Colorfest Fills the Mountain

Everywhere you look in Mentone on the third weekend of October will be filled with the spirit of Colorfest. Local vendors are decorating for the occasion. Silvia Constantino of Hummingbird at Loom got an early start on decorating her store for the Pumpkin Patch Jubilee as soon as fall arrived. All local businesses are encouraged to join in the fun. Don’t forget, there will be a cash prize for the best patch! Judging will take place during Colorfest.

Cash will also be awarded for the top 3 scarecrows in Scarecrow Holler. There is no fee this year, and the competition is open to everyone! While you are at Colorfest, be sure to stroll through the holler, which is a trail just inside the pines when you leave the old Mentone Springs Hotel site headed to Brow Park for Colorfest 2016. Call Lisa Schad at 256-635-8855 for more details.

Colorfest GO! Scavenger Hunt will be held throughout town during the weekend. (You might even be able to collect some Pokemon too!) Game forms will be available at the MAPA tent at Brow Park and must be returned there by 3pm on Sunday. Cash prize awarded for the winner of this as well! This is always a favorite activity, and it’s a great way to get to know the local merchants. Game forms will have a clue about an object hidden at a Mentone business. Business owners will have a special treat for you, that means that everyone wins something!

Start your Friday afternoon with relaxing pontoon rides launching from Desoto Falls and boating north along the Little River surrounded by the colorful fall foliage. Rides will also be available through the day on Saturday and part of the day on Sunday.

The old Mentone Springs Hotel site will feature Friday and Saturday night music as well as daily activities for the kids. There will be carriage and pony rides. Delight will fill the children while they visit the balloon man and enjoy the Children’s Festival. Don’t miss out on anything. Be sure to pick up a schedule of events from one of our local businesses or from the MAPA tent at the entrance of Brow Park and the 2016 Colorfest.

MENTONE MATTERS


By Mayor Rob Hammond

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LDOT is spending 5.3 million dollars to resurface Alabama 117 from US 11 to the Georgia line. The costs of repairing the rock wall and replacing some guardrails are included in the contract. ALDOT District Engineer Curtis Lowe has been working for several years to get the wall repaired and was able to accomplish this by including the repair in the Highway 117 resurfacing project.

Curtis Vincent, ALDOT North Division Engineer, told me last week that the Federal Highway Administration should shortly return documents back to ALDOT concerning the Curran Bridge replacement project. Hopefully, the end to this bureaucratic process is close to an end. I reported to Mr. Vincent that recently a school bus and a tractor-trailer hit mirrors on the bridge. He assured me he has a sense of urgency in seeing this project completed.

Many thanks to Harriet O’Rear for her vision in beautifying Mentone and her dedication in seeing projects through to the end and maintaining them. Our rock MENTONE signs along with the columns and fence at the pull-out are a part of her legacy. She also worked on several public flower beds over the summer. Her service to the community is much appreciated.

From The Editor

Colorful leaves, cool nights, shorter days, it’s here... fall! It brings in festivals, the home tour, Harvest Festival, and, of course, costumes, trick or treating, and rolling yards. When I was young, we mostly made our costumes out of whatever was available, only purchasing what was necessary. One year, I used Daddy’s bandana, Mama’s apron, bought some really dark make up, and went as Aunt Jemima. Everybody said I made them want some pancakes for breakfast. When my kids were little, it seemed most people bought their costumes. Now, it feels like the trend is coming full circle with more creative hand made costumes being seen each year. I am getting very excited looking at more creative hand made costumes being seen each year.

Anna Mae Horn

Join MAPA Today!
Help us preserve Mentone’s history and impact its future.

Individuals - $20 a year
Couples - $30 a year

MAPA
P. O. Box 50
Mentone, AL 35984
Mapa News

By Ray Padgett

Who Planted the Tree?

By Ray Padgett

Mapa’s mission is to protect and preserve our local heritage. While we generally think of art, music and culture when we mention Mapa’s mission, our mission also includes preservation of local geography, wildlife, and plant life.

Mentone has an incredible variety of native plants that enrich our life with seasonal color and beauty. This article is about a unique and rare tree that was brought to Mentone and planted about 100 years ago (according to our local forester). It is a non-native species, once thought extinct. This Dawn Redwood (Metasequoia glyptostroboides) was planted right outside the current Mentone town limits on Alabama Highway 117--East of Moon Lake Elementary School.

The Dawn Redwood was known only as a fossil until 1941, when it was discovered growing in a remote valley of the Szechwan province of China. Seeds were collected, and the species is now worldwide. This species has been growing and reproducing for 50 million years. It is now considered a living fossil.

Mentone’s Dawn Redwood is located behind the house that was part of the Kirby family’s Windy Hill Farm--recently Windward Farms Restaurant and then Sassafras Boutique. Our goal is to identify the person who planted this magnificent, ancient tree. Without actually boring into the tree, it is impossible to determine its age with accuracy. It is 11 feet in circumference at three feet above the ground and is maybe 75 feet high. It would be much taller, but at some point the top was broken off. Our best guess is that the top was broken by the one of the severe ice storms in the 1960’s or 70’s.

If you know of anyone who may be familiar with the farm house and possibly who planted this fine old Dawn Redwood tree, please let us know. The story of how this tree came to Mentone and who planted it would be a nice part of Mentone history.

Colorfest is fast approaching and we are still looking for volunteers. The Colorfest Planning Committee meets every Thursday afternoon at 1:00 P.M. at Kamama Gallery. We need your help. Please attend and help if you can.

Mapa encourages everyone who agrees with Mapa’s mission to join Mapa and work with our members and volunteers for the success of our mission and the benefit of our community.
My boards may be a little creaky and my paint a little flaky but I am full of life. I continue to open my doors to the young and the wise so my walls are full of joy, laughter and learning.

The cool temperatures and the leaves sparkling and falling make Mentone and Lookout Mountain the perfect place to be in the fall. Senior lunches, tutoring, piano lessons, family reunions and fall fundraising have kept the MERF house busy and full of joy.

In case you haven’t heard the laughter and joy at the MERF house on Wednesdays, senior lunches have begun. From now until November 16th, a great meal and fellowship will be offered at the MERF house from one of MERF’s many supporters and friends. The meal is served at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays so join us for great food, fun fellowship and toe tapping entertainment.

October brings MAPA’s Colorfest again to Brow Park in Mentone. Stop by the MERF booth to say hello and to pick up some great “Leave Me in Mentone” gifts for you, your friends and your family! MERF will have mugs, baseball caps, ornaments, long and short sleeve tees, and sweatshirts. Christmas will be here soon, so shop local. All proceeds will benefit MERF and its programs. These items are also on sale at DeSoto State Park country store, Little River Hardware, Kamama Art Gallery (mugs and ornaments only), Moon Lake Trading (mugs and ornaments only) and from Sarah.

MERF: Mentone Educational Resources Foundation is a local non-profit with the mission “To enrich the learning and living of the community by identifying needs and coordinating resources.” If you would like to support our programs, tax-deductible donations can be mailed to POB 107 Mentone, AL 35984 or contribute online at www.merfhouse.org. Contact us at merf.mentone@gmail.com or 256-634-4673.
Universe series. In a secret world where half-Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices. Clare was on the New York Times Bestseller bill, and just in time for Halloween! Cassandra novels and this one by Cassandra Clare fits the Book One Lady Midnight: The Dark Artifices, perfect for a cold Halloween night.

and senseless killings. With breakneck speed and thriller has poisonings, serial killers, murders, and senseless killings. With breakneck speed and unexpected twists and turns, Insidious will leave you breathless at the shocking conclusions. How perfect for a cold Halloween night.

