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FINALLY HOME

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2Timothy 4:7)

Ruby Lorene King Brock

September 27, 1919 - August 2, 2005
Mentone

Ruby Lorene King Brock, 85, of Mentone, went to be with the Lord early Tuesday morning, August 2, 2005, at DeKalb-Baptist Medical Center following several illnesses.

Funeral and memorial services were held August 4, at Burt Funeral Home Chapel in Valley Head with Bishop Fred Fischer Sr., General Overseer of the Church of God of Prophecy and the Rev. Olen Crowe officiating. Burial followed at Bankhead Cemetery.

Ruby Brock was a pioneer in the Pentecostal movement and women in ministry. She served the Church of God of Prophecy in Alabama, Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee from 1937 until she retired from appointment in 1986. She and her husband served five years as directors at Tomlinson Home for children in Cleveland, Tenn.

She was a regular contributor to The Groundhog newspaper of Mentone in a column called, "God's Minute." She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Raymond Brock, who pastored in Dekalb County for many years.

She is survived by her son, the Rev. Don Brock of Collinsville, and his wife Yvonne; two granddaughters, Connie and Devin McElhaney, of Valley Head, and Donna and Dave Vest of Cleveland, TN; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Richard King of Hamilton, Paul King of Gardendale, and Joel King of Mentone; one sister, Lucille Crowe, of Mentone; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She will be missed by family and friends, and the many lives which were touched by this spiritual lady. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Donations may be made to the Ruby Brock Memorial Fund at Citizen's Bank in Valley Head (or sent to the family) to help cover medical expenses.



Ruby Lorene King Brock

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long as I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as far a fair
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how many leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood and I---
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

[Sister Brock sang the following song to almost everyone who came to visit.]

Mansion in the Sky

This plane I'm riding, they say it's leaving,
For a place where we'll never die,
And the pilot will be my Jesus
To the mansion in the sky.

(Chorus):

Now don't be grieving, because I'm leaving,
And don't cry when I say good-bye.
There'll be no weeping, where I'm going,
To my mansion in the sky.

The plane I'm riding, will be returning,
Some sweet day Lord, by and by,
So get ready to go with Jesus,
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MAPA MEETING

The Mentone Area Preservation Association met at 6:30PM, August 2, at the fellowship hall of the Church of God of Prophecy. Present were Dessie Brown, Dot Crow, Greg Coe, Marie Dillenbeck, Page Cunningham, Evelyn Graves, Bernise Crow, Homer Crow, Lucille Crowe, Joanne Crowe, Leroy Crowe, Dorothy Shelden, Amelia Lolli, and the speaker, Sid Holcomb, President of the DeKalb County Commission.

President Dessie Brown called the meeting to order and Dot Crow gave the invocation. It was sadly announced that Ruby Brock passed away this morning.

There were no minutes of the July meeting as it was the annual picnic.

Greg Coe, Treasurer, requested a delay in making a report as the bank statements had not come in.

Sid Holcomb was introduced as the speaker and he gave the members an update on the projects going on throughout DeKalb County. Setting of the budget was one topic, and he stressed that the primary topic at a recent meeting was how to save money by consolidating jobs where one employee could do the work that two had been doing.

Mr. Holcomb mentioned the new projects that had been completed such as the paving of the Valley Head to Fort Payne road. County Road 89 toward the Ponderosa Camp has been widened and the height of the road raised. Residents on the road were asked if they would donate money to assist in the paving of the road, and the response was great. He said that neighbors who want roads to be paved can get together and if they agree, they can put in money to pave the roads.

Two years ago the county donated money to the Town of Mentone to help with a sidewalk and improvements to the intersection of CR 89 and AL117. Wade Gap is being widened and cherted and hopefully will be paved by the end of the year.



Clean up DeKalb County is a new project. It is important to find out who is dumping all this trash and notify Sherry Johnson, who will be able to take the necessary steps to go after those who are doing the dumping. If anyone sees the dumping on the roadside, they can contact her.

The new county jail is costing millions. The Federal Judges have shut down some jails.

The new jail will be a modern facility and will have a system where once a person comes into the jail, the person will not get out until his time is up and visitation will be by computer only - no physical contact.

Interviews of prisoners will be by computer. The jail will have a court room and a judge will have court at the jail. The crystal meth problem is widespread and will have to be addressed and a drug court is being considered.

Mr. Holcomb said he knew the members would be interested in the status of the bridges, and made a call to ALDOT before he came to the meeting. The bids on the Whitley Bridge area will be let in November 2005, and the Skyline Bridge will be in April 2006.

The members thanked Mr. Holcomb for coming and speaking.

President Dessie Brown then called for new business and said that members would be asked to serve on various committees: budget, bylaws, festival, refreshment, membership, and brochure. It is necessary to contact the State of Alabama and apply for a grant to do the updated brochures.

Page Cunningham had a list of items to consider for the upcoming Colorfest on October 15 and 16. After a discussion, Page made a motion not to put flyers in the newspapers. Dot Crow seconded the motion, which passed.

Cotaco Creek Band of Somerville, AL, will be coming back to the festival to help with the entertainment. Homer agreed to go to Peaks Corner for another quilt.

Bernise made a motion to adjourn to have refreshments.

~Notice~

Mrs. Kathryn McDorman would like her friends to know that she will be in Mentone on September 12. She is looking forward to speaking with her old friends.

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The 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.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at our new time: 9AM. Help us welcome our new pastor, Jimmy Hall, and his wife, Ruth.

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. 635-2002.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alpine Community Church, 1115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Homecoming Sept. 18, 2005; Special singers and groups. Summerville Group from Summerville, GA. The Mountain Boys from Fort Payne, AL. 11:00 Georgia Time, Sept. 18, 2005. Pastor Rev. Tommy Pledger.

Presbyterian Church Worship Service at Cloudland begins at 10AM (EST), and the **Menlo** Worship 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.

