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"Neighborhood News from the Heart of Lookout Mountain"

June 2009

Annie's Bakery and Café

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

It all started with a daughter's love of grits. Susan Miradakis' daughter, Julie and husband, Jason Hensel were moving and needed to compromise on a location between where she grew up in Florida and his home in Washington State. She didn't want to live anywhere that she couldn't find grits in her local supermarket. Their compromise location was Fort Payne.

She was Susan's only child and more importantly, the mother of Susan's two grandsons. So after making one trip to visit, Susan retired from the Internal Revenue Service, sold her home and followed them to Fort Payne. She loved the climate, the scenery and the people but there was one thing that she missed. "There was a large Greek community in Tarpon Springs, Florida where we lived and several Greek bakeries. I missed them," she explained.

Often when she and Julie were together, Julie would joke, "Mom, you need to start a bakery." Susan was an incredible cook and Julie had a talent for baking and decorating cakes so those jokes became more serious as their "hunger" for Greek food grew. Since Fort Payne didn't have anything like the bakeries they both loved in Florida, they began to explore the possibility of filling that niche.

They found an available property in north Fort Payne nestled between The Wishing Well and The Nail Spa and began the process of opening Annie's Bakery and Café. Annie was Susan's grandmother and inspiration as a cook. Susan's middle name also is Annie so the name seemed appropriate.

After careful thought, they realized that there were some other things that they missed such as Greek salads and Greek sandwiches so they broadened the scope of what they would offer.

When Annie's Bakery and Café opens in

early June, the menu will include a couple of soups, Greek salads and sandwiches including Panini's, "Cubans" and Gyros. (Cubans are a hot pressed sandwich with roast pork, sweet ham and Swiss cheese on Cuban bread.) The bakery will offer fresh bread, bagels, croissants, pastries and cookies.

Food will be available for take-out but there will be seating for 24 for eating in. They will be open six days a week, Monday-Friday from 7-5 and on Saturday 8-3. I can't wait. I'll be in line for breakfast that first day.



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FRESH FOOD

John Baty

It must have been two years ago on a windy day in March when she came home with a bulky packet of seed. "You like to plant stuff," she said.

I looked the label over and read "Italian Salad Mix." It explained further that the packet contained four or five kinds of lettuce - none of them the conventional heading iceberg, etc. I studied the directions and looked with the usual skepticism at the beautiful picture on the front. There was an unused section above the retainer wall where the wire to lights at the steps ran underground. I had wondered what kind of flowers to place there. Should be annuals and rather small. Nothing permanent.

In a couple of weeks I planted the entire packet of seed in the bed, about 8 ft x 1 ft. I have never had any luck with lettuce germinating and getting a stand. I wanted either lettuce or no lettuce, you know the feeling.

Now, my enthusiasm for salads had been tempered by a couple of experiences and I wasn't, to say, keen with the project.

For one thing, I grew up on pork so salty that it would cause the digestive juices to run backward and lower the blood volume. White flour gravy and biscuits which had hog lard cut into the flour so there would be greasy spots inside the biscuits. Fried yard range eggs (more lard) and hot chocolate made from Hershey's chocolate.

The second reason I didn't get really excited about salads was I had no teeth. Well- I've got one - in front. When I meet some prospective friend at one of these covered-dish affairs and they ask me to try their half-cooked broccoli or their scorched ham, I have to confess that I can't chew. That person usually stops grinding the raw stuff long enough to ask: "Why - don-chaget-ya some teeth?"

Well, I had been to the various dentists around and all my teeth had been pulled over the years

but one. Some dentists seem not to mind pulling a few teeth where there are signs of previous extractions of which there is no record. The logical thing to do would be to pull that thing and get some choppers. But when I went to discuss it with a new dentist I had heard of, he looked and informed me that he didn't want to make me any teeth. I asked why and he patiently sat down in a nearby chair and explained all about flattened gums and arched palates and old, sensitive people who didn't have the tolerance they yusta.

I might have questioned the decision of that dentist if he had not been so patient. Any medical person who will take that much time to refuse a sale of his services has to be deadly senous.

So I went along over the years with that tooth sorta preceding me. Especially when I smiled.

Another thing which stayed my hand, as it were, was the blood thinner which makes any kinda surgery a problem - and dangerous.

I decided that with that fang sticking out it might impress others of my gender and substitute for any declining vigor.

After some sweet little seedless grapes, eaten with too much abandon, and a subsequent open incision to remove them, I took to grating and shaving and mashing all things great or small which didn't fall apart due to gravity.

