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Manager's Comments

What a year 2007 has been! For me, the excitement began in the first quarter when I submitted my resume and was interviewed for the job of NHTC's general manager. I was familiar with the company, having visited the Web site and read *The Communicator* online; but I had no idea how exciting the challenges and opportunities would be that awaited the company's next general manager.

I joined the crew here in April, and we hit the ground running. I was fortunate to be surrounded by smart people who take pride in their jobs; working together, we have made tremendous progress for your cooperative.

For many years to come, I believe we will look back on 2007 and remember it as a real turning point for New Hope Telephone Cooperative. For starters, it was the year our fiber-to-the-home project really took shape. Over the course of the next few years, we will literally rebuild the cooperative's system from the ground up, replacing the traditional copper plant with state-of-the-art fiber optic technology. This will not only allow us to meet the growing bandwidth needs of today, but will position us to serve the demands of this region for decades to come.

This was also a year that we made tremendous strides with our cable television offering. We added more channels, increased the options for our members, and made several high-definition channels available.

It has also been a great year for *The Communicator*. Since the magazine was launched six years ago, our members

have come to rely on the publication as an important vehicle for staying connected among our communities. These efforts were recognized in February at the annual meeting of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) when New Hope Telephone Cooperative was honored for the Best Subscriber Communications Program.

Later in the year, our peers in the industry awarded the magazine the TeleChoice Award, recognizing it as the best magazine in its category in the country. This summer we also received the APEX Award of Excellence, recognizing your cooperative for its efforts to improve *The Communicator* through the years.

Every service we provide — telephone, Internet and cable — have all been improved this year, and the efforts made in 2007 will have a positive impact for the members of tomorrow. I am excited about where we will be this time next year!

As we close the books on 2007, I want to say how much I truly appreciate everyone who has made my wife and I feel at home in North Alabama. Merry Christmas to you all, and here's to a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!



Tom Wing is General Manager of New Hope Telephone Cooperative

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Allison Burlison and Gabby Seibert add their toys to the stack that will be donated to area kids for Christmas.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO LOCAL SENIORS

There are scholarship opportunities from NHTC awaiting seniors from both New Hope High School and DAR High School. Ask your guidance counselor for an application for a \$500 scholarship from NHTC. NHTC will award one scholarship to a deserving senior from each school.

Scholarships are also available through the Foundation for Rural Services (FRS). Established in 1994 by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), the FRS organization promotes, educates and advocates rural telecom issues in order to sustain and enhance the quality of life within communities throughout rural America. FRS awards 25 scholarships for \$2,000 annually to deserving youth from rural communities. Additionally, if a student from DAR or New Hope receives the FRS scholarship, NHTC will contribute \$500 making the total received \$2,500.

Visit your guidance counselor for your application today!

All scholarships are made available without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.

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Make Christmas more meaningful for you and your family this year. While out shopping for presents for loved ones, consider purchasing an extra toy or gift for someone less fortunate. It could be the only present under the Christmas tree for some lucky child.

Each year organizations like the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots and the Community Christmas Share Program look to caring people in the community to help make Christmas more memorable for underprivileged children throughout the community. But they can't do it alone. They need your help.

NHTC has been a proud sponsor of both organizations for several years. "We had a great response last year,"

says Kanita Medlen, New Services Representative.

Toys for Tots collects new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages. The toys are distributed to children around the area for Christmas.

The Community Christmas Share Program has 'Angel Trees' set up at local businesses. Shoppers can choose an angel tag from the tree. Each tag has the first name, age, clothing and shoe sizes and a special wish from an area child. Simply purchase a gift for the 'angel' and return it with the angel tag in a gift box or bag. Please do not wrap the gift.

On December 12, community volunteers will collect all the gifts to distribute to local children who would not otherwise receive Christmas gifts.▲



Kanita Medlen shows gifts dropped off for a local charity. NHTC will be collecting gifts through December 15.



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New Hope Founder's Day

This year marked the best turn out ever at the 18th annual Founder's Day. The event included local, carnival rides, booths and 'The Ugly Walk'. Two NHTC employees placed in the Chili Cook-Off. Missy Watson won 2nd place and Lou Ann Poole won 3rd place for their recipes.

