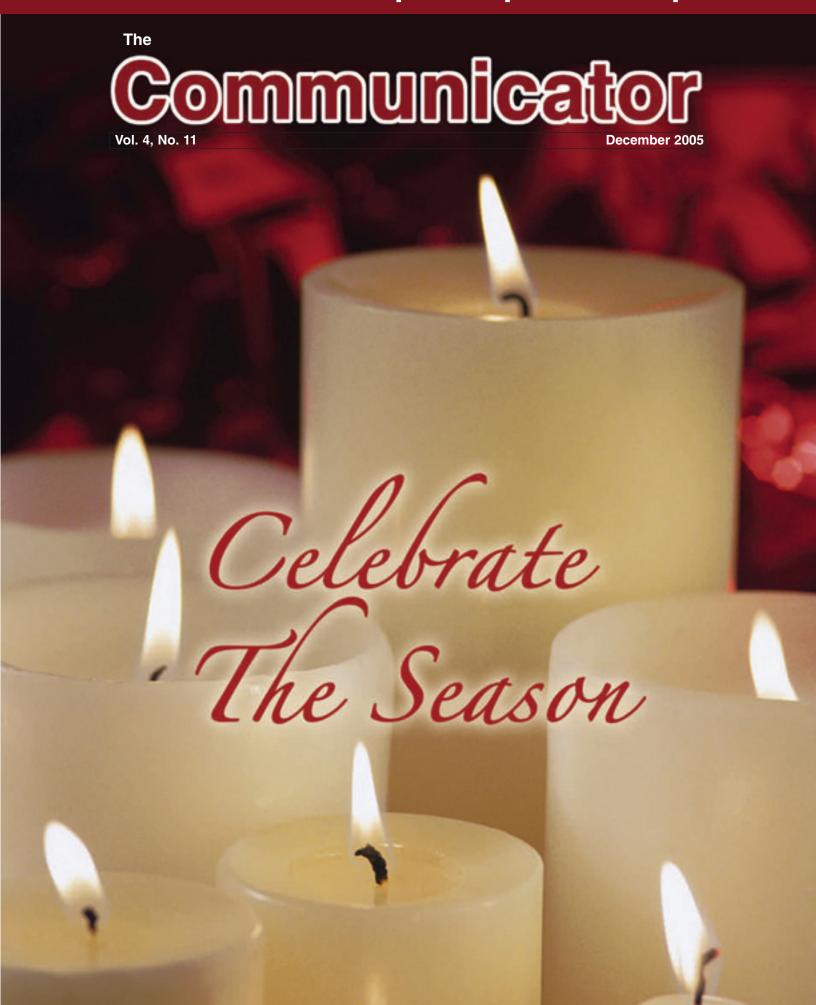
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'Tis the Season'! Yes the holiday season is upon us! This time of year often leads to thoughts of families and gifts. That is one reason that we at NHTC are bearing gifts for you, our "Co-op" family. For the month of December, we are giving you lots of holiday presents.

We are giving you the opportunity to connect to the cable television network at no charge. We are even giving everyone the opportunity to add extensions at half price. This will give you the Christmas specials, parades and bowl games to get you in that festive spirit. It can also help out in those cases where Santa is bringing someone a television for their room. Now the children can watch Nickelodeon, while dad watches ESPN and mom watches Travel or HGTV.

We are also giving you a Dial-up Internet connection at no charge or High-Speed Internet connection at a huge savings. This could really save you time and money by helping you find those "hard to find" items on everyone's wish list. By shopping online, you can avoid running all over town, only to find that they just sold the last one. With the money you saved on gasoline, you can even treat yourself to a little something special.

We have been working very hard all year on some very large presents. We have dedicated many hours to developing a strategic plan to carry NHTC into the future. We have an action plan to provide you with cutting edge technology and many more options in all of our service offerings. You will definitely be hearing more about this in 2006.

We are also wrapping up a huge surprise for you in early 2006. You will definitely want to watch for *The Communicator* and our Local Channel 24. This surprise will provide an avenue for considerable cost savings for members. Could there be any better time to offer a money saving offer than right after Christmas?

