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FAMILY OF ROSCOE AND ETHEL BROWN HAVE REUNION

The idea of having a Brown Family Reunion developed gradually. Granddaughter, Dee Brown Kelly, began talking to some of her cousins and somewhere along the way, someone said, "Why don't we set a date for everyone to get together?" From there, the idea snowballed. Every time the idea was mentioned, the excitement grew. Soon it became the topic of conversations and a time was set.

Of course, the place had to be the Mentone area because that is where the home place of Roscoe Brown and Ethel Brown is. All of the cousins remembered coming to the Brown house on Cutler Avenue for summer vacations. They remembered the good food, the games, the playing, the swimming, the love, and the excitement of having the family together.

Finally, on Friday, August 3, 2007, the reunion began with hamburgers and hot-dogs at the Mentone United Methodist Church. Roscoe and Ethel were members of this church and many of the family are on the roll today. As great-grand daughter, Abigail Brown said, "If anything ever happens to this church building, where will we get together when we come to Mentone?"

On Sunday, August 5th, members of the family filled the church to capacity. Daniel Lee, the pastor of the church, graciously relinquished his position and allowed the family to participate in the regular morning worship service. The Taylor Family Singers were featured with great granddaughter, Sherry Bailey Taylor, being the lead singer. Abigail Brown sang the Lord's Prayer, and grandson, Stan Brown, gave a short history and remembrance of Granddaddy and Grandmother Brown.

After the church service, everyone gathered at the Woodmen of the World Building

in Valley Head for what is called in this area, "a covered dish lunch." The tables were laden with good country cooking and 76 people were present. A few were babies, but we think at least 70 ate lunch together. Ed Kirby, grandson, blessed the food and everyone lined up for a feast. After lunch there was much laughter, photo taking and talk of things remembered.

Roscoe and Ethel Brown were the parents of six children. All of the sons have passed away. Gerald was killed in the action of World War II and Raymond and Carlton have passed in the last two years. Catherine Bailey, Carrie Ruth Kirby and Sarah Harris are the daughters. Catherine was the oldest person at the reunion being ninety-seven years of age. Great-great-great granddaughter, Lily Wagner, was the youngest at three weeks.

After much research, it has been determined that there are 114 living descendants of Roscoe and Ethel. There were 52 of these present at the reunion. This is about a 46% attendance and everyone thought that this was a wonderful representation and testimony to the love of two wonderful grandparents.

One of the most amazing finds during this research was that, to this date, there have been only seven deaths in this family, including Roscoe and Ethel.

Every child, except Gerald who had no children, was represented at the reunion. Some came from great distances and others



Sarah Brown Harris, Catherine Brown Bailey,
and Carrie Ruth Brown Kirby

live close enough to walk to the reunion. Some had vivid memories of events that happened when they were visiting their grandparents. Others never knew them and wanted to see pictures of them. An idea became an action and a good time was had by all!

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MESSAGE FROM THE M.A.P.A. PRESIDENT

By Amelia Kirk -Lolli

MAPA had a wonderful turnout at its last meeting on August 6th at Dessie's. Hopefully, we will get new members.

Sheriff Jimmy Harris spoke on what was happening in DeKalb County and invited us to visit the new jail or have a meeting there.

Our undersheriff, Ron Ogletree was present and officer Wade Hill. I thank them all for attending our meeting.

The Treasurer's report was passed out. There were no minutes because of the July Picnic.

Festival Chairman Page Cunningham, spoke about the fall festival, which will be October 19, 20, 21. He introduced his co-chairman, J.P. Nation. Mr. Cunningham would like to have any suggestions and ideas for the upcoming October Colorfest. For Vendors information, the festival is held at its usual location: at Brow Park on North Cool Street in Mentone.

Kerry Breithaupt, and Rhonda Bruckno, will be in charge of publicity. They would like for you to think of additional ideas for:

1. possible pumpkin bake off
2. carving contest
3. a pet parade
4. activities for children

Mapa helps Moon Lake School, Boy Scout Troop 106, and the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

August 11, 2007

My family came to Mentone every summer beginning in the late 1920s and spent the summer there.

I am trying to find photos of Eagles Nest with the wood observation tower that was beside it; also a photo of the old covered bridge, as it was originally, and an early picture of DeSoto Falls.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who can give me information where I can obtain copies of these.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Emma L. Kelley Powell, 9381 Mud Creek Church Road, Adger, AL 36006

I am a new owner of a cabin on 89 in Mentone called Mama Bear's cabin. My family and I are really enjoying part time in Mentone.

I recently brought seven friends from Birmingham up for lunch. They asked on the way what we did in Mentone--at the end of the day, they told me they couldn't believe how many great things you have.

Love my copy of The Groundhog I picked up there.

Jean S. White,
9612 Highland Ct, B'ham, AL 35242

Dear Editor:

My husband Val and I had the good fortune to stumble on the charming community of Mentone almost two years ago following Katrina's devastation of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We had traveled as far as the mountains of West Virginia looking for an escape from the ugliness and unhappiness associated with one of the worst disasters in our nation's history. As we traveled southward and homeward through an early October snowfall, we decided very quickly that although the mountains of West Virginia were beautiful, the two day automobile trip one way was highly impractical. Stopping for the night in Fort Payne, we expressed our frustration to a friendly hotel receptionist who promptly suggested the Lookout Mountain area. The following July we took possession of a vacation home overlooking Wills Valley just outside of Mentone. Although the cottage in Biloxi is our primary residence, the cabin in Mentone is our preferred residence. We look forward to the peace and tranquility of the mountain, and to the graciousness of its inhabitants. One of our favorite haunts is the historic Mentone Springs Hotel. It is always a pleasure to dine in one of the beautifully decorated rooms or on the broad, shady veranda. The fare is fresh and delicious, exceptional actually, and the wait staff friendly and efficient. We commend the owners on their hospitality and attention to detail and offer our best wishes for the continued success of their establishment.

