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DEPARTMENT PROFILES

NHTC's Repair Service / Service Order Department

Note: It requires a team effort to consistently deliver reliable telecommunications services to our members. We begin a series of articles this month profiling the various departments that work together to serve the members of NHTC.

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Lou Ann Poole and Phillip Cooper know a lot about trouble. Day in and day out, they speak with customers in New Hope, Owens Cross Roads and Grant who have some type of trouble with their service.

As the two members of the Repair Service/Service Order Department, Poole and Cooper field all phone calls regarding repair work. "They call us if they have a problem with their phone, cable, dial-up, or DSL," explains Poole, Service Order Coordinator.

"We try to analyze each individual report," she continues, "because no two are alike." For instance, if a person calls in to report that they cannot access a certain channel on their cable service, Poole

and Cooper verify that the channel is indeed part of the customer's package. They also check the monitor in their office to be certain the channel is functioning properly.

"We'll see if they have the right box, if their VCR is on, and if they have it on the right channel," Poole says. "We try to analyze the problem and help them work on it before we roll a truck."

NHTC is proud of the fact that most repairs are handled the same day.

In addition to repair issues, the two-person department also works on all service orders, such as new phone installs, calling feature additions and cable package upgrades. They pass the service orders to the appropriate departments, then make certain the orders are sent to the accounting department for billing.

Line location is a particularly important service order. "If someone is digging, they need to call us to locate our lines," says Cooper, NHTC's Dispatch Coordinator. Whether it is a large project (such as building a new fence or adding a garage) or a small job (such as putting up a mailbox or adding a flower bed), Cooper says NHTC members should call before they dig.

"They could cut a drop going to their house," he says, "and could lose phone, cable and Internet service."

The Repair Service/Service Order Department at NHTC can be reached by calling 723-4219. "There's no automated menu," Poole says. "You'll talk to a real person, or our voice mail if both of us are on the phone."



Poole (seated) and Cooper study a service order.



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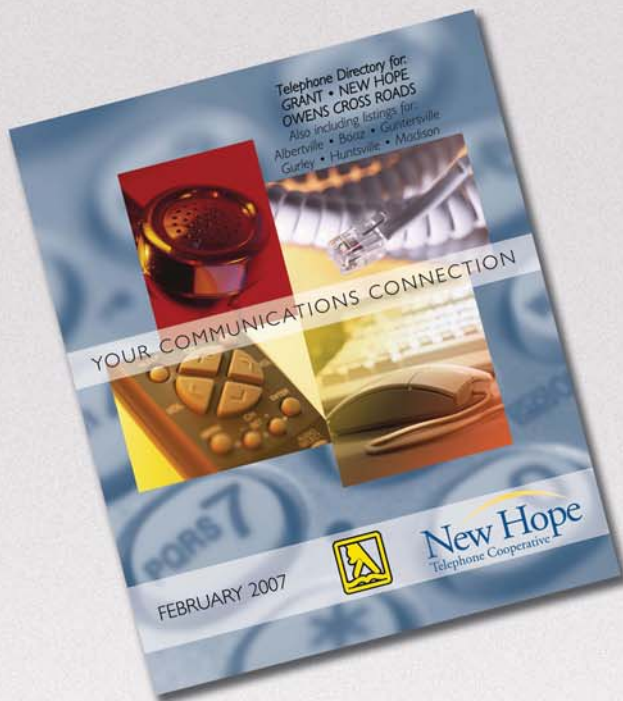
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On the cover:

John Whitaker and Ken Wood working on the Simulsat receiver. This unit is part of NHTC's plans to improve and expand the cable service offer to members.

NEW DIRECTORY ARRIVING SOON!



All subscribers should receive their new telephone directory from New Hope Telephone Cooperative in the mail by the end of February.

The directory provides useful features and resources for both businesses and individuals in our area. For added convenience, there are listings for the neighboring areas of Guntersville, Albertville, Boaz, Gurley and Huntsville.



