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BILL BERRY RETIRES AND A NEW PRINCIPAL HIRED AT MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dr. Bill Berry

By Jared Felkins
The Times-Journal

Moon Lake Elementary School Principal Bill Berry will retire at the end of the school year, and former teacher and assistant principal Brenda Wisner will take his place.

The DeKalb County Board of Education approved Wisner's hire Tuesday, May 8th. Wisner, who will become Moon Lake's principal in August currently splits time as assistant principal at Crossville and Plainview schools.

"I wanted it really badly, but I didn't think I was going to get it," Wisner said. I think it's great. I'm really looking forward to being principal at Moon Lake."

Wisner taught nine years at Valley Head School before becoming assistant principal.



Brenda Wisner

She has 12 years of experience, including teaching one year at Moon Lake.

"It really feels like I'm going home. It is a wonderful community there," Wisner said.

Superintendent Charles Warren said Wisner was an obvious choice. "We interviewed applicants for the position and had some very good candidates," Warren said. "We felt like Wisner was the best fit for the position. She has a background in elementary education, knows our reading program well, and has split time between two schools well this year."

Wisner said she is excited to begin at her new school. "I've always wanted to be an administrator," Wisner said. "When this job became available, I threw my hat in the ring and here I am

principal. I know I am going to have some big shoes to fill with Dr. Berry leaving. I'm ready to get started."

Wisner replaces Berry who announced his retirement in March after 12 years as a teacher and 13 years as principal at Moon Lake. Berry is also a graduate of the school.

"We hated to see him go, but we think Mrs. Wisner will step in and continue the success of the school and its involvement in the community," Warren said.

Berry said Wisner will be a good principal at Moon Lake. "She taught here for one year during the 1990s, and I know she will do a great job of continuing Moon Lake's rich traditions and successes," Berry said. "Moon Lake is a traditional community school that has a lot of parental support, and I'm sure she will build upon that to reach new heights. My experiences with her here at Moon Lake and at other settings have been outstanding."

Berry became principal at Moon Lake in 1994. The board approved his retirement in April. Berry said he plans to continue to teach world geography at Northeast Alabama Community

College, will begin another job in the fall, and will continue his foreign travels.

Berry said his retirement brings with it lackluster emotions. "It will be very sad, but I will look back with gratitude and look ahead with hope," Berry said.

The Moon Lake PTO held a reception for Berry on May 17 from 5-8 p.m. at the Mentone Springs Hotel.

"It's very fulfilling to watch these children grow up," Berry said.

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The Mentone Area Preservation Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 6:30PM.

President Dessie Brown called the meeting to order. Leroy Crowe gave the invocation. Members present were Dessie Brown, Ann and Wesley Chesnut, Dot Crow, Homer Crow, Leroy and Joanne Crowe, Lucille Crowe, Page and Margaret Cunningham, Marie Dillenbeck, Amelia Kirk Lolli, Claudia and Dave Wassom, Sarah Wilcox, and Susan Marot.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved with one correction.

Leroy Crowe gave the treasurers report. \$800 was approved for the purchase of rhododendron to be sold at the festival. 50 plants had been purchased and 24 already spoken for. A motion to purchase 25 more plants was made and seconded, and passed unanimously by the members present.

The Nominating Committee met and presented a slate of officers that can be voted on at the next month's meeting. Nominations from the floor can be made for any office at that time. The committee presented the following slate:

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The topic of the meeting was the May 19 - 20 **RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL**. Boy Scout Troop 106 will again be parking cars and assisting with the clean up as well as posting signs around town and other tasks that may need to be done.

Page Cunningham, festival chairman, gave the festival report. There will be a parade at 2PM; singing on the square Friday and Saturday nights. All the necessary preparations have been taken care of. There will be boat rides at DeSoto Falls.

Quilt maker Mary Mashburn offered to donate another quilt for the Octoberfest in the fall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to have delicious refreshments.

Winners of the Drawings at the 2007 Rhododendron Festival

- ☒ Quilt - Leroy Niese of Mobile, AL
- ☒ Mary Chesnut of Mentone - Night at the Cliffs Lodge
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By Linda Brown

Where should I start? So many things are happening at the Moon Lake Community Library that I don't know where to begin. Maybe a good place would be with the DVD's. We now have a good selection of DVD's ready for you to check out. The rules are a little different than for the books. The volunteers who are working can help you. Also, there is a paper on the checkout counter with all of the particulars. In a nutshell, only two per person, check out for one week only, and the late fee is \$1.00 per day for the days the library is open. You will select the cover from the shelf and present it to the volunteer who will put the DVD into the cover for you. Please help us make this program a success by using but not abusing. DO NOT PUT DVD'S IN DROP BOX!!

We will have a work day at the library on Saturday, June 16. All FRIENDS and volunteers are invited, but anyone who is interested in the library will be welcomed. We will straighten the books on the shelves, dust and clean shelves and counters and do many more tasks to make the library a more pleasant place to visit. If there are books ready for us to cover and prepare for shelving, we will do this. A newsletter will probably be out before this date, but if you are not on the list or don't get one, come anyway. We will be there by 9:00 a.m. so come and join us.

Recently, several members of the Board of Directors visited another library and were given some new books. The Acquisition Committee has decided not to process these for checkout. These books are very up-to-date biographies and many of the subjects are either political or religious in nature. All pertain to present day situations. The decision was made to offer them to you with this agreement. You may go to the library, select as many as you want to read, read them, take those back and exchange them for more. They will be put in the book sale in August, so go by soon. If you find one you would like to buy, then give the volunteer on duty \$2.00 for the petty cash fund. They are on the window seat by the white rocking chair in the library, go by and check them out.

Two local authors have donated a book they have written to the library. One is Drowning by John Baty. (I have read this one, and highly recommend it. The setting is a place much like Mentone. The story is one of the love of many things, especially the art of fox hunting. Read it and if you want a copy, John has a few ready to sell.) The other is The Red Giraffe by Oscar Hussel. I have not read this one, but I have heard rave reviews by those who have, and I plan to check it out as soon as it is ready. Dianne Kuehl is working some at camp this summer, but will have these and others processed soon.

