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On the cover:

The Annual Meeting of your New Hope Telephone Cooperative was held May 18 at New Hope school.

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Manager's Comments

Annual Meeting attendees heard details of NHTC's future direction



Those who attended the business session at our Annual Meeting last month heard a detailed report about the direction of NHTC. One of the most interesting — and most telling — facts was found in a few charts shown in our slide presentation. I've included them here for your benefit.

These charts show what is hap-

pening at NHTC regarding the type of services people are using. Locally, the number of traditional phone service and dial up Internet customers has dropped in the past five years, while the number of high speed broadband Internet customers has increased dramatically. And that is what's happening across the country.

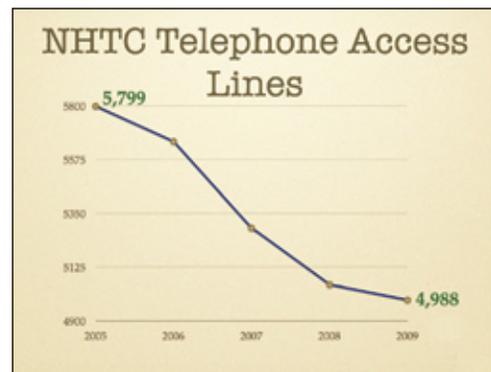
This is another clear indication that your cooperative is moving in the right direction in building a fiber-to-the-home system. That's the future of the telecommunications industry. And if we need further reinforcement, the FCC is working to revise the Universal Service Fund to focus less on providing phone service to high costs areas and more on providing broadband service. Just do an Internet search on the 'National Broadband Plan.'

The national Fiber To The Home Council recently reported that "...fiber to the home is now being deployed by more than 750 service providers across North America, with most of those being small, independent telephone companies that are replacing their copper lines with end-to-end fiber in order to ensure their future competitiveness as broadband providers."

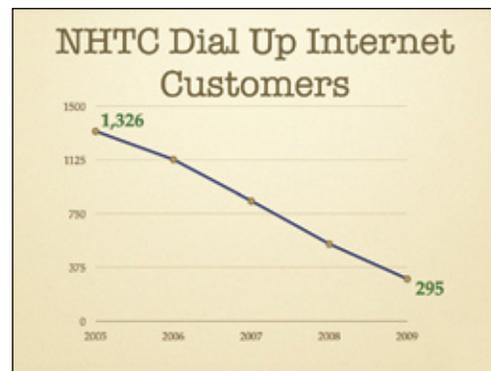
You can be proud that NHTC is one of those making ready for the future.▲

Tom Wing

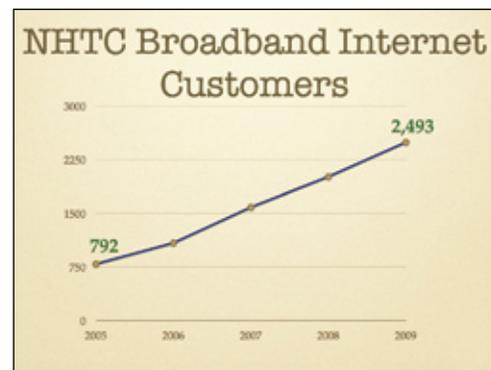
General Manager, New Hope Telephone Cooperative



In the past five years, our number of traditional telephone access lines has dropped...



Our number of dial up Internet customers has dropped...



While our number of high speed broadband Internet customers has skyrocketed.

Two deserving seniors receive NHTC scholarships



ANNA PARKS of New Hope High School received a \$500 scholarship from New Hope Telephone Cooperative. Anna is the daughter of William and Esther Parks of New Hope. She graduated in May with a 3.89 GPA. Anna was a volunteer at the Huntsville Museum of Art and the Elizabeth Carpenter Public Library in New Hope. Her extra curricular activities include: Scholars Bowl, FBLA, National Honor Society, SGA Secretary, Anchor Club, Drama Club, Art Club, Best Artist Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students and more. Anna enjoys reading, drawing, painting, listening to music, singing and writing. Anna will attend UAB in the fall and plans to major in Art Education.