RECYCLE

Don't just throw away your old telephone directory. Put one in your car for emergencies and keep an extra in the spare room for guests. If you don't need your old book, drop it by NHTC's office and we will recycle it. Together we can help keep tons of paper from making its way to landfills. Thanks for pitching in!

***New Hope Telephone Cooperative
2nd Annual
Customer Appreciation Day
Wednesday
February 14th
8:30 until 4:30 p.m.
at NHTC Business Office***

***To show our appreciation to our
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Can You Find It?

We've hidden the name of a popular calling feature in the pages of this month's magazine. Find it and it could be worth a \$5 credit on your next phone bill. It's simple. The word could be anywhere within the pages of this magazine, so look carefully.

You may mail or deliver your handwritten or typed answer to NHTC's office. You can also e-mail the answer to communicator@nehp.net. BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE!

We'll draw one name from the correct entries on February 23rd, and the winner will receive a \$5 credit on their next phone bill.

Good luck to everyone!



WELCOME ABOARD John Thompson is the newest employee of New Hope Telephone Cooperative. Hired as a Combination Technician, John will work with both telephone and cable TV services. This 1996 graduate of New Hope High School brings a variety of experience to NHTC. For the past 10 years, he has operated his own tree cutting business. John is the proud father of 19-month-old Addie. He makes his home in New Hope.



Don't forget your sweetheart on
Valentine's Day
Wednesday, February 14th

Quote

"People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within."
-- Elizabeth Kubler Ross

NHTC offers scholarships to local seniors



New Hope Telephone Cooperative is proud to help area seniors continue their education beyond the high school level. That's why NHTC awards a \$500 scholarship to a deserving high school senior from DAR School and New Hope High School each year.

Guidance counselors at both DAR and New Hope High School will have applications for any student interested in applying. Applications are also available at the NHTC office.

NHTC is also pleased to make available to its members the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship.

Founded by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (of which NHTC is a member), the FRS seeks to strengthen the ties between rural com-

munities and their families and businesses. The FRS is heavily involved in youth education and empowerment, public information campaigns and educational initiatives.

If a high school senior from our service area is selected to receive one of the 25 national scholarships (\$2,000 each), NHTC will contribute an additional \$500 to the one-time scholarship, making the total scholarship \$2,500. Applicants should note that preference will be given to students who express an interest in returning to a rural area to work following graduation.

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

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Your NHTC bill has a new look

Thanks to the implementation of new software last fall, NHTC has been able to update your bill. These updates have changed the appearance of your bill. They should make it simpler to read and much easier to understand.

The sidebar provides information that will be helpful for understanding the new breakdown and look of your bill.

Remember, you can always call NHTC's office at 723-4211 with any billing questions.

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Bill At A Glance 01/01/2007
Suzie Sunshine
BALANCE FROM LAST BILLING 12-08 57.98
CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED 0.00
BALANCE INTO BILLING 57.98CR
SUMMARY BY SERVICE
New Hope Service For: (256)725-0000 55.64
CURRENT BILLING AMOUNT 55.64
Total Due: Please Pay This Amount

TELEPHONE NO: (256)725-0000 ACCOUNT NO: 838400

Previous Bill	Payments/Adj	Current Billing	Total Due
57.98	57.98CR	55.64	\$55.64

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FEATURES OF THE NEW BILL:

A The Bill Header Section is a quick way to look at your previous and current usage along with any payments and adjustments that occurred in the last billing period.

B Your summary for each type of service and charge associated will display in the Bill-At-A-Glance Section.

C The Message Center will have important notices and specials from New Hope Telephone Cooperative.

D The Remittance Stub is perforated for easier removal. This portion of your bill should be included with payments.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES INCLUDE:

- A Monthly Usage Section on page 2 provides a further explanation of charges associated with each service provided by NHTC.

- The Change of Address Section allows you to update your customer information. This is conveniently located on the back of your Remittance Stub.

- You could have additional pages that include information on the type of phone service you have and detailed summary of long distance calls including any Optional Calling Plan rates applied. Subtotals are at the bottom of each page.

