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Happy New Year

from the employees of
New Hope Telephone Cooperative

Your cooperative looking toward a progressive 2007

The year 2007 promises to be one filled with activity at New Hope Telephone Cooperative.

As the New Year kicks off, we are in the midst of a project involving the cable system. If you have driven past our office on Main Drive in New Hope recently, you have probably noticed the large, odd-shaped satellite dish behind our main building. This will work hand-in-hand with a new IP (internet protocol) cable head end to be installed this spring.

In turn, this will bring us greater capabilities as our Fiber-To-The-Home project progresses. The video services

that our cable customers enjoy today will dramatically improve as we move forward with these plans.

The expansion of fiber throughout our system is also enabling your cooperative to work toward providing service to regions outside our traditional service area. Moving forward with these plans helps us ensure the continued strength and success of your cooperative.

As you can see, many of our plans are interconnected. Every decision we make is done so with an eye toward the future and a dedication to making NHTC the best cooperative — your cooperative — that it can be.

Bright named acting manager

The New Hope Telephone Cooperative Board of Directors recently named Rusty Bright the acting general manager of NHTC.

Bright is the network administrator for NHTC. In this role he is responsible for the company's internal network, Internet service, billing system and com-

puter workstations. He has been employed by NHTC for more than five years.

The National Telecommunications Cooperative Association is conducting a national executive search on behalf of NHTC in an effort to identify candidates for the company's new general manager.

We're looking for your photos!

The March photo theme is "Joys of Spring". Please send your favorite photos, matching the 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. Remember these guidelines for publication: (1) Photos must match theme. (2) **Photos should be high resolution. The resolution offered by some printers is not high enough for publication.** (3) **Do not write on the back of photo.** Include names of persons in photo, as well as, photographer, address and phone number on paper taped to back. (4) Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your photo returned. (5) **The Deadline for March is January 20th.**

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*The entire staff of NHTC wishes everyone a wonderful year full of all the best life has to offer.
Happy New Year!*

Merchants share the holiday spirit



For the 13th year in a row the Community Christmas Share Program delivered presents to children in need throughout the community. Local merchants set up 'Angel Trees' in their businesses and citizens of Grant, New Hope and Owens Cross Roads purchased gifts for these 'Angels'. The presents were then gathered and distributed to local children, making their holiday bright.

The number of children served in 2006 almost doubled from the previous year. Fortunately, the generosity of individuals and businesses increased as well making it possible for all 135 children to receive gifts. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped make it possible.

Shown in the picture at left (from left to right) are: Tommy Baker, Citizens Bank; Rhonda Cain, First Baptist Church of New Hope; Tammy Weeks, NHTC; Tammy Strickland of Ken's Restaurant; Tammy Kirkland, Dollar General; Karen Testerman, Discount Tobacco Outlet.

Other organizations and businesses that helped were: Hardee's of New Hope and Grant; First Bank of the South; Dollar General in Grant; Shannon's Boutique; BP Quick Stop; Karla's Corner; New Hope United Methodist Church; Christian Fellowship Church; Holy Spirit Catholic Church; OCR Church of God; OCR Small Engines; New Hope Elementary School and U-Haul.



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FAMOUS QUOTES ABOUT THE TELEPHONE

"Well-informed people know it is impossible to transmit the voice over wires. Even if it were, it would be of no practical value."

- Boston Post, 1865

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us."

- Western Union internal memo, 1876

"Why would any person want to use this ungainly and impractical device when he can send a messenger to a local telegraph office and have a clear written message sent to any large city in the United States?"

- From the report to the President of Western Union written by the committee charged with investigating WU's potential purchase of Bell's telephone patent for \$100,000

DON'T FORGET YOUR PHONE NUMBER
SHOULD BE ON YOUR CHECK

WHEN PAYING A BILL BY CHECK, MAKE
SURE YOU PLACE THE PHONE NUMBER OF THE
ACCOUNT YOU ARE PAYING ON THE CHECK.
THIS ELIMINATES ANY CONFUSION AS TO
WHICH ACCOUNT SHOULD BE CREDITED.