COURTNEY DANIELLE COOPER of Kate Duncan Smith DAR High School was the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from NHTC. She is the daughter of Cindy and Rodney Cooper of Grant. Courtney graduated with a 4.0 GPA and is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Senior Class Secretary/Treasurer, FCCLA Class Representative, Mu Alpha Theta, Junior Civitans, FCA and SADD. Her volunteer work includes Crestwood Hospital, KDS Campus Cleanup, Shoe Boxes for Guatemala, Pennies for Peace and more. Courtney will attend Samford University in the fall where she will major in Biology/PreMed.

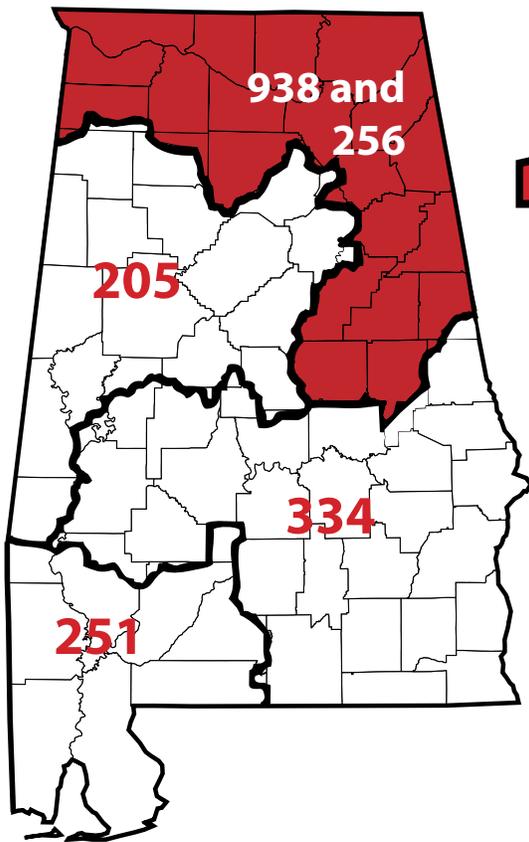


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10 digit dialing

takes effect this month

Here are some things you need to know that will make the transition easier

While any change in daily routine can take a little getting used to, some members are concerned about how the new 10-digit dialing system will affect them. Here are some of the most commonly asked questions and answers that may help you to make the switch without dealing with the worry.

Q: What is 10-digit dialing?

A: 10-digit dialing is the addition of the 3-digit area code to the local 7-digit phone numbers you already use.

Q: Why is it necessary to use 10-digit dialing?

A: The current system is running out of prefixes. A new area code is being added to accommodate new numbers.

Q: Will my phone number change?

A: No phone numbers are changing. The new area code will be assigned to new landline and cell phone numbers issued in north Alabama.

Q: When do I have to dial 10 digits?

A: Effective June 5, 2010, dialing 10-digits will be required for all phone calls — local and long distance.

Q: Since I am dialing the area code, will I have to dial a '1', also?

A: It will not be necessary to dial a '1' or '0' when calling a local number.

Q: What happens if I forget to dial the area code on my local phone calls?

A: After June 5, if you fail to include the area code when dialing a local number, your call will not go through. You will hear a recorded message reminding you to include the area code when dialing local numbers.

Q: What do I do when calling 911 or 'information'?

A: Special services such as 911, 811 and 411 will remain unchanged. It will not be necessary to include the area code when dialing these numbers.

Q: Will the new calling system affect my home or business security system?

A: Customers with security systems should contact their vendor to determine if the number dialed needs to be reprogrammed.

Q: What do I do about numbers in my cell phone directory?

A: Update all contacts in your cell phone to include the area code.

Q: Do I need to change my preset numbers such as speed dialing?

A: If you use services such as speed dialing, call forward or call blocking, it will be necessary to reprogram those numbers to include the area code.

Q: My phone number is on my checks and business cards; what do I do about the number change?

A: Wait until reordering pre-printed materials, then be sure the phone number listed includes the area code.

Q: What if I still have questions?

A: Call NHTC at 256-723-4211 and ask to speak with a Customer Service Representative.

Another award-winning year for The Communicator

For the fourth time, *The Communicator* has been honored with a national award from the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA).

