% through September 22. Also, for each mum we sell we will donate 50 cents to \$1.00, depending on the size. For each perennial we will donate 25 cents to \$1.00.

I know we can do this! Everyone in the community knows Gage and loves Gage, so come by and make a personal donation to the cause and we will be happy to give you a computer-printed receipt to write it off on taxes. You do not have to make a purchase—You can make a donation.

Moon Lake School has come a long way in the years Gage has been going there; now it is time to get a playground that he and other handicapped children can enjoy, just as the other children do. Come help support Moon Lake School!

From the Editor: Cheryl L. Baker requested that all of her articles not be edited in any way and run exactly as they are written. We have run exactly as it was written.

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Church News

By Evelyn Graves



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

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

The **Valley Head Methodist Church** Sunday Worship is at 10 AM. Pastor is Wayne Nesbitt. Everyone is welcome to attend the services.

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: 9:30-10:45AM. Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; 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. Rd 239 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45AM; Morning Worship is at 11AM; Evening Worship is at 6PM; Wednesday Night Prayer service is at 6PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30AM each Sunday; and Communion services at 5PM on Tuesdays.

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

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

Anyone interested in observing the **Sabbath and Holy Days**, call 845-2246 for time and location.

Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland begins at 10AM (EST), and the Menlo service begins at 11:15AM (EST).

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.

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

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

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

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

Mentone Community Church Sunday School 10AM; Sunday Worship 10:45AM; Sunday evening service 6:30PM. Wednesday evening service 6:30PM with Bible study and Teen class. Nursery provided for all services. Pastor Rick Haworth welcomes all.

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

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

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

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Pastor Les Brown welcomes everyone. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 11AM in the fellowship hall and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30PM, subject to change due to scheduling.

Moon Lake Baptist Church welcomes you. The Sunday schedule is: Bible study 9:45AM; Morning Worship - 11AM; Children's Choir Practice - 4:30PM; Youth Choir, Disciple-ship Training & YGAs - 5PM; Evening Worship - 5PM; Adult Choir Practice - 7PM; Wednesday: Team Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study - 6:30PM. Young Women's Prayer & Share Group meets each Wednesday evening at 5:30PM.

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

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship, Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer Time. Located at 4212 County Road 751. 635-1001.

The **Fort Payne Christian Center** and Pastor Ken & Elaine Holleman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10AM. Wednesday Evening at 6:00 PM. God Bless you.

Cove Road Baptist Church, Co.Rd. 631, Mentone, invites you to Homecoming Sunday, September 12th. Sunday School at 9AM. Church Service 10AM with special speaker Bro. James Braddy of Trion, Georgia. Dinner and Singing will follow morning service. No service Sunday Evening. Revival will be Monday, Sept. 13, through Wednesday, Sept. 15th, with Bro. James Braddy.



St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church
Mentone, Alabama

Announces

that there will be a Sunday School kickoff on September 12, at 9:15AM. Cheryl Baker, teacher of Kindergarten - 6th grade at **St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain** invites all children in these age groups to attend and enjoy refreshments and games. For further information, call Cheryl at 634-4038.



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

COMMUNITY CALENDARS

The Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library is now selling Community Calendars for the year 2005. If you bought a 2004 calendar you know what fun it has been to surprise friends and family with cards or phone calls on their "special day".

The purchase of a calendar for \$5.00 allows you to list the Birth Date (month and day only, you will not be revealing your age!), and Wedding Anniversary of each member of your **immediate** household. (If you want to list married children, grandchildren, or grandparents you will need to buy a separate calendar for their home.) You may indicate if a listing is for a member of the Armed Forces (S), or if it is in Memory (M) of a loved one. Groups or organizations may list their meeting dates for \$5.00. All listings appear on all calendars.

If you are interested in advertising your business or group, please contact one of the Library Board members for details.

The calendars will cover the dates January 1 - December 31, 2005 and will be delivered late in December 2004.

If you wish to purchase a calendar and have not been contacted, or have questions regarding the calendars, please contact a member of the Library Board. Or you may complete the form below, and mail it with your check or money order (please, no cash through the mail) to the address below. If you live outside Mentone and your calendar is to be mailed to you, please include \$2.00 postage and handling (a total of \$7.00). Orders must be received **no later than September 15!**

We appreciate your support and look forward to providing Community Calendars in the coming years.

Board Members: Jan Wilkinson, Linda Brown, Gene Giles, Sue Schwarz, Diane Kuehl, Judy Dowait, Marilyn Mathews

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Community Calendar

Subscriber's Name _____	Birthday Month _____	Day _____
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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

The writer said trust in the Lord with all thine heart, not just the part we seem to understand. God always knows what's best. God's ways are not our ways, so we need to acknowledge Him in all our ways. We need His directions. We cannot find the way without Him. Trust Him with all thy heart.

COME ONE, COME ALL

Please Participate in the
Mentone Clean-Up Day
Saturday September 25th
9 am @ Mentone Inn

If you are unable to come,
please make an effort to
clean up the area around
your home or neighborhood.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday, Sept. 6, Labor Day Holiday ● Sunday, Sept. 12, Grandparents' Day ● Monday, Sept. 13, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public ● Tuesday, Sept. 14, 12:30PM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House ● Tuesday, Sept. 14, 7 PM, American Legion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hall, Post 215 Meeting ● Wednesday, Sept. 22, Autumn Begins ● Thursday, Sept. 23, 4PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public September (during the month of) Celebration of 120 years of Mentone Springs Hotel (see front page) Oct 15, 16, & 17, OCTOBER COLORFEST |
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