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

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Leroy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. 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 Worship-11AM. Wednesday evening service-6:30PM with Bible study and Teen class. Nursery provided for all services. Senior Pastor Rev. Rick Haworth and Youth Pastor Ryan Haworth welcome 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 Randall Beagles welcomes all.

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

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Pastor Les Brown welcomes everyone.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites everyone to attend Sunday School at 9:45AM, Sunday Worship at 11AM, Discipleship Training at 5PM, and Sunday evening worship at 6PM. Sunday evening Bible Study for children and youth is at 5PM, and an Adult Special Studies class is being taught for those who prefer the study to Discipleship Training at 5PM. A membership class is also available at 5PM, taught by Dr. Bill Russell, Pastor. Wednesday evening prayer service is at 6:30, with children and youth activities at 6:30PM, also.

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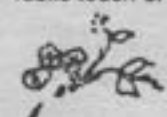
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GRANDMOTHER AND THE BIG BAD WOLF

By John Baty

As I write, she is driving me home North along I-59. I am thinking of the fable of Little Red Riding Hood, and the way I recall it, when L.R.R.H. reached Grandmother's house, she found that the wolf had swallowed the Grandmother and was in her bed. (Forgive me if I misread the past.) I don't recall if the wolf were sick to the stomach as in the "Noah and the Fish" fable, but I believe they cut open the wolf and retrieved the Grandmother. It having been a long while since I read the story, I cannot remember who the "They" were that opened up the wolf. But I have wondered. But this past Saturday, I had my memory refreshed: "They" were a couple of Gadsden surgeons named Newman, and instead of removing Grandmother, it was a handful of grape hulls which stopped midway and refused to budge. She told me that I would get a bellyache if I ate too many. That proved to be the understatement of the summer.

We wish to thank Linda Brown, a long-time friend, for her write-up of my book *Long Ago and Far Away*. We appreciate it, Linda.

The further we drive, the more interesting some scrambled eggs become. I don't eat them as a rule, but to assuage my little-boy pride and retrieve me from self-reproach, I think I may ask her to stop up Fort Payne way and order a couple hard-scrambled and maybe a little Sawmill gravy and

National Grandparent's Day

In 1970, a West Virginia housewife, Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, initiated a campaign to set aside a special day just for Grandparents. Through concerted efforts on the part of civic, business, church, and political leaders, this campaign expanded statewide. Senator Jennings Randolph (D-WV) was especially instrumental in the project. The first Grandparents Day was proclaimed in 1973 in West Virginia by Governor Arch Moore. Also in 1973, Senator Randolph introduced a Grandparents Day resolution in the United States Senate. The resolution languished in committee.

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Dr. Fred Kelly
Named MCIS Dept. Head

By Randy Wilson, JSU News Bureau

Dr. Fred Kelly of Birmingham, professor of computer science and mathematics, will become the next head of the Department of Mathematics, Computing, and Information Sciences at Jacksonville State University.

Kelly will assume the position on Sept. 1. The post is being vacated by Mrs. Martha McCormick, who is retiring effective Sept. 1 with 21 years of service. She became department head in 1987.

Kelley has served in the MCIS department from 1990 until 1996 and from 1998 until present. He has taught a variety of courses in mathematics and computer science at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

In addition, Kelley taught at Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane Morocco, from 1997 to 1998 and at Samford University from 1974-86. He holds a doctorate in mathematics with a major in complex analysis, a master's in mathematics, and a bachelor's in mathematics, all from the University of Alabama. In addition, he earned 30 graduate hours in computer science at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and at JSU.

Kelley serves on numerous university and departmental committees and is chair of the computer science search committee and travel committee. Kelley participates in campus organizations such as the Phi Beta Kappa graduate fellowship, the Alumni Association, and the International House Program.



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**Country
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 By
BERNISE CROW

August has been a very hot, humid month, a little more than usual. It's been a month of sorting things and trying to dispose of loads of stuff we will never use. All of us are collectors of one thing or another. Doreen has been sorting through many things that Joyce had here, and Gregg has been trying to rearrange and give to other family members things at their home in Columbia, South Carolina. It makes us realize how much accumulation we have that nobody wants. Many of my collections were planned to leave to our children, and it's too late to give Joyce her share. She was one who enjoyed giving better than receiving, anyway. Doreen is still with us, and that is a blessing. She has helped Homer clean up two garages and dispose of many things. Homer rented a dumpster and filled it pretty well. I didn't dare look inside, afraid of what they dumped! Anyway, I will never miss those things. Homer had so much left over from the big yard sale that he is planning another one here at the house soon. Maybe our kids won't have too much to dispose of later.

The 450-mile yard sale must have been very successful. Mentone was crowded with many vendors and crowds of visitors. I was not able to get out and shop like I'd like to have done, but I enjoyed sitting under our canopy and visiting with people at our sale. Some of them have become friends from coming to past sales. One lady bought a set of Homer Laughlin dishes from us last year, and she came by this year to tell us how much she had enjoyed them.

Our large hibiscus plants were full of burgundy and pink blooms during the yard sale, and the shoppers were fascinated with them. If we had dug up any of them and put them in pots, we could have sold several! Many thanks to Ernest Smith for giving us those plants about ten years ago. Most people have the smaller variety and could not believe these dinner-plate blooms were hibiscus. They grow together in large clumps, and it's hard to dig out a single plant. We will dig up a whole clump and divide it in the fall or early spring.

We gave arum lily plants and phlox to some of our visitors. One lovely couple said they always named

their plants after the person who gave them to them, so after Homer gave them an arum lily, Doreen told them they had "Homer Lilies!"

Right now I'm upstairs writing this article, and can look down on the phlox and butterfly bushes, and the colorful butterflies are going from one bloom to the other. It's a pleasure to watch them. It's hard to decide which is prettier--the flowers or the butterflies. I believe children call the butterflies "flying flowers." Not a bad name.

It is nice to have a produce stand in Mentone, now. We have needed one ever since Granny Bain passed away years ago. Everyone who came visiting the mountain enjoyed shopping with her for fresh vegetables and fruit. At this new market across from the Mentone Market, one can get a good assortment of vegetables, including watermelons.

