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you at the
Annual
Meeting!

Manager's Comments

Thank you for a great Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was a wonderful opportunity for me to meet people from throughout our service area. I became acquainted with more folks on that one night than all the time I've been in Alabama. Thank you for giving my wife and me such a warm reception.

If you attended the Annual Meeting, you participated in one of the most important events of the year. Remember, as a customer of New Hope Telephone Cooperative you are also a member. The Annual Meeting is your opportunity to participate in the company you and your neighbors own.

The Annual Meeting also provides a time to recap the progress we've made during the past year, and to discuss the plans for the future. If I could sum those up in one word, it would be "change." Your New Hope Telephone Cooperative stands at the edge of tremendous possibilities, and how we respond will forever change the company.

Think about it. The housing market is booming in the New Hope, Grant and Owens Cross Roads areas. There are some 1,200 new homes at some stage of construction in these communities. The Hampton Cove area continues to expand in our direction. And we will be amazed at the impact the new military jobs coming to Madison County will have on us.

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Additionally, we are moving forward with plans to offer services beyond our traditional bounds. This will position us to grow a stronger, more competitive cooperative that will provide necessary services while becoming a greater asset to all its members.

We also used the Annual Meeting this year to shine the spotlight on *The Communicator*. Your member magazine has earned a second national award, being named the best publication of its kind in the country by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association. I read *The Communicator* online even before I became your general manager, and I know you are proud of the publication that serves as your communications connection.▲



Tom Wing is General Manager of New Hope Telephone Cooperative



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Nothing says springtime like the red amaryllis. These striking flowers were found in front of the home of Julia Dilworth, our Cook of the Month for June.

**NHTC's office
will be closed
Wednesday, July 4th
for Independence Day**

Just a reminder ...

Cash those capital credit checks

Once again the Board of Directors has graciously approved a two percent (2%) refund of capital credits. When a capital credit is issued, NHTC makes every effort to have those checks mailed by the second week in May. By now all active members should have received their checks.

It is important that the capital credit check be deposited or cashed immediately. This helps eliminate the chance for the checks to become lost or void.

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Any member with questions or concerns about their check should contact NHTC's business office at 723-4211.

Think About It

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss you will land among the stars."

-- Les Brown

It's a girl!

Congratulations to New Hope Telephone Cooperative employee Kanita Medlen and her husband Donnie. They are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl named Elizabeth Jayne. The baby was born on April 27. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long. Both mother and daughter are doing well.



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Can you find it?

Hidden within the pages of this month's magazine is a clue that could be worth a \$5 credit on your next phone bill. The clue is a question. Find the question and mail or email us with the correct answer.

We will draw one lucky winner from all correct entries for a \$5 credit on your next phone bill. You can email communicator@nehp.net or mail or deliver your answer to NHTC's office. Be sure to include your name and phone number on your entry. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!

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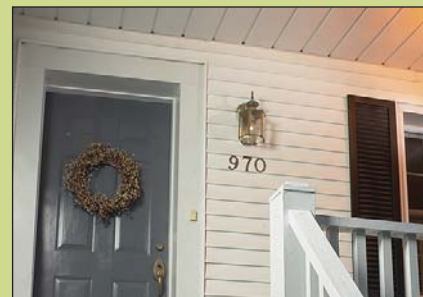
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The Communicator wins national TeleChoice Award

New Hope Telephone Cooperative's member magazine, *The Communicator*, brought home another national award last month. The publication received the TeleChoice Award as the best publication of its kind in the country.

The TeleChoice Awards are sponsored each year by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), as part of the organization's annual marketing conference. Submissions are judged by fellow cooperative communicators from throughout the United States.

Competition is broken down into categories according to the size of the company and how the publication is prepared. *The Communicator* was the winner in the 5,001 to 10,000 Access Lines, Outsourced Production division.

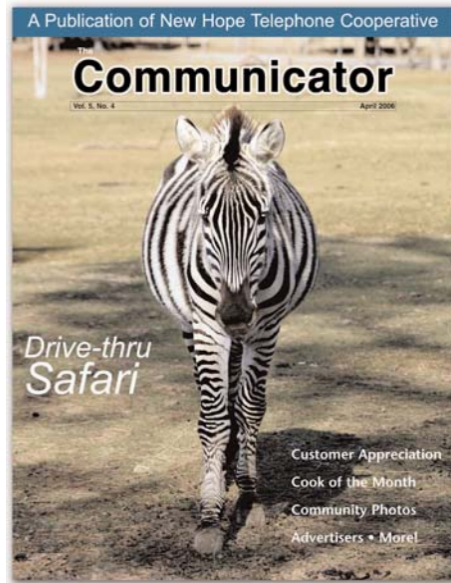
NHTC is assisted in the production of the magazine by WordSouth Public Relations, a Northeast Alabama firm that provides communications services to

cooperatives and other rural utilities.

