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Robert Patterson, Plant Engineer

From the time our customer service representatives take an order for new service until the home receives dial tone, several steps must be taken. Many of these steps are handled by the engineering department.

I first became associated with New Hope Telephone in 1985 as an employee of a private engineering firm. We worked on several projects for the cooperative through the years. Ten years later, I was hired by New Hope Telephone as an installer/repairman. I became plant engineer in 2000.

In that capacity it is my job to take us from customer requests to finished projects. In the case of new service, I go into the field and physically inspect the property. This involves determining if we must build service to the home or business, engineering the project and staking it. Other utilities are also located at this step, to avoid cutting into water, power or other services while trenching.

Other members of my crew are Shawn Smith and Daniel Martin. Together we engineer and construct any additions to NHTC's outside plant. This includes telephone service and cable (John Whitaker assists our crew when we run aerial cable service).

Sometimes you may find our crew rewiring an existing structure. This is particularly beneficial to homeowners

with older homes. They pay us to rewire their home, then subscribe to the wire maintenance plan. Once a home is wired to our specifications, the wire maintenance plan ensures that we will come repair any problems to the wiring at no cost to the member.

Lately we have been putting a lot of conduit in the ground, particularly in new subdivisions. This enables us to come back at a later time and run new services without having to tear up streets and yards.

This and other methods are used to prepare us for the fiber upgrades that will be taking place over the next five years. Smith, Martin and myself are certified in fiber splicing, and we are installing both traditional copper and fiber in some projects. This will save us money down the road as we prepare NHTC for its fiber future.

Beyond my duties as plant engineer, I am a certified safety training specialist and safety planning specialist, assisting our safety coordinator Tim Wright with workplace safety issues.▲



Robert Patterson is Plant Engineer for New Hope Telephone Cooperative

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On the cover:

The Flag Place Central in New Hope helps keep the colors flying. Employees Carol Byrd and Kathy Owens fold a 12'x18' U.S. flag prior to shipment.

Attention Home Builders

Save time and money by rewiring

The saws are humming. The hammers are flying. It's building season in north Alabama, and many families are starting construction on their dream homes.

Before going too far with your plans, give New Hope Telephone a call. Your telephone cooperative could save you time and money by

rewiring your home.

Before the sheetrock goes up, NHTC crews can run phone and cable wire throughout your home, and get phone jacks ready for final installation. And the cost for the service is quite reasonable.

Calling NHTC early can also save landscaping headaches. It is

important for homebuilders to know that if a trench is open for other utilities, your phone and cable lines can be placed in there as well.

So make a phone call today that can save you time, money and hassles later. Make a call to NHTC and let them prewire your new home.

You'll be glad you did.

Come on in Some services require a visit to NHTC office

Much of your New Hope Telephone business can be handled over the telephone. However, due to security and privacy issues, there are times when a visit to our office is necessary.

"Basically, you must come into the office for any service that restricts use of your telephone," explains Teresa Hunkapiller, NHTC general manager. These services include:

- Toll restrictions of any kind
- Non-published agreements

Other services requiring a visit include:

- New phone service
- Sign up for High Speed or Dial-Up Internet service
- Changing Long Distance providers
- Making membership joint with your spouse

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

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What is the *Universal Service Fund*?

The Universal Service Fund is a very simple concept. The value of the public switched telephone network in America is that everyone is connected to it. If you could only call people who happened to be on the same network you were on, your telephone wouldn't be as valuable. We expect that whenever we make a telephone call to anyone, anywhere across America that the call will be connected and we will be able to talk to someone on the other end. That's what the Universal Service Fund does. It allows everybody access to the network for an affordable price.

The Communications Act of 1934 sought to make telephone service available to all U.S. residents at a reasonable cost. In order to do so the Universal

Service Fund was established.

Basically, every telephone provider pays into this fund based on their cost of providing service in every area they serve. The amount NHTC pays changes on a quarterly basis.

The fund also allows companies to draw from the fund. NHTC receives a portion of the costs related to providing service to remote areas from the fund. This makes phone service affordable to all citizens. The money that companies like NHTC receive from the Fund are in direct relation to the costs associated with serving remote areas.

Without the Fund, many rural residents across the country would be unable to afford true cost-based phone service, and we would no longer have a

nation-wide phone system. The cost of telephone service could go up considerably. In the worst case scenario, the local portion of your phone bill could double, making phone service too costly for many.

The Fund has been generating a lot of discussion from organizations like the Federal Communications Commission, Congress and even state Public Service Commissions. They are questioning the need for universal service support.