Shannon Husley, Biloxi, MS

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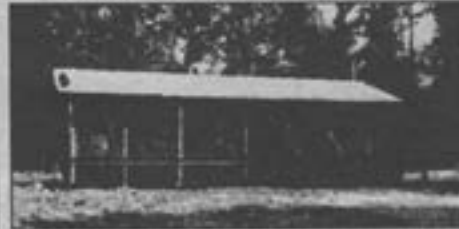
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(NOTE: The History of Mentone will be printed in segments in following issues of The Groundhog.)

Previous 2007 issues: May (Part 1); June (Part 2), and August (Part 3).

[Part 4]

In the early 1950's, Norvell Hall purchased the Mentone Hotel from Ben Hammond and used it as a residence and shop for rebuilding pipe organs. Just recently I learned that a Mr. and Mrs. Padgett have purchased it and plan to restore it. Mr. Padgett is connected with the Coca Cola Company of Atlanta, Georgia, and I have been told has three more years before retiring. Mentone is looking up.

About 1873, H.B. Gillette built a two-story boarding house on the site now known as the Mountain View Inn. A store just west of this at the edge of the yard was built by Ed Mason; he, presume, selling later to H.B. Gillette. The first post office was established in the store, and Ed Mason was the first postmaster--March 10, 1888, to April 27, 1891. In the beginning, mail was delivered from Valley Head to Mentone by horseback, later by buggy. On February 8, 1899, the James Huron family moved to Mentone from Ohio and purchased the store from H.B. Gillette. On April 1, 1900, the Hurons sold the store back to Gillette, with the understanding Mrs. Huron was to keep the post office until June 30, 1900. Mrs. Huron was postmistress from October 12, 1899, to June 19, 1900. Mr. Gillette took possession of the store May 1, 1900. On July 15, 1900, the Hurons left for Indianapolis, Indiana. On February 16, 1903, they left Indianapolis for Mentone, buying the Gillette property of P.K. Smith. On February 18 they started repairing the store for business, and in August they took possession of the house and garden. They opened the store in March, and Mrs. Huron operated the boarding house until her death in July, 1920.

Hal Howe rented the property with an option to buy and bought the property in 1922. He converted the store to a kitchen and dining room, operating it as "Hal's House" until it burned in the fall of 1927. The fire was caused by the heavy blasting used in building the highway across the mountain. The blasting knocked the mortar out of the chimney. Mr. Howe immediately started rebuilding and opened in June, 1928, operating it as Hal's Hotel and later as DeSoto Hotel. In September, 1954, he sold to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Plotts of Coral Gables, Florida. They changed the name to DeSoto Lodge and operated it until 1977. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks of California bought the hotel in 1977 and changed the name to The Mentone Inn. They sold to a Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt in the spring of 1979,

and the name then changed to Mountain View Inn. By default due to family trouble, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks had to take back the property. The inn has recently been leased by a Mr. Ray Cox of Gadsden, and the name changed back to The Mentone Inn. It is now open and seems quite successful from the cars parked around.

Some of the guests at "Hal's House" were the Gormans, the Vories, the Dr. Lynchs' of New Orleans, and Congressman Miles C. Allgood; all built homes on the brow around 1925.

The Mentone Store was built by Guy Burgess in the late 1890's or early 1900's. He moved the post office from the Gillett/store to his store, and was postmaster from September 9, 1902, until September 10, 1907. Mr. Burgess sold to Mr. D.L. Jones, and Mr. Jones sold to Lowe and Pierce, who operated it for a number of years. Mr. Sam Graham, who had assumed the mortgage for Lowe and Pierce, received the property upon default of payment. He built the Hitching Post, a dance hall upstairs, and a post office at the east end of the building. This was a gathering place in the evenings after supper while waiting for the evening mail. Eleanor Graham Glover and John Graham inherited the property and deeded it to Alexander Glover, who sold to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Smith. The Smiths sold to Mr. and Mrs. Doc Long, who are the present owners.

Mentone had its troubles with a mountain feud in the early 1920's, one suicide and one murder, causing the school house to be burned twice, and the Moon Lake Baptist Church to be burned three times. The sadness for the two who died is still in the hearts of the families, I am sure, but the hatred is gone and there is friendliness now, and that is as it should be. Some of the children have intermarried.

The school and church were rebuilt immediately after they were burned. The people in Mentone are very conscious of the need of education and certainly give wonderful support to the school. There is more money collected at the Harvest Festival than by any other school in the county. Mr. Blevie Crow and Mr. Joe Biddle were instrumental in getting a school built in their community called New Union School, in which I taught for one year. It operated for a number of years and was eventually consolidated with the Moon Lake School, with school buses serving the area.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letter to the Editor

Greetings:

Wow! It's been almost a year since I moved to the quaint and charming community of Mentone, AL. I've met a diversity of its people — from those who have called it home for a lifetime or a short while, to those who retreat to their second homes or vacation in the local lodging facilities.

Many are the comments I've heard about the serenity and healing of this mountain town. Isn't God good to give us such a beautiful place here on earth where we can live (or visit) and experience His refreshing and renewing? For only He, through his Son, Jesus, can give us this kind of peace and rest. This truly has been my experience.

There is much concern in our town regarding moral issues and other activities that are blatantly against the Word of God. See 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 18. I've heard the comment that "it used to not be this way". Therefore, I pondered the question, "what happened?"

I was reminded that, while we are still on earth, God's Word tells us: "and be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:2 NKJ) As well, I was quickly reminded of Ephesians 6:12 (NKJ) — "we wrestle not against flesh and blood (against one another or others), but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places". The Holy Spirit then brought to mind, "If my people which are called by my name, shall (1) humble themselves, and (2) pray, and (3) seek my face, and (4) turn from their wicked ways; then will I (A) hear from heaven, and will (B) forgive their sin, and will (C) heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14 NKJ) GOD

I believe that what the calm community of Mentone has been experiencing is the earthly effects of spiritual warfare. And, by the way, we don't have the corner market on this one. The oppression, depression and suppression that is present can be lifted! Children of God, you are being called to the battlefield. Prayer Warriors are needed!