And the Dollar General store in Valley Head is good for all those things that we ordinarily drive to Fort Payne to purchase. They have nice greeting cards for fifty cents, and good cosmetics, breakfast foods, milk, linens, nice towels, and gift items.

My shop has not been open much this year because of illness, but we are still there and open Saturdays and Sundays. I have missed being there and meeting visitors to our town. Some of my best friends are those I've met at the Crow's Nest in the Hitching Post. Our old apple tree is loaded again this year, but they are the most tart apples I've ever tasted! They are good for stewing or for making pies.

Summer is almost gone, and the warm weather will be over soon. September is here and fall is in the air! The wonderful autumn colors will give our mountain a glow through most of November.

Page Cunningham has taken the job of chairing the Colorfest in October, and he is working at making a great one, with help from everyone. Greg Coe will help him, but Greg is building a house and trying to sell two houses in Birmingham, and felt too overworked to handle the job of chairperson. Homer and I went to Sand Mountain and got a nice handmade quilt for the raffle. The MAPA president, Dessie Brown, has it on display at the Dessie's Kountry Chef, if you would like to purchase tickets.

I would like to thank everyone who brought us food and sent beautiful cards of sympathy after the death of our daughter Joyce in July. It does give one a lift when so many friends take the time to send a card or a letter. Joyce loved the people here, and she said she liked to be here in Mentone because she felt loved and accepted. I have filled a scrapbook with cards, and some days we go through it and read them again. God bless all of you for your kind words and your prayers.

Wedding Announcement



Kelly Roth and Nevin Patton

Kelly Roth and Nevin Patton of Brooklyn, NY, announce they will be married on September 17th at St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church. Parents of the bride are David and Linda Roth of Webster, SD. Parents of the groom are Nevin and Rena Patton of Richmond Hill, GA.

Kelly is a 1991 graduate of Basic High School in Henderson, NV. She received a bachelor's degree in theater arts from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in 1996, and is currently pursuing her master's degree in public administration from the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University. She is a human resources specialist at Credit Suisse First Boston, an investment banking firm in New York.

Nevin is a 1993 graduate of Darlington School in Rome, GA. He received bachelor's degrees in history and philosophy from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, in 1997. He is employed by Fidessa, a financial services company.

The ceremony will be followed by a reception of dinner, music, and dancing. The reception will take place at the groom's family's home here in Mentone.

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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Goldenrod

By L. C. Moon

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 golden 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 allergy flare up. Goldenrod's pollen can cause 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 Herbalogy of North America by Alma R. Hutchens. Hutchens 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 vigaurea* 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

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 drank 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 drank 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. They also 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 contain dry leaves and flowers of goldenrod and are in the form of tincture according to Indian Herbalogy of North America. Homeopathic practitioners recommend goldenrod for croup, deafness, gout, leukorrhea, enlarged prostate, and scanty or suppressed urine.

Goldenrod is often used as medicine but there are still more uses for *Solidago missouriensis*. It 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. If you are having allergy problems that you attribute to Goldenrod or otherwise I now have Lookout Mountain Local Honey available at my store Mountain Life/LC Moon Herbs in the heart of Mentone.

***For more information on edible and medicinal plants call or write- P.O. Box 224 Mentone, AL 35984, Email- LCMoon03@aol.com or call (256)634-3333.

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on August 9, 2005 at the MERF Community House. President, Gethryn Giles, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Gethryn gave the devotional and prayed the blessing. Sue Schwarz led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Lucette Dix, Virginia Setze and Martha Wood served refreshments to seventeen members and one visitor, Barbara Nelson. Barbara is the mother of Martha Wood and a flower show judge. Barbara prepared the table arrangements for the meeting. She had taken advantage of the abundance of available wild flowers and had used many of them in the designs. The members gave her a round of applause to thank her for her contribution to the meeting.

Gethryn introduced the speaker for the day, Sue Schwarz. Sue is a member of the club and also writes a cooking article each month for The Groundhog publication. She had chosen a topic to illustrate her expertise in both areas, Herb Vinegars and Oils. Sue said to choose your container, either functional or decorative, and place a goodly amount of herbs in it. Heat oil or vinegar to just below boiling point, fill container and seal. These vinegars and oils can be used to flavor salads and other dishes. To prepare herb butter, soften ½ cup of butter and stir in one tablespoon of chopped, fresh herbs. This can be used as a spread for bread or crackers or to add flavor to any dish using butter. As a special treat, Sue had prepared several different herb butters and passed them to the members to taste.

The business meeting resumed with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by Linda Brown, secretary, and the presentation of the treasurer's report by Sue Ann Jones.

Committee reports were called for by President Giles and the following reports were given by the chairs of their respective committee.

Martha Wood, Horticulture, urged the use of wild flowers in arrangements as there are so many available now. Some may need to be conditioned by immersing them in warm water and leaving them for several hours.

Dorothy Cyr, Conservation, stated that the club had earned two scholarships with the collection of used printer cartridges. Her tip of the month was, "Driving five miles under the speed limit at all times will reduce your gas consumption by 10 percent."

President Giles read a letter from Jackie Quisenberry, president of The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc. in response to the letter containing the information gathered by Harriett Lillich on her visit to the different gardens supported by The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.

Mary Ellen Fielder, Virginia Setze and Shirley Hessel were appointed to prepare a design to be entered in a competition to be held at the Mentone Springs Hotel on September 1 and 2. Our club will construct the design to be placed on the glove table by the back entrance.

As a reminder of the upcoming VFW Fair and Flower Show, a sign up sheet to work and prepare the room for the show was passed among the members.

Barbara Bialock was the recipient of the hostess gift and the meeting was declared adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the club will be September 13 at Nippersink Lodge at 12:30 p.m. The speaker for the day will be Lois Fuller, Award Winner of Flower Designs and member of Ider Garden Club.

