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On the cover:

(L to R) Ira Laney, Teresa Carpenter and Terry Salmon relax in the courtyard adjacent to their new downtown restaurant.

Manager's Comments

Understanding the benefits of fiber



In almost every issue of this magazine you read something about optical fiber. If you attended our Annual Meeting in May, you saw our video that updated you on our fiber project. It seems like every time you turn around, we are communicating with you about this thing called an optical fiber network.

"So what's so special about fiber?" you may be asking. I'm glad you asked, because I want to share a few of the benefits with you this month. After all, your cooperative is in the process of completely replacing its copper and coax systems with fiber technology, so it's important for you to understand why we are doing so.

IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL

Fiber has the ability to carry information across great distances. According to the Fiber To The Home Council, fiber can carry signals 20 miles or more under some circumstances.

That's not the story with copper. As distance increases, bandwidth decreases with traditional copper. This was not as critical in the days when voice was the main thing traveling those lines. Today, with network traffic increasing from Internet use, gaming, file transfers and video downloads, the ability to offer high levels of bandwidth is necessary to serve our communities.

AS THIN AS IT GETS

We often describe the physical dimensions of fiber by saying it is "as thin as a human hair." Actually, fiber can be produced that is even thinner than a human hair. It can be carried on a thin ribbon, or housed in a hollow plastic tube only an eighth of an inch wide.

A fiber cable about the same thickness as a standard coax cable can contain some 200 fibers. This cable would have the capacity to carry all the information that is being sent across the entire world at any given time.

With such bandwidth available in such a small package, fiber can be used in places copper would never work.

FUTURE-PROOF TECHNOLOGY

By installing an optical fiber network, NHTC is providing for this area's bandwidth needs well into the future.

You see, fiber's capacity is almost unlimited. As new equipment is developed that can create and send light pulses faster, all we have to do is change out that equipment to increase our bandwidth. The actual fiber itself will continue to deliver whatever we are able to send across it. It's an investment in tomorrow that will not become obsolete a few years down the road, but will continue to carry voice, data, video — and whatever else we discover — for generations.▲

Tom Wing

*General Manager,
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Have you cashed your capital credit check?

The NHTC Board of Directors has again voted to put a portion of the company's equity back in the hands of its members.

Because New Hope Telephone is a cooperative, members earn capital credits based on the amount of business they do with the Cooperative. A percentage of those credits are returned to members as the Board of Directors deems financially feasible.

New Hope Telephone Cooperative makes every effort to have these capital credit refund checks mailed by the second week in May.

By now, all active members should have received their capital credit checks.

These checks are only valid for 90 days. After 90 days have passed, the checks expire and must be reissued.

Replacement checks are a costly and time-consuming issue for the Cooperative. By cashing or depositing your check promptly, you can help eliminate this unnecessary expense.

Please help NHTC keep costs low and returns for members high by cashing or depositing your check today.

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Internet scammers target NHTC

For the third time in two months, New Hope Telephone Cooperative members have received an email requesting their personal email login information. Unfortunately, the email was not from NHTC, but rather an Internet scammer.

NHTC Network Administrator Rusty Bright says the email was sent by someone using the name 'New Hope Email Update Team.'

"Most everyone was suspicious of the email, which makes me proud of our members," says Bright.

The email claimed to be from NHTC and reported that the cooperative had lost all customer login information and requested that members reply to the email with that information.

"We don't send out emails often, and never request customers' personal

information," says Bright. "It appears that the individual or individuals who sent this email wanted to use NHTC email addresses to mass-email, or spam, hundreds or thousands of people."

Email is not a secure product. It is not encrypted and is vulnerable to people looking to steal your personal information.

Between 15 and 20 customers called Bright asking about the fraudulent email. He immediately took action to block the email from the system.

Bright sent out a mass email notifying members of the situation after the unauthorized message was blocked. He also posted a warning on NHTC's Web site, where it remains.

Bright says if a member is in doubt about the legitimacy of an email, they should not respond to it.

