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COME TO THE POTLUCK AT GREENSPOT FARMS!

To celebrate the recent win in court against Orange County's and Lewis Homes' project, euphemistically titled "Harmony", Greenspot Farms is hosting a potluck Thursday (yes – tomorrow) night, from 6-9 p.m. at 10133 Ward Way, Mentone. Bring food, drinks, whatever you can.

Those intending to attend are requested to RSVP to info@protectgreenspot.com, so the host(s) can be prepared. According to FB, 87 are interested but only 6 have actually responded.

CASINO NIGHT RAISES MONEY!

The Chamber of Commerce's annual Casino Night was held at the Mill Creek Cattle Company and Diamond Jim's Saloon, 1874 Mentone Boulevard, on August 30. Doors opened at 5 p.m. and the dress-up theme was Western. Admission was free; participants bought chips to play at the tables. Between 100 and 125 gamblers attended, according to Warren Wendell, MACA treasurer.

After playing gamblers could cash in their chips for raffle tickets for door prizes, such as Maribeth Lotito's gift baskets, prepared around such themes as "man cave," Western, kid's, gift cards and Christmas themes. According to Angie DeLaRosa, Duane Tubbs won the "assorted" basket, Wendy Sue's husband (from Sandals Church) won the computer, and June Purvis won the Ladies Tea Basket.

Another trade-in was the "As Good as Gold" giveaway. A free buffet was provided for participants, by Jimmy and Maribeth Lotito, owners of the Restaurant. Proceeds of \$2,800 (see below) go to the Chamber for its charitable projects: recently it donated some proceeds to the Greenspot folks (see announcement above). The Lotitos distributed the following at the MACA meeting on Tuesday night, 9/11. According to the Lotitos' recap, Hovey Tile donated \$1500.00, Wilbur's donated \$600, the DeLaRosas \$200, American RV \$100, and the Lotitos also paid nearly \$500 for the flyers and the \$410 deposit for the games, as well as donating the food for the free buffet and the use of Diamond Jim's Saloon for the evening. Another \$75 was donated for the food. Five hundred eighteen raffle tickets were sold and the buy-in was \$1,225.00. Scroll down for photos of the participants and winners. MM



Just one of Maribeth Lotito's beautiful gift baskets.

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We welcome your news and announcements that are of general interest to the whole community. Just e-mail mentonematters@aol.com. You may have noticed information is missing from some articles: we publish all information we receive. So please include all information, such as the names of people in any photos, dates, times, etc., of coming events. In short, what you'd like to see in the newspaper. MM

We get e-mails:

Thank you Joyce. Your Mentone Matters newspaper "matters" to us. Kelly Kieswetter, Aqua Backflow & Chlorination, Inc

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THE CHILI COOKOFF IS COMING SOON!


4th Annual Mentone Community Crockpot
CHILI
Cook Off

Participants bring a heated-ready-to serve
6 quart crock pot of their best recipe.
Judges will vote based on chili cook off rules.
1st Place plaque and \$50.00 Gift Certificate
2nd Place plaque and \$25.00 Gift Certificate
People's Choice Award \$50.00 value Gift Basket

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Wabash and Mentone Blvd
(Across from Stater Bros, North of Mentone Blvd)

More information Call CHAMBER 909-362-7860
Email: MACA501@aol.com



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON WABASH?

Residents on or near Sylvan have observed workers on the former orange grove located at 988 Wabash, adjacent to Sylvan and the Zanja, working as late as 9 p.m. or 10 p.m., under bright lights, starting about a month ago, said Steve Hellerman, who resides on Sylvan. The site formerly held equipment related to farming, with a diesel storage tank or two in the ground, placed as early as the 1970s. Because of their age and composition, the tanks could have been leaking leftover fuel.

According to Hellerman, the City of Redlands (who annexed the property into its city limits last year), and the County, in their meetings, have recognized that there were underground storage tanks that must be removed. However, Hellerman stated, his inquiry to Redlands was met with "what tanks?" and "call the County."

Steve Rogers, P.E., stated to Mentone Matters some time ago that the dirt should be taken out of the ground and allowed to purify, by exposure to the air; then it could be reburied before the new homes are built. Hellerman stated that there is now a huge pile of dirt on the property.

The site is across the street from the Crafton Elementary School.

The County Fire Marshal's office has no record of a permit being pulled for underground storage tanks when they were installed, said Hellerman. However, the City Manager may have issued a permit. His calls to the Planning Commission initially were successful but are now not being answered. The developer, who purchased the property from the Catholic Church, who in turn reportedly purchased the property from Larry Jacinto and leased it to him until he

developed his own construction yard, north of town is aware of the tanks and reportedly has said they would deal with them.

Photos of the lights and trucks will be posted as soon as they are available.

ORGANIZATION NEWS:

MACA meets the second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at Mill Creek Cattle Company, 1874 Mentone Boulevard, Mentone. At the last meeting, the Chili Cookoff was announced for September 29 (see the flyer above). The Boy Scouts will again be requested to help with parking and traffic, for a \$100 donation to the Scouts. MACA president Gabe DeLaRosa described attending meetings of the Redlands City Council and notifying them that “Measure U,” under which Redlands demands annexation or pre-annexation to its city limits in exchange for water service, is illegal. (The recent protests were on Tom’s Burgers’ behalf, where Redlands demanded \$89,000 for the return of the water meter.) The question was raised: how much does Redlands charge developers in the city limits?

The County Sheriff’s representative Rachel Achilly stated there were 15 arrests in Mentone in the last month, for petty thefts, usually of vehicles. Achilly said that California, in Props. 47 and 57, voted to make non-violent crimes such as vehicular burglary a misdemeanor and as a result it is now considered petty theft rather than burglary. AB 243B carved out some exceptions. However, if the Sheriff doesn’t observe the theft or catch the suspect in the act, there’s not much they can do; it is now a ticket-able offense, she continued. Would-be car thieves check door handles: if there’s one – and, surprisingly, they do find them – the burglar, er, petty thief takes whatever they can find. She also said as a result, crime rates are going up everywhere. She also has information on County marijuana laws. In response to an audience member’s complaint about noisy neighbors, she said if you have someone disturbing your peace, don’t get involved – call the Sheriff and they will come out. You can also use the “We Tip” anonymous tipline, she offered. She also advised that AB 810 provides a “mentally ill” defense to some crimes; so, before voting on that or other Propositions, talk to the Sheriff or teachers, etc., for their input.

CHP liaison officer John Saucedo is replacing Brandon Marcos, who is out on medical leave and transitioning to another position. In regard to 1820 Mentone Boulevard, a “pot shop,” County Code Enforcement started handling it and ejected the people, he said; they came back into the property so it was referred to the Sheriff’s department. Mentonites are good witnesses, he said. In answer to an audience member’s request, he said the CHP has at least one speed indicators that can be put in neighborhoods where drivers tend to speed. Residents wishing the CHP to put the speed indicator on their street may call the station and give their address. The non-emergency phone number is 909/383-4247.

Morgan and Amber Mahaffey are preparing T-shirts for the Chili Cookoff to sell to raise money. Sizes range from small to 5X.

Other upcoming events: None mentioned.

Mentone business owners, particularly on the Boulevard, are encouraged to westernize their storefronts.

Mentone Senior Center, 1331 Opal Avenue (at the Library): Senior Breakfast, 2 hours on Tuesday mornings. Call 909/794-0327 for more information.

C.O.M.E.T./CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Meetings: last Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at Rocky Point Fellowship in the back meeting room.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS MEETING LOCALLY*: (Religious organizations meet on Sundays unless otherwise noted)

Rocky Point Fellowship
2116 Mentone Blvd.,
Mentone, 92359

Avodah Fellowship (Friday nights)
Rocky Point Fellowship (in the fellowship hall)
2116 Mentone Blvd.,
Mentone, CA 92359

Faith Chapel
1259 Agate Ave.,
Mentone, CA 909-863-8145

Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Mentone (English
and Spanish) (Saturdays 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.)
1230 Olivine Ave., Mentone
Mentone Indonesian-American Seventh-Day Adventist
Church
1331 Turquoise Ave.,
Mentone, CA 909-799-3521

New Life Christian Women's Luncheon @ Mill Creek
Cattle Co.,
1874 Mentone Blvd., Mentone,

Congregational Church UCC
1205 Beryl Ave,
Mentone, CA · (909) 794-2893

Sandals Church East Valley
1325 Amethyst Ave.,
Mentone, CA

First Wednesday each month, 10-2

Republican Committee Tea Party,
Mill Creek Cattle Co., 1st Thursday of the month

COMET and Chamber of Commerce: Rocky Point
Fellowship,
2116 Mentone Boulevard, at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday
of the month.
AA/NA Rocky Point Fellowship, Tuesdays

MACA: Mill Creek Cattle Co., in Diamond Jim's
Saloon,
1874 Mentone Blvd., second Tuesday of the month,
Mentone, CA 909/389-0706

**Organizations that aren't listed here are welcome to contact mentonematters@aol.com to have their information included.*

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SCROLL DOWN FOR CASINO NIGHT PHOTOS (courtesy of Angie DeLaRosa)



(Pastor) George Everett as gunslinger (Ed's. note: scary-looking, isn't he?)



Gunslinger John McKay



June Purvis and her Ladies Tea Basket



Duane Tubbs, winner of the "assorted" basket



“Wendy Sue’s husband” from Sandals Church (sorry; that’s all the info MM received), (sorry; that’s all the info MM received), with the computer he won in the raffle. MM hopes he reads us on his new(sorry; that’s all the info MM received), computer.

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