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Mentone Loses A Treasure Dr. Robert Nelson Shigley

Dr. Robert Nelson Shigley, 85, retired public school administrator, died in his sleep at Summer's Landing Assisted Living in Sandy Springs on May 27, 2010.

Bob Shigley was born in 1924 in a pioneer mountain home in Mentone, Alabama, on Lookout Mountain. Son of a minister, he grew up on a mountain farm and in a series of Alabama parsonages during the Great Depression.

He left high school before graduation to join the Army Air Corps in World War II. He flew 36 combat missions against Nazi Germany as a B-17 waist gunner based in Italy.

After returning from the war he married his high school sweetheart, entered Central Wesleyan College (now Southern Wesleyan University), and earned his B.A. from Furman University in 1950.

He taught in high schools at Fort Payne, AL and Summerville, GA, and was principal of schools at Sand Mountain and Mentone in AL, at Menlo, GA, and Chattanooga, TN. He earned his doctorate in education at the University of Alabama and served as assistant school superintendent in Douglas County, GA.

From 1966 to 1972, he was a division director of the Georgia Department of Education, where his responsibilities included administration of funding and development of Fernbank Science Center and the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, supervision of Governor's Honors Program, the Georgia School for the Deaf and Georgia School for the Blind, and administration of special education, teacher education and certification.



Mules, Kit and Kate, owned by Hershell Pruitt, bearing the body to Bankhead Cemetery

Returning to work with students, he was principal of Douglas County Comprehensive High School from 1972 to 1974, when it was on double sessions and was one of the largest high schools in the state. He then served as director of Pioneer Regional Educational Services Administration, serving a dozen school systems in northeast Georgia.

After retiring in Georgia in 1978, he worked a decade with schools in Alaska, where he cultivated close working relationships among Native American and Inuit communities, and served as superintendent of schools in Nome, AK.

In retirement he lived in White County and Habersham County, Georgia, until a recent move to assisted living in Sandy Springs.

Dr. Shigley is survived by two sons, Kenneth L. Shigley (Atlanta) and Michael T. Shigley (U.S. Navy, Charleston, SC), daughters-in-law Sally Shigley (Atlanta) and

Michelle Shigley (Charleston, SC), and three grandchildren, Anne Shigley (Rochester, NY and Atlanta), Kenneth L. Shigley, Jr. (Atlanta) and Rachel Shigley (Charleston, SC), and a large number of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He

was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. & Mrs. Ernest L. Shigley, Sr., siblings Ernest Jr., Harold, Brownie and Leonard, and son Nicholas Shigley.

Following a

funeral service at Mentone Community Church, Mentone, Alabama, at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 30th, interment will be at Bankhead Cemetery in Mentone, AL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Children's Tumor Foundation, 95 Pine St. 16th Floor, NY NY 10005. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements, online guestbook, www.wilsonfhinc.com.

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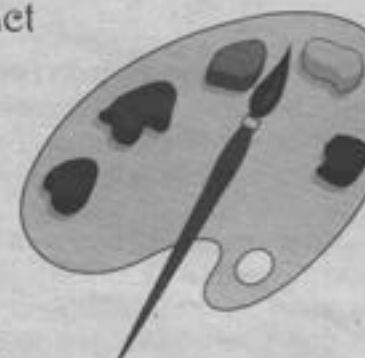
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A BIT OF EARTH ON WHICH TO DREAM. Small, yet adorable, tree-filled lot on quiet end of the avenue offers a place to call your own to pitch a tent, make a picnic table, or set up a garden to escape the workaday world. Good things DO come in small packages. Your little pie-slice of Mentone's magic for only \$7,800 (15525)

SOLD

HIKE TO DESOTO FALLS! 4.55-ac wooded, level lot covered in hardwoods located on beautiful E River Road in Mentone & offers privacy w/o having to be way out in the "boonies". Across the paved road is DeSoto St Park property w/hiking trail that will take you right to DeSoto Falls. Foundation already in place for a 4BR/2BA, 2,349 sq ft home w/attached 26x26 garage. Second driveway in place for add'l cabin. Just listed for \$49,900. (20159)

62.32 ACRES WITH GREAT VIEWS of both valleys and Lookout Mtn from ridge top with great building sites on elevated, level ground. Own your own hunting preserve, secluded woodland retreat, or investment. \$249,900 (19492)

REDUCED! BEAUTIFUL 3-ACRE LOT IN NORTHBEND, right across from the brow. Wooded lot, restricted and secured by hand-crafted gated entry, provides you with a place to build your getaway haven without having to worry when you're away. A world away, but not miles away! Now only only \$25,000 (17461)

BEAUTIFULLY WOODED LEVEL LOT just off the scenic drive between DeSoto St Park & Mentone. Very light restrictions, public water & power at the road make this 1.19 acres an attractive place to build that little cabin getaway or rental property. Add'l lots avail. \$28,000. (20131)

WOODED LOT IN BANKHEAD SOUTH, a development offering a wooded place to build your getaway dream cabin or permanent residence. This lot (Lot 2) offers 3.6 ac, paved road frontage, public water & power at road. Priced at only \$30,000. (17865)



TAKE ONE 40 ACRE FOREST, ADD ONE CUTE LITTLE CABIN, then add another cabin that is even larger (but unfinished) and you have the beginnings of a recipe for, well, just about anything! A nature retreat, a family vacation compound, a hunting preserve! It can be your own forest dwelling place. Cabin 1 is a 2BR/1BA w/wb Fpl, 2-story LR/DR w/wall of windows, handy-sized kitchen, great front patio, deck off upstairs BR. Cabin 2 (unf) is 2-stories, 3 or 4 BR/2BA, w/covered porch on both levels. The forest is mostly hardwood w/abundant wildlife, gorgeous dogwoods, rhododendron & other flowering native plants. \$225,000 (19755)



NEW PRICE! NEW CONSTRUCTION! and this is one VERY nicely done cabin! Though not huge on square footage, it is HUGE on quality and beauty! 2BR/2BA, open floor plan with loft bedroom and bath. Stacked stone w/ Fpl; furniture-quality cabinetry w/real butcher block counters. Energy Star(R) rated appliances. Anderson windows. Full back porch. On 1.4 private, wooded acres. \$157,500. (19721)