"If you think the email is not from us, we don't mind you calling us and asking us before you respond to it," Bright says. "We simply are not going to ask you for a response in email. We have more than 2,000 email addresses. I don't want everyone responding back to me at once.

"If we send out a survey, it will be written and its going to be in The Communicator or mailed. We can't reach all of our customers via email because all of our customers do not have email so it's just not something we would do."

Bright says most importantly, members should always be alert and aware of who they are in contact with online. "And please," he adds, "if you are suspicious of an email that appears to come from NHTC, give us a call."

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How landlines can benefit you

The increasing popularity of wireless phone service and VoIP phone service through the Internet may have you wondering why you still subscribe to landline telephone service.

But if you are considering ditching your landline, there are some things you should consider first.

Despite improvements in wireless and digital Internet phone technology, landline connections still provide the best service in terms of reliability and overall voice and sound quality.

The most important thing to consider if thinking about ending landline service is the safety of yourself and your family.

In a time of emergency, a landline might just save your life. Although cell phones and digital phones using the Internet have the capability of dialing

911, there is a chance that emergency responders will not be able to track the caller's location. Landline phones, however, are instantly traceable so emergency crews can locate the person even if he or she is unable to speak.

Landlines are also important to have during times of severe weather or power outages. In instances of prolonged loss of electricity, cell phone batteries cannot be charged and eventually expire. Landline phones are not affected by electricity, so if the power goes out, calls can still be made to contact emergency services personnel or stay in touch with loved ones.

Landline networks can also handle massive call demands. Often, when many wireless phone users are trying to make calls at the same time in the same area, such as when severe weather strikes,

wireless networks cannot handle the heavy call loads and users are greeted with an "all circuits are busy" message.

Also remember that because you are a member of New Hope Telephone Cooperative, your capital is put to work enhancing the community, and you receive capital credit refunds in the future. And with the recent introduction of our service bundles packages, landline service is even more affordable.

So before you cut the cord, think about the many benefits of landline service. And remember, when you do business with your cooperative, you're doing business with local people, right here in this community. Many of our employees are your friends and neighbors and they care about you and want to meet all of your communication needs.

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New Hope sees signs of new life in historic downtown

On Dec. 15, 1864 the city of Vienna was burned to the ground by the Union Army during the Civil War. In 1883 the city of New Hope was built on top of the ruins. Much like the mythical Phoenix, the city gathered itself up from the ashes and was reborn.

Since the founding of the city, churches have always been an important part of New Hope. Named after New Hope Methodist Church (now New Hope First United Methodist Church), New Hope has seen and continues to see many church congregations grow into thriving integral parts of the community.

Along with these churches, New Hope High School has been the lifeblood of the community. Over the years, residents and

local businesses and organizations have given tirelessly and freely to ensure that the rich tradition of academic and athletic excellence carries on from one generation to the next.

But while her schools and churches have flourished and her citizens remain true to the New Hope way of life, the

historic downtown has seen decline in recent years. In fact, as recently as a year ago, once-thriving shops and businesses stood empty on Main Drive — their windows looking sorrowfully at each other across a lonely street, reflecting sadly on the grandeur of decades past.

But those days are over. Downtown New Hope now bustles with excitement and traffic, as once again people have joined

together to achieve a common vision and create new life in the city at the very time it is needed.

Local citizens Larry and Tara Furlough have played an integral role in reviving the city. Through the Furlough Land Company, the couple has purchased,



PRESCRIPTION FOR CHANGE - The former drug store (right) in downtown New Hope has been renovated to house Old Vienna Bakery (above). Larry Furlough, who owns the building, worked closely with bakery owners Teresa Carpenter, Ira Laney and Terry Rundlett Salmon to preserve the history of the building during renovations. Upstairs from the bakery and restaurant, in the same building, is a gift shop and art gallery in the newly renovated former doctor's office.





BRINGING STYLE TO MAIN STREET - Main Street Salon and Tanning, owned by New Hope's Brenda Whitaker, opened just prior to Old Vienna bakery next door on Main Drive.

renovated and leased or sold several neglected properties in the past few years with plans to continue their work in the future.

