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Colorfest

Handmade Arts & Crafts Festival
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October 16 AND 17

Join Us for Colorfest 2021! For more than 30 years, Colorfest has attracted thousands of visitors to our little village to admire the fall foliage, observe the talented work of regional artists and craft makers, enjoy a variety of delicious food from local restaurants and food trucks, hear live music from gifted musicians, and more.

Colorfest 2021 is well on its way with lots of new ideas and volunteers who are committed to making this year's festival a fun-filled event for the entire family.

Colorfest is presented by the Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA). It is an outdoor festival, and will be held rain or shine. Food vendors and portable restrooms are available for your convenience. The Mentone Colorfest takes great pride in showcasing handmade arts and crafts.

The scenic views and magical ambience of Brow Park in Mentone are unmatched. This location provides breathtaking views from atop Lookout Mountain, where Mother Nature sets the stage for witnessing how beautiful change can be during the fall season.

Festival hours are Saturday, October 16, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. CDT and Sunday, October 17, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. CDT.

Festival Parking will be available at designated lots for a fee of \$5 per car. A free shuttle service will be available

at the parking areas outside of walking distance. Please keep in mind that we are required to follow current CDC regulations for enclosed public transportation. Masks are required and will be provided, should you choose to ride the free shuttle buses.

Please consider being a volunteer, a sponsor, or both! We are certain that our efforts could go even farther with support from YOU! Learn how you can help MAPA serve the community of Mentone and contribute to our continued success at mapamentone.com/colorfest2021.

We will be diligent about taking precautions with your health and safety in mind. Masks will be available at the MAPA booths at the north and south ends of North Cool St. Vendors will be required to wear masks, and hand sanitizing stations will be located along the road.

If you plan to visit Mentone for the festival, visit visitlookoutmountain.com/where-to-stay-dekalb-county for your accommodation needs. Please remember to check next month's *Groundhog* for more detailed information regarding Colorfest 2021, including a schedule of events, artists, musicians, sponsors, and food vendors.

You can find us on Facebook at "Mentone Alabama Festivals" and Instagram @mentonecolorfest. Follow our pages to keep up with festival events and get the most up-to-date details as they are finalized.

See page 4 for more information!

Sequoyah, the Cherokee Syllabary, and Manitou Cave by Kelly Leavitt

Two hundred years ago, under a Cherokee Council tree, Sequoyah began teaching Cherokees how to read and write in the Cherokee language. The Black Spanish oak tree was located on the grounds of current-day Winston Place in Valley Head; it was destroyed by a storm in 1934.

Sequoyah, also called George Gist (or Guess), was a silversmith and blacksmith who evolved into a scholar. Born to a Cherokee mother and European American father in Tennessee, he spoke no other language than his native Cherokee. He had witnessed the ability of European Americans to communicate with the written word and he realized its value for his people.

It is thought that around 1809, he began working out how to put the Cherokee language to paper. These efforts were suspended when he volunteered to fight in the War of 1812 at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. After the war, Sequoyah moved to Willstown—present-day Fort Payne—and once again began working on a system of writing.

His efforts were complete in
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Here stood the giant Black Spanish Oak under which traditionally Sequoyah taught his newly invented alphabet. Tree felled by a storm, 1934—Valley Head Womens Club, 1955

St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Celebrates Fifty Years by Kelly Leavitt

In 1864, 19-year-old Robert Vernon built a cabin in Mentone, a log structure which still stands and is Mentone's oldest building. It serves as the central structure for St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in early October.

The church property has seen much transformation over the past 50 years. Services were originally held in the cabin, which, to that point, had been occupied by area families for 100 years. Descendants of these families continue to live in the Mentone area.

The first service as an organized congregation and recognized by the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama was conducted by Rev. Graham Glover in October, 1971. The next year, Bishop Stough visited St. Joseph's for the church's first confirmation.

By 1974, the church largely resembled its current appearance. As it was built, wood which had been reclaimed from local buildings of the same era as the cabin was used as much as possible.

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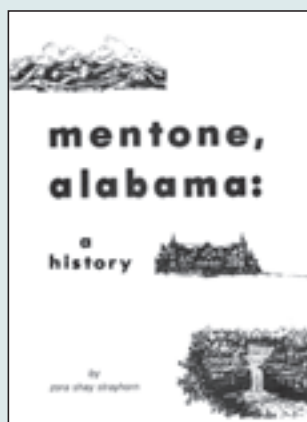
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Groundhog wood cut courtesy of Meg Justice

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Learn about the History of Mentone

Zora Strayhorn's book, *Mentone, Alabama: A History*, is for sale at Mentone Market, DeSoto State Park, and Moon Lake Library. \$15; proceeds benefit MAPA.

Mentone Matters • by Mayor Rob Hammond



Bids for the sidewalk will be opened at 2 p.m. on September 9 at Town Hall.

Bear sightings have become more frequent in the Mentone area. The bears are going to be with us and we will have to learn to live with them. Most importantly, we have to deny them food sources—garbage, bird feeders, or other pet food left outside. There will be two informational meetings for the public with

Hannah Leeper this month to educate us on how to become more “bear aware.”

A couple of weeks ago, San and I were on vacation in Wyoming. We took a field trip to the National Museum of Military Vehicles in Dubois, Wyoming. The lady selling the tickets asked where we were from. We told her Mentone, Alabama. Her response—“I just love the Wildflower Café!!” (tomato pie was her favorite).

Letter from the Editor



It's been four years since I began working with *The Groundhog*. In that time, I have learned so much and met many fine people. This paper has been in publication for almost four decades, and the various editors over the years have been instrumental in documenting and highlighting life in the Mentone area, both past and present.

The Groundhog is published by MAPA, and part of the organization's mission is to “preserve and protect the heritage, natural environment and other unique qualities of life in the Mentone area.” Hundreds of past issues are available on MAPA's web site, and reading them is a great way to learn about the community, especially if you're new to the area.

Several recent issues, in particular, offer more context to some of this month's articles. In the July 2019 issue you can learn more about black bears in our area; the May 2019 issue goes into some detail about the Cherokee inscriptions

found in Manitou Cave; and the February 2021 issue features the amazing food ministry at St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain church. The September 2019 issue discusses labyrinths, in case you're curious about the labyrinth in St. Joseph's Sacred Garden. These and other issues can be viewed at mapamentone.com/groundhog.

Plans for Colorfest are progressing well, and our new coordinators, Jessica Boman and Mariah Emmett, are working hard to plan a fun, safe, and successful event.

As fall approaches, we can each look forward to the beauty of the season. We're so fortunate to be surrounded by wide open spaces, with fresh air and beauty all around. DeSoto State Park has a variety of interesting and free programs scheduled this month, which you can learn about in the community calendar on page 11.

I wish you all a safe, stress-free, and all-around lovely September! —Kelly



MAPA News by L.C. Moon

Another fall is upon us and summer 2021 is drawing to a close. Mentone camps and businesses have been fortunate to have had a relatively safe and prosperous year. Our quaint little town of Mentone has brought in many new visitors and is not quite the secret it was ten years ago. The beauty of our town being discovered is that it usually seems to appeal to people who can appreciate that there is very little to “do” in Mentone and can appreciate the quietness of the community and quaintness of downtown.

Many of our local businesses and nonprofits do host events, “or things to do” - Mentone Inn, Little River Arts Council, Mentone Community Library, MERF, MACC, Desoto State Park, Canyon Center, MAPA, etc. These events are hosted in the area for locals and visitors to share the culture and richness of Mentone and Lookout Mountain.

The past year and a half everyone has had to be more careful and has been up against some tough decisions to continue on with planned events or to postpone to a safer time. MAPA board collectively decided to cancel the Rhododendron Festival last spring because during the planning phases the numbers COVID numbers were high and we cancelled because of the uncertainty as to whether it would get better or worse by the third week in May.

Our annual Colorfest planning is underway and began when numbers were

relatively low. The new increase in positive cases led us to have a special board meeting on Wednesday August 18. Everyone on the board voted unanimously to move forward with the plan. Before the meeting Jessica Peace Bowman sent out a well thought out plan as to how the planning committee and volunteers can take the most safety precautions possible.

MAPA had a big outcry from a large portion of the community on social media that were sad about cancelling the Rhododendron Festival. We are hopeful as a board that with the Colorfest being an outdoor event and taking best precautions that we will have a day of safe good times, art, food, music and fun for all! If the numbers and safety seems as though things take a turn for the worse then we can cross that bridge. For now the board feels it is worth the potential of a great weekend to move forward with the chance we may be safe to create another wonderful experience for all at Brow Park.

Please reach out if you are interested in the Colorfest. Even if you only have 2-3 hours of time to volunteer, whether before the festival, during the festival or after the festival for cleaning up. Jessica Bowman and Mariah Emmett have done a great job of coordinating and still need some extra hands to help in varying ways. It takes a village so please become a part of being one of the 2021 Colorfest if you are in favor of the celebration! Many blessings!

L.C. Moon is the parliamentarian of the Mentone Area Preservation Association.

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**BE
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Mentone residents are quickly realizing that learning to live with bears is the wave of our future. Many, many sightings have been reported this year, especially in the area of the western brow. Auburn University Research Assistant Hannah Leeper has been researching the local black bear population for the past couple of years, and will offer two free programs in September for anyone interested in learning more. DeSoto State Park will host an event on Saturday, September 4, at 7 p.m. (more details on page 11). If you are unable to attend that event, *The Groundhog* will host Hannah on Thursday, September 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Brow Park. The information presented at both programs will be similar, and Hannah is prepared to address your questions, comments, and concerns. These will be great events for your children to attend. Being educated is the best way to “Be Bear Aware!”

SAVE THE DATE!

**MAPA Membership
Meeting/Social**

**Friday, October 15
6:15 p.m.
Town Square, Mentone**

Look for details in the October *Groundhog*



**Valley Head Cemetery
5K & 10K Race by Sherryl Lewis**

Get ready to come run in memory of a loved one at the Valley Head Cemetery Run In Memory of 5K and 10K on Saturday, September 25, at 8 a.m. Register online at RunSignUp or in person the morning of the race. Cash prizes for overall male and female. Great door prizes. Races will start and finish on the Valley Head Town Square. All proceeds go toward maintenance on the cemetery. Look us up on RunSignUp and the Valley Head Cemetery Facebook Page or contact Sherryl Lewis 256-657-1616 for updates or more information.

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Scarecrow Name _____

Complete and return this form to MAPA, P.O. Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984 OR go to **mapamentone/scarecrow-holler** to enter. **Deadline for entry is Saturday, October 9, at 8 p.m.**

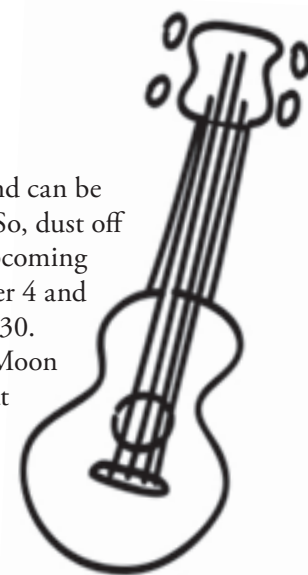
- Scarecrows should be family-friendly and should not reflect controversial, social, or political affairs. No handouts or promotional materials can be associated with any entry. MAPA and the Scarecrow Committee reserve the right to remove any Scarecrow that does not meet these standards.
- Entries must be located in a designated and numbered 5' square area. One square hay bale per entry will be included.
- Set-up will be Saturday, October 9, through Friday, October 15, in the wooded area at the north end of North Cool St. in Mentone (across from the north pavilion at Brow Park). Pick your favorite area and record the number on the sign-in sheet. Scarecrows will remain up through Halloween and must be removed by Saturday, November 6. Any display that is not removed by that time will be discarded.
- Scarecrows must be constructed to withstand weather conditions. It is suggested that entrants check on their display periodically.
- Judges will be provided by sponsoring organization(s) and will be determined by originality, theme, creativeness, etc.
- 1st place—\$75, 2nd place—\$50, 3rd place—\$25. Judging will take place on Saturday, October 16, at 9 a.m. Winners will be announced and ribboned on the Brow Park stage during the festival and will be featured in the November issue of *The Groundhog*. MAPA reserves the right to use photographs for future publicity.