BOOK SALE!! We are having our summer book sale in conjunction with the Longest Yard Sale in August. We have lots and lots of books. The plan is to start the sale on Thursday, August 2, at noon and continue until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 4. More about this later, but do make a note of it and plan to visit us in front of the library on these days. Also, a schedule of workers will be made from the list of volunteers. If you have a special request for days or times or cannot work at all, please let me know as soon as you can.

I hope that all of you have noticed the new landscaping in front of the library. The weeds have all been pulled and new plants are in place. We owe a big THANK YOU to the local unit of the Woodmen of the World for doing this! I'm not sure about all of the details, but it seems that this is a project called Helping Hands and the members of the Woodmen work with a local group to do a service project for a nonprofit organization. Every member of the unit suggested a project and one was chosen. Barbara Blalock, who is a volunteer for the library, suggested this one and it was accepted by the group. The Mentone United Methodist Youth Group helped them and the finished product looks great! Thanks to everyone involved in this project. It is much appreciated.

It's hard to believe, but it is time to renew your Moon Lake Library Community Calendar ads or orders. Many of you have mentioned that you would like to have the birth dates of your family included in the 2008 calendar. If you want to place a new order or your information is incorrect, please contact one of the members of the Board or write us at the address below. If you would like to place an ad for your business in the calendar, let us know soon, as we will only have a few spaces available.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library will be Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the library. The library will be open for the public during this time and we urge you to continue to use the library during our meeting. Call Jan Wilkinson, 845-5048, to be placed on the agenda.

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A firefighter works a fire along Highway 79 in Gilman Hot Springs, Calif. in this 2006 file photo. Firefighters face a far greater risk of dying of heart problems while battling a blaze than was thought, suggests a large U.S. study. CHRIS CARLSON By ALICIA CHANG (AP Science Writer) From

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Firefighters face a far greater risk of dying of heart problems while battling a blaze than was thought, suggests a large U.S. study that offers more evidence of their need to stay in shape. The risk of a heart-related death while putting out a fire was up to 100 times higher than the risk during down time, Harvard researchers found, even though fighting fires accounts for only a small percentage of these workers' time. About 100 firefighters die in the line of duty each year and previous research has shown that nearly half of the deaths are due to heart disease. The vast majority - about 70 percent - of the nation's roughly 1 million firefighters are volunteers.

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Experts say diet and exercise should be priorities at the firehouse.

"You may not be able to prevent all these deaths, but to the degree you can prevent some deaths by paying attention to underlying risk factors and better fitness programs, that's the goal," said Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean of the UCLA School of Public Health, who was not involved in the study.

The study, published in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*, doesn't address whether firefighters have an overall higher risk of dying from heart disease than the general population.

Rosenstock said fire departments could do more to improve health by requiring annual physicals and fitness tests. Departments also should have wellness and fitness programs to reduce heart disease risk factors such as obesity and high blood pressure, she said.

Firefighting is a physically demanding job that involves heavy lifting of equipment and exposure to toxic chemicals. Recruits are generally healthy and physically fit, but their health can decline over time because many firehouses don't require regular exercise or yearly medical exams. Also, the health requirements are usually less stringent for volunteers, who tend to continue firefighting as they age, a time when most heart problems occur.

In the Harvard study, researchers examined a federal registry of 1,144 on-duty firefighter deaths

Firefighters

between 1994 and 2004. Excluded were the 343 firefighters who perished in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Nearly 40 percent - or 449 - of the on-duty deaths during that period were due to heart disease. Thirty-two percent of the heart-related deaths occurred while fighting blazes; 13 percent responding to an alarm; 17 percent returning from a call and 13 percent during physical training.

The researchers also calculated the odds of dying from a heart attack by taking into account the estimated amount of time spent performing different duties.

They found the risk of death from heart disease was highest during active firefighting - up to 100 times greater than the risk of dying during administrative work - though firefighting made up no more than 5 percent of a firefighters' time. Increased risk of death was also found for other emergency duties such as responding to a call and returning from the scene of a fire.

Researchers believe mental stress and overexertion combined with factors such as being overweight and in poor shape may increase the risk of dying from heart disease.

"There's direct evidence to support that certain specific activities that firefighters do could trigger coronary heart disease events," said lead author Dr. Stefanos Kales of the Harvard School of Public Health.

The study was funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Massachusetts Public Employees Retirement Administration Commission. Kales and another author have served as paid expert witnesses in workers' compensation cases, including some involving firefighters.

Fire Sgt. Jeff Brause of Michigan had a heart attack in 2004 while responding to a house fire. Brause, who was 45 at the time, didn't have a family history of heart disease.

"I started getting a burning sensation in my chest," he recalled. "I thought I must be getting old or maybe pulled a muscle."

The pain worsened during the ride to the scene and Brause sought an ambulance. On the way to the hospital, paramedics had to deliver a defibrillation shock to restart his heart. Doctors later told Brause he had a blockage in his heart.

Before his heart attack, Brause said he often ate greasy fast food and didn't exercise regularly. "I didn't eat the world's greatest," he admitted.

Since then, Brause has given up junk food and hits the treadmill and lifts weights three times a week.

Firefighter groups are increasingly taking notice of heart risk. The National Volunteer Fire Council in 2003 began an awareness program promoting fitness and nutrition, and volunteers offer free health screening and demonstrate healthy cooking and fitness techniques.



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(2) **3 TO 5 ACRE WOODED TRACTS** on Lookout Mountain in Cloudland, GA at "Creekside on Lookout". This private community has many features to offer including, mature hardwoods, views of the valley, and a large common area with waterfalls and hiking trails nestled on the eastern brow with many species of mountain flora and fauna to be seen. Prices start at \$45,000.



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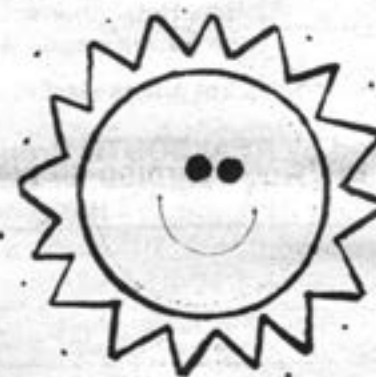
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PUZZLES

John Baty

Once upon a time a goodly number of years past, some health problems overtook me and for a period of time I was unable to do much physical work. As I left the hospital, embarking upon what for me was an uncertain journey, one of the nurses suggested that I might try working crossword puzzles as a means of passing the rougher periods of convalescence. I had never liked crossword games and had no intention of using them. I read some.