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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September Drama

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Dry flies and Crickets join final roundelay,
Bob White gaily whistles at strutting Blue Jay,
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The Deer swiftly races, kicks high their heels
In pure exuberance at freedom each feels,
The cute Chipmunk appears, each scene it steals
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The raindrops clatter in spatter of applause,
All nature performing in a worthy cause,
The seasons change scenery with hardly a pause,
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---Eloise Brown

This "September Drama" poem by Eloise Brown ran in the September 2003 issue of The Groundhog, and the editors wanted to share it again with the readers in honor of her memory.

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THE LABOR CLASS

By Albert Jackson

It has been my intent for quite some time to write this, but just kept putting it off. I've learned an awful lot in my near ninety three years of life, but it seems like I still do some things that I learned not to do many years ago. One is not to keep putting things off until tomorrow. Tomorrow is a thief, waiting to steal away the things we could have today, but we just keep saying, "Oh, I will do it tomorrow." You know how it goes.

Anyway, this is what I started out to say. I have been reading so much lately in the papers and hearing on TV, written and spoken, by would-be experts, or politicians, with all the rhetoric and "hoopla", about things of which they know little or nothing. It seems like we have more "experts" than anything else.

I hear the politicians talk about the upper class, and the middle class. But wouldn't common sense tell anyone that if there is an upper class, and a middle class, that there has to be a lower class? It seems like they can't think very well.

The "lower class" is the class that makes everything. Without this class, there would be nothing. Every one of us should look at it this way.

Nothing in this world comes from nowhere, or goes nowhere. Everything has a beginning, a time of existence, and an end. Everything that is not of natural existence, like a blade of grass, a weed, a tree, etc., is of no value to mankind in its natural state, but takes on value only by the expenditure of human effort. It requires human effort to draw the air you need into your lungs, and effort to swallow the water you drink, or the food you eat.

Everything that you see, cars, trains, houses, buildings, skyscrapers, roads, mansions, and the millions of other structures, etc., It could go on and on. Just think about it. All of these things have come about only by one thing: labor of the mind, body of mankind. Without the labor of man, there would be nothing. We would still be living as cavemen.

I am talking about the lower class, the laboring class, the class that all politicians in all their rhetoric should be talking to. They are the class that makes this world. They are the class that does most of the voting. Everyone should keep this foremost in their mind. LABOR, LABOR, LABOR. Think of this on LABOR DAY.



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HOUSE APPROVES \$800,000 FOR TALLADEGA MOUNTAINS NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

Pete Conroy, director of JSU's Environmental Policy Information Center (EPIC), reported that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved \$800,000 for construction of JSU's Talladega Mountains Natural Resource Center.

The House passed H.R.3, the Conference Report to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which includes the \$800,000.

Conroy said, "Finally, the concept of linking Alabama's 'deepest canyon to highest mountains' is becoming more realistic through the simultaneous construction of this center and the Little River Canyon center in DeKalb County. Now it is time to be thinking about our developing partnerships, further planning, and details that will follow."

The project's mission is to advance the cause of natural resource protection, tourism, and public education through the construction of a JSU-owned center that coordinates with multiple partners.

Project Synopsis

- The TMNRC is proposed as a facility for a variety of partners all focused on natural resource protection, management, promotion, and education.

- Located near I-20, on U.S. Forest Service land, it will serve as a gateway to this region's forests, parks, and trails.

- Phase I, a USDA Forest Service administrative facility, was funded through the agency (\$810K), and construction is nearly complete.

- Phase II will include space for the local, state, and federal partners.

- The facility will also serve as an evening extension campus of JSU for Heflin-area remedial students.

"Thanks go to Congressman Mike Rogers and his staff, for their lead efforts in making this happen. Additional thanks go to U.S. Senators Jeff Sessions and Richard Shelby for their efforts and dedication to this project," Conroy said.





EAGLE COURT OF HONOR FOR EAGLE SCOUT DANIEL HUGHES

An Eagle Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Daniel Hughes will be held Sunday, September 25, 2005, at Comer Scout Reservation in Mentone. The ceremony will take place at 5:00 p.m., with a reception following in the camp dining hall.

Daniel earned the rank of Eagle Scout on June 22, 2005.

He is a member of Troop 106 in Mentone. He joined the troop in December 2001. Daniel attended SET (Scout Enhancement Training) at Camp Red Mill in December 2001, where he was introduced to scouting basics and the patrol method. He has been active in Troop 106, attending Junior Leadership Training and Summer Camp at Comer Scout Reservation. He has also served as a staff member at Cub Scout Day Camp and Cub Haunted Weekends from 2002 to 2005. He became a member of The Order of the Arrow in May 2004.

Daniel is a freshman and an honor student at Fort Payne High School. He is a member of Mount Hermon Baptist Church in Pine Ridge.

Daniel has earned 23 merit badges, truck transportation, pulp and paper, fishing, first aid, environmental science, camping, citizenship in the world, electricity, communications, citizenship in the nation, metal work, family life, personal fitness, personal management, emergency preparedness, scholarship, swimming, art, crime prevention, law, shotgun shooting, leatherwork, and citizenship in the community. His Eagle project was a landscaping and beautification project at his church.

In Memory

Special thoughts of my father, Herman Jones, who passed away a year ago this month. I miss his sweet smile, his humor, and his good advice!

Evelyn Graves

A YARD SALE MEMORY

By Charla Hermann

Each night when I get home, I empty my change purse into a large jar. As the coins begin to bulge and drip over the edges, I begin to fill another. I am always hoping that by August, I will have at least a dozen of them, tucked into the back of my closet. There they sit waiting for August, and the longest yard sale. Pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters, squirming inside the crevices of the Kerr jar, awaiting release on a hot summer's day.

Like hundreds of others, I plan my yard sale days to a precision. My cooler is packed with energizing snacks and bottles of water. The ice will get added, each day to keep the fruit and my baggies of hand towels, fresh and cool. Can't remember who taught me about the wet towel in a baggie, but I am forever grateful. That person, along with the kind folks who place port-a-johns along the way, are always remembered as I plan this event like a vacation to a far away country. The annual event is highlighted as a time to gather my daughters and girl friends and treasure hunt the mountain.