I found that by using a super sharp filleting knife and shaving salad leaves like lettuce, dandelion leaves, thistle and shepherd's purse, and whatever one's palate craved, I could sorta eat a salad. By adding bits of chilled boiled egg whites and sprinkling ground hickory nuts over the whole of the greens, I had a fair salad.

The eggs are better if yard chickens lay them. I tried a couple yeas ago to keep some few hens in a large pen but the raccoons killed one a day after they located them. I took the few remaining to the flea market and sold them to a fellow from further south for ten percent of

what they cost me.

This year I saw some red hens for sale and brought one home. Nice red hen. Named her Myrtle. Myrtle lays brown eggs. Of course brown eggs are better. I'm not sure why, but I've heard that it is some antiquated mystique or something. I built Myrtle a coon-proof strong box with reinforced wire bottom and suspended it on the outer wall of the shop. She don't like her roost set-up but roosts on the nest box. She is kind enough to roost with her front end over the nest, though.

I feed Myrtle lay pellets. Sometimes I give her cottage cheese and rolled oats, and on pretty days I let her out in the large pen for exercise and foraging. Each day she lays a large, hard-shelled, brown egg. Sometimes, she lays two the same day. We have all the fresh organic eggs we can use and I added up all the cost and they only cost me \$4.83 each. But I count it a bargain being brown and fed organic feed - well, almost all organic.

When anyone suggested the canned stuff on the grocery shelf for old decrepit people I replied that I didn't guess a person should be fined or sentenced for offering that stuff to a gullible public, but I did believe that he should have to face a grand jury, at least.

I found that the Italian lettuce mix was super eating and wondered why I wasn't intelligent enough to eat that way before it was too damn late to do much good.

There was one kind of lettuce in the lot which yielded small, extremely tender leaves and reminded one of nirvana when eating it. Anything that nice must have been provided for a purpose. For a moment I weakened and almost considered ID. Nah - I guess not.

Such salads with one's favorite dressing, served with cornbread, fish, herb tea or a cold mug of beer will add to the pleasantness of your day.

Not bad. But flour gravy and buttermilk biscuits - - -



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Mondays, June 1, 15, Fire Dept Volunteers
 Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 PM, MAPA meeting,
 Moon Lake Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
 Monday, June 8, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting,
 Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
 Tuesday, June 9, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club,
 M.E.R.F. Community House
 Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 PM, American Legion Hall,
 Post 215 regular Meeting
 Sunday, June 14, FLAG DAY
 Sunday, June 21, FATHER'S DAY
 Thursday, June 25, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting,
 Board Room, open to the public
 Saturday, July 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2009 meeting dates for the Valley Head Water Works Board, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be as follows:

Monday, June 8
 Monday, July 13
 Monday, August 10
 Monday, September 14
 Monday, October 12
 Tuesday, November 9
 Monday, December 14
 Monday, January 10, 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 2009 quarterly meeting dates for the Mentone Planning Commission, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 3rd Thursday of the following months:

Thursday, July 16, 2009
 Thursday, October 15, 2009
 Thursday, January 21, 2010

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 2009 meeting dates for the Mentone Waterworks Board, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, on the 4th Thursdays as follows:

Thursday, June 25
 Thursday, July 23
 Thursday, August 27
 Thursday, September 24
 Thursday, October 22
 Tuesday, November 19
 Thursday, December 17

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 2009 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 8
 Monday, July 13
 Monday, August 10
 Monday, September 14
 Monday, October 12
 Monday, November 9
 Monday, December 9

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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1-Kathy McMunn
 3-Margaret Baker
 6-Caitlyn Collins; Keegan Johnson
 7-Haywood Baker; Tiffany Long
 8-Gail Smalley; Rachel Manifold;
 Marilyn Acton
 9-Jimmy Blalock
 10-Amanda Gray; Storm Lee
 11-Ethan Meadows
 12-Charles Gray; Marsha J. Hair
 13-Laden Crow
 14-Luke Harrison; Lee Swart;
 Jerry Stokes
 15-Josh Smalley
 16-Willie Jean Baty
 19-Brian Manning
 20-Colette Kirby; Katie Hester
 21-Catherine Bailey; Rick Weber;
 Trey Kincer, Nicky Langston
 23-Liz Baker
 24-Tyler Hester
 25-Virginia Setze
 28-Joshua Baggett; Chris Stokes
 29-Jacqueline McGee; Sue Schwarz

Robert & Ilene Green;
 Andy & Susan Akas
 11-Wesley & Kat Griffith
 13-Roger & Judy Dowlat
 16-Kenneth & Kathy McMunn
 17-Leroy & Joanne Crowe
 18-Ken & Flo Kirby
 21-John & Bobbie Smith
 23-Jim & Dallyne Jones;
 Tom & Virginia Setze;
 Allen & Jan Cherbonneau
 26-Barry & Rhonda Blalock
 29-Mike & Liz Perry;
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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; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission 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 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.