DAR students national art contest winners

Each year Telcom Insurance Group promotes National Fire Safety month with an art contest. The contest is coordinated locally by New Hope Telephone Cooperative.

Students ages 4 to 14 from all across the United States submit their artwork. A panel selected by Telcom chooses the winners. This year only two of the winners were from Alabama.

Amber King, DAR School art teacher, couldn't be more pleased. Both winners from Alabama are in her class.

Eight-grader Brandon Chandler won first place

and a \$100 prize check for his drawing entitled "Prevent Cooking Fires-Watch What You Heat".




Brandon Chandler and Morgan Walls are shown displaying their artwork. Each received honors from a national organization for their drawings on fire safety.

Morgan Walls, a seventh-grader, received third place recognition and a check for \$50. Her artwork depicted the danger of leaving the stove unattended. (*CALL FORWARDING*)

"Both students are quite talented," says King, who teaches art to students in grades 7 through 12 at DAR. "Brandon has won some awards in art shows in Marshall County. This is Morgan's first year in my class but I can tell she is going to do well."

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Happy 100th Birthday!

New Hope woman celebrates 100 years of living

As January 31st was approaching, family and friends of Mary Jacobs were busy making plans for a special celebration. It was on that day that the New Hope resident was to mark 100 years of life on earth.

More than half of those years have been spent in New Hope. Jacobs was raised in Wayne County, Tennessee, where she met her future husband. She was a school teacher, and he was a construction worker. His trade brought them to Alabama.

"He helped build the Guntersville Dam," Jacobs says of her husband. The young married couple resided in New Hope while he worked on the huge project.

As the dam neared completion, Jacobs says her husband had the opportunity to move to Kentucky to work on a similar project there. "He told his boss that he didn't want to go to Kentucky, and his wife didn't want to go to Kentucky. So his boss said 'why don't you just stay here and operate the dam.'"

Jacobs retired from teaching to raise a family. The couple had a son, who now lives in Florida, and a daughter, who now lives in Birmingham.

Having lived for a century, Jacobs has learned a few things about staying healthy. "The body can't take care of itself," she says. "You have to take care of it."

Part of doing so, she says, is paying attention to the foods we eat. "Young people need to learn how to eat," she says. "If it doesn't do anything for you, don't eat it."

Jacobs admits she does enjoy an occasional chocolate indulgence. "I don't eat no big lot of it," she says, "but I do enjoy chocolates."

Onions are a staple of Jacobs' diet.

"Who could eat green beans without an onion!" she declares.

Rest is another important factor, and keeping the body on a routine. Jacobs goes to bed each evening at 8 p.m., and rises at 7 a.m.

"The body needs to have something to live by," she offers. "It needs to stay on track. It's hard to change the body, to eat one time one day and another time the next."

Jacobs says one of the secrets to a long life is to learn to be happy. "We always had lightheartedness at the table," she recalls of life growing up in Tennessee. One brother in particular was an avid reader, and would entertain the family with funny stories he had read.

"Be happy at the dinner table," she says. "If someone likes to tell jokes, let them tell them."

She also learned to live by the standards her father modeled.

"When we were leaving he would say 'keep your name clean...we're poor people, that's all we have.'"

Regarding marriage, Jacobs has some simple advice. "Love each other," she says. "I had the best husband. I don't

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Mary Jacobs enjoys reading the newspaper after breakfast every morning. She also enjoys activities that keep her hands busy, including crocheting.

This includes "greasy foods, and foods that have heavy oil and fats."

"I was interested in food since I remember," says the former home economics teacher. "I could see that's where health originates."

Despite its lack of nutritional value,

continued

remember us ever having a quarrel.”

Happiness, according to Jacobs, is something a couple must work at. “I don’t remember any unhappiness,” she says. “I’m sure we had some, but you drop that as you grow older, and pick something up happy as you go along.”

She says growing up with seven brothers taught her some lessons, too. “If you’re good to the male, you’ll get good in return,” she says. “You both have to work together to make a happy life.”

In the matter of children, Jacobs says “have them young. Don’t wait until you get rich, you might never get rich. It’s better for you and for your child to have them while you’re young.”