After some time had passed, and after hearing of the successes of others in raising Beagle puppies for sale, I determined to casually and cautiously try my hand at the game. I bought two or three female Beagles and started. Hired my Brother-in-Law to build some pens for a kennel and soon had some friendly little puppies for sale.

After a year or two of raising and selling, a newly mutated virus, reputed to be of some cat pathogen origin, struck the Beagle world. Parvo virus. Following the initial losses and blind alley mistakes of the vaccine laboratories, the disease could be controlled by the right vaccination regimen, but the expense made a man's puppy factory world less friendly.

In due time, our sales had depleted our inventory of puppies to just two or three and we decided to look at "the books." For the preceding year we had sold \$1600 in puppies and the books balanced at \$400 in the red. Our enthusiasm was a little dampened.

Of the litter we had left, there were three males about seven months old. The man from whom I had purchased their sire called and wanted to buy one of the male puppies. When he asked my price, I told him to just pick him out one of the three, no charge.

In a month or so, the fellow called and asked if I wanted the puppy back. Said the young hound had started running rabbits but unlike any "proper" Beagle who barked only when he smelled rabbit, this one barked when he smelled rabbit and he barked when he didn't smell rabbit. Indiscriminately, he barked!

"Well," I said, "if that is what he is like, just give him away for a pet or something or put him in the Pound, maybe."

I didn't hear any more of the puppy for several months. Then I received a call from a man I knew only by reputation, asking if I could help him get the same puppy registered.

According to the story, the friend who offered the dog to me, had given him to a fellow who owned a farm and the puppy had been permitted to run free on the farm, chasing rabbits to his heart's content. It had been discovered that the young hound had matured into an excellent rabbit hound.

He was bought from the farmer for \$400 and after some promotional campaign, sold a second time for \$1300. Then a third time for \$1300.

The puppy, now a mature stud dog, was bred to females far and wide.

The above events happened around thirty years ago and the puppy I gave away and refused to take back has offspring tracing to him in several states and many kennels.

The male in question was blue-ticked in color, and blue-tick color being a dominant gene in dogs, I still see "packs" (or kennels) of blue Beagles whose owner says with pride: These are Diamond bred dogs. Meaning that they carry a preponderance of genes of the male Beagle, Hick's Black Diamond. The puppy we culled.

The singer, the late John Denver, sang in "Thank God I'm a Country Boy," the line: Life ain't nothing but a funny, funny riddle. I concur!



Lookout Mountain Natural Healing Mentone Health Foods Opens for Business

When you walk through the doors of Mentone Health Foods you discover a nutrition store like no other. In addition to health foods, health books and supplements, we carry free health information, gourmet chocolates, hand blended teas and body care products, as well as gift items. For the summer months, we also have natural sunscreen, insect repellants, salves and tea tree oil for bug bites and poison oak/ivy rashes.

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Donna Sutton at Body Maintenance has provided the community with great massage for years and is a great asset to the natural therapists in Mentone. Now, at Mentone Health Foods, our community has another wonderful massage therapist, Kerry Breithaupt. She has a wonderful relaxing room for massage therapy. You are welcome to come check out the massage/consultation room anytime- unless of course the room is in use. Call the store and make an appointment for a basic massage or try a massage with stone therapy.

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Mentone Realty welcomes the newest addition to our team: Philip Lofe.

Philip has been in the Real Estate business since 1979, specializing in sales and property management. Philip served as rental manager at Jetty East Condominiums in Destin, FL; he was promoted to general manager in 1994, and served in that capacity until March 2007. He is a licensed Broker in both Alabama and Florida, now meeting all your Real Estate needs in Mentone, AL.



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A UNIQUE TREASURE ON LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN Sparkling 3BR/2BA single-story! Private master suite boasts whirlpool tub, separate shower, dual vanities, and his/hers closets. White kitchen appliance package, pantry, and breakfast bar. Laundry room. CH/A. Two-car garage, fenced in yard. Very nice home on 1 full acre. \$159,000 (16271)



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Marie Frazier Walker

Marie Frazier Walker was promoted to Colonel with 1 April 2007. Marie is the Chief, Nursing Service in the United States Air Force Reserves, 944th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, Glendale, Arizona. She works as a psychiatric nurse practitioner with ValueOptions in Phoenix, AZ. Colonel Marie F. Walker was selected to be the Commander of the 944th Aeromedical Staging Squadron. Change of Command ceremony was scheduled for 05 May 2007 at Luke AFB, Arizona. Marie dedicates this promotion in memory of her Mother, Helen Frazier (of Mentone).

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Many Thanks from MERF.

Senior lunches on Wednesday at the Mentone Community House have come to an end. We have had lots of good fun and plenty of fellowship with singing and playing. MERF would like to thank all of those who helped provide a wonderful time this Spring for our community. Thanks go to many that enriched us with wonderful food and service this Spring and last Fall: Tony and Eleanor Teverino (Raven Haven B&B), Mae Hilburn, Susan Petty, Laura Foote, the Library board, Glenda Ingram, Mentone Community Church, St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church, Georgia Wade, Mentone Methodist Church, Mentone Church of God of Prophecy, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Boy Scout Troop 106, Camp Laney, Camp DeSoto, Camp Riverview.

Thanks to the librarians: Ann Chestnut, Jill Whitten and Virginia Setze that keep our noses in good books. We also appreciate the wonderful piano playing and guitar strumming by Elizabeth Romans and Harold Broyles. We hope that all who came enjoyed themselves. If you would like to help with food or serving in the Fall, feel free to contact Sue Henry or Sarah Wilcox.

Thanks to all Mentone residents and friends that help support MERF and its mission. Hope you like our new Red Roof!

MERF is the facility where families celebrate many events throughout the year: children's birthday parties, family reunions, wedding receptions, anniversary celebrations, family Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, dinners. Groups that meet regularly at the MERF house include Rhododendron Garden Club, the monthly Book Club, Moon Lake School art program. Other uses include Health Seminars and piano lessons. On July 27, there is a Flower Show.

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By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

The area known as Mentone attracted visitors long before it had a name. People continue to be drawn to its scenic beauty and comfortable climate. First time guests and those who make Mentone a yearly destination especially enjoy its quaint and unique bed and breakfast inns.