The Mentone Revival Center and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Homecoming is August 10. Brother Charles Elrod will be preaching and the Faith Walkers will be singing. 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.

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 regular 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 Community Church Schedule: Sundays: Sunday School 9:30AM; Worship 10:30AM; Family Service or Small Groups 6:30PM. Wednesdays at 6:30PM: Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group; Adult Bible Study.

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.

Valley Head Baptist Church 40 Days of Purpose Bible Study. Beginning Easter Sunday Morning, April 12 - 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. through Sunday, June 17.

*Why was I created?
Why was I born?
What is the purpose of my life?*

*What is the true meaning of life?
Who is God?
Why do I need to know God?
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St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church, Mentone

A special "thank you" to all who helped make our fund-raiser a success during the Festival in Mentone May 16th. The proceeds will be used to make repairs on the Bell Chimes, and go into the Prayer Garden account for when that project begins. We are planning another fund raiser for during the Yard Sale in August, more to come on that later. Our services are held on Sunday at 10:30AM, and all are welcome. Please join us at St. Joseph's.



DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

Psalm 100 is a favorite psalm. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanks-giving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

I have read this psalm repeatedly today, and I have regained some of the joy of living that I thought I had lost.

When your days seem dark and dreary, remember that the Lord is good and that his mercy is everlasting, even to your children and grandchildren. Thank him and praise him for his goodness, and you will find that your day will be brighter!



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CABIN UNDER CONSTRUCTION in Northbend, highest elevation subdivision in Mentone area. Walking distance to village of Mentone (less than a mile!). 4BR/2BA, stone fireplace, 325' of porches (back porch is screened) Balcony off master bedroom. Approx 1600 sq ft, 1.5 stories, on beautiful 3-acre wooded lot w/sm stream. Cypress floors, groove pine walls. All appliances. \$219,500 (18887)



NEW LISTING!
FABULOUS MOUNTAIN VIEW! Watch the seasons change on Lookout Mtn from this 2-story 3BR/2BA home on 3.16 beautiful acres. Full front porch on both levels; fireplaces in LR & Master BR; good-sized kitchen; b'fast bar; sep DR. Two-car+ garage/shop w/separate power/water/septic. Fruit trees; great garden areas & a potting shed. Priced \$11,000 below appraisal! \$159,900. (19004)



MENTONE
CONSTRUCTION IS NEARING COMPLETION on this well-crafted mountain cabin that features a covered front porch, side deck, small balcony off master bedroom suite. Master bath w/whirlpool tub & separate shower; hickory cabinetry; lovely stone wood-burning fireplace, hardwood & tile floors; 2BR/2BA. Small workshop out back. Abundant wildlife & native plants. \$150,000. (17386)



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VERY AFFORDABLY-PRICED log cabin! This privately-situated Mentone cabin would make a perfect weekend retreat, possible rental cabin, or residence for someone looking to live simply. Garden already planted. Wooded backyard, lovely front yard w/fruit trees, flower beds. 1BR/1BA, fully furnished (linens & kitchenware stay!) A real bargain at only \$68,000. (18938)



MENTONE
CRAFTSMAN AT WORK! Hand-hewn log cabin under construction on 1.52 acre lot in Mentone features half-dovetail corners, huge beams inside! This is a substantial, hand-crafted mountain cabin with rock, stone wood-burning fireplace, 2BR/2.5BA, open vaulted ceiling LR/DR/KI combination. Three-quarter wraparound porch. Working price of \$189,900. (18972)



REDUCED!
PRIVATE CABIN W/POND FRONTAGE on 2 ponds! Fishing dock already in place! 1.5-story frame cabin offers rustic exterior, nicely-appointed interior with 3BR/2BA; 1.5 story; screened front & back porches (you'll use these all year!); all appliances; all hardwood floors; hot tub. 1.5 acre wooded lot; split-rail fence along driveway; gate on drive. Ready for rental \$159,900. (18723)