Ukulele Classes Continue

by Debra Fey

Our FREE basic ukulele sessions are more than learning to play new chords. They include social interaction, fundamentals of music theory, and, of course, singing off key. The ukulele is an easy instrument to pick up and play and is suitable for folks of all ages. At these sessions you'll see some who need help tuning their ukulele or how to hold it, while others may be farther along. It doesn't matter. There is no pressure, and we are here to have fun. We encourage each other. For me personally, I have really appreciated how our instructor Mickey Luck introduces us to songs steeped in Southern history and tradition, like "Sweet Sunny South" and "Aragon Mill" and he explains in simple terms, for instance, how

chords progress in a song and can be transposed to another key. So, dust off your uke and join in our upcoming Saturday sessions: September 4 and 18, and October 2, 16, and 30. All sessions are held at the Moon Lake Community Library at 1 pm. (Shout out to the library for allowing us use of their space!) For more information, feel free to call/text to my phone at 404-630-2918, or follow us on the Mentone Ukes Facebook page.

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Scarecrow Holler

“Someday you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again.” -C.S. Lewis



1st Place scarecrow in 2019, "George, the Cotton Pickin' Scarecrow," created by Christy Ledford

Scarecrow Holler is a scarecrow-building competition for businesses, organizations and individuals. The Colorfest 2021 Scarecrow Contest theme is “Fairy Tales and Folk Tales.” It’s your chance to recreate a scarecrow version of a fairy or folk tale character and enter it into the contest for a chance to win prize money. Will your scarecrow be based on your favorite hero, the jokester who kept you laughing, or the villain you feared the most? If you are interested in participating in Scarecrow Holler, complete the application on page 4 or register online at mapamentone.com/scarecrow-holler. Registration deadline is 8 p.m. on October 9.

Children’s Art & Activities Tent

“Art has the role in education of helping children become more like themselves instead of more like everyone else.” -Sydeny Gurewitz Clemens

We are so excited about the wonderful activities and opportunities for children to express their artistic side at Colorfest! Children are invited to stop by our Children’s Art & Activities Tent, located in the shady area on North Cool Street, to enjoy hands-on art activities between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. More details will be available closer to the Colorfest 2021 Festival.

Elementary-aged kids will have the chance to win prizes by using their creative abilities on the Colorfest coloring page that will be handed out at their school. Check our website at mapamentone.com in early October for a downloadable version of the coloring page.

We will also showcase local middle and high school-aged students’ artwork at the festival. An art tent will be designated to exhibit their art and promote their creativity. If you’re interested in having your artwork on display, contact your art teacher at Fort Payne City Schools and Valley Head School.

Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade

On Saturday, we invite you to parade your pets through the festival! Register on-site before 12:45 p.m. at the MAPA booth located at the **south** end of the festival, where the walk will begin. Judging will be based on originality, showmanship, humor, and creativity. The costume contest categories are as follows: Most Creative, Best Pet and Owner Duo, and Most Hilarious. Winners will be announced immediately following the parade at the Pavilion around 1:30 p.m.

Parade Rules:

- Pets must be in costume.
- Cost is a \$1 donation to walk. All proceeds are given to the Dekalb County Animal Shelter.
- All dogs must remain leashed.
- Rabies and vaccinations must be current.
- No aggressive dogs or dogs in heat.
- Owners/handlers are responsible for the actions of their pet.
- Dogs must be sociable with other dogs, adults, and children.

Beau-ti-FALL Bizzness

Beau-ti-FALL Bizzness will be held again this year, and local businesses are encouraged to decorate their buildings and grounds for the fall festivities. Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Sponsors

Sponsors are the lifeblood of Colorfest. They provide financial assistance that allows the festival committee to purchase signage, marketing materials, advertising, and festival supplies, and to provide great musicians throughout the festival. We think our efforts could go even farther with financial support from YOU and, in turn, we will promote your organization as an official event sponsor of Colorfest 2021. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact us at MentoneColorfest@gmail.com or visit mapamentone.com/sponsors for additional information.



Lend a Hand! Be a Colorfest Volunteer



Children’s Activities

Organize activities for children; lead and/or supervise activities.

Photographer

Take pictures at festival and related events for online media and *The Groundhog*.

Scarecrow Hollow

Prepare site, recruit judges.

Vendor Committee

Help mark booth spaces during week before; Friday and early Saturday— check-in vendors.

Signage

Inventory all signage; set up promotional, shuttle, parking lot, and directional signs; put up sponsor banners.

MAPA Information Booths

Time slots are available throughout the weekend.

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Help secure Colorfest sponsors.

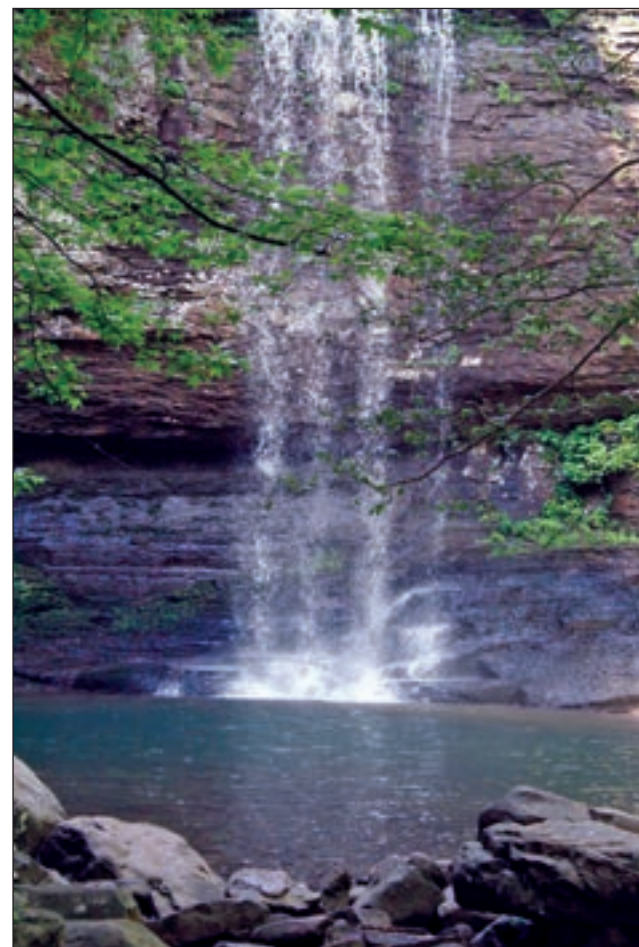
Odds & Ends

Folks who are willing to do odd tasks as needed!

Complete the online interest form at mapamentone.com/colorfest2021-volunteers

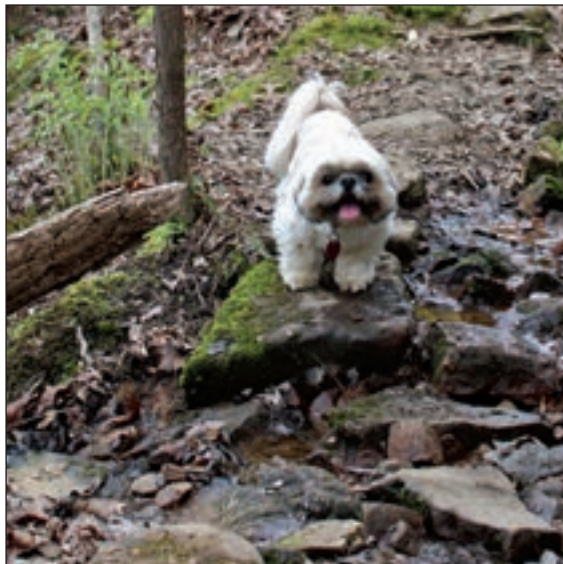
DESOTO STATE PARK: ALWAYS IN MY MEMORIES

by Felix Barcelo Garroni



DeSoto State Park trails know how to listen. When I moved to the mountains of northwestern Georgia a year and a half ago, many thought I had gone crazy. However, if talking to myself and to my dog, Beethoven, during our tireless walks along the trails of this beautiful natural park is going crazy, maybe they're right. And even more so, considering that—by chance—I moved to the mountains just two weeks before the pandemic began in March, 2020.

And so it is that, while suffering anguish, helplessness, uncertainty, fear, and gloom generated by the pandemic, DeSoto, among other state parks, fortunately, was for me a shelter, a holy place where I had the power, sometimes, to clear my mind and live in the present to the extent possible and, other times, to chat with myself, vent, think of others, learn from the past, and think about the future. Just what I



needed to not go crazy over my recent painful divorce and everything that was going on in the world.

And I say “fortunately” because after a long and distressing year of waiting, I had finally moved to a cabin in the mountains of Georgia, in Cloudland, where, despite Covid-19 restrictions, I had the choice, freedom, advantage, and luck to be able to go out to walk the trails and talk to myself, Beethoven, and nature.

It is for all that, for our countless and extensive conversations, for the remembrance of the victims and their families, for our secrets, for all its natural beauties and wonders, for its peace, harmony, balance and wisdom, and for being just 25 minutes away from my cabin, that DeSoto State Park will always be in my memories.

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The Cherokee Syllabary

Sequoyah (continued from page 1)

1821. Rather than creating symbols to designate individual letters, Sequoyah’s symbols each represented the sound of a syllable—thus, his system is considered a syllabary rather than an alphabet. Some of his symbols were invented; others were copied from letters he saw in a printed Christian Bible.

His young daughter, A-Yo-Ka, was the first to learn to read the syllabary, which consisted of 85 characters. When Sequoyah was accused of sorcery, the two were brought to trial before their town chief. They were separated and told to communicate with each other through the power of these “talking leaves”—sheets of paper with writing. This experiment proved to be a success.

The syllabary was easy for the Cherokees to learn, and the Cherokee Nation made quick strides towards literacy. The syllabary was formally adopted by the Cherokee Nation in 1825. Three years later, in 1828, the Cherokee Phoenix was born. This was the first bi-lingual newspaper in the United States, with each article written in both English and Cherokee.

In 1830, the Indian Removal Act was passed by the U.S. Congress. The ability for the Cherokees to communicate across the miles helped maintain their solidarity through the trying years that followed.

When the Cherokees were forced from the Willstown area in 1838 and walked westward on what is now called the Trail of Tears, their property and possessions were taken from them and written documents in the Cherokee language became essentially non-existent in this area.

One location that written Cherokee has endured is Manitou Cave in Fort Payne. The cave has been used by European Americans for at least 160 years. During the Civil War, saltpeter was mined from the cave, and during Fort Payne’s “Boom Days” in the late 19th century, the cave became a popular spot. A large space deep within the cave, known as “The Ballroom,” was lit by hundreds of candles and used for music and dancing. After some years of neglect, the cave became what is known as a “show cave” in the 1960s and was one of the most popular tourist destinations in the state of Alabama. Once tourism operations ceased in the 1970s, the cave and property fell into a state of disrepair. Caving enthusiasts used it for adventure trips, while others vandalized the walls with graffiti and destroyed some of the geological formations.

In 2015, the cave was purchased and is now managed by Manitou Cave of Alabama, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with director and steward Annette F. Reynolds at the helm. Cherokee scholars had known about the inscriptions deep within the cave, and in 2015 a concerted effort was made to translate them. The research of scholars of the three federally recognized bands of Cherokees—Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Cherokee Nation, and United Keetoowah—was published in April, 2019 in *Antiquity*, an academic journal published by Cambridge University Press. The inscriptions include the signature of Richard Gist (Guess), Sequoyah’s son, as well as documentation of spiritual practices deep within the cave. A full discussion of the inscriptions, which have garnered international



This bronze statue of Sequoyah, crafted by Betsy Scott and Carl McCleskey, is displayed in the Mentone Arts Center’s garden.