We are even laying the groundwork for additional gifts to come mid 2006. Now, I know that has to be a sweet note mixed in with the sounds of the season.

2005 has indeed been a productive year and we are proud to be able to offer our family so many gifts. We wish you the Happiest of Holidays and truly look forward to the New Year. 2006 promises to be full of challenges and progress, maybe even more so than 2005. I leave you with this thought



by Alan Kay, "The best way to predict the future is to invent it."

Teresa Hunkapiller General Manager of New Hope Telephone Cooperative

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The NHTC Management Team would like to express its sincere appreciation for Teresa Hunkapiller's leadership and contributions towards the success of our cooperative in 2005.

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is a member-owned corporation dedicated to providing communications technology to the residents and businesses of New Hope, Grant and Owens Cross Roads.

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The Board, management and staff of NHTC wishes all our members a happy holiday season.

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Holiday closings

The offices of New Hope Telephone Cooperative will be closed December 23 and 26, as well as January 2, to allow our employees time to celebrate the holidays with their families. We wish all our members happy holidays.

Corrections

In the November issue of *The Communicator*, Teresa Hunkapiller's column should have stated that Rhonda Russell's baby, Brandon Luke, was born on Sept. 2. Also, the NHTC promotion on the back page featured an incorrect phone number; the contact number for NHTC is 723-4211. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Welcome New NHTC Business Customers

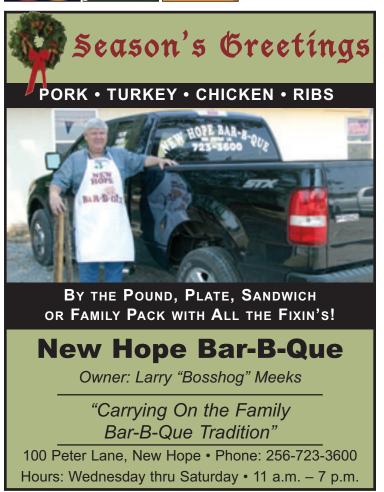
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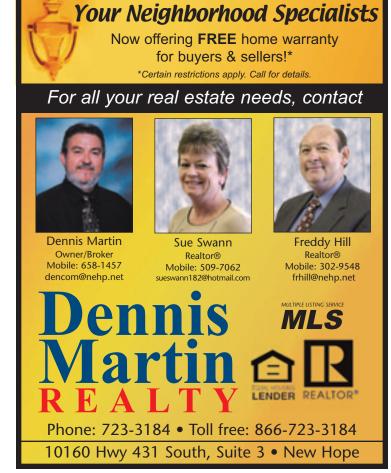
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Coalition launched to keep America connected

The National Telecommunications Cooperative Association and three other rural telecom associations have launched the Coalition to Keep America Connected. The coalition is dedicated to ensuring that all consumers have access to affordable telecommunications services and the latest technologies - no matter where they live.

It is important that the voices of rural telecommunications subscribers be heard and understood as legislators consider rewriting the Communications Act. The Coalition will provide information and resources to Congressional leaders to ensure they understand the impact their decisions have on the daily lives of rural Americans.

"This country has the most reliable, extensive telephone network in the world," says NHTC General Manager Teresa Hunkapiller. "And for that we

can thank the concept of Universal Service, which ensures that everyone has fair, affordable access to that network."

It is critical, Hunkapiller says, that the telecommunications needs of rural Americans are not overlooked as the future of Universal Service is debated. "The Coalition to Keep America Connected will help us continue to move America forward, ensuring that no segment is left behind," she says.

For more information about the Coalition to Keep America Connected – including the Coalition's legislative priorities and details about how you can become involved – please visit the Coalition Web site. The address is www.keepamericaconnected.org.