Advanced capital credit refunds

There are occasions when members request an advanced refund of their capital credits. Capital credits may be refunded in advance for the following reasons (please note that with all advanced refunds two-thirds of the total is refunded, with the remainder being forfeited to NHTC):

1) **The member is inactive for more than one year**

A refund is available one year from the date of disconnect. A form must be completed with the customer's notarized signature.

2) **The member is deceased**

If phone service is disconnected at the time of death, a refund is processed as soon as all the files related to the capital credit are updated. This is after the closing and reconciling of the last quarter in which the member had cash activity. If the surviving spouse continues service, the refund is processed through the end of the quarter in which the member passed away (this is also after the closing and reconciling of that quarter). From this point forward the capital earned belongs to the surviving spouse, even if the phone listing is never changed.

You will need the following forms to request a refund on the account of a deceased member:

- copy of the death certificate
- legal documents naming you an administrator/executor
- refund release with notarized signature of administrator/executor

3) **The member is placed in a nursing home**

Documentation is required certifying that the member has been permanently placed in the facility.

If you need more information about these refunds, call our office at 723-4211.

Some services require a visit to NHTC's office

Much of your telephone business can be handled by phone. However, sometimes a visit to New Hope Telephone Cooperative's office is required for security and privacy reasons. Some of these services include:

- *Toll restrictions of any kind*
- *Non-published agreements*

Other services that require a visit include:

- *New phone service*
- *Signing up for new DSL or dial-up Internet service*
- *Changing Long Distance carriers*

- *Making membership joint with your spouse*

There are still many services you can access by calling the New Hope Telephone office:

- *Adding or dropping Custom Calling Features*
- *Ordering additional phone lines*
- *To have your telephone service disconnected*

Contact our office at 723-4211 if you have any questions.

Let NHTC prewire your new home

Everywhere you look these days there's new construction going up. Grant, New Hope and Owens Cross Roads are all experiencing growth in the housing market. If you are building a new home consider letting NHTC help save you time and money. Contact our office to find out how affordable it is to have our technicians prewire your new home.

Before the sheetrock goes up our crews will run telephone wires throughout your house and prepare phone jacks for final installation. The cost for this service is quite reasonable.

If a trench has been dug for other utilities we can also place your phone lines in there. This could prevent major landscaping headaches later.

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Can you find it?

The winners of the last Can You Find It word search puzzle were David and Fran Aldridge of New Hope. They won a \$5 credit on their phone bill. Look for another chance to play and win soon.

Think About It

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-- Thomas Edison

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View and pay your bill online

New Hope Telephone Cooperative is working hard to provide members with great service, value and convenience. This month they are introducing a program that will help members do all three.

With electronic billing members can access their account via the Internet. This new service provides customers with real-time information about their account. There is also an option which allows customers to make payments

with a credit or debit card.

Customers can view statements, payment information, long distance (including unbilled long distance) and other information. And since it will be on the Web, it can be accessed anytime.

“We’re so glad to be able to offer this free service to our members. It is a tool that will give them access to all their account information any time,” says NHTC Office Manager, Tammy Weeks.

Some set-up is required to establish an online account. For security reasons and e-mail address and password are required to view your billing information. Members can follow the instructions below to set up an electronic billing account.

Call NHTC at 723-4211 if you would like more information about electronic billing or if you need assistance setting up your online account.

Instructions for setting up Electronic Billing account

Image A

The screenshot shows the New Hope Telephone Cooperative website. The header includes the logo and the tagline "Your Communications Connection". A navigation menu on the left lists: Home, The Communicator, Contact Us, Help, and Log On. The main content area has a welcome message and a sign-up prompt: "Sign up now to pay your bill online using your Visa, Mastercard or Discover!". Below this are input fields for "E-Mail Address:" and "Password:", a checkbox for "Log me in automatically in the future.", and "Submit" and "Reset" buttons. A list of instructions at the bottom includes: "If you are registered enter your E-Mail address and password.", "If you are a new user [Click Here to sign up for online account access.](#)", and "If you have lost your password [Click Here to retrieve it.](#)". A red arrow points from the second instruction to the highlighted link.