Mentone Springs Hotel was built right in the heart of what is now Mentone in 1884 by Dr. J. Frank Caldwell. It is the oldest hotel in Alabama. With a wrap around porch around the length of the building, it retains its original charm. It has nine guest rooms.

Both area residents and guests enjoy the hotel's cuisine which has been cited on a Food Network Special. Its two restaurants offer something for everyone's taste. Caldwell's Restaurant is a fine dining establishment that is open on Friday and Saturday night for dinner and for Sunday brunch. Reservations are suggested. The Rusty Fox Café is open seasonally from May to October and has a bistro like atmosphere.

John Graham built **Graham Manor** in the style of the 1700s for his mother. He was the third curator of the Williamsburg Museum and helped Jackie Kennedy redo the White House. He hand selected the furnishings purchased for the White House and used some that were not selected in his mother's house. A 100-year old boxwood maze and 150 feet tall hemlock trees encircle the grounds. It is available to rent for the weekend or by the week.

Raven House Bed and Breakfast has been featured in both Southern Living and Atlantic Journal Constitution. The smoke-free facility has four guest rooms with a distinct "personality" and is filled with charm in hand-crafted furnishings.

The Casablanca is set up for a tropical getaway with the splendor of an island paradise. It is handicapped accessible.

The Nautical Room has a Captain's cannon ball bed and a rope hammock along with portholes.

The Prairie Room offers down home goodness with a touch of elegance.

The Queen Ann Room is fashioned after an 18th Century boudoir.

Daily home-cooked breakfasts include homemade jams featuring local fruits for which the area is known.

Their motto offers visitors a chance to "Relax for the 'rest' of your life."

Mountain Laurel Inn has a rustic touch of class. It has four guest rooms that are specially decorated to appeal to a variety of tastes.

The Wildflower Room is decorated in a blue denim and white eyelet. It has an outside porch.

The Spa Room has dark blue and green plaid that honors Alabama's only ski slope that is just across the river. It also has an outside porch.

The Bridal Room has a pink floral and twig pattern and honors the Mentone Wedding Chapel next door.

The Apartment is upstairs and is suitable for families. It features skylights and had two rooms with a kitchenette.

Mentone Inn Bed and Breakfast has 12 rooms with private baths. You can rent one room or the entire inn. It is perfect for large family gatherings, corporate meetings or just an individual family getaway. The price of the rooms includes breakfast. The building was constructed in 1875 as a boarding house for railroad workers.

It is child friendly and has two rooms that allow pets. Two of the rooms sleep four. You can use your lap top but there are no TVs or phones in the room because the inn promotes conversation and family activities.

The innkeeper's son, Chas Crowder, caters for large groups. Reservations are needed. The dining room is available for private events and functions.

Crystal Lake Lodge Bed & Breakfast has a 50-acre lake and pond with a gazebo on the lake. There are four large guest rooms all heated by gas logs. Each has a private bath. Each has a unique theme: the Forest Room which is rustic, the Garden Room with an elegant sitting area, The Lake Room, relaxing and tranquil and the Meadow Room, an executive style room. The bathrooms are also something special. One has a rain shower head while the bathroom in the Garden Room has a watering can for a shower head.

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**Eleanor, Jacqueline, Joan, Sharron
SISTERS VISIT IN MENTONE**

Tony and Eleanor Teverino had a great treat in April. Eleanor had three of her sisters visit. Sharron came from England, Joan from Wales, and Jacqueline from northern Ireland. Eleanor had not seen them for seven years. It was great to have them visit Mentone, Alabama, to see where we live and run Raven Haven B & B. We visited many places in Alabama, Chattanooga, and Huntsville, while they were here. They also had a chance to eat Southern food.

When you are young, you don't appreciate your sisters as much as when you get older. We had lots of laughs and tears talking about the days when we were growing up. The family all came to Mentone to visit. The girls enjoyed the grandsons Luke, 7, and Brendan, 5. It was a time we will never forget. Thank you, God, for family.

Rebecca Jones Receives Scholarship



Rebecca Jones

Rebecca Jones of Valley Head, AL, has been awarded an academic scholarship to Northeast Alabama Community College. Her major is undecided. She is a 2007 graduate of Freedom In Christ School, where she was a member of the High School Choir, and took Voice Instruction, and Ballroom Dance classes. Rebecca received the lead role in

"A Midsummer Night's Dream." Miss Jones continued a work-study program at Sequoyah Caverns, where she was responsible for educational programs and Living History demonstrations. Rebecca also accomplished business training in retailing, merchandising, marketing, and public relations.

Rebecca's community activities and honors included volunteering with the Wills Valley Community Church children's ministry. She directed the music program at Valley Head Baptist Vacation Bible School in 2006 and 2007. Rebecca taught Vintage and Ballroom Dance to local home-schoolers.

Rebecca's career interests include business management in tourism, vintage dance education, history education through representation, music performance, Speology, and Geology.

Rebecca is the daughter of Roy and Bonnie Jones of Valley Head.

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The Camps in and around Mentone

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By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Probably nowhere in the United States is there a more highly concentrated group of youth camps than in the vicinity of Mentone. They represent Mentone's most important economy factor by providing year around employment and they are a boost to local businesses in the summer. They are more than just summer fun for children but many are open year round for family reunions and retreats.

Since its first summer in 1959, **Alpine Camp for Boys** has offered a unique and exciting atmosphere for boys to have a rewarding experience amidst the beauty of God's creation. Situated on the crest of Lookout Mountain, Alpine's massive rocks, rushing waterfalls, and deep woods provide the perfect setting for a summer away at camp.

Days at Alpine are packed with loads of fun and a wide variety of opportunities. Traditional camp activities such as horseback riding, riflery, team sports, archery, crafts, canoeing, swimming, and tennis are complemented by such Alpine favorites as earth games, frisbee golf, wilderness, project adventure, mountain biking, physical training, guitar, and fly fishing.

Each counselor teaches a specific activity, and staff for activities such as swimming, riflery, horseback riding, mountain biking and project adventure are specially trained and certified before the summer begins.

Former Woodlawn and Alabama coach Malcom Laney founded **Camp Laney** in 1959. Coach and his wife Louise directed the camp through 15 successful seasons. He was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.

The main building in camp is the lodge. The lodge contains the dining hall, a well-equipped kitchen, the camp offices, infirmary, sick rooms, and nurse's quarters.