The latest recognition for NHTC's member magazine came at NTCA's annual marketing conference where it was voted "Best Customer Newsletter" in the 5,001 - 10,000 access line, outsourced production category.

"I couldn't be more pleased," says NHTC Marketing Director Misty Williams. "When you think about how many other entries were submitted from across the nation, it feels really good to have our magazine selected as the best. We know we're doing something right."



The Communicator won a Telechoice Award in May at the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association's (NTCA) annual marketing conference. This is the fourth time *The Communicator* has been honored by NTCA.

NHTC has been providing the communities of Owens Cross Roads, Grant and New Hope information about what's taking place at the cooperative as well as feature stories and community news and events on a monthly basis through the pages of *The Communicator*.

Members are also able to advertise their businesses at an affordable rate.

"The community loves this magazine," says General Manager Tom Wing. "People comment all the time about what they've read and would like to see in *The Communicator*."

In 2007, NTCA awarded the magazine with one of their highest honors — Best Subscriber Communications Program.▲

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NHTC unveils new website

NHTC recently launched an exciting new website that puts information at the fingertips of its members and those seeking service with the cooperative.

“We are proud to introduce our new website,” says NHTC Marketing Director Misty Williams. “We wanted to make it easy to remember the website and further establish our company as a member-owned cooperative, so we chose a name that would accomplish both goals — www.nhtc.coop.”

NHTC has always been committed to providing members with easy access to current information, products, services and special offers in the pages of its award-winning magazine, *The Communicator*. Although the same information was available on

NHTC’s old website, nehp.net, the new site is easier to navigate.

“Some members found it difficult to find the information they needed on our previous site,” says Williams, “but the new site was created from the start with the end user in mind.

“Customers can now quickly and easily navigate through the site and find what they need to know,” she adds.

Four main tabs make for easy navigation. The home page features a direct webmail login, recent cooperative news, specials and a link in the top right corner to pay your bill online.

As new products and services are offered, NHTC will make changes and additions to include those as well. See below for a better explanation of what you will find at www.nhtc.coop.▲

nhtc.coop features a fresh, clean look and easy navigation

The screenshot shows the NHTC website home page. At the top left is the logo for New Hope Telephone Cooperative with the tagline "Your Communications Connection". To the right is a "Pay Your Bill Online" button. Below the logo is a navigation bar with four tabs: "PRODUCTS & SERVICES", "RESOURCES", "YOUR COOPERATIVE", and "CONTACT US". The main content area features a large banner for "Get Savings by the BUNDLE with NHTC" with two pricing options: \$79.95/mo and \$119.95/mo. Below the banner are sections for "CHOOSE YOUR VIEW" (with a "Communicator" link), "WEBMAIL LOGIN" (with fields for Username and Password), "NEWS" (with a list of articles), and a weather widget for New Hope, AL showing 79°F and a "Hourly-hour | 10-day" forecast link. A footer contains contact information and addresses.

Return to the home page from anywhere by clicking the NHTC logo.

Four main tabs make navigating the site a breeze.

A quick link for Bill Pay takes you directly to a secure server for payment processing.

Current specials and promotions are featured on the home page.

A link for local weather always shows current weather conditions. Click the link for more extensive information.

View current and archived issues of *The Communicator*.

Log in to your email account from the home page.

Your cooperative will post cooperative news here. Click on any title and go directly to the information. This feature is also shown in the sidebar on every tab.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK



Now NHTC is connecting with its customers in a whole new way. Check out the New Hope Telephone Cooperative Facebook page for the latest NHTC news and updates on new services. Be the first to know about money-saving tips and special deals such as bundle plans that can help you save by combining services. Also learn about chances to win prizes. Tag yourself and your friends in pictures from NHTC events, including Grant Founder's Day and Customer Appreciation Day. Also, get reminders for upcoming events like the NHTC Annual Meeting and send invitations to your friends. "Social networking sites are allowing people to communicate with others across the street or across the world," says Misty Williams, NHTC marketing director. "We decided to take advantage of that opportunity to interact with our customers. We encourage everyone to become a fan of the NHTC Facebook page and stay up-to-date on all NHTC news and services." Become a fan of NHTC and stay connected to your cooperative.