Say goodbye to telemarketers

If you're like most people, your name is on plenty of lists. But did you know there is one list you can get on that can actually reduce the number of sales calls you receive? The Public Service Commission maintains a 'Do Not Call' registery for residential consumers who do not want to receive unsolicited sales calls. Currently, there is no charge to be included in the list. Simply visit the Web site

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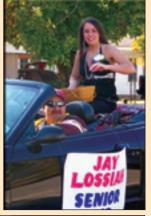




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Teacher Talk

By Carolyn Creighton NHES Assistant Principal

Now, even the college SATS have a writing component. Are American students ready? The National Commission on Writing says no. "American education will never realize its potential as an engine of opportunity growth until a writing revolution puts communication in its proper place in the classroom. Writing is how students connect the dots in their knowledge."

First published in 2003, the report calls for the following national agenda: states should re-visit their writing standards; national leaders should use their influence to call for stronger standards; higher education should be involved in writing instruction in areas of teacher education; funding should provide assistance in making writing a core curriculum; measured assessments should go beyond machine graded/multiple choice instruments; and best practices of writing pedagogy should be replicated.

Supporting this belief, the AP reports that the Commission recently published an article declaring: Nearly a quarter billion dollars was spent on remedial writing instruction for its employees.

Since 1989, Alabama has given a writing test to a selection of its students: the Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing, a formal assessment in the fifth and seventh grades. The tenth grade now has a similar test. The writings are scored both holistically and analytically; the holistic score is reported in the newspapers and deals with the ebb and flow of the written piece, cohesiveness, voice, audience, and adherence to theme. Analytical scores deal with mechanics, grammar, and syntax of the writing.

Does it make Alabama students good writers? Reviews are mixed. Practicing writing improves writing just like practicing reading improves reading.

Staying competitive, clear, articulate, and confident in writing, students must be given the time to write.

Gates Foundation to distribute literacy book written by New Hope educator

Melvina Phillips knows the importance of literacy. If a child can read, and comprehend what they read, that child can be a successful student — and eventually a successful adult.

The New Hope resident's experience in the classroom and in school administration led to the writing of "Creating a Culture of Literacy: A Guide for Middle

and High School
Principals." The
book, a project of
the National
Association of
Secondary
School
Principals, lays
the groundwork
for developing a
school-wide
emphasis on
reaching every
student.

Phillips' message will be heard across the country, thanks to the support of the

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The non-profit organization, a project of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, will pay to distribute some 46,000 copies of the book — one to every secondary school in the country.

Phillips' book profiles the successful programs of three high schools and two middle schools. In Chapter 6, "Intervention: Meeting the Needs of ALL Students," Phillips profiles Buckhorn High School in New Market.

Phillips served as a teacher at New Hope, and in the district office for the

Madison County School System. She retired in 2002 as principal of Discovery Middle School in Madison.

Phillips learned an important principle about literacy during her career: "It's more than a program you can purchase," she says. "It takes an entire school working together."

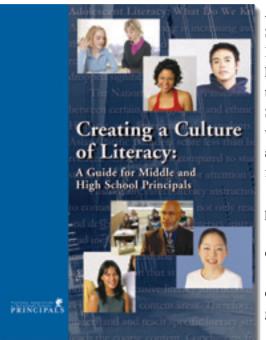
Phillips' work in recent years with

the National
Association of
Secondary School
Principals has taken
her to schools across
the United States.
She says the schools
with successful literacy programs share
five elements:

- strong supportive leadership;
- 2) strategic use of assessments;
- 3) a professional development program;
- 4) highly effective teachers; and
- 5) a well-defined accelerated intervention program.

"Of those students entering the 9th grade this year, six million will drop out," Phillips says. Many of these will fail to graduate because they cannot read well enough to succeed in their content classes, she says. She hopes "Creating a Culture of Literacy" will help principals meet the critical learning needs of students across the country.

To learn more about Phillips' book, visit www.principals.org on the Internet and click on the "Principal's Store" link.





FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT GRANT PARK There will be large decorative Christmas cards, food, a fund-raiser with Pampered Chef and much more! This event is sponsored by Friends of the Library. For more information, contact Valerie Keel at 256-679-7936.