"We are extremely excited about the TeleChoice Award," says Tom Wing, NHTC General Manager. "It's encouraging when your peers in the industry recognize the good job you're trying to do."

NHTC's Tammy Pritchett, who coordinates production of the magazine, agrees. "Our members depend on *The Communicator* for community and school news, as well as co-op information," she says. "That's why we do it. But it's exciting for our efforts to be recognized on the national level."

The TeleChoice Award is the second national honor *The Communicator* has received this year. In February, the cooperative earned the Best Subscriber Communications Program award at NTCA's annual meeting in Orlando.



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Library expresses gratitude to NHTC, City Council

New Hope Telephone Cooperative recently joined forces with the New Hope City Council to supply the resources and support needed to extend the Elizabeth Carpenter Public Library's hours of operation and staff.

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library Associate Director Susan Markham says, "Because of their support, the library may now continue to grow to meet the changing needs of the community and surrounding areas."

NHTC provided high-speed Internet access lines and service at no cost to the library, while the city council provided generous financial support.

Markham says this has made it feasible to fill the Branch Manager position at the New Hope library.

Bobbie Keane, a retired psychologist from Massachusetts, has accepted the

position. Keane spent two years as a part-time library assistant in Falmouth, MA. She holds a B.A. in history from Trinity College in Washington, DC, and a PhD in Social Psychology from the University of Michigan.

"I've been a reader my whole life," says Keane. "My love and respect for books has carried over in my work with the Falmouth Library. For me, a library is a museum of treasures which I care for respectfully and diligently."

Markham says she is "very excited that we have found someone with Bobbie's fine abilities to lead the team at the New Hope Library."

In addition to the new employee, the library announced the community will also see increased hours of operation. This is great news for researchers of all ages. Free Internet access provides

resources like homework help through www.homeworkalabama.org and a tour of the Alabama Virtual Library.

Concern for the community is one of the seven basic cooperative principles that help guide NHTC. "Being served by a cooperative should make a difference in a community," says NHTC General Manager Tom Wing. "Our support of the library is a wonderful example of how a cooperative can impact the people it serves beyond just providing outstanding telecommunications services at a reasonable price."

For me, a library is a museum of treasures which I care for respectfully and diligently.

-Bobbie Keane, Librarian

Historical Association Museum Dedication

The New Hope Historical Association Museum held a dedication ceremony Sunday, May 6. Two families were presented with plaques for their individual donations to the museum. The Francis Walker Maples family donated the building for the museum. The family of Carl H. Maroney received a plaque for donating land.

Doris Spivey of the Historical Association mailed a letter to the Maroney family requesting permission to lease land next to the building. The association was surprised and delighted when the Maroney family offered to donate the land. "It was so nice of Mickie Maroney to personally bring the land deed to the dedication ceremony," says Lou Ann Poole, president of the Historical Association. *(What is the three digit number to dial before digging?)*

The museum is open the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Visitors can view exhibits on display and research New Hope's past. They will also allow access to records at other times by appointment.