You can be assured NHTC is committed to keeping your cost for telephone service down. NHTC and many other independent rural telephone companies are maintaining contact with our elected officials to make certain the concerns of our members are heard.▲

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Dudley recognized for 10 years of service at New Hope Telephone

Nikki Dudley came to work at NHTC in 1996 as a cashier. Two years ago she took on the duties of customer billing, where she creates bills and late notices, processes toll charges, and works with customer adjustments. Nikki and her husband, Shane, make their home in Owens Crossroads with their children Garrett, five, and Maggie, four months. In her spare time, Nikki enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and shopping.



Martin recognized for 5 years of service at New Hope Telephone

Daniel Martin serves NHTC members as an installer/repairman working with cable and fiber optics. Daniel says he is appreciative to the NHTC Board for its tuition reimbursement program, which helped him recently earn his business degree from Faulkner University. Daniel took some time off in 2004 to serve a year in Iraq with his National Guard unit. He and his wife Marla make their home in Grant with daughter Erin, four.



Going to great heights to serve our customers

NHTC employees were 'moving on up' recently when they tackled a high-flying job. Crews scaled a 98-foot tower at the New Hope Telephone office to install a piece of equipment. NHTC is testing this technology that provides a wireless point-to-point connection for Internet service to offer redundancy for NHTC's new DS3. In simple terms, the equipment is a wireless backup to the wired Internet. In the future, the dish may also carry Internet traffic.



Do the right thing-Vote!

These days it seems the right to vote is sometimes taken for granted. Some citizens tend to forget that it is a privilege and responsibility many Americans fought hard for. We are a democratic society and our patriotic duty – voting – is central to that concept.

All eligible citizens, 18 years and older, are encouraged to vote in the Run-off Elections this month and in the General Election in November.

Remember, research the candidates, make your choice, and vote on election day! It's not only your right but your civic duty as well.

2006 ELECTIONS

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A quaint setting in the Heart of New Hope community



C.W. Sneed was a champion of life

Charles W. Sneed was a man who believed in living life to the fullest. As Owens Cross Roads' first



mayor and a civic-minded leader, Sneed made a lasting impression on his family, friends and community.

One of 11 children, Sneed was born on December 16, 1911. Growing up in rural Madison County, he learned at an early age the value of hard work and responsibility.

Sneed married Louise Birchfield in 1935, and the couple had three children. The couple farmed, and Sneed also worked as a timekeeper at Guntersville Dam through the WPA program.

In 1942, Sneed took a job that

would shape the rest of his life. He went to work at the Redstone Arsenal as a production superintendent on the ammunition lines. After a reduction-in-force layoff in 1946, Sneed secured a sponge and mop franchise, selling his merchandise across nine southern states.

Sneed returned to the Arsenal four years later, retiring in 1973 with 27 years experience.

During his busy career Sneed always found time for his fellow man. He was instrumental in getting Owens Cross Roads incorporated, and became the town's first mayor in 1967.

During the 11 years Sneed served as mayor, Owens Cross Roads experienced much progress. Under his leadership, the town established a privilege license system and hired its first police chief. He was also instrumental in purchasing land for the town park, as well as building a city hall and fire hall.

"He had such an outgoing personality," says Peggy Stephens, Sneed's daughter.

"He could take a bunch of kids and motivate us to do a dirty job and enjoy it."

In fact, Sneed was popular with youth throughout the community. "He bought a croquet set one year," Stephens says, "and everybody in Owens Cross Roads would flock to our yard to play when Daddy got home."

Stephens describes her father as being a well-rounded man, having interest in a variety of activities. He played guitar and banjo, and his group The Mayor and His Court performed at barbecues and other community functions. He was also an avid collector of everything from Indian artifacts to antiques.

Baseball was a favorite pastime of Sneed's. He was on the champion Arsenal team in 1954, and he coached and played many community teams through the years.

Sneed also had a love of nature. He grew flowers, and was "the best fisherman in the country," Stephens says of her father.▲



Charles Sneed made a lasting impact on his family, including his daughter Peggy Stephens. She is pictured here with the monument dedicating the C.W. Sneed Park in Owens Cross Roads.

Monument to a life well lived

A monument stands in the pavillion at C.W. Sneed Park in Owens Cross Roads. Dedicated on July 6, 1985, one side of the monument recaps the life of the man who gave so much back to his community. The inscription reads:

Charles Wesley Sneed, Sr.