The facilities include a gym, a 30' by 60' swimming pool, stables, riding ring, horse trails, three hard tennis courts, athletic field, ropes course, climbing tower, bouldering complex, sand volleyball court, outdoor basketball court, and rifle and archery ranges.

There is also a swimming and canoe dock on the Little River. There are sixteen cabins in camp with running water, showers and flush toilets in each, three shower houses and a toilet facility are centrally located for the convenience of all the campers.

The objective of the camp is to give each boy an exciting camp experience under close supervision, experiencing close friendships and gaining self-confidence in a setting of natural beauty.

Skyline Ranch Camp provides a paradise of summer fun for girls ages six to sixteen. There are more than 20 activity choices and recreational opportunities to be enjoyed by a third generation of campers who have been coming to camp since 1947.

The camp program points forward toward self-confidence, companionship and improvement of skills through riding, swimming and tennis, gymnastics, cheerleading, soccer, dance, modeling and manners, circus, flag and baton, basketball, sign language, canoeing, chorus, swimming, lifesaving, dramatics, crafts, hikes, archery and related activities.

Riverview Camp for Girls is one of the newer camps in the area. It is located on the former Saddle Rock Camp for Girls campus. The founding camp on this site was Cloudmont Camp for Boys. Although the cabins have been remodeled and the site continuous-

ly updated, there are still several original authentic log cabins, the original dining hall and the original beautiful "open-air gym."

The daily schedule includes six activities a day. The first afternoon of camp each camper will select her six favorites and she will participate in them each day for her stay. Activities include horseback riding, swimming, ropes course, tennis, canoeing, golf, basketball, gymnastics, dance, arts and crafts, soccer, aerobics, chorus and drama, cheerleading, flag twirling, riflery and others.

Valley View Ranch for Girls was founded in 1954. It is a vast area of more than 1,000 acres. At this year-round working ranch, quarter horses are raised for use by the campers in the English, Western Hunt, Rodeo and Gymkhana styles. During the camp session, each girl is assigned a horse or pony or may bring her own. Horse and rider are trained in equitation, pleasure, problem choices, trail classes, reining and bareback. Emphasis is placed on care and responsibility for the horse as well as on riding skills. All Classes in all programs are taught using the Certified Horsemanship Association guidelines. CHA is the "Association for Horsemanship Safety and Education".

Other recreational programs include swimming, canoeing, crafts, tennis, archer, gymkhana and horseshoes.

Over twenty-five buildings, designed to meet the requirements of the ranch, have been carefully grouped for convenience and the beautiful valley view. Girls live in cabins with swings and porches. They are equipped with plumbing and electricity. Additional buildings and equipment of the ranch consist of Nancy's Log Cabin, Ranch House (Ranch Office and Infirmary), Chuck Wagon (dining lodge), five stables for horses, tack rooms for saddles, four riding rings, crafts shops, sand volleyball court, archery range, Round-Up (recreation building), two lakes, tractors, trucks, wagons, etc. In short, the entire layout and equipment at Valley View Ranch is more than adequate to take care of the safety, health and pastime of each rancher.

Camp Comer Scout Reservation was officially opened in 1965. It is owned by the eleven county Choccolocco Council of the Boy Scouts of America and consists of 1,000 acres including a 90-acre lake. It is divided into two camps, one section for families and one for tent camping. Camp Comer is one of the top rated summer camps and was rated as one of the top 20 camps in the nation for Boy Scouts of America.

Ponderosa Bible Camp was founded in 1973. It is an evangelical Christian camp for boys and girls ages 6 through 19 (grades 1-12). They offer weekly summer camp programs and spring and fall weekend retreats. They have all the latest and traditional camping activities as well as holding daily chapel services with entertaining Bible Teachers and missionaries from around the world.

Camp Woodmont is a residential summer camp for boys and girls ages 6-14. The program is centered on four principal areas: aquatics, arts and crafts, sports and games and nature lore. Traditional activities include horseback riding, archery, aquatics, high ropes, challenge course, drama/dance, arts and crafts, and much more! One and two-week sessions.

Limited enrollment, caring counselors, ideal location, Christian atmosphere and convenient camp layout makes campers feel secure, welcomes and reassured.

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Cherokee Camp for Boys spreads over 100 acres. The buildings include a full gymnasium athletic field, hard surface tennis courts, twelve cabins, dining hall, staff lounge, horse stable and office buildings. Cabins accommodate eight campers and a counselor.

The emphasis is sports activity, especially aquatics, tennis, golf and team sports such as football, basketball, wrestling and soccer.

Owned and operated by Phil and Marsha Hurt, **Camp DeSoto for Girls** is a summer month of love, laughter, and good growth for girls ages 8 to 16. Campers live in cabins according to age groups and participate in a program that is broad and rich in its offerings. Building on a heritage of more than eighty summers, DeSoto continues even today to give a girl a place that nurtures her physical, emotional and spiritual growth, while cultivating her appreciation for things in life that really matter.

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Our hope is that through Camp girls will grow and deepen, becoming mature individuals who are free in Christ to love and serve others.

Happy Father's Day!!

Mentone Wedding Chapel

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Thursday, July 19

Thursday, October 18

Thursday, January 17, 2008

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.

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This year's recipients are Mandy Corsentino, Cory Dobbins, Carol Gunter, Ashley Johnson, Elizabeth Rogers, and Kayla Smith.

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"Linger Longer" as they call it, is being constructed by local contractor, Carl Jones, along with some expert rock masons who are completing the fireplace. This graceful post and beam construction can seat 50 comfortably and boasts a large outdoor fireplace and kitchen area and a state-of-the-art stage perfect for trio, duo, or solo acts.

"Linger Longer" as it is lovingly called, will be available for receptions, cookouts, parties, and community use by June.

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Little River Cemetery holds Annual Memorial Service

The Little River Cemetery held its annual memorial service at 11AM, Sunday, May 20, 2007. Greg Henry of the Mentone Community Church brought the message. There was congregational singing with piano accompaniment by Margaret Crowe, who is her 90s, doing a wonderful job at the piano.

After the morning service, the crowd enjoyed dinner on the grounds and under the pavilion. The pavilion was erected last year in honor of Frank and Mabel Kirk, by their daughter, Amelia Kirk Lolli of Mentone.