LOTS and LAND
15 AC & SPRING-FED POND in MENTONE offers great fishing; fenced pasture area; old homesite w/lg shade trees; sm barn; septic tank; power & public water in place. Perfect site for small sustainable community or family vacation compound. \$150,000 (18104)



VALLEY HEAD!
POND, BRICK HOME, BARN, 12.7 ACRES in a beautiful setting, nestled in the valley. Lovely 2-story brick home; 5 bedrooms; 3.5 bathrooms; 2-car garage; 2-year-old springs, creek. \$309,000 (18784)



MENTONE
JUST RIGHT IN SIZE & PRICE this cabin built of hand-hewn white pine logs is the sweetest little hideaway you could ever want to snuggle up in! Not too big, w/just enough of every amenity you could need. Cradled in the woods on 1.4 ac, great front & back porches. 2BR/1BA. Freestanding woodburning fireplace. All appliances including stacked washer/dryer. Perfectly set up for rental. \$125,000 (18457)



DESOTO PKWY
DESOTO PARKWAY LOG CABIN on 1.15 acres featuring 2BR/1.5BA, main-level Master suite, vaulted ceilings with exposed beams, hardwood and ceramic tile flooring, inviting 3/4 wrap-around porch, huge detached 2-car garage w/workshop area. Located near Historic Mentone, Desoto State Park, and Little River Canyon National Preserve. \$179,900 (18953)



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UNRESTRICTED MENTONE LOT offers nice woods and approx 1/2 acre of land on which to build a cabin, set up your RV or a mobile home. Paved road frontage, water & power on road. Outside town limit; close to camps & village of Mentone. \$10,000 (18147)

12 ACRES UNRESTRICTED LAND located about midway between DeSoto State Park & Mentone near Alpine. Not too much, not too little. Mostly level (there is a site, according to the owner, that would make a great place for a lake/pond), wooded & teeming w/wildlife, wildflowers & other native plant species. \$90,000. (18970)

Lookout Mountain Natural Healing How to Enjoy Nature Care Free

By L.C. Moon

Bug bites, rashes and stings are one of the biggest culprits of discomfort in the summer season. However there is no reason to needlessly suffer. There are natural repellants and remedies for bites, rashes and stings.

One quick and easy remedy for a bug bite or sting is to crush plantain leaves - with your teeth or fingers - and apply them to the bite or sting. Plantain is a very common low growing plant that is often mistaken as nothing but a weed. It grows in lawns, waste areas, rock walkways and about anywhere the sun shines and a little dirt can be found for plantain to root in.

For poison oak or poison ivy it takes a little more than just a leaf to really provide relief. I crush plantain and comfrey leaves then put them on my rash when I

have nothing else handy. However I get the most relief from itching when using a salve with herbal infusions. Then I apply lavender and tea tree oils straight to the rash. Tea tree oil helps with itching and to dry out the rash while lavender essential oil and the salve also help relieve itching as well as healing the skin.

Prevention is preferable for everyone when it comes to bites, rashes and stings. There are several plants known to help ward off insects; pennyroyal, mint, lemongrass and geranium to name a few. The best natural bug deterrent I have ever experienced is a product called Swy Flotter. I have tried to blend many of the same ingredients though have never had the amazing results I get with Swy Flotter. It does not smell bad and has a catchy name too!

In order to prevent poison ivy and oak - obviously being aware of what the three leaved culprit looks like and avoiding it as much as possible is preferable. However, there is a helpful native plant growing near wet areas, creeks, etc, called jewel weed. Jewel weed will work

to prevent poison rash if you pick it fresh and apply it immediately after contact.

If you know you may come in contact with poison oak or ivy then I would recommend carrying some baking soda along with you. I got into poison oak last year while I was walking along the river. There was no jewel weed in sight. Two hours later I rubbed the baking soda all over the parts of my legs that had been exposed to the poison oak. Amazingly a rash never developed!

It is important to be able to go outdoors and experience nature during the warm months. You can get your natural vitamin D supplement from the sun and allow its rays to fill you full of energy. Seeing all of the beautiful blooms is nourishing food for the soul. A little bit of knowledge can go a long way to making summer memorable for the right reasons.