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NHTC introduces Business Bundles at Annual Meeting

New Hope Telephone Cooperative held its 2010 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 18 at New Hope Middle School. Cooperative members from New Hope, Grant and Owens Cross Roads came together to cast their votes in the Board of Directors election and hear a report on the progress of the past year.

“We had another great turnout at our annual meeting this year,” NHTC General Manager Tom Wing says. “It is always impressive that so many of our members have such a vested interest in this cooperative.”

In addition to business and voting, NHTC made plenty of time for food, fun and fellowship at the Annual Meeting.

After voting, those in attendance were served snacks and enjoyed the song and dance of the DAR Show Choir before kicking off the business portion of the meeting.

NHTC Board President Barry Jones delivered an opening statement and introduced board members to those in attendance.

While three representatives each from Grant, New Hope and Owens Cross

Roads counted votes, NHTC General Manager Tom Wing introduced a slide presentation highlighting the progress of the past year.

A large portion of the presentation updated members on the progress of the NHTC project to deploy fiber technology throughout its service area.

“We’ve been extremely busy over the last year with our fiber deployment project,” says Wing.

The second phase of the fiber deployment will begin soon. A closed-bidding process is used to keep prices as low



YOUR 2010 NHTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS - The board held a meeting to elect new officers immediately following the Annual Meeting. Members of the NHTC Board are, left to right: (seated) Garland Elders, Secretary; David Ayers, Vice President; Barry Jones, President; and Jimmy Segler, Treasurer; and (standing) Jeff Cooper; Mike Whitaker; Jim Duncan; Sonny Cantrell; Greg Glover; Tom Wing, NHTC General Manager; and Doug Martinson, NHTC Attorney.



Registration and voting for the Annual Meeting began at 5 p.m. in the New Hope Elementary cafeteria.

as possible. The third and final phase of the project is expected to begin in 2012.

The slide show informed members of the fact that The Communicator was recently chosen as the best customer newsletter in its class by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

Wing also updated the membership on the success of residential Bundles rolled-out at last year's annual meeting. "In just one year, more than 1,200 members have signed up for our residential Bundles plan," Wing says. "That is almost 30 percent of our entire cooperative."

After the slide presentation, Jones took questions from the audience and then drew for door prizes. Three televisions, numerous cash prizes and an assortment of other great prizes were given out.

Once the door prizes were awarded, Jones announced the results of the elections. A quorum of 321 members voted at the meeting.

Two seats on the Board of Directors were up for consideration. Greg Glover, who represents Owens Cross Roads for Place 1 received 257 votes to his challenger, Joe Key's 27 votes. Jimmy Segler also kept his place on the board with 217 votes, while Phillip Martin received 69. Segler represents Grant Place 8 on the board.

NHTC also used the Annual Meeting as an opportunity to introduce members to new Business Bundles that allow NHTC members to save money by paying one price for a group of services at their businesses as many do in their homes.

"We are very pleased with the launch of our NHTC Business Bundle plans," NHTC Marketing Director Misty Williams says. "Business Bundles are a win-win for our members who own businesses."

Williams says that after the cooperative received such positive feedback from residential Bundles plans that were rolled

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As New Hope Telephone Cooperative builds their state-of-the-art fiber-to-the-home project, this chart illustrates what is happening to the value of the company's hard assets. The value of NHTC's property, plant and equipment has increased considerably over the past three years and today is worth almost \$25 million.



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out one year ago at the Annual Meeting, the cooperative decided to roll out NHTC Business Bundles at this year's meeting.

"With that kind of response, combined with requests from members throughout the past year, deciding to offer Business Bundles was the next obvious step. We are expecting NHTC Business Bundles to be very popular as well," says Williams.

Upon the close of the business meeting, board members returned to the cooperative for a brief meeting to elect officers for the new year. The newly elected officers are: Barry Jones, President; David Ayers, Vice President; Garland Elders, Secretary; and Jimmy Segler, Treasurer. ▲

NHTC always has free snacks, drinks and a give away item for members. Members also received free T-shirts. Door prizes were a huge hit with members, too. Among the items given away were weather radios, iPods, digital photo frames and three television sets.