Dec. 16, 1911 — Sept. 7, 1978

A founding father of the municipal government and first mayor of our town
1966 — Civitan President 1967 - 1976 — Mayor
1972 — Outstanding Civitan 1972 — Outstanding Civitan Fund Raiser
1973 - 1974 — Civitan President 1976 - 1978 — Councilman

A sports enthusiast who enjoyed playing as well as organizing, managing, and sponsoring teams. Charlie was instrumental in the leasing and later purchase of the land for the town park and organizing the first town league. He organized and was coach and second baseman for the first town team. A sincere humanitarian whose devotion to family, friends and community is appreciated.

A CHAMPION OF LIFE

Keeping Old Glory flying

Flag Place Central creates the Stars and Stripes from its New Hope plant

You see her waving from atop poles across the country, a symbol of national pride and honor. Men and women have fought for all she stands for, and countless have been wounded or killed while protecting all she represents.

The Red, White and Blue — our American flag — is our symbol of unity, our reminder of the precious freedoms we enjoy today thanks to the sacrifices of generations. And for the past nine years, thousands of these flags have made their way across the country from a small manufacturing plant in New Hope.

Behind the walls of the metal building on Johnson Avenue, a small crew spends the day with Old Glory, cutting and sewing, bagging and shipping. Their efforts ensure that our flag will continue to be unfurled throughout the U.S.

At the helm is Robert Cantrell, manager of The Flag Place Central. “We’re a manufacturing facility for the home office in Duluth, Georgia,” Cantrell explains. “We handle the larger U.S. flags, and we do a lot of specialty work.”

The nylon material for creating the flags arrives at the New Hope plant in wide rolls. A special machine cuts the material to the width needed for the job, and the employees get started putting together their product.

Nylon is a strong but light-weight fabric (a 20-foot by 30-foot flag weighs only 18 pounds). The flags are coated with a sun-resistant and water-resistant finish to give the customer maximum life for their flag.

Several tasks are involved in the manufacturing, depending on the product. The Flag Place Central is a wholesaler, so some products are tagged with the dealer’s name and information. The company also offers a variety of sizes.

The operation was once located in Huntsville. When a road-widening project claimed the building, Cantrell went looking for a new site. Instead of another Huntsville location, he found the available New Hope building.

The decision to move to New Hope was a good one. “When this building was built in the 1970’s, it was a sewing

plant,” Cantrell says. “It’s always been a sewing plant, so there was a good pool of women who knew how to sew.”

Cantrell practically bleeds red, white



Manager Robert Cantrell

and blue. He is a second-generation flag manufacturer, his father having worked for and owned flag companies. At one time, the family

owned and operated a company in Chicago, which they moved to Huntsville and eventually sold.

With a career invested in the flag, Cantrell holds Old Glory in high regard. “It upsets me to see someone degrading the flag,” he says.

And while it is a bad thing to intentionally abuse the flag, it also bothers Cantrell to see the flag neglected. “I like to see people flying the flag,” he says,



At The Flag Place Central, employees work to get the Stars and Stripes — along with several specialty flags — into the hands of the public. Pictured left to right are: Vanessa Clark, applying dealer labels; Barbara Clark, folding and bagging for shipment; and Donnie Martin, screenprinting.



Virginia Schrimsher sews sections of red and white stripes together for a large American flag.

“but it upsets me to see the condition a lot of people let their flags get in to.”

People should not fly anything at all if they are going to allow their flags to become ragged and tattered, Cantrell adds.

In the weeks following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the citizens began displaying the Red, White and Blue with a new zeal. “We had people coming in off the street wanting to buy flags,” Cantrell says.

Stock levels were low as the industry moved into the winter season, which added to the supply shortages. The Flag Place Central worked hard to take care of those dealers they normally serve throughout the year. “And I didn’t raise my price one nickel,” Cantrell added.

In addition to American flags, The Flag Place Central also manufactures a number of speciality flags. These include the POW/MIA flag. “We do flags for

Taco Bell and Churches Chicken,” Cantrell says, “and we’ve done flags for practically every Red Cross chapter in the country.”

The company has produced flags for Tennessee and Alabama. Interestingly, the New Hope plant manufactures a large number of flags for Texas. “I’d say 40 percent of my volume is just in the state of Texas,” Cantrell says. “They’re proud of that Lone Star.”

The company has a silk screen department that supports its speciality work. This process is used in items such as the POW/MIA flags, and for home builders, apartment complexes and related businesses.