Last year, I decided to see the world from the other side of the table, as I joined the Mentone ladies who book tables months in advance. I worked my way through my home and storage shed and gathered lots of out-grown goodies, and well, yes, quite a few treasures that probably were now being recycled back into their yard sale home.

As I packed the boxes and gathered folding tables, I picked up Grandpa's old Stetson hat. Still in its original container from my 1950s childhood, it looked dust free and new. I took it out and held its memories. I ran my fingers along the brim, the way he did, and mounted it upon my head. It toppled over my ears with no fit, whatsoever, but only the smell of his mint Schnapps and hair oil. I placed it in the stack, somewhat reluctantly, but knowing it would never leave that box and was simply taking up space in my closet. I promised Grandpa, in my heart, that I would send it off to a good home.

With clothing racks gleaming and tables all lined up to display my treasures, I carefully placed Grandpa's hat right in the middle of my set up, and waited. As the sun came up over the mountain and the cars began the "drive by" shopping, I pulled the hat out and placed it on top of its box. Like Merlin's magic cap, it seemed to be the reason so many stopped to talk to me.

Men would pick up the hat with a quiet respect. As though it were a crown resting atop a Sacred shrine, they would carefully lift it up and hold it gathering their own memories from its open vessel. Stories of their father or grandfather's own Stetson were shared throughout the day. Fathers would take their young sons over and tell them about getting their first Stetson for a family wedding, funeral, or for Easter. They told about the "Sunday-go-to-meeting" hat that gave them a special distinction. The well-dressed preacher snapped his suspenders with pride as he attempted to try it on. The farmer stroked the felt, and the hippie popped it on with a tilt and a giggle. For two days, this hat gathered men of every size, color and shape. All of them with a story.

The fact that I wasn't selling much of anything did not bother me. The hat was truly my treasure. It felt like Cinderella's slipper, awaiting its prince to wear it home. The stories, the precious moments shared

were well worth the price of the table rental. Almost every person that stopped had something to say about that one, single hat.

At one point, I realized it had been a full hour since anyone had stopped at my table. It seemed that someone had put the hat in the box and closed the lid. I reverently reopened it and placed it back on display. Within minutes, a dutiful husband was marched over to try it on. He backed off a moment, and then, like every other man, began to share a family story with his children. "How much is it?" he asked. I had not put a price on it, and he could not figure out how to make an offer. He shrugged and smiled, "I would only be buying a memory. I wouldn't be wearing it or nothing," he added as he gathered his children and moseyed on.

On Sunday, men in suits walked over from the church. They smiled so big, as they shared stories of their own memories. Fiddle players and dance halls, joined the memories of hay rides and the return after war. I had never realized that a Stetson hat heralded such a rite of passage. I had now become even more attached to it. I found myself remembering my own Great Grandpa's pride of his hat. His cane in one hand and his hat in the other. God help the person who tried to knock it off or speak of how short he was when he removed it. That hat had been his crown. A short man, he always seemed to grow a foot taller when it was on his head!

Just as I decided not to sell my treasure, two old farmers approached. Both in bibs and covered with the morning hay. The oldest reached forward wiping his calloused hands before touching it. He offered it to his brother, who reached with his only hand, the other lost in a tractor blade in his youth, it seems. The two of them pulled up a bench and held the hat quietly. They stroked the brim over and over and spoke in a silent language of desire. Rubbing the inner brim with torn up fingers, there was a gentle smile on his face. He caressed the crown and admired the flawless box. He walked away twice and shrugged as he got in his beat up pick up truck. I contemplated following him to give him the hat as a gift, when I noticed that he had returned.

"Couldn't leave without my hat," he mumbled and blushed. I took his \$5.00 bill and told him he looked like a prince. He swaggered away with it on his head, as though he, too, had found his yard sale treasure.

I'm busy filling my jars for next year. Not sure I could ever top the magic hat, but willing to go out looking for my own special crowning moment at the world's longest yard sale.

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

by Linda Brown

The Book Sale at the library was a huge success! The amount of profit was considerably more than most of us thought it would be. These funds will be put to very good use in the library. We are presently buying material for more bookshelves. We help to pay for the electricity during the summer months. We are always needing to replenish our supply of materials to cover and prepare books for shelving. We bought the copier in the library and maintain the contract for repairs to it. The list of things that are needed never ends. When we organized the community part of the library, no one thought it would take so much to keep it operating for the community to use.

This brings me to another aspect of the library that is necessary to keep it running. That is, the work of the volunteers and the hours that they log. The hours spent on the Book Sale will boggle your mind if you start to think about it. Usually the books were brought to the desk or the drop box, from there they had to be carried to the closet and stored on the correct shelves. Before the time for the sale arrived, we had books in the closet, under the window seats and just about anywhere we could put them. Now comes the task of sorting them and getting them ready to display for our FRIENDS. We put them on the tables inside the library and let the FRIENDS have a chance to look at them and buy. This is one of the ways we try to show them how much they are appreciated. After this all of the books are taken outside under the porch and displayed for the Longest Yard Sale patrons.

The work doesn't end here. Someone has to stay with the books during sale hours to help the customer and take the money. Here is where our volunteers are called upon again. We tried to limit each shift to two hours but sometimes people would still be looking and we would always stay open for them. I was working one of the shifts at the end of the day when a lady stopped by to, "just look." She stayed much longer than the time we had planned to stay open. She bought several books and as she was leaving she told me that she had some books she wanted to give us. Thinking that she meant some time in the future, I told her that we would be glad to have them. She went to her car and brought back four boxes of books and set them on the table! People are absolutely wonderful!! We were definitely better off because she came by.