1. Go to <https://ebill.nehp.net>
This will open a window similar to Image A shown top left here.

2. Click on the link “Click here to sign up for online account access”
We’ve highlighted it in the picture for you.

3. This will take you to a window similar to Image B shown bottom left here.

4. You will be required to enter your telephone number and account number (found on your billing statement) and your e-mail address.

5. Your computer generated password will be e-mailed back to you. The password can be easily changed after you are logged into the E-bill system by clicking on the “Change My Password” link provided on the left navigation panel.

Image B

The screenshot shows the New Hope Telephone Cooperative website's "New User Registration" page. The header and navigation menu are the same as in Image A. The main content area has a title "New User Registration" and a form with fields for "Agreement Number:" (with a hyphenated input), "Account Number:", and "E-Mail Address:". There are "Submit" and "Reset" buttons. A list of instructions at the bottom includes: "Please complete all fields." and "The account number must match the values on our database." A red arrow points from the top right of the form area back towards the instructions in Image A.

elect Butch Taylor

Let's put him to work for us in Montgomery

Teaching & Coaching

Butch Taylor helped shape the lives of hundreds of students through a teaching career that started in 1973. He coached boys basketball at New Hope High School and Middle School for almost 30 years.

Public Service

Butch Taylor served his hometown on the New Hope City Council for two years, before being elected to the Madison County Board of Education. He has been a leader in projects such as building a new lunchroom for **New Hope**, completely renovating an elementary school in **Hazel Green**, and maintaining the community school in **Central**.

Hometown Traditions

Butch Taylor is a life-long resident of Madison County, with a family tradition of public service. He is blessed with one son, two step-daughters, and nine grandchildren. Butch and wife Ann make their home in New Hope.



"I've known Butch Taylor and his family all his life. He is fair and open-minded, with no hidden agendas. I think he would listen to our concerns. He understands rural needs, especially when it comes to agriculture. He's the kind of down-home person we need in the legislature."

Clifton Mann of Owens Cross Roads, Retired USDA Rural Development Specialist



"Since Butch Taylor has been on the school board, he's gotten two resolutions passed in opposition to the proposed rock quarries that are dangerously close to our schools. Butch is totally responsive to his people, willing to listen and do what needs to be done."

Mary Louise Stowe of Gurley, Retired Teacher & Member of Citizens for a Better Gurley



"Montgomery is a big place, and sometimes the needs of the 'little guy' get lost. As a small business owner, I know I can count on Butch Taylor to represent this rural district in the legislature. We need someone who'll make sure our voice continues to be heard in state government."

Jeff Cooper of New Hope, Owner of Cooper Small Engines



BUTCH TAYLOR'S PLEDGE:

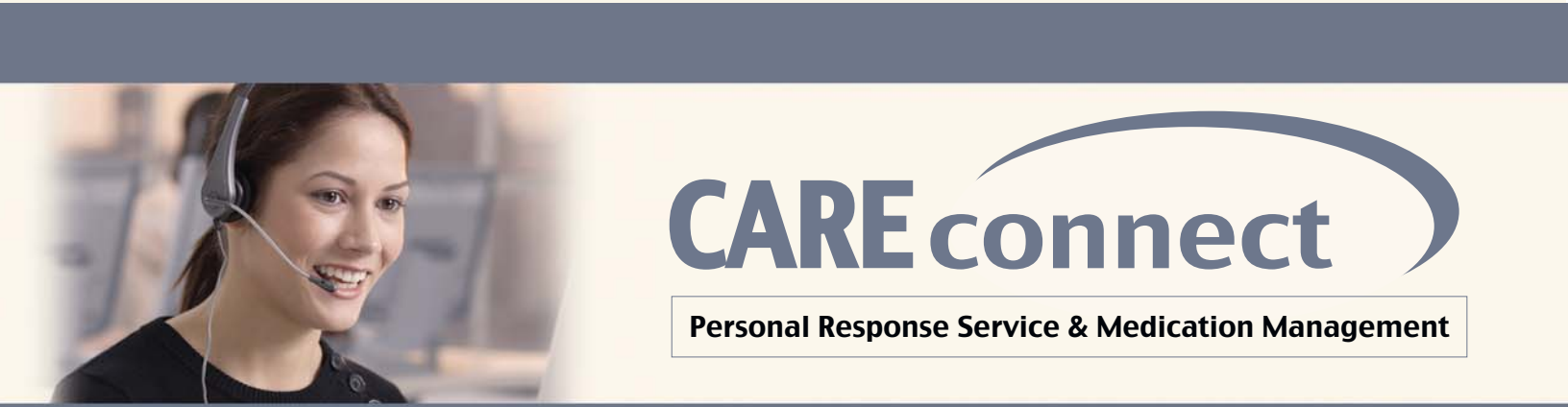
"I will work closely with our state and local leaders to build on the good work being done in this district.