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Moon Lake Elementary's Sixth Grade Graduating Class
Front: Samantha Purvis, Kalee Hatfield, Kaitee McGee, Daniel Spriggs, Brooklyn Wright, Alexis Manifold; Middle: Amelia Saferite, Shelby Jackson, Paige Smith, Orion Nicely, Taylor Purvis, Alicia Shafer; Back: Levi Owen, Caleb Flannigan, Marysa Wigley, Cody Smith, Courtney Roden, Meagan Sutton, Amber Frazier and Leslie Bunch (teacher)

Life

author unknown

Submitted by Ameia Kirk Lolli

When I was young and my slippers were red, I would kick my feet over my head.

Then I grew older and my slippers were blue, but still I could dance the whole night through. Now I am old and my slippers are black, I walk to the corner and puff my way back.

The reason I know my youth has been spent, My get up and go, has got up and went. But I really don't mind when I think with a grin, of all the places my get up has been.

Since I retired from life's competition, I find every day an exact repetition.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits, pick the paper and read the obits! If my name isn't there, I know I'm not dead, so I eat a good breakfast, and go back to bed!



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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY is found in this log cabin. Featuring 2BR/1BA on main floor, L-shaped living/dining/kitchen combo with wood flooring throughout. Upstairs has 2 sleeping areas and bath with unique footed maids tub. Cozy front and back porches. This cabin is sold turn key. Make your appointment today. \$239,000 (18871)



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OH WHAT A DEAL! Quaint downtown bungalow in need of a little TLC. Features include 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood and vinyl flooring, office/dining nook, metal roof and lots of potential. \$65,000 (18783)



MENTONE - Log home surrounded by 2.8 +/- acres with an in-ground pool. This property features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen, spacious living area, large utility, central heat & air, covered porches on 3 sides and a 16 x 32 in-ground pool. This unique property has lots to offer. \$154,500 (18616)



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MOUNTAIN MAGIC! Enjoy the comforts of this magnificent Heritage log home currently under construction in Northbend. Property offers 2 bedrooms plus an open loft for possible 3rd bedroom, 2-1/2 baths, pine floors, covered front porch and side deck all situated on a 3.32 acre wooded lot. \$285,900 (16884)

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ON THE PARKWAY! You can be the proud NEW OWNER of the property known as Little River Cafe located on DeSoto Parkway minutes from Mentone and Fort Payne. Offers a fully equipped kitchen, dining room and large porch, stage for entertainment and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto SP and Little River Canyon. \$100,000 (17527)



YOU WILL FALL IN LOVE with this custom built log home situated on a private, wooded lot of over 2 acres in Mentone. This unique property offers log and pine walls, great room with wood burning stone fireplace, dining area, sleeping porch, kitchen with hard rock maple counter-tops, open front cabinets. 2BR/2BA complete the downstairs. Upstairs, an open loft with built-in beds and space enough for extra guests. Offered for \$325,000. (16773)



ENJOY LAZY AFTERNOONS and watch the sun set on the large deck of this fabulous like-new custom built home on the brow in Mentone. Features include pine floors and walls, gas log fireplace, cathedral ceiling living area, 3 bedrooms AND a loft, full appliance package, privacy fence, and so much more. You'll wish you had brought your overnight bag. \$348,500 (17847)



COME SEE THIS BROW LOT in Mentone featuring a unique log structure that you can use to get-away from it all. The log structure has been moved to this site and offers an open living space with 1 bedroom and a bath. You'll have plenty of acreage to build something new or just enjoy the atmosphere of days gone by. \$279,900 (18256)



NATIVE MOUNTAIN FOLIAGE creates a level of privacy for this 3 BR/ 2BA brick house overlooking the West Fork of Little River from the back yard. Split BR design, large family room with cathedral ceiling and mountain stone wood-burning fireplace, screened porch, 2 storage sheds, (1 with electricity), an attached 2-car garage and CH&A. \$249,000 (16371)



MOVE UP TO RIVERFRONT! Get an open and airy feeling throughout this 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home. Features include an oversized state-of-the-art kitchen with eating area, stone fireplace, wood and tile floors, oversized back porch and boat dock. Appealing landscaping with large native stones. Many windows to soak up the views. A must see for \$495,000. (17781)



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LIVE AND PLAY ON THE WATER! Enjoy 200' of frontage on the East Fork of Little River in this waterfront home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rock floors as well as some carpet, all appliances, wood burning fireplace, and storage building. Call for more details. \$347,900 (18278)



LIVE ON THE WATERS EDGE in this custom built log cabin. Features include 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious great room with cathedral ceilings, hickory floors and oversized windows, large utility room, 2-car garage and fishing dock situated on 2 lots. Set up your appointment today! \$245,000 (18898)

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Earth Day at Moon Lake School

By L.C. Moon

This year Earth Day was as enjoyable as I have ever attended. I love being with the kids each year and watching how they have grown. Then the younger ones - some of them getting their hands in the soil to plant for the very first time- are so eager to help and be a part of the Earth Day experience.