Isaiah 55:11 says, "So shall my word be that goeth from out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void (without fruit), but it SHALL accomplish that which I please, and it SHALL prosper in the things whereto I sent it." GOD.

I invite you to join with me in a united fashion in praying Psalm 35, thus returning God's Word to Him. I BELIEVE that we will see our community, "like it used to be"!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed on Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16 NKJ)

If God be for us, who can be against us?
In His Service, Cindy Tyson

UGF Campaign General Chairperson Selected for 2007-2008 Campaign



Pat Pack

Pat Pack has accepted the responsibility of leading the 2007-2008 United Givers Fund of DeKalb County's 2007-2008 Campaign Drive, which is scheduled to Kickoff on September 12. Mrs. Pack was born and raised in DeKalb County and loves doing community and church activities, serving and helping wherever she is needed. She has done a lot of community outreach work through Altrusa, a service club devoted to helping others. In the past, she has served as president of the Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce, Altrusa, and the Jaycettes. She has

also been the local chairperson for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the American Heart Walk.

After graduating from Valley Head High School, Mrs. Pack completed training and received a license as a cosmetologist. She has been the owner of Pat's Professional Salon in Fort Payne for about 25 years. She has been married to Brent Pack for 42 years; is the mother of three (Chrystal, Tip and Kneely), and the grandmother of five (Raina, Chazz, Gage, Kaden and Ryker).

Mrs. Pack says of her position, "I'm very excited about the 2007-2008 UGF Campaign. United Givers Fund is about giving to help others! I feel God has blessed me and my family, so I should welcome the opportunity to serve my community. I want to emphasize the fact that all funds raised, remain in DeKalb County and serve diverse needs to people of all ages and circumstances."

The theme she has chosen for this year's campaign is "Sharing Blessings, Giving Hope, Meeting Needs". The campaign goal has been set for \$285,000. Funds raised go to support the United Givers Fund's eleven member agencies, which include American Red Cross - DeKalb County Chapter, Boy Scouts of America, Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound (CASA), the Association for Retarded Citizens (The Arc), Girl Scouts of North Alabama, the Salvation Army, Ft. Payne-DeKalb County Child Development Center, Easter Seals, Rose Haven-Center for Domestic Violence, Partnership for a Drug-Free DeKalb County, and the USO.



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Oscar James Hussel graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. in chemistry and earned his master's degree in Christian education from McCormick Theological Seminary before earning his Ed.D. from Columbia University in New York City. He was called to the ministry where he has been a pastor, educator, and author of Christian manuals.

Dr. Hussel now resides in Mentone, Alabama with his wife, Shirley.

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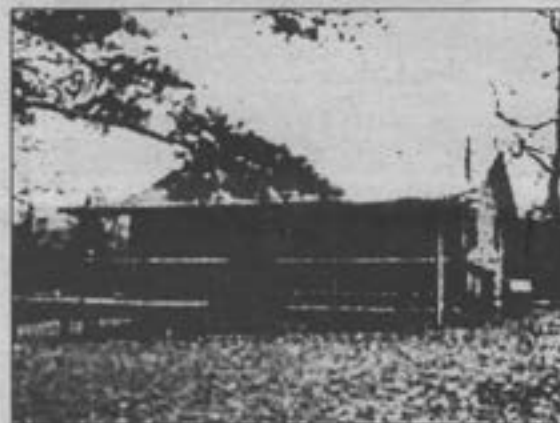
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**DAWSON LEE CROW**

celebrated his 1st birthday on July 6, 2007. He is the son of Josh Baggett of Mentone, and Miss Kayla Crow of Fort Payne.

Grandparents are Ronald (Cotton) and Pam Baggett of Mentone and Ronnie and Lynn Crow of Fort Payne.

Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance meeting Sept. 8, Mentone Springs Hotel

The Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance invites you to a Main Street preservation meeting at the Mentone Springs Hotel on Saturday September 8th. Our meeting will demonstrate short and long term solutions to preserve the historic and environmental charm of Mentone while increasing the safety for pedestrians, motorists, and nature. The meeting highlight is a presentation by Dr. Mike Michno of Infrastructure Composites Technology on his firm's ability to widen the Mentone Bridge with little to no change in the existing environment of Mentone!

Dr. Michno's formal presentation begins at 11:00am and will last about 20 minutes. Members of the Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance will be on hand throughout the day to answer questions and demonstrate his company's technology.

There will also be information and discussion for creating a long term historic and preservation effort for all of Mentone. Examples will be available on how other communities across the country have balanced growth and preservation without losing their charm.

Burgers, Beverage and Football will be on hand!

Hope to see you there,

Lyle Nicely, President Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance

2nd Annual Mentone End of Summer Rally

WELCOME ALL MAXI-SCOOTER RIDERS & FRIENDS

This rally started in 2006 as a way to share the combined love for scooter riding and the foothills of the Appalachians. Last year, we had approximately 33 bikes, mostly consisting of maxi-scooters with a few motorcycles in attendance. It proved to be a wonderful experience for everyone who came, all making new friends and memories. So, naturally, it had to become an annual event.

This year offers a few new twists. The main one being that it will actually benefit more than just those who attend. This ride will raise money for The American Heart Association (AHA). All proceeds will go directly to AHA, including Registration Fees, Raffle Ticket sales, and Tee Shirt sales.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor through either donation of money or raffle items, please contact us immediately for information. Sponsor listings will be included on the back of the tee shirts and on the websites.