The flag business has been good to Cantrell and the New Hope plant’s employees. “We don’t want to be a giant flag company,” he says. “Our philosophy is one of slow but steady growth.”▲

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Organization offers hope to foster children

Lee Marshall of WAFF-TV 48 understands firsthand the heartache foster children feel. She started out life in foster care. Marshall considers herself lucky, though, as she was blessed to find an adoptive family when she was only six weeks old.

It's Marshall's compassion for these children that led her to start the Kids to Love Foundation. The non-profit charitable foundation was estab-

lished to help meet the needs of foster children across the state of Alabama.

Through the Kids to Love Foundation many programs have been established to help meet the needs of these special children. Among them, the Bibles to Kids Program, scholarship opportunities and foster parent recruitment.

The Foundation enlists the aid of other organizations and businesses, as

well as individuals willing to step up and help.

Over the next few issues, *The Communicator* will highlight each program Kids to Love sponsors. Hopefully everyone will find a program that speaks to their heart and calls them to action.

Next month, find out about the Meth Orphan Project. You can also learn more at www.kidstolove.org.

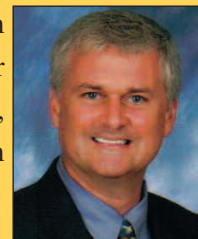
South Hampton Nursing & Rehab's annual beauty pageant



A fun time was had by all participants during South Hampton Nursing & Rehabilitation's annual beauty pageant. Katie Stoner served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Several residents competed for the title of Ms. South Hampton. The winners shown above (left to right) were: 2nd runner up, Debra Meeks; 1st runner up, Zella Whitaker; and Ms. South Hampton winner, Gladys Berry. The musical entertainment for the event was provided by local musician Leon Venerable. Judges for the event were (pictured left to right): Tammy Pritchett of NHTC; Jan Neighbors, a volunteer; and Terra Wilcox, member of Owens Cross Roads Homemakers Club.

Inspiration Corner

FREEDOM! A wonderful word for a weary heart. Our government has done a phenomenal job keeping a foreign war off American soil. However, many people ask, "Why the ills of our nation"? As we celebrate our Independence let's look to an answer. Statistics show great changes taking place in the 1960's where, until then, crime and social problems grew at a rate about equal to our population-growth. Those problems began to double and triple afterwards. Do you suppose the Supreme Court's decisions in '62 and '63 removing God from public schools had anything to do with it? Some say "No", because statistics were better kept in later years. Others say, "Yes", citing Abe Lincoln who said, "The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next". Though the debate goes on, in looking to history the Bible can't be disputed. The Psalmist wrote in chapter 33, "Blessed is the nations whose God is Jehovah." In other words, when God of the universe is no longer God of the nation and the focus turns to power and control, money and materialism, God has no choice but to obey those wishes and relinquish the protection He promises nations which look to Him. I pray this Fourth-of-July season that you will take time in church lifting up a prayer to heaven to seek out God for the sake of our nation and, more importantly, for yourself. Remember, TRUE freedom comes in God alone.



*Michael Carpenter,
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Fallen New Hope officer honored

A New Hope police officer killed in the line of duty was honored in May at a ceremony held in Huntsville.

The Law Enforcement Memorial Service, sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police, was held May 17 on the Madison County Courthouse Square. New Hope city clerk Wenona Patterson and New Hope police chief Larry Luttrell attended the annual event.

As part of the ceremony, Patterson pinned a carnation on a cross in memory of Emmett Bright, a New Hope police officer who lost his life on November 5, 1957.

The printed program for

the ceremony lists the following information regarding Officer Bright's death:

"Officer E.C. Bright was killed with a shotgun by other subjects while

attempting to arrest a subject for public drunkenness. The officer was not alone."

Officer Bright was 54 years old at the time of his death.


Chief Luttrell, who has served in law enforcement more than 20 years, says the ceremony is an important event. "They gave their lives serving others, and they should be honored," he says.

Alabama Attorney General Troy King was guest speaker at the event, which honored a total of six officers this year. In addition to the pinning ceremony, the Honor Guard Rifle Squad presented



New Hope city clerk Wenona Patterson pins a carnation to a cross in honor of slain New Hope officer Emmett Bright.

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A DEDICATION CEREMONY WAS HELD AT HAYDEN CEMETERY in New Hope on May 13th for the purpose of unveiling a Historical Marker. The marker was made possible by a donation from the Ledbetter Estate and the generosity of patrons of the Hayden Cemetery. Cemetery trustees compiled all the research for the marker. Among their findings is George Dilworth's grave bearing the date 1858, which is believed to have been one of the first burials in the cemetery. However, there are many graves marked by a stone with no etchings which could date even earlier. There is also documentation that slaves and Indians are buried in Hayden Cemetery.