SECLUDED 3BR/3BA CHALET-STYLE HOME on 9.5AC! Make this home your get-away or permanent dwelling. Three levels, each with its own bed and bath. Master Suite with jetted tub, nice kitchen with breakfast nook. Natural light filled Living Area. Large 3/4 wraparound deck! Finished walkout basement. Outside are great flower & vegetable beds & woods. \$189,900 (20029)



IN A CABIN IN THE WOODS... live simply in this surprisingly spacious 3BR/2.5BA cabin w/generous laundry room, gaslog fireplace, CH/A, less than 4 miles from village of Mentone, higher up the mountain. Plenty of wildlife, pleasant walking areas, near Ponderosa Camp. On one-acre lot w/add'l land possible. Under construction. \$119,900 (19512)



SECLUSION ON LITTLE RIVER. Cabin on 4.5 mostly-wooded acres w/approx 1600 sq ft already finished, approx 800 sq ft add'l area for future expansion. Great frontage on the river w/swimming hole, areas to put in canoe or kayak, & plenty of privacy! Main level is complete and offers cathedral ceilings w/exposed beams, arched doorway. Partially-finished basement. 2BR/2BA, all appliances. Deck on 3 sides. If you're wanting privacy, riverfront and woods then this is a buy you should not pass up for only \$185,000. (19245)



NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION! ONE LEVEL CABIN GETAWAY in Bankhead South. Beautifully-wooded 3+ acre lot. 2 large bedrooms, 2 great baths, huge 32x20 greatroom, full kitchen, fireplace, and more! Superior materials and workmanship seldom seen at such a fabulously affordable price! Just listed for working price of \$170,000. (20128)

PENDING



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WOW! THIS IS INCREDIBLE! From the moment you drive up, you realize this is no run-of-the-mill cabin. It is substantial in materials & workmanship. 2BR/2.5BA, 1643 sq ft; full, wrap-around 8' porch (w/16' covered & screened extension off MABR!); mtn stone w/ Fpl; laundry; pantry; loft area for office/studio; vaulted & beamed ceiling. 1.6 acre wooded lot. Now only \$174,900. (19724)



TWO CABINS FOR SALE! 5BA cabin & 3BA cabin, both w/operating businesses. Income producing property, already in rental program, comes fully furnished, including the hot tubs! "Hillbilly Mansion" & "Raccoon Retreat." A fabulous opportunity at a fabulous price of \$169,900 (19846)

SOLD



ALONG THE SCENIC PARKWAY between DeSoto State Park & Mentone, you'll find this 2BR/2BA cabin in a picture-perfect setting. Beautiful native trees & flowering plants in the yard; a great screened porch; stone fireplace; rustic beams inside; roomy kitchen. Reduced to \$140,000 (19531)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2010** meeting dates for the **Valley Head Water Works Board**, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be as follows:

JULY 12, 2010
AUGUST 9, 2010
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
OCTOBER 11, 2010
NOVEMBER 8, 2010
DECEMBER 13, 2010

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

The **2010** quarterly meeting dates for the **Mentone Planning Commission**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the **3rd Thursday** of the following months:

JULY 15
OCTOBER 15

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

The **2010** meeting dates for the **Mentone Waterworks Board**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at

4PM, on the 4th Thursday as follows:

JULY 22
AUGUST 25
SEPTEMBER 22
OCTOBER 27
NOVEMBER 22
DECEMBER 22

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

The **2010** meeting dates for the **Mentone Town Council**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

JULY 12
AUGUST 9
SEPTEMBER 13
OCTOBER 11
NOVEMBER 8
DECEMBER 13

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1 - Terry Hutcheson
2 - Byrum Emory
3 - Larry Smalley
4 - Gerry Disney, Orion Nicely, Charles Hicks
5 - Donna Smith, Nathan Jones
6 - Elizabeth Brown, Al Kuehl
7 - Jimmy Blalock, Zoe Lovechio
8 - Eileen Perry (in memory)
9 - Rhonda Blalock, Kaylee Tucker
10 - Caroline Baty Key
11 - Garrett Collins, Barbie Hester, Kanissa Smith, David Bridges
12 - Charles Gray
13 - Jolee Brown
14 - Bob Crow
15 - Jessica Green
16 - Cecil Baty
17 - Kayla Hazell, Coy Crow, Andrew Hicks, Batie Bird Cobble
18 - Raymond Blalock, L.C. Moon, Brenda Wisner
19 - Oksana Cherbonneau
20 - Barry Blalock, Judy Dowait
21 - Jody Brown
23 - Taylor Blalock
25 - Robert Brown, Alie Blalock, Dr. Bill Berry, Scott Meadows, Josephine Blalock

26 - Allen Cherbonneau

27 - Marcus Sutton, Jim Gaylord (in memory)
28 - Jim Leftwich
29 - Ken Kirby, Floyd Wigley
30 - Rachel Collins, Brenda Green, LuKean Pierce
31 - Marris Pierce, Paige Wright

Anniversaries

1 - Mr. & Mrs. Byron Gilbreath
6 - Larry & Gail Smalley
7 - Roland & Carolyn Hendon
8 - Joey & Kumi Dillenbeck
10 - Lesa & L.A. Smith
16 - Walter & Lucy Fowlkes
20 - Amanda & Charles Gray
26 - Ralph & Susan Flynn, Jason & Michelle Broome



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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 meet 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 9AM.

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

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

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (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.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 North of Fort Payne, welcomes

everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

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

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

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10- and 11AM services and evening services are at 7-and-9PM. Visitors are always welcome.

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

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

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.

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

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

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 Lords Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. Rev. Terry Turner is the pastor at Moon Lake.

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

Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

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

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

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

Mentone Community Church, 90' Summerville Rd., Mentone, AL 35984 Sunday Services: 9 am and 10:30 am Adult Sunday School: Sundays @ 9:30 am Teen and Adult Sunday School: Sundays @ 5:30 Tuesday Night Prayer Service: 6:30 pm Wednesday Nights @ 6:30 pm: Children's Pioneer Clubs & Youth Group

Cloudland Presbyterian Church welcomes everyone to come join us for services, with Pastor Roger Kvam. Bible Study Sunday at 9:00 a.m (e.s.t.) and Worship at 10:00 a.m (e.s.t.)



DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

How often do you minister to the needs of others? Is your heart sensitive to the needs of others? I am sure that I miss an opportunity every day to minister to someone because I am too busy to notice, or because of insensitivity on my part. This is part of my daily prayer that I will be more sensitive to the needs of others and that I may have an opportunity to reach someone for the Lord. After all, this is our mission as Christian people - to witness to others.

One of my favorite poems that I committed to memory a long time ago is one of Emily Dickinson's, entitled "Not In Vain."

If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life from aching, Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

Moon Lake School News

By Alicia Chitwood

Congratulations to all of the graduates. May all your dreams and expectations come true. I hope you have a wonderful summer. See you August 6, 2010. The Kindergarten Graduation exercises were on June 2, 2010.

Kindergarten Class of 2010

Mrs. Long's Class

Johnathan Ayden Brown
Percy Austin Cooper
Megan Cheyenne Elrod
Cloey Lynn Gold
Zebulon Harry Kincer
Angela Mate Loftin
Autumn Grace Owen
Hunter Lee Privett
Makenna Joy Purvis
Isaiah Nathaniel Strickland
Ian Matthew Thomas

Mrs. Owen's Class

William Allen Ballinger
Charles Dawson Bone
Cameron Scott Collins
Katie Cheyenne Hester
Austin Lane Ingram
Ethan Scott Meadows
Jasmine Micha-Cheyenne Motes
Ashley Renee Privett
Jamison Cole Rhodes
Zachary Austin Webb

We're Leaving Kindergarten

We've learned a lot and had some fun Our teacher says we grew!
We're leaving Kindergarten now, 'Cause we've got things to do!
There are things we haven't learned yet, And new friends to be made,
Songs to sing and books to read,
So we're going to First Grade.

2010 Sixth Grade Graduates

Dylan Wayne Bloyer, Salutatorian
Kathrine Sierra Chambers
Terry Elijah Durham
Justin Lee Easler, Co-Valedictorian
Paige LeKay Gold
Kara Breanne Goss
Byron Adam Haynes
Kaitlyn Cheyanne Hester
Dawson Chase Kincer
Elizabeth Diana Meadows
Mikayla Diane Owen
James Graham Lallo Swain
Abigail Hannah Wallace
Mackenzie Shae Willingham, Co-Valedictorian



Graduation Friendship

by Joanna Fuchs

We're graduating, and we know
Our lives will be different and new;
We're going out into the world,
Our goals and dreams to pursue.
But one thing will never, ever change,
As we go our separate ways;
The friends we've made in school will be
Our friends for all our days.
The special ties and attachments we've made,
These bonds will never be broken;
We'll continue to feel that special bond,
Though words may not be spoken.
So it's not "goodbye," but rather "farewell;"
I'll see you again, my friend.
Your friendship means a lot to me,
And it will never end.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY is found in this log cabin. 2BR/1BA on main floor, L-shaped living/dining/kitchen combo. Upstairs offers 2 sleeping areas and bath. Cozy front and back porches. \$229,000 (16871)



LOOKING FOR A MOUNTAIN GET-A-WAY? 3BR/1BA, completely remodeled and is move-in ready. New appliances, updated wiring, new CH&A, fresh interior paint and rock fireplace. \$89,900 (17931)



MOVE UP TO RIVERFRONT... Open and Airy 3BR/3.5BA with an oversized state-of-the-art kitchen, stone fireplace, wood and tile floors, lots of windows, large back deck and boat dock. \$495,000 (17781)



IN-TOWN PRIVACY! Sit on the screened porch of this 3BR/2BA cottage and enjoy the peaceful quiet of mother nature. Just a short walking distance to downtown Mentone. \$129,900 (19082)



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BREATHTAKING... Sunsets and views await you from this 6.5 acre, approx. 300 ft brow lot in Mentone. Build your personal home, vacation home or rental cabin and start enjoying this opportunity or... purchase in anticipation of future enjoyment.

New businesses open in Valley Head and Hammondville

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

The mystery is solved. Those two buildings in Valley Head that have long been vacant and fallen in disrepair are nicely renovated and open for business. Those of us who live in the area and eagerly watched all the activity and clean-up don't have to wonder what's going to happen in those buildings. The signs are up and the customers are gratefully enjoying Geez and Los Toritos.

Geez had a "soft opening" a few weeks ago. Their sign says it all, Geez Apparel and E-Bay Drop-Off. Many of the fashions are young, trendy and contemporary. However, there are things to appeal to all ages: socks, jewelry, flip flops, jeans, t-shirts and bathing suits.

Ginny and Paul Zulker are the owners.

He is an engineer and she is the former owner of a sock mill. The idea of the store had its beginning with her shipping socks. She kept finding good deals on other items and became involved in selling on E-Bay. Her "good deals" began to crowd them out of the house and the economy required that they make some changes so thus began Geez. They are registered and bonded through E-Bay and have sold furniture, antiques included a baby-grand piano, collectibles, both new and used items. They ship both nationally and internationally in Europe, Canada and South America. Items that would not necessarily sell in a consignment shop in the States such as wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses or prom dresses do well in South American countries according to Ginny.

Geez is closed on Sunday and Monday. Their website is www.geezstore.com. They are located

at 8632 Highway 137; phone 256-635-6555.

Down the street from Geez is Los Toritos, a Mexican restaurant and grill. It is located at 8632 Highway 137 in Valley Head. The cozy restaurant seats 16 and is open seven days a week from 10-9. They opened on May 29 and are already getting a good response from the community. The family business consists of Nancy Garcia, her daughter, Nancy Karina Reyes and her nephew, Hector Gonzales.

Los Toritos translates "little bulls" but there is nothing little about their menu. It offers the best of Mexican food including traditional favorites, children's plates and desserts. For those not familiar with Mexican cuisine, there's a good explanation (in English) of what the dish consists of. You can dine lightly on a salad, order a la carte, get just an appetizer or enjoy a full meal either on site or take-out. The portions are abundant and the prices are reasonable. The menu also accommodates vegetarians with several vegetarian combinations. The phone number is 256-635-6864.