This year there was lots of excitement over the earth worms. Thankfully, after many years of the soil being worked, Moon Lake School has an immense earth worm population. Boys and girls alike were picking the earth worms up and appreciating the worms instead of saying...

"OOOOOOOOOOOHHHHH!"

The kids not being scared or grossed out by earth worms is thanks to Park Ranger Larry Bean's presentation on insects- which was sponsored by the Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance. Many of the kids were telling me what they learned about how Earth worms are beneficial because they

help condition the soil. The kids of Moon Lake were captivated by Larry's presentation!

Patti Bryan did a presentation about native birds. Aside from being an incredible song writer, Patti also has a great passion for nature. She has dedicated many years at Moon Lake School in helping keep the grounds beautiful and educating the children about the importance of nature.

There was a great clay art project happening in the center of the school grounds which was sponsored by the Mentone Area Arts Council. Clay was donated by Valinda Miracle of Miracle Pottery. Tammy and Jamie Bean assisted the children in their pottery projects and brought embossing paddles. Much thanks to Bill Rutledge, Jeanie Johnson and Miss Paula for helping with the art project also.

Heather Nicely is the main one to thank for such a successful Earth Day. She did an incredible job organizing the event and creating examples of recycled art! She has done so much for the kids at Moon Lake School. I know Heather would like to thank all of the volunteers and parents for helping

and/or donating plants.

This year, along with Bill Berry, Heather was awarded super hero of Moon Lake School for her efforts in art programs, her many efforts for helping maintain beautiful grounds at Moon Lake School, helping coordinate the grounds as a hands on experiential teaching tool, her fabulous job of organizing Earth Day, etc.

Last but not least Principal Brenda Wisner should be commended for continuing the Earth Day celebration in a creative unique way where parental involvement is still encouraged in a public school.

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And know that all I'd do for Thee,
Must needs be done for Others.

Let "self" be crucified and slain,
And buried deep, nor rise again;
And may all efforts be in vain,
Unless they be for Others.

And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in heaven begun
May I forget the crown I've won,
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Yes, Others, Lord, yes, Others.
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WILLIAM TYNDALE (1492?—1536), BIBLE TRANSLATOR by John S. Whitaker

There was a time when there was only one Bible in the church—and it was chained to the pulpit to keep it from being stolen. And it was written in Latin, so most people couldn't read it. There was a time when the Bible was copied by hand, and the cost was a year's wages. Imagine the work involved in copying the entire Bible by hand! Things would change.

Among the first to translate the Bible into English was a man named William Tyndale. Though not the very first, he was among the first group seeing the need for an English Bible.

He was born near Gloucestershire on or at the Welsh border about 1492. He studied at Oxford and Cambridge Universities from 1510—1521 and received the master's degree in 1515. At Cambridge University he met Desiderius Erasmus (1466?—1536), who had become prominent in the studies of the Greek language and theology. In 1521 Tyndale was ordained a priest and began preaching in some of the near-by towns. He established a reputation for his sincerity, love of the Bible, and faith in God. During this time he began to see the spiritual darkness in the churches, the ignorance of the Bible, and "juggling" of the Biblical texts in sermons so that it was impossible to determine the true meaning of the texts. To correct the situation, he saw the need to translate the Bible into the native language of the people. This became a growing concern of Tyndale, and he was determined to get it done.

There were a few others who had preceded Tyndale in having a desire to get the Bible to the people. Among the first of these Bible translators was the English poet Caedmon (lived in the late 600's) and the Venerable Bede (673?—7~5). Caedmon did paraphrasing (rewording and simplifying) of the books of Genesis,

Exodus, and part of the book of Daniel. The Venerable Bede was more scholarly than Caedmon, since he knew the Greek language and some Hebrew. Both men exerted a great deal of influence on their followers, and by the middle of the 700's there existed a translation of the four gospels, the first four books in the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. (These would be in Old English. Remember Beowulf;) It's difficult to determine the exact role of these two in the translations, but they do fit the time frame. Most people couldn't read and write and thus could not be blessed by the translations.

