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## Meet the NHTC Team - Part 5

### Tim Wright, Outside Plant Manager

When you order phone, cable or high speed Internet service from New Hope Telephone Cooperative, the installation of those services fall under the responsibilities of this department. As Outside Plant Manager, my crews are the ones you most often see in the field working to get you connected.

Rickey Lemons, Earl Burks, Darren Maples, John Whitaker and Ken Wood make my job easy. They handle all installations, and they work great together. These guys are very conscientious about their jobs. Not only are they co-workers, they are friends, and they know how to relate to each other to get the job done. When there's an emergency, they are there to take care of it. I feel very fortunate to have such a good group to work with me.

Of course, the work doesn't start with us. Orders go through several departments before they arrive here for us to handle the construction. From taking the order, to engineering the project, to assigning cable pairs, it takes a team effort to bring you quality telecommunications services.

In the long run, we are all working to serve our members. That's why we work closely with crews from other departments. They are willing to give each other a hand when we have time in order to get the job done. It's a team effort.

As with every department, this one is facing dramatic changes as we move toward a fiber system. My crews are excited about working with fiber and

seeing the benefits it will bring to our service area.

Every member of the department has been certified in fiber splicing and design. We have done some fiber installs, and we plan on further training as fiber is deployed throughout our service area. Employee training is an important tool because it gets our staff familiar with what's on the horizon. Training takes away the apprehension of working with new technology, making everyone more comfortable with the new approach.

I started work with New Hope Telephone Cooperative 28 years ago as a construction helper, and have served in various capacities through the years. Today I wear two hats; in addition to Outside Plant Manager, I serve the cooperative as Safety Coordinator.

We have done a great deal of safety training over the past several months, and I am proud of all NHTC employees for their attention and dedication. I am proud to report that we have been accident-free for 16 months. Such a focus on safety creates a better working environment for all employees, saves our members money, and improves public safety throughout our service area.▲



*Tim Wright,  
Outside Plant  
Manager and Safety  
Coordinator for  
New Hope Telephone  
Cooperative*

**NHTC offices will be CLOSED  
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*On the cover:*

*Little Olivia Grace Kelly looks out at the ocean after finding a seashell. Her Nan Nan, Jo Frazier, sent this photo. More vacation pictures are on pages 14 & 15.*



# New Hope Telephone Cooperative

## Bulletin Board

### CAN YOU FIND IT?

Below is a word search puzzle. Hidden in the puzzle are seven words that relate to NHTC. They could be forward, backward, diagonal, up or down. Find them all and you could win a \$5 credit on your next phone bill.

Simply complete the puzzle and return it to NHTC's office. **Be sure to include your name and telephone number for the drawing!**

We will draw from all correct entries on August 18th and announce the winner in next month's magazine. Remember, **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!** Good luck!

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### Don't throw those phone books away!

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If you don't have any use for your old phone book, bring it to NHTC's office. They can be placed in the recycle bin in the foyer. The recycled phone books can be used for cellulose wall insulation, hydro-seeding mulch and even animal bedding - all of which keeps them out of landfills.

Thanks for doing your part and pitching in!



## Landlines offer most reliable service


There are several national companies today offering consumers an alternative to local phone service. If you are considering VoIP technology for your local phone service, you should first learn the facts — because few things are as reliable as traditional telephone landlines.

VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) allows the consumer to use the Internet to make and receive phone calls. It sounds really clever, but buyer beware. There can be equipment to buy. Your regular telephone will not work without an adapter. Because the sound is transmitted digitally, what you hear can sometimes be choppy and delayed. And

when the power goes out — you guessed it — no phone.

This poses a particular risk, because you lose your ability to call 911. NHTC offers Enhanced 911, which means that when you place a 911 call the operator automatically knows your location — even if you can't talk — and can dispatch assistance. With VoIP companies, you may be routed to a national call center where you must be able to give your location before help can be dispatched, thus delaying assistance.

So remember, for overall reliability, and especially for emergencies, nothing beats the traditional telephone service of companies like NHTC.



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# “He Told Me Not To Do It, But I Did It Anyway...”

Betty Ann Flynn of Grant did something the other day that changed her life. Here's her story.

