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Annual Meeting 2008



Manager's Comments

We're getting ready for the future of telecommunications at NHTC

If you missed our Annual Meeting last month, you missed a great opportunity to learn about all the activity taking place at your cooperative. As part of the business meeting, we showed a 15-minute video we produced with our communications partners, WordSouth Public Relations and Town Creek Productions. This video highlighted the progress being made at NHTC.

Please allow me to briefly recap the topics covered in this video:

Fiber-To-The-Home - You've been reading for some time in *The Communicator* about our plans to replace our traditional copper system with advanced fiber optic technology. As part of this project, we are burying 400 miles of hardline fiber and another 200 miles of drops to homes. The first to go into the ground is an eight-mile run from Owens Cross Roads to New Hope to serve an area of rapid residential growth. The capabilities of this technology will allow us to not only meet your needs as we know them today, but it will also prepare us for the future of telecommunications — whatever it may be.

Cable TV - We have added several high definition and digital channels in the past year, as well as additional HBO and Cinemax channels. Members are enjoying these new additions as well: The Sportsman Channel, QVC, SoapNet, and Blue Highway. The most significant improvement has been to The Weather Channel, which we've not only enhanced but have also moved to the bottom tier so every member can have access to it.

Internet - Several members have taken advantage of our newest offering

DSLlite, which gives dial-up customers access to a higher speed and constant connection at a lower cost for minimal use. We have launched an email newsletter for our Internet customers, and last year extended high-speed Internet access to public libraries in our service area at no cost. NHTC is currently working to build fiber connections to the Alabama Supercomputer at New Hope and Owens Cross Roads schools.

Customer Service - Members can now pay by check online. We have recently hired a marketing representative, Misty Williams, and one of her first duties will be to develop our bundle plans.

Communicator - For the second year in a row, *The Communicator* has been named the best magazine of its kind and size in our industry (see Page 5 for more information).

Saving Money - NHTC has saved its members more than \$600,000 in the past couple of years.

The Future - Our industry is changing rapidly, and our members should know that NHTC is up to the challenge. We have a plan, and the employees and Board are committed to progress on behalf of our members.

To see the details, I encourage you to log onto our Web site at www.nehp.net to view the full video. Then you will be as excited about the future as we are! ▲



Tom Wing is General Manager of New Hope Telephone Cooperative

NHTC will be closed Friday, July 4 for Independence Day

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*On the cover:
Scenes from the NHTC Annual Meeting held Tuesday, May 20.*

Internet scam tries to steal information



Gone are the days of the traveling snake oil salesman. Today Internet scams, such as lottery winnings and identity theft, have become the norm.

In April, New Hope Telephone Cooperative members received an email requesting their personal 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 asked members to verify their name, email address and online password.

"We don't send out emails often, and never request customers' personal information," says Bright.

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 our 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.

So, how do you avoid a scam?

Below are some simple measures to help you from falling victim to a scam.

1. If you receive an email from a company you are not familiar with don't open it, instead delete it. The email could contain spyware, software that will infiltrate your hard drive and relay your personal files to the scammer.

2. If you open an email from an unfamiliar site requesting your personal information, such as your social security number, date of birth, phone number or address, just delete it. If you have trouble closing the email you may have to force quit the program.

3. If you receive an email that contains a link to a Web site, ignore it. Most scammers and phishers use these types of emails to access your personal information.

4. If you receive an email informing you of a large inheritance from a relative you have never heard of, just delete it. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.

5. If you use a credit card online, make sure the Web site address begins with "https://" not just the "http://." The "s" stands for secure site. If you don't see the "s" then don't divulge your personal

information. Keep it to yourself.

6. If you send sensitive material over the Internet, make sure a padlock is located in the bottom right hand corner of the screen. If you do not see a padlock in the locked position, the site is not secure.

7. Treat Internet shopping and online bill paying the same as real life. If you wouldn't shout out your credit card number in a crowded grocery store, why would you freely give it out on the Internet?

8. If you receive an e-mail from a business or local service provider requesting personal information, call the company being represented. Do not call the phone number listed in the email. Instead look the number up in a phone book. Some scams will include fraudulent phone numbers.▲