The Lions Club and City Council organized a city wide clean-up afterwards. 106 volunteers collected over 250 bags of litter over a 15 mile area of New Hope.

Congratulations to the winners of NHTC's cash prize drawing: Margaret Meeks, \$100; Wendy Osborne, \$25; Debbie O'Neal, \$75.



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The New Hope City Tournament crowned a new championship team. The New Hope Wild Thangs finished their season 14-2 and brought home the top spot at the city tournament this season.

"I was so excited for these girls," says head coach Maggie Mathis. "These girls worked so hard. I am so proud of them."

The seven-man team is made up of some tough ten-year-olds who showed no fear when playing experienced teams from all around the Huntsville area.

"Only a few of these girls had any experience playing volleyball," says Mathis. "When we started practicing some of these girls couldn't even serve over the net."

Mathis admits even her experience with volleyball was limited. She says she just "showed up at the first practice with her daughter and someone told me, 'You going to coach them?' So what could I say?"

Mathis said yes and asked two other moms to help. Assistants Christine Brown and Lori Clark joined the squad and a championship team followed their examples.

"The girls listened well and worked well together," she says. "They knew each other from school, but they had never played volleyball together as a team."

This team had a long way to go in a short two-month season. Practice facilities were hard to come by leaving the Wild Thangs to do the best they could

with what they had—even if it meant practicing on a tennis court.

"They always had a great attitude. They were just having fun," says Mathis.

This coachable team was any head coach's dream. The girls turned having fun into winning games.



The New Hope Wild Thangs City Volleyball Tournament Champions are: (L-R front row to back) Jill Lang, Erin Clark, Jewel Mathis, Allison Brown, Tara Richard, Emily Smith, Mary Lou Heatherly, Assistant Coach Christine Brown, Head Coach Maggie Mathis, and Assistant Coach Lori Clark.

"In regular season these girls blew everyone away," says Mathis. "It was so exhilarating to watch the team play. It was just the best feeling to watch how well these girls were doing in such a short time."

The team found closer competition in tournament play. They entered the

tourney in the number one seed with their 14-2 record. The championship match was played against Civic, a team that was working their way out of the loser's bracket.

"They played us real close," says Mathis. "They won the first game 25-19. Then we beat them the last two 25-14 and 15-8."

Mathis describes her girls as being champions from the heart. "These girls showed great sportsmanship all season long." Regular season play severed them a hard blow as their only two losses came from the second game and the last game of the season.

She says the girls responded well after their losses. "They were bummed out for a little bit, but didn't let it affect the next game," she says. "They were just out there having fun. They had wonderful attitudes."

The Wild Thangs had some number one support as well. Walls Machine Company in Owens Cross Roads sponsored the team, and parents gave 100 percent.

"The parents were just great," says Mathis. "They would jump in and scrimmage with the girls, they always got them to practice, and helped out

so much."

The parents also bought a big trophy to honor the girls' accomplishments that will be displayed in the New Hope Middle School trophy case.

"This is a first for everyone on the team," says Mathis. "They will remember this for the rest of their lives." ▲



New Hope High School recently crowned Emily Sadler as their 2007-2008 Homecoming Queen. Emily is the daughter of Trish and Tim Sadler of New Hope.



IT'S NICE TO BE APPRECIATED - Pam LaPier and Teresa Carpenter of Stylish Events and Catering presented NHTC with a gift basket as a token of their appreciation for all the cooperative does for them and other businesses throughout the service area. "The cooperative doesn't get enough credit for all of the hard work they do," explained Carpenter. Tammy Pritchett of NHTC accepted the basket on behalf of New Hope Telephone Cooperative. You can find out more about Stylish Events at www.yourstylishevent.com.

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A Toy Story

New Hope Elementary students learn there is more to Christmas than just receiving gifts

of Robert Seibert, minister of Hampton Cove Church of Christ. He has been serving the communities of the New Hope Telephone Cooperative service area for three years.