Betty Ann had been in severe pain for two months. *She was limping around because she was in so much pain with her lower back.* She had asked her doctor about seeing a doctor in Grant who specializes in her type of problem. *He didn't think that was such a good idea, but she decided to go anyway.* Nothing she had tried so far seemed to help, and she was in great pain.

The next day after Betty Ann saw this doctor in Grant she was feeling 80% better. After suffering so much for 2 months she just couldn't believe it. She felt so much better. Oh, did I mention that this doctor is a Chiropractor.

Chiropractors are trained like no other doctor. They spend countless hours studying the detection and treatment of biochemical problems of the spine. The decision of which type of doctor to see could affect you for the rest of your life. Seeing someone who specializes in the spine might be in your best interest. Many times their approach gets results where traditional treatments do not; *and this is backed up by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.*

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 him with their carpal tunnel syndrome problems. Also they come to him 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)

*"Dr. Mike helps with my aching back."* (David Ayers)

*"I did have a lot of leg pain due to a pinched nerve. Not any more thanks to Dr. Mike."* (Leonard McPeters)



**Dr. Mike, Emma, and Nicholas Ellis**

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.

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rect 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 August 30, 2006, you will receive my entire new patient exam for \$17. 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.**

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- Michael Ellis, D.C.

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# Fiber optics technology keeps industry connected

*NHTC uses optical fiber to solve power-related interruptions*

There was a time when Michael Glunt watched the local weather forecast with trepidation. If there was a chance of rain or thunderstorms, he knew he could be in for a long night.

As network administrator for ATI Firth Sterling in Grant (formerly known as Teledyne), Glunt is responsible for maintaining the system that keeps the plant linked to its corporate headquarters in La Vergne, Tennessee. This includes voice and data connections.

The plant's network has been damaged numerous times over the years due to lightning strikes and power surges. "We were always popping cards," Glunt says, referring to the sensitive equipment that keeps the communications system functioning.

Steven Campbell, Central Office Manager for New Hope Telephone Cooperative, estimates that he was called out to the plant at least once or twice each month to replace equipment damaged by power interruptions. "It was a real inconvenience for them, because they lost service," Campbell says. "For the cooperative, it cost anywhere from \$600 to \$1,000 in materials, plus man-hours, every time there was damage."

Grounding issues were likely at the heart of the problem. "This building has been expanded two or three times, and power enters from two different sources," says Jerry Dunn, facilities manager for ATI. The solution to the

problem therefore had to rest with a technology not susceptible to power surges.

weeks of testing, they moved the plant's voice and data connections from copper to fiber.

There have been no service interruptions since. "Fiber has been a God-send," says Glunt.

Dunn agrees. "We've had no problems since they put in fiber," he says.

In recent months, Dunn says there have been several power failures in the Grant area. The company's phone and data system has not been affected.

"Fiber has solved the problem," says Campbell. "They're happy, and that makes us happy."

The plant began operating in Grant in the mid-1970's as Teledyne. Around 2000 the company became part of ATI Firth Sterling (a business unit of ATI Metalworking Products, an Allegheny Technologies company).

ATI manufactures carbide tooling parts. "Some of our biggest customers are in industrial manufacturing and oil drilling," explains Dunn.

To make the various rods, tips and blanks, employees begin with a powdered substance. High pressure and high heat take the products from soft powder to tools capable of drilling through rock.

ATI is an important part of the Grant community, providing some 160 jobs. The plant operates seven days a week with five different shifts. ▲

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"That's where optical fiber comes in," explains Campbell. "A fiber cable is made up of several tiny strands of glass, about the size of a human hair. Information moves along these strands by pulses of light; no electricity is involved."

Earlier this year, NHTC installed new fiber service to the ATI plant. After

# BASKETBALL SHOOT OUT

*Proceeds will benefit Grant Backup*

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## Test your Internet connection speed

Have you ever wondered how fast your Internet connection really is? Now it's simple to find out.

New Hope Telephone Cooperative has a Web page that allows users to check the speed of their DSL connection. Those users with a Dial-up connection can also use the system.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2006

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Custom cars, street rods, trucks and classic cars.

Info: Billy Vann, 723-4631 or Donald Roy Paseur, 723-4500.

### August 14th

New Hope City Council Mtg.

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

Grant City Council Meeting

Grant Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### August 17th

Owens Cross Roads City Council Meeting

OCR Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

### August 21st

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 Meeting

City Hall, First Floor-Museum, 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Lou Ann Poole, 723-2525.