I cannot begin to express my appreciation to the volunteers for all of their help. None of them ever refuse to do whatever needs to be done. When I make out the calendar for the month I don't call them first, I put their name on a day and send them a notice through the mail. If they can't do it on this date, they call me or sometimes just make arrangements to swap with someone. When I needed volunteers to keep the Book Sale, everyone told me the best time slot for them, and I made a schedule accordingly. We have a wonderful group of people who make our library the successful venture that it is. My thanks to all of you!!

Don't forget to order your Birthday Calendars. Again this year, we will sell them for \$5.00 each. All of the orders must be to our editor by the second week of September, so get your order in now. Marilyn Mathews puts the information for the calendar on her computer and then mails it to the printer. None of the other members of the Board of Directors can even

imagine trying to do this. Marilyn puts in many hours organizing the material, getting it in the computer and then getting it to the printer by the deadline. Many thanks to Marilyn for her willingness to take on this major task. This is our main fund raiser for each year.

The members of the Board of Directors decided to continue to open the library at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. This will not be a change from the summer schedule, but always before we would change with school starting. This continuation of early hours will give parents an opportunity to visit the library as they pick up their students from school.

One of the words in the title of this column is "libs." When I started writing this account of the happenings of the library, I found that lib means word. Therefore, I think that this next paragraph might be acceptable even if it's not about the library. I have found that I think about words a lot. All of us think in words, but I think about words. What they mean, why they are used, where they originated, when they were first used and many other questions.

This must be a trait that I inherited from my Cochran side of the family. My grandfather was a preacher. Mostly, he traveled and preached for revivals. Revivals, at least back then, were mainly to get new converts to whatever religion was sponsoring the revival. It was said that Granddaddy used such big words in his sermons that people came to the altar out of total confusion!

Recently, I was going through some of the papers left by my dad and found a mailing from a person who may be a distant Cochran cousin of mine. She had written an essay and sent a copy to Dad. The title is, Went in Sane and Went Insane. She had written it during a stay in the psychiatric ward of a nursing home. Many of her experiences were hard to believe but who knows what really happens in such places. I don't know this lady, but it seems that she was advanced in age when she wrote this. One quote that I like is, "I feel great. I can do anything I want to, the problem is getting me to want to." The essay was ten pages of small print, the love of words must run in the family.

So must a sense of humor, she sent a copy of a letter from a Hambersham County mother to her daughter and the salutation of the letter is: Dear Son. Marie and Evelyn would not print parts of the letter, but here are some of my favorite quotes. "I'm writing this real slow cause I know you can't read very fast." "You know the coat you wanted me to send you? Well, Aunt Sue said it would be too heavy to mail with them heavy buttons on it, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets." "Your Uncle John fell in the whiskey vat. Some men tried to pull him out, but he fought them off, so he drowned. We cremated him and he burned for three days."

I have heard this one before, but enjoyed it again. To use this as a joke on your least favorite football team, you can put the team's name in the blank. "Three _____ students went off a bridge in a pickup truck. One was driving, the other two were in the back. The driver got out. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. The other two drowned. They couldn't get the tailgate down."

I hope that you enjoy these extra stories. I have a hard time being serious for very long.

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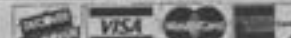
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(4) **BRAND NEW**, Weekend Getaway Cabin with 2 bedrooms 2 baths. Tin roof, Rocking Chair Porch. On a private wooded Acre. \$89,000.



(5) **FOR SALE:** 13 acres Large Garage Shop, 2 bedroom 2 bath Home, located on Hwy 117 in Mentone. Great Commercial potential. Pasture land and Wooded. Much More. \$200,000.



(6) **WEST FORK SUBDIVISION** 5.9 acres with 700 ft on the River. Trails throughout, Large Hardwoods, and abundance of Unique Foliage. Private yet only minutes from Mentone. \$78,000.



(7) **INVESTMENT PROPERTY** 2 bdrm 1 bath cottage in Mentone, with One acre. Needs some cosmetic work. Sold as-is. \$44,900



(8) **UNIQUE LOG, STONE AND CEDAR SHAKE LODGE.** Custom through and through, complete with Heart Pine Plank floors, Open Great Room with stone fireplace. Loft with built-in beds. Commercial kitchen with fireplace. French doors open to the sleeping porches and Master Bdrm. A must see, with so much to offer. Storage shop which can be turned into guest quarters. Small log cabin on the private 2.3 acres also. \$274,900.



(9) **GREAT STARTER HOME** on Lookout Mountain. 2 bdrm, 1 bath all appliances. Renovated, CH/A, plumbing, wiring, roof, and siding. In the country, but minutes from Ft. Payne. Ready to move in. \$62,000.



(10) **MINI FARM IN MENTONE.** Have your own horse and bring your fishing pole for the pond. Great pasture and 2-stall barn. Plus 3 Bdrm, 3 Bath Ranch style home nearly new. 2-car garage and shop. Open Living/Dining area, Kitchen with eat-in bar. Oak cabinets, all appliances. Covered front porch viewing the pasture, and Deck overlooking the pond. All this and more. \$175,000.



(11) **COTTAGE AND 9.25 ACRES.** 1 bdrm bath. Windows all across the front. Pasture, garden area, fruit trees, large Poplars for shade. Great for relaxing in the Mentone Area. \$112,000.



(11) **MOUNTAIN RIVER HOME,** enjoy the tranquility of Open Area Great Room, dining, kitchen combo. Fireplace, Master bed and bath on main level. 2 loft bedrooms and bath. Large deck overlooking river. Full basement, 2 car garage attached with breezeway, and much more. 3.45 acres. \$305,900.



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(13) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES.** Building Lots on the West Brow, North Ft. Payne. Restricted Covenants, and Owner Financing Available. Brow Lots starting at 15K. Wooded Lots at 8K. City Water.

(14) **CLOUDLAND, GA.** 2 wooded lots \$12,500 each. 2 Bluff lots, 3 acres each, for \$40,000 a piece. Rock bluffs with seasonal views.

(15) **OAKWOOD SUBDIVISION.** 3 acre tracts for \$17,500. Also all pasture tracts together containing 15 acres, city water, restricted. \$70,000.