There's a new restaurant down the road in Hammondville. The Sunshine Café opened April 26 in the old Shorty's location. It offers country food with a gourmet twist. The chef, Michael Goss, who is one of the owners has experience in

upscale catering with Paula Deen, Jimmy and Rosalind Carter and Governor Sonny Purdue (Georgia's governor), having been some of his clients. He was the chef at Berry College for 15 years. His wife, Crystal, is the bakery chef. The other owner, Christine Ballenger, is a life-time Hammondville resident.

All their produce is fresh with locally grown meat and vegetables. There are specials every day with an Italian special two or three days a week.



Some of their more popular items from the menu include a classic Rubin, their hamburger and a fried green tomato sandwich. All the sandwiches and wraps come with a choice of sweet potato chips or fries and a pickle. Vegetarians enjoy their Portobello mushroom burger. They are open Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. On Friday and Saturday evenings, they serve filets and shrimp to make the weekend something special. They've added an outside eating area to complement the 47 seats inside.

They have a children's menu with all the kiddies' favorites. For dessert lovers who really want to splurge on calories or those who are trying to gain weight (and I don't want to know who you are), they have deep fried Oreos served with vanilla bean ice cream and chocolate sauce.

They offer full catering and event and party planning services. They are located at 37757 Highway 11 North, phone number, 256-635-6896. Their website is www.thesunshine-cafe.com. Many of their menu items are shown on the website in living mouthwatering color.



MOON LAKE HONOR ROLLS

FIRST GRADE

ALL A HONOR ROLL

Laden Crow
Hannah Gorham
Riley Owen
Jacob Perrydore
Gibson Roberts
Carley Verdon
Tayler Watson
Matthew White

A-B HONOR ROLL

Austin Elkins
Chase Flannigan
Luke Harrison
Tressi Howell
LaShae Jones
Lily Meadows
Austin Reed
Brandon Rollins
Hailey Smith
Lanson Smith

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Matthew White

TOP AR POINTS

Hannah Gorham 141.8

CLASS FAVORITES

Marshall Durham
LaShae Jones

LT. GOVERNOR'S PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD

Marshall Durham

SECOND GRADE

ALL A HONOR ROLL

Laura Boehringer
Rachel Collins
Jordan Henderson
Kallie Ingram
Ethan Perrydore

Rebecca Privett
Ian Roberts
Ally Smith
Madisen Smith

A-B HONOR ROLL

Tyler Frazier
Mattie McGee
Alex Webb

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Ashley Elkins

TOP AR POINTS

Jordan Henderson 156.7

CLASS FAVORITES

Ian Roberts
Madisen Smith

GOVERNOR'S PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD

Ian Roberts

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Tyler Frazier
Jordan Henderson
Kallie Ingram
Ethan Perrydore
Alex Webb

THIRD GRADE

A-B HONOR ROLL

Kandis Lawton
Kori Willingham

OVERALL TOP 5

Kori Willingham
Kandis Lawton
Jordan Sutton
Ashlyn Watson
Bobby White

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Jordan Sutton

TOP AR POINTS

Jordan Sutton 126.5

CLASS FAVORITES

Bobby White
Kori Willingham

GOVERNOR'S PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD

Kaylee Cartwright
Devin Crow
Trinity Gold
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Jordan Sutton
Dakota Thomas
Ashelyn Watson
Dallas Webb
Bobby White

FOURTH GRADE

ALL A HONOR ROLL

Breanna Blalock
Hannah Durahm

A-B HONOR ROLL

Caroline Baty
Caitlyn Collins
Bennett Crow
Kyle Miller
Haley Neal

OVERALL TOP 5

Breanna Blalock
Hannah Durham
Kyle Miller
Haley Neal
Caitlyn Collins

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Allison Reynolds

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KING SOLOMON (c. 1013 B.C.- c. 953B.C.)**by J. Whitaker**

Before the young king, King Solomon, stood two women, women of the street and of ill-repute. Between them was a baby, and each was claiming the baby as her own. To begin with, each had a baby, but one of the women had lain on her baby in the night and, smothered her baby to death; then she placed her dead baby in the arms of the other, and took the living baby as her own. So both claimed the living baby as her own. What could the king do? How could he detect the true mother? Then he told one of his guards, "Bring me a sword."

When he received the sword, he told the guard, "Cut the baby in two equal parts and give each woman a half baby." She who was not the true mother said, "All right with me. Sounds like a good thing to do."

But she who was true mother pleaded, "No, my Lord. Do the child no harm. Let her have the baby."

Even if we could not ascertain who the true mother of the child was, even if she had hidden her tears and anguish when Solomon said to divide the baby into two parts, we could tell who was the better mother—the one who wanted the baby to live.

Solomon (meaning peaceful) was born in c. 1013 and was the son of King David and Bathsheba. Thus, at the age of 20 years he became the third king of Israel. Like the two predecessors before him, he reigned for 40 years (c. 993-c. 953 B.C.)

Shortly after he became king, God appeared to Solomon in a dream (I Kings 3). God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon chose to ask God for wisdom and understanding to judge his subjects. God did give Solomon wisdom. His first case in deciding who was the mother of the child actually catapulted him into favor with the people.

Probably the most significant thing that King Solomon did was to construct a temple in which the people could worship. It would be centrally located and in Jerusalem. The Tabernacle, which was more like a beautiful tent, had seen its best days and had fallen into disuse. David had left a massive fortune of his own treasures (3000 talents of gold, 7000 talents of silver, I Chronicles 29:4,5) for the work of the temple. Also, David challenged the leaders of Israel to give for the work. They gave 5000 talents of gold and 10,000 drams, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of brass, and 100,000 talents of iron, and various precious stones, (I Cbron. 29:7,8.) So Solomon started the building of the temple, a process that took 7 years. It is estimated that the value of all the materials in this project was nearly four billion dollars.