### August 25th & 26th

Grant Founder's Day Festival

Arts and crafts, car show, concessions, lots of entertainment and so much more!

Kickoff Friday at 5:00 p.m. at Grant Fire Station and 7:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Info: Robert Patterson, 723-8866 or 505-1204; Bob Davis, 728-2698 or 558-0134; City Hall, 728-2007.

### October 7, 2006

New Hope Founder's Day Beauty Pageant

New Hope School, 6:00 p.m.

Pageant is open to boys and girls from age 0.

Trophy for every contestant. Entry deadline is September 23. Registration day is September 16, 9:00 a.m. until noon at New Hope Recreation Center.

Entry fee: \$30; Optionals: \$5 each.

Info: Tina Anderton, 723-5310 or 679-4244.



Owens Cross Roads' Clean-Up Day was a success thanks in part to volunteers from the OCR Homemakers Club. Shown above (left to right) are group members Terra Wilcox, Barbara Webster and Glenda Patterson.

### Think About It

In every community there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is the power to do it.

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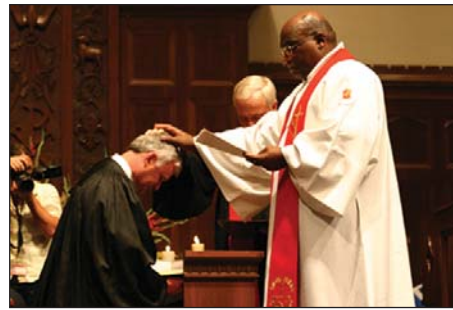
# Bible for Kids Program

## Part of Kids to Love Foundation

Did you know there are currently more than 6,000 children in the foster care system of Alabama? These kids have seen disappointment time and again throughout their young lives. Their biological parents have failed them over and over again either by neglect or abuse. Rarely have any of them been to church or had the love of God shared with them. These children are victims who have no control over the poor choices their parents make — but they have to suffer for those choices just the same.

That is why the Kids to Love Foundation established the Bibles for Kids Program. They want to introduce these innocent children whose earthly fathers have failed them to a Heavenly Father that will never fail them. In order to do this, they plan to place a brand new bible into the hand of every foster child in the state.

You can get information about how to help the Kids to Love Foundation with this endeavor by visiting their Web site, [www.kidstolove.org](http://www.kidstolove.org). Click on programs, and then Bible for Kids Program for details.



**Michael Carpenter was Ordained** as an Associate Member of the United Methodist Church after fulfilling all the requirements for ordination. The special service was held on June, 2, 2006 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. This

honor is obtained by fulfilling the requirements set forth by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. The minimum requirements for ordination include a bachelor degree from an accredited college, five years of seminary-led course work, and four years of full-time service in the Church. Carpenter also had to submit a video and outline copy of a sermon and develop a Bible-study program for evaluation. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Athens State University and studied at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He has completed thirteen years of ministerial work, the last three in New Hope. Carpenter stated, "These past three years have been the most rewarding in my ministry, but remember, it's God working through all of us. I am only one part of the body of Christ in which none of this would be possible without the rest of the Body working together. My credit goes to New Hope and Oak Bowery for that. Also, I could not have accomplished any part of my ministry were it not for the perfect love and great support of Teresa, my beautiful wife, and my wonderful daughters, Amanda and Anna Kathryn." Shown above: Carpenter was ordained by North Alabama Conference bishop, Will Willimon, and Bishop Greg Palmer from the North East Jurisdiction.

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## Grant officer's name appears on National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

August 15th marks a tragic day for the Grant community. It was on that date three years ago that the town lost its chief of police and one of its dearest friends.

Verlon Lemaster, a 49-year-old Grant native, was shot and killed on August 15, 2003, in the line of duty.



On a recent trip to Washington, D.C., New Hope Telephone Cooperative employees Robert Patterson

and Donald Morrison visited the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. There they searched and found the words "VERLON LEMASTER JR" etched in marble.

"We were in Washington for a national legislative conference," says Patterson, NHTC's Plant Engineer. "We

made a point to find the memorial and to find Verlon's name."

Patterson, who as fire chief for Grant worked closely with Lemaster, describes seeing his fellow public servant's name as "real emotional."