Lady Midnight: The Dark Artifices, Book One - We have had many requests for teen novels and this one by Cassandra Clare fits the bill, and just in time for Halloween! Cassandra Clare was on the #1 New York Times Bestseller list for more than 3 years with the series The Mortal Instruments and The Infernal Devices.

Lady Midnight begins the Shadowhunters Universe series. In a secret world where half-angel warriors are sworn to fight demons, parabatai, is a sacred word. A parabatai is your best friend. Parabatai can be everything to each other—but they can never fall in love. Emma Carstairs is a warrior, a Shadowhunter, and the best in her generation. Shoulder to shoulder with her parabatai, Julian Blackthorn, she patrols the streets of Los Angeles, where vampires party on the Sunset Strip, and fairies--the most powerful of supernaturals creatures--teeter on the edge of open war with Shadowhunters.

The darkly magical world of Shadowhunters has captured the imaginations of millions of readers across the globe. Join the adventure in Lady Midnight, the long-awaited first volume of a new trilogy from Cassandra Clare.

DVD's
Along our thriller theme come some spooky movies. Now let's face it, no Halloween would be complete without some monsters and vampires!

The Twilight Saga - Yes, we now have the three beginning movies: Twilight, New Moon, and Eclipse.

The epic vampire series about Bella, Edward, and Jacob returns with formerly deleted scenes (yippee!) added back in. Relive the moment Bella and Edward first met, and watch Jacob transform from a lovelorn teenager to a fearsome shape-shifting wolf in these new extended versions.

Alien - Okay, talk about a quintessential Halloween scary movie, and we have all four of them! Now you can watch the original Alien movie, Aliens, Alien 3, and Alien Resurrection.

In 1979, the most terrifying sci-fi movie monster of all time burst onto the big screen, shocking audiences around the world. Now, experience all four chapters of the chilling Alien saga. From the legendary first film that introduced Ellen Ripley (Sigourney Weaver), the iron–willed warrior destined to battle humankind's greatest threat, to her shocking rebirth in Alien Resurrection.

Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice - And for those who prefer some thrills, this superhero showdown is not to be missed. Batman vs Superman is the most anticipated showdown of our time.

Fearing the actions of a godlike super hero left unchecked, Gotham City's formidable vigilante takes on Metropolis' revered savior while the world wrestles with what sort of hero it really needs. But as Batman and Superman go to war, a separate danger arises—one that may threaten all of humanity.

So there you have it folks, chills and thrills for a howling good October right here at your local Moon Lake Community Library. Stop in, share a scary story, and check us out. Until next month, have a screaming good Halloween and October.

WHERE THE LIGHT ENTERS
Everyone is invited to attend “Where the Light Enters: Spiritual Poetry From Eastern and Western Traditions” with national best-selling author and part time Mentone resident for over 25 years, John Lee.

The 13th century poet Rumi says, “There is a field beyond right doing and wrong doing. I’ll meet you there.” Meet John Lee for this presentation of some of his favorite poems from different countries around the world and from different historical eras. Although they produced profound observations about human spirituality, many of them and their works have remained mostly obscure or hidden from modern popular culture.

After touring nationally and internationally, best-selling author, John Lee, is now back in Mentone. He is the author of 26 books including three books of poetry and creative writing, as well as two on spirituality. John has taught creative writing classes nationally and was professor of Religious Studies for seven years at Austin Community College in Austin, TX. He was also a professor of Literature at the University of Alabama and the University of Texas. Additionally, John is a trainer and life coach; he is a pioneer in the fields of self-help and creativity, among other issues. He has been featured on Oprah, 20/20, Barbara Walter’s The View, CNN, PBS, and NPR. He has been interviewed by Newsweek, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, and dozens of other national magazines and radio talk shows.

The program will open with Sandra Comley reading selected samples of her original poetry from “Life In The Woods” accompanied by Liz Baker playing the dulcimer— which adds exquisite emphasis to Sandra’s reading. Connecting art forms to each other and to her life is the base of much of Sandra’s writing. She uses her observation of the natural world and how human life fits into it, to build a more sustainable lifestyle, leading ultimately to the “simple life.” Poetry documents the challenges and triumphs she faces on her way to the “simple life” and captures the changing shapes and colors of her life in the woods.

Sandra Comley has been a resident of the Mentone area for the past 15 years where she designed and built a live-in sculpture piece. It is a free-form ferro-cement cluster dome. She is a member of the Mentone Writers Group and co-founded the Mentone Area Arts Council (now known as Little River Arts Council). She is a self taught milliner and cordwainer and has her hand in a variety of art disciplines including sculpture, painting, making marionettes, and writing. Sandra has been writing poetry since childhood, documenting the events and observations of life and nature.

While there will be no discussion about “religion,” all questions, answers, and comments will be encouraged both during and after the reading. Poets that will be featured include Persian poets Rumi and Hafez, Italian poets St. Francis and St. Catherine, Kabir (Indian), Machado (Spanish), Rilke (German), and Neruda (Chilean). John will also add a few selections of his own poetry.

This reading will be held October 9 at 2 pm in the Moon Lake Community Library. Admission is only $10. Books will be available for purchase as well. For more information about John Lee, visit his website at johnleebooks.com. Be sure to like the library page on Facebook and sign up for the event. This is sure to be an inspiring event you don’t want to miss!
THE RECIPE CORNER

October

By Tema Flanagan of The Farm at Windy Hill

Baked Pumpkin Oatmeal

With pumpkin, coconut, dried cherries, and fragrant spices, this autumnal baked oatmeal makes for a flavorful and filling breakfast treat. In honor of fall, this version is made with pumpkin, but you can make baked oatmeal with mashed sweet potatoes or bananas in place of the pumpkin with equally delicious results.

2 cups rolled oats
1 1/4 cups pumpkin puree
2 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 cup dried cherries
1/4 cup slivered almonds
1/4 cup shredded dried coconut (unsweetened)

1/4 cup sugar
1 pinch salt
1 cup milk or coconut milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 tablespoon poppy seeds (optional)
1/4 cup golden raisins
1/4 cup pumpkin seeds

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Grease a 2-quart baking dish. Place the oats, sugar, baking powder, and salt in the prepared baking dish and stir to mix.

In a separate bowl, combine the pumpkin puree, milk, eggs, vanilla, spices, poppy seeds, dried cherries, and raisins—mixing until incorporated. Pour the pumpkin mixture over the oat mixture and stir to mix in the baking dish.

Toast the almonds, pumpkin seeds, and coconut in a dry skillet. Spread the almond mixture over the oatmeal baking dish.

In a third bowl, combine the pumpkin puree, milk, eggs, vanilla, spices, poppy seeds, dried cherries, and raisins—mixing until incorporated. Pour the pumpkin mixture over the oat mixture and stir to mix in the baking dish.

Toast the almonds, pumpkin seeds, and coconut in a dry skillet. Spread the almond mixture over the oatmeal mixture and bake in the oven 25-30 minutes, until the oatmeal is just set in the center. Serve warm.
Oct. 1 & 2 - Hunting and Outdoor Show. Jase Roberson will be at the Expo both days along with Chris Lane, 2012 Bassmaster Classic Winner on Oct. 2nd. Over 125 exhibitors with great hunting, fishing, and outdoor products. Northeast Alabama Agri-Business Center, Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. 256-638-1650.

Oct. 1 - Sculpit Your Own Flower. Sit at the gaffer bench and feel what it is like to shape hot glass. This is a hands on experience in a safe and fun atmosphere with a final product you will love. 3 to 5 in each class. 9am to 10am. Reservations required. 256-523-3188.