Grant Christmas Parade SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 4:00 P.M.

New Hope Christmas Parade SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 1:00 P.M.

Open House

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 Elizabeth Carpenter Library, New Hope Immediately following parade. Contact: 723-2995

Breakfast with Santa SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 7 - 10 A.M.

Tickets are on sale now. This event, sponsored by NHHS Softball Booster Club, features a pancake breakfast with Santa for \$5. Those who wish can have their picture made with "real" Santa, too! To order tickets, mail your name, address, phone number and a check for \$5 each to: Marty Rogers, 3081 Old Big Cove Road, OCR, AL

6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in New Hope

For further details, call 256-656-9580.

35763 before Tuesday, December 6, 2005.

Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Winona Patterson at 723-2616, ext.13.

A Holiday Play

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00 P.M. Don't miss the debut performance of Owens Cross Road's new drama club held at the Owens Cross Roads Gym!

The Shepherd's Song

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 6:00 P.M. Presented by Galilee Baptist Church Choir at the church. Everyone is invited to attend

Angel Tree

Celebrate the Season!

New Hope Telephone Cooperative has placed an Angel Tree in our lobby to help support the Christmas Share Program. Each angel has the first name, age and clothing size of a needy child in our area. Please stop by and remove an angel from the tree, purchase a Christmas present and return it wrapped to our office. Be sure to attach the angel to the gift. The presents will be distributed to the boys and girls for Christmas. For additional information about our Angel Tree, call Maria Goodson at 723-3748.

Christmas Traditions

- ·Mistletoe has been associated with love in Celtic rituals and Norse mythology for centuries, which ultimately led to the tradition of "kissing under the mistletoe".
- •"Jingle Bells", a popular Christmas song, was actually written for Thanksgiving. The song, composed in 1857, by James Pierpont, was originally called "One Horse Open Sleigh".
- •Hanging a stocking near the chimney in hopes of a gift is the product of an old German

Jim Warren is NHTC's eye in the sky

Jim Warren's photography has been a big help to NHTC's members. For example, earlier this year the cooperative published in its magazine, *The* Communicator, an overhead shot of New Hope School to show members the new layout for its annual meeting. And an aerial photo of NHTC's office building helped readers understand how to access customer parking and the

But Warren doesn't climb into a cockpit and sail into the blue to capture his aerial shots. He stands on the ground with a radio controller in hand, guiding the flight

drive-thru window.

pattern of an electric-powered, threefeet-wide plane that is armed with a Nikon camera.



Jim Warren readies his radio-controlled plane to capture images in flight over New Hope Telephone Cooperative.

An Internet Technician for NHTC, Warren has worked with radio-controlled planes for some 25 years. Within the

> past two years he has incorporated photography into his hobby.

> A frame that mounts to his plane's body holds the digital camera. He attaches the camera, sets it in 'sports mode,' and drops an arm with a set screw that engages the shutter button. He then flies the plane until the camera's memory card is filled with photos.

> Warren recommends anyone considering the hobby to do plenty of research before investing in equipment.



During 2005, several New Hope Telephone Cooperative employees celebrated milestone anniversaries. Each employee received a gift certificate as a token of NHTC's appreciation for their dedication and hard work. Pictured are, left to right: (back row) Donald Roy Paseur, Darren Maples, David Whitaker, Robert Patterson, Steven Campbell, (front row) Kanita Medlen, John Whitaker, and Patsy Martin. Not pictured is Rhonda Russell.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR DECEMBER 2005

December 5th

New Hope City Council meeting New Hope City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Grant City Council meeting Grant Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

December 12th

New Hope Planning Commission New Hope City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

December 16th

First Bank of the South's Customer Appreciation Day, Grant, 10:00 a.m.-Noon Food, fun & prizes. Call 728-8000

December 19th

New Hope City Council meeting New Hope City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Grant City Council meeting Grant Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

New Hope Historical Association will not meet in December.