Another great scholar, John Wycliffe (1320?—1384), gave us the first translation of the entire Bible, and it was hand-written. Commonly called Wycliffe's Bible, this translation was in Middle English. (Remember Chaucer (1340?—1400) and his, *The Canterbury Tales*?) There exist today about 170 manuscripts of the Wycliffe translation. This "Morning Star of the Reformation" was helping the seed to grow, the seed that would allow all the people to have access to the Bible in their own language.

Johannes Gutenberg (1395?—1468?) with his improved printing press, made a revolution in the world of literature: people could buy books at a reasonable price. The first book he printed about 1440 was a Bible in Latin.

William Tyndale, probably in the year 1523, began to translate the New Testament in Modern English. Because of mounting persecution of the clergy, he decided to move to Germany. Making his way to Wittenberg, Germany, he visited Martin Luther and then moved to Cologne, Germany, to have his New Testament printed. An injunction by the senate of Cologne stopped him.

Leaving Cologne in 1525 to stay ahead of his persecutors, Tyndale moved to Worms, Germany, where 6,000 copies of his New Testament were printed. Several of these volumes were smuggled into England; however, many were seized and burnt.

Moving to Marburg, Germany, he hoped to get his translations published there but was shipwrecked on the way. He lost all his books, writings, and copies; he had to start again; in 1529 he again performed the task of translating the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament).

He moved to Antwerp, Belgium, in 1529, trying to avoid persecution. His translations include a translation of the New Testament, the Pentateuch, and Jonah. Some believe that he also translated the books of Joshua to Chronicles. In May, 1536, he was betrayed by Henry Phillips. Phillips pretended to be a convert of Tyndale's and the new faith. Tyndale stood trial for heresy and was condemned to death. On October 6, 1536, he was strangled at the stake, and his body was afterwards burned. His final words, a prayer, were, "Lord, open the king of England's eyes!" Thank you, Master Tyndale, for your sacrifice.

Today there are many transla-

tion of the Bible in English, but the most popular translation is the King James Version (or, Authorized Version, first printed in 1611.) Many regard it as the answer to Tyndale's final prayer for God to open the king of England's eyes. It has persevered since 1611 to be well-liked by the masses.

The Bible continues to be the most popular book ever printed. It is estimated that over 100 million have been printed. There are more than 260 languages into which it has been translated, and this includes more than 20 versions in English. These versions change none of the major doctrines of the Bible: instead, they are enhanced by them.

THOUGHT: The all-important thing for us today is that we **READ** and **STUDY** the Bible. **THINK** about it, and **MEDITATE** upon what you've read. **COMMIT** it to memory. And then **FOLLOW** and **OBEY** its teaching. **YOU SHALL BE A BETTER PERSON.**

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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Linda Brown, Secretary

The members of the Rhododendron Garden Club proved once again that beauty could be found in your own back yard. On May 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., twelve members and two guests car-pooled and journeyed to DeSoto State Park. Park Naturalist, Brittney Hughes, met them at the entrance of the Azalea Cascade Trail.

Brittney introduced herself and we realized that she is married to Josh Hughes, son of Bruce and Connie Hughes of Mentone. She explained that even though most of the blossoms have shed from the trees and scrubs, there is still plenty to see on this trail of one thousand feet, which winds through the woods in the park. She began by pointing out a plant which none of us wanted to touch, the poison ivy, which was winding itself up a tall oak tree. We soon began to see many wild flowers, which we take for granted. Lavender wood sorrel, maple leaf viburnum, false Solomon seal and Virginia creeper were very easy to spot at the beginning of the trail.

As we journeyed deeper into the forest we were astonished at the number of wild flowers that literally grow under our feet. We were taught to recognize New York ferns, sweet brush, hearts-a-busting-with-love, wild ginger, trillium, cat briar (which contains caffeine and can be chewed), cinnamon ferns, witch hazel, galax, ladies slippers, and yellow root which was used by the Native Americans for medicine, dye and as a dietary supplement.

The extra large trees were amazing. You would see a large tree trunk in the woods and then if you looked up you would realize the enormous size as you viewed the foliage of the tree. One of the most impressive was the tulip tree as it was just beginning to bloom. Under the large oaks, hickories and pines, we were able to sort out the undergrowth, which contained sassafras trees, mountain laurel, rhododendron, wild blueberries, wild azaleas, cucumber magnolias and hawthorn scrubs.

At the end of the trail, which is on a large boardwalk, there is a small stream. The recent rains had greatly increased the size of the stream and had even developed a waterfall over and around some rocks. This would have been a perfect ending of the walk, but there was more to come. The members walked back to the highway and were treated to another walk to view the native rhododendrons in bloom. This was a fitting end of the excursion as the name of this plant is also the name of our club and the plant chosen as the club plant by our founders many years ago.