Thousands of people came to the dedication of Solomon's Temple, which was held on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, and on the Feast of Tabernacles. The choir was clothed in white linen robes, and so were the Levites. The Shēkinah glory of God

filled the new temple so that the priests could not enter to minister. And what a prayer Solomon prayed for the nation: that God would hear them when they erred, but if they turned back to God, they would be blessed (I Cbron. 6). The fire of God fell and consumed the sacrifice (II Cbron. 7). What day it was! (This temple would be destroyed in 586 B.C. by the Babylonians. All that's left today is the Wailing Wall, a place where prayer can be uttered, some orally and some written on notes and placed in crevices in the wall.)

Extravagance best describes Solomon's kingdom. It had taken 13 years to build his own palace. His beautiful throne was covered with ivory and gold. Each year 666 talents of gold were collected from taxes of the Israelites and tribute from other nations. (This fabulous sum equaled \$666,000,000.)

Solomon wrote The Book of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, or the Preacher, and The Song of Solomon: these three books are in the Holy Bible. (Note that chapters 30 and 31 in II Kings were written by Agur and King Lemuel, respectively.) In summary, he spoke 3000 proverbs and 1005 songs (I Kings 4:32).

Although Solomon began his reign with a strong faith in God, he began to lose his faith. His fall was directly attributed to his many wives, 700 wives and 300 concubines, for a total of 1000 wives (I Kings 11:3). We know the name of only one of these wives, Naamah, the mother of the next king (I Kings 14:21). These women, who were mostly from foreign nations, brought their idol gods with them. Many of these marriages were for political gain, as Solomon hoped to maintain peace with the surrounding nations. Solomon built shrines and temples for these idols in his capital. The loss of his faith in God occurred in his old age (I Kings 11:4). What is sadder than for one to lose his/her faith in God?

There is a tradition that King Solomon turned back to God before his death. We hope that he did.

"And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David (i.e., Jerusalem) his father" (I Kings 11:43).

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Mentone Community Church Mentone, Alabama May 30, 2010

by Kenneth Shigley

Daddy was born a few hundreds yards from here in a farm house built around a pioneer log cabin. It was a time before paved roads or electricity came to the mountain. His grandmother Melissa's family, the Keiths, were among the first settlers on this mountain after the cruel expulsion of the Cherokee. His grandfather, Frank Shigley, came here from Michigan at 18, in 1883, after a barn fire injured his lungs, was one of the first Wesleyan Methodists in Alabama, was a founder of this church, and gave the land for Moon Lake School. The home where Frank and Melissa Shigley finished raising 12 children is the Mentone Community Center.

Dads father, Ernest Shigley, Sr., was a country school teacher and skilled carpenter who was called to the Wesleyan Methodist ministry at age 30, the year Dad, the fifth child, was born. He was pastor of this church, built or renovated 32 churches, and was president of the Gulf States Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. At 84, in the last year of his life, he built the current parsonage at this church.

That's the heritage that helped to form him.

All his life Daddy told stories of growing up at Mentone during the Depression.

- Raising and preserving by traditional methods their food on the family farm.

- Providing food and shelter (in the barn) to Dust Bowl refugees who came through.

- Wearing patched hand-me-downs from Ernest, Harold and Leonard.

- Hauling syrup cane on a mule wagon to the sorghum mill and corn to the grist mill and as a teenager working for a dollar a day in a saw mill.

- The year the family couldn't afford for all 5 kids to go to school, so he and Leonard stayed home and rode the bull all over the mountain.

- His older sister Brownie entertained him by making up stories of fantastic journeys in a magic Model T. (She has been in the Father's house 59 years, and is still missed by all who knew her.)

- Playing baseball in pastures with pine knots for balls and hickory sticks for bats.

- His beautiful Aunt Margaret making a coconut cake for his 4th birthday.

- The excitement when electricity and radio first came to Mentone.

- Going to school at Moon Lake, and enjoying long unsupervised recesses when the kids would run next door to his grandparents' house, where his grandmother would give them treats of teacakes she kept in a bleached fertilizer bag, sweet potatoes, or biscuits filled with honey.

- Life centered on the church, preaching Sundays rotating between 3 churches, revival meetings, all day singings and dinner on the grounds, and boys walking their best girl home from Sunday night services down dark country roads.

- After finishing their chores on hot summer days, boys went skinny dipping in Little River, and Dad once got covered completely with poison ivy. Another time he and his buddies were in the river when Miss Martha Berry, founder of Berry College, came by in a boat with her entourage. The boys stayed submerged till Miss Berry's boat had passed.

- All his life he bore a scar on his foot from an incident while chopping kindling barefoot at age 7.

Like several of the Shigley cousins, Daddy went to the Wesleyan Methodist boarding high school at Central, SC, the campus that is now Southern Wesleyan University. (A cousin is here from Central today.) Never one to miss a chance to buck authority, the adolescent rebel found in Central's strict rules a target rich environment.

In his senior year he dropped out of high school to join the Army against his parents' wishes. An indifferent student, he was surprised when he knocked the top out of the aptitude test. He entered the Army Air Corps and flew 36 combat missions against Nazi Germany as a B-17 waist gunner based in Foggia, Italy. Like many veterans he was reticent about his war experiences until old age. Sometimes in recent years I wasn't sure where fact left off and embellishment began, but I took it all at face value. He told me:

- of harrowing flights through flak-filled skies, seeing other planes in his group shot down;

- of climbing out over an open bomb bay to ratchet loose a load of bombs that was stuck;

- of an emergency landing in Yugoslavia, and being escorted past the German troops to the Adriatic coast where a fishing boat got his crew back to Italy; - of an incident while on sentry duty, shooting a saboteur who had infiltrated the unfenced airfield; - at the end of the war, being confronted by the first German jet fighters that were too fast to shoot at, and being saved by the Tuskegee Airmen flying escort in P-51s.



In WWII, everyone got cigarettes rations and bomber crews got whiskey rations after every mission. Rations became addictions and his nemesis, but he sheltered me from it growing up.

After the war and college, Daddy found his way back to Mentone. For a while he was principal at Moon Lake School. He and his brother Leonard built the house I grew up in, Daddy buying a load of materials every payday till it was finished.

When Menlo had both a high school and a red light, he went there to teach and served six years as principal. My parents took the Class of 1957 to Washington. Some of them are here today. (Show of hands.) I tagged along as a 5 year old mascot.