Historical marker, Manitou Cave Visitor Center, 1960

attention in recent years, can be found at bit.ly/manitou921.

Manitou Cave of Alabama was recently designated as a Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Certified Site by the United States National Park Service. On September 18, a live-streamed dedication event will take place outdoors at the newly restored Interpretive Center, with dignitaries from the Cherokee Nation and EBCI attending. The event will also honor the 200th anniversary of the Sequoyah Cherokee syllabary, which is being celebrated this year by the Cherokee people.

To commemorate these two special occasions, the Alabama Humanities Alliance and Manitou Cave of Alabama will host a dedication event on Saturday, September 18, and the public is invited to attend. At 11 a.m., Annette F. Reynolds will introduce the history of Manitou Cave and Shannon Keith Smith will speak on historic Willstown and the Trail of Tears. Author presentations on books and publications on the Trail of Tears and Cherokee history will follow at 12 p.m. (Amy Kostine of Middle Tennessee State University, Larry Smith of the Trail of Tears Association, and Jessica Harper-Brown of Landmarks of Dekalb County). At 1 p.m., there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce and the National Park Service will present certificates to the City of Fort Payne,

and at 2:00, Charlie Rhodarmer, executive director of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum will speak on “Sequoyah’s Bicentennial.” This is an outdoor event and masks will be available for guests. Anyone wishing to view the event online can visit Manitou Cave of Alabama’s Facebook page for a live stream presentation. For more information about Manitou Cave of Alabama and the dedication program, visit manitoucaveofal.org.

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JUST BETWEEN US

A Curious Q & A by Rebecca Henderson

I had the pleasure of chatting with Jan Wilkinson recently and had a wonderful time getting to know a little about her. Jan and her late husband, John, moved to the mountain after retirement, but their love for this area began long before that. And Jan has expressed that love so generously through service to the community. When Moon Lake Library was founded, Jan served as the board's first president. Among other activities, she has devoted decades to being deeply involved with the Boy

Scouts of America. In 2018, Mentone's Boy Scout Troop 106 presented Jan with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor a Scout council can bestow upon a leader. Also in 2018, the Town of Mentone proclaimed that February 10 of each year will be known as "Jan Wilkinson Day." At the end of our conversation, she reminded me that one should never stop trying new things. I certainly want to get to know her better!



Jan Wilkinson

Q *Where were you born?*

A I was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, but I grew up in Dawson, Georgia.

Q *What brought you to this area?*

A I met some girls who introduced my sister and me to Camp DeSoto. I spent the next 10 years coming to Mentone! After going to UGA for an art degree and meeting and marrying John, a U.S.M.A. grad [The U.S. Military Academy at West Point], I brought him to Mentone and Nippersink Lodge, where we fell in love with the mountain. After 20 years of many Army moves, three sons, and 17 years at Southern Illinois University, a master's and a PhD, we retired here.

Q *Do you have family here?*

A Even though our family is not near, our grandchildren have spent lots of time with us...exploring the mountain and the town.

Q *Who was your first friend here, and how did you meet?*

A I first met Dallyne and Jim Jones, my wonderful house builder. Dallyne took me under her wing and introduced me to the Rhododendron Garden Club, the Valley Head Women's Club, and unending opportunities to serve our community, including the first community litter pickup, Boy Scout Troop 106, and Moon Lake Baptist Church. A smile and commitment helped making friends a rewarding pleasure.

Q *Three words of advice you would tell your 18-year-old self if you could.*

A I would say, live these words: Duty, honor, country.

Q *What country would you like to visit?*

A I'm going to Portugal next spring. I'd like to visit Morocco and ride a camel and sleep in a tent.

Q *What's the first historic event you remember and where you when it happened?*

A I think I remember when WWII ended. There were people perched on every sitting surface, listening to the radio. And I remember people were doing lots of cheering.

Q *Are you a talented driver?*

A Oh yeah, Baby.

Q *If I walked in and found you listening to music, what would you be listening to?*

A I would be listening to 50s, 60s and 70s easy listening. The romantic songs and orchestras—the best! Last week I met the last living Letterman [of The Lettermen musical group] on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. I was in California to meet my first great-grandbaby.

Q *Would your mother say you're a good dancer?*

A I grew up with dancing in the house. I used to be able to shake a leg pretty good.

Q *Build your perfect burger.*

A Everything on it. Though I'd rather have a bratwurst from a food truck in Germany.

Q *Your most exciting wildlife sighting in this area?*

A There was a long-horned goat on Citadel Rock for over a year.

Q *Did you behave in first grade?*

A Oh, yes [the giggle in this answer seems revealing]. Seriously, I was raised that the teacher is always right.

Q *Describe Mentone in three words.*

A Land of opportunity and joy [these are good enough that two will suffice].

Thank you, Jan!



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On August 20, Valley Head celebrated the life of Coach Jerry Brown, a beloved teacher and football coach at Valley Head High School. During the memorial service, a rainbow appeared and Valley Head photographer Valerie Chappell captured the moment.

"Jerry Brown was a man, a myth, a legend," Valerie said. "He was a true community hero, educating, coaching, and touching the hearts and lives of many. For years to come, if you knew him...at the mention of his name, a smile will cross your face and a story will come to mind. Share it...Jerry would have."

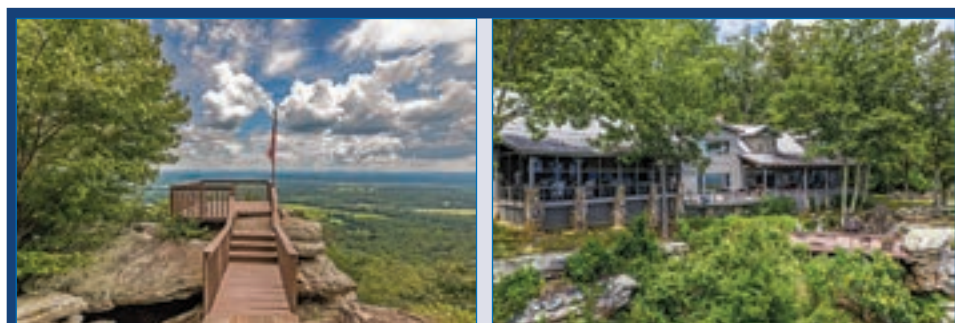


Boy Scout Troop 172 travelled to Mentone from Marietta, GA, in late July for a weekend of service and relaxation. The young Scouts picked up many bags of trash on Tutwiler Gap and then enjoyed time swimming, canoeing, and kayaking on Little River, and camping at the Berry Patch on East River Road. Troop

leader Brian Wright, who is part of the Berry family, began this tradition for his troop several years ago. Thank you, Troop 172! Thanks also to Chief Gene McKee, whose "blue lights" helped keep the boys safe on the gap road, and the Town of Mentone, who provided the collection bags. —*Lyle Nicely*



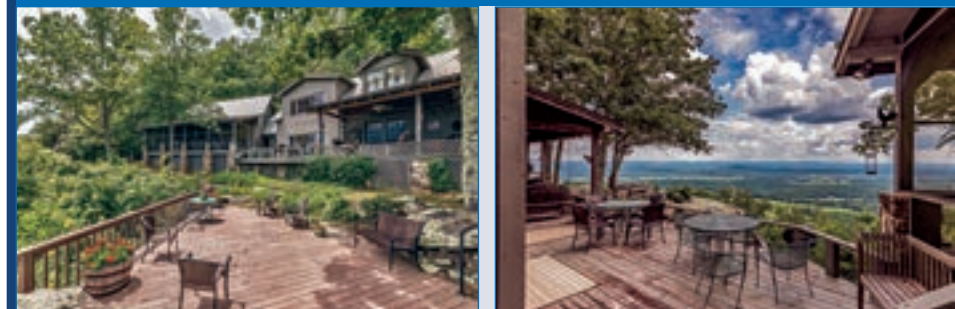
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September Community Calendar

September 3—Campfire Talk: American Revolution, the Birth of a Nation. Have you ever wondered what events took place to set the American Revolution into motion? This interesting talk will shed new light on the story of how our nation was born—and reveal some historical facts that might surprise you. Presented by The Revolutionary War Veterans Association (RWVA), a group of volunteers that tell the story of the events of April 19, 1775, a day that some call the most important day in American history. Talks are for all ages, & open to everyone! 8pm. DeSoto State Park Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area): Free, no pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the talk, email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov.

September 3–5, 10–12, 17–19, 24–26—Miller's Bend Paddle Shack. The Paddle Shack at DeSoto Falls Picnic Area will be open to help you begin your scenic kayak trip up the West Fork of Little River. Rent sit-on-top kayaks to enjoy a peaceful flatwater paddle on Little River overlooking beautiful DeSoto Falls. Your adventure can be up to 4 miles round trip, or as long as you want to make it! Paddle trips are perfect for individuals or groups. Life vests & paddles are provided. Boat Shack Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10am–6pm. Kayaks are also available by reservation Monday–Thursday, 10am–6pm (\$50 minimum). Single sit-on-top kayak/\$15 per hour. Tandem sit-on-top kayak/\$25 per hour. Corcl's/\$10 per hour. Call DeSoto State Park's Lodge for info at 256-845-5380 or visit alapark.com/kayak-little-river.

September 4—Daybreak Flatwater Paddle Trip. DeSoto State Park staff offers this relaxing guided morning paddle trip on scenic Little River. Enjoy the peace and quiet of nature as we paddle upstream on the 'coke bottle clear' waters of the West Fork of Little River. Learn about this outstanding water source with its clear water, plant & animal life, and about the history of the area around DeSoto Falls in Dekalb County, Alabama. This trip is approximately 4 miles round trip on flatwater, spans a 3- to 3-1/2-hour period and includes kayak, paddle, & personal flotation device. Wear appropriate clothing and bring bug spray, snacks, and drinking water: 7-10am. Meet at Miller's Bend Paddle Shack at the DeSoto Falls Picnic Area. \$30/single kayak rental (tandem kayaks available on limited basis for \$50). To register, email Paige.Norsworthy@dcnr.alabama.gov. **Please provide date of paddle, a phone number; indicate number of boats and what type (single/tandem) requested for the trip. Payment will be required at time of registration.**

September 4—Follow Your Art! Sponsored by Little River Arts Council and the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation, Follow Your Art will feature local artists and the return of last year's popular sidewalk chalk art contest. Bring the whole family for an uplifting celebration of summer fun with music, art demonstrations, and a visit from the Little Something Extra Ice Cream truck.. Visitors can browse the track's hand-painted picket fence, play on the chimes and other musical installations on the grounds, rest on the colorful Buddy Benches, and enjoy Lydia Randolph's murals on the storage shed. 10am–3pm. MERF's Pathway to Community Walking Track in Mentone, on Hwy. 117 next to Moon Lake Library. More info at littleriverartscouncil.org/followyourart, or email info@littleriverartscouncil.org.

September 4—Campfire Talk: Alabama Black Bears. Join Auburn University Research Associate Hannah Leeper to learn more about bears, what we can do to prevent bears from becoming a nuisance and hear about current black bear

research happening in Alabama. Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. 7pm. DeSoto State Park Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground. (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area.) Campground gates will open 30 minutes before program. Free, no pre-registration required. Masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the talk, email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov.

September 4 & 18—Ukulele Class. Free class for beginners. Bring a ukulele and a fun desire to learn! 1pm. Moon Lake Library, 4607 AL Hwy. 117, Mentone. For more info or to RSVP: Debra, 404-630-2918.

September 16—Alabama Black Bears. Auburn University Research Associate Hannah Leeper will discuss the bears in our area and how we can best learn to live with them. 5:30pm. Brow Park, Cool St., Mentone. Seating is limited, so feel free to bring your own chair. Email groundhognews@yahoo.com with any questions.