Francis Walker Maples Family

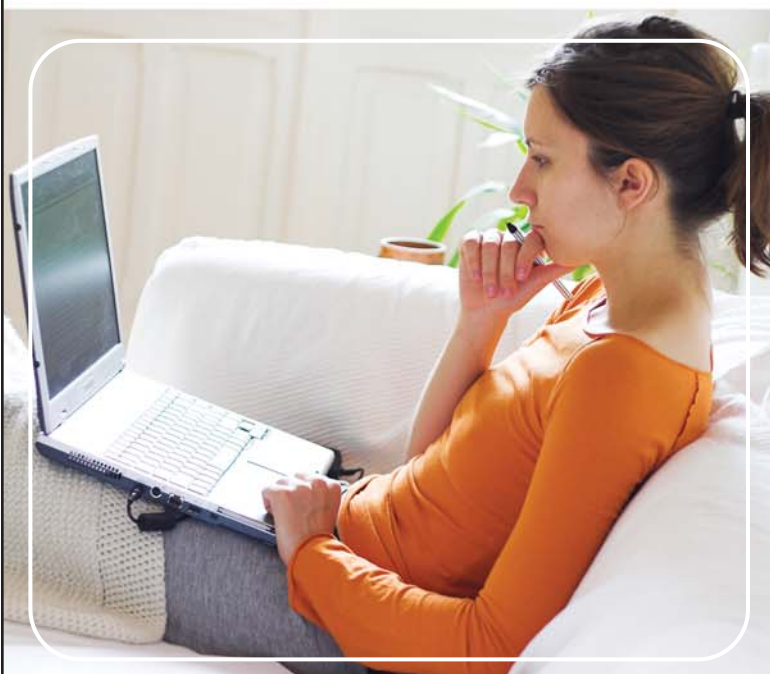


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Contest winners show their artwork

Tammy Pritchett of New Hope Telephone Cooperative recently visited area schools to congratulate the winners of their annual coloring contest. She is shown in the photos below with the winners from each school.



Emily Terry, Logan Jenkins, and Destiny Stokes of OCR Elementary.



Braxton Troup, Shane Clark, and Jayden Conn of DAR Elementary.



Cyrus Bachelder, Nikki Kimbrough, and Allison Brown of New Hope.

Reports of progress highlight NHTC's 2007 Annual Meeting

To those gathered at the New Hope Elementary School auditorium on Tuesday, May 15, the message was clear: their cooperative is on a course of

growth and progress.

Those attending the New Hope Telephone Cooperative Annual Meeting had a chance to see that growth first-

hand through a video presentation that highlighted NHTC's accomplishments and progress over the past year.

The video also featured images of the people, businesses and events that have appeared in the cooperative's member magazine, *The Communicator*, in recent months.

In addition to the video overview, members also heard reports from the cooperative's leadership. Tom Wing, who was hired earlier in the year as NHTC's General Manager, expressed enthusiasm for what lies ahead for the company. "We are designing the network of the future," he said.

Wing reported that funding has been secured from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for the next phase of the cooperative's Fiber-to-the-Home project. When completed, the new fiber system will not only provide better service to members in the present, but will enable NHTC to deliver new technologies that will become available in the future.

Wing also discussed the progress being made in the cooperative's cable service. The new satellite and cable head end have been installed, which will provide access to a wide variety of programming as well as high-definition channels. Wing said, "we are currently looking for a set-top box appropriate for our system," that is capable of bringing HDTV into members' homes.

In related news, Wing said the cooperative is working on plans to take communications services into communities bordering NHTC's traditional service area.



Hundreds of residents from New Hope, Grant and Owens Cross Roads attended the 2007 Annual Meeting of New Hope Telephone Cooperative. They filled the auditorium of New Hope Elementary School to hear reports of their cooperative's progress and to possibly win a door prize.



Members received a free NHTC t-shirt at the Annual Meeting. After registering and voting, signs pointed the way to the auditorium for entertainment and the business meeting.

Jeff Cooper, a Board Member from New Hope who has served as President the past two years, introduced each Board member and expressed his appreciation for their support during his service as President. "These guys have helped me a great deal these past two years," he said.

Cooper mentioned accomplishments like providing the Grant and New Hope libraries with DSL service and receiving the RUS funding for the Fiber-to-the-Home project.

Regarding NHTC's member magazine, Cooper informed members that *The Communicator* earned two national awards within the past few months. The community publication was named the Best Subscriber Communications Program at the annual meeting of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association in February. At the national organization's communications conference held at the beginning of May, the magazine earned the TeleChoice award for the best cooperative publication in its category in the country.

Leading up to the start of the business meeting, residents of New Hope, Grant and Owens Cross Roads registered, received a free NHTC shirt, enjoyed the music of Leon Venerable and his band, and voted for their choice in the Board of Directors elections.

As vote totals were tallied by a committee throughout the business meeting, suspense grew as ballots were recounted again and again. At the end of the process, Grant's Sonny Cantrell had defeated incumbent Dennis 'Denny' Pence by only one vote. Ballots for this race, which featured a total of four candidates, were counted six times to ensure the accuracy of the outcome.

Cantrell received 156 votes to Pence's 155. A total of 131 votes were

cast for the other two candidates.