At Menlo, he helped dirt poor students - children of loggers and sharecroppers find a way to get into college. One boy from the mountain lived in a cabin with no electricity, and had to study by the dome light of the log truck. Daddy got him into Emory. Delivering him there was my first visit to the Emory campus. I have heard from a number of his former students who say that he changed their lives, even saved their lives. To maintain order he didn't always have to speak. The snap of his fingers could be heard all the way down the hall with unmistakable clarity. And when needed, his paddle with holes drilled in it was an effective "board of education".

Last summer I accompanied Dad to Menlo for a class reunion at a town celebration in the park. He was delighted when former students came up to greet him, some with great-grandchildren in tow.

Growing up at Mentone, and at Menlo School, I worshipped my father with all my heart. He was my hero.

He could be quite a joker. When I proposed to a girl on the playground in second grade, most adults who heard the story just thought it was cute. He saw it as a teachable moment. A few days later in mock seriousness Dad told me her family was building a house next to theirs for the very young couple. I could see my life pass before my eyes. Married at 7, a father at 8! Where was this going? He lectured me about trifling with a girl's heart.

Two years after Menlo lost its high school in consolidation, we moved away from Mentone. Life would never be the same.

Daddy completed his doctorate at Alabama, and his career took off, as you can read in today's Atlanta Journal Constitution.

Those of us who loved my father, and who bear him to his rest today, knew a man who was surely not without faults, but who always cared deeply about the less fortunate, whether they were children of sharecroppers at Menlo, special needs children across Georgia, or Indian and Eskimo children in Alaska. I believe that loving spirit came out of his raising here at Mentone, in his family, in this community, and in this church.

But it sometimes seemed that the further he went from Mentone, the further he drifted from his Wesleyan raising.

Toward the end of life, however, he began to gravitate back. In the words of a country song, the roots of his raising ran deep. He came home for visits and talked of moving back here, but realized most of his friends here were gone.

In recent months, as he lingered on the front porch of eternity, Daddy told me many times, "I made a lot of mistakes in my life."

There was confession and repentance. After he entered nursing care this spring, I retrieved his car and when I turned on the ignition, a Blackwood Brothers gospel music CD worthy of any Holy Ghost revival blared out. He cherished visits from our pastors and the hospice chaplain.

Ten days ago, in his last lucid interval, we had our last dinner together at an outdoor restaurant table in the soft light of a May evening. Before I returned from a business trip last weekend, he had slipped into a sleep from which he did not emerge. Thursday afternoon his soul went home. The dreams that led him on the journey of a lifetime began here at Mentone, and now we bring back home his earthly remains.

In the final months of his life, Dad's mind was clouded by illness. That cloud has now lifted. He is himself again - more himself than at any time on this earth.

And as the last flight took him beyond the sunset, and as heaven's morning broke, I like to think that flights of angels sang him to his rest and that all the trumpets sounded on the other side.

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CLASS FAVORITES

Brian Estep
Haley Neal

**GOVERNOR'S PHYSICAL FITNESS
AWARD**

Breanna Blalock

**LT. GOVERNOR'S
PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD**

Kattie Bain
Caroline Baty
Lily Cash
Caitlyn Collins
Bennett Crow
Hannah Durham
Brian Estep
Kayla High
Teah Landress
Courtney Meadows
Kyle Miller
Haley Neal
Allison Reynolds
Macy Smith

FIFTH GRADE

ALL A HONOR ROLL

Anna Carden
Justin Langston
Zoe Lovechio

A-B HONOR ROLL

Logan Bloyer
Lukas Boehringer
Laura Easler
Ethan Harrison
Phyllis James
Bailey Kirby
Lexi Owen
Grace Tucker
Noah Watters

OVER ALL TOP 5

Lexi Owen
Laura Easler
Anna Caren
Zoe Lovechio
Bailey Kirby
Justin Langston

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Ethan Harrison

WOODMEN AWARDS

Anna Carden
Logan Bloyer

TOP AR POINTS

Zoe Lovechio 311.6

CLASS FAVORITES

Justin Langston
Anna Carden

**GOVERNOR'S PHYSICAL
FITNESS AWARD**

Anna Carden
Laura Easler
Ethan Harrison
Justin Langston

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PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD**

Matthew Bain
Emma Burch
Noah Durham
Emily Hilliard
Phyllis James
Bailey Kirby
Lexi Owen
Ayla Race
Grace Tucker
Terry Van Hook
Savannah Wallace

SIXTH GRADE

ALL A HONOR ROLL

Mackenzie Willingham

A-B HONOR ROLL

Dylan Bloyer
Justin Easler
Kara Goss
Dawson Kincer
Elizabeth Meadows

OVER ALL TOP 5

Justin Easler
Mackenzie Willingham
Dylan Bloyer
Elizabeth Meadows
Dawson Kincer

TOP AR POINTS

Dawson Kincer 352.3

**GOVERNOR'S PHYSICAL
FITNESS AWARD**

Mikayla Owen
Mackenzie Willingham

**LT. GOVERNOR'S
PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD**

Sierra Chambers
Paige Gold
Kara Goss
Kattie Hester
Jimmy Swain
Abigail Wallace

6TH GRADE WHO'S WHO

Friendliest: Paige Gold & Byron Haynes

Quietest: Dylan Bloyer & Elizabeth Meadows

Loudest: Dawson Kincer & Katie Hester

Most Organized: Justin Easler & Elizabeth Meadows

Most Artistic: Dawson Kincer & Mackenzie Willingham

Most Studious: Dylan Bloyer & Mackenzie Willingham

Most Style: Justin Easler & Katie Hester

Best All Around: Dylan Bloyer & Elizabeth Meadows

Most Talkative: Dawson Kincer & Mikayla Owen

Funniest: Dylan Bloyer & Mikayla Owen

Most Athletic: Jimmy Swain & Mackenzie Willingham

Most School Spirit: Dylan Bloyer and Kara Goss

Cutest: Justin Easler & Sierra Chambers

Most Likely to Succeed: Dylan Bloyer and Mackenzie Willingham

Most Dramatic: Eli Durham & Katie Hester

Bookworm: Dylan Bloyer & Sierra Chambers

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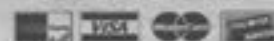
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SATELLITE FIRE STATION #2

By Linda Brown

It is my understanding that Satellite Fire Station #2 is the official name of the new fire station being built in the community commonly known as Alpine. This is a metal building on a concrete slab. When the building is completed, one of the fire trucks presently in Station #1 will be stored there. As grants become available, we will apply for another truck. Several Volunteer Firefighters live in this area and will be available to respond faster to emergencies in this section of our coverage area. Of course, all of the volunteers will respond as soon as they hear the alert.