Following dinner on the grounds, those present went back into the church to enjoy singing together. Wayne Clemmons--"The Whistler" was a special entertainer in the afternoon. He whistled to many gospel songs. If you have never heard him, you need to find out where he may be performing. Also on the piano accompanying the congregational singing was Hershell Pruitt, of Mentone, with Dot Crow leading the hymns.

The Board of Directors of Little River Cemetery are: Chairman Nelson Stallings; Treasurer, Kathy McMunn; Secretary, Marie Dillenbeck; Hobson Kirby, Arthur Crow, Bea Crow, Charles Flannigan, and Amelia Kirk Lolli.

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Rhododendron Garden Club News

By Linda Brown, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held at the M.E.R.F. Community House on May 8, 2007. President Martha Wood called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The inspirational minute was given by Dianne Kuehl and refreshments were served by Peggy Roark and Virginia Setze.

The regular reports were presented and approved. Virginia Setze, Litter Chair, urged everyone to continue to pick up litter and keep Mentone clean and beautiful.

Jan Wilkinson, Conservation Chair, advised the members of what to do in case of a wildfire. Marilyn Blanton Campbell added that in case of an accident involving a large truck, a ChemTrek number should be located on the rear of the truck. This number should be given when reporting the accident to the 911 operator.

The report from Harriett Lillich on Earth Day was that it was a huge success. The Butterfly Garden and the campus of Moon Lake Elementary School were cleaned, planted and mulched and everything is beautiful. The door of every class room was decorated by the students in an Earth Day motif. These were judged and every class was a winner.

One special area on campus was mentioned. This is a sitting area prepared by Max Cherbonneau as his Eagle Scout project. This is a grouping of outdoor furniture on the north side of the Moon Lake Elementary School building. The

area is interlaced with plants and is a great place to sit and listen to the birds in the large oak trees nearby.

Linda Brown, leader of the Partridge Peas Ecotots (a Junior Garden Club) stated that she plans to do a program with the Moon Lake kindergarten class soon. This will be a gift for their mother made from all recycled materials which have been collected by the members of the Rhododendron Garden Club.

The program was presented by Martha Wood. She gave a review of the schedule for the July 10, 2007 flower show. Summer in Mentone has been chosen as the title of the show. The Design Division is for garden club members only, but everyone can enter the Horticulture Division. There will be several categories of plants for you to enter. If you are interested, call a member of the club and ask them to get a schedule for you. These will be exhibited in clear, plastic water bottles. There will also be categories for container grown plants and hanging baskets.

The next regular meeting will be June 12, 2007 at the home of Margaret Baker beginning at 10:00 am. The program will be, "Cooking with Chef Ben and Jay".

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of Northeast Alabama Federation of Garden Clubs; The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.; District II; and National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region.

Annual Memorial Service at Bankhead Cemetery

The annual memorial service at Bankhead Cemetery was held May 27, 2007. The morning service was at 11 AM with congregational singing, prayer, and welcome. The Reverend Randy Beagles brought the message.

After lunch on the grounds, a business session was held at 1:30 PM, followed by special singing in the afternoon, organized by Howard Carson, program committee chairman.

A time of respect was observed for those who have passed away since last Memorial Day; Christopher Bain, Brandon Combs, Mayfred Whatley, Bernise Crow, Billy Cash, Delmas Smith, and Levi Miller.

Trustees: Howard Carson and Walt Pullen

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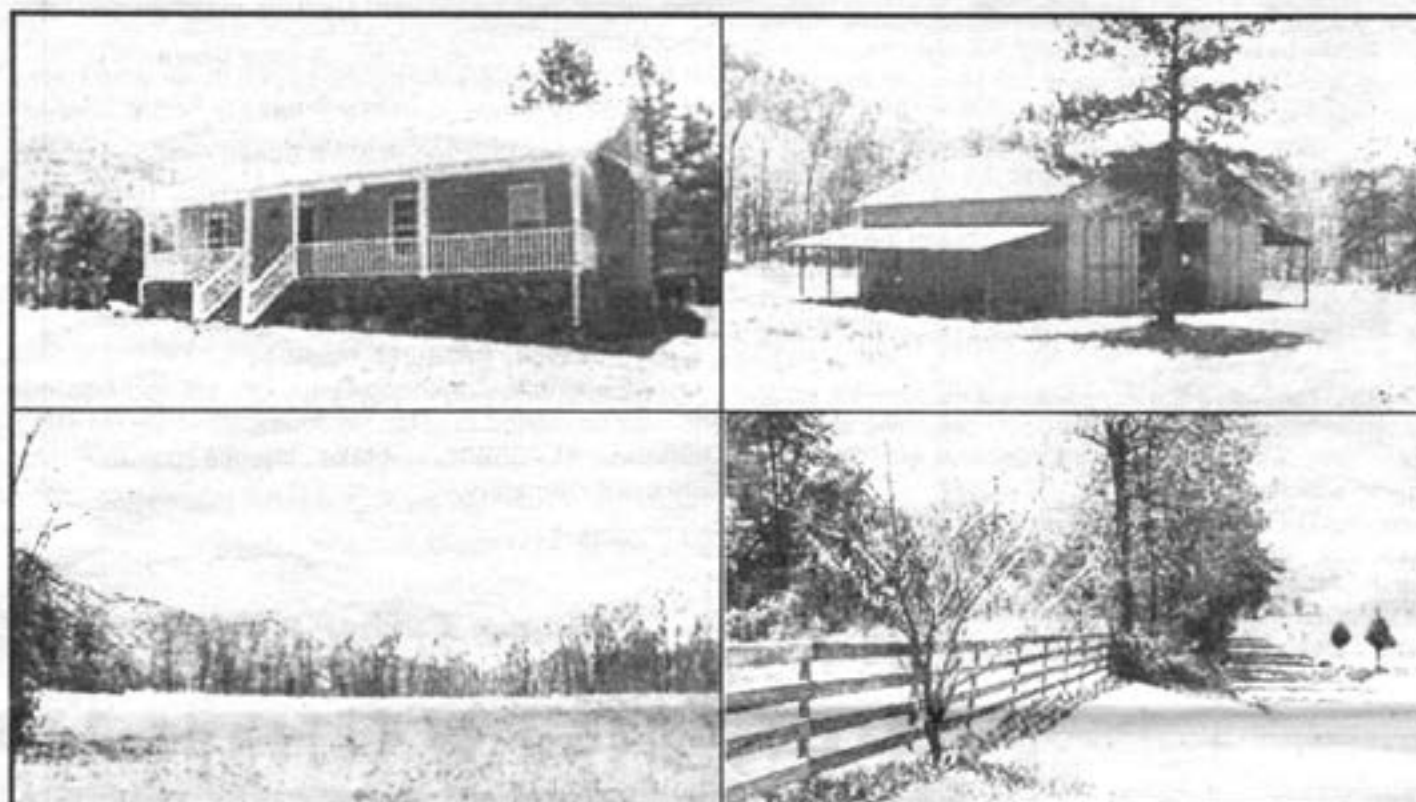
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3 - Margaret Baker
6 - Caitlyn Collins;
Keegan Johnson
7 - Haywood Baker; Tiffany Long
8 - Marilyn Action; Gail Smalley;
Rachel Manifold
9 - Jimmy Blalock
14 - Luke Harrison; Lee Swart
15 - Josh Smalley
19 - Brian Manning
20 - Collette Kirby
21 - Catherine Bailey;
Trey Kinzer; Rick Webber
24 - Tyler Hester
25 - Virginia Setz
28 - Joshua Baggett; Chris Stokes
29 - Jacqueline McGee;
Sue Schwarz