The Rally Particulars

When: Sept. 14-15 (Friday & Saturday)

Where: DeSoto State Park Lodge, Mentone, AL

Fees: \$20 per rider / \$10 per passenger (includes Sat. nite BBQ, 1 raffle ticket, 1 DVD of ride. \$5 per dinner guests over age 12.

Rides Scheduled:

Friday - a short ride will be held right after lunch for those coming early. It will include Mountain Cove Farms and Lookout Mountain.

Saturday - Meet & Greet from 8AM-9AM CST and pullout @ 9:30.

Ride will cover 175 miles of beautiful countryside from Mentone, AL to Sewanee, TN, where we'll stop for lunch.

After lunch, the ride continues west to Winchester, TN, then south through Huntland, making our way back to Mentone.

Lunch on Sat: Burnt Wood Roadhouse, Monteagle, TN.

Dinner Sat. nite: Big Jim's BBQ served @ Cabin #7 in DeSoto State Park

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Rhododendron Garden Club News

By Linda Brown, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was called to order by Dianne Kuehl at 10:00 a.m. on August 14, 2007, at the M.E.R.F. Community House in Mentone, Alabama. The pledge to the flag of the United States of America was led by Jill Whitten. The inspirational minute was given by Ann Chesnut. Ann read the well-known poem, *Trees*, by Joyce Kilmer, in keeping with the program.

Dianne introduced Gene Galloway, the speaker for the day. Mr. Galloway is a retired Vocational Agriculture teacher and has taught in several of the DeKalb County schools. He has become a self-taught specialist on trees. He began by saying that he has two interests, trees and laughter. He stated that trees live to grow and grow to live.

He advised that one of the ways to tell if your trees are healthy is the absence of lichen growing on the bark. Water is constantly evaporating from the leaves. Trees need fertilizer; you should research your particular tree to determine when and how much. Newly planted trees need watering for one year. To add water for a longer period causes the roots to grow shallow and close to the trunk of the tree. The roots of a tree extend two to five times as wide as the tree itself.

Do not amend the soil when planting a tree. Plant your tree and then put back the native soil. Trees will not grow in damp compacted soil. Lots of walking on the roots and the damage done by lawn mowers and weed eaters are two primary enemies of trees. Do not over prune, shape the tree gently by removing some of the limbs. Do not prune a tree by cutting all of the limbs to the

same length. Soil and site are the most important things to consider when planting a tree. Some trees need lots of sun and wide open spaces, while others like to be planted under larger trees. You should research the particular tree you plan to plant to determine its likes and dislikes.

Some of the members brought leaves for identification and many questions were asked and answered by Mr. Galloway. After a round of applause and many thanks to Mr. Galloway, Dianne convened the business meeting. Reports were given and approved.

Jan Wilkinson announced that the recycling bins are in place behind the Mentone Town Hall. You can now recycle white office paper, newspapers, all other paper, magazines and catalogs. A separate bin is in place for cardboard. Please do not abuse this program. Sort carefully and be sure to use the bins as instructed. This is vital to the success of this program.

The DeKalb County VFW Fair was discussed. The dates are September 24-29. Members signed up to help prepare for the flower show which is a part of the fair. Members were also given the chance to sign up to enter the Design Division of the flower show.

The next meeting will be September 11, 2007, at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 10:00 a.m. The subject of the program will be growing dahlias.

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



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RAMBLING

By Bill Crane

My wife and I have just arrived in this ROLL TIDE country, and we may have to go back to North Carolina to get cool again. We thought that coming to Mentone on top of a mountain we would find it much cooler than in the rolling hills where we live in NC. But we find it, as some people say, hot as Hades. We will take the peoples word for the temperature in Hades. We have no desire to personally experience the temperature level there! Gladys is a native of Mentone so I can't speak for her when I say it is hotter than I have ever known it here.

One of the things I wanted to do while here is get the scoop on the football coach situation down in Tuscaloosa. The world knows that the highest paid college football coach will walk the sidelines at Alabama this fall. It was not too surprising to find his salary is four (4) million dollars a year, but the length of his contract, 8 years, was unbelievable!

Every college football coach in America is clapping his, or her, hands at Saban's salary for it will give each of them a boost when salary negotiations come up. Consequently, Saban will be dethroned in the near future as the highest paid coach. Who pays a college football coach? The fans mostly, and Saban will play before only 92,000 of them. Tennessee's coach is going to be playing before well over 100,000 when they finish work up there. What do you think the Tennessee coach will be paid then compared to Saban?

Let's go to the unbelievable part of Saban's salary, the eight (8) years of his contract. Who was the last coach to stay at Alabama at least eight years. It certainly wasn't a recent coach, and you may have to go back to the Bear to find one that lasted that long. Even to a foreigner like me, what caused the downfall of Alabama's recent coaches was the lack of victories against Auburn. I feel this is going to be true for Saban. If he doesn't beat Auburn consistently he'll be gone too. Is any reference to beating Auburn written in Saban's contract? How long has he got to beat Auburn, officially or unofficially? I've asked several their opinion, and the shortest time I got was one (1) from Bill Wright. What do you think?

Nationwide, these are days of infamy! Records are falling every time you turn around. Someone has said that records are made to be broken, and that must be true for many new ones are made. There were some absences and misses that made news this year.

The Hammer's record 755 home runs came to an end this week when Barry Bonds hit his 756. My generation has seen three home run records set in baseball - Babe Ruth's 714, Henry Aaron's 755 and Bonds' 756. Ruth's held up for a long time, 40 plus years (?), Aaron's for 33, and I predict Bonds' will last for 9 years (see the following).

A-Rod, I can't spell his name, of the Yankees hit his 500th home run last week. He is the youngest player to achieve that. He has been getting 35 to 45 home runs each year, and in my opinion will be the next home run king in 9 years giving Bonds 20 to 30 more before he retires.

Tom Glavine, one of the most respected ball players, won his 300th game this week. He is the fifth left handed to achieve that. Amazing! To me, Glavine is a role model of a ball player and person.