"I wanted to preserve the way of life I grew up with," Mr. Furlough says. "We look for bargains we can fix up and rent out or sell. I love New Hope. I grew up here and have lived here my whole life. I just want the best for this community. I believe that bringing new businesses in here can really help out our local economy and give us a city that we can be even more proud of."

The Furlough Land Company's first project in New Hope was transforming the old Piggly Wiggly into an office to house Tara Graphics. The Furloughs did not stop there, though.

Next, they renovated former Doran's

Hardware Store into apartments, and transformed what was formerly Taylor's Texaco Station into professional space.

Also renovated was the former Sugar Shack general store which is now the new headquarters for The CARE Center.

Furlough Land Company's most recent projects have included the restoration of two buildings downtown. Main Street Hair Salon and Tanning recently opened in the old post office on Main Drive. Salon owner Brenda Whitaker is very pleased with the new home for her business.

"It is great to be downtown in such a beautifully restored historic building," Whitaker says. "I am ex-

tremely thankful to my friends, family and clients who have supported me tirelessly from the very beginning to make this happen."

Main Street Hair Salon and Tanning is a full service hair salon with the newest in tanning equipment. Whitaker says she cuts hair for people of all ages and encourages families to visit her business.

Next door to Main Street Hair Salon and Tanning, in the two-story building that once housed a drug store downstairs and a doctor's office upstairs, is the new home of Old Vienna Bakery and restaurant. The restaurant will be run by business partners Teresa Carpenter, Terry Rundlett Salmon and Ira Laney.

Carpenter, who is known locally for her ability to create delicious wedding cakes, says Old Vienna will be much more

than a bakery.

"We will always have muffins and cakes and pies and pastries and such," Carpenter says. "But, we will also serve soups, sandwiches and salads for lunch and supper — a nice, fun little place to come and eat that's not your typical run-in fast food or mom and pop meat and three veggies kind of thing."

While Carpenter and Salmon will take care of most of the baked goods, Laney will have charge of the kitchen during lunch and dinner.

"We hope the uniqueness and quaintness of this place will draw people from all over," Laney says, "people who want to come where they can sit for a quiet moment and relax and enjoy something different and delicious.

"People want a place where they can get a smile or a handshake or a pat on the back," Laney continues. "I hope people will feel like they are coming home when they come to Old Vienna. I know it's not going to be Cheers, but I hope it's a place people can feel good when they visit."

Preserving the integrity of the building's history was very important to Carpenter, Salmon and Laney.

Furlough and his crew, along with the help of Carpenter, Salmon and Laney, were able to restore the building and utilize some of the existing materials.

"People who have been around long enough to remember this drugstore will be reminded of their childhoods," Furlough says.

Upstairs at Old Vienna will be a gift shop and art gallery featuring handmade items and art from local artists. Gift baskets will also be available.

These renovations are being completed almost in unison with a new downtown park, creating quite a buzz among New Hope citizens and a spark of life in historic downtown New Hope. ▲

New Hope's CARE Center continues to see growth

In 2000, three area churches established The CARE Center to reach out to needy individuals and families in southeastern Madison County.

What began as a small organization to provide emergency food, toiletries, baby products, school supplies and financial assistance is now backed by 15 churches, multiple corporate sponsors and serves more than 150 - 250 families per week on average.

The CARE Center has not only expanded in size, but also in scope of services. The center has gone from an organization providing short-term assistance to the needy, to offering long-term solutions by focusing on personal and community development.

Providing residents with financial workshops, educational tools, personal development classes and assistance finding employment, the CARE Center aims to teach life skills that will create self-sufficiency.

"Our goal is to provide services to those in need that will offer a hand up instead of a hand out," says Becca Abercrombie, Executive Director of the CARE Center. "Everyone needs a little help sometimes and we are happy to offer

that. But, even more, we want to provide education and guidance that will help those in need better themselves, not just

lobby, a state-of-the-art computer lab, a thrift store, a food pantry, a conference room, several offices, and a large

room to sort and store donations.