Ministries like Vacation Bible School and the church's famous parade floats brings the church out of its walls and into the streets.

"Every year we do a new design for the Christmas parade and the New Hope Founder's Day parade," he says. The town cannot help but notice 12-foot lighthouses and giant dentures built by church members. A biblical theme and free handouts ranging from flashlights, to packs of chewing gum, accompany each float.

The church also designed and produced over 200 coloring books to give away to children from their booth at Founder's Day.

"We developed a relationship with The Home Depot during our VBS program this summer," says Seibert. The store provided birdhouses for the students to make during craft time. Since then Seibert has been looking for an opportunity that would involve more kids for a greater cause.

"That's where Community Builders came from," he says. "The Home Depot is providing three styles of prefabricated wooden toy kits for the students to build."

At New Hope Elementary, students in Kindergarten through fourth-grade beat, bang and shape the toys under supervision from Art Instructor Natalie Ballentine and volunteers. Elementary Principal Lavelle Everett is allowing the students to use their art class time for the service project.

No matter what the age, children quickly learn that Christmas is all about one thing: getting toys! This year New Hope Elementary students are learning a different lesson—how to give.

Thanks to the vision of Hampton Cove Church of Christ minister Robert Seibert and with help from The Home Depot on South Parkway, these students are receiving an education in generosity.

"We wanted to teach the children in our community about the importance of putting others first," says Seibert. He says the world's message is telling this generation to only look out for number one.

"Community Builders is a cooperation effort that is providing wooden Christmas toys for needy children," he says. This cooperation effort is the culmination of New Hope Elementary School, The Home Depot, Hampton Cove Church of Christ, and Tara Graphics.

A Vision for Community
Community Builders was the dream



Seibert says additional help will be coming from the seventh-grade class, who has volunteered to paint the wooden toys.

Becky Skinner is a team leader for The Home Depot Kids Workshop. She says when the project is complete the students will have built 384 toys consisting of fire trucks, sailboats and biplanes.

Kids Workshop

The Home Depot is not a stranger to helping kids build dreams. Human Resource Manager Yvonne Sparks says, "We do a Kids Workshop on the first Saturday of each month at the South Parkway store." The Kids Workshops are free "How-To Clinics" designed specifically for children.

The workshops teach children do-it-yourself skills and tool safety. "They learn organizational skills, teamwork, patience and persistence," says Sparks. "They are also able to see immediate results from the work of their hands."

The Home Depot has been doing workshops for ten years. New Hope Elementary is the 6th school to host a workshop on their campus.

"We wanted the kids to have this experience," says Seibert, "but we found out that a trip to the store would count as a field trip for each class." Seibert and Everett were afraid that participation would be low if teachers had to choose between changing their scheduled field

trips and participating in the project.

"We were very excited to find out that the store could come to us," Seibert smiles.

The Cost of Christmas

Church and community leaders know they must count the cost before casting a

project. Volunteer groups from the cooperative helped out on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Customer Service Representative (CSR) Missy Watson assisted the third-grade class in assembling biplanes.

"They were excited to be building toys for others," she says. The biplanes were the most challenging kit to assemble. But the students kept a lighthearted attitude.

Watson was glad to invest her time. "It was a fun experience," she says.

CSR Rhonda Russell's group from the cooperative assisted the Kindergarten class in building sailboats. "The kids were so excited," she says.

"You could see by the way they were standing in line to get their aprons and safety goggles, they were ready to get up there and start hammering away," she says. Russell delighted in the change that Community Builders brought to her day.

"I enjoyed it," she says.

Others groups in the New Hope community are participating in the cooperation effort as well. The Family First Homemakers Club and the Lions Club have committed to purchase crayons for the toy fire



trucks. vision. Seibert says Community Builders has been blessed.

"There is no cost for the church, the school, or the kids," he says. "The Home Depot has provided all of the supplies and safety equipment, as well as the toy kits."

New Hope Telephone Cooperative donated a few helping hands for the

trucks.

"The Christmas toy project is just the beginning for Community Builders," says Seibert. "You can bet there will be more to come."