September 17—Campfire Talk: Traditional Southern Cooking. There's just something about Southern food. As cliché as it may sound, there's an innate sense of character and soul to it. Authentic Southern cooking is as diverse and multicultural as the regions in the South and the families who live there. Southern cooks have always creatively drawn upon the mix of cultures that compose the South, starting with Native Americans, Europeans and Africans. Come help food enthusiast (he likes to eat) Dr. Kelly Gregg in an exploration of the "Where?", "When?", "Who?" and "What?" of Southern Cooking. Bring your ideas and opinions and together we'll have some fun talking about what makes "real" Southern Food. Seating is limited, so bring your own chair. 8pm. DeSoto State Park's Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground. (In case of inclement weather, event will be held in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area.) No pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the talk, email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov.

September 18—Serious Skills Series: Dutch Oven Campfire Cooking 101. Dutch ovens have been in use for hundreds of years; especially when our country was expanding and families were on the move. Unable to bring their large cook stoves with them, women learned how to cook entire meals from stews & soups to bread & desserts, in their Dutch ovens. Learn the basics about Dutch ovens, how to clean & care for your cookware, AND cook (& eat!) dinner & dessert at the same time! This is a demonstration so you can swing by anytime, & the best time is when food is just coming off the fire! Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. Drop in whenever you like & check out the food! 4–6pm. DeSoto State Park Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground next to site 93 (gate will open to the public). Free & open to everyone. No pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the demo, email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov.

September 18—Campfire Talk: Corn—A truly A-maizing Plant! Join geographer Kelly Gregg in a casual discussion of the origins of Native American corn, how it shaped American culture and cuisine, and how it went on to help feed the world! Free & open to the public. Bring the family along for fresh popcorn! Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. 7–8 p.m. DeSoto State Park's Campfire Ring in Campground. 256-997-5025.

September 24—Hiking 101. First-time hiker, or one not yet confident on the trails? Join guest naturalist Amanda Glover from Lake Guntersville State Park for some 'before you go' info; the 10 essentials you will want to carry in your daypack, how to plan your hike, and what to be aware of while out in the Great Outdoors! Tips to help you feel confident on the trail. Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. 7pm. DeSoto State Park Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground. (In case of inclement weather, event will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area.) No pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the talk, email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov.

September 25—Valley Head Cemetery Run. Get ready to come run in memory of a loved one at the Valley Head Cemetery Run In Memory of 5K and 10K at 8 am. CHIP TIMING provided by PinPoint timing. Online Registration opens soon. Cash prizes for overall male and female. Door prizes. Races start and finish on the Valley Head Town Square. All proceeds go toward maintenance on the cemetery. Contact Sherryl Lewis at 256-657-1616 for more info.

September 25—Campfire Talk: White Tailed Deer in Alabama. White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) are some of the most recognized wildlife in Alabama. They are a common sight along roadsides, in fields, and even in some backyards throughout the state. Deer are common residents of most rural parts of Alabama, as well as many of the urban and suburban areas of the state. Join guest naturalist Amanda Glover from Lake Guntersville State Park to learn more about white-tailed deer. Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable camp chair if you wish. 7pm. DeSoto State Park, Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground. (In case of inclement weather will be located in the CCC Pavilion in picnic area.) Free, no pre-registration required; masks are respectfully requested when in proximity of others not in your household. For any details about the talk, email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov.

September 25 & 26—Serious Skills Series: Glass Mosaic Stepping Stone Workshop. Hosted by DeSoto State Park. Learn the beautiful and ancient art of mosaics! Artist Linda Munoz will teach design, techniques, and the skills of class cutting, gluing, and grouting with special emphasis on safety. Participants will work on their own dragonfly stepping stone and discover different ways of working with glass. 10am–3pm (will break for lunch). DeSoto State Park. \$45 includes all supplies. Workshop space is limited, so pre-registration is required. Email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov to sign up or for more info. Linda taught mosaic glass and helped to create the famous community project, A River Runs Through It (littleriverartscouncil.org/desoto-falls-art-project).

September 25—LRAC Music Showcase: Larry Joe Hall (5pm); Dusty Smith (6:15pm); Jerry & Pixie Bloom (7:30pm); Lydia Randolph (8:30pm); Marc Womack & Robby (9:15pm). Sponsored by Little River Arts Council, made possible in part by the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. 5–10pm. Free & open to everyone! Mentone Inn's Linger Longer Pavilion For any details, email: info@littleriverartscouncil.org.

September 27–October 2—DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair. Rides on the midway, great food, live entertainment, livestock exhibits, agricultural displays, awards, and so much more. Held at the VFW Fairgrounds. Gates open at 5 p.m. 256-845-4752.



River Voice by Angie Shugart

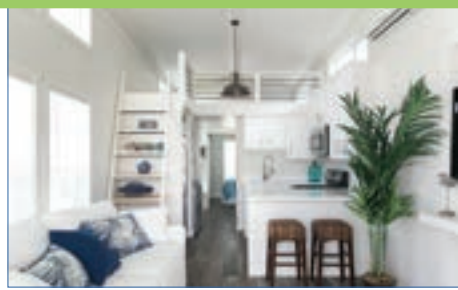
"Happily we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures..." — Henry David Thoreau

September is the month when summer officially comes to a close and we welcome the cooler temperatures that Autumn brings. This time of year, the lakes on Little River (Lahusage and DeSoto) are experiencing turnover, which means the surface water that was once warmed by the sunlight, begins to cool. The cool water then becomes dense and sinks, forcing the bottom layer of water to rise, in order for it to cool and the water become an equal temperature. You can see the signs when this happens, as the decaying matter on the lake bottom is warm and begins to bubble and release an odor. This seasonal, natural occurrence plays a critical role in the ecosystem. Fresh oxygen replenishes the bottom layer and allows fish to return and spend the winter months in the deep layer of water. The turnover happens again during the spring when the water begins to warm up.

River Rx: There is so much negativity and division going on in the world right now. There are several studies that say nature benefits your health in many ways. I encourage you to step away and get outside this fall. Paddle a canoe or take a swim before the water is too cold. Hike along the river on the yellow trail in DeSoto State Park. Soon, the leaves will be changing and the scenery is breathtaking. The water is like glass on the lakes, early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Watching the trees reflect on the water's surface, is a great way to experience serenity. River therapy is the perfect prescription for your health and well-being!

SwimGuide 2021 Update

We conclude our summer SwimGuide season on September 3. For 16 weeks—Memorial Day to Labor Day—we monitored eight swimming holes on Little River and two major tributaries in order to get a big picture of the overall health of Little River. The water quality in Little River is pristine and we had only a few high readings of E. coli bacteria. This doesn't mean that there were no issues.



Experience Tiny Living on Lookout Mountain!

In 2019, Little River Escape Tiny Home Community was named one of the nation's top 6 tiny home communities by *U.S. News & World Report*. As a result, LRE is now fully occupied by folks who have come from 12 different states and even Venezuela. We have decided to embark on a new journey by creating River Ridge Escape Tiny Home Dealership, where tiny homes are available to tour. RRE is now delivering across the nation, as well as developing 4 new tiny home communities on or near Lookout Mountain.

New Tiny Home Communities, come see for yourself:

- River Side Escape** on the East Fork of the Little River
- Mentone Mountain Escape** only 3 miles from downtown Mentone
- Cloudland Escape** on Lookout Mountain Parkway
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We did observe high turbidity (muddy water) in the water table because of a wet summer and also because of impacts from land development along the riverbank. It is vital to the health of Little River that the riverbanks stay intact. Because most of Little River is shallow and rocky in most areas, aquatic and terrestrial species can not survive when large loads of sediment wash in the river. We strongly encourage landowners on the river to leave a riparian (vegetation) zone between their property and the river in order to prevent erosion and degradation of the water quality in Little River.

Fall Plants to Prevent and Restore Riverbank Erosion

Keeping the river and streambanks intact along Little River is important in maintaining good water quality. The roots of plants keep dirt in place and a good buffer zone filters pollutants.

Between September and November, native plants and shrubs can be planted along the riverbank to restore or protect against erosion. Below are some great resources on fall plants and fall yard maintenance tips for homeowners!

The Alabama Extension Service:

Recycling Leaves

aces.edu/blog/topics/lawn-garden/recycling-leaves

Drought tolerant landscapes for Alabama (includes a plant list download)

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Ground Covers for Alabama landscapes

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Angie Shugart is the executive director of Little River Waterkeeper, a 501(c)(3) water advocacy program and a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, a global clean water movement. Learn more at littleriverwaterkeeper.org. Donations are tax-deductible. 215 Grand Ave. SW Fort Payne, AL 35967.



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Follow Your Art—September 4 at MERF's Pathway to Community

Little River Arts Council's new event, Follow Your Art, will be held September 4 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the MERF Walking Track. Follow Your Art will have art vendors and live music by Larry Joe Hall, Lynne Welden, Jerry and Pixie Bloom, Judy-Nicole Kirby, and The Vegetaters. Folks will also have the opportunity to enjoy hearing firsthand from locals about the painted pickets around the walking track.

Follow Your Art is bringing back last year's popular Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, this time with judges! The Chalk Contest starts at 9 a.m., and the categories are:

- Best Group Work
- Best Individual Work
- Funniest
- Most Creative
- People's Choice

You can pre-register for the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest at bit.ly/fyachalk, or sign up on the day of the event. LRAC will provide chalk or you are welcome to bring your own.

Little River Arts Council encourages everyone attending this and other events to follow precautions to protect our community from the spread of Covid-19. Vendor tents will be spaced out more than usual and hand sanitizer will be available. Thanks for respecting people's space. We look forward to seeing you all there.



N•E•W•S by Destin Padgett



Music for the People Season Finale September 25

Join us September 25 at the Linger Longer Pavilion behind the Mentone Inn for our Music for the People Summer Concert Series finale, a musical showcase of some of our favorite local musicians.

- Larry Joe Hall
5 p.m.
- Dusty Smith
6:15 p.m.
- Jerry and Pixie Bloom
7:30 p.m.
- Lydia Randolph
8:30 p.m.
- Marc Womack and Robby Jordan
9:15 p.m.

Bring a chair and snacks or order dinner from Fontana Stinson's Fantastic Foods truck. The concert is free, family-friendly, and open to the public. The Music for the People Concert series receives additional funding from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. See you under the stars!

Destin Padgett serves as president for the Little River Arts Council.



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St. Joseph's (continued from page 1)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Scottsboro, AL, donated the stained-glass window behind the altar. The window was hand-painted and fired over 100 years ago in France. The dark pews came from the Advent Episcopal Church in Tuskegee, AL, and were stained and hand-rubbed by George Washington Carver with a custom stain he made for them.

The nave of the church is dedicated to the memory of Charles Kirby of Mentone, who is said to have single-handedly built this section of the church. The parlor is dedicated in loving memory of James H. and Edith Orr McCary of Birmingham, AL. The old pump organ was given by Mrs. R. J. Guest of Fort Payne, in memory of her husband. Many of the furnishings were donated by church members and friends.

Stained-glass windows in the east transept memorialize: Dr. Clarence Sapp; the ministry of Reverend Oscar Hussel and his wife Shirley; George Eugene Giles; and Martha Sue Hutchens, the church's organist for many years.

By 2015, it became apparent that much of the church building needed repair and renewal. The roof was replaced and then a fundraising campaign raised \$200,000 from parishioners and other friends of the church. These funds allowed for the repair of the foundation, the replacement of the floor in the nave, and

an upgrade of the electrical system. The exterior cladding was replaced and painted, and the church bell was reactivated.

Renovation of the property continued into 2019. The kitchen has been completely updated, with new cabinets and appliances, making small group functions such as seminars and retreats possible. The church offices were improved to facilitate traffic flow, file access, and storage. The sacristy/flower room was expanded and outfitted with cabinets and refrigerators. An outdoor creche was set up to be used as an outdoor altar and an outdoor worship area was leveled and planted with grass.