Living a long life does have its challenges, as Jacobs has learned. She needs help walking and doing many routine tasks, and must rely on caregivers to stay with her day and night.

Jacobs engages in a number of activities to keep her alert mind sharp. Reading the local section of *The Huntsville Times* is an important part of her day. This follows breakfast every morning.

“It is so important to know how to do something with your fingers, with your hands,” she says. “There is a time coming when you’ll have to sit there all day and night...and reading get’s old.”

Crocheting is one craft Jacobs is quite good at. Some people may not be interested in creating blankets, throws and such, but Jacobs encourages everyone to learn some type of skill to keep their hands busy. “If you don’t like it, learn it anyway,” she says.

Finally, Jacobs says it is important that we impact others as we walk through life. “Help somebody,” she admonishes. “Lift them up along your way.” ▲

New satellite installed, upgrades on schedule

New Hope Telephone Cooperative is one step closer to the cable system of the future. Work has been completed on the new receiver installed at NHTC’s headquarters in New Hope.

In December 2006, The Communicator reported that NHTC was in the process of prepar-

ing the site for installation of the large, high-tech receiver. This unique structure is known as Simulsat, a technology developed by the Arizona-based company ATCi. The world’s only ‘true-arc’ multiple satellite antenna, Simulsat is capable of receiving signals from 35 or more satellites at the same time - or almost 1,000 channels.

The dish sits beside a building remodeled to house the company’s cable head end. While signals are currently being received by the Simulsat — and the unit is operating perfectly — it will not be put into active service until NHTC’s cable equipment is moved to the new building.

“We will start moving receivers into the new head end by mid-

February,” says Rusty Bright, NHTC’s network administrator and acting general manager. During the transition, Bright says any customers with service problems should contact the repair service department at 723-4219.

As NHTC’s fiber-to-the-home project progresses, the Simulsat will



Crews work to install the new Simulsat receiver behind the cooperative’s headquarters on Main Drive in New Hope.

allow the company to greatly enhance viewing selections. Customers will have access to more high-definition channels, more channels, and video-on-demand features.

Another benefit is that it will allow NHTC to remove the many dishes next to Main Drive that are necessary to receive satellite signals. The Simulsat does the job of them all.



PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
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Do you ever talk to yourself? If so you could keep company with me because I often find myself having a good conversation with myself. If you don't talk to yourself you might think, boy that guy is weird. Well let me assure you that I am (according to those who know me) just a normal guy.

In the Bible there is a story about a Shulamite girl that talked to herself. Actually the story is a love story about a girl that was abducted and taken to Solomon's pavilion. It is there among several other women she was overheard talking to herself. She said things like, "thy love is better than wine" and "thy name is like ointment poured forth" (Song of Solomon 1:2-3). That sounds so poetic. What do you think she means?

The Shulamite girl found herself surrounded with the riches of Solomon and the constant appeal of the other women to give in. However, she found a way to keep her mind and heart focused. She constantly reminded herself of her true love, the shepherd.

The lesson in this story is relevant to you and me today. We are constantly pressured to compromise beliefs and convictions. The solution is to keep our hearts and minds filled with the thoughts of Jesus Christ and what he has done for us.

You can learn more about the Shulamite girl and applicable spiritual lessons when you attend a house of worship.

See you in church Sunday.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR JANUARY 2007

Saturdays in February

Baseball & Softball Registration
New Hope Recreation Center each Saturday in
February from 9:00 to 1:00 pm

Baseball & Softball Registration
Owens Cross Roads Recreation Center
Trailer behind City Hall (Ages 4-12)
February 10, 17, 24, from 9:00 to 1:00 pm

February 5th

New Hope City Council Meeting
New Hope City Hall, 7:00 pm

Grant City Council Meeting
Grant Town Hall, 6:30 pm

February 10th

Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner
New Hope UMC
Enjoy a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings served by New Hope UMC's Youth Group. Seating are at 4:30, 6:00 and 7:30.