What has not happened has made news this year, too. Tiger Woods has not won any of the three major golf tournaments this year. He is entered in the last major, the PGA Championship, this week and don't count him out. When the fat lady sings I think Tiger will be holding the trophy. He is a great one! I spoke of living to see three home run champions, and I'm going to add my delight in having lived twice to see several great golfers, such as Nicklaus, Palmer, Player and Tiger.

Age finally caught up with Lance Armstrong as he did not enter the Tour De France bike race this year. He competed for twelve years, and won most of the time he raced. He is a legend, and I'm glad to have seen him. During the regular season play off my son's softball team catcher asked the lady umpire behind him how she could call the opposing player safe at second base. She said she couldn't see the play and was going to give the runner the benefit of the doubt. Later, an opposing player hit a fly ball against the outfield fence. My son's outfielder reached up and fumbled the ball which dropped over the fence. The umpire called it a four base error. The catcher asked her how she could see that when she couldn't see the play at second. She said "you're outta here, and the game is forfeited." That lost the play off and championship for my son's team.

It's an exciting time in sports! I can hardly wait to see what happens tomorrow!



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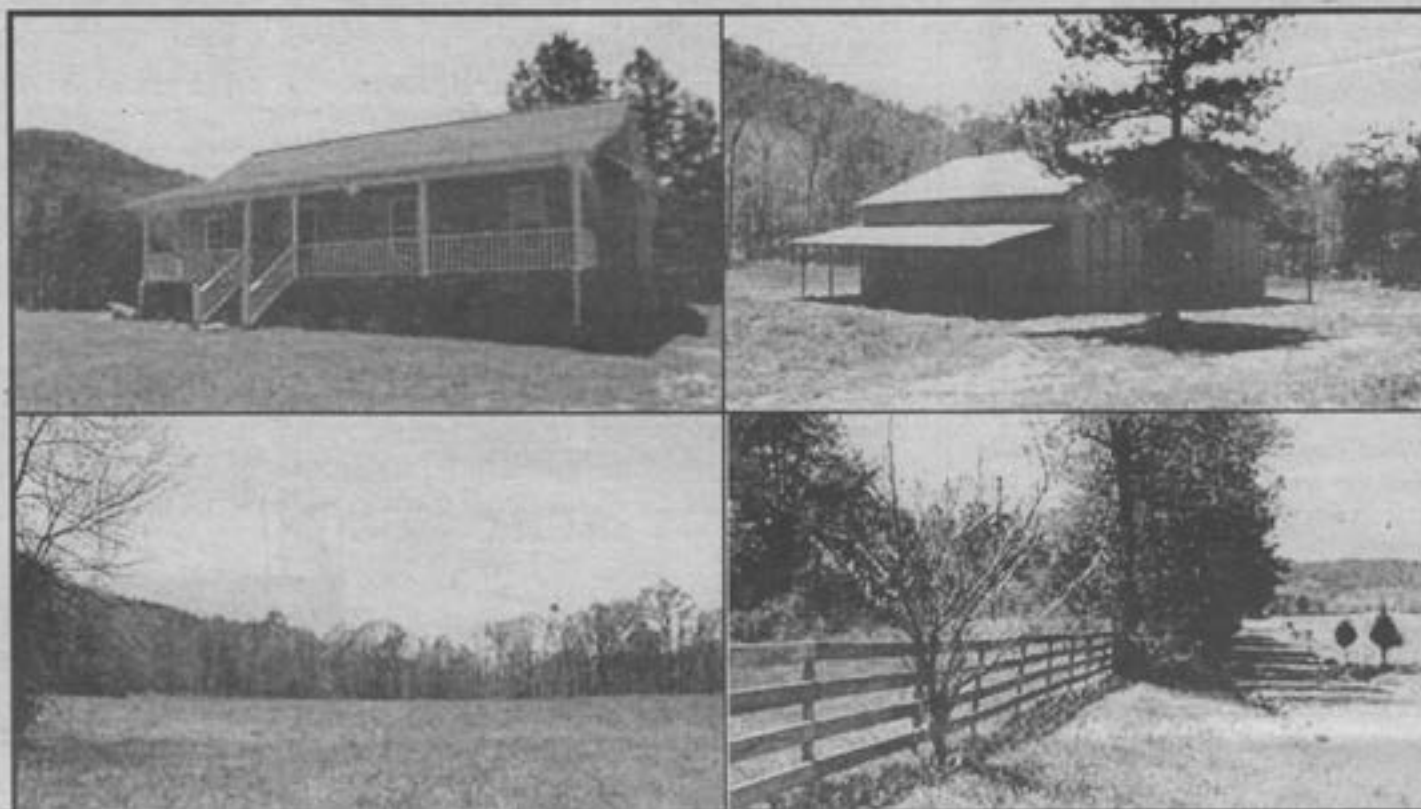
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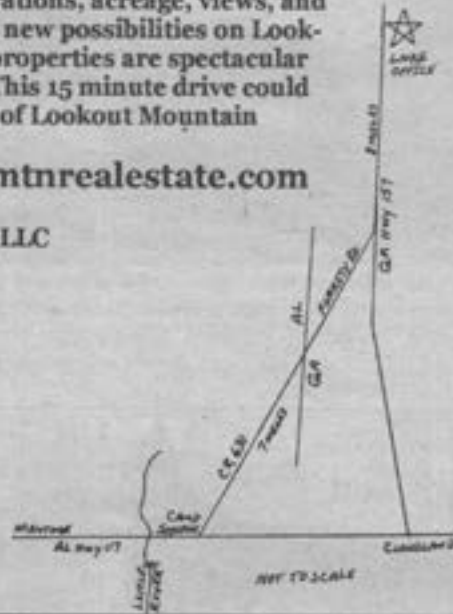
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Subject: FW: Good gas tips!