In 1997, members of St. Joseph's had conceived a plan for a garden and retreat center, but it proved to be too expensive and the idea was shelved. Twenty years later, Father Bill Winters approached a parishioner about reviving the garden plans. Funds were obtained from parishioners, grants, and other sources, and an architect and builder was hired to implement the 1997 plans. The result is St. Joseph's Sacred Garden, a lush, relaxing space which features a gazebo, a prayer labyrinth, a pet cemetery, a memorial for human cremains, Stations of the Cross, a healing garden, and over 1,000 feet of pathways lined with memorial benches for people to sit and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

Robert Vernon, the young man who built the cabin that lies at the center it all, was the father of Simmie Sherman Vernon, who was born in the cabin and as an adult became an ordained minister and organized a church, a derivation of the Holly Springs Baptist Church. (This church has not survived the years, but its cemetery has continued to be a burial ground for generations of families in the Mentone area.)

The original cabin must certainly have many stories to tell since its construction 157 years ago. Now it can also tell the story of a church congregation which has become an important thread in the well-being of local residents. The St. Joseph's Food Ministry began 49 years ago and is now led by Jim and Joan Byrum and operated with the help of a host of dedicated volunteers. Food is provided to many people in need every Wednesday morning. The church is also known for helping folks with a variety of other needs. And, of course, the Sacred Garden fulfills a more spiritual need, and is open to any and all.

St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain is located at 21145 Scenic Highway in Mentone. The sanctuary and log cabin are open to visitors daily.

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"Library Learners" Children's Program

by Lynn Vanderhoff

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What's up with Wiggly Worms?

Saturday, September 11

Ages 3-5: 10 a.m.

Ever wonder what a worm thinks? We'll check in with one very friendly worm and see how he goes through his day. Then we'll meet some in real life!

Ages 6-8: 11 a.m.

Worms are big helpers keeping the world clean and fed. Come find out why our little friends are so important to every other living thing!



Detective for a Day

Saturday, September 25

We're missing some answers at the library! Did you ever want to be a detective? Come solve the puzzle by looking for clues on the shelves.

Ages 3-5: 10 a.m.

Help us find the answers! You'll each get questions that need to be answered from a book in the library.

Ages 6-8: 11 a.m.

A Scavenger Hunt for facts in our stacks is the name of the game! Can you be the first to get all the facts?



Moon Lake Community Library News

by Anna Mae Horn



OPEN HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 3-7

Saturday 10-1

Come on out September 4 to Little River Art Council's "Follow Your Art" event at the MERF walking path! The library will have a vendor booth set up for book sales. Also, the library will be open with cool air, free refreshments, and clean restrooms. At 1 p.m., the Mentone Ukes will have a free session in the meeting room, for anyone interested in lessons. The Ukes will meet again on the 18th.

On September 11, bring your children to find out "What's up with Wiggly Worms?" On the 25th, they will learn how to be library detectives. Ages 3 to 5 start at 10 a.m.; ages 6 to 8 start at 11 a.m. Be sure to have them pick up a free bookmark at the desk.

Did you know we also have some children's books on our sale shelves? We recently added an entire section of small paperbacks that might be of particular interest to older children. Books make for a relaxing end to the day for children and adults alike.

Our WiFi is now available inside the library. We also have 2 laptops available for patron usage. Simply let the clerk know you are interested. Have any ideas about other services we can offer to the community? Please let us know on our website or in person. See you soon!



Anna Mae Horn is the vice chair of the Moon Lake Community Library board.

ATTENTION: Moon Lake Students 2020-2021

If you have paid for a year book but not picked it up yet, please do so at the Moon Lake Library before the end of September during open hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3-7, and Saturdays 10-1. If you need an alternative pick up day, please contact the library through Facebook Messenger, at MoonLakeLibrary.org, or call 256-635-8775.

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			25 Jeff & Linda Stephenson
			26 Josh & Melissa Shoults Jesse & Brittney Coleman
			28 Joey & Beth Cox Ethan & Sydney Harrison
			30 David & Marsha Tucker

Ongoing Community Calendar

Mentone Town Council meets the 2nd Tuesday every month at 5pm at 5607 AL Hwy 117, across from Town Hall.

Valley Head Town Council meets monthly on the 1st Monday at 6pm at Valley Head Town Hall.

Hammondville Town Council meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 6pm at Hammondville Town Hall.

DeSoto Rescue Squad meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 9am at the MERF house in Mentone.

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Board meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm.

Mentone Farmers Market is open year-round on Saturdays from 10am–1pm in the Town Square.

FREE FOOD for eligible persons and families. Wednesdays, 9–11am. New applicants are welcome. Joint effort between St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church (Community Outreach Ministry) and the Food Bank of North AL.

Ryleigh's Closet is a clothing closet that provides men's, women's, and children's clothing to those in need on 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 4–7pm (beginning 9/13, hours will be 4–6pm). Mentone Community Church, 90 Summerville Rd. 256-634-4210.

Moon Lake Community Library is open on Saturdays from 10am–1pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4–7pm. Visit moonlakelibrary.org.

The Rhododendron Garden Club meets each month on the 2nd Tuesday at 10am. 'Green thumbs' and 'brown thumbs' are welcome! 256-634-4403.

The Lookout Mountain Knitters meet each Tuesday at 3pm at the MERF House. All are welcome.

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Mentone Area Church Directory

Mentone, Alabama

Cove Road Baptist Church invites everyone in the Mentone and Cloudland Communities to services—Sunday School 10am (GA time) Morning Worship 11am (GA time), Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 5:30pm (GA time). Bro. Brian Keith is the pastor. 2415 County Road 631.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has regular services at 10am each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable. County Road 617.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy has Sunday School at 10am, with Worship at 11am. Evening services begin at 5:30pm on Sunday and 6pm on Wednesday. Bro. Whitney Smith invites everyone to attend. AL Hwy 117 (across from Mentone Post Office).

Mentone Community Church invites you to Crosswalk Sunday School (K through Adult) 9:15am, Adult Worship Service 10:30am, JC Kids Worship Service 10:30am. Pastor Heath Croft, 334-315-3459. Van Ministry for Children pick-up/take home, ages K-12, for all surrounding areas 8:15am. Wednesday small group study 6:30pm. 90 Summerville Rd. 256-634-4210.

Mentone United Methodist Church invites you to come and worship with us. Each Sunday our worship service is held at 11am and is led by Rev. Robert (Bob) Reynolds. Sunday School is at 10am. The service of Holy Communion is held the first Sunday of each month and fifth Sundays are a service of music. 415 Cutler Avenue. 256-634-8006.

Moon Lake Baptist Church is a growing community of believers from various walks of life who endeavor to share the light, life, and love of Jesus with all we meet. We gather together for practical Bible study at 10am on Sunday. You can count on an encouraging and life-engaging message at 11am each Sunday. At 6pm, on Sunday, we enjoy a time of praying together. On Wednesdays at 6pm, we have groups for our children, students, and adults. 4671 Al Hwy. 117. 256-634-4568. Connect with us on Facebook at "Moon Lake" or Pastor Mike at "Mike Ellis".

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church offers Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 10am (EST) and Worship Service at 11am (EST). Pastor Jack Green. 10090 County Road 103. 706-862-6221.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church and Sacred Garden is open daily for prayer and thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome to join us, in person or online, for Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 10:30am, and for online only services each Tuesday at 12 noon for Noonday Prayers and each Thursday at 8pm for Compline. Please visit our website at stjom.dioala.org for more information. We continue to support our community with outreach, so please call our church office at 256-634-4476 if you need assistance. 21145 Scenic Hwy, PO Box 161, Mentone, AL 35984.

Summit Church of God in Mentone invites you to Sunday School 10am, Sunday Worship 11am. Pastor Brian Hughes. 1792 AL Hwy. 117. 256-706-5705.

Hammondville, Alabama

The **Church of God 7th Day** invites you to Sabbath School classes at 9:30am and Worship Service at 11am. Visitors are always welcome. Located just off Hwy. 11 N. at corner of Hwy. 117 and Palmer Road. 256-717-5040.

Greater Vision Ministries Church of God invites you to Sunday School 10 am, Sunday Worship *10:45 am, (*Nursery & Kid's

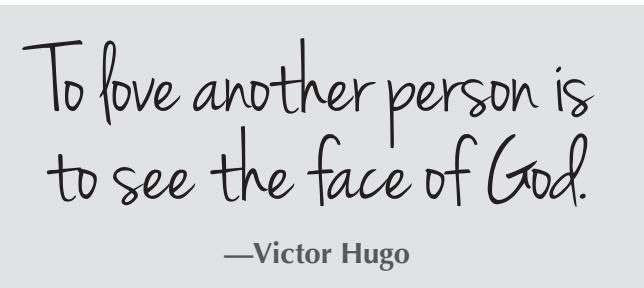
Church). MidWEEK re-charge Wednesday 6:30pm. Pastor Tim Coppock. 38623 US Hwy 11. 256-601-0679.

Valley Head, Alabama

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 4–18); 6:30pm Praise and Prayer time. 4212 County Road 751. 256-635-1001.

Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to come and worship with us. On Sunday, Bible Study is at 10am & Morning Worship is at 11am; Kidz Connection is at 5pm, Evening Worship at 6pm. Kidz Connection & Youth meet on Wednesday from 5–6pm & a snack supper is provided. On the second Wednesday of the month, there is a church-wide covered dish Fellowship Meal at 6pm. 265 Church Street. 256-465-1242.

Visitors are always welcome at **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 9:30am. Tony Gunter is the Pastor. All are welcome. 146 Church St.



Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, holds services in Moon Lake Baptist Church's dining hall. All are invited to attend. Sabbath School and Song Service 9:30–10:45am, Worship Service 11am–12:15pm. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnel.

Fort Payne, Alabama

Since 1889, worshippers have gathered at the **Historic First Presbyterian Church PC (USA)** at 300 Grand Avenue North. We invite you to join us for worship this Sunday at 10:55am. 256-845-2915.

The **Fort Payne Christian Center** and Pastors Ken and Elaine Hollman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10am, Wednesday evening at 6pm. 3610 Grand Ave. SW. 256-997-0047.

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA) invites you to Sunday School at 9:45am; Sunday Worship at 10:55am. 256-845-4756. 5760 Gault Ave. NE.

Gravel Hill Baptist Church welcomes you to Sunday School at 10am & Worship Service at 11am each Sunday. All are welcome. Wednesdays at 6pm, we have supper and a brief devotional time together. Pastor George Moses. 14701 Hwy 11 South.

Highland Baptist Church welcomes you to join us for Sunday Morning Worship Service and Youth Sunday School from 10am-11am. We are located at 2004 Clark Ave. Follow us on Facebook @highlandbaptistfp for updates and events!

New Oregon United Methodist Church is located just off DeSoto Parkway, 1/4 mile south of Fischer Crossroads. We invite you to worship with us on Sundays. Our worship services are at 11am and also on Sunday evenings in the Chapel 6pm. You can also worship with us on-line @ facebook.com/neworegonumc. We have Wonderful Wednesdays during the school year with Bible studies for all ages meeting at 6pm in the Family Life

Center. Pastor Ian Conerly. 1204 New Oregon Drive NE. 256-845-7446.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church holds Sunday mass in English at 10am and 1pm in Spanish. Tuesday at 6pm in English, Wednesday at 5pm bilingual, Thursday at 6pm in English, Friday at 9am in English and Saturday at 6pm in bilingual. 2910 Gault Ave. N. 256-845-4774.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church holds regular Worship Services at 10am Sunday. Clifford Herd, Pastor. Everyone is welcome. 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85). 256-845-4842.

St. Stephen Anglican Church invites you to attend service on Sunday mornings at 1pm. Sunday School is at Noon. 1519 Smith Gap Road NW. Father Rodney Jackson, 205-405-0055; Deacon Jack Gilbreath, 256-845-2605.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School 10am, Worship Service at 11am, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6pm, and Wednesday night Prayer Meeting at 6:30pm. 3606 Greenhill Blvd NW. 256-996-0929.