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New Hope Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Summary of Financial Position and Performance as of
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Balance Sheet

Current Assets	\$ 3,242,505
Non-current Assets	10,485
Telephone Plant (net of depreciation)	20,681,766
CATV Plant (net of depreciation)	3,994,758
Other Non-Regulated Plant	<u>298,612</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 28,228,126</u>
Current Liabilities	\$ 4,714,741
Long-Term Debt	<u>3,988,727</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 8,703,468</u>
Patronage Capital	\$ 17,349,891
Contributed Capital – Forfeited	2,372,019
Retained earnings (deficit)	(201,418)
Postretirement benefits	<u>4,166</u>
Total Equities	<u>\$ 19,524,658</u>
Total Liabilities and Equities	<u>\$ 28,228,126</u>

The above information is summarized from the Consolidated Financial Statements of New Hope Telephone Cooperative, Inc. as of December 31, 2009. This statement was audited by the independent accounting firm of Jackson, Thornton and Company PC, Certified Public Accountants and are on file at the cooperative's business office.

REPLACING ENGINE 261



Owens Cross Roads Fire Dept. competes to win new fire truck

Owens Cross Roads Volunteer Fire Department protects more than 3,600 people in Madison County. One phone call brings fire, rescue and emergency medical services within minutes to the door of anyone needing their help.

Now they are the ones asking for help.

OCR has been chosen as one of only seven volunteer fire departments in the U.S. to compete for a brand new fire truck from E-One, a fire and rescue vehicle manufacturer based in Florida.

This is the second year for the company's popular contest in which fire departments from all over the country enter by submitting a story on why their department deserves the enormous prize. The company chooses seven finalists, and the department which receives the most online votes via e-mail wins the truck.

Out of more than 600 departments to submit their story, OCR was the only department in the Southeast chosen as a finalist. For the relatively small department, the 1000-gallon Tradition ES Commercial Pumper truck is not just a prize. It is a downright necessity.

In May of 2008, the department's 500-gallon pumper truck, Engine 261, failed to meet the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) operations standard due to a failed pump. To the department, the news that their truck could no longer function as a front line engine hurt in more ways than one.

The family of the late Robert Murry Maples stands with current OCR FD firefighters in front of 'Mr. Maples Engine', Engine 261. Shown above (L to R): Rick Marshall, Tony Salmon, Chief Dan Kelly, Ashlyn Maples, Seth Maples, Haley Saylor, Russell Saylor, Cindy Saylor, Mable Maples, Keith Maples and Garland Elders.

Engine 261 is affectionately called 'Mr. Maples Engine,' after the late Robert Murry Maples of Owens Cross Roads who not only spear-headed the founding of the fire department, but also served as its assistant chief for 51 years before his death in 2009.

The truck has been an important part of the department since 1968 when it was purchased by the town to replace its predecessor, a converted gas tanker from Redstone Arsenal.

For the 20 active volunteer firefighters at OCR, losing the use of the tanker not only means saying goodbye to an old friend, it also means losing the ability to effectively protect the people they risk their lives for every day.

The 122-square miles that fall under OCR's jurisdiction contain a nursing home, three schools and a fireworks factory in addition to numerous homes.

Many of the rural areas do not have adequate access to fire hydrants. At twice the water capacity of Engine 261, the new commercial pumper would instantly double their ability to fight fires and save lives.

That is why the department needs every person with an email address to go online and vote for them to win the truck.

Garland Elders is a fireman at OCR and also a board member at NHTC. Elders, who wrote the winning story, wants everyone to know that a victory for OCR in this competition is

a victory that reaches far beyond any city limits sign.

“This is something we can all be proud of,” says Elders. “It has become more than a small community going after this. We need the state, and, indeed, we need the Southeast to be behind us, but it starts here. We need every vote.”

OCR’s Fire Chief, Dan Kelly, adds, “Here is an opportunity for the readers of *The Communicator* to help influence fire protection of their local and surrounding communities at no cost to them.

“In a time when money is tight, all Owens Cross Roads Volunteer Fire Department needs is a few minutes of your time on a computer.

“We need you to vote for our story. Please pass the word along to your family and friends,” he says. “We

appreciate your time, and want to thank everyone in advance for your support.”