Garland Elders of the Owens Cross Roads exchange stepped into his first Board position, defeating incumbent Jeff DeArmond by a vote of 269 to 171.

David Ayers of the Grant exchange successfully defended his position in a three-way race. He received 160 votes, 14 more than his closest challenger.

Following the annual meeting, NHTC's Board assembled at the cooperative headquarters to hold its organizational session. President Jeff Cooper opened the meeting and began the election of officers with his position. Having served two terms as President, Cooper was not eligible for the position another year.

The Board elected Greg Glover of the Owens Cross Roads exchange as the new President. Replacing Glover as Vice President was Jimmy Segler of the Grant exchange. New Hope's Jim Duncan was re-elected as Board Secretary, while David Ayers of Grant was named Treasurer. Ayers expressed his appreciation to members for their support in the Board elections.

More Annual Meeting scenes



NHTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS—Following the Annual Meeting, members of the Board of Directors conducted a brief business meeting. As required by the company bylaws, they held elections for Board officers. Members of the Board are, left to right: (seated) David Ayers, Treasurer; Greg Glover, President; Jimmy Segler, Vice President; Jim Duncan, Secretary; (standing) Garland Elders, Barry Jones; Sonny Cantrell, Barry Mefford; and Jeff Cooper. On the table sit trophies for the Best Subscriber Communications Program and the TeleChoice Best Customer Newsletter, both awarded this year by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association for NHTC's magazine *The Communicator*.

New Hope Telephone Cooperative congratulates the New Hope High School Class of 2007



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Dilworth

Robin
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Downey

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Maijala

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William
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Joshua
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Michael
Mitchell

John
Neal

Terry
Osborne



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Pence

Christine
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Larry
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Wright

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As part of NHTC's dedication to communities they serve, the cooperative awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from New Hope High School. This year's recipient was Chase Gipson. Gipson is the son of Rusty and Amy Gipson. He plans to attend the University of West Alabama in Livingston where he is expected to major in Fire Science. Gipson was on the football, basketball and soccer team at NHHS. He is also a member of FFA.



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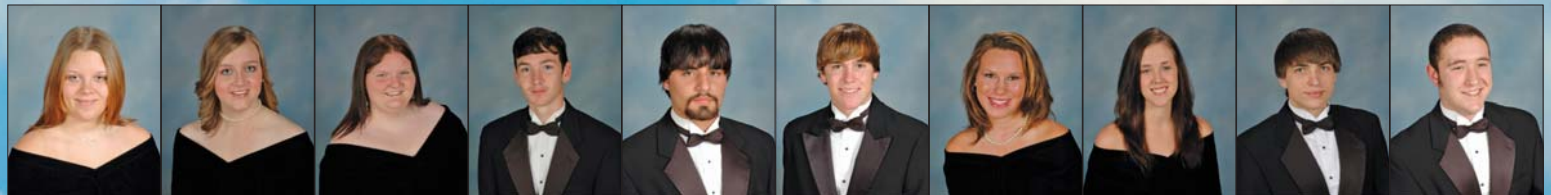
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Katrina Zimmerman

New Hope Telephone Cooperative congratulates the recipient of their \$500 scholarship from DAR High School. Ryan Guffey was presented with the scholarship by NHTC's general manager, Tom Wing, during the school's awards day program. Ryan is the son of Stevie and Kelli Guffey. He plans to major in Sociology at Northeast Alabama Community College in Rainsville. His extra curricular activities include FFA, Historical Society and Co-op. He is on the Honor Roll.



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New Hope's Scott Adams goes to California for reality TV show

Imagine a chance of a life time. An offer to be a star, to be treated like a king, to be famous — just for doing your job.

Such an offer was extended to New Hope stylist, Scott Adams. A customer referral lead to an invitation from Style Network for him to appear on their reality series, "Split Ends."

This reality show features a new look at the beauty industry. Two stylists

from different parts of the country swap shops for three days. Stylists have to learn more than how to deal with a climate change. They are to perform their professional best, learning the house rules and satisfying customers.

Adams, a native of New Hope, has worked at Styles by Beverly for nine years. One of his customers, New Hope Kindergarten teacher Sara Burleson, contacted the show about Adams.

"Everytime I would see that show, I thought of how good Scott would do on it," Burleson says. "He could show that Southern style and be funny."