Cloudland, Georgia

Cloudland Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to come join us for services, with Pastor Jan Warren-Taylor. Bible Study Sunday at 9am (EST) and Worship at 10am (EST). 150 Partain Road.

Menlo, Georgia

Alpine Community Church Pastor Jeremy Stroop welcomes each and everyone to worship service Sunday mornings at 11am GA time; Sunday School 10am (EST); and Wednesday night Bible Study at 7pm (EST). 1104 Hwy. 337, Menlo GA. 706-862-6641.

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend 10am (EST) and 11am (EST) Sunday services and evening services at 5pm (EST) on Sundays and Wednesdays. Visitors are always welcome.

Menlo Presbyterian Church (ECO) invites everyone to attend services with us. Sunday School at 10am (EST) and Worship Service at 11:15am (EST). Rev. Jan Taylor is our pastor. We are located at 70 North 6th Ave., next to the park in Menlo.

Summerville, Georgia

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Summerville Seventh Day Adventist Church invites you to worship with us. Saturday morning Sabbath School classes at 9:30am (EST) and Worship Service at 11am (EST). Everyone is welcome. Services are held at the First Presbyterian Church, 116 College Street. The Pastor is Dr. Edward Skoretz. summervillesda.com

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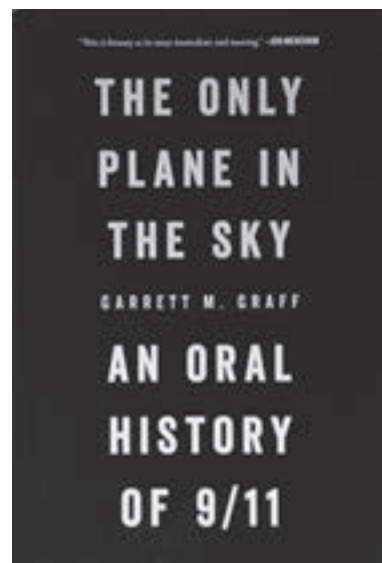
The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11

by Anne McLeod

If you are of an age to remember 9/11, that is, if you were born prior to around 1996, your memories of that day probably take on the form of a story with a setting, characters, and plot. We make sense of the unthinkable by creating narratives: where we were, who we were with, what happened.

The scope of the terrorist attacks that day created millions of narratives, and the stories recounted in *The Only Plane in the Sky* by Garrett M. Graff (Avid Reader Press, 2019) are among the most intense, as many of them came from those on the scene at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. But Graff also includes perspectives from others far from the immediate scenes, including school children in grades K-12 and air traffic controllers suddenly charged with landing everything airborne as quickly as possible.

Graff organizes *The Only Plane in the Sky* chronologically with short chapters: "8:00 a.m. in New York City," "On Capitol Hill," "Flight 93 in Peril," "9/11 at Sea." Each chapter is composed of



direct quotations from interviews with people whose lives were caught up in the horror. Over and over, the line between life and death comes down to chance: the decision to turn right at the end of a stairwell rather than left; the last-minute run to a hotel room to change shirts rather going straight up to a conference at Windows on the World on the top floor of the North Tower; the change to a Tuesday morning flight, rather than one leaving on Monday evening.

Civilian and military leaders scrambled for information

that morning about what was happening and activated plans aimed at ensuring the continuity of the government. The technology available 20 years ago, even at the top levels of government, meant that President George W. Bush and others on Air Force One couldn't see the video or images that millions around the world watched in real time. (Graff's 2016 article for POLITICO, "We're the Only Plane in the Sky," focused solely on events as experienced by the president and his aides on 9/11 and was POLITICO Magazine's most read article of all time.)

As we approach the 20th anniversary of 9/11, *The Only Plane in the Sky* is a reminder of a day that changed America forever. It's a reminder too of the strength and courage shown by first responders—law enforcement, firefighters, and health care workers, as well as citizens determined to help friends and strangers find their way to safety. *The Only Plane in the Sky* is available for check out from Moon Lake Community Library.



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Medicare Open Enrollment for 2022 by Lynn Hixon

Medicare Open Enrollment is upon us again. Every year from October 15 to December 7. Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to make changes to their Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan or Medicare Advantage Plan. During this time, beneficiaries can go to SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) to see if the plan they have in 2021 will still be the best plan from them in 2022. By letting SHIP do a free comparison, you have the possibility of substantial savings in premium and drug costs.

As the Medicare Open Enrollment approaches, you will notice an increase in mail from insurance companies offering a variety of plans. Beware of possible scams. It is important to remember the following facts:

1. No one should knock on your door to sell you a policy. They should only come to your home if you have made an appointment.
2. Never sign paperwork unless you are 100% sure that is the plan you want.
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4. Medicare will NEVER call you on the phone. They will always send a letter requesting that you call them.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding open enrollment or other Medicare related issues, please contact us at the DeKalb County Council on Aging @ 256-845-8590 and ask for Lynn.

Lynn Hixon is the SHIP coordinator for the DeKalb County Council on Aging.

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Mentone Arts & Cultural Center Update by Randy Grider

Center Sponsors Bob Ross Class, Schedules Photography Workshop

Certified Bob Ross instructor Gary Grider was very pleased with his first foray into Alabama to teach a painting class, and the participating students seem to feel the same way. "This class is great," Grider said during the lunch break. "They are doing very well."

In their evaluations after the class ended, several wrote that they can't wait for him to return and teach another class. The August 21 class, which was held at Mountain Framing, was capped at 10 students. Since posting pictures on Facebook, we've had people asking the same question: "When is the next class and how do we take it?" We hope to have Grider back this winter.



Certified Bob Ross Painting instructor Gary Grider leads class at Mountain Framing.

Grider completed his CRI in 2019 and began his Happy Little Paint Brushes classes at his studio in Chattanooga. He currently teaches at 12 venues across Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and, now, Alabama.

The late Bob Ross was the creator and host of *The Joy of Painting*, a PBS

instructional television program that aired from 1983 to 1994. Thanks to the internet, there has been a renewed interest in Ross and his painting technique among younger generations.

We have two events coming up in the next few weeks. Our regular songwriters' round will be held Monday, September 13, at 7 p.m. on the stage inside the Chuck Sennett Center for the Arts. Songwriters taking part had not been determined at



press time. Check out our Facebook page for upcoming information.

We also are taking reservations for a three-night basic photography workshop that will take place on the first three Fridays of October at 6:30 p.m. Renowned photographer David Cummings, whose photography from around world is on display in the gallery, will lead the lecture/workshop series. The workshop is capped at 10 students and tuition is \$50. All students must bring their own adjustable camera. This class is not for cell phone cameras. Each night's 90-minute lecture (October 8, 15 and 22) will cover a different aspect of photography, followed by a guided photo shoot on Saturday, October 23, at DeSoto State Park.

The tentative outline:

Week 1: "Know your Camera: Exposure Control, Composition, and Getting Better," focuses on exposure basics—shutter speeds, apertures, and ISO, what they mean and how to use these controls to affect the look of your images. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

Week 2: Making better images. Using exposure control to get the right look. Composition. Portrait techniques. Travel Photography.

Week 3: This subject will be determined by the class needs and wants—either Photoshop and basic technique of image management or a deeper exploration of nature shooting.

To register for the workshop, please see contact information below. Your spot in the class is confirmed when payment is received.

Randy Grider is executive director of the Mentone Arts & Cultural Center, Inc. He can be reached at mentoneartscenter@gmail.com or 256-674-3366.



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Rhododendron Garden Club

by Rhea Pirch



The Rhododendron Garden Club met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 10, at the MERF House. We gathered on the porch and wore our masks in response to rise of COVID-19 cases in our area. There were 16 members in attendance, and one guest.

We started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag flying on the community walkway. President Marsha Merrell then proceeded with the roll call and we were each asked to

name our favorite wildflower. The list included coreopsis, daisies, lady slipper, lady butterfly weed, Queen Anne's lace, mountain mint, trillium, black-eyed Susan, Indian pink, wild azalea and the cardinal flower.

We continued the meeting with the mediation, a lovely poem called "Thanks to Flowers" by Kate Farrell, read by Mary Ann Robbins. Dianne Kuehl read the Treasurer's Report, then July's minutes were accepted into the record.

Martha Wood gave the horticulture report. She passed around a vase of one of her favorite wildflowers, a yellow fringed orchid. It is a perennial herb that blooms in the summer months in southeastern states. The flowers are bright yellow to orange with a lower lip petal that is longer than other wild orchids. This orchid can be found on roadsides, swamps, wet meadows and flatwoods.

Martha also shared information on two apps that are available for bird and plant identification. The first one, called "Merlin," helps to identify birds. Install the app and explore birds from a list of those likely in your area. You can also snap a photo or record the bird's song to identify it. The second app, from iNaturalist, is called "Seek." Install this app to help identify all types of wildlife. Snap photos of birds, bugs, flowers, and plants and the app will search the iNaturalist online database to help identify it for you.

Marsha Merrell gave the conservation report. She reminded us of the ongoing global warming concern and urged us to recycle. There is a recycling bin behind the Mentone Town Hall for cardboard, newspaper, and office paper. Boy Scout Troop 106 has an aluminum can collecting cage outside their building on Dempsey Street, behind Little River Hardware, and the Fort Payne Recycling Center is set up to accept numerous types of recyclables, from plastic bags to plastic and glass bottles, Styrofoam peanuts, used automobile batteries, and more.

Unfinished business was reviewed. We have the flower show at the end of September at the VFW Fairgrounds, and the plan for installing the plantings around the MERF House is still in effect for October. New business included news of an upcoming luncheon meeting in October for the District II Garden Club of Alabama, which includes our club and 15 other garden clubs in northeast Alabama. We will also volunteer to provide lunch for the November 10th Senior Lunch at the MERF House.

After the business segment of the meeting was complete, we broke for refreshments, then Mellanie Tuttle proceeded with her program, "Preparing for the Flower Show." She started with giving tips on preparing flowers to enter into the show. (Remember, this segment of the flower show is open to all!)

It's important to cut the flower from the flower bed the night before, not the day you're bringing it in to display. You should use a flower just beginning to open, so they last the entire week of the event. Remember to cut the stems very long, as you will be making two more cuts and want the flower head to be 6 to 8 inches above the rim of the display bottle provided by the show. After cutting the flower from the plant, place it in a bucket of tepid water. Then make the second cut under water, trimming off 2" from the bottom, to prevent air bubbles from forming within the stem. Transfer the cut flower to a container made with a gallon of tepid water, one teaspoon of bleach, and one teaspoon of sugar, up to the head of the flower, then place this container in a cool, dark, humid location overnight (or a minimum of 2 hours).

On entry day, the flower will need a third cut, underwater again, so that the length from the bottom to the tip of the flower is at least 12 inches long.

Mellanie gave a few more tips on horticulture preparation, then moved on to floral design. She reviewed the different sections, classes, and designs we have to choose from, with paintings from Gauguin, Van Gogh, and Monet to stimulate our creativity. We might choose a Traditional Design, using Van Gogh's "The

Poet's Garden" as inspiration, or go small, creating an angular design no bigger than 10 inches in any direction, with "The Beach at Sainte-Adresse" to stir our imagination. The options are numerous, and Mellanie encouraged all of us to give at least one of the designs a try.

Mellanie closed her program by informing us of the volunteer opportunities that will be available the week before and during the show, and the dismantling afterwards.

We invite the public to share the beauty of their own gardens at this year's "Brush Strokes" Flower Show, September 27 to October 2, at the DeKalb County Fairgrounds in Fort Payne. A list of Mellanie's preparation tips and open horticulture sections and classes can be found on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/RhododendronGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/RhododendronGardenClub). Entries will be accepted on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in the Flower Show room of the VFW Agriculture Building.

The meeting adjourned with a reminder that Martha Wood will present her program, "Propagation by Layering," on September 14 at the MERF House at our usual 10 a.m. time slot. As always, all are invited to attend. Until then, follow us on Facebook, or send any questions to our e-mail at rhododendrongardenclub@gmail.com.