Most likely a lot of you already know all this -- I did not - I only knew #1 - so I learned 3 new things today, assuming all to be true.

I've been in petroleum pipeline business for about 31 years, currently working for the Kinder-Morgan Pipeline here in San Jose, CA. We deliver about 4 million gallons in a 24-hour period from the pipe line; one day it's diesel, the next day it's jet fuel and gasoline. We have 34 storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons. Here are some tricks to help you get your money's worth.

1. Fill up your car or truck in the morning when the temperature is still cool. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground; and the colder the ground, the denser the gasoline. When it gets warmer gasoline expands, so if you're filling up in the afternoon or in the evening, what should be a gallon is not

exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and temperature of the fuel (gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products) are significant. Every truckload that we load is temperature-compensated so that the indicated gallonage is actually the amount pumped. A one-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for businesses, but service stations don't have temperature compensation at their pumps.

2. If a tanker truck is filling the station's tank at the time you want to buy gas, do not fill up; most likely dirt and sludge in the tank is being stirred up when gas is being delivered, and you might be transferring that dirt from the bottom of their tank into your car's tank.

3. Fill up when your gas tank is half-full (or half-empty), because the more gas you have in your tank the less air there is and gasoline evaporates rapidly, especially when it's

warm. (Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating 'roof' membrane to act as a barrier between the gas and the atmosphere, thereby minimizing evaporation.)

4. If you look at the trigger you'll see that it has three delivery settings: slow, medium and high. When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to the high setting. You should be pumping at the slow setting, thereby minimizing vapors created while you are pumping. Hoses at the pump are corrugated; the corrugations act as a return path for vapor recovery from gas that already has been metered. If you are pumping at the high setting, the agitated gasoline contains more vapor, which is being sucked back into the underground tank so you're getting less gas for your money.

Hope this will help ease your 'pain at the pump'.

(email forwarded from
 Marty Smith of Valley Head)

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Marie Dillenbeck watching owners Mary Alice Stout, Jean Adele, & Ellen Spangler blowing out candles at Mountain Mamas Birthday Party

WHAT'S HOT AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS?

By Ellen Spangler

Longest Yard Sale ends but the heat goes on. Hundreds of yard sale shoppers endured in spite of the heat. Shopping at the many vendors in front of Mountain Mama's, Jennifer and Destiny Browning of Summerville, GA, said they were having fun finding "treasures". Destiny found a lava lamp to add to her collection.

What's cool? Mountain Mamas Crafts and Rock Shop is air conditioned and five of our popular potters have brought in boxes of new pottery—Liz Nunen from Cloudland, GA, and from the Carrollton area; Melanie Drew with her leaf bowls; Helen Helwig with more dragon flies and butterflies; lots of mugs from Kate McAninch; and a variety of pottery from Angela Goff.

The late spring freeze and the drought lost most of the area's fruit, but Mary Alice Stout, Cloudland, GA, picked lots of blackberries and her great jam is in the shop—as well as lots of jars of her famous bread and butter pickles.

Mountain Mama's 13th Birthday was a success with more than 20 door prizes given out. Kelly Lindsey, Aragon, GA, won the \$20 gift certificate. Marie Dillenbeck, Mentone's Town Clerk and Magistrate was there to cut the cake and watch the artists demonstrate their art and crafts. Ft. Payne's versatile painter, Andrea Brandon, got many attending to try their hand with the paints; as potters, Melanie Drew and Helen Helwig, helped participants mold the clay into interesting shapes. Susan Seago from Fine View Garden Center, Menlo, GA, taught making humming bird feeders. AND, everyone ate homemade cake—both chocolate and carrot.

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Destiny & Jennifer Browning of Summerville, GA, shopping at Longest Yard Sale at booths located by Mountain Mamas

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7 - Heather Nicely
8 - Joanne Crowe
9 - MaKenna Purvis
10-Daniel Wilson
13-Karen Wright; Ann Wright
14-Brittany Blalock
16-Brooklyn Wright
17-George Lillich
21-Jim Kendrick
22-Gwen Foster; Dessie Bailey
23-Dorothy Crow

24-Wesley Chesnut
25-W.B. McCurdy in memory of;
Bradley Wright; Collie Griffith
26-Jim Jones; Samuel Roberts,
Chloe Griffith
30- Harriett Lillich; Kaitee McGee

Anniversaries:

1 - Jack & Olive Jones;
Donald & Edna Morgan
5 - John & Jan Wilkinson;
Wayne & Cynthia Wootten
15-Joe R. & Leola Owens;
Charles & Evelyn McGee
24-Russell & Karen Wright
25-Wesley & Ann Chesnut

Obituaries

MASON, MRS. BESS COOPER, born August 10, 1923 in Huntsville, passed away on August 23, 2007. Bess was the daughter of Lawrence and Bessie Powell Cooper. Bess is survived by her husband, Frank L. Mason, two children, David L. Mason (Marcia) and Ann Mason Chambliss (Russell) and sister Margaret Waddy (J. Vernon); as well as grandchildren, Alan Mason, Portland, Oregon; Sarah Beth Cain (Matt); Russ Chambliss, Jr. (Rebecca); Mary Margaret Chambliss; Jane Chambliss and Frank "Beau" Chambliss; all currently residing in Birmingham. She was predeceased by her parents and brothers, Joe Cooper, Lawrence Cooper, and John Cooper. Bess was employed at Southern Bell Telephone Company and Southeastern Tool and Die Company, which later became Mason Corporation. She was a member of Canterbury United Methodist Church, Sprig O' Holly Garden Club, Pastfinders, The Antiquarian Society of Birmingham, Inc., The United Methodist Women of Canterbury United Methodist Church, Coronets Dance Club and The Gaieties Club. The family received friends and relatives on Thursday at Canterbury United Methodist Church in the Parlor at 10:30a.m. with the Memorial Service at noon in the Sanctuary. Memorials may be made to Canterbury United Methodist Church, Hope Hospice or the charity of your choice. Hope of B'ham, POB 10304, B'ham, AL 35202; Published in *The Birmingham News* from 8/22/2007 - 8/23/2007.