The show's producers requested a bio from Adams, then asked for a video submission. Next came an interview. After weeks of waiting, word finally came. Out of hundreds of applicants, Adams was chosen to swap places with celebrity stylist Joe Hamer from

Petaluma, California, at Joe Hamer Beyond Hair.

"I never dreamed in a million years," says Adams about the opportunity. "I had never been to California before."

The five-day trip was scheduled for two days of travel and three days of shooting. Day one was Test Day.

"The first day was meeting the stylists and the manager," says Adams. "But by the end of the day, they had me cutting hair."

Day two was Work Day. "This was my first full day in the salon," he says. "It was a completely different experience. I was not used to having my on personal assistant in the shop doing my shampoos, and sweeping my hair. I was treat-



DEALING WITH REALITY—When local stylist Scott Adams switched places with big-city salon owner Joe Hamer, he found himself on the West Coast running a large up-scale operation. Here, Adams styles hair at a town festival in Petaluma, CA. Working the festival was his salon "challenge" for the reality television show "Split Ends."

ed like a king.”

But jesters were also nearby. Sunny California grins came beaming down at the sight of Adams’ style. “They joked with me about my wardrobe,” he says. “I had on an Alabama t-shirt and a pair of blue jeans. So my new coworkers took me shopping that night.” Five-hundred and eighty dollars later, Adams had some brand-new threads compliments of the show.

And what did \$580 buy in California? “A new jacket, and pants, and a belt and some shoes, and a Petaluma, California t-shirt,” Adams laughs.

On the way back from the shopping spree, Adams had a chance to learn more about the strangers who had taken him in. “I really thought California people would be snooty and standoffish,” he says. “But on that hour ride back, they really opened up and shared their life with me. They were very friendly.”

Day three was the final day. This was the day Adams had been waiting for. Day three was Takeover Day.

Adams is also a floral designer in New Hope at Artistic Designs, so he decided to bring a little color to the California dreamers. “For my day, I had flowers brought to the shop for all the stylists to work with and arrange,” he says. “They loved it!”

Adams loved it too. “I definitely want to go back for a visit or a vacation,” he says. “I didn’t get to spend a lot of time with some members of the shop. The producer didn’t want me to get too close to the shop manager for the sake of the “reality” show.”

He left for California with “an open mind ready to learn,” he says. What he brought back was a new approach to customer appreciation.

“I love the way they treat their customers,” he says. “They don’t overbook, and they only have two chairs in their

waiting area. When you come in, they are ready for you.” Then stylists offer their customers a bottle of water or even a glass of wine.

Adams wants to bring this level of

customer consideration to New Hope. “I want people to say, ‘When you come to Styles by Beverly you get an experience that is totally different from anywhere else.’”

Big-city stylist goes South

While Scott Adams was making waves in California, famed stylist Joe Hamer found his way to Alabama.

Adams’ counterpart for the episode of “Split Ends,” Hamer is an award-winning stylist, teacher and business owner. He directs two California salons, often catering to the needs of the rich and famous.

Additionally, he travels extensively as an international ‘platform artist,’ and trains young stylists in private academy settings.

How did this world-class artist and teacher react to his encounter with New Hope, Alabama? “It’s amazing. This is God’s country, it’s so beautiful,” Hamer said while working inside Styles by Beverly. “And the people match the beauty of the place...everyone has been amazing.”

Hamer’s trip to Alabama to film the reality TV show was his first visit to the South. “I have never been to the Southern states,” he said.

In fact, the rural environment appealed to Hamer. Back in California, he lives on 300 acres with no neighbors in sight, “so I am very comfortable here,” he said.

Those fortunate enough to secure an appointment with Hamer while he was in New Hope were styled by the same hands that take care of celebrities. “I have a big A-list of celebrity clientele,” Hamer shared. “They are patient...if I have to leave to do the Golden Globes, they understand.”

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The episode of “Split Ends” featuring Scott Adams is expected to air in August on The Style Network.



Ellie Wilbourn, one of Scott’s patrons, gets the star treatment from California stylist Joe Hamer.