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Give their education a Jumpstart with Pre-K

Several pre-school children gather around a puzzle and try to put the pieces together again. Their tiny fingers turn each piece first one way, then another. And their faces beam when – finally – they get it right!



F is for fun! Children in Mrs. Popel's Pre-K class at New Hope Elementary play at the rice table. They are learning to recognize letters and their sounds.

All they know is they are having fun. What they don't realize is they are learning valuable skills that are necessary building blocks for education. Once they have mastered the essentials everything else starts to fall in place.

As Ms. Popel, one of two full-time Pre-K teachers at New Hope Elementary School explains, "Their play is actually teaching them. The puzzle they put

together is teaching fine and gross motor skills, hand-eye coordination and problem solving."

But that's not all Pre-K is about, Ms. Popel is quick to point out. "While we do teach many basic skills, such as letter recognition and sounds, we are teaching other things that are less obvious, but still vitally important. Children learn to share and interact with other kids. They learn manners, listening, how to follow rules and proper care for materials."

New Hope began its Pre-K program in 2001 with teacher Mrs. Evans. She taught one half-day class. Now there are two teachers with two half-day classes.

Children in the New Hope Elementary Pre-K program are learning about their school, as well. They get to do many of the same things other students do. They go to computer lab and the library. They also attend music appreciation and school plays. "Kindergartners often feel overwhelmed

by the size of our school. When they've attended Pre-K first, it's a much easier transition," explains Popel.

Also, since the Pre-K program is part of the school system, they follow state and countywide guidelines for curriculum. And when children need extra help, resources are available. Each child receives an assessment so their strengths and weaknesses can be determined. The classroom curriculum is developed around the needs identified. Then parents receive periodic updates to let them know how their child is doing.

Popel adds, "Each child will develop skills at a different rate. But when they have been exposed to all Pre-K teaches it is truly amazing to watch them sprout. It really makes a difference." ▲

New Hope Elementary Pre-K Registration

MARCH 2007

Any child that is 4 or will turn 4 before September 1, 2007 and is a resident of New Hope is eligible to enroll for Pre-K.

Be sure to bring your child and the following to registration:

- Proof of residency
- Birth certificate
- Social Security Card
- Current Blue Immunization Card
- Chickenpox Documentation

Need more information? Call 723-8879.



A New Hope kind of Christmas

The weather was perfect the evening of December 6 as families from throughout New Hope gathered downtown to celebrate Christmas as a community.

The 7th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is sponsored by the City of New Hope. "This was the largest one ever," says Wenona Pritchett, New Hope's city clerk.

Several weeks of preparation went into making the event a success. "This is something everyone looks forward to," Pritchett says.

Since the event started seven years ago, the the lighting of the official city tree has been an important part of festiv-

ities. However, the event has grown to include many volunteers from throughout the city, bringing more emphasis on the true meaning of the season.

"Government doesn't typically condone activities of a religious nature," says New Hope Mayor Brad Beasley. "But the City recognizes what Christmas is truly about, and we're proud to take part in it...we're proud to have so many local churches involved."

Larry Bishop, pastor of First Baptist Church of New Hope, shared the devotion at this year's event. He read the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke. He says the mayor and council have "given us free hand to present the real Christmas story to the community."

Several churches representing various denominations throughout New Hope were involved in some aspect of the celebration. A community choir shared Christmas songs with the crowd after the tree was lit in the city gazebo. And a live nativity delighted children and adults alike with

full costumes and several animals.

"It's a great blessing that a town can still do that...celebrate Christmas, and call it Christmas," says Michael Carpenter, pastor of New Hope United Methodist Church and Oak Bowery United Methodist Church.