Everyone had been told to bring a brown bag lunch and a drink and when it was established that we had done so, President, Dianne Kuehl led us to the large pavilion where we sat at the tables and enjoyed the food and especially the fellowship of being together for a common cause.

Next meeting: June 9, 2009, at the MER.F. Community House. The program topic is Floral Designs in preparation for the upcoming VFW Fair Flower Show in September. Members are expected and guests are invited.

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



Micah Kendall Walker

IT'S A BOY!

Hi, my name is Micah Kendall Walker. I came into this world November 21, 2008. My proud parents are Scott and Tisha Walker, of Chattanooga. I have a big brother that loves me too, his name is Jonah Scott Walker. My Poppy and Grand mommy live in Mentone. They are Gerald and Phyllis Bailey. I have a Mimi and Papaw that live in Knoxville, they are Moe and Pat Walker.

I hope my brother and I will get to come to Mentone this summer. My mommy says Mentone is a great place to come and visit. She would like to live there, but daddy works in Chattanooga, so she will have to be happy just coming to visit Grand mommy and Poppy. Maybe my brother and I can write you again just to let you know what we are up to.



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Travels close to home Anniston, Alabama

Second in a series on short trips that can be made in one day. Each article will include something special to see or do and a good place to eat while you're there.

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Earlier dreams of "far away places with strange sounding names" have given way to the reality of a shrinking economy and the knowledge that many of those places that I once dreamed of don't like Americans. However with a short trip down to Anniston, I saw treasures of the Far East, animals worthy of an African safari, lush tropical orchids that



could grace an island paradise and much, much more and I didn't even have to leave north Alabama. My first stop was the Berman Museum of World History at 840 Museum Drive. It features more than 8000 artifacts and offers unique opportunity to view ancient treasures and objects from all over the world. With more items in the storage beneath the public areas that are rotated out on a regular basis, there's always something new to see. Farley Berman was an Anniston native and collector. Included in the collection are hundreds of bronzes, paintings by European and American artists, historically significant artifacts, ethnographic material, art from Asia, weaponry and historical documents. The collection of bronzes includes 22 by the famous American artist, Frederic Remington who specialized in art of the American

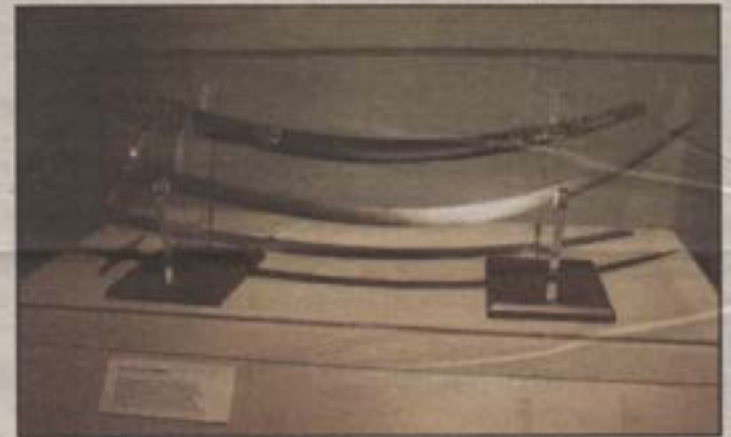


west. It is on display in the American west section.

Although several museums and galleries expressed an interest in his collection, he and his wife bequeathed it to their hometown, Anniston. He

explained that his French wife had two loves, Paris and Anniston and Paris already had the Louvre so they didn't need any more museums.

The collection reflects his interest in weapons with a large assortment of weapons from World War I and World War II. In case, you're a James Bond fan and think all



those dual function items that he used were pure fiction that came from author Ian Fleming's imagination, you need to check out the Berman Museum. There's an ordinary looking flute that is fully functioning both as a flute and a weapon firing a lethal 22 bullet. A gear

shift knob that fires two bullets is another lethal ordinary item along with displays cases full of other amazing dual purpose "weapons".

For the child in all of us, there's a chance to "play dress up" again with real army uniforms complete with helmets.

One of the most unusual weapons is a Royal Persian scimitar with a blade made of Damascus steel. Its scabbard has over \$6 million dollars worth of gemstones.

In the Berman Museum's Arts of Asia Hall, many of the items were made and used when Jesus walked on the earth.