"We are incredibly thankful to be in this beautifully renovated new facility," Abercrombie says. "Without the love and support of many generous people, this move would not have been possible."

The CARE Center offers a range of community outreach programs.

The center serves more than 350 children per week with free tutoring programs at New Hope Elementary, Owens Cross Roads Elementary and Madison County Elementary. More than 150 individuals from local communities have

volunteered as tutors for area students.

The center's Adopt a Grandparent Program provides friendship, fellowship, visitation and helpful services to housebound senior residents from individual volunteers or groups within the community.

Last June, the CARE Center sponsored 10 junior high youth to go to Camp Sumatanga, a Christian nature camp near



CARE Center Executive Director Becca Abercrombie gives a tour of the new facility on Main Drive in New Hope. The CARE Center moved to the newly renovated facility in Feb. 2009.

financially, but in all ways — spiritually, professionally, emotionally — so that they can live more fruitful and fulfilling lives."

Originally located in Owens Cross Roads, in February the CARE Center found a new home at the former Sugar Shack on Main Drive in New Hope. The newly-renovated 5,300 square foot facility is large enough to house a spacious

Gallant, Ala. The center also sponsored 11 children to attend a local science camp called Camp Invention last summer.

The CARE Center is involved with a community garden, a project of the Community Action Partnership and Madison County Commissioner Jerry Craig. The garden is available for harvesting to anyone in the community. It is located on Taylor Road in Big Cove about one mile south of Wal-Mart. The garden is open all hours.

To help the unemployed find work, the CARE Center has a Job Board. An updated collection of job listings and openings in Southeastern Madison County and Huntsville is maintained for potential employees. Adult education classes, GED classes, computer classes and many other programs are also encouraged as a part of this program to help

prepare job-seekers for employment.

Emergency financial assistance to local residents is also offered through the CARE Center. Applicants are required to make a financial appointment and are carefully screened. The CARE Center requires recipients to work two hours at the center and attend an Enrichment Class for Adults before any assistance is given. These classes cover basic topics including goal setting, resumes, and dealing with hopelessness and despair. All classes are taught from a Christian perspective and are designed to encourage and inspire those in need and help them develop sound financial practices.

In July of 2006, The CARE Center opened its Thrift Store. Now located within the center's new facility on Main Drive in New Hope, the Thrift Store offers clothes and household items in

excellent condition at a very low cost. Thrift Store hours are Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Fridays from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The center also operates a Food Pantry that is open during the center's normal operating hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

For more information about The CARE Center and its services, or to volunteer or make donations, call (256) 723-CARE (2273) or visit online at www.thecarecenter.us. The CARE Center is located at 5439 Main Dr. New Hope, AL 35760. The CARE Center is a 501c-3 non-profit organization. ▲



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DAR track team finishes strong in 2009



RAISING THE BAR - Michael Chandler stands on the track at DAR High School. Chandler, who will be a senior in the fall, is the reigning back-to-back state high jump champion.

Michael Chandler and the Kate Duncan Smith DAR High School Track Teams have made some impressive strides in the past few years.

Chandler, who will be a senior in the fall, is coming off of his second consecutive class 4-A high school track and field state championship in the high jump.

Chandler's athletic ability is not limited to one track and field event. He also starred on the DAR basketball team and rushed for more than 1,200 yards as a member of the DAR football team this season.

"I love all sports, no matter what it is," Chandler says. "I started playing as a way to get more involved with school activities. Then, the next thing I knew, I was playing three sports. I wouldn't have it any other way though."

The DAR track teams are coached by Steve Keller and Sherry Latham. Keller, coming off his ninth season as head coach, says coaching is a combined effort.

"Officially I am the boys coach and Coach Latham is the girls coach," Keller says. "But, to be honest with you, we both coach all the teams together."

Coaching "all the teams" is a bit more ambitious than Coach Latham and Coach Keller give themselves credit for. The two coach DAR 7th-12th grade girls and boys track teams. That is a total of about 35-40 student-athletes who compete in 12-14 different track and field events.