SHERMAN GOUGH, 85, passed away August 16, in Stewart, Florida. His wife, Mickey, called to say that Sherman had been in and out of the hospital with pneumonia several times during the past year, and was unable to bounce back. They were originally from Michigan, and Mickey said Sherman often said Mentone was his favorite place. He and Mickey moved to Florida to be near their daughter. He was a member of the Swinging Singers, a group of 120 individuals who also loved to sing as much as Sherman did. Sherman was also a member of the Miles County Country Club. Sherman was buried on Monday, August 20. Mickey's address is 5208 Sea Island Way, Stewart, FL 34997.

HELEN PROVINCE KEMP KUGLAR, age 87, passed away August 10, in Houston, Texas, following a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, Red Kuglar, 2 daughters: Sonja Gardner and Rhonda Recati, and one son, Ronnie Kemp.

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

The Summer Book Sale was a huge success! We were very pleased with amount of funds raised for the Moon Lake Library and also with the number of books we were able to move. This is as important to us as the money made. One of the objectives of the board of directors for the community library is to promote the reading of books.

We really appreciate the donations of books which were made for this sale. We are always amazed by the number we receive and also by the diversity of topics. We were given books on many subjects as well as many books of fiction. This makes for a very good sale. We have folks who come and ask for books on a particular subject and those who come to browse and see what we have. Usually, cookbooks are the first to go. After them, the most requested are how-to books, especially on gardening. Of course, the hardbacks which are on the best seller lists are very popular and paperbacks are always in demand.

We are ready for you to start donating books for our Winter Book Sale. This will be in February, at the M.E.R.F. Community House if we can arrange to use it. This usually continues for a week, if we have enough books. Bring your donations during the open hours of the Moon Lake Community Library. **DO NOT** leave them outside the library doors with school in session. This is an absolute rule because of security reasons. Do not abuse this request.

We have had a problem to arise with DVD's. Several times students have requested to check out a DVD. These can only be checked out by an adult or a stu-

dent accompanied by an adult. We do not want to discourage our students from using the community library. Therefore, we are asking that parents and guardians come with your student to check out DVD's.

The library has been given four bookcases by the DeKalb County Board of Education. These were declared surplus and were available for the asking. They are presently stored, but we hope to clean them up and put them in place soon. Once again, we have outgrown our space. We have been so fortunate to receive such up-to-date books that we are out of room to put them. These bookcases will help solve our problem. We have decided that these will be the last ones we add to our space, after this the only solution to overcrowding will be to sort out the books which haven't been checked out since they were placed on the shelves and add them to the next book sale.

We are always trying to think of new ideas to encourage the use of the library and to get more books into the hands of our patrons. Our newest idea is to put a bookmark into some of the most recent additions and ask anyone who reads the book to write a comment on the bookmark and return it with the book. This will enable our readers to look at the comments and see if that is a book that might be of interest to them.

Only one more chance to remind you that it is time to order your 2008 Community Calendar. These calendars are a valuable tool for your communication with businesses and agencies of the area. Also, it is fun to see who of your friends has a birthday or anniversary on that day. I like the feature which allows us to put the birthday of one of our family who has

passed. It seems to be comforting to me to see their name with the tiny cross beside it. The price is still only \$5.00. Order today. I will ask The Groundhog staff if they can run the form for one more issue. This is much appreciated. If you have a student in Moon Lake Elementary School, watch for a form which will be sent home with each student in September. Fill this in and return it to the office of the school and they will be picked up.

A drop box for DVD's should be available soon. One of the members of the board of directors has designed and is making one. He stated at the meeting that it should be finished and in place soon. Also, you can now check out six items on your library card. This enables our patrons to check out four books and two DVD's without exceeding the limit.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library will be Thursday, September 20, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the library. The library will be open for the public during this time and we urge you to continue to use the library during our meeting. Call Jan Wilkinson, 845-5048, to be placed on the agenda.

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By John Baty

Today, July 19, 2007, has been an unusual day. I woke early but she was at the PC and appeared to have been working for some time. After the usual waking up was over I suggested that we ride to Trenton, Georgia, to the Flea Market, then on past town to the Cement & Block place to get the four solid, four-inch blocks I needed. She agreed.

The crowd at the market was larger than usual and everyone seemed in high spirits despite the recent rain which had left puddles scattered over the ground. We bought two movies and I bought a broken guitar neck which still had a good, intact fingerboard.

After driving on to the block place for the four solid blocks, we stood and talked fiddles and music with the nice man who loaded the blocks. He asked if I played any Johnny Cash songs. I said I could play one or two of them well enough to recognize them. The fellow said he liked "Going to Jackson" and he sang it for us there on the block yard without accompaniment. We must have been engrossed in the discussion, as we left the four heavy blocks near the rear of the pickup bed; a no-no!

The wife had been doing some genealogy research and was not sure if Macedonia Cemetery on the Broomtown Road was (is) in Chattooga or Walker County. Out of curiosity, I headed across the mountain on the Trenton-LaFayette highway.

She was telling me about a wreck where the one vehicle had gone over the side when she was a child. Her family had stopped and looked at the abandoned automobile. The sight had lingered in her memory thereafter and she was afraid of the gap still.

After we turned south on the east brow parkway, we discussed our Editor's experience there on that road. I was pointing at something and almost got my wheel off the pavement. I think she was miserable the rest of the trip.