December 22nd

OCR City Council meeting
Owens Cross Roads Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Scam Alert

Telemarketing scams are big business, and the individuals working them can be very persuasive. New Hope Telephone Cooperative wants you to know how to protect yourself from con-artists who may call. Don't become a statistic. Never give a caller any of the following:

- Your social security number
- Your bank account number
- Your credit card number

For more information on what to do if you receive a fraudulent call, visit ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/tmarkg/target.

Congratulations softball tournament winners

The 2nd Annual Men's Softball League, organized by New Hope City Park, would like to recognize the winning teams.

The league winner was the Environmental Solutions team, coached by Brandon Pritchett. Members of the team are: Dallas Adams, Thomas Butler, Matt Butler, Chris Duckett, Dusty Yarbrough, Dustin Lang, John Gates, Jeff Clark, Kyle Mann, Adam Beasley, Russell Grider and Daniel Motes.

This year's tournament winner was New Hope Funeral Home's team, coached by Billy Jones. Team members are: Joey Ikard, Wayne Stewart, Terry Dunn, Terry Howell, Creig Weterhouse, Tommy Jones, Jo Hindman, Bobby Ramsey, Gerald Franks, Danny Ikard, Kevin Dunn, Jim Chandler, Rickey Sharp, Byron Hubbard and Bobby Ramsey.

Congratulations to both teams and thanks to all the other teams that participated in the league.



Mrs. Swafford's 5th grade class enjoyed a presentation by the National Wild Turkey Federation of Huntsville. Federation President Jim Profizitich, along with Vice President C.T. Locke, discussed characteristics of a turkey and gave the class gifts including a DVD, video, multimedia CD-ROM, bookmarkers, rulers, pencils, and posters of turkeys. They also provided information on a program for children called JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship). Those interested in joining this program may find more information by calling 803-637-3106 or visiting www.nwtf.org.

Local Boy Scouts need community's help

The local area Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America need your help. Sponsors are needed for individual Scouts and donations of used uniforms would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Charlotte Mann at 723-4570 if you would like to be a sponsor or make a clothing donation.



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Pastor's Note-

by Pastor Larry Bishop, First Baptist Church of New Hope

Do you take your Bible for granted? Has the Bible become commonplace and lost its precious value?

It has been a while since Mel Gibson released his movie "The Passion of the Christ". But I will have to admit I have not forgotten the vivid images of what I saw on the screen that day. As I watched I was reminded of what I already knew about Jesus Christ and His love for us. You see I know the story because the Bible, the inspired source of this wonderful story, is something I have read.

The Bible continues to be the world's number one, best selling English book. We see Bibles everywhere – on coffee tables, in hospitals, hotels, motels, and in bookstores. There are

several different versions and they come in many different sizes. For some they have become family heirlooms.

Do you realize that at one time the Bible was written in a language we did not understand? Also did you know that at one time the Bible was chained to a

pulpit so common people could not get near it? The purpose was to keep people ignorant of the word of God and therefore spread man made doctrines. Without a Bible people have no way of verifying what they are being told and therefore believe man's version rather than what God said. Take time to read your Bible. Do not let man's version be the only source of your understanding of the greatest story ever told.

See you in church next Sunday.

Inspiration Corner

"It's the most wonderful time of the year", as the song goes. My favorite secular traditions are to watch the holiday classics: *It's A Wonderful Life*, *Christmas Vacation* (the G version rather than PG), *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *A Christmas*

Carol, and The Grinch. I like to watch them at the beginning of the season while we are putting up decorations in hopes of setting the tone for what we would like Christmas to be at our home. Christmas Vacation is more typical to what our culture has become and I think that is sad. I really don't think God meant for Jesus' birth in a stable to be turned into a time of frantic anxiety and stress, causing so many people to dread its observance. To make matters worse, it is now becoming politically incorrect to mention Christmas in a public setting. HUMBUG!