Anniversaries:

2nd - Robert & Ilene Green
Greg & Beverly Henry
Andy & Susan Akes
13- Roger & Judy Dowiat
16- Kenneth & Kathy McMunn
17- Leroy & Joanne Crow
18- Ken & Flo Kirby
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Mountain Mamas Card Shop

By Ellen Spangler

Most folks don't think of a craft shop as a greeting card shop--but Mountain Mamas Crafts & Rock Shop has 7 artists creating a wide variety of greeting cards. You'll find everything from photos of cats, flowers, insects, and the artist's own original paintings, to hand-made collage cards, and rubber stamped originals. There are beautiful scenes and ones that make you laugh, some with a message and some for you to write your own. Liz Nunan, Cloudland, GA, just filled her rack with her colorful handmade theme cards. Faye Quintivan's photo of Mentone's Episcopal Church is a favorite. Other card artists include Sandy Fortenberry of Cloudland, Rand Hall of Huntsville, and Susan Phelan, Huntsville.

The Rock Shop has a new shipment of mineral specimens. Especially noteworthy are the amethyst geode pairs. These are smaller amethyst cathedrals where the two halves of the geode make a mirror image of each other. They are very unusual. If you like the bright colors of calcite see our new large specimens in green, orange, and blue.

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JOSEPHINE BLALOCK, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WITH DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RETIRES

Josephine Blalock began her career with the DeKalb County Board of Education on July 1, 1957, (and held several jobs before that) retiring March 1, 2007. She worked with eight superintendents during her 49+ years. The system consisted of 28 schools in 1957 and now has 13 schools.

Mrs. Blalock's career in education began with Supt. R.E. Ables, Jr. and continued with Willard Israel, Leon Roberts, Franklin Kellett, Sam Bailey, Weldon Parrish, Richard Land, and Charles Warren. She began as a payroll clerk and was a secretary to Israel and to Leon Roberts. She attended Northeast Alabama Community College and Jacksonville State University and obtained her first degree in business and English. She taught business classes at the vocational-technical school for seven years. She also holds a Masters in School Administration from the University of Alabama.

Josephine became an administrative assistant in 1985 and later assumed duties as the technology coordinator. She applied for grants and technology funding, including E-Rate between 1996 and 2007. She assumed the duties of Assistant Superintendent when Richard Land came into office.

Mrs. Blalock conservatively estimates that she obtained more than \$2 million for the system and

applied for over \$561,000 for a new network for the 07-08 year before she retired February 28, 2007. In addition to professional development, the grants, E-Rate funds, and state tech funds enabled individual schools to purchase not only computers, but many technology related items such as printers, software and smart boards. One grant provided funding for electrical improvements, ceilings, floor tile, playground fencing, and other needs, as determined by the school principals.

Ms. Blalock said she was proud of the progress made in technology for the school system. In addition to the Tech Department staff, a number of teachers devote part of their time to assisting with tech needs at the schools.

In addition to regular administrative duties and technology, Ms. Blalock also worked with the No Child Left Behind program and with teacher certification. Ms. Blalock said she enjoyed working with the school technology contacts, teachers, principals, and support personnel.

Josephine is married to Willis H. Blalock, Mentone, and they have one daughter, Eleasa Sword, a grandson, Matthew David Sword, and one great-grandson, Matthew, Jr. Since the children live in Marietta, Georgia, she and Willis will be traveling back and forth a lot more now that she has retired.

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The Church News

By Evelyn Graves



The Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9AM each Sunday except on services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L. A. Smith and alternate speakers for these services.

The Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday Service at 10AM. Worship Service at 11AM. Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM. Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM. Brotherhood breakfast and devotion at 6:30AM the first Sunday of each month. Women on 2nd Sunday meet at 2PM 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. Awaiting (ages 4 to 16), 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 711, Valley Head 355-2702.

Visitors are always welcome at the Valley Head United Methodist Church. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at our new time, 9AM.

Woodward 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 10:30 to 10:45 AM, Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastors: Wayne Award, Day Pastors: James Harley and Ryan Burnett.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church located on County Road 250 invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM and worship at 11AM. Sunday evening service is at 6PM. Thursday morning service is at 6:30PM.

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, 1513 Smith Gap Road NW (Crkath County Road 45), Fort Payne. Phone: 256-845-4542. The community is welcomed. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Bible Class every Wednesday at 3:00PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 256-845-4314.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone to 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 Pastor Ken and Elaine Holloman 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. Rev. Billy Dempsey, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45AM. Sunday Worship - 10:55AM.

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

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

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Claudland, 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.

The Mentone Revival Center and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nel, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

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 Community Church Summer Schedule: Sunday - Coffee Fellowship 9:30AM followed by Worship 10:00 AM in the Family Life Center, Wednesday - Small Groups for Adults, Youth Group and Kids Classes 9:30 PM.

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy Sunday School is at 10AM with Worship at 11AM. Evening Services begin at 6PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend regular services.