Latham, in her thirteenth year at DAR, says she enjoys coaching track. "I love it here," Latham says. "It is such a wonderful experience to work with these kids and see them grow,

not only as athletes, but as individuals. It is very rewarding to be a part of that process."

Freshman Monica Cooper is also a standout on the DAR track team. She is the girls high jump county champion.

Cooper, who also plays on the DAR basketball team, placed sixth in the state in the high jump. She qualified for state in the javelin event and narrowly missed a shot at competing in the discus event at state.

"Monica has a great future ahead of her," Keller says. "She is already competitive as a freshman and I think she will only get better. Two weeks before the end



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of this season she had never picked up a javelin and she still managed to qualify for state. That's pretty impressive."

Track has played an important part in the life of DAR student Taku Koiwai as well. Koiwai, who will be a sophomore next year, is preparing to move back to his home country of Japan.

"I've enjoyed my two years on the track and basketball teams," Koiwai says. "I will miss being here and playing sports here a lot. I wish I didn't have to leave."

Chandler may be looking to athletics

to take him even further than a state championship. He would like to be able to play sports in college.

"I would love to go to college,"

Chandler says. "It's just the money thing though. I need to make it in sports to be able to go. It's definitely something I wouldn't pass up."

College recruiters have already reportedly come to scout Chandler during his sophomore football season.

"I heard they might have been there,"

Chandler says modestly. "But I don't

know for sure. I didn't talk to anybody, but I heard Auburn and South Alabama came to one of my football games, but I really don't know."

With another year of high school left for Chandler, and three years left for Cooper, the sky is the limit for the DAR track team.

"We only lost two seniors this year and we have some young kids coming through our program that have an incredible amount of potential," Keller says. "We look very strong for next year."▲

✝ Inspiration Corner

In their book, *UNDER GOD*, Toby Mac (yes, that Toby Mac) and Michael Tait appear to be reminding us just how significant a belief in God was to our nation's beginning. Chapter 5 states that Dr. Benjamin Rush, Constitution signer and "the father of public schools", wrote a pamphlet explaining why the Bible should be used as the central textbook: "I lament that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes and take so little pains to prevent them...we neglect the only means...of educating our youth in the principals of Christianity by means of the Bible... teaching equality among mankind...respect for just laws...and sober and frugal virtues."

Whereas, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic are very much a part of our making something of ourselves in this world, removing the "Cornerstone" from the classroom, also removes the foundation on which morality and virtue can stand. In the years following the 1962 "supreme" court decision to remove God from the classroom, immorality and crime among young people exploded like "the bombs bursting in air", we love to sing about. As you celebrate your Freedom this July Fourth, consider the COURAGE and LIVES it took to win that freedom. To learn more about the Foundation of life, liberty and freedom, I challenge you to look in a church near you. There you should find no greater freedom to be gained than freedom from sin and death. Praise God that battle has already been won too, by the blood of the cross!



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PASTOR'S NOTES

*BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
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When the battle of Gettysburg began it is said that Abraham Lincoln dropped to his

knees and pleaded with God not to let the nation perish. The nation was in a Civil War and President Lincoln passionately loved his country. When the battle was over it was estimated that 51,000 were killed, wounded, or missing. No doubt more horrible than we could ever imagine. The state of Pennsylvania was burdened with finding its veterans and giving them a proper burial. On November 19, 1863 the Gettysburg Soldiers' National Cemetery was dedicated in a ceremony highlighted by Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Perhaps you can quote some or all of his speech, "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Mr. Lincoln's whole speech contained only 272 words and took about two minutes from start to finish.

Over one hundred thirty years have passed since this event took place. Mr. Lincoln's speech has become the most memorable two minutes in the history of our nation. Content, not length is important.

How often do you convince yourself that you "just don't have the time"? Just think what has been accomplished in less than two minutes.

Psalm 23 is the most used Psalm of our day. Known as the Shepherd's prayer containing only 118 words. The Psalmist (David) took less than two minutes and acknowledged the Lord as protector and provider.

See you in church Sunday.