In their winning entry, OCR fire fighters promised to dedicate the new truck to the memory of Robert Murry Maples, and to continue his legacy.

“It is this department’s commitment to provide the highest level of health and safety protection to the communities we serve,” says Kelly.

“A new Tradition ES Commercial Pumper Unit would help accomplish this goal, and would be dedicated to the memory of Robert M. Maples and the six other founding members.

“Our story,” he continues, “truly shows pioneers paving the way with vision, dedication and commitment to their communities. I think (Maples) would be smiling greatly right now in seeing what this could do for our community and other communities.”▲

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Commissioner Craig provides BBQ lunch to celebrate County Government Week



For the past several years, Madison County Commissioner Jerry Craig has hosted a free luncheon for the New Hope community. On May 6 hundreds of New Hope residents filled the county shed to fellowship with one another. ‘Shed Day’ is hosted by Craig to show appreciation for the people of the community.

Craig looks forward to this event each year saying, “This is a simple way of giving something back to the community who gives so much joy to me.” Craig is quick to say, “Without the hard work and dedication of the county employees this day would not be possible.”

With the sun shining and barbecue chicken on the grill, everyone loaded up their plates and enjoyed music from local residents. New Hope is a small community, which makes it such a great place to live. Neighbors all know each other and are more than happy to lend a helping hand.

“I am so very thankful for the trust and support of New Hope as their County Commissioner,” Craig says. “I have been serving this community over 25 years, and everyday I am proud to serve such a great community,” says Craig.

Craig will continue to host this event as long as the residents show up. “Shed Day is something I look forward to each year,” Craig says. “I think the community does, too.”



“Don’t Let the Door Hit You in the Rear On the Way Out”

I’m Nelson Payne of New Hope. I did something a while back that changed my life. Here’s my story.

I’ve been in chronic pain for years. I deal with neck, back and shoulder pain on a daily basis. I’ve gone to several clinics over the years, but when they find out that I do not have insurance, they just write me a prescription and say “don’t let the door hit you in the rear on your way out.”

A couple of years ago I decided to try a different doctor, who’s office is in Grant. He didn’t care that I did not have insurance; he treated me the same as the guy who had great health benefits. Dr. Mike did an exam, took some x-rays, and then adjusted my spine, and shoulders. I’ve told Dr. Mike many times since that day, “if I had known adjustments would help this much, I would have come here a long time ago.”

Oh, did I mention that this doctor is a Chiropractor? Today I’m not on near as much pain medication, and recently he’s helped me with my TMJ problem, too? I would highly recommend Dr. Mike.

A word from Dr. Ellis:

Now for Emma, who is the little girl in the photo. About a year ago, she was plagued by asthma. Each day as I changed her diaper, I would give her an adjustment. The asthma started to improve immediately, and now she is virtually symptom free.

The other child, my son Nicholas, has recently been having some headaches. He’ll come up to me and say, “Daddy, adjust my neck.” And even before he gets up he’ll say, “man that feels a lot better, it’s all gone.”

It’s strange how life is, because now people come to see me with their carpal tunnel syndrome problems. Also they come to me with their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma,

allergies, numbness in limbs, athletic injuries, just to name a few. Here’s what some of my patients had to say:

“Dr. Mike has been helping me with my low back pain, and headaches for over nine years.” (Larry Luttrell)

“My sciatica stays in check thanks to Dr. Mike.” (Leonard McPeters)



Being a chiropractor can be tough, because there’s a host of so-called experts out there. They tell people a lot of things that are just plain ridiculous about my profession. But the studies speak for themselves, like the Virginia study that showed that over 90% of patients who saw a chiropractor were satisfied with their results. That’s just incredible!

Forty-eight million Americans no longer have health insurance, and those who do have found that their benefits are reduced. That’s where chiropractic comes in. Many people find that they actually save money on their health care expenses by seeing a chiropractor. Another way to save... studies show that chiropractic may double your immune capacity, naturally and without drugs. The immune system fights colds, the flu, and other sicknesses. So you may not be running off to the doctor as much. This is especially important if you are self-employed. And an entire week of care in my office may cost what you could pay for one visit elsewhere.