This is not a new project, at least not in the planning stages. The idea of another station has been talked about for as long as I can remember. It has always been known that there was a need for it. Several tracts of land were looked into as a building site. When the land where Satellite Fire Station #2 now sits became available, the members of the Board of Directors of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District voted to buy the property. Even with the land now available, much planning was done. The Directors made sure to follow the letter of the law in acquiring materials. Several designs were considered and numerous emails and phone calls were exchanged to find the kind of building needed and a qualified construction company.

I have been asked several questions concerning this building. As treasurer I can answer the one which asks, "Where is the money for this new station coming from?" Since we have talked about this project for so long, we have allowed the tax account to accumulate for just this reason. First, the payment for the newest fire engine comes from this account and an escrow account is set up to insure this. Over the last few years, we have made more than one payment per year. We have also been very conservative in our spending of any money to not get ourselves into a tight spot should an emergency occur. The tax account can only contain money from the 3-mill tax and can only be used for a limited number of items. New buildings are one of the allowed expenditures.

The members of the Board of Directors and the Volunteer Firefighters are always mindful of the trust which you, the public, have placed in them. They weigh each expenditure carefully before it is made. We are especially fortunate to have Joseph Lee as Fire Chief and Toby Manifold as Assistant Fire Chief. Both of these young men are dedicated to the tasks before them as Volunteer Firefighters. I have enjoyed being associated with them in this building endeavor and cannot praise them enough for their professional handling of any situation. Thanks, Joe and Toby!!

A great time of fun and learning was had by all who attended Moon Lake Baptist Church's 2010 VBS - Saddle Ridge Ranch. The week was kicked off with wagon rides, roping, games and supper on Sunday, June 6th. The week continued with Worship Rally, Bible Study, Crafts, Snack and Recreation each night Sunday through Thursday culminating with a Family Night on Friday, at which the children performed and a supper was enjoyed by workers, children and families present. The Director, Carolyn Hendon, would like to thank all of the workers and volunteers who labored so hard to make the VBS possible, to the children for coming and making it a success and to the parents for allowing their children to come and for being a part of Family Night.



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Libs from the Library

by Linda Brown

We have so much happening at the Moon Lake Community Library that I am having a hard time keeping it organized. We continue to have such a variety of events scheduled that it is mind boggling to the members of the board of directors. This is such an easy group to work with, it seems that one member will suggest something and the next thing we know we are planning the particulars of the event. I'm not sure if this means that the members are doing a very good job or if we are not watching closely and Jan is just slipping them in on us. Either way, it is a lot of fun.

The Meet the Author event was a great success. We had people attend from everywhere. Some had taken some lessons from Anita Hebert and wanted to hear more and others were first-timers who wanted to see what tatting was about. Liz Baker served punch, cookies and sandwiches to everyone as they arrived. Anita Hebert, author of the book, *Tatting Revisited: A Shuttle Approach* spoke to the assembled group of 35 ladies. Anita and several other "tatters" demonstrated the almost lost art of tatting. Tatting is defined as: "a kind of knotted lace made by hand with a small shuttle". This is a fascinating skill and one which everyone enjoyed seeing demonstrated. The response was so great that Anita has agreed to come back again. She and Liz are considering the possibility of starting a series of lessons in Mentone. If you are interested, Liz may have some books to sell. I bought a book and I would recommend that you try to get one before you start lessons. We will post notices around town, email to those where we have addresses and I will list the information in The Groundhog as it becomes available.

Saturday, July 31 The annual FRIENDS Appreciation Luncheon will be Saturday, July 31, 2010 in the M.E.R.F. Community House. I will give you a time to arrive next month. If you are a FRIEND, you will be receiving an invitation sometime in July. Back by popular demand, the entertainment will be the "Singing Seniors of Mentone". This is a group who play and sing together every time they have a chance. Elizabeth Romans usually sits at the piano and announces the selections. Nell Kent amazes everyone with her ability to know the words to all of the songs, even though she is sight handicapped. She remembers most telephone numbers and can dial them without help. If you don't know Nell, it is worth coming just to meet her. She is a remarkable lady. More later.

Thur., Fri., Sat., August 5 -7 The Summer Book Sale will be the same weekend as the Longest Yard Sale. We will be set up under the front porch of the Moon Lake Library. Our days of sale are Thursday,

August 5th through Saturday, August 7th ending at noon. School will be starting on Friday, August 6, but we have talked to Mrs. Lasseter, the Moon Lake Elementary School librarian, and she will work with us to ensure the safety of the school children. If anyone with the power to change things will take note here; maybe the yard sale needs to be moved to prevent going on while school is opening for the first day. We will continue to take donations of books and DVD's for the sale. You can bring them by the library during the open hours and someone will help carry them in.

Saturday, August 14 The Sidewalk Stargazing which will be Saturday, August 14, 2010. The Atlanta Astronomy Club will be in charge of this program under the direction of their president, Keith Burns. The meeting will begin in the Moon Lake Library at 7:30 p.m. and then go outside, possibly to the walking track. Telescopes will be available to view the stars and moon and whatever is up there. This will be a fun, fun event. We are doing this in memory of Roger Dowiat, husband of Judy who served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Community Library. Roger was very active in the Atlanta Astronomy Club.

The open days of the Moon Lake Community Library are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. To be on the agenda for a meeting, call Jan Wilkinson. Write to us: Moon Lake Community Library, PO Box 481, Mentone, Alabama 35984.