Inspiration Corner

Hey dads, this is for you - Happy Father's Day! Do you ever feel your wife doesn't understand the Ephesians 5 scripture we discussed last month, like she just doesn't get it? You work hard all day, come home and the only thing you want is a good warm supper and a comfortable place to relax. The wife on the other hand wants the garbage taken out, help with the dishes, help with the kid's homework, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. Ever felt that way? Maybe there's a solution. You see, where scripture tells a woman to submit to her husband in everything, those verses continue by telling the man to love his wife as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for it. I know it may be difficult but hear me

out because I have learned the lesson well. When we do come home tired and worn out, our wives are tired too, but I will guarantee you, if you will take a few deep breaths, get that second wind and help around the house, your wife will treat you like she has probably not done since soon after you were married. Some husbands have already figured this out, while others still wonder what went wrong. I pray this Father's Day is the beginning of wonderful things to come for all of you, and to know more about how to live as a family filled with God's love, weathering the storms, Please look in a church near you – soon!



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR JUNE 2007

June 1st - 15th

New Hope Rec Football/Cheerleader Signups

Monday thru Friday 5:30 to 7 pm. Registration fee before June 15th is \$70, late fee after the 15th will be \$90.00

June

Cell Phones for Soldiers Drive

Want to know what you can do for our soldiers? NHHS Honor Society is collecting your old cell phones, batteries, accessories, chargers, PDAs and pagers. They will be exchanged for calling cards for soldiers serving overseas. They can be dropped off at NHTC's office all summer long!

June 2nd

North Alabama Street Toys Cruise-In Hardee's Restaurant, 6 to 9 p.m.

Custom cars, street rods, trucks and classic cars are welcome. 50/50 drawing, door prizes, awards. No entry fee - just lots of fun! Call 723-4631 for more information.

June 9th

Annual Lions Club Yard Sale

Held at New Hope United Methodist Church

SCHOOL CALENDAR SUMMER 2007

New Hope Pre-K

If you registered your child for Pre-K at New Hope Elementary School, you should have received an information kit in the mail. If you have not received one yet, please contact the school. There are still a few spaces available if you have not registered your child.

NHHS Summer Reading Assignment for Honors English

All students grade 9 - 12 who are enrolled in Honors English must read one of the books for their grade this summer. Each student will be tested on the book in the first full week of school in August. Call the high school office if you have any questions.

Freshmen:

To Kill a Mockingbird
I Am The Cheese

Juniors:

Lord Of The Flies
Wuthering Heights

Seniors:

Animal Farm
Jane Eyre

Sophomores:

The Hiding Place
The Joy Luck Club

PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
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Have you ever wrapped a copper wire around a nail and then introduced 9-volts of electric current to it? Well if you have you discovered a very simple definition of what is known as Faraday's Law. Michael Faraday was a chemist and physicist whose pioneering experiments in electricity and magnetism paved the way for the invention of the inductive motor. As a result of his many inventions we are all beneficiaries.

Faraday was a highly sought after speaker and could hold audiences spellbound as he demonstrated the nature and properties of the magnet. On one occasion he lectured to a distinguished panel of scientists along with the Prince of Wales. At the conclusion of the lecture there was a thunderous applause and the Prince of Wales rose to propose a motion of congratulation. When they asked for a response from Faraday he could not be found. It is said, "he had slipped away from the presence of an earthly prince to seek the audience of the King of kings."

He left that meeting for the same reason he had left other meetings. He left so that he could attend a church meeting. On other occasions his contemporaries were overheard saying, "How can such a brilliant man believe the Bible, take it literally, and be content to find friends among a handful of believers?"

The answer is very simple, he believed "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." He knew the real source of his knowledge.

See you in church next Sunday!



Andrew Craig and Kristy Finley were crowned prince and princess at the Owens Cross Roads Fall Festival. They together raise over \$1300.00 for their school. They both are in Mrs. Hand's Kindergarten class. Andrew is the son of Tony & Elizabeth Craig and Kristy is the daughter of Kelly & Donna Finley.



From the kitchen of Julia Dilworth

There is always something on the table at Julia Dilworth's house. This 75-year-old cooking grandmother wouldn't have it any other way, because that's the way it has always been.

Mrs. Dilworth has been a resident of the area all her life. She began cooking for her 11 siblings on her parents farm when she was only 12-years-old. The farming family sustained itself with "acres of garden," she says. "The only thing Daddy bought was flour and sugar."

Walk into the Dilworth kitchen today

and you'll likely be greeted with the delicious smell of tradition. A Canned Apple Cake, Fudge Layer Cake, or a specialized treat like her Diabetic Chocolate Cake brings family together for a special meal or just a drop by and visit.