Morrison, a Central Office Technician with NHTC, says the monument is huge. It has collected and catalogued information on more than 17,500 law enforcement fatalities, and receives some 200,000 visitors each year.

Morrison, too, was moved by seeing his friend's name etched in the cold stone. "He was just an outstanding person, one of a kind," he says. "Everybody who knew him liked him."

To learn more about the National

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, visit [www.nleomf.com](http://www.nleomf.com). Visitors to this Web site can also search for a fallen officer by name and state.

Washington is not the only place Lemaster is memorialized. Shortly after his death, a fund was started to raise money toward building a memorial in front of the Grant police station and city hall. One year from the date of his death, the town dedicated the stone monument, which features an eternal flame and The Policeman's Prayer. ▲



**ETCHED IN STONE**—Verlon Lemaster's name appears on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. The image at the top of this page is a pencil rubbing of the inscription.

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(Not pictured, Judy Barnes)



## *Inspiration Corner*

Looking out the window I grieve over the garden struggling to produce the fruits of our labor. It isn't pretty. I discussed my gardening woes with various folks and while taking into consideration their answers, Matthew 13 came to mind. Jesus tells of planting seeds in grassy ground, stony ground, and dropping seeds on the ground. These examples are quite similar to my springtime endeavor. However, a successful garden is the result of several factors. While my garden needs much more labor than it's been given, the plants also need water and nutrients to make them grow healthy.

The same goes for human life. Our needs have to be met physically, mentally, and Spiritually for us to bear good fruit. Some folks don't believe the spirit needs special care, but a

healthy spirit produces much better fruit than a broken spirit. Doctors strongly support the fact that a healthy spiritual life greatly enhances the healing from their works. I even know doctors who pray – Praise God! Of course anything that promotes life is supported by God's word and Proverbs reads, "Laughter is good medicine while a broken spirit dries up the bones." Aren't people with a merry heart fun to be around, while a pile of dry bones usually turns the head? As my garden seems to be turning into a pile of dry bones I know where you can find some good medicine and nutrition from "the living water and the bread of life". It's in a church near you.



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The  
Tree Stump  
Philosopher

- my mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.
- the best way to forget all your troubles is to wear tight shoes.
- light travels faster than sound. That's why some appear bright until they open their mouths.





# From the kitchen of **Shirley Childress & Susan Keller**

If you're looking for a delicious home-cooked meal, show up next Wednesday night at Grant Baptist Church. For the past three years, Shirley Childress and Susan Keller have created culinary miracles with a standard kitchen stove and refrigerator, feeding an average of 60 people each week.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the fellowship hall is filled with adults, youth and children hungry for the southern cooking of this dynamic duo. Childress does much

of the shopping and usually gets things started while Keller (DAR's middle school principal) joins the fray in time to bring a country-style feast to life for the congregation.

Other ladies in the church often bring dessert, and everyone pitches in to clean up in time for evening services. Members also take plates to the elderly and those who may be at home sick.

"We work well in the kitchen together," says Keller of her friend Childress.

## **Grape & Almond Chicken Salad**

*(Susan Keller)*

2-12.5 oz. cans White chicken breast  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup sour cream  
salt & pepper  
1 cup white grapes, sliced  
1 cup toasted almonds

Mix first four ingredients well. Gently fold in toasted almonds and sliced grapes. Chill.

## **Twice Cooked Potato Casserole**

*(Shirley Childress)*

6 large potatoes  
1/2 cup melted butter  
1 cup bacon, crumbled  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded  
2 cups sour cream  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup green onions, diced

Boil potatoes in skin. Let cool, then peel and chop. Combine potatoes with remaining ingredients, stir lightly. Place in buttered baking dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

## **Pumpkin Pie**

*(Susan Keller)*

1 cup sugar  
1-1/2 cans pumpkin, 15 oz. cans  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. ginger  
1/4 tsp. ground cloves  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg  
1/4 tsp. salt  
3 eggs, separated  
1 cup sour cream

Combine sugar, salt, spices, and pumpkin. Beat egg yolks well and stir into pumpkin mixture. Pour into unbaked pie shells. Bake at 350° for 1-1/2 hours. Cool. (Double this recipe to make 3 regular size pies.)