(16) **ROCKY TOP ESTATES** 2 lots for the price of one. Beautifully wooded, adjoins DeSoto Park. Paved road, city water and power. Over 2 acres \$36,000.

(17) **12 ACRES** adjoining Little River National Preserve. Wooded Canyon across the street. Paved road on two sides. A must see and only minutes from convenient Ft. Payne. Priced \$10,000 an acre. Acreage determined by survey. Between Co Rd. 255 and Hwy 176. (Canyon Park Rd)

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North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Report

During this past month our volunteer fire department has responded to the following calls:

Activity Report:

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Brush Fire
Vehicle Accident
False Alarm
Natural Disaster
911 Response

Volunteer Firefighters do more than respond to fire calls. Here on Lookout Mt., in and around Mentone, they also respond to calls for help with traffic accidents and roadway obstructions. Often they have to use the Jaws of Life to remove injured occupants from vehicles. When trees fall across roadways, they are the first to arrive with chain saws to quickly clear the way. Both of these situations often occur at night in bad weather conditions with traffic control playing a big part in the work that has to be done. Obviously this puts Firefighters at risk for personal injury.

Here are some ways you can help Firefighters safely respond to these calls:

- Do not follow the dispatched trucks
- Cooperate with Firefighters in their effort to direct traffic
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News from the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation

◆Senior lunches begin again on Wednesday, September 28. All senior citizens are welcome to come to the Community House to share some wonderful food and fellowship. Lunch is served at 11:30 am. If your church group, community group or group of friends would like to help host a lunch, please contact Sue Henry or Sarah Wilcox.

◆MERF is working with Moon Lake principle, Dr. Bill Berry, to provide individual tutors for certain Moon Lake Elementary students. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Dr. Berry or Joyce Smith.

◆The MERF sponsored Book Club continues to meet at the Community House on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. Call Kathy McMunn for more information.

◆The annual Health Fair is scheduled on Wednesday, November 2 at the Boy Scout facility. It will begin at 12:30, following the senior lunch. We will have flu shots available.

◆Look for the new MERF t-shirts on sale at local businesses. The proceeds go to help fund the many MERF projects.

◆A big "thank you" to good Samaritan Gary Jones for repairing our Community House sign. The sign was broken in half and required extensive repair and repainting. We appreciate Gary's generous donation of his time and talents!

It's a beautiful girl!



Emma Campbell Crawford

Emma Campbell Crawford was born on Sunday, August 21, 2005, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham. She weighed 7lbs & 13oz and was 21 inches long.

Emma Campbell is the daughter of Paul and Becky Crawford of Fort Payne. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Linda Johnston of Trenton, GA; Campbell and Lisa Smith of Rainsville, AL; and Loy and Lou Crawford of Woodland, AL. Her great grandparents are the late George and Frances Smith of Fort Payne; Dixie and the late Neil Brown of Henagar; the late Emmitt O'Neal, and Daisy Fincher, and the late Loy Sr., and Faye Crawford of Woodland, AL.

Mentone Wedding Chapel

Nestled in the woods atop Lookout Mountain, near Mentone, Alabama, this quaint little chapel is surrounded by ferns, forest and flowers. The chapel is a scaled version of traditional Appalachian churches of days gone by. Stained glass windows filtering soft forest sunrays and soft organ music accent an ambience fitting the wedding ceremony. Inside wooden pews will seat approximately 60 guests.

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(1) **Mentone cottage with acreage!** Cozy cottage with 40 wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, wood burning fireplace, cathedral ceiling, 2 storage buildings. \$209,900 (PLS #12724)



(2) **BEAUTIFUL** Established summer home with 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 bath, 3 living areas (2 with stone fireplaces) and access to a large deck overlooking the valley below. Second bedroom and bath underneath the house with access from outside. This home can easily sleep 8. Sitting on over 2 acres adjacent to DeSoto State Park. \$249,900 (additional acreage available). All for only \$269,900 (PLS #12885)



(3) **Almost new cabin** on the brow near DeSoto State Park! 2 bedrooms, (1 up & 1 down), 2 baths, open living room w/rock fireplace, sunroom, unique wood ceiling, back deck and so much more! \$269,500 (PLS #12951)



(4) **Knotty Pine Campground** - 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. \$385,000 (PLS #10906)



(5) **Less than 1 mile from downtown** Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open porch on front and sunroom on the back, 2-car carport w/workshop, and a 20 x 24 building. \$89,900 (PLS #11605)



(6) **Creative Sub** - NEW 1 bedroom, 1 bath frame home with wood floors & walls, front and back porches and sits on 1.19 acres. \$96,500 (PLS #13364)



(7) **NEW on Brush Creek!** 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, vinyl siding, metal roof, laminate ceramic flooring, 550' sq. porch/deck and so much more all on 1.3 acres. \$119,000. (PLS #13267)



(8) **Seclusion just off DeSoto Parkway** - 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, beautiful Mountain Stone fireplace, central heat & air, wonderful rock formations and much more situated on 1.9 acres in Mentone. \$149,900 (PLS #13846)



(9) **Colonial Brow Home** - 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath with open kitchen & great room w/wood sun porch, formal dining, authentic Heart pine floors, detached double garage with an additional bedroom and bath. \$449,000 (PLS #12933)



(10) **River access** - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with room to expand, built in 1925 and includes an over-sized living room w/fireplace, sunroom, large bedrooms and 250' of waterfront on West Fork of Little River. \$450,000 (PLS #12965)



(11) **Must See!** Pre-civil war hand-hewn log structure with a stone wood burning fireplace, stone beams and pine floors. 2 self-contained guest quarters connected by stone patios, walkways & decks. Abundantly landscaped. \$199,500 (PLS #13474)



(12) **Brow property** - Learn the secrets of the valley while sitting in the deck of this cozy 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath cabin. All wood construction with a gas fireplace. \$209,000 (PLS #13644)



(13) **Surrounded by DeSoto State Park** this cedar-sided cabin is perfect for a week-end get-away or full time residence. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room with hardwood flooring, vaulted ceiling with skylights, and rock fireplace. Great location - Great Price! \$112,500 (PLS #14021)



(14) **Brow Property** - Designed for leisure with a commanding view, this cabin offers easy clean-up with all wood floors, walls & ceilings, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace and private deck with hot tub. \$249,000 (PLS #13643)



(15) **Unique rock formations and lush landscaping** add to the appeal of this adorable cottage located just off of DeSoto Parkway. This cedar-sided home offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, screened front porch and deck with hot tub. This is also a detached 2-car garage and a 12x12 workshop. SELLING FULLY FURNISHED! \$147,900.