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

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.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Peltzer welcome each and every one to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time, Sunday School 10 AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Potters House Church. We are a small community church filled with the love of Jesus, where everyone of all denominations is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Worship is at 2 PM with Bill Middle Pastor. We serve a meal at 6:30 PM on Tuesday and our Bible Study starts at 6:30 with Satira Gann, Teacher.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 431, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Martin Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 10AM (GA time); Church Services 11AM (10AM GA time); and Sunday night services 6PM (5PM GA time).

New Oregon United Methodist Church 1204 New Oregon Drive NE, Ft. Payne AL 35967. The activities of New Oregon include: Morning Worship at 11:00 am and Evening worship at 6:00 pm. Sunday morning fellowship time is from 9:20-9:45 a.m. followed by Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and all activities of the Church.

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. Crispening Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Teen Kids, Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30 pm. The pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is Dr. Br. Russell. Moon Lake Baptist Church had the kickoff for Vacation Bible School on May 27 at 5PM. VBS will run Monday Friday 6-8 PM, May 28-June 1. Ages 3 - 6th grade.

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National Geographic magazine to have article in July 2007 issue about Mentone United Methodist Church

The Mentone United Methodist Church will be in the July issue of *National Geographic* magazine. Only two churches in the DeKalb County area were chosen to be featured. Pally Tucker, Director of the DeKalb Tourist Association, called the Mentone Town Hall and asked about the churches in Mentone. The criteria for inclusion was that the church must be at least 100 years old and still holding regular services. The story on the opening of the cornerstone that was in the April 2000 issue of *The Groundhog* was submitted and the church was selected as one of the two.

Organized around 1892, the church was called the Mentone Methodist Episcopal Church North. In 1968, the name was changed to the United Methodist Church.

The objects included in the cornerstone in 2000 were a list of the present members, history of the church, Holy Bible, favorite hymns, and items reflecting the year 2000.

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THE HISTORY THE HISTORY OF MENTONE, ALABAMA

All rights of this paper given to the Rhododendron Garden Club of Mentone, Alabama 35984 (only) with one requirement—that it be printed as written with nothing changed. Signed Nettie E. Howe, November 18, 1980 (H011). The History of Mentone is being printed in segments in following issues of The Groundhog. [Part 2]

One of the two older homes in Mentone is the home that was owned by Mrs. Katie Darrah, built by Mrs. Francis Rhea Berry of Rome, Georgia, the mother of Miss Martha Berry. Mesdames Sam Graham, Moser Wright, Laura Berry Campbell, Francis Berry Bonnemman, Princess Eugenia Berry Ruspoli, and sons Thomas Berry and Ike Berry. This home was built in the 1890's as a summer home for the family.

The other older home was the log cabin used in the center of the Episcopal Church, built prior to the 1870's by Robert Vernon, and was the first house in that locality. The gap down the mountain is known as the Vernon Gap. Earlier residents building summer homes in the 1900's were the Berry's, the Graham's, the Wright's, the Bonnymans, the Garlands, the Tutwilers, Dr. Mallicoat, the Rouths, the Battys, the Olivers, Dr. Travis, the Sudduths, and the Redds.

The early settlers of Lookout Mountain were attracted to certain localities on account of the mineral water, chiefly that of iron, which was believed to possess curative properties for men and women whose physical conditions were at a low ebb, especially people who suffered from stomach and intestinal disorders. That was the reason for the John Mason family coming here from Iowa. They were originally from New York State. He struck out to test the climate and water of various parts of the country, hoping to find somewhere a natural situation that would restore his body to its

former healthy state. On one of these trips, while sojourning in a favorable community, he accidentally learned through a neighbor of a man by the name of Leavitt who lived on Lookout Mountain in Alabama. Leavitt gave glowing accounts of how people who came to Lookout and drank its pure water had been restored to perfect health. John Mason decided to find this place. On arriving on the mountain, Mason found board and lodging with Leavitt's family, who treated him most kindly. He grew better and a few months convinced him he was really as well as he had ever been. His thoughts reverted to the fertile farm which he had left in Iowa, where it was easy to make money. While health was to be had on Lookout, it held no monetary reward for the man to make his home.

The farm of his in Iowa was the magnet that pulled heavily on his mind and soon he had traveled back to the West to take up his former pursuit. His health failed again, and he made a bee line for Lookout Mountain to seek the treasure that it had previously awarded him. It was the summer of 1872 that Mason got his family together and moved back permanently.

John Mason bought a piece of land and built a commodious home. His son, Ed Mason, built a lake nearby and named it Moon Lake. Only one other home was then in existence in that locality. It was located at Vernon's Gap that led up to Mentone.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- June 2, 9 AM, Water Testing Certification Classes, 5450 East River Rd.
- Monday, June 4, 5:30PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad Meeting
- Tuesday, June 5, MAPA MEETING, 6:30 PM, Dessies
- Monday, June 11, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, June 12, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, M.E.R.F. Community House
- Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 PM, American Legion Hall, Post 215 Meeting
- Thursday, JUNE 14, FLAG DAY (Display your Flag)
- SUNDAY, JUNE 17, FATHER'S DAY
- Thursday, June 21, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public
- Wednesday, JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 meeting dates for the Mentone Waterworks Board, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, as follows:
Thursday, June 28
Thursday, July 26
Thursday, August 23
Thursday, September 27
Thursday, October 25
Tuesday, November 13
Thursday, December 20

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Monday, June 11, 2007
Monday, July 9, 2007
Monday, August 13, 2007
Monday, September 10, 2007
Monday, October 8, 2007
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Monday, December 10, 2007
Monday, January 14, 2008

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.



Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Eph. 6:1-4

As Father's Day approaches, we are reminded of what the scriptures say about honor our fathers (and mothers). But there is a two-fold commandment as to how fathers should treat their children, as well, so that they should not be provoked to becoming angry to the point that they are out of control. With every day's passing, we see more and more domestic violence. Fathers are turning against children and children against parents.

We should all be challenged to live as Christ has taught us--to love more and to follow his leadership.

Happy Father's Day!

ARE YOU A DESCENDANT OF:

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These families lived in Cherokee and Dekalb Counties, both arriving in the area in the 1840s. I would love to correspond with anyone who is a descendant of these families as I am working on their histories. I am personally a direct descendant of all of these families.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 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:

Monday, June 11
Monday, July 9
Monday, August 13
Monday, September 10
Monday, October 8
Monday, November 12
Monday, December 10

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.