There's no set price, donations will be accepted to fund Youth Group activities and services. Call 723-4048 for reservations.

February 12th

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

February 15th

OCR City Council Meeting
Owens Cross Roads Town Hall, 7:00 pm

February 19th

New Hope City Council Meeting
New Hope City Hall, 7:00 pm

Grant City Council Meeting
Grant Town Hall, 6:30 pm

New Hope Historical Assoc. Meeting
City Hall, First Floor - Museum, 7:00 pm
Contact Lou Ann Poole, 723-2525



Inspiration Corner

Isn't it amazing the biggest holidays of the year are religious? Sadly there are some people trying to change that. This month we celebrate the mission of St. Valentine. I challenge you to look up his story and see how this man dedicated his life to showing the awesome love of Jesus.

Considering the love of Christ a story I heard about two hikers crossed my mind. Two men were hiking in the mountains talking about how good life is when they walked up on a bear. Immediately one man dropped his backpack and started rolling up his pant legs. The other man asked, "What are you doing?" "I'm getting ready to run", came the reply. "You can't outrun that bear", said the one man. "I don't have to outrun the bear", said the other, "All I have to do is outrun you!"

God's love for us is such that He came to this world to walk along with us and talk about how good life can be. During those times, however, when we feel as though we have walked up on a bear in the woods, it is Jesus who takes off the backpack and rolls up the pant legs. When we ask, "What are you doing?", it is Jesus who responds, "I'm getting you ready to run!" There's a great continuation to this illustration of our relationship with Jesus and I pray you will hear it in a church near you. Blessed Saint Valentine's Day to all.



Michael Carpenter,
Pastor
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New Hope UMC Angel Food Ministry Deadlines for March:
Orders must be placed by Sat. 3/3 • Pick up orders on Sat. 3/17, 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Math-A-Thon raises money for St. Jude's

Students at Owens Cross Roads Elementary School recently participated in a Math-A-Thon to help raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The students who participate in the program learn to do more than just math problems; they also learn the importance of helping children who are less fortunate than themselves. St. Jude fully credits its successes in the treatment of children to the generous support of these students.

"We are very proud of our students for working so hard on the Math-A-Thon," said Mrs. Whitaker, volunteer coordinator. "With their help, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be able to create new treatments that may

one day lead to a cure for many forms of

cancer. I also want to extend our thanks to the Owen Cross Roads community for their support of our students."

This year the twenty participants raised \$1,134.34. Additionally, since Owens Cross Roads School's first Math-A-Thon about ten years ago, the students have raised a total of nearly \$10,000 for St. Jude's!

The 2006 participants are Alex Craft, Brady Parker, Rachel Bunch, Abby Williamson, Deja Sanders, Haley Wilbourn, Garrett Warren, Julia McVay, Brooklyn Griffin, Paul Ryan, Hannah Williamson, Lexi Tabor, Erin Anders, Ashlyn Howell, Jessica Hall, Laura Glover, Leah Tabor, Ashley Webster, Dalton Gaither and Emilee Anders.



These students from Owens Cross Roads School raised \$1,134.34 through their annual Math-A-Thon. All of the donations raised go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Sen. Hinton Mitchem elected leader of Alabama Senate

The New Year has certainly started with excitement and new challenges for Alabama Senator Hinton Mitchem. It also holds new opportunities for the



Ninth District, which includes Grant, New Hope and Owens Cross Roads.

In a move that surprised even Mitchem

himself, the 68-year-old Union Grove resident was elected January 9, as the President Pro Tem of the Alabama Senate.

Elected by the majority of the state senators, the Pro Tem is the leader of the Senate. The term is typically a four-year position that serves the duration of the quadrennium for which the legislator is elected. However, in an unprecedented move, Mitchem has agreed that in two years a new President Pro Tem will be elected and he will take over as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Mitchem said even he was surprised by the election. He explained that he was a compromise candidate, as seven of the Senate's 23 Democratic senators had announced their intentions to vote with 12 Republican senators in the election of the Pro Tem candidate. After Mitchem's emergence as a last minute candidate, two of the seven returned to the Democrat coalition.