If Christmas is not the most wonderful time of the year for you, please find a church where you can find the reason why it should be and what is keeping you from feeling it now. God loves us so much He certainly did not want Christmas to be a burden to your heart. If you want to find the real JOY of Christmas and have the one gift that will last for eternity, receive the greatest gift of all simply by asking Jesus to come into your heart. Most all area churches will be having special programs this month and I hope you will find one or several to learn why, "It's the most wonderful time of the year". I pray you all have a "Merry Christmas Charlie Brown", and "may God bless us all, everyone"!



Michael Carpenter, Pastor New Hope United Methodist Church & Oak Bowery United Methodist Church

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A history of New Hope School

(Note: This article is the first in a series on the history of New Hope School.)

By Sara Burleson

At the end of the Civil War the people who remained in New Hope soon built a two-room school on what is now New Hope Cedar Point Road, lying diagonally across from the Church of Christ. The location of an earlier school has never been determined. Two deeds are on file in the Probate Records room of the Madison County Courthouse. They are as follows: *Vol. 98, p. 570, Thomas S. Ikard to New Hope School. Trustees: H.R. Johnson, R.J. Rumsey and W.D. Lyon. Year 1906 Sec. 2 T6 R2 E, and *Vol. 98, p. 569, G.T. Nichols to

New Hope School (year, trustees and description same).

According to Mr. W. P. Nichols in an interview of 1939, names of some of the early educators who taught here include the Messers, George Hill, Alfred Hodges, Sidney Hodges, S. R. Butler, J. B. Vann, Thomas Parks and Misses Bessie and Bertie Hinds, Miss Tate Hayden and Mrs. Leona Butler Coles. Student helpers were widely used during early times. Mr. Nichols recalled that he was asked by the trustees and the principal (Mr. Coleman) to serve as a helper one year. For one year's work, he was given a dictionary valued at one dollar. Teacher's pay was twenty-five dollars per month. A term was four months.

Several teachers of these early times came from Tennessee. Most of them, as well as a number of local young people, received their training at Winchester Normal in Winchester, Tennessee. Mrs. G. W. Butler, a grandmother to George Butler, Sr., ran a boarding house at Winchester while her daughters, relatives and other young locals were attending the academy and college. Others attended Athens Female College, Huntsville Female Seminary, Ward Belmont, David Libscomb, University of Alabama, Auburn (API) and Florence Teachers Normal.

Next month learn how the community came together to build a new school after World War I.

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Local seniors receive free screenings at CASA Health Fair



Blood pressure checks were among the many screenings provided free of charge to seniors at the recent CASA Health Fair.

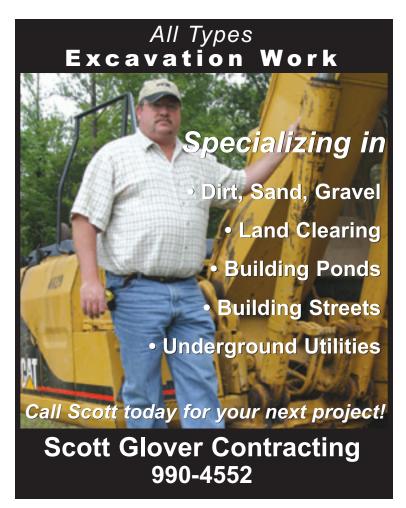
Senior citizens throughout the area recently attended a Senior Health Fair sponsored by the Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound, better known as CASA.

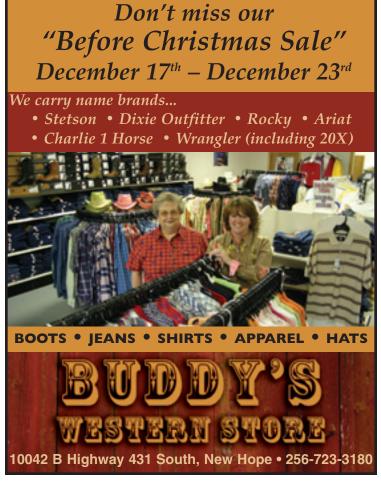
Participants at the health fair were screened for high blood pressure, blood sugar, hearing and vision. Flu shots were available for those over 65 and those with chronic health conditions.