The historical marker is engraved with the following: "Hayden Cemetery - On August 19, 1887, Tranquilla J. Haden gave to the Poplar Ridge community 1.5 acres at this site for a cemetery later to be called Hayden. The site had been used as a cemetery since as early as 1858. The cemetery expanded to 5.1 acres through gifts and purchases from Horatio & Sallie Smith, Howard & Ada Smith, Carl & Betty Worley, and Bobby Connally. During the construction of Interstate 65 in 1968, remains from the Collier Cemetery in Limestone County were reinterred at Hayden. On June 4, 1985, a perpetual care organization was created with officers and trustees to ensure the cemetery continued to serve southeast Madison County."

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(Not pictured, Judy Barnes)

Grant Backup is working hard to help

The Grant Backup organization was created in 2005 to provide additional funding for the Grant Police Department and those law enforcement agencies whose efforts support the Grant community. The organization also provides drug awareness education and early intervention to aid in crime prevention.

Marshall County, like many parts of our country, has experienced an increase in illegal drug activity and related social problems such as child abuse and neglect and spousal abuse. The Grant area residents decided that at some point, you have to do something. Sometimes, just saying "no" is not enough.

In April, Grant Backup sponsored a Community Drug Awareness meeting. District Attorney Steve Marshall spoke and showed a video. Lee Marshall of Channel 48 spoke about the Kids to Love Foundation and the See Meth Stop Meth billboard campaign. Josh Perkins of Drug Free Marshall County Youth Council was surprised by being awarded the very first

Grant Backup Positive Influence Award. This award recognizes someone who betters their community with their positive influence of optimism, hard work, and compassion for others. Josh was chosen because he has volunteered time with several organizations that help young people stay drug free.

Grant Backup will sponsor a day of basketball competitions on August 19, 2006, on the DAR school campus. It will include kids competitions and an adult basketball game. Tickets will be available at the door, and the concession stand will be open. For more information on the competition, visit the program's Web site at www.grantbackup.com.

Residents can also show their support by becoming a Grant Backup Sponsor. Among other benefits, each sponsor receives a decal that can be displayed on a car or store window. Get your 2006 decal by printing the form from the Web site and mailing it with your check to: Grant Backup, P.O. Box 605, Grant, AL 35747.



PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW HOPE

When faced with a task you always want the one out front to be the one who does not consider quitting as an option. Consider these people as examples:

- Thomas Edison was one of the most ingenious men who ever lived. He said, "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."

- Knute Rockne in thirteen years of coaching won 105 games, lost 12 and tied 5. He said, "It isn't the play that wins, it's the execution."

- Martin Luther refused to back down even though the Church discouraged him. His claim was, "the just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:17)

It is refreshing to read about people who began a task and would not give up.

When Jesus chose his disciples He chose men who would not give up. "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed Him." (Matthew 4)

The genius of Jesus' plan was not immediately seen, but by the end of the first century, no one would fault His selection. Except for the deceiver, they were achievers in their calling. Ultimately responsible for turning the world right side up, because they were connected to the One who did not quit, Jesus. Have you made the connection?

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

Grant City Council Meeting
Grant Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

July 15th

Blood Drive

New Hope United Methodist Church, 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. Contact: Church office, 723-4812

July 17th

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

Grant City Council Meeting
Grant Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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

July 20th

Owens Cross Roads City Council Meeting
OCR Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

August 5th

Back to School Bash

All ages welcome. Food, fun and games.

OCR Church of God Activity Center, 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Jamie Naples, 723-3865 or 655-5412

NH Elementary Extended Day Program

For children in Pre-K through 5th grade. The program operates from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on school days. For more information or for a registration form go by the school office or call Sharon Hill at 723-5514.

Angel Food Ministry

New Hope United Methodist Church offers food packages monthly at substantial savings over grocery store prices. Call for more information and this month's food list, 723-4812.



From the kitchen of **Katheryn Landers**

Katheryn Landers of New Hope has a reputation for making incredible coconut cakes. And she's willing to share her recipe for these masterpieces — just be prepared for the extra work involved in making a cake from scratch.

The other two recipes are particularly popular during the holidays. "I make a ton of that stuff at Christmas," she says.

Landers began cooking at an early age. "Mother was sick a lot, and we had

a big family," she recalls. "Daddy built a wooden box for me to stand on to cook and do dishes."

