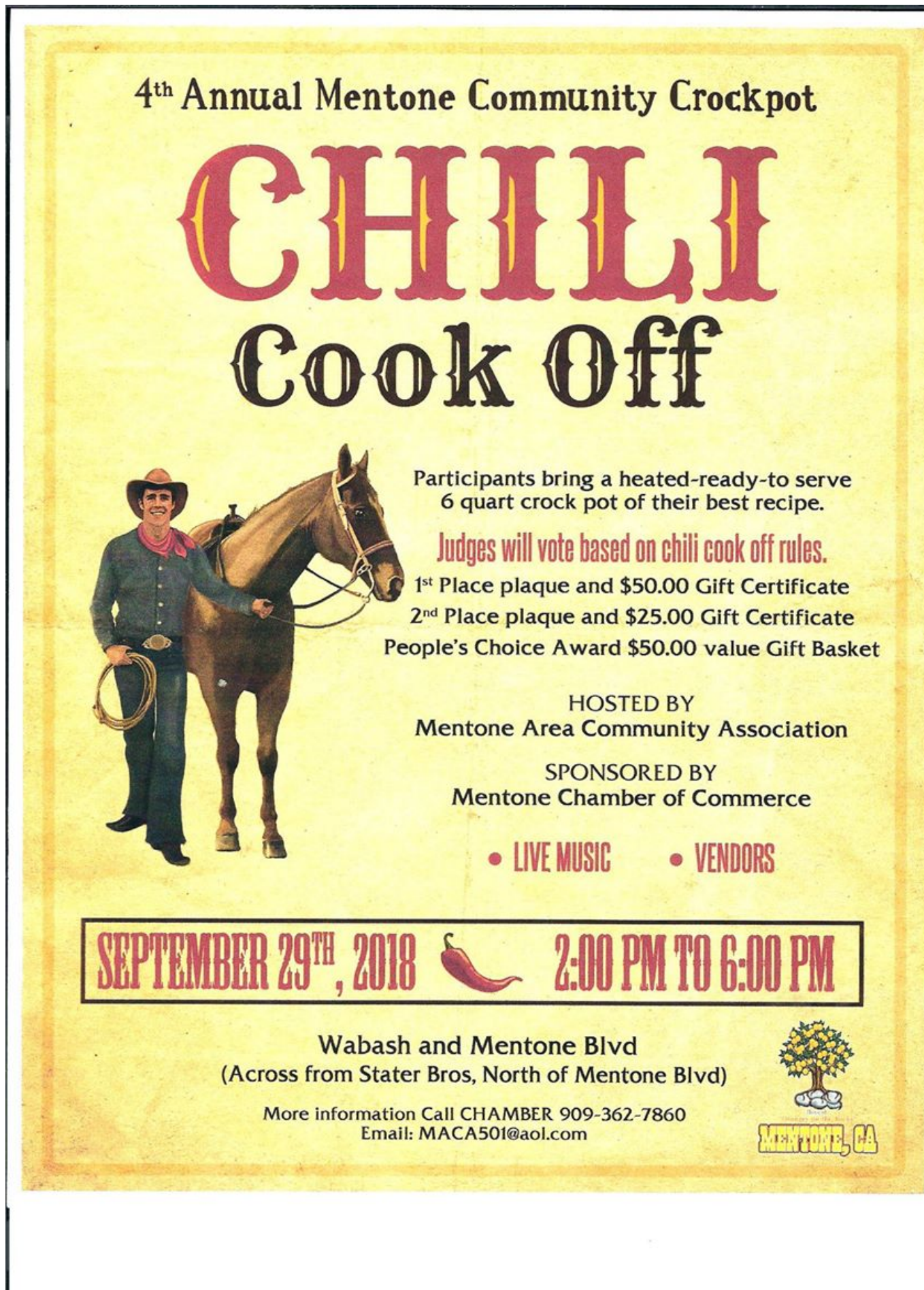

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4th Annual Mentone Community Crockpot

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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SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2018  **2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM**

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

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



See P. 5 for more information, including the rules and cost to taste the Chilis, especially *the price CORRECTION*

REDLANDS* WATER DEPARTMENT AT WORK

Residents on Madeira between Crafton and Agate were inconvenienced for few hours on Thursday, September 20, when Redlands Water Department workers closed the street to through traffic while they repaired a leaking water pipe. Residents first noticed a wet spot on the asphalt, which widened within 24 hours, and then began leaking running water to the lowest point, the “gutter.” They called it in on Thursday, September 13, and someone came to paint “USA” on the street.