Alumni of the month

Scott Adams is a man who is living his dreams. A 1984 graduate of New Hope High School, Adams knew from a very young age what he wanted in life.

“When I was a child I used to sit at the foot of my grandmother’s staircase and use the spindles on the banister to act like I was opening and closing a bus door,” Adams explains. “I would make

it and still loving it.”

For the past 11 years, when not driving his school bus, Adams has cut hair at Styles by Beverly in New Hope.

“It’s a lot like the bus thing,” Adams says. “I’ve just always wanted to cut hair. It just took me a little longer to get started cutting hair. I love it though. Beverly is great to work with and she lets me work my schedule around my bus route. I am very fortunate to work with someone who understands how important this is to me and is flexible and kind enough to let me do both.”

Adams received national exposure for his hair cutting abilities when he was on the Style Network’s “Split Ends” reality television show in August of 2007.

For one week of filming, Adams switched places with a stylist from a salon in Petaluma, Calif.

“Being on ‘Split Ends’ was a wonderful opportunity,” Adams says. “It was great to get to visit California and see a different part of the country.”

Adams was recently contacted by “Split Ends” producers to inquire if he would be interested in participating in a follow-up show.

“I am waiting to hear from them about the new show,” Adams says. “Their initial call was just to see if I was interested. I told them I was and I am waiting to find out if they choose me to be a part of the new show.”

Adams says he is happy with his life and that he will not be slowing down anytime soon. “Retirement is not in my vocabulary,” Adams says.▲



my little cousins sit behind me, like they were my passengers. I have just always known I wanted to drive a bus.”

Adams graduated high school in May of 1984 and became a bus driver at his alma mater three months later in August. He will be celebrating his 25th year as a bus driver for New Hope School this year.

“This is just a passion that I have always had, so I just dove right in,” Adams says. “Here I am 25 years later still doing

Legislative Update

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You will be hearing a good deal about the term “TVA in lieu of taxes” money leading up to next year’s session.

TVA makes payments to state and local governments in the region it serves. These payments are made in lieu of paying taxes, according to the TVA Act. They are based on the revenue TVA receives from power sales, as well as the property TVA owns in each state.

This makes TVA one of the largest ‘taxpayers’ in Alabama. For fiscal year 2007, Madison County received \$19,528,635, Jackson received \$10,124,273, and Marshall received \$6,506,341. This money helps fund schools, equip fire and police departments, and support community development.

But there is something wrong with the system. An old law sends millions of dollars in TVA funds — money that is generated in North Alabama — to dry counties and cities in other parts of the state. That means areas not served at all by TVA are benefiting from almost \$6 million of our money just because they do not sell alcohol.

There is no logic in this, and it is wrong for funds generated here to go elsewhere in the state. It has been a long, hard-fought political battle, but during the recent regular session the North Alabama legislators passed a bill to correct this. When the bill to bring our money back home landed on Gov. Riley’s desk, however, he chose not to sign it into law but to pocket veto it.

This will be one of my top priorities when the 2010 session rolls around in a few months. That money should stay in the region where it is generated, and I intend to fight for bringing it back. Our schools and communities can certainly put that money to good use.▲



From the Kitchen of Tracy Burgess

GRANDMA COOK'S FAMOUS SOUR CREAM CAKE

1 cup sweet cream butter only
3 cups sugar
3 cups plain flour
1/4 tsp. soda
6 eggs, separated
1 cup sour cream
1 Tbs. vanilla

Mix sweet cream butter, sugar, vanilla and egg yolks with sour cream. Fold in flour and soda. Mix well. Beat egg whites in a separate bowl until stiff peaks form. Fold in the batter. Pour into an angel food cake pan, greased well. Bake at 325° for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Note: My grandmother used wax paper to line the pan. Just be sure to cut off the excess wax paper around the edges to prevent burning.

BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

2 (10 oz.) Pkgs. frozen chopped broccoli (or 1 bag of Steamers, chopped)
2 Tbs. onion, grated
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup mayonnaise

1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
1 egg, well beaten
1 stick butter or margarine
Ritz crackers, crushed (enough to cover top of casserole)

Cook broccoli according to package directions, drain well. Mix margarine, onion, soup, mayonnaise, cheese and eggs. Place broccoli in 2 quart greased casserole dish. Pour mixed ingredients over broccoli and top with crushed Ritz crackers. Bake at 400° for 20 minutes. You can also add cooked chicken or ham to this dish.

SQUASH CASSEROLE

2 cups cooked squash, drained and smashed, or Margaret Holmes canned squash and onions works well, drained and smashed
1 stick butter
2 eggs
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 cup chopped onions (if not using squash and onions)
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese
1 cup evaporated milk
2 cups Ritz crackers

Mix all ingredients in order and pour into a well greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 375° for 35 to 40 minutes. Allow to sit before serving. Note: The more time it has to set, the better it gets. You may add extra cheese to this.

BROCCOLI BREAD

4 eggs
1 (8oz.) cottage cheese
1 small onion, diced fine
1 (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli or Steamers bag of broccoli
1 stick margarine, melted
2 boxes Jiffy corn muffin mix

Combine ingredients in order. Bake in a well greased 9" x 13" pan at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes.

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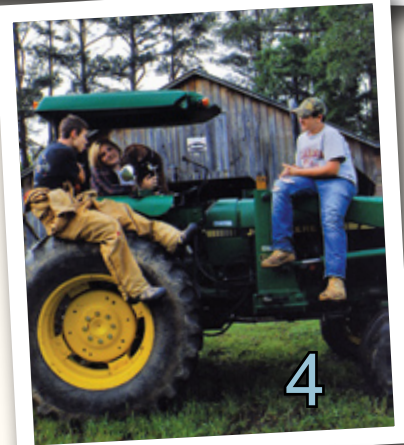


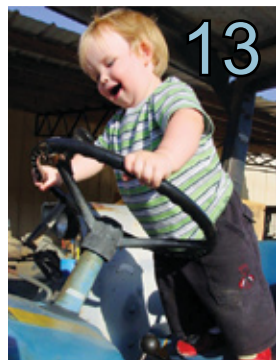
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Tractors



1. Owen Stephens and Kaleb Martinez. Submitted by Dana Stephens. 2. Bethel Hill on antique Allis Chalmers tractor. Photo by Patsy Hill. 3. Lee Hill with children Serenity and David. Photo by Patsy Hill. 4. Austin, Jennifer, Chevy & Alan Guthrie, grandchildren of Sherry Caron Guthrie. 5. Jacob Stapler with Popa Jerry Franks. Photo by Janice Franks. 6. Scott Murphy with daughter Kailey. Picture by mom, Tiffany. 7. MaHaley Belle Mann winning First Place at the New Hope Founders Day Tractor Show. 8. Jackson Stapler. Photo by mother, Mandy Stapler. 9. James "Buck" Stephens with 1942 era Farmall Tractor. 10. Robert Maples with granddaughter Haley Saylor. Photo taken by Cindy Saylor. 11. Vann Mefford, son of Doug & Tammy Mefford.





12. Tyler and Lucas Alford on Nana's John Deere. 13. Little Paulie. Submitted by Anna Gail Baker. 14. Isabelle Tabor with her Great-Great Grandmother Minnie Tabor and her dad's 1945 hand start John Deere B. Photo submitted by parents James and Valerie Tabor of Owens Cross Roads. 15. Lucas Smith with his paw paw Mickey Antwine of Grant. Picture taken by mother Andrea Hilliar. 16. Cory Cooper. Photo submitted by his neighbor. 17. Elaine Ledbetter and granddaughter, Lilly Paige Brown on Joe B. Ledbetter's tractors. 18. Billy Butler on his 1940 9N Ford tractor. Phot by Rhonda Cain. 19. Elizabeth Burton with her Pa Jimmy Buford photo taken by Kym Burton. 20. Aidan and Elizabeth Mann enjoying a ride in a local cotton patch. Picture submitted by Davina Mann.

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