But as for this year Community Builders have provided a very merry Christmas for kids both giving and receiving.▲

New Hope Fire and Rescue gets an upgrade

The New Hope Fire and Rescue Squad entered a new emergency vehicle into service recently. The new 2008 Ford F-550 Super Duty comes complete with all the bells and sirens. It replaces the 1986 Ford that the department has had in service for 13 years.

"We just wore-out that old truck," says Fire Chief Ronald Schrimsher who has served for 23 years. Thanks to the efforts of the city council and rescue volunteers, the city has a reliable emergency vehicle.

The truck is four-wheel drive,

has a 12,000 lb front wench for vehicle stability, an emergency light package to protect the squad as they respond to emergency calls, and sirens that comply with federal noise standards.

It also has a 12 foot enclosed bed. "All of our equipment is in the dry and on one vehicle," says Chief Schrimsher.

"This truck can safely carry everything we need to respond to a call," he says. "The old truck

would have to be weighed after it was loaded to make sure it was not over-weight for the highways."

Chief Schrimsher says his 24 volunteers will respond to an average of 650 to 700 primary calls putting the \$180,000 emergency vehicle to good use.

"We had a call just three hours after putting the vehicle into service," he says.



(L to R) Asst. Chief Arnold Schrimsher, Cptn. Marty Touchstone, Councilman David Pritchett, Chief Ronald Schrimsher, Cptn. Russell Grider and Rick Phillips worked together for almost 12 months writing and rewriting the specs for the new truck.

Local homemaker club member writes state creed



Loretta Johnson, President of the Family First Homemakers and Community Leaders Club won the state creed writing competition. Johnson has been part of the Homemakers club for 14 years. She knew the purpose of the club and what it stood for.

"The purpose is to learn, teach, and mentor others," she says. "I was able to submit the creed in only one draft."

The Alabama Homemakers and Community Leaders Creed says:

'I believe in Alabama Homemakers and Community Leaders, a strong and dedicated organization focused on helping to better our state, community and families.

I believe it is my duty as a faithful and active member to make this organization the best our state has to offer by helping learn, teach, support, educate and mentor.'

Since the Homemakers club began in the early 1900's the purpose has not changed. "We still educate our members in hopes that they will go back and educate their families," Johnson says.

The club is very active in the community. Their efforts can be seen in street clean up projects, at the Hope Place, and the Hospice Caring House.

For more information about the organization call Loretta Johnson at 725-2330.▲

OCR

Madison County 21st Century Learning Community School

Award Winning



Owens Cross Roads 21st Century after school clubs have been a big success this year.

Parents and friends filled the school grounds at the end of October, as the students and club leaders showcased the efforts of the first club session. Each club participated in a demonstration or activity they had learned during their afternoon club.

The evening began in the gym with a performance by the Gymnastics Club. Then followed a Garden stroll to view the accomplishments of the Science Club and their landscaping on the front of the school.

The Chorus Club performance, a

computer design project, a puppet skit, and a Skate Club demonstration also delighted family and visitors.

The after school clubs are part of a national program that encourages schools to provide academic enrichment programs. 21st Century Community Learning Centers like OCR's use these club settings to reinforce core subjects like reading, math and science.

They also provide physically stimulating activities to improve children's health and well being.

The 21st Century Club Session II began October 29, and will continue through December 19.

OCR staff reported a tremendous

response to clubbers signing up for the second session. Students were finding their first club choice filled and their second choice already near capacity.

The clubs featured in Session II include Cheer Clubs for various grades, Super Sleuths Science Club, Gymnastics Club, Creative Critters Writers Club, and the ever-popular Skate Club.

The Drama Club will continue preparation for their performance of the "Wizard of Oz" which will be Thursday night, December 6th at 6:00 in the gymnasium.

For questions about the 21st Century Clubs or for more information contact Owens Cross Roads Elementary. ▲



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR DECEMBER 2007

December

Christmas Lights

For over 30 years people have been driving by the O'Neal family's home at 211 Clarence Brockway in New Hope to see the spectacular display of Christmas lights. The lights will be on nightly through New Year's Day.