Oct. 1 - John Deere Day At Down On The Farm. Enjoy the maze, pumpkin patch, and playground along with free balloons and hot dogs. 10am. 256-638-6200.

Oct. 1, 14 - Wild Cave Tour. This 2.5 hour adventure is for those of you ready to explore on your knees, on your belly, in the mud and through tight tunnels. Adventure includes helmet, cave lamps plus a fun informative guide. TAS. 5pm to 7:30pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 1 - Campfire Talk: Amphibian Reproduction. Come and join Dr. George Cline (aka Dr. Frog) as he tells the truer story of how frogs breed. Seating is limited; bring your own camp chair. 7pm to 8pm. DSP’s Campfire Ring, Free & open to the Public; Great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

Oct. 1 - Jackson Co Cruise-In. Last cruise-in on the square for this year. Bring all your previous tickets to see if you will be the winner of the roll-around tool chest to be given away that evening. 5pm until 7pm.

Oct. 3, 13 - Rock Climbing / Rappelling Adventure Combo. Come experience firsthand what rock climbing and rappelling is all about with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. No prior climbing experience is needed. 10am to 2pm 256-997-9577.

Oct. 4, 25 - Zip Line Adventure. Ford a gorge or cross from one high point to another. Pre-registration required at TAS by 6pm the day before the adventure. Noon to 2pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 6 - RadioVisions with Phil Weaver, Classical Guitarist. RadioVisions is a series of musical “House Concerts” that are produced each week featuring various artists from the Metro area and the Southeast. The concerts are held at 7pm in the Historic DeKalb Theatre in Downtown Fort Payne.

Oct. 6 - The John Conlee Show. Join us for a night of Country music at the Historic DeKalb Theatre in Downtown Fort Payne with John Conlee. Doors open at 6pm. Show is 7pm to 10pm. 256-997-0396.

Oct. 8 - The 5th Annual Little River Canyon Half Marathon. Little River Canyon Center. 8am. $30 fee; pre-registration required. 256-782-5697.

Oct. 8 - Christmas at Eddie’s. This 31st annual decorating of Eddie’s Garage Center in Henagar is a fun tradition. Over 140 Christmas trees, each with individual themes, and ornaments ranging from western to whimsical, cartoons to retro. 9112 AL Highway 40, Henagar. 256-657-3841.

Oct. 8 - Paperweight Class. Feel the heat, gather from the furnace, sculpt the glass into your own design and take home a couple of nice paperweights. Reservations Required. $135 per person. 9am to 1pm. 256-523-3188.

Oct. 8 - The DeKalb County Genealogical Society will meet at the DeKalb County Library. Our speaker will be Lee Piklor, a retired Scottsboro teacher, with a narrative about Betsy Pack Lowrey, the half Cherokee daughter of Col. John Lowrey and the niece of Maj. George Lowrey Lee brings an exciting approach to Cherokee Indian history. Anyone interested in genealogy is invited to this free meeting.

Oct. 8 - Dutch Oven Campfire Cooking Demonstration. Dutch ovens have been in use for hundreds of years; especially when our county was expanding and families were on the move. Stop in anytime and check out the basics of cooking in a Dutch oven, and sample any food we have coming off the fire! DSP’s Campfire Ring. Starts around 4pm to 6pm. Free & open to everyone; Great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

Oct. 8 - The 1st Annual Fiesta Cultural. Come experience the thrill of rappelling down the sheer sandstone gneis of NE AL. Each trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. 10am to 2pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 12, 17, 26 - Extreme Night Hike. This end-of-day adventure does not slow down just because it’s dark. Intended for a large group team-building exercise, this hike has a bit of bouldering, some scrambling, some spelunking, and a whole lot of required working together. TAS. 7:30pm to 10pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 15, 18, 26 - Rappelling Adventure. Come experience the thrill of rappelling down the sheer sandstone gneis of NE AL. Each trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. 10am to 2pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 15 & 16 - Mentone Colorfest. Come and enjoy the Fall season at the annual Mentone Colorfest. This event is filled with arts, crafts, great food, and live entertainment. Aside from our very talented arts and crafts vendors, you will also be able to enjoy scarecrow holler, a scavenger hunt, a variety of local musicians, a 5K run/walk, scenic boat tours, romantic carriage rides, a children’s area and much more. It is held at the scenic Mentone Brow Park on Saturday and Sunday. You can also enjoy evening entertainment with live music and food from 5pm to 8pm on Friday and Saturday nights. Admission is FREE! For more information about the Colorfest, email us at MentoneColorfest@gmail.com.

Oct. 15 - Heil Environmental Color Run. Enjoy an out and back course starting and ending at Heil. This event is open to the public and perfect for all fitness levels. All participants will receive a white color run t-shirt and custom finisher medal. racesonline.com Registration 8:15 to 8:45, and race at 9am. Early registration is $30 and race day is $35.

Oct. 15 - Heil Environmental 4th Annual Harvest Festival. Heil Environmental is hosting the 4th Annual Harvest Festival on their campus. The event is open to the public and tickets can be purchased at the gate for $3. All proceeds will benefit local charities in DeKalb County. We hope to see you there. Event is from 10am to 3pm. 256-304-2201.

Oct. 15, 22, 29 - Blow Your Own Ornament. Come design and blow your own ornament with the help of one of our glass artists. No reservations are needed; first come, first serve basis. Ages at least 5 years old. 9am to 12pm. Cost is $35 per ornament blown. 256-523-3188.

Oct. 15 - 3rd Annual Forklift Rodeo. The Forklift rodeo consists of 2 obstacle courses & basketball shoot. All competitors get a free t-shirt and the winning team will receive $500 to be donated to the charity of their choice. Trophies going to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. Competition begins at 9am at Heil.

Oct. 15 - Mountain Bike Tour. Explores beautiful trails and paths atop Lookout or Sand Mountain. Have an enjoyable ride without the fear of getting lost. Includes mountain bike rental, instruction, and a guide for safety, direction, and information. Meet at TAS. 3pm to 6pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 16 - Tri-State Paper Crafting. Join us to learn, create and be inspired while crafting with papers, stamps, inks, punches, and die cuts. No experience needed. Kamama Gallery in Mentone AL 1:00-2:30. Reserve by noon Sat. the 15th. Cost is $5. Email cottagepaper@bellsouth.net or call 205-549-4026.

Oct. 17 - Mountaineering Adventure. This adventure starts with a raffle into a low light maze where we will stop and anchor part of the way down the rock wall and travel on the rock face mountaineering style to get to our main destination. TAS. 10am to 1pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 18 - The “Pocket” Trail Hike. Join botanist, Brittney Hughes, and Conservation Director, Renee Raney, for a botanical gallivant at one of the most enchanted habitats in the southeast.”The Pocket” on Pigeon Mountain—formally called the Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail. This will be an easy to moderate hike. There are 2 waterfalls, a small cave section, and high cliffs to see. Meet at DSP Country Store. Bring a day pack with lunch, snacks, drinks, and whatever you need to survive the day! $15 per person (space is limited). 9am to 4pm. 256-447-1006.

Oct. 19 - Bouldering Adventure. Atop Lookout Mountain. We will climb on some of the best boulders atop Lookout Mountain with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction. TAS. 2pm to 6pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 20 - Afternoon Rock Climb. This trip includes all the gear plus basic instruction with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. No experience needed. TAS. 2pm to 6pm. 256-997-9577.
Oct. 21 - Beginning Wheel Class. Turn pots for yourself. Learn the technique used to make all the wonderful pottery you see featured at Miracle Pottery. Experience a fun and memorable evening to share with friends and family. Founder, Valinda Miracle will lead the class. Supplies included (includes firing your finished piece). Bring a few old towels or rags for laps and hands. Apron if desired. Bring something to snack on if you like and a beverage. $80. Must buy ticket. 4pm to 8pm.