Lunch for the fair was provided by Madison County Commissioner Jerry Craig.

CASA's mission is to provide volunteer services to assist with the unmet needs of aging and homebound individuals. They provide many forms of assistance, from transportation to medical appointments and wheelchair ramp installation to emergency weather assistance and even fresh vegetables from the CASA Community Garden.

If you'd like additional information about the services offered by CASA, or if you'd like to become a volunteer, phone Kathy House at (256) 533-7775. You may also visit them via the Internet at www.casamadisoncounty.com.







From the kitchen of

Dorothy Bridges

Dorothy Bridges is a traditional cook, one of those who knows — without measuring — just how much of each ingredient is needed to make the recipe perfect. In fact, she spent a whole day preparing this month's featured recipes in order to record the measurements.

Her family didn't mind taking care of these samples. They look forward to

enjoying her home-cooked meals every Wednesday afternoon (she cooks for all 30 of them every week).

By the time she was 10, Bridges was learning how to cook from her mother. She once owned the Wig Wam cafe in New Hope, and has worked in other restaurants. Her talents remain popular at family gatherings and church dinners.

Honey Bun Cake

I box yellow cake mix 4 eggs, beaten 3/4 cup oil I cup buttermilk I cup brown sugar 2 tsp. cinnamon I/2 cup pecans

Preheat oven to 300°. Mix first 4 ingredients well. Pour into greased 13" x 9" baking dish. Combine brown sugar, cinnamon, and pecans. Swirl into batter. Bake at 300° for 40 to 60 minutes. After 40 minutes, check for doneness with toothpick.

Glaze:

I cup powdered sugar

2 Tbsp. milk

I tsp. vanilla

Mix all ingredients together until smooth. Pour over warm cake.

Hamburger Surprise

I cup mozzarella cheese

2 lbs. Hamburger meat

I box curly noodles

I chopped onion

I bell pepper, chopped

I-16 oz. mild cheddar cheese

I-26 oz. can Hunts® spaghetti sauce

Cook noodles and drain. Brown hamburger meat, onion and pepper; drain. Set aside mozzarella and I cup cheddar. Combine all other ingredients. Pour into greased baking dish. Top with mozzarella and remaining cheddar. Bake at 400° for 25 minutes or until lightly browned.

Peanut Butter Pie

I cup sugar

2 Tbsp. flour

4 eggs, separated

I tsp. vanilla

1/4 tsp. salt

2/3 cup creamy peanut butter

1/2 tsp. cream of tartar

2 cups milk

Mix sugar, flour and salt. Beat egg yolks. Combine dry ingredients and egg yolks. Add 1/2 cup milk and vanilla to make a paste. Bring remaining milk to boil in saucepan. Add paste, stirring constantly until thickened. Remove from heat. Mix in peanut butter. Pour into baked pie shell. In mixing bowl, beat 3 egg whites, 3 Tbsp. sugar and 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar until stiff peaks form. Top pie with meringue and brown in oven at 350°.

Pasta Salad

I-16 oz. Box Rotini (or any pasta)8 chopped green onions2 Tbsp. chopped onion

I clove garlic, chopped I/2 Tbsp. pepper 6 oz. Italian dressing

Boil pasta in salt water. Drain. Mix other ingredients. Combine with pasta. Chill overnight if possible.

Note: You can add 2 boiled eggs, if desired.

Corrected Recipe

An important ingredient was mistakenly left out of a recipe last month. We are sorry for any inconvenience, and have printed the recipe in its entirety below. Happy eating!

Bar-B-Que Chicken

I stick margarine

2 cups Coke

I bottle Ketchup

I bottle BBQ Sauce

Chicken, rinsed and skinned

Mix together margarine, Coke, ketchup and BBQ sauce in a sauce pan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat, add chicken and cook until tender. About 45 minutes.

submitted by Lucille Maples

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Happy Holidays



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Grey Cagle. Parents are Chris & Tammy Cagle. Photo taken by mother.



Corey & Tara and their dog 'Nick". Photo by mother, Angie Richard.



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