"It's been a busy week," Mitchem said when interviewed by phone three

days after his election. Already his mind was on bringing a sense of unity to the governing body.

"My goal is to bring the Senate back together," Mitchem said. With an 18-17 vote among the Senators, "there are a lot of hard feelings right now. 'I'm working with both sides to try and bring peace and harmony to the senate.'"

He said over the years he has proven he can work across the aisle and unite the parties. He noted the passage of the General Fund Budget in the last session as an example of his efforts to gain unity. Mitchem worked with all 35 senators prior to the vote, and crafted a budget that everyone

agreed to. The budget passed with a historic 34-0 vote.

Mitchem said his work the first days of the organizational session have shown progress in uniting the Senate. "We want a reasonable Alabama Senate," he said. "We want to give the governor's bills a fair hearing and do the work of the people."

A retired businessman, Mitchem has spent the majority of his life working

with people. For many years he operated a tractor dealership in Albertville, which he sold in 2005. He previously owned a family entertainment center in Orange Beach, as well as various other businesses.

He was first elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1974. After



SWEARING IN—On January 9, Senator Hinton Mitchem was elected by his fellow senators as President Pro Tem of the Alabama State Senate. In addition to his duties representing District Nine (which includes New Hope, Owens Cross Roads and Grant), Mitchem will serve as the leader of the state senate for the next two years. Here is shown being sworn in by retired Supreme Court Justice Renau Almon.

serving one term, he was elected to the Senate, where he served until 1986 when he unsuccessfully sought the office of lieutenant governor. In a 1987 special election voters returned him to the Senate, where he has since served continuously.

While Mitchem's position as Pro Tem will demand a great deal of time and effort in Montgomery, it also will

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benefit the people of District Nine.

"We have so much to look forward to in the next decade," Mitchem said. For instance, he said last year's decisions by the government's Base Realignment and Closure Committee will bring thousands of new residents to north Alabama.

"This area is poised for great economic growth as BRAC impacts the Huntsville area," Mitchem said. "New Hope, Owens Cross Roads and the Grant areas are right in the middle of this." Highway and infrastructure improvements will be necessary to meet this growth, he added.

As Pro Tem, "I'm in a position that makes it much easier to get (the administration's) attention and get them to listen to us," Mitchem said. "The governor, the highway administrator... I think they will be more responsive to what the people of this district need. There is definitely power behind the Pro Tem's gavel."

While Mitchem recognizes the power of the Pro Tem position, he also recognizes the power of the voters of his district. "I wouldn't be in this position if the people of this district hadn't elected me and placed me in this office," he said, "and I thank them for their support over the years." ▲



THE SENATE'S NEW LEADER—The Alabama Senate is under new leadership with Sen. Hinton Mitchem as President Pro Tem. In this position, Mitchem will make committee appointments, assign legislation to committees, and to a large degree determine the flow of legislation.



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From the kitchen of Dovie Martin

It seems to be a fact of life in the South that food is about much more than just eating. It's about preserving traditions, connecting with future generations, and showing our loved ones how much we care about them.

That's how it is for New Hope's Dovie Martin. When she rounds out the breakfast table with a bowl of chocolate gravy, she is sharing the same rich flavor that her mother taught her to create decades ago.

How do tomorrow's cooks respond?

"My granddaughters love it!" she says. And with three daughters, six granddaughters and her first great-granddaughter on the way, the recipe will likely be passed along for decades to come.

As one of nine siblings, Martin learned to cook at an early age to help her sharecropping family. "My mother was a good cook," she says.

The other recipes Martin shares with readers this month are also favorites of her girls and her husband of 44 years, James.

Double Fudge Marshmallow Cake

2 cups sugar
1 cup melted shortening
4 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla
1/3 cup cocoa
1/2 cup buttermilk
1-1/2 cup flour
1 small jar marshmallow cream

Mix first 4 ingredients. Add cocoa flour & buttermilk. Pour into greased & floured 9" x 13" cake pan. Bake for about 1 hour on 325°. Remove from pan while hot. Put small jar of marshmallow cream on top of cake and spread while still warm. Wait until cake is completely cool to add icing.