New Hope City Hall came alive with activity when Santa himself (played by Richard Holland of Simpson Point) dropped in for a visit. Children smiled and shared their wishes with Santa, as parents shot photos of the traditional encounter. The back room of city hall was filled with snacks, cakes, drinks and other refreshments for the community to enjoy.

"I'd like to thank our employees and all the volunteers for making this possible," says Mayor Beasley.



*more scenes from the
New Hope Christmas
celebration*



Among those responsible for all the delicious food were (left to right) Teresa Brannum, Teresa Keel, Lorrell Vann, and Scott Adams. Not pictured is Wanda Ikard.



Teresa Carpenter created a beautifully adorned Christmas cake for New Hope's celebration.



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Efforts of local organization help community many ways

Members of Owens Cross Roads Homemakers and Community Leaders Club works on special projects throughout the year. The effort these ladies put forth helps the entire community in several ways.

Recently, club member Glenda Moody presented a check to both Owens Cross Roads School Library and New Hope High School Library.

Club members also donate their time and talents. Residents of South Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation received walker bags that were sewn by members.

Profits from a recent cookbook sale are being used by the Club in different areas of both communities to help promote and improve community and family life.



Members of Owens Cross Roads Homemakers Club are shown sewing walker bags for residents of the local nursing home. Shown above (left to right) are: Babs Bridges, Barbara Webster and Shirley Bruce.

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High school goes high tech



Have you noticed the new sign at New Hope High School? This marquee was made possible by donations from the late Albert Hall, Hinton Mitchem, past senior classes, Kathy Maples of R&D Electronics,

and the high school P.T.O. "We appreciate the efforts of everyone that helped make this possible. We hope to use it to promote awareness in the community and to keep folks informed of high school events. We added the time and temperature features for the benefit of those passing daily," says Brenda Goodwin, principal of New Hope High School. "Hopefully people will take note of the information provided and make time to become involved in the many activities of New Hope High School."



Inspiration Corner

Occasionally Jay Leno will take his microphone out in the street and ask people, what we old-schoolers would consider simple questions. Questions like, "Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July", or "Who is given credit for the first Thanksgiving" are commonly asked. Sadly, of a dozen or so people only a couple will know the answer.

Holding that thought, recently I read, "a Gallop Poll conducted in the United States revealed that more than 86% of all Americans considered themselves Christian, but less than half knew who preached the Sermon on The Mount. The same Poll showed that 60% of the country was in Church last Easter, but one out of four did not know what Easter celebrates." Per chance you have not made your New Year's resolution, might I suggest taking some time this year to learn who you are as a Christian and an

American. If you know, please help teach someone. For those who may not see the point in knowing stuff like this, one of the greatest authors of Communism, Karl Marx, once said, "If you can take away the history of a people you can lead them to anything." Let me challenge you to begin this new year with a hunger to know who you are and why. Remember, if you never stop learning you will never stop living – God's promise: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. There's no better place to start than in a church near you.



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

***New Hope UMC Angel Food Minstry Deadlines for January:
Orders must be placed by Sat. 1/6 • Pick up orders on Sat. 1/21, 8:30 to 10 a.m.***

PASTOR'S NOTES



*BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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It is amazing what technology offers today! Did you know that with the use of a 'DVR' you can now pause live TV? Instant replay has taken the worry out of missing things the first time and now we can put live TV on hold. What will they think of next?

Wouldn't it be great if we could delay some of the more significant events in our life? You know, all those "if-I-had-that-to-do-over-again" I would have done it differently.

Think of all the things we would have refrained from saying. Or consider the different attitude we would have had during those interruptions we didn't handle the way we should have.

Yes, if we could pause life at those critical times we would gain a lot of perspective on things we missed the first time around. Unfortunately, real life is not that way. Memories are fixed and second times around don't happen. What we do today is like a deposit in the bank of life. Let's make it a good one!

As we start the New Year our goal is not to find more time, but to use the time we have more wisely. The Apostle Paul expresses it this way: "Be careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16 NIV

Life is real time, just think, 2007 was at one time a long way off and now it is today. Start making wise investments and find a place to worship next Sunday.