## **Spicy Chicken Spaghetti**

*(Shirley Childress)*

1-8 oz. pkg. spaghetti  
1/2 large onion, chopped  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
1-8 oz. pkg. Velveeta, cubed  
1-10 oz. can hot diced tomatoes with green chilies  
4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cooked and chopped  
1 can cream of chicken soup

Preheat oven to 350°. Cook

spaghetti and drain. Place in 13"x9" inch casserole dish, sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and saute. Combine all ingredients but spaghetti. Top spaghetti with mixture. Bake uncovered until bubbly.

## **Cook of the Month**

Do you know a great local cook? Maybe it's you! We're looking for a few good cooks to be considered for our Cook of the Month feature.

Please send us four to six recipes, along with the name and contact information for the cook. Feel free to tie recipes to a specific holiday, event or theme. We will feature a Cook of the Month in each issue, so start sending in those recipes! Mail to Maria Goodson at NHTC today!

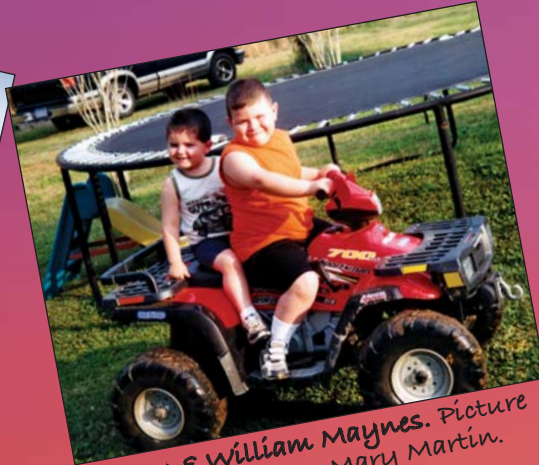
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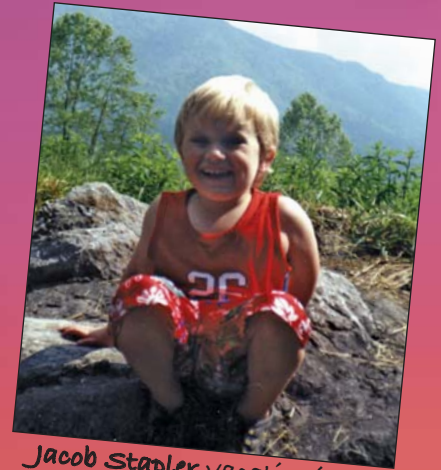
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Hansel & Gretel in Hilton Head.  
Photo submitted by Gary & Joyce Pascur.



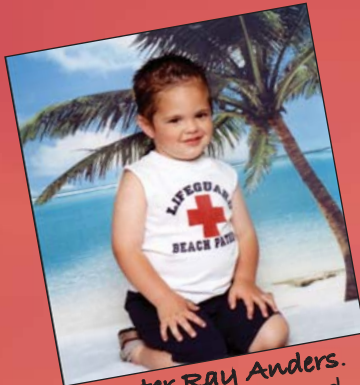
Clay & William Maynes. Picture sent by nana, Mary Martin.



Jacob Stapler vacationing in the Great Smoky Mountains. Photo sent by mother, Mandy Stapler.



Grayson & Seth Watson in Gulf Shores. Photo taken by aunt, Tracey Poole.



Hunter Ray Anders. Photo sent by grandmother Oma.



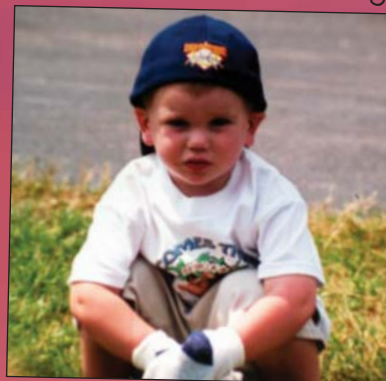
Danielle Moon, Reno and Dylan Holt and Jonathan Cobb II. Picture sent by Evelyn Cobb.



Jansen Ogletree, grandson of Joe & Teresa Hunkapiller.



Hallie Lang in beautiful Hawaii. Picture taken by Claude Lang.



Cole-Jacob Lewis, son of Michael & April Lewis in Cooperstown, NY. Photo sent by Gran & Papa Lewis.



Christopher Burton. Photo submitted by mom, Kym Burton.