Mrs. Dilworth has been coping with macular degeneration for over a year now. Thanks to her husband's additional lighting and a strict kitchen organization, she has not had to leave her passion behind.

A few of this month's recipes had never before been written down—enjoy.

Diabetic Chocolate Cake

2 eggs
non-caloric cooking spray
1-1/2 cups flour
1/4 tsp. vanilla
1 cup 2% milk
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
1-1/2 tsp. baking soda
2/3 cup safflower oil
1/4 cup diabetic sweetener

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray 9" x 13" cake pan with cooking spray. Lightly beat eggs, just until mixed. Combine beaten eggs and other ingredients in a large bowl. Mix until blended. Do not over mix. Pour into greased cake pan. Bake for 45 minutes or until knife inserted comes out clean. 24 servings. Diabetic exchanges - 1/2 starch and 1 fat.

Ole-Timey Egg Custard

6 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup sweet milk
1 tsp. vanilla
dash salt

Mix all ingredients well. Place in unbaked pie shell and bake at 300° until done.

Apple Roll-Ups

1 can crescent dinner rolls, 8 count
1 Granny Smith apple
3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup butter, melted
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 to 2 cups apple juice

Preheat oven to 325°. Peel and core apple. Cut into 8 pieces. Roll a slice of apple into each of the crescent rolls. Place in baking dish with small end of roll down. Mix sugar, butter and cinnamon by hand. Spoon mixture over rolls. Pour apple juice around the roll ups, but not directly on top of rolls. Bake for 25 minutes and turn the rolls over, then bake for 20 minutes.

Easy Corn Salad

1 can mex-i-corn, drained
1 can shoe peg corn, drained
1 or 2 Roma tomatoes, chopped
1 small onion, chopped

1/4 cup green pepper, chopped
2 Tbsp. mayonnaise
salt and pepper

Mix first five ingredients together. Add mayo and salt and pepper to taste. Chill before serving.

Squash Puppies

2 eggs
1 cup squash, cooked and mashed
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup corn meal
1 large onion
1 cup buttermilk

Mix all ingredients together. Put in refrigerator to chill for 1 hour. Spoon into hot cooking oil. Cook until browned. Best served with steamed vegetables.

Do you know someone you'd like to see featured as Cook of the Month? Send us their name, phone number and 4 to 6 kitchen-tested recipes. All cooks featured will receive an apron from NHTC. Send submissions to: Communicator, Cook of the Month, PO Box 452, New Hope, AL 35760.

Gone Fishin'



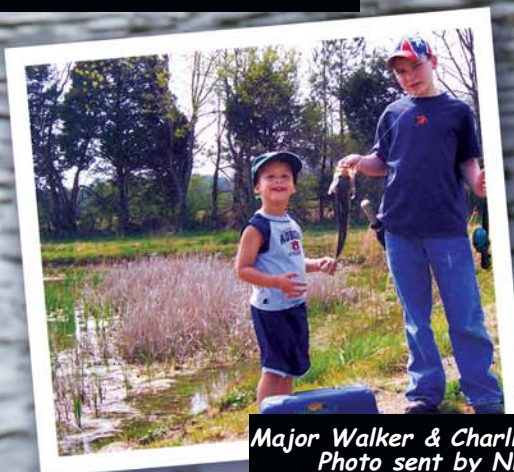
Hunter West's first fish, caught at Uncle Ben's pond.



Thomas III and William Roy Thomas caught a King Fish in Florida.



Jeremy Flipppo with a Big Mouth Bass. Picture sent by Tresa Flipppo.



Major Walker & Charlie Gibbs fishing. Photo sent by Nikki Gibbs.



Aiden Green fishes with his grandfather Rickey Watson. Photo by grandmother Donna Watson.



Taylor Pinkerton catches a big fish while sister Shelby looks on.



Lane Pilotte and Dad fishin' in the Smokies.

The August photo theme is "Favorite Family Photo". 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) **Deadline for August is June 20th.**

By submitting your photos: (1) you attest that you are the creator and owner of the photos, (2) you give New Hope Telephone permission to publish your material in The Communicator, (3) you agree to offer said photos without the expectation of payment from New Hope Telephone, and (4) you understand that photos are selected for publication in The Communicator at the sole discretion of New Hope Telephone, and that submission of your photo does not guarantee your photo will appear in the magazine.

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