Oct. 21 - Rock Climbing Adventure. This trip includes the gear plus basic instruction with guides who are fun, safe and energetic. No prior climbing experience is needed. 2pm to 6pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 22 & 23 - The 9th Annual Little River Art Council’s Home Tour and Silent Auction. The Little River Art Council will present a two-day tour of eight homes and other historic landmarks. Tickets good for both days can be purchased at Mentone Town Hall for $10 each during tour hours. A Silent Auction will again be held at the town hall in conjunction with the Home Tour. Event hours are 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 11am to 4pm on Sunday.

Oct. 25 - GPS Basic Training and Navigation Class Part 1. Learn how to use a map, compass, and a handheld GPS. Learn basic navigation and how to pinpoint a location for quick return, or quick rescue. Also learn how to search by waypoints or coordinates. TAS. 10am to 4pm. 256-997-9577.

Oct. 28-30 Spookapalooza! At DSP Fun for the entire family…snacks, treats, costumes, and excellent slap-your-knee storytelling! Movies, treats, games, storytelling, & more are in store during this popular annual event. All events are free to the public & great for all ages! 256-997-5025.

Oct. 29 - Spookapalooza Pumpkin Carving Contest. DSP is glad to host the 5th Annual Spookapalooza Pumpkin Carving Contest! Entries will be judged on overall appearance, creativity, neatness, and originality. Entries can have any theme or design, i.e., Halloween, nature, fall season, etc. All ages may enter contest. Entries must be turned in no later than 12 noon on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Winners will be announced at the Campfire Ring in the Improved Campground at 6pm. All entries will be on display during DSP’s Spookapalooza festivities. Entries may be picked up at the DSP Country Store on Sunday, Oct. 30th. Free and Open to all ages. Call 256-997-5025.

Oct. 29 - Spookapalooza Fun & Games. Join the staff and volunteers of DSP. National Park Service, JSU Field Schools, the Conservation Education Institute & more for a great afternoon of fun & games; Pumpkin Decorating, bobbing for apples, moonbounces, slides, facepainting, rubber-tattoos, & more! 2pm to 3:15pm. DSP Campfire Ring. Free & Open to everyone; Great for all ages! 256-845-0051.

Oct. 29 - Spookapalooza Trick or Treating. Wear your favorite costume if you wish! Candy stations are located throughout the campground. Parents must accompany children at all times. Dress up your pets and bring them along (always on a leash). DSP Campfire Ring. Starting around 3:30pm. Free & Open to everyone; Great for all ages! 256-845-0051.

Oct. 29 - Burning Leaf Festival. Everyone is invited to Cloudland Community Park for vendors, music, food, & games. Contact Burt Murray at 706-596-1452.

Oct. 29 - Campfire Talk: BATS ALIVE! Vicky Beckham Smith of A-Z ANIMALS presents a fascinating program about those night creatures people either love or hate….Bats! Bring along the family to see Vicki’s live collection of bats! Program sponsored by Friends of the Little River Canyon National Preserve, JSU Field Schools, and DSP. Bats! Join the staff and volunteers at DSP Nature Center (next to the Country Store) 5pm to 6pm. All entries will be on display during DSP’s Spookapalooza festivities. Entries may be picked up at the DSP Country Store on Sunday, Oct. 30th. Free and Open to all ages. Call 256-997-5025.

Ongoing Calendar

The Little River group of Alcoholics Anonymous is adding another meeting. They will meet every Saturday and every Tuesday night at 6pm at St. Joseph’s on the Mountain Episcopal Church, Mentone, AL. Both meetings are Open AA Discussion Meetings. Anyone who thinks they might have a problem with alcohol is welcome. The meetings are also open to members of Al Anon. Questions? Call 256-634-3060.

AL-ANON family and friends support group. Meets every Tuesday at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph’s on the Mountain Church in Mentone, AL. Same time and location as the AA Meeting. Come join us and help us grow!

Ballroom dancing lessons offered at DeKalb County Council on Aging on Monday nights from 6pm to 8pm. 256-845-8590.

Line dancing lessons offered at DeKalb County Council on Aging on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm. 256-845-8590.

Mentone Town Council meets the 2nd Tuesday every month at 6pm in the town council room. Everyone is welcome.

MAPA Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at Kamama Gallery. Gluten Free/Diabetic All Natural Cooking classes with Brenda Trace will be held at Little River Hardware at 6pm on Wednesdays. Classes $10.

Lookout Mountain Parkway Association meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11am. Call to find out how to get involved! 256-845-3597.

DeKoal Quilters meet every 4th Tuesday, 9:30am, Second Baptist Church in Fort Payne. DeSoto Rescue Squad meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 9am at the MERF house in Mentone.

Free Square Dance Lessons offered most Thursdays, 6:30pm, at Tom Blevill Center in Rainsville by Duos and Solos Dance Club. 256-638-2780.

FREE FOOD for eligible persons and families. Hours: Wednesdays, 9 AM to noon. New applicants welcome during these hours. Joint effort between St. Joseph’s on the Mountain Episcopal Church (Community Outreach Ministry) and the Food Bank of North Alabama.

Mentone Fire Department meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm. Mentone Town Council meets every 2nd Tuesday at 6pm.

The Lookout Mountain Wholistic Center meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month at Rock Ridge Retreat Center in Valley Head at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Mentone Farmers Market open year round every Saturday, 10am–1pm.

Storytime at the Canyon Center every first Saturday of the month. 11am-Noon. Free. 256-782-5697.

The Mentone Business Association (MBA) will meet the second Monday of each month from 6-7pm.

The Groundhog

October 2016

Save The Date!

Creative Spirit Market, Saturday and Sunday November 12th & 13th at DeSoto State Park Picnic Area.

Hosted by The Little River Arts Council and DeSoto State Park

The Rhododendron Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday at 10:00AM at the MERF House. ‘Green thumbs’ and ‘brown thumbs’ welcome! For more information, call 256-634-4403.

Valley Head Band meets on Tuesdays 4-6 pm at Smith Nursery at the top of Sand Mountain off of Hwy 117. 256-605-5404.

Scrabble Club will meet the first Monday of the month from 11-1 at Kamama Gallery and Cafe. Call Kaye Kiker 205-609-8100 or Clare Donohue 954-292-8130 with questions.

The DeKalb County Genealogical Society meets the second Saturday of every month in the DeKalb County Public Library, 10 AM.

Yoga on the Mountain: Start your morning off right with Dee Brown. Classes are held from 8-9 am each Thursday and Friday at DeSoto State Park. Cost is $5. To register call 256-634-8370
Talented people are welcome in Mentone at any time, but Colorfest is a fabulous time to get a look at a wide variety of arts and crafts. Committee members for Colorfest 2016 have had a hard time narrowing down all the talented applicants to a number of vendors that would fit nicely at the brow and still leave room for festival goers to browse all the merchandise. For the festival, a balanced variety of fine quality items will be available from over 70 vendors. Here are just a few of the items you will find.

Local photographer Brad Lackey will have some of his prints available, offering his unique take on many subjects. No doubt that some of these will feature some of our local landscapes. Pam Smith will also be there featuring her fabulous nature photography. She was inspired by a photo safari to Africa in 2002 and seeks to inspire others to value our natural world. Besides several trips to Africa, Pam has taken pictures in The Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, British Columbia, London, The Shetland Islands, and Yellowstone and The Grand Teton National Parks. She also enjoys capturing the natural beauty here in Alabama as well.