Icing:

1 stick margarine
3 Tbsp. cocoa
2 tsp. vanilla
3 Tbsp. milk
1 box powdered sugar
1 cup pecan pieces

Mix first four ingredients in a microwaveable dish. Place in

microwave for 1 minute, then add powdered sugar and pecans. Mix well and spread on cake top and sides. (If needed add a little more milk.)

Oven Roasted Potatoes

1 quart diced potatoes about 1/2 inch thick.
1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. garlic salt
2 Tbsp. French fry seasoning
2 Tbsp. chopped dried onions

Place potatoes in baking dish add all ingredients and stir. Cut up 1/2 stick margarine over potatoes and cover. Bake for about 45 minutes on 350°.

Mom's Chocolate Gravy

1/4 cup cocoa
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
2 cup water

Mix dry ingredients in top of double broiler then add water and cook on medium high until thickens. This is great served on hot buttered biscuits.

Quick & Easy Drop Biscuits

1/4 cup oil
1/2 cup milk
2 cup flour
1/2 cup water

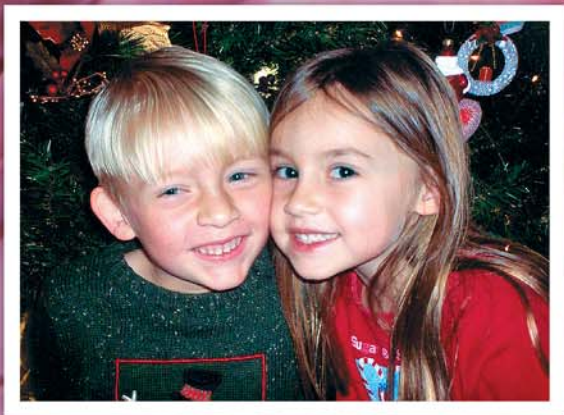
Mix all ingredients in mixing bowl well then drop by big spoon onto greased 8" x 8" baking pan. Bake at 400° about 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Dill Pickles

3 quarts boiling water
1 quart vinegar
1 cup salt
Dill weed

This will be enough liquid for about 7 quarts of cucumbers. Select small crisp cucumbers, wash well and place in hot, clean jars. Add about 1/4 head of dill to each jar (you can also add a small piece of garlic if you like) Bring liquid to boiling point. Pour over pickles and place lids on jar.

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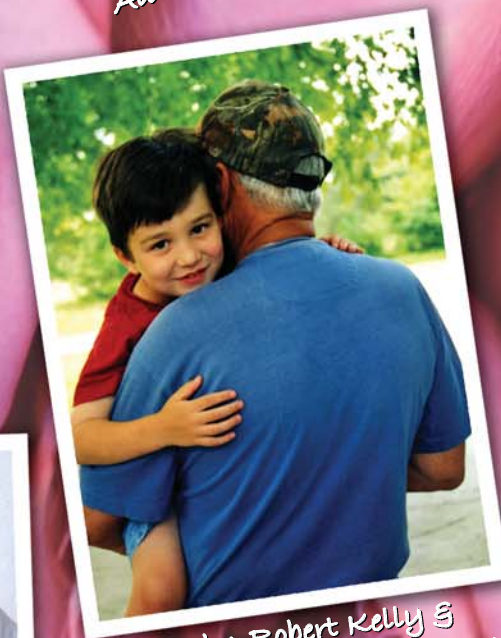
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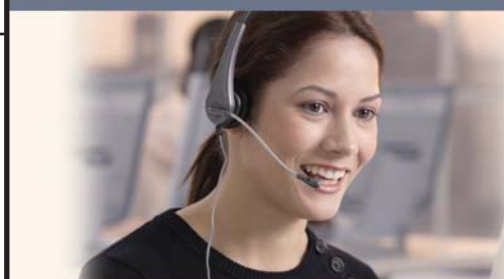
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