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Dear MAPA members:

Once again we want to thank you for your support of Moon Lake Elementary School! As you may know, we participated in the Rhododendron Festival at Brow Park. We sold coffee, hot dogs, pinto beans, biscuits, etc. Due to the poor weather on Sunday we did not fare as well as we might have hoped but we did make a small profit. Every little bit helps. The funds raised will be used for student, teacher, and classroom needs. On behalf of the Moon Lake PTO I want to thank you for the donation of a booth for the Rhododendron Festival. Our participation in the Rhododendron Festival would not be possible without help from your organization. As with the Color Fest, JP Nations was a tremendous help in providing me and other PTO members with information regarding when and where to set up, and where to obtain water and power, etc.

Thanks again for your continued support.

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Travels close to home LaGrange, GA - "Explorations in Antiquity Center"

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

On a recent Tuesday, our group of thirteen "traveled to the Middle East" stepping back into history to the time of Jesus

and we did it without a time machine or even a plane. Just a three hour drive away in LaGrange, we "discovered" a world from the past. Through our excellent docent (guide) scenes and phrases from the Bible came alive.

We sat in a tent made of goat hair just as ancient shepherds would have. We faced the nearby oasis and heard and saw the living water which is another word for a waterfall. We also saw the still waters, a pond at the base of the waterfalls which would have been where the sheep drank because they won't drink from moving waters.

To our right there was a hospitality tent where visitors were welcomed with a drink. Shepherds depended on travelers for news. If the news was interesting enough, they would also been offered food. When the visitors arrived, the shepherds crushed tea leaves to make a refreshing drink. This was done in a utensil that looked like a cross between a butter churn and a mortar and pestle. The sound it made could be heard for miles in the quiet desert. This allowed nearby shepherds to know that there were visitors in the area.

The tent was amazingly cool as the goat hair, the fabric of which would have taken a woman from one to one and half years to weave, was somewhat of an open weave but once it rains the threads swell making it waterproof.

"Our" tent faced the east as the tents always did so those who were inside would be greeted by the morning sun.

Nearby there was a temporary pen made of twigs. The permanent sheep fold features a dug-out portion. The pregnant sheep and goats go there to give birth because it's cooler and provides a greater chance for the babies to survive.

When the shepherds came to a village, all the different flocks were put in a common pen. When the shepherds got ready to leave they only had to call and their flocks would come because the sheep knew their master's voice thus Jesus reference to His sheep knowing His voice. The shepherd slept across the opening to the fold or sometimes the sheep dog would sleep there. The dog wore a collar with spikes on it to protect his throat from an attacking predator.

After we left the shepherd's area, we went inside for our 15-course meal. It was a combination of a Seder or Passover, The Sabbath meal and Communion. Although the idea of a 15-course meal sounded daunting, when we saw it laid out on the table it looked somewhat sparse. The meal began with bitter herbs which symbolize the bitterness and harshness of the slavery that the Jews endured in Egypt. We choose from

onions, radishes or parsley and dipped them in salt water which represents tears.

We had no utensils with which to eat rather we rolled up our unleavened bread to scoop up some of the food. One particular favorite of mine was Charoset, a sweet brown mixture representing the mortar used by the Jewish slaves used to build the storehouses in Egypt. It is made from chopped nuts, grated apples, cinnamon and sweet red wine.

A hard-boiled egg was a part of the meal. This represents the festival sacrifice that was offered in the Temple in Jerusalem. We also had hummus, assorted nuts, guacamole dip, fresh fruits and grape juice which we choose instead of wine. We had chicken kabobs and a green salad which we ate with our hands. We were reminded throughout the meal to pass food around the table. The proper

response when someone takes the food you pass is, "You do me honor". We could have chosen to eat our meal in a reclining position as they did in Jesus time but we sat at the table instead.

After the very filling meal we were ready for the next leg of our journey. Back outside, we saw a tomb that was typical of Old

Testament burials and then a tomb that was like the one in which Jesus was buried. We then went down into the catacombs where the Romans buried their dead. They had memorial meals for their dead there so they thought nothing of the Christians gathering in the catacombs where the early church met to escape persecution.

We "traveled" to a stone quarry where we learned how they hewed out large stones. They measured the size needed, drilled a hole, put a large pole in it and packed mud around it. They then poured water on it. The water caused the wood to swell and the stone cracked.

We saw the three crosses on the hill. They were crucifixion trees which are more accurate than the milled crosses that we are more familiar with. Only Jesus' cross had His crime, "This is the King of the Jews", in three languages. This indicated



that He was more important than the others crucified with Him because their crime was only listed in one language.

A grape press and then an olive press

were our next stop. Olives were pressed with log beams on the container with the olives. One stone weight is placed on the log and the resulting oil is the finest extra virgin olive oil, a second weight results in the oil used in cooking and salad dressing, the third pressing was used for lamp oil and the fourth for making soap. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives. He was pure, He is the bread of life, the light of the world and He cleanses us from our sins.

There was a threshing floor in the center with the implement used to toss the threshed wheat to separate it from the chaff. Water turned the wheel powering a nearby grist mill to grind the wheat into flour. We also saw replicas of both a pagan and Christian altar when burnt sacrifices were offered.

The final part of our trip was to the village. We saw a house built of stone. It had four rooms, a courtyard that served as eating and cooking area, a storage room, a room where the family lived and a guest room also known as an inn. This was the room where Mary and Joseph were turned away when Jesus was born. Being born in the cave/stable was a better place. It was private. If He had been born in the house, the entire household would have been unclean and no one would have been able to go to worship in nearby Jerusalem for several days.

As we visited the village, we learned that cities were "feminine" and the walls were called skirts. Thus if you lived outside the city, you lived on the outskirts. The walls around the city had small openings at the top that could be used in defense of the city. These were called loopholes. The judgment seat was right inside the city gates. Thus the Psalm that admonishes "Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in," refers to the heads of government honoring God.

The goal of the Explorations in Antiquity Center is to help people understand the Bible and the ancient world in its historical and cultural context. This is done by providing exact replicas of ancient life settings with the most up to date evidence and information in the fields of archeology and biblical scholarship. In a small area in a brief amount of time, scenes from the Bible came alive.

Its founder, Dr. James Fleming is an archaeologist who is responsible for 18 excavations of important sites in Israel.

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Next month's trip will be to Buttonwillow Church Civil War Dinner Theater.