December 1

Grant Christmas Parade

Come join the fun Main Street beginning at 4 p.m.

New Hope Christmas Parade

The fun begins at 1 p.m. on Main Drive. Line-up will be at noon.

December 6

School Play

The OCR Elementary Drama Club will present

the "Wizard of Oz" on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium. Contact the school for more information.

December 12

Christmas Tree Lighting

Join the mayor and council members for the lighting of the Christmas tree. There will be refreshments, caroling, and Santa will be on hand for the children.

December 16

Christmas Cantata

Galilee Baptist Church will host a Christmas Cantata at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Christmas Play

Mt. Zion Baptist Church will present their Christmas play at 6 p.m. with refreshments following.

✝ Inspiration Corner

I have to say, the anticipation for Christmas gifts has a pull on the soul like a Toys R Us® store next to a day-care! Many years ago, I found Amanda and Anna Kathryn playing in the middle of a Toys R Us® aisle with about ten other children. Rather than call out in the midst of all the fun I simply snapped my fingers. Every child in that aisle stood up and looked at me. Finger snapping must be the universal language for getting a child's attention; much like "Christmas" is the universal language for drawing our attention to the greatest "Gift" of all.

I once met a lady, struggling with the existence of that Gift, who did not celebrate Christmas or Easter. I asked, "How does it feel to miss such a celebration?" She said it felt like she was missing out on something but had grown

to ignore that feeling. How sad it must be to ignore the greatest of blessings. The Joy of Christmas is like receiving a gift card, that when redeemed grants an eternal life debt free, pain free, and death free! If you are one who questions the Gift of Christmas, please check out a local church this season for the opportunity to experience the Gift of Jesus. For those who have accepted that Gift, be aware that you are now one called to make deliveries! May your Christmas be so filled with Rich Blessings of God's Love that it continues throughout the New Year!



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

New Hope UMC Angel Food Ministry will take orders January 3, 4, & 5. The pick-up date is Saturday, January 26 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at the church.

PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
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Have you every told someone "you can't have it both ways?"

We often find ourselves feeling this way in public buildings. Some say it's to cold while others say it's to hot. If you move the thermostat either way you still cannot satisfy everyone.

Sunglasses have stickers that say, "protects against ultraviolet rays." They say that we are destroying the ozone and we are all vulnerable because of our environment.

We blame the so-called "easy targets" such as factories, oil companies, nuclear plants, and big businesses in general. Other contributors are agriculture and the general public. The problems are so highly complex we may never figure out all the contributors.

There are solutions. We could shut down all the factories. We could stop driving our cars. We could stop washing our clothes with detergents and eliminate polluting our water supplies, but wait! I really like these conveniences!

Did you know that these issues have been going on for a long time? Solomon wrote, "Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox." (Proverbs 14:4) Interpretation, you can have a clean crib if you don't have an ox, but if you don't have an ox you can't plow. If you can't plow you can't have crops for food. You can't have it both ways.

This is the clear message throughout the Bible. Jesus said it like this; "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other;" (Matthew 6:24).

See you in church Sunday.

National bus tour stops by DAR

DAR School was filled with patriot patrons as the school celebrated its 83rd Dedication Day recently. The event was coupled with the National Bus Tour, making it one of the school's highest attended celebrations.

Speakers included Linda G. Calvin, President General of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and 19 state representatives from DAR societies.

The second-grade class presented "Our Heritage of Blessing." The program reminded visitors of the foundation that America was built on. The children

warmed hearts with their energy, smiles, and songs; complete with historical costumes.

Historical literature was included as

class members recited Biblical references from memory; not as a devotional reading, but as historical documents that the early patriots viewed as paramount.

Hospitality was recognized after a short history of the pineapple and ladybugs. The pineapple is the national symbol of hospitality while the ladybugs are identified as state symbols.

Nearby hotels in Guntersville were able to provide accommodations for the 200 visitors. It was the first time the Daughters would not have to stay in hotels in Huntsville.▲



Students at DAR dressed in patriotic costumes and performed for their school's Dedication Day.



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CHRISTMAS RECIPES

The members of the New Hope Historical Association (NHHA) share some of their favorite recipes with readers this month.