After we passed the Cove Road, I decided to drive over the Gilreath-Mill Road so she could see the old mill place. I pointed out one or two places where my Daddy and older Brother once bought the authentic, genuine, pure Georgia moonshine. She was interested in the Mill Site since a Gilreath or two had shown up in her genealogy. We turned south on State Line Road at the old place where Bill Holbrook once lived. Down the road a way, I pointed out the Double Hollows. This is a place where the watershed divides on a narrow "hogback," some running west, some east. Only enough room between the "heads" of the hollow for the road. A microcosm of the Continental Divide. A little further, we passed a deer on the road bank.

When we turned west on Highway 117, I guess I speeded up some due to the better quality road. As we rounded the curve there at the Tate place on the east side of the bridge, something black ran out of the trees and crossed directly in our path. I braked really hard to avoid hitting the animal. As I recognized a Black Bear, the blocks in the rear were slid by the momentum and hit the front with a wallop.

I had placed my fingerboard in the pickup bed and the blocks crashed into the front. We were talking about the Bear and I haven't looked to see if the blocks smashed my fingerboard. If so, I only invested \$2 in the part. And no, we didn't stop at the old moonshiner's place. **It was a Bear!**



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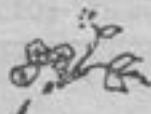
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The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the garage with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it:

I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whom-ever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. It's too bad you missed your daughter's 'dance recital' he continued. 'Let me tell you something that has helped me keep my own priorities.' And that's when he began to explain his theory of a 'thousand marbles.'

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years.

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now, stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part.

It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays." "I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit

three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear."

"Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life.

There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. This is a 75 Year old Man, K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter.

Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast." "What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. And hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles.

A friend sent this to me, so I to you, my friend.

And so, as one smart bear once said..."If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you." - Winnie the Pooh.

Pass this on to all of your FRIENDS, even if it means sending it to the person that sent it to you.

And if you receive this e-mail many times from many different people, it only means that you have many FRIENDS.

And if you get it but once, do not be discouraged for you will know that you have at least one good friend...

And that would be ME.

An email sent to Marie from her sister, Lois Wagy

Life is Short - What To Do With It?

By Evelyn Graves

As I was proofreading the article above, I was thinking, "Life is short, but it is not the length of life that is important but how we spend the time that we have." Recently, one of my dear friends had a heart attack which necessitated surgery with five by-passes. During the surgery, her heart stopped and measures had to be taken to start it again. When she was awake following the surgery, the first thing she told the family was that she had been to heaven and that she had seen her parents; and that my husband, Jimmy Graves, had run to meet her at Heaven's gate to welcome her to heaven. This report stirred mixed emotions in me. I certainly was not surprised that Jimmy was there because he had made preparations for that time early in his life, and he lived every day as if it were his last. He had a lot of fun as he went through life, and even after he became very seriously ill, he always thought of others, and he spent a lot of time

on the telephone calling people who were sick or who were bereaved or who just needed to know that someone cared about them. I remembered that he had visited the family of the lady who had the surgery when their children were young and had invited them to church. The children accepted the Lord, and the entire family joined the church and were such a blessing. As many thoughts flooded my mind, I began to make an assessment of my own life. So much of what I do every day will have no lasting value. I want my life to be a blessing to someone else every day. This glorious truth that heaven is real sometimes becomes faint as we deal with the everyday problems of life that tend to take their toll on us. I have been stirred by this experience to give more of myself in serving God and others, and to spend less time worrying about things that have no lasting value.

Church News

By Evelyn Graves



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

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

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-2002.

Visitors are always welcome at the Valley Head United Methodist Church. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at our new time: 9AM.

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

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

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 11AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road NW (DeKalb County Road 85), Fort Payne. Phone: 256-845-4842. The community is welcomed. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Bible Class every Wednesday @ 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 256-845-4314.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

The Mentone Revival Center and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10 AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Potters House Church. We are a small community church filled with the love of Jesus, where everyone of all denominations is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Worship is at 2 PM with Bill Miracle Pastor. We serve a meal at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, and our Bible Study starts at 6:30 with Sabra Gann, Teacher.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 10AM(9AM GA time); Church Services 11AM(10AM GA time); and Sunday night services 6PM(5PM GA time).

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

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM; and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM..

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Eph 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. (NIV Study Bible)

Whatever the situation, adoption is nearly always an act of love. The very word suggests compassion, stability, and warmth. All of the mental images we have of adoption apply also to our entry into the family of God. We are made a part of a larger family, the church, where we receive support and encouragement of brothers in Christ as we learn and grow to greater maturity. As children of God we become heirs to all the riches of God—joint heirs with Jesus himself.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Monday, September 10, 2007
Monday, October 8, 2007
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Monday, December 10, 2007
Monday, January 14, 2008

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Monday, September 10
Monday, October 8
Monday, November 12
Monday, December 10

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Thursday, September 27
Thursday, October 25
Tuesday, November 13
Thursday, December 20

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Thursday, September 13
(makeup meeting from July 19)
Thursday, October 18
Thursday, January 17, 2008

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

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

●September 3 - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

●Mondays - September 3, 10, 17, 24 - 5:30PM, N.L.M.V.F.P.D.
Weekly Meeting

●Monday, September 3, 6:30PM, PTO meeting Moon Lake School

●Monday, September 3, 6:30PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad Meeting

●Tuesday, September 4, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting, Dessie's

●Saturday, September 8, 11AM, Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance meeting, Mentone Springs Hotel

●Monday, September 10, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

●Tuesday, September 11, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, MERF House

●Tuesday, September 11, 6:30 PM, Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall

●Thursday, September 27, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN MEETING

MENTONE PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY,

SEPTEMBER 13, 2007, AT 5:00 PM

The Mentone Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, September 13, 2007, AT 5PM at the town hall in Mentone, central daylight savings time. This is a change (due to a lack of a quorum) from the regular quarterly meeting scheduled for July 19, 2007.

All other Planning Commission Meetings will be announced in The Groundhog for the year 2007.

Posted at: Mentone Town Hall; Mentone Market; J & S Quickmart; Mentone Post Office; Little River Hardware