Lip Service

Winter is here and for some of us that means chapped lips. It can be a painful experience. Luckily, experts from the National Institute of Health have prepared some suggestions for preventing and curing chapped lips:

- **STOP LICKING** - That's right, most people lick their lips to moisturize when they feel them getting dry. This actually dries them out more. Don't bite your lips either.

- **DRINK PLENTY OF LIQUIDS** - People tend to drink less water in the winter which can lead to dry skin and, you guessed it, lips.

- **USE A HUMIDIFIER** - It may sound a little odd but it helps counteract the winter dryness which often leads to dry, chapped lips.

- **USE A LIP BALM WITH SUN-SCREEN** - Keep lips protected from wind and sun by using a wax or petroleum jelly based lip moisturizer. Avoid flavored balms, as they can lead to licking and actually increase chapping.

- **COVER UP** - If you're going out, be sure to cover your lips. The wind will only increase the chapping. A scarf will help.

- **STOP SMOKING** - Yes, smoking will dry out the natural oils around your mouth and increase the risk of getting chapped lips.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR JANUARY 2007

January 8th

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

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

January 15th

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

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


January 18th

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

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From the kitchen of **Sara Germany**

At age 15, New Hope High School student Sara Germany already has a clear image that her career will involve food. She wants to be a chef, and maybe even own her own restaurant.

She shares some of her favorite recipes this month with our readers. These dishes have become popular at Sara's home, where her family enjoys her cooking talents. "I love to make the taco pie," she says. "I used to make one pan, but now I make two because everyone gets seconds and thirds!"

Sara's Family and Consumer Sciences teacher Darlene Ezell has helped Sara develop her skills. "She was the first one to introduce my favorite dishes to me," Sara says.

Ezell describes Sara as sweet and quiet. "She's a great student," Ezell says, adding that Sara is considering enrolling in the culinary program at the career academy.

Outside her kitchen, Sara's favorite restaurant is Ding How II in Huntsville. "I love Chinese food!" she says.

Pizza Casserole

1 jar pizza sauce
1-8 oz. can tomato sauce
1 small can mushrooms
4 oz. pepperoni, chopped
16 oz. macaroni
8 oz. mozzarella cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 350°. Cook macaroni according to package directions. In a bowl, mix pizza sauce and tomato sauce. In a large bowl, mix cooked, drained macaroni, pizza sauce mix, chopped pepperoni and drained mushrooms. Pour half the mixture into a casserole dish and cover with 1/3 of the cheese. Add the rest of the mixture and top with the remainder of the cheese. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the cover and cook an additional 5 minutes.

Cheddar Biscuits

(similar to Red Lobster biscuits)

2 cups Bisquick original baking mix
2/3 cup milk
1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 stick butter or margarine, melted

1/2 tsp. garlic powder
Heat oven to 450°. Stir baking mix, milk and cheese until soft dough forms. Drop by spoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes until golden brown. Stir together margarine and garlic powder, brush on top of hot biscuits. Makes 12 small or 8 large biscuits.

Taco Pie

1 can crescent rolls
1-1/2 cups crushed tortilla chips
1-1/2 lbs. ground beef
1/4 cup onion, chopped
8 oz. can tomato sauce
1 pkg. taco seasoning mix
1 cup sour cream
1 cup colby, monterrey jack or cheddar cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a pie pan with crescent rolls. Brown meat and onion, drain grease. Add tomato sauce and taco seasoning. Sprinkle tortilla chips in bottom of pan. Spread meat mixture over chips. Spread sour cream over meat. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake for 25 minutes. Serve with taco sauce if desired.

Apple Crunch

6 cups peeled, sliced apples
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. lemon juice
1/4 cup margarine
1 tsp. cornstarch

Cook apples in non-stick skillet with margarine, brown sugar, white sugar, cinnamon and lemon juice. Cook until apples are almost tender. Mix cornstarch and a small amount of water with a whisk. Pour over apples and cook until sauce thickens.

Topping:

1 cup oats
1/4 cup margarine, melted
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix dry ingredients in a bowl, pour melted margarine over mixture and mix until crumbly. Pour apples into baking dish; sprinkle crumble mixture on top. Bake at 400° for 20 minutes until topping becomes crunchy.



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