You benefit from an Amazing Offer - Look, it shouldn’t cost you an arm and a leg to correct your health. You are going to write a check to someone for your health care expenses, you

may as well write one for a lesser amount for chiropractic. When you bring in this article by June 30, 2010, you will receive my entire new patient exam for \$27. That’s with x-rays...the whole ball of wax. And, further care is very affordable. You see, I’m not trying to seduce you to come see me with this low start up fee, then to only make it up with high fees after that. Further care is very important to consider when making your choice of doctor. High costs can add up very quickly. By law, we must state that additional charges may be incurred for related services which may be required in individual cases. Results may vary in individual cases.

Great care at a great fee... Please, I hope that there’s no misunderstanding about **quality of care** just because I have a lower exam fee. You’ll get great care at a great fee. My qualifications... I’m a 1991 graduate of Life University. I’m certified by the National Boards as well as the states of Alabama and Tennessee. I’ve practiced in Marshall County for 17 years after a one-year associateship in Huntsville. I just have that low exam fee to help more people who need care. Results may vary in individual cases.

My assistant is Sandy and she is a really great person. Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home. We have a wonderful service, at an exceptional fee. Our office is called **ELLIS CHIROPRACTIC CENTER** and it is at 4664 Main Street in Grant. Our number is **256-728-2044**. Call Sandy or me today for an appointment. We can help you. Thank you.

- Michael Ellis, D.C.

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Legislative Update



*By Rep. Butch Taylor
Alabama House of
Representatives, Dist. 22*

It has been good to be back at home and to see familiar faces since the session ended in Montgomery.

I'm sure that, like me, most all of you have been following the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

At the time I am writing this column, oil has not yet struck Alabama's beautiful coastline. But I feel it is inevitable that we will eventually see some environmental damage.

Already we are seeing a dramatic economic impact. Tourism is already being affected and will only decline in the

weeks and months to come.

Marketing experts are predicting the damage to the entire Gulf Coast tourism industry will exceed \$750 million — and that's just one industry.

In response to cancelled trips and reservations, restaurants, hotels and other businesses that are usually bustling with visitors this time of year are cutting back services and laying off workers.

And almost 20 percent of federal waters in the gulf has been closed to fishing, already greatly impacting the Alabama seafood industry. And all of this is happening before the oil has even hit our shores. People

are hurting, and it's only going to get worse.

That's why our Legislature must be ready to help the thousands who will be affected by this spill. We must be prepared to do whatever it takes to make certain our fellow Alabamians do not suffer during and after this time of crisis.

I will continue to work diligently during the recess so that we will be prepared when the time comes to take legislative action to address the needs of our citizens.▲

✝ Inspiration Corner

One morning, momma sparrow was teaching her babies to fly. One of the young sparrows, flying up and landing on a backyard swing, caught the eye of the family dog. The dog went running toward the swing, startling the little bird. Trying to fly away, it hit the ground within reach of the dog. Much like the animal kingdom, scripture discusses a spiritual kingdom, and the words of Saint Peter come to mind: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour."

This is the season to honor moms and dads. I pray you both are blessed. I don't know of a time any more important than now to be Parents! "Fewer teens are practicing faith", reads the headline. The article goes on to say, "fewer teens are reading their Bibles, praying and attending worship." I pray this is a big red flag for all. We already shake our heads at today's adults who do not respect authority, understand morals, or live within some degree of accountability. How then can we expect the next generation of corporate America, healthcare and education administrators, justice and government leaders do any better if they have not learned truth-principles of life? That "roaring lion" is going to be all over them like a dog on a baby sparrow. If you are a parent or other influential person in a child's life, take a stand against the devil by taking your children to church.



*Michael Carpenter, Pastor
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Community Events

June

Need "Then and Now" Photos

The New Hope United Methodist Church is looking for old pictures of New Hope for a calendar entitled "Then and Now." If you have photos that could be copied and used in the calendar, please contact Nettie Elwell at 256-533-5226 or Norma Mann at 256-723-8322.

June 5-15

Baseball Tournament

New Hope Rec. Center is sponsoring

12-year-old boys in a County Baseball Tournament. Take in a baseball game and support the kids and rec center.