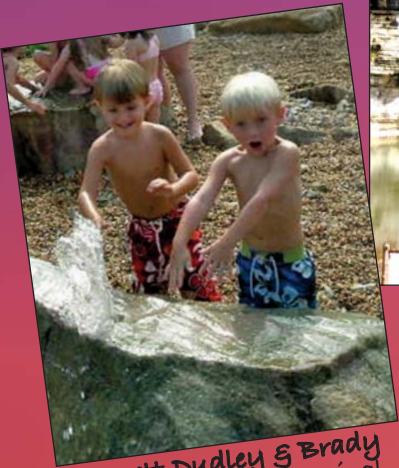


Davina & Mattaleey Mann at Animal Kingdom. Photo taken by Joe Mann.



Elizabeth Burton plays on the beach. She is the daughter of Kym Burton.





**Garrett Dudley & Brady Parker** at The Botanical Gardens. Photo submitted by Nikki Dudley.



**Beth Sanderson** on a trail ride. Photo sent by Mamaw Bug.



**Austin Sanderson** in Destin. Photo taken by mom, Lindsey Sanderson.



**Lillie Paige Brown** washing her car. Daughter of Thom & Melissa Brown.



**Jackson Stapler** on vacation in the Smokies. Photo by mother Mandy Stapler.



**Austin Smith** vacationing in Florida. Son of Shawn & Karen Smith.



**Jacob, Darren, Breanna, Stephanie and Dustin Maples** on vacation at Walt Disney World.



**Caleb & Krissandra** in Panama City Beach. Picture was taken by Jason & Lola Wood.



**Warren Paseur** on his first trip to the beach. Son of Dustin & Danielle Paseur.



**Annie Grace Ogle** in the Great Smoky Mountains. Picture taken by mom Tammy Ogle.



**Savannah Brook Ogle** relaxing in the Smokies. Picture taken by her nana Janice Franks.

The October photo theme is **"Halloween is Coming"**. To participate in our Community Photos section, please send your favorite photos, matching the theme, to: NHTC • Attn: Maria Goodson • P.O. Box 452 • New Hope, Alabama 35760. You may prefer to e-mail your photo to [mgoodson@nehp.net](mailto:mgoodson@nehp.net). If your entry is selected, you'll see your photo in print. **The deadline for the October entry is August 21st. Be sure to include the photographer's name, address and phone number,** as well as the name of any people featured in your photos. Do not write on the back of your photos, but rather write your information on a small piece of paper and tape it to the back.

If you would like your photos returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. By submitting your photos: (1) you attest that you are the creator and owner of the photos, (2) you give New Hope Telephone permission to publish your material in The Communicator, (3) you agree to offer said photos without the expectation of payment from New Hope Telephone, and (4) you understand that photos are selected for publication in The Communicator at the sole discretion of New Hope Telephone, and that submission of your photo does not guarantee your photo will appear in the magazine.





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## Cellular Phone Service from New Hope Telephone Cooperative?

We are considering offering cellular phone service to our members. We believe we can offer a number of advantages, such as customer service right here in your community. Because your opinion matters, we'd like to hear from you before we move in that direction. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions below; return the survey to us by mail or drop it by our office. On August 31, we will draw one winner from all the surveys returned by that date.

**The lucky winner of the drawing will receive \$200!**



### Please check the appropriate boxes.

1. If NHTC offered a cellular phone service, would you consider buying service from us?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

2. If NHTC becomes an agent for a cellular phone provider, which provider would you prefer?

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cingular | <input type="checkbox"/> Sprint/Nextel               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verizon  | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrwireless                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-Mobile | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify _____ |

3. Do you currently have cellular phone service?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

4. If so, how many phones do you and your family or business have?

- ☐ One  
☐ Two  
☐ Three  
☐ More than three

5. From which provider is your current cellular service?

- |                                   |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Verizon  | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrwireless                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-Mobile | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify _____ |

6. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current cellular phone service?

- ☐ Very satisfied  
☐ Satisfied  
☐ Dissatisfied  
☐ Very dissatisfied. If dissatisfied, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

7. If NHTC were to offer cellular service with competitively priced plans and phones, how likely would you be to switch to NHTC for cellular service?

- ☐ Definitely switch  
☐ Probably switch  
☐ Probably not switch  
☐ Definitely not switch

**Please detach this page and return it to our office. Be sure to include the address label for our drawing for \$200 cash!**

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