The group is active in the community. They are dedicated to the preservation

of the history of New Hope. They are always in search of old photos, memorabilia and items for display in the museum.

The Historical Association is an excellent source for information about genealogy, local cemeteries and local lore.

They are located on Main Drive in New Hope across from the library and are open on the first Saturday of each month. Members will also meet with individuals wishing to research their archives by appointment.

Bread Pudding

(Lou Ann Poole)

2 eggs
2 tablespoons melted butter
2 tablespoons vanilla
1 ½ cups heavy cream
1 ½ cups raw sugar
4 to 5 cups bread
handful of pecans
handful of cranberries in peach brandy

Leave some dried fruit to plump up in some good peach brandy. A good handful will do. Cube a large bowl of bread, sour dough or whatever you have, as long as it is not moldy. Pour heavy cream over bread and toss. Mix together eggs, sugar, butter, vanilla, stir together until dissolved and then add fruit with liquid. Place bread in pan, pour in egg mixture and add nuts to top. Cook until set and serve hot. While the bread pudding is baking, make the sauce.

Sauce:

½ cup raw sugar
1 stick butter
½ cup cream
¼ cup of peach brandy (Old Forester, Jack Daniels, berry juice)

Combine all ingredients in a pipkin. Put this before the fire early on so it may slowly simmer and reduce. Spoon this over each serving of bread pudding.

Granny Whitaker's Chocolate Pie

(Syble S. Whitaker)

3 egg yokes
2 cups milk
¾ cup sugar
3 tablespoons cocoa
2 tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat egg yokes, add milk, sugar, cocoa, flour, and salt together. Cook in double boiler until thick, then add 2 tablespoons butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla stir well then pour in unbaked crust and cook 20 minutes on 350.

Beat egg whites until stiff add some sugar then brown in oven.

Sweet Potatoes & Apples

(Doris Spivey)

Boil 1 large can of sweet potatoes, drained, and add dash of salt, 1 Tbsp. cinnamon, 1/2 stick of butter; 1 cup brown sugar. Mix well and put in baking dish. Set aside. Cook 4 or 5 apples (cored, peeled, sliced) with 1 cup sugar; 1 Tbsp. cinnamon, 1 Tbsp. margarine, dash of salt. Cook very slow until tender. Remove from heat and pour over sweet potatoes. Cover and heat at 350° for 15 minutes. Serve warm or cold.

Oatmeal Candy

(Teresa Ballard)

2 cups sugar
1 stick butter
2-1/2 cups oats
2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup milk
4 Tbsp. cocoa
1/4 cup nuts (optional)
1/2 cup peanut butter

Cook sugar, milk, butter and cocoa. Boil hard for one and a half minutes. Add vanilla, peanut butter, nuts and oats. Mix well. Drop spoonfuls on waxed paper and chill.

Splenda Apple Pie

(Jimmie Richard)

1 stick butter or margarine
1-3/4 cups Splenda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. salt
1 egg, well beaten
4 large baking apples (peeled, cored, sliced and microwaved for 5 minutes)

Melt butter. Add cinnamon, salt and Splenda. Mix well. Add egg, cooled apples to butter mixture. Mix well. Pour into unbaked 9" pie shell. Add crumb topping. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes.

Topping:

Combine 3/4 cups sifted flour; 1/3 cup Splenda brown sugar. Cut in 6 Tbsp butter until crumbly.

Holiday Photos



Noah W. Phillips at age 1. Mom, Melanie Phillips sent picture.



Paradise Family Christmas 2006 at the home of Wes & Phyllis Paradise in Grant.



Hallie Lang vacationing in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Photo submitted by her mother, Brenda Lang.



Kaylee Yarbrough with Santa. Photo submitted by her mom & dad.



Haley Pritchett & Chasity Page at the Galaxy of Lights. Photo taken by Chasity's father, Mike Page.

"Puppy Love" is the photo theme for February. Send pictures matching the photo theme to: NHTC • Attn: Tammy Pritchett • 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) **Deadline for February is December 20th.**

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