August 6 & 7

New Hope UMC Dinner Theater

Participants are needed for performing and set construction. For more information contact, Diane Phillips at 256-679-9688 or dianecphillips@msn.com



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New Hope... a little cleaner today

For several years the New Hope Lions Club has sponsored the annual Spring Clean Day where volunteers, called "Street Walkers" remove litter and debris from the streets and roadsides of New Hope. This year's event netted more than 700 bags of garbage!

A committee within the Lions Club was formed to head up this year's event. The committee consisted of Bryn Butler, Carlos Barrentine, Rob Wells, Sam Butler and Sue Wing. This group coordinated the event by asking for donors, volunteers and participants.

Individuals and groups from local churches, boys and girls clubs, Cub Scouts, New Hope High School, New Hope Telephone Cooperative and New Hope Founder's Day Committee were

among the many volunteers picking up litter this year.

The New Hope City Council, Madison County Commissioner Jerry Craig, Madison County DOT and Green Team provided garbage bags, safety vests and sticks for grabbing debris. Their assistance is a vital part of the success of the annual event.

Now that the roadways are free of litter, it is up to every individual citizen to do their part to help keep it that way. When you see trash on the roadside, please pick it up. If you see someone littering, report them to the authorities.

"I hope everyone will be encouraged to continue to keep this community clean throughout the year," says coordinator Ava Cambron.

If you missed New Hope's day of spring cleaning this year, you can always join us next year.

For more information on how you can help keep the community clean, contact New Hope Lions Club Street Walker Committee Chair, Ava W. Cambron at 256-723-4695.



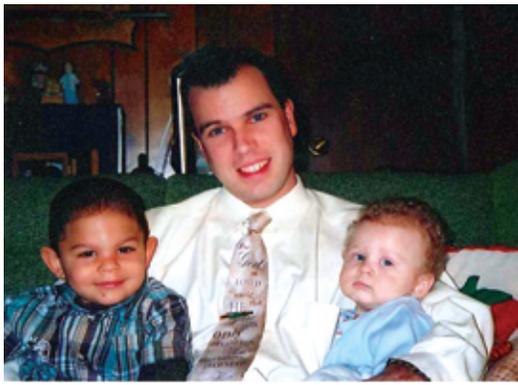
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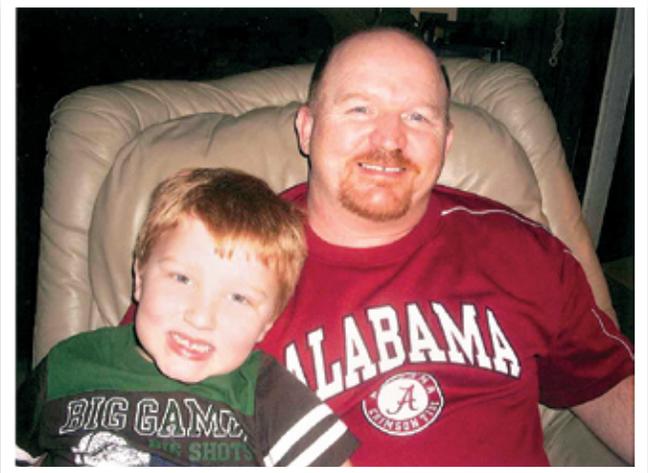
Daddy's Special Day



Wesley Key with his sons Caleb and Jacob. Picture sent in by Peggy Key.



Owen and Rody Stephens.
Picture sent in by Dana Stephens.



Thom and Lilly Brown on their first Trip to Disney - March 2010. Submitted by Mom, Melissa Brown.



Donnie and Elizabeth Medlen.

"Back to School" is the photo theme for August. Send pictures matching the photo theme to: NHTC • Attn.: Communicator Photos • P.O. Box 452 • New Hope, Alabama 35760. You may prefer to e-mail your photo to communicator@nehp.net. Follow these guidelines for publication: (1) Photos must match theme. (2) **Photos must be high resolution.** The resolution offered by some printers is not high enough for publication. (3) Do not write on the back of photo. Include names of persons in photo, as well as, photographer, address and phone number on paper taped to back. (4) Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your photo returned. (5) **The Deadline**

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