Many craftspeople will also be on hand. Mountain Moon Glass from Huntsville will be presenting a varied collection of fused glass items. Mentone locals Dowe Foreman (Nightingale Pottery), with her beautiful hand made and wheel thrown pieces, and Jan Smith, with her very unique and interesting clay mosaics, will both be at Colorfest.

Jewelry is always a favorite, so there will be several booths with a variety of charm. Chris Patterson offers a wide range of inspiring and fun items—from a pendant cross necklace to earrings that support your favorite team. He even makes Halloween and Christmas themed jewelry. For vintage lovers, Stephanie Wingard of The Vintage Clover will have new looks inspired by treasured classics. Just to name a couple.

Of course, there will be a variety of quilts and clothing and hand made knick knacks available. Messie Bessie Bedside Angels will have a booth for their cute, hand painted burlap angels. And Rita Winters will have her high-quality woven apparel available for purchase. There will be a sampling of everything from cute and artsy to fine apparel and everything in between. You just have to see it all for yourself.

Several local organizations will have booths as well. MERF will have caps, t-shirts, ornaments, and other items with their famous “Leave Me in Mentone” logo—most appropriate for the fall, don’t you think? The PWNA will be having a plant sale at their booth; and Mentone Community Library will be having books for sale, weather permitting.

Also, be sure you stop by the MAPA tent to say hello and pick up a schedule of events or a Scavenger Hunt game form. Colorfest vendors at Brow Park will be open Saturday from 9 to 5 and Sunday from 11 to 4, when the festival wraps up. Then, like the beautiful autumn leaves, the flair of the festival will slip away until next time.

(More vendor photos on page 13)

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This year’s Colorfest is lining up to be a great one! We are opening up on Friday evening at the Mentone Springs Hotel stage at 5 p.m. with folk/traditionalist singer Chris Hale for some fine pleasure. From 11 to 4, we will have Trey Headrick, Jared Cushen, Dana Owen, Marc Womack, and David Lusk will wind up Colorfest 2016. I’m pretty sure finding a seat under the pavilion could be one of the best ideas of the day.

Saturday night, we are going back to the Hotel stage with the local great Terry Hutcheson starting our night off at 5 p.m. Always a good show right there, folks. Mentone Market will be serving food again, so you can eat, hear great music, and smile all at the same time. Following that, we have the local band Permagroove from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Guys and gals, these boys know how to get you up and moving! I couldn’t think of a better way to spend my evening that night than under that tent, for sure.

Sunday, we will be back up at the Brow Stage for yet another day of talented locals for your acoustic enjoyment.

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Hope to see you there!

Will Dooley (left) and Pe

rmagroove (right)

(More musician photos on page 11)

Alabama State Parks Fund Amendment

2015 was a record year for the parks in terms of attendance, but the parks weren’t able to use all the funds they generated. State Parks Director Greg Lein said, “We had a record year and the money went out the back door. This legislation slams the back door shut... locks it, and puts a barricade in front of it.” About 86.5% of the state parks budget comes from guest fees, with only about $7.6M of the $37M annual budget coming from taxes. For the last five years, funds have been transferred out of the budget for Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to the general fund. This caused much uncertainty for the park system.

Due to much public support, the legislature is proposing an amendment to ensure that future state park funds would not be transferred. The Alabama State Parks Fund Amendment, also known as Amendment 2, will be on the ballot on November 8. A “yes” vote means designated state park funds stay in the state park budget. A “no” vote allows state park funds to be used for other purposes. There is also a provision in the amendment stating that in the event that guest revenues to the State Parks Revolving Fund exceed $50M then excess taxes for the following fiscal year would be used elsewhere. Part II of the amendment allows the state to issue bonds for maintaining and expanding state parks and historical sites. It also allows for services of state parks with sleeping accommodations, restaurants, or a golf course to be outsourced if needed. Let your voices be known: go vote!
How To Play

1. Pick up a Colorfest GO Game Sheet at the MAPA table at Brow Park.
2. Find as many businesses as you can by the clues provided on the Game Sheet. (All businesses are within walking distance of the festival)
3. Once you find the business, you must also find a Treasure Item that is also clued on the game sheet.
4. Once you find both the business and the treasure, ask the owner to initial your Colorfest GO Game Sheet.
5. The owner will then give you a small gift of some kind (one reward per team, at the owner's discretion).
6. Repeat steps 2-5 above until you have completed the entire Colorfest GO Scavenger Hunt!
7. Complete the “contact information” on the game sheet and return it to the MAPA table by 3pm on Sunday afternoon. Every player/team that completes the Colorfest GO Scavenger Hunt over the Colorfest weekend will be eligible for our $50 Cash Grand Prize courtesy of MAPA!
8. If no player completes the entire game, there will still be a winner based on a drawing of those who completed the most finds. You will be contacted if you are the winner!
COLORFEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mentone Springs Hotel Site Tent

Friday, October 14
5pm Food Trucks By Mentone Market, MAPA (til 8pm)
5pm Chris Hale
6pm Bonfire and Concert by Will Dooley and Friends (til 9pm)

Saturday, October 15
5pm Food Trucks by Mentone Market, MAPA (til 8pm)
5pm Terry Hutcheson
6pm Concert - Permagroove (til 9pm)

Brow Park Stage

Saturday, October 15
9am Boat Rides (til dusk)
10am Jess Barker
11am Larry Joe Hall
12pm Curtis Strange & Dr. Rob
1pm Daniel Hughes
2pm Lisa Crowe
3pm Amy Snider
4pm Katrina Barclay

Sunday, October 16
10am Boat Rides (til 2pm)
11am Terry Hutcheson
12pm Curtis Strange & Dr. Rob
1pm Daniel Hughes
2pm Lisa Crowe
3pm Amy Snider
4pm Katrina Barclay

Special Events

Boat Rides from DeSoto Falls
Friday, 1 til dusk
Saturday, 9am til dusk
Sunday, 11am-4pm

Scarecrow Holler
Starts at Mentone Springs Hotel Site

Ongoing Activities/Events:

Taste of Mentone - Mentone Chefs' Brow Park/Featured Specials at Individual Restaurants
Farmers Market
Mentone Inn Square

Scout for Colorfest Info

Points of Interest

1. Scavenger Hunt - Have fun learning about Mentone and its merchants. Pick up a game form at the Festival Information Tent.
2. Boat Rides - Enjoy boat rides on Little River Friday-Sunday during Colorfest. See schedule for times.
3. Children's Activities - Pony rides, games, balloon figures and more.
4. MSH Site Tent Stage - Enjoy evening entertainment. Will Dooley and Friends will entertain Friday evening and Permagroove will entertain Saturday evening.
5. Site for Evening Events - While listening to great music on the stage, enjoy food from the food trailers. Mentone Market (barbecue, S'mores fixins, hot chocolate, coffee), MAPA (soft drinks and boiled peanuts).
6. Scarecrow Holler - Wander through the pine thicket at the MSH site and check out the whimsical and spooky scarecrows the locals have created for your enjoyment.
7. Festival Information Tent - Questions? Get them answered here. Be sure to pick up your festival handout here too.
8. Brow Park - Shop more than 75 local and regional vendors offering everything from food and books to jewelry, pottery, woodworking, art from reclaimed materials, plus much more.
9. Brow Park Stage - Enjoy a variety of music during Saturday and Sunday of the festival including pop, rock, folk, blues and more.

(Check the schedule for day and times)

NOTE: This is not intended to be a complete map of the Town of Mentone. It only highlights venues for activities, events, food, music, and arts/crafts vendors during Colorfest.
Colorfest Delights the Palate

Festival food is always delightful! It fills the air, our stomachs, and our souls. There is something peculiarly enlightening about eating at a festival while strolling between vendors or sitting under the pavilion and listening to delightful music. Visitors will not be disappointed at the 2016 Colorfest.

Friday night and Saturday night, Mentone Market Food Truck will be at the old Mentone Springs Hotels site starting at 5 pm each night. They will be serving up Brunswick stew, chili, barbecue, and hot dogs. They will also have the makings for s’mores! Get your hot boiled peanuts and soft drinks from the MAPA trailer. Nothing like a Friday and Saturday night with food, music, and a bonfire.

Of course, we can’t have a festival in the south without sweet tea and funnel cakes, but there will be much more as well. Brow Park will be filled with food both Saturday and Sunday. As usual, North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department will be serving the fabulous barbecue everyone has come to expect. There will also be deli sandwiches, chicken fingers, corn dogs, and more. From roasted corn and fresh squeezed lemonade to kettle corn and shaved ice—there will be something to satisfy everyone’s appetite.

For dessert, there will be a range of delectable delights including donuts, baked goodies, and gelato throughout the brow festival area. Take a seat under the pavilion and listen to free live music while you eat.

The Taste of Mentone is always the talk of the town. The Wildflower restaurant will be set up on the brow to serve their mouth-watering food. Local restaurants will be happy to serve up their specialty dishes, so look for the “Taste of Mentone” sign out front.

Also, be sure to stop by the farmers market. They are open every Saturday morning where County Road 89 crosses Highway 117 at the blinking light. Local residents have their freshly harvested fruits, vegetables, honey, breads, and more. Roger’s Real Homemade has been known to have everything from hummus and salsa to peanut butter banana muffins and white chocolate-fruit-and-nut granola bars with everything in between! There are always several vendors, and you can’t miss the tents. If the weather cooperates, they are usually open extra hours for the festivals. So, be sure to stop by if the tents are up.
Moon Lake Elementary School
“Dot Day”

National Dot Day is always celebrated by Ms. Paula at Moon Lake as she encourages all the students to make their mark. It doesn’t matter how little, how big, or what it looks like, just make it in the best way you know how. The 2nd and 6th graders put on the program for the September PTO meeting. They wore their “dotted” tye-dye shirts and sang the dot song! For the October 4th meeting, the first graders will host the program. Program starts at 6pm. (Officers and class reps should be there at 5.) Their will also be a faculty vs students basketball game. Parental and community involvement night will be on October 13th starting at 5pm. Everyone is invited to both events!

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The Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis is our minister for these services.

The Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Women on Mission meets at 1PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

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

Visitors are always welcome at the 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.

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

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Sunday mass in English at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish. Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in English, Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. bilingual, Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in English, Friday at 9:00 a.m. in English and Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in bilingual.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM Sunday. Bible class or Lent/Advent services every Wednesday at 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. Everyone welcome.

Worship

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. God Bless You.

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), 5760 Gault Ave. NE, Fort Payne, AL. Sunday School 9-45AM; Sunday Worship 10:55AM. Church office: 256-845-4756.

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10AM and 11AM services and evening services are at 5PM on Sundays and Wednesdays. Visitors are always welcome.

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

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM, Wednesday Bible study at 5PM.

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


Mentone United Methodist Church, 415 Cutler Avenue, Mentone, Alabama invites you to come and worship with us. Each Sunday, our Worship Service is at 11AM and Sunday School is at 10AM. Tony Gunter is the pastor. The service of Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month, the second Sunday is Youth Sunday and Fifth Sunday is a service of music and pot-luck lunch. Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:00PM.

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

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy. 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Rodney Blaylock welcome each and everyone to worship service Sunday morning at 11AM GA time; Sunday School 10AM GA time; Wednesday night Bible Study 7PM GA time.

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

Summit Church of God invites you to be in service Sunday morning 10:45AM; Sunday night 5PM, Wednesday Bible Study 6:30PM. Pastor Lance Kincer invites everyone.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy - regular service times are 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.

Mentone Community Church, 90 Summerville Rd, Mentone, AL 35984. Pastor Tim Miller; Crosswalk Sunday School K through Adult - 9:15am; Adult Worship Service - 10:30am; JC Kids Worship Service - 10:30am. Van Ministry for Children pick-up/take home, ages k-12, for all surrounding areas 8:15am. For children pick-up and drop-off van, please call Donna Bunn 706-398-0720. Wednesday small group study - 6:30PM.

Cloudland Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to come join us for services, with Pastor Roger Kvam. Bible Study Sunday at 9AM (EST) and Worship at 10AM (EST).

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New Oregon United Methodist Church: Located just off Desoto Parkway 1/4 mile south of Fischer Crossroads. We would like to invite you to worship with us on Sundays. Sunday School for all ages 9:45am, Traditional Worship 11am, and Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Sunday Evening youth meet at 5:30pm. We have Wonderful Wednesdays during the school year with Bible studies for all ages, meal at 5:30pm and classes at 6:15pm. We also have Wednesday morning Bible study at 8:45am, and knitting every Tuesday at 9am. Pastor Ian Conery. Address 1204 New Oregon Drive NE, Fort Payne, AL 35967. phone 256-845-7446.

The Church of God 7th Day in Hammondville located just off Hwy. 11 N. at corner of Hwy. 117 and Palmer Road. Sabbath School classes at 9:30AM and Worship Service at 11AM. Visitors are always welcome.

Gravel Hill Baptist Church, 14701 Hwy 11 South, Ft Payne, AL 35967 has Sunday School 10 AM & Worship Service at 11 AM each Sunday. All welcome! Wednesdays at 6PM we have supper and a brief devotional time together. Pastor George Moses.

Greater Vision Ministries Church of God, 38623 US HWY 11, Hammondville, AL 35989. Come as you are . . . LEAVE CHANGED! Sunday School 10 am, Sunday Worship *10:45 am, (*Nursery & Kid’s Church). MidWEEK re-charge Wednesday 6:30pm. Loving God & Serving Others. Pastor Tim Coppock. 256-601-0679.

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

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Fall has arrived! The weather is more comfortable, and there is a coolness to the breeze. Many mornings are now in the low 60’s or upper 50’s, a great time to work in the garden. There are several fall plants that give color and texture to the landscape. Plant these in your beds to keep them fresh and inviting during the autumn months.

Chrysanthemums are the brightest and most colorful of the fall flowers. They come in a wide array of colors and will come back year after year. Although most are sold as individual potted plants to be placed on porches, steps, along pathways, and on patios, they are perennials so they can be planted in the garden when their blooms fail after the first frost. Snip off the spent flowers and cut stems back to five or six inches, then plant in good soil. They will lose their leaves for the winter but come back next spring. Their first blooms will appear in late May to early June. By July those blooms will fade, so July 4 is a good time to remember to cut them back again. Doing so will assure their blooming again in late September through October. One way to increase the size of the blooms is to snip off every two out of three blooms when they first form. This sends the energy to the remaining blooms so they are larger and prettier.

Pansies are great for the winter garden. They like the cool to cold temperatures, so wait until October 10 or later to plant them. They will need to be deadheaded (the spent blooms removed) every week to ten days to keep them blooming nicely all winter. Use a time released fertilizer when planting to keep them on a good growth pattern. Being heavy bloomers, they may even need more fertilizer in mid-winter. Pansies will bloom well into spring until the temperatures begin to stay in the 80’s. Choose from deep, bright colors to muted, pale, antique colors. All are beautiful in the winter garden.

To add some different texture to the winter garden, plant some of the ornamental kale and cabbage. They have colorful foliage of green, white, and purple, even red. Growing in height to at least 18 inches, maybe 24 inches for some species, they look great with pansies planted around them. They also will last well into the spring or early summer.

Evergreen trees and shrubs are rarely noticed in the spring, summer, and fall. However, they truly stand out in the winter landscape. To make your landscape really grand, plant a few of these beauties in strategic areas of your yard. Choose from cedars, cypress, junipers, some hollies, camellias, or nandinas. There are many evergreens from which to choose. Just ask your local garden center for information and advice.

The Progressive Women of NE Alabama hosted a Casino Night Fundraiser on August 27th at the Little River Canyon Center. We had over 50 attendees and raised $3,500! All of the proceeds raised at the event will go towards the PWNA Scholarship Fund.

The fundraising committee would like to thank the generous sponsors of this event for helping make it a success: CleBur’s Oggun Tractors, Native Inc., Skelton Orthodontics, Section Pharmacy, Fern Cliff Farms, Charter Investment, Pat Dunne State Farm Insurance, People’s Independent Bank, Gorham’s Bluff, and Raymond James Investments.

The PWNA Education committee awards 5-7 scholarships each academic school year, totaling (on average) $5,000 annually to deserving women who show the need and desire to further their education. In the past 2 years, we nearly doubled our giving and would like to continue our efforts to increase the amount we give for education. The scholarship is open to all females in DeKalb, Marshall and Jackson counties who are enrolled or planning to enroll in either Northeast Alabama Community College or Snead State Jr. College.

The members also work in a variety of ways on several issues that affect women—including health care, equal pay, domestic violence, and poverty. Donations towards our efforts can be mailed to PWNA, c/o Ruth Morisette, 4081 County Road 166, Fort Payne, AL 35967. Throughout the year, the club also sells cookbooks and holds a plant sale at each of Mentone’s festivals. So, stop by our tent at Colorfest to find out more about us and take home a plant!
THE MOST EXCITING PIECE OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE TO HIT THE MARKET AT MENTONE IN QUITE A WHILE! Downtown. Almost 5000 sq ft, currently used as a coffee bar, restaurant and art gallery. Large gallery rooms, one with a stage for music. This is the perfect place for a restaurant and club. Could readily be transformed into office spaces or shop front. This also has a small farm. Great parking in private lot and on the street. Zoned B-1, Retail Business District, allowing for a number of commercial or retail applications. $425,000 (1044234)

YEAH IT'S SMALL, BUT WHO WANTS THE IN-LAWS TO VISIT ANYWAY? Join the Tiny House revolution in this open floor plan home & workshop tucked into 2 wooded acres surrounded by private hunting lane. Add'l power meter & concrete pad for a 2nd residence, a place to park your camper or whatever! Sold fully furnished! (incl John Deere riding mower), all you need is your toothbrush! Affordable little getaway for only $73,900. (1054983)

EXPANSIVE VIEWS & PLENTY OF ROOM INSIDE & OUT makes this Mentone brow-front home a fantastic possibility for your personal family getaway, residence or rental. 4BR/2.5BA; beautiful hickory floors in KI/DI/LR; stainless appliances; 2-car att garage (convert it into a huge den w/brow view?); room for going to lower brow level where there are natural shelves/overhangs to explore. Possibilities for a lower-level cottage, too. Needs a bit of updating, but with approx 170' brow frontage, this place could be the best buy on the mountain at only $239,000. (1038210)

WELL-MAINTAINED LOOKOUT MTN HOME in Ft Payne City Limits. Vaulted LR w/mtn gaslog Fplce. Oak floors in living, kitchen & Master BR; tile in baths & laundry. Spacious country kitchen w/oak cabinetry, work island & dining area. Huge MABR w/gas log Fplce; MBA w/jetted tub & sep shower. Two add'l good-sized bedrooms. Nice front porch. Back deck. 14x12' storage bldg. 2 acres. One-owner home; built 2011. $157,500 (1053364)

BACK ON MARKET AT GREAT NEW PRICE!! TINY LOG CABIN in Mentone on a little over an acre. Live life more simply. Wood interior; 1BR/1BA (tile shower); rocking chairs on the front porch (it's being sold fully furnished); metal roof; wooded' backyard; lovely front yard w/fruit trees & garden areas; flower beds; quaint "outhouse-work" well house. Public water available. Great rental possibilities, too! Fantastic price of only $79,900. (1053288)

THREE ACRES 2 BARNs, CREEK FRONTAGE & a house. Mentone. Land mostly pasture, some woods. Larger barn w/2-story house w/screened-in porch & sun room. Cozy kitchen, utility room, charming wood fencing at entry; stone sidewalk & foundation. Public & well water. Unrestricted. A lot of potential here. Priced right, too. $75,000 (1053646)

TALL MEADOW RUE. A new cottage with an "old world" look & feel. Details that are seldom seen: English chimney pots; transom doors; tall windows; stained glass; craftsmanship in stone & brickwork; arched entry & front doors; curved lines; storm room w/custom cabinetry & quartz counters; antique mantel & brick fplce w/bookshelves both sides. Main-level bath w/clawfoot tub. Extensive professionally-landscaped gardens w/fishpond, tea house, lighting & tiny chapel. A place words fail to adequately describe; to see it one finds endless wonders to take in. Exquisitely furnished with most items to remain with cottage. Discover it for yourself and be enchanted. $339,900 (1045090)

WELL-MAINTAINED LOT AT 2 WOODED ACRES with a "cabin" (no plumbing!) and gravel driveway. Public water & power already in place. A property rare. Yes, you can buy wooded acreage. Yes, you can have a brow-view. Yes, you can have abundant wildlife. BUT, where else will you find 44 acres of hardwood mountainside with forever views, several level building sites AND a registered cave? Tally Cove, Don't let it get away. Priced at $119,000 (785767)

4.33 WOODED ACRES, unrestricted. Septic tank to accommodate a 2BR/2BA home, gravel drive, public water & power already in place! Great place for RV, ready to build. You'll not find a better price in Mentone. Now only $33,900. (311288)

2 WOODED ACRES with a tiny little rustic "cabin" (no plumbing!) Hardwoods, picnic spot overlooking lovely Weiss Lake. Almost cleared & ready to build upon. $19,000 (1044435)

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Stop in and see us at our log cabin office in the heart of Mentone. It's a great place to be!

LOTS AND LAND
19 ACRES beautiful woodland with Laurel Creek running through it. Level to gently sloping. Perfect for someone seeking a true getaway. Wild turkey, deer, bobcat, foxes...just about any kind of mountain wildlife one could imagine has been spotted on this property by the owner. Mountain laurel, rhododendron, cucumber berry magnolia, wild azaleas. Some restrictions. $60,000

9.5 ACRES WITH A BEAUTIFUL POND; hardwoods. Adjacent to DeSoto State Park. Build a dream cabin overlooking a picturesque pond. Convenient to Mentone. Possibilities for more than one cabin? Maybe a compound for multiple tiny cabins? This location would be ideal for rental! Buy it, dream it, build it! Now $79,500. (1040103)

ACREAGE WITH A SMALL LAKE HIDDEN IN THE WOODS. Lightly-restricted 4.33 wooded acres on Full Moon Lake, Laurel Creek Lakes SD, that also features walking trails and 3 lakes. Two lots being sold as one. Build on one, or both! Could be divided in the future. 45,000. (1048869)

2.2 UNRESTRICTED, WOODED ACRES Mentone. Corner property; excellent areas to walk, bicycle or keep a few chickens. Public water & power at the road. Great views of Chestnut Mountain. A rare opportunity! $160,000 (1011111)

REDUCED! WOW! Build your dream home with a view! 3-acre building lot overlooking beautiful Weiss Lake. Already cleared & ready to build upon with mature trees left for shade, utilities at the road. $39,000. (1016832)

A PROPERTY RARE, YES, you can buy 4 wooded acres. Yes, you can have a brow-view. Yes, you can have abundant wildlife. BUT, where else will you find 44 acres of hardwood mountainside with forever views, several level building sites AND a registered cave? Tally Cove, Don't let it get away. Priced at $119,000 (785767)

See you at Colorfest October 15 and 16!
The Rhododendron Garden Club met on Tuesday, September 13 at the MERF House. Brenda Cox graciously served as hostess, and Mary Shurett gave the meditation. Mary quoted Robert Finch, “But now in September the garden has cooled, and with it, my possessiveness. The sun warms my back instead of beating on my head…The harvest has dwindled, and I have grown apart from the intense midsummer relationship that brought it on.” She also read the “Autumn Prayer” by Doug Leonhardt. The business meeting followed with preparations finalized for the Fall Flower Show during the VFW Fair. Six members are entering designs; three have never exhibited before, so that will be a new adventure for them. The club will also have entries in Horticulture, the Educational Exhibit and Scarecrow contest.

The RGC and Alabama State Parks Partners is encouraging all voters to give a “YES” vote on Statewide Amendment 2 in the upcoming election. Since 2012, the Alabama Legislature transferred $15 million from the Alabama’s State Parks to the State General Fund… Five parks have closed due to these funding transfers…

On November 8th, citizens will vote on a Constitutional Amendment to ban transferring funds from Alabama’s State Parks. (from the Park Partners website alparkspartners.com). Like all amendments, the wording is vague at best, but please vote “YES” while you are exercising your American right to vote and make a difference!

Member Carol Argo gave a great hands-on program about “Making a Living Wreath.” She explained that succulents, herbs, air plants or African violets can all be used to create a living wreath. Carol provided two sphagnum covered rigid frame bases for attaching the plants. The form can either be hung or used flat as a centerpiece. Carol shared several types of succulents. Members also brought cuttings from their yards, so two tables were covered in plant material. The real fun began after the group divided. The competition was on to see which group made the loveliest wreath! One difficulty was deciding which tools to use to penetrate the sphagnum thickness. Secondary issues were: how to make a hole big enough for the root ball to fit in, but not destroy the integrity of the sphagnum moss; which plant to use; and, finally, finding the perfect placement. Table 1 accused Table 2 of taking all the “dark” plants, but each wreath turned out lovely. The plants have to stay flat for 3-4 weeks while the roots take hold, but then should be secure enough to hang on a wall or door. The best learning is doing- so this program was a great success! Thank you, Carol.

The RGC meets at 10am each second Tuesday of the month at the MERF House. The next meeting will be October 10 where we will be patting ourselves on the back for another successful flower show. Look forward to next month’s issue when we’ll brag about all the ribbons awarded!


Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn. We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that give us a new burst of energy, for the coloring of the trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist, for the falling of leaves that reveal the strength of the branches, for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls, for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children, for the fall harvest which brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land, for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life, God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen

-Autumn Prayer by Doug Leonhardt, S.J.

Hocus Pocus Halloween Bash

Sunday, October 30th, the Wolves’ Den family eatery located in Kamama’s art gallery will be hosting a Halloween Bash starting at 4pm. We encourage everyone to come dressed in their Halloween costumes. We will be giving an award to the best costume. At 5:30, we will be showing the movie Hocus Pocus. We will have $5 chicken finger plates or grilled cheese plates, and our regular menu will be offered. We will have lots of Halloween candy, cookies, and cupcakes—complimentary to all those who join us for an evening of Halloween happiness. To make reservations, or if you have any questions, contact Fontana at 256-634-3001. Hope to see y’all there.

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**RUSTIC CABIN** near Mentone. 1-1/2 story, 2BR/2BA home, open floor plan, large vaulted ceilings. Large guest bedroom overlooking living area. Up screened porch and 2 bath, shake-sided outside w/low maintenance metal roof. Deck. $289,000. MLS #1058677.

**BEAUTIFUL** Mountain Get-Away. Beautiful 2BR/2BA, open floor plan, 2 bath. Owner's suite on main level with access to private screened porch, open deck for grilling, walk-in closet, vaulted ceiling, wood burning fireplace. Laundry, pantry, and upstairs bonus room. Great location on Pink Road in Mt. Rest. $390,000. MLS #1035593.

**3BR/3BA HOME** #1037784. $350,000. MLS #1035684. 2BR/2BA, on 0.45 acres. MAIN FLOOR: Open living/dining/kitchen area w/wood burning fireplace, 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, laundry, sunroom, and 2-car garage. Upper level: Nursery, 2nd bedroom, 3rd bath, and bonus room. Waxahachie and Forest Dale Schools. **** $350,000. MLS #1035684.

**FURNISHED CABINS** on 0.4 ACRE. The Point: Minutes from DeSoto State Park and Downtown Mentone. Close proximity after 8BR/8BA. Southern Charm offers Loft, 2BR and 2BA. Fully furnished Home with additional rentals. $279,000. MLS #1026481.

**CUSTOM CABIN** w/attached great room and kitchen, oak flooring, and wood burning fireplace in this 2BR/2BA home. Sleeping porch w/FP. Secluded w/gated entrance near downtown Mentone. $280,000. MLS #1051679.

**2BR/3BA HOME** on 0.28 ac. This 2BR/3BA, open space, main level living area, 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, fireplace, new HVAC, dock, walkway, fence, paint! Most NEW! Price reflects some doors & windows, some work on deck, some work on porch, some work on bathroom, some work on electrical, paint, etc. $289,900. MLS #1017111.

**LAKE PALM LAKEFRONT**. This 3BR/3BA, 2-story home with vaulted and open living space downstairs. Lge BR/BA and sitting area upstairs. Laurel Creek Lakes is a gated community with access to lakes & walking trails. $499,000. MLS #1011004.

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The Burning Leaf Festival
October 29, 2016 in Cloudland, GA

We hope you will join us at Cloudland Community Park on Lookout Mountain in Cloudland, GA, on Saturday, October 29th for our 3rd annual Burning Leaf Festival. There will be lots of vendors, live music, food, games, cakewalk, raffle, bingo, face and pumpkin painting, and an inflatable bounce house for the kids. Wear your Halloween costume - we will have a “Best Costume” contest!

Vendors can reserve a spot for $10 or $15 for vendors who show up on the day of the festival. Information for vendors, contact: Maggie Johnson (706-844-4468), Janice Tucker (706-331-1065), Pamela Cavin (706-331-7374), or Burmah Green (706-506-1452).

Donations can be made to either The Cloudland Community Park or The Cloudland Volunteer Fire Department. Send all donations to: Cloudland Community Park, PO Box 277, Menlo, GA, 30731.

Come out and spend the day with us from 8am – 2pm. The event is hosted by, and all proceeds go to, The Cloudland Community Park and The Cloudland Volunteer Fire Department.

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5th Grade

Top Left: Homecoming Queen- Sydney Vest
Top Center: Elementary King and Queen: Lucas Payne and Aubrey Price
Left: Homecoming Court from L-R....Makenna Purvis, Bailee Carter, Abby Otting, Esmeralda Martinez, Sydney Vest, Brooke Moore, Vandila Freeman, LaShae Jones
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Linda Patterson, owner of the chapel, said the idea for it began with a bell, and now that bell rings as newlyweds exit the door of the chapel.

To arrange your wedding or renewal of your wedding vows, call
256-654-4181