Landers has enjoyed plenty of cooking experience in her 82 years. She helped care for the younger siblings in her family, and has played an important role in the lives of many other children in her family.

"I'm just an old timey cook!" she says with a smile.

Mound Candy

1 can Eagle brand sweetened condensed milk
2 bags coconut (14 oz.)
1 box powdered sugar
1 stick margarine (melted)
1 stick paraffin
1-14 oz. semi sweet chocolate chips

Mix and roll or flatten to desired size. Place on cookie sheet and refrigerate or freeze to harden. In a double boiler, melt one stick of paraffin. Add 1-14 oz. package semi sweet chocolate chips. When melted, dip coconut candy in chocolate and place on wax paper to harden.

Peanut Butter Balls

1 box confectioners sugar
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup coconut
1 cup nuts (pecans, chopped)
2 sticks margarine (melted)

Mix well. Roll into 1 inch balls. Lay on wax paper.

Coating mix:

Melt 1/2 stick paraffin wax over double boiler. When melted, put

in 12 oz. semi sweet chocolate chips. Dip peanut butter balls in chocolate mixture. Place on wax paper to harden.

Coconut Cake

1-3/4 cups sugar
3/4 cup Crisco
4 eggs
1 cup sweet milk
2-1/2 cups self rising flour
1 box instant vanilla pudding & pie mix
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix sugar and Crisco really well. Add eggs, one at a time, and mix until fluffy. Add milk, flour, pudding mix and vanilla. Bake at 325° until done.

Icing:

1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
1/8 tsp. salt
2 egg whites
2 Tbsp. Karo syrup
Coconut

Cook over double boiler until really fluffy. Usually about 6 to 8 minutes. Sprinkle coconut over icing and between layers.

Note: Only purchase paraffin that is intended for use in cooking. It is sold in grocery stores with canning supplies.

Melting chocolate in double boiler:
Fill bottom of boiler with water and place on low heat. Place chocolate in top and place over water. Do not cover and do not allow water to boil. Chocolate has a very low melting point, as does paraffin. When chocolate is shiny, stir until smooth. Remove from heat.

Cook of the Month

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

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

Note: Submission does not guarantee publication. Please send copies, not originals. Submit only "tried and true" recipes that have been kitchen-tested.

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Kali & Uncle Gary.
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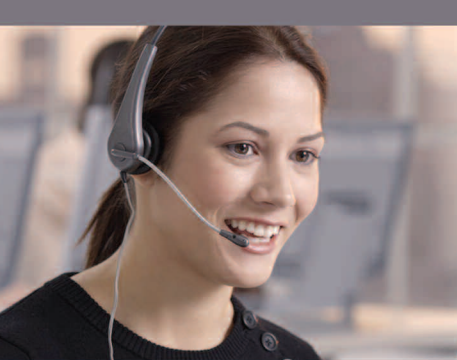
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Largen.

God Bless America!
6 year old
Hannah & 6
week old *Hayden
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The September photo theme is "**Scenic Alabama**". To participate in our Community Photos section, please send your favorite photos, matching the theme, to: NHTC • Attn: Maria Goodson • P.O. Box 452 • New Hope, Alabama 35760. You may prefer to e-mail your photo to mgoodson@nehp.net. If your entry is selected, you'll see your photo in print. **The deadline for the September entry is July 21st.** Be sure to include the photographer's name, address and phone number, as well as the name of any people featured in your photos. Do not write on the back of your photos, but rather write your information on a small piece of paper and tape it to the back.

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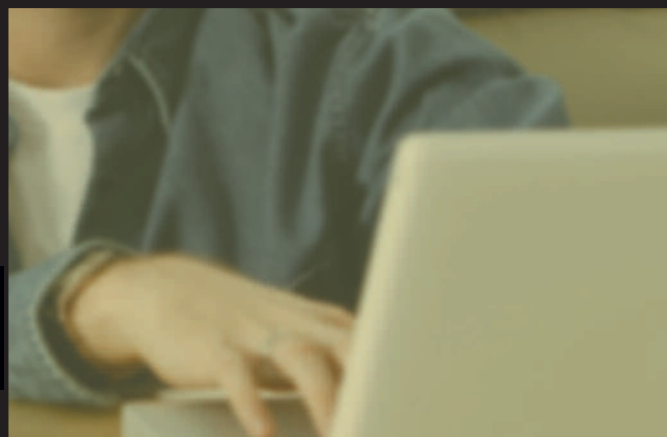


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