Rhea Pirch is the secretary for the Rhododendron Garden Club.

GOT RECYCLING?



The Alabama Department of Environmental Management estimates that, statewide, Alabamians recycle about eight percent of the trash generated each day. That leaves a lot of waste destined for the landfill. We in the Mentone area are fortunate to have two recycling centers available to us.

The Town of Mentone furnishes recycling containers behind Town Hall. Pre-sorted white copy paper, newspapers, and cardboard can be deposited Monday through Friday—8 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Saturday—8 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information about Mentone's recycling program, call 256-634-4444.

Fort Payne has an impressive recycling center located at 406 Logan Street SE (in a neighborhood near the post office). The facility is open 24 hours; an attendant is on site Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. The following items are accepted:

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- Shrink wrap plastic and plastic grocery store bags
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MERF News

[Mentone Educational Resources Foundation]

by Sarah Wilcox



MERF is celebrating its birth 28 years ago when a group of committed citizens dreamed of ways to enrich the learning and living in Mentone and surrounding communities! Celebrate with us by purchasing a "Leave Me in Mentone" hat, shirt, or sweatshirt at the fun "Follow Your Art" arts festival on Saturday, September 4, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Little River Arts Council has great artists, food, and events planned for the day at MERF's walking track, Pathway to Community. I will be selling MERF merch on the porch of the MERF house to help support the programs and the building of MERF. A variety of colors and styles will be available, along with Mentone on the Mountain car tags. Let us know you support MERF with a purchase or a donation celebrating another year on the mountain.

September will be busy for MERF as we begin working more with Valley Head School and offering arts education with Ms. Paula. I will be submitting grants to be able to offer some field trips for the students, such as the Young People's Concert in Huntsville February, 2022. Although I canceled the Bingo and lunch planned for the senior lunch bunch crew in August, I am working on the food for regular senior lunches beginning on Wednesday, September 22. If dining inside is unadvisable, we will try to dine outside as we did in May and June. Those decisions are made a few days before the event. Watch for notices on MERF's Facebook page and help spread the word, too. If you are interested in providing a meal for the group, contact me as soon as possible.

If you're looking for a social event that keeps your mind sharp, Lynn Vanderhoff has started Mahjong classes at the MERF house. The class schedule is 2 p.m. on the first and third Sundays and 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Please wear a mask and wear gloves for handling the tiles. The Mentone Wicketeers have moved

their croquet matches to the lawn of Mason Park in downtown Mentone. Contact Barry Morton for more information at barrymorton76@gmail.com if you want to join in or just show up at 2 p.m. on Saturdays. MERF moms continue to meet at the MERF house weekly on Thursdays at 10 a.m. with a monthly art and music session with Paula Easter.

Last year, a friend of MERF purchased the doll house built by Camp DeSoto campers in MERF's online auction. Hopefully soon, the dollhouse will be moving into the Community Library for everyone to enjoy. If you have any clean and in-good-shape doll house accessories or dolls to donate, feel free to leave them with me or drop off at the library.

Although it is MERF's birthday, we celebrate the Mentone community and the many ways that we all take care of each other. MERF is grateful for the many organizations that enrich and keep safe those of us who call Mentone home. Thanks to the North Lookout and Valley Head fire departments, the De Soto Rescue Squad, the Mentone and Valley Head police forces, the community library, MAPA, Little River Arts Council, the Mentone Arts Center, and local churches for being significant members of the community.

Sarah Wilcox is the executive director of MERF, the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is "To enrich the learning and living of the community by identifying needs and coordinating resources." If you would like to support MERF's programs, tax-deductible donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 107, Mentone, AL 35984 or contribute online at merfhouse.org. Contact Sarah at merf.mentone@gmail.com or 256-635-8193.



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The Musings of a Wannabe Farm Girl

by Martha Ooten

Well, hello again neighbors! As I sit here drinking my coffee, I am hoping that I don't see any goats or sheep floating by as the rain from Tropical Storm Fred continues to descend. And I am trying to decide what to do first this morning. Do I begin my chores or start building another Noah's Ark?

This brings up another musing, as I think about all the extra work that I'll have for the next several days with all the new mud and very unhappy animals.

What a lot of you may not realize is that farm animals have personalities, the same as our beloved pets do. They have likes and dislikes. Sometimes they're grumpy and sometimes they're super sweet. One day they will love the hay that I feed them and the next day they'll turn up their nose at it. They can tell time, too. If I am one minute late for breakfast or dinner, it sounds like a slaughterhouse outside when I open the door. They voice their complaints loudly until they receive their sweet treats. Yes, my girls are very demanding.

My sheep have no problems coming out in the rain to receive their treats, but my sweet goat girls demand their treats in the shelter. They hate the rain, so coaxing them out of their shelter to milk is a nightmare. Thank goodness my girls are only about 40 to 50 pounds. That makes it much easier for me to maneuver them and get them in the milk barn. Even though my girls are very sweet, they have no problem with voicing their complaints about the rain and the mud. Needless to say, when I make my milk soaps and lotions, I hoard every drop because of how much work goes into it.

Rain on a farm is a problem that tends not be discussed in any of the farm magazines or blogs. Too much rain causes many problems, such as hoof rot and parasites. Not to mention that the fleece on my sheep gets packed full of dirt and mud that I then have to scrub out after shearing. Of course, that means extra work, but the alternative is no rain and drought, and drought brings another whole set of issues.

As I sit here drinking my coffee, I reflect on how beautiful my floors used to look before I started farming versus how they look now, with muddy boot tracks going in every direction. After building the ark and doing all the extra muddy chores, I then will have to come in and clean my floors. When I have finished with all the above, then I'll start on my goat milk soaps. So I think I'll sit here for a few more minutes, drink another cup of coffee, and prepare for a long, exhausting day. Is it worth it? Absolutely. Am I crazy for doing this? Most likely. But it is rewarding, and I am able to support myself doing what I love the most. Farming!

*From my farm to yours,
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In Memoriam



WYNONA JO MORGAN
May 13, 1964 – July 27, 2021

Wynona Jo Morgan, age 57, of Fort Payne, passed away on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at her residence. She was born on May 13, 1964 in Marietta, GA.

She is survived by her husband, Doyle Morgan; sons, Tommie Morgan (Andrea), Jo-Jo Morgan (Shelly), and Chuck Wilson (Jade); grandchildren, Lily Jo Morgan, Maverick Morgan, Rachel Epps, and Shania Wolf; mother and step-father, Betty Jo Stokes and Tommy

Stokes; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Sam and Shirley Morgan. She was preceded in death by her father, Jimmy Johnson.



COACH JERRY BROWN
July 10, 1962 – July 28, 2021

Coach Jerry Brown, age 59, of Hammondville, passed away on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at his residence.

Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Moore Callahan; father, Frank Brown; grandparents, Agnes Moore, Max Moore, Julia Brown Allison; and step-grandmother, Louise Bailey Moore.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy Brown; children, Emily Talton (Matthew) and Heather Jones; granddaughter, Ellie Lou Talton; brothers, Jeff

Callahan and Jimmy Callahan; sisters, Debra Hicks (David), Angie Lyle (Andrew), and Katianna Sims; brother-in-law, Jimmy Miller; sisters-in-law, Keri Bailey (Clay), Tabitha Whalen (Kelley), and Tracy Cooper (Benny); nieces and nephews, Andrea Lyle, Anna Lyle, Melanie Foster, Amanda Duncan, Riley Jenkins, Lilah Sims, Saydi Sims, Tyler Whalen, Jordan Whalen, Paige Vaughn, Matthew Gentle, Jace Bailey, Jack Bailey; and four great-nieces and nephew.

Jerry Brown was born in July 1962 in Birmingham, AL to Frank and Betty Brown. He was Betty's first child and stole her heart early on. It is said that the doctor that delivered him told her Jerry was such a big baby that he was ready to call Bear Bryant to get ready for another player. Jerry was a natural leader, an accomplished football player and coach, a teacher, and a gifted story-teller of great adventures and tall tales. Jerry worked his way through college twice at various jobs that ran the gamut from hauling hay and selling firewood to working at GameTime and Shaw Industries. He was also known to be a buyer, seller, and fixer of cars, motorcycles and basically any vehicle with a motor. Jerry graduated in 1985 from The University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration. After working in management a few years at Shaw Industries, he decided that he really missed football and really wanted to be a football coach and teacher. He returned to school at Jacksonville State University and earned his Master's degree in Secondary Education Social Science. Soon Jerry was teaching and coaching at Northwest Georgia High School. After a few years, the opportunity came to join the staff of Valley Head High School and Jerry was at home.

Jerry was blessed to meet the love of his life, Tammy Miller, and make a home with her in Hammondville. One of the happiest moments of his life was when his grandbaby, Ellie Lou, was born. She has always loved Jerry and refers to him as Pop. As Tammy and many people in the community will tell you, Jerry loved Valley Head Football, Alabama Football, nice cars, story-telling and being with his family. Jerry was often loud and laughing, but he was a private man who liked to keep some business to himself and never wanted to complain. When he got sick, he always held out hope of getting better, so to him, there was no point in discussing it. If you remember Jerry—and many of you will—remember the good things about him, because that is what he would want you to do. Jerry wanted us all to reach for the best and make the most of our opportunities.

Pallbearers will be: Marcus Stanfill, Chance Hodges, Eduardo Robles, Trever Manley, Heath Kirby, Rusty Higdon, Jairo Castillo, and John Kirby.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Valley Head High School Quarterback Club, 235 1st Ave., Valley Head, AL 35989.

BILLY RAYFORD BATY
April 15, 1954 – July 29, 2021

Billy Rayford Baty, age 67, of Mentone, passed away on Thursday, July 29, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Baty; daughter, Jennifer Davis; brother, Rickey Baty (Max Mitchell); sister-in-law, Veronica Baty; nieces, Starla Graves (Joe), Robin Shrader, and Tessica Baty (Dwight); nephew: Colby Baty (Nickie); and several great-nieces and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil Baty and Jewel Baty, and brother, Edward Baty.



WILLIAM EARL HINKELMANN
March 8, 1948 – July 31, 2021

William Earl Hinkelmann, age 73, of Valley Head, passed away on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at his residence. Mr. Hinkelmann was born on March 8, 1948 in Elyria, OH to Howard Hugo Hinkelmann and Mary Suhanic Hinkelmann. He was an electronics technician at Bellsouth before retiring from there.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Hinkelmann; sons, Anthony Earl Hinkelmann (Wayne Davis) and Scott Hinkelmann (Maria); grandsons, Will Hinkelmann and Walt Hinkelmann; brother, Howard Hinkelmann (Susan), and sister, Elaine Hatch.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (donate.lls.org).



CHARLEAN FRAZIER SMITH
April 21, 1936 – July 31, 2021

Charlean Frazier Smith, age 85, of Mentone, passed away on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Redmond Regional Medical Center. She was born on April 21, 1936 to John R. Frazier and Fena Tipton Frazier in Fulton, Mississippi.

She is survived by her daughter, Brenda L. Smith; grandsons, Lesley Nelson Kerby (Brenda) and Johnathon R. Gafford (Meg); great-grandchildren, Angel Deloach, Braden Gafford, Alexis Gafford, and Nickolas Gafford; step-great-grandchildren: Megan &

Amanda; step-great-great-grandchildren, Heath, Adalynn, Katlynn, Adam, Huck, Granger, and Luke; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald L. "Cleo" Smith; brothers, Billy Frazier, Charles Frazier, Donnie Smith, Danny Smith, and Onzie Lee "Pooh" Smith Jr.; and sisters, Annie Engelke, Betty Putnam, and Marie Hawkins.

PETER JAMES PHILLIP
March 4, 1948 – August 5, 2021

Peter James Phillip, age 73, of Mentone, passed away at his residence on August 5, 2021. Peter was born March 4, 1948 to the late Peter Simon and Lillian (Vicha) Phillip.

He graduated from Trine University, Angola, IN, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and he worked in the heating and air conditioning and commercial water heater industries during his career. Peter was awarded a patent in March, 2000 for inventing a combustion burner for water heaters. He enjoyed playing the banjo and other hobbies, which included pen and ink drawing and stained glass.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Jean Fetts and a brother, Joseph Phillip.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Diana McCurdy Phillip; children, Kyle Phillip, Julie Holyoak and Alec Johnson; grandchildren, Abigail Yerke, Kendall, Mia and Vivian Phillip; sisters, Dorothy (Kelly) Riorden, Bernadette Mihills, and Margaret (Carl) Wilm; and brothers, Bill (Terri), Jim (Sandy), and George (Rita) Phillip. A number of nieces and nephews survive.

In Memoriam



ELLEN LOUISE SPANGLER

January 22, 1934 – August 8, 2021

Ellen Louise Taylor Schroer Spangler, age 87, of Mentone, died Sunday, August 8, 2021, at her residence.

Ms. Spangler was born January 22, 1934, in Bloomington, IL, daughter of the late Eugene Taylor and Lois Spangler Taylor Pierce.

Beginning in the 1960s and through the end of her life, Ellen fought for equality and justice for all people. Her primary focus was equal rights for women. Beginning in the late 90s she focused on climate change and how we could live on the planet in a sustainable way with the least impact.

She had a great love of music and was an accomplished pianist. In the late 1970s she built a harpsichord and played it for many years. She loved participatory music, encouraging all to join in singing and playing, regardless of musical background or talent. For example, when her children were young she volunteered at their elementary school to play the autoharp and lead sing-alongs, often passing out maracas and other simple percussion instruments so all could participate. She continued this practice in many adult groups she participated in throughout her life.

In the 1970s she turned her substantial energy and organizing talent to tackling the difficult issue of violence against women. She worked with the Jacksonville (FL) Women's Movement to create a rape-crisis hotline, and to advocate on behalf of victims with the police and emergency room medical staff. In 1976, she was one of the Founding Board Members for the creation of Hubbard House, the first domestic violence shelter in the Southeast US. Hubbard House still operates in Jacksonville, FL and the book *A House on Hubbard Street* by Louise Stanton Warren chronicles the efforts to create and maintain the shelter.

After her time in Jacksonville, Ellen moved to Anderson, SC, and in 1997 to Mentone with her life partner Mary Alice Stout. They were founding owners of Mountain Mama's craft shop. Together, they researched, designed, and built an earth-sheltered home, employing rainwater collection for their water (from a separate building) and using composting toilets. Ellen was always aware of human impact on the planet and worked to both lessen her own impact and teach others to be aware of and reduce their impact.

She was a loving, caring mother to her four children, spending time with them and their spouses and children whenever she could. She was always available to celebrate the joyful times and provide comfort during the difficult ones.

Survivors include her life partner, Mary Alice Stout; children, Jay Schroer, Ron (Barbara) Schroer, Greg (Frankie) Schroer, and Carla Schroer (Mark Mudge); five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In accordance with her wishes, Ms. Spangler was cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date.



JOYCE ANN BRITTON

November 13, 1943 – August 12, 2021

Joyce Ann Britton, age 77, of Valley Head, passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at DeKalb Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Britton is survived by her sons, Tim Britton, Kevin Britton (Hope), and Chris Britton; grandchildren, Sean Isaac Britton and David Mathew Britton (Eileen); brothers, Hershel Burgess and Janeral Burgess; and sister, Geilda Dawson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy Burgess and Margorie Jenkins Burgess; brothers, Irvin Burgess, George Burgess, and Fred Burgess; granddaughter, Tiffini Nicole Ann Britton; and daughter-in-law, Leona Jane Britton.

The family is accepting donations to Potter's Children's Home (potterministries.org).

DONALD RAY HART

September 12, 1957 – August 15, 2021

Donald Ray Hart, age 63, of Cloudland, GA, passed away early Sunday, August 15, 2021, at his residence.

Mr. Hart was born September 12, 1957, in Grand Island, NE, son of the late Robert Eugene Hart and Gertrude Hedgeline Bloom. He was of the Methodist faith and was employed with Mount Vernon Mills and J.R. Brown Drywalling. He was also a veteran of the United States Navy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Terri Lynn Judd.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Brown Hart; son, Steven (Tabatha) Hart; daughters, Holly Hart, Zoe Hart (Zack Guzman); brothers, Neal Hart, Larry Hart; sisters, Annie Taylor, Jeri Walker, Sharon Painter, Rhonda Wright; three grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

WILLIAM A. PILSON II

June 15, 1951 – August 16, 2021

William "Bill" A. Pilson II, age 70, of Mentone, passed away on Monday, August 16, 2021 at DeKalb Regional Medical Center. He was born in Virginia on June 15, 1951 to William A. Pilson & Wilda Holland Pilson. Bill was a retired truckdriver and loved our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Gayla Pilson; sons, Matt Pilson (Kendra), Duane Blalock (Sarah), & Brian Blalock (Samantha); daughters, Michelle Heimann (Brad) & Kerry Bailey (Brian); ten grandchildren; one great-grandson; three sisters; two brothers; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Harvest Evangelism Farm, P.O. Box 2888, Opelika, AL 36803.

MICHAEL ANDREW WALLACE

October 23, 1959 - August 18, 2021

Our beloved brother, Michael Andrew Wallace, went to be with the Lord after a long battle with cancer on August 18, 2021. He was a Christian by faith and loved the Lord. Michael was born on October 23, 1959 to the late Lee Andrew Wallace and Eleanor Davis Meorlines in Cumberland, NC. Mike moved to Mentone in 2000. He became the manager of the Shady Grove Dude Ranch and devoted his life for the past 15 years. Mike was very passionate about the Alabama Crimson Tide football, his loyal dog Precious, and he was so thankful for his devoted and loving sister for being by his side every day until the very end. Mike had a heart of gold and would help anyone in need! He was loved by so many and will be forever missed. Mike was a veteran of the United States Army.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents Andrew Wallace and Eleanor Moerlins and his brother David L. Sims.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted sister Laurie Gourd of Rainsville, Alabama; brother Richard A. Sims (Judy) of Cushing, Oklahoma; nephew Jason A. Fish (Ricci); great-nieces Cameron and Grayci; and great-nephew Jayden, all of Harrah, OK.

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SEPTEMBER, 1936

September 1, 1936, Tuesday

Fair. Cool. Temp in fifties again.

Mother rested fine last nite but weak to-day. A.J. & J.B. went for mail. Got pkg from Sears. Paul, J.B. & A.J. went to S'ville. Had Dr. Platt from Menlo to come out. He pulled her tooth & gave her medicine for nervousness & rheumatism. Hazel & I started place for hogs to sleep.

September 2, 1936, Wednesday

Partly cloudy. Temperate.

Mother better. Slept most of day & ate more than she had in a long time. Coffee, custard, ice cream & cream & Ovaltine. Paul & Jack went to F.P. to see about them getting a place in Moon Lake School. She & Hazel washed in P.M. then Hazel & I worked on pig pen. I have a headache. Took some medicine. A.J. & Paul went to church. The Chichestins [?] came over to see Paul. Heard that Mrs. Emerson nearly died with indigestion this morn.

September 3, 1936, Thursday

Warmer to-day.

Mother sat up quite a lot to-day 45 mins at a time. Still eating better. Hazel ironed. Aunt Eric came to see Mother. Heard that school had been postponed a week. Start Sept 14. I played a little on guitar tonite first time since Mother got sick.

September 5, 1936, Saturday

Hazel & I canned 11 qts soup mixture. J.B. & I went for mail. First time I had walked to store in over five weeks. Paul & J.B. cut tops this morn & I helped them tie them up this P.M. Got a mess of corn.

September 6, 1936, Sunday

Cooler.

I went to S.S. [Sunday school] this morn. First time in about 2 mo. Finn & Katherine's baby very sick. We had late dinner. Hope & Faye came out. Mother feeling about the same.



September 7, 1936, Monday. Labor Day

Warm.

Hazel went to F.P. Leola has her tonsils taken out. Got back about 2:00. Paul gone to Summerville. I pulled some fodder, 2 rows. Got some corn & peas. Leola got sick & Hazel went home about sundown. Mother about the same. Eating fairly well but hates to take her medicine. W. Paul came about 10:00 A.M. He & A.J. gone riding.

September 9, 1936, Wednesday

Clear this morn then clouded up & rained all P.M.

Paul & A.J. went to S'ville. Jessie & Hazel planned to wash but it rained. I went for mail. Mother rested extra well last night but don't feel so well to-day. Hazel learned to crochet today. Is working on farm. Jack is working for her. Jessie is working on dress.

September 11, 1936, Friday

Another warm beautiful day.

I brot [brought] in 8 bundles of fodder. Then went to Emersons to see about

Editor's Note:

In our July, 2021 issue, we introduced the diary entries of Miss Ruby O'Rear, granddaughter of John Mason, (the founder of Mentone) and daughter of Alice Mason (who named the town). You can read more about Ruby O'Rear at mapamentone.com/groundhog-archives (July 2021).

In 2015, the University of Alabama acquired her diaries from the years 1936 and 1937 from a bookseller in Brooklyn, NY. They are part of the University Libraries Special Collections (MSS4133). Many thanks to Chris Carmichael for sharing his copy of the diaries with *The Groundhog*.

We hope you will enjoy reading these selected entries of her daily diary for the month of September, 1936.

—Kelly

Billy hauling in tops. A.J. went for mail. Jack got letter from Mrs. Hulme saying she was to have a job in Moon Lake School. Hazel ironed. Billy & J.B. hauled in 8 shocks of tops. Paul went to Chattanooga. Came back early.

September 12, 1936, Saturday

Warm.

Bathed Mother off the best since she's been sick. Hazel scrubbed her room. I aired feather bed. Jessie, Paul & J.B. got ready to go to Fort Payne & found the car was out of gas & to late in P.M. to try & get gas & then go. Paul & J.B. went to hunt muscadines.

Hazel & I finished pig pen. John Lawrence & Denny came over. Dewey & A.J. rode horse back. Gracie & Clara Crabtree came by.

September 18, 1936, Friday

Clear again.

Mother rested well last nite so I got a good rest. Today is Jessie's birthday. Temp went to 86. Had to fan Mother so she could rest. I read the continued story in 2 magazines. Jessie has lived

thru 1 week of school. Paul went to Summerville this P.M. Jessie came home on bus.

September 22, 1936, Tuesday

Not quite so warm.

Paul took folks to school & went on so we had lunch again. Clara & A.J. ironed some more. Paul came in early. He & A.J. went to V.H. then back by school house & brot Jack & J.B. home. Paul got some corn from field & I brot in some more tops. Crocheted a little. Mother rested fairly well.

September 25, 1936, Friday

Fair & cooler.

Jack, Paul & J.B. gone all day. Mother about as usual. We were up with her tho [though] a good deal last night. Clara ironed. I brot in a shock of tops late this P.M. W. Paul came over & he & A.J. went to Cloudland. Paul & J.B. went to F.P. to-night. Paul to a football game & J.B. to a movie.

September 26, 1936, Saturday

Fair & cool.

Jessie cleaned up house & got dinner. Clara washed dishes & ironed some. Dropped iron & Paul could not fix it. Mother rested fairly well last night & today but doesn't eat much. A.J. & J.B. went to Margaret Crows for Jack. I patched hen house & barn roof a little this P.M. Paul & A.J. went to V.H. I finished one jabot to collar.

September 27, 1936, Sunday

Cloudy in morn & cool but clear & warmer in P.M.

Clara's friends came for her & she left about 11:00. W. Paul & A.J. went to C'nooga for Ethel & kids. I went to Baptist tent meeting. Jack, Paul & J.B. stayed with Mother. Hazel & Evans Pullen came over late. J.B. spent P.M. with Billy Smith.



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