(16) **North Brow** - New construction featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas burning fireplace, front porch, back deck and more with approximately 1000 square feet of living space. \$295,000 (PLS #13110)



(17) **Picturesque cul-de-sac location** - 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, living, dining and den with wood burning fireplace and great studio over garage. 3 levels of decking with farmable mountain and valley views. Privacy fencing and more. \$450,000 (PLS #13893)



(18) **Less than 2 years old and on 6.4 acres**, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, cherry floors, stacked rock wood burning fireplace, private deck off master bedroom, 2-car garage with storage and 1350 sq. ft. of unfinished space upstairs. \$169,500 (PLS #13731)



(19) **Valley Head** - Don't miss your chance to see this recently updated brick rancher in Valley Head offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sunroom and so much more \$134,500 (PLS #13771)



(20) **Retreat to Laurel Creek!** New construction with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen/dining combo, living room with feature window and fireplace. \$124,000 (PLS #12892)



(21) **Almost complete!** This new cedar-sided home sits on 3.3 +/- acres and features 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, open kitchen dining living combination, gas log fireplace, central heat & air, large front porch and more. \$158,500 (PLS #12909)



(22) **Valley Head** - 3 bedrooms, 1 bath cottage with living room, formal dining, kitchen, utility, screened front porch, CH&A, detached garage/storage and all on a corner lot. \$74,900 (PLS #13173)



(23) **Valley Head** - 2/3 bedrooms, 1 bath, glassed-in front porch, formal dining, AND a 1 bedroom, 1 bath guest suite, 3 marble terraces for entertaining or just relaxing. \$99,500 (PLS #13721)



(24) **A beautiful extra-large yard** with huge trees, flowering plants, decorative fish pond and privacy fencing frame this attractive home in Valley Head. This 3 BR, 2 bath home features a sunroom, 2 fireplaces and a 3-car garage with a breezeway to the house PLUS an extra storage building. \$105,000. (PLS #13688)



(25) **Just Reduced Rustic Cabin** with 1 bedroom and a loft, living and dining room with cathedral ceiling, kitchen with ceramic countertops, utility room in a wooded area. \$75,000 (PLS #13047)



(26) **Native mountain foliage** creates a level of privacy for this 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick house sitting on 3 acres with 300' on the West Fork of Little River. Amenities include a split bedroom design, large family room with cathedral ceiling and mountain stone wood-burning fireplace, screened porch overlooking a walkway shaded by mature rhododendrons to the river. \$275,000 (PLS #14035)

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- (27) 4 acre parcel on County Road 827 in Mentone. \$28,000.
 (28) **LAND AND LAKE**...40+/- acres with a 5 acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake is stocked with Bass and Bream approx. 5 years ago and is approximately 35' deep. \$189,900 (PLS #11041)
 (29) **MENTONE** - 3 wooded acres with a proposed building site already cleared. \$37,000 (PLS #11954) (SOLD)
 (30) **MTN. RIVER ESTATES** - Phase I & II - building lots available, some with river frontage. Restricted Subdivision. Lots start at \$27,500. Call for more information.
 (31) 1.56 acres on the brow near DeSoto State Park. \$37,500 (PLS #10133)
 (32) 4.25 acres on Hwy 117, just outside the Mentone City Limits. Property can be used as residential or commercial. \$19,900 (PLS #13271)
 (33) Beautiful **BROW** lot on DeSoto Parkway. .65 acres with beautiful rock formations and gorgeous sunsets. \$95,500. (PLS #13627)
 (34) **JUST LISTED**... 11 acres in downtown Mentone. Can be purchased as a whole or split in lots. \$115,00 (PLS #13656)
 (35) **Hammondville**... Building lots starting at \$5,000/lot. Call for more information.
 (36) **ENJOY** Mother Nature's beauty while relaxing on these 168 acres in Valley Head. This acreage does offer an old farmhouse. Call for more details. \$432,500 (PLS #13730)
 (37) **Enjoy** Mother Nature's beauty while relaxing on these 168 acres in Valley Head. This acreage does offer an old farmhouse (no value was given in the price). Call for more details. \$432,500 (PLS #13730)
 (38) Hwy 117 in Mentone. This building site offers you a foundation ready for new construction as well as a basement barn. Call for all the details. \$49,900 (PLS #13804)
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Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in

1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

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Starting Friday evening at 6:30 p.m., a bonfire party and music will kick-off our celebration of fall on the Mountain!!!

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, September 5, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 PM, MAPA monthly meeting, Church of God of Prophecy fellowship hall
- Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad (see notice for meeting place)
- Monday, September 12, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, September 13, 12:00 PM Rhododendron Garden Club, Nippersink Lodge
- Tuesday, September 13, American Legion meeting 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- Thursday, September 15, Mentone Book Club, 10 AM
- Saturday, September 14 - 6:30PM, Musical Mountain Strings at Mentone Square
- Thursday, September 22, 4PM, Waterworks Board Meeting, Mentone Waterworks Board Room, open to the public



DEVOTIONAL

By Oscar J. Hussel

Jesus once said, "A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:15).

Mentone is such a city--so the question for us is what kind of a message are we showing (especially with so many visiting here)?

One way is to treat every visitor as if they were a child of God, a friend in Christ. And that includes Mentone residents.



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October 15 and 16

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