On Tuesday, September 18, concerned about the destruction of the asphalt and more active leaking of the precious commodity, residents called the Water Department again. “It can take up to two weeks to get the crew out,” they were told, “because the crews are stretched so thin.” The department spokesperson defined “USA” as “Underground Service Alert,” a standard procedure. Upon being advised that there were no buried electrical, phone or other cables (See “WATER,” p. 2)

OP-ED

No “big” news this time; we wanted to call your attention to the correction to the Chili Cookoff rules.

Madeira residents were happy to see the leaking water pipe – a “gusher” by a week after it was called in - stopped, particularly in this drought and when we are limited to watering only on certain days. However, it seemed a long time to get it repaired; maybe their crews could be better allocated - considering that one guy was on the backhoe, one was digging and two were just standing around watching. Later, one apparently left and there were only three plus the dump truck. On Wednesday, my husband reported that two guys were just sitting in the truck. The guys were good-natured and informative, considering that they are probably well-paid from our water dollars. Redlands wanted our water and now they get to maintain the pipes. One hopes the cost won't be passed along to us customers, who would rather not have to deal with Redlands any more than necessary.

As ever, we welcome your news and announcements that are of general interest to the whole community. Just e-mail mentonematters@gmail.com. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED E-MAIL ADDRESS. 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

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WATER (cont'd)

because everything was on poles above, or sewer pipes - but there might be buried gas pipe – the department spokesperson promised to escalate the repair. Later that day they promised to have someone come and repair it on Thursday. On Wednesday a crew checked it out and on Thursday, they began repairs. By Thursday morning the leaking water had increased to a small “gusher.” Rather than simply patch the pipe, they were looking for the main and planning to replace the pipe across the entire street, from the main to the residence in front of which the water was gushing out.

When asked how old the pipes were, the backhoe operator stated “probably as old as the houses,” which he was advised were built in the 40s and 50s in that section of Madeira; he further stated that the pipes were galvanized. “We use copper for replacement,” he said. When asked about non-rusting plastic, or ABS, he stated that it was not strong enough to withstand traffic. “We’re probably going back to plastic, because now they have a stronger one out,” he concluded.

The workers were done in 5-6 hours. Other, similar scenes occasionally take place around Mentone’s older neighborhoods, as pipes age, and adjacent to the newer developments, such as LAFCO’s No. 430, reported on in the last issue. Wet spots in the street should be called in right away. MM

*”The City that Works”



A “small” beginning



The small water “gusher” in the middle of the street.



Some pretty big “Mentone potatoes”



All done; waiting for a few thousand cars to flatten it.



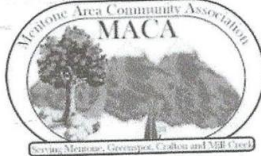
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LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

MACA (Mentone Area Community Association) meets the second Tuesday of each month in Diamond Jim's Saloon (at the rear of the Mill Creek Cattle Company) 1874 Mentone Blvd., 6:30 p.m. Parking in back is ample and wraps around the adjacent house.

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.

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

4th Annual Crockpot Chili Cookoff
Saturday, September 29, 2018

- © Contest will be located at the Mentone Days Event LOT on Wabash Avenue in Mentone, Just North of Mentone boulevard (east of Stater Brothers shopping center)
- © Competition is limited to the first 12 contestants.
- © **THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE! Hee Haw!**

RULES:

- ☺ Participant shall prepare a six (6) quart ready to serve, heated, homemade, crockpot chili recipe.
- ☺ Participant is responsible for supplying their own small serving ladle.
- ☺ Each participant will be assigned a number and will be given an official judging cup. Each participant should verify that the top and bottom number of their cup is the same as their assigned participant number. Chili tasting volunteers are responsible to deliver the participants chili cup to the judging area.
- ☺ Judges shall vote (in the closed judging area) for the chili they like best based on the following, Good Flavor, Consistency, Blend of Spice, Aroma, and COLOR. "People's Choice" will be awarded from chili tasting. Attendees pay 5.00 fee for each chili they taste; then vote.
- ☺ The decisions of the CHIEF JUDGE shall be final for first and second place awards.

CORRECTION OF THE ABOVE: Per Angie, **3** Chili tastings for \$5.00.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS*: (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.,

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

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

1874 Mentone Blvd., Mentone, First
Wednesday each month, 10-2

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

AA/NA Rocky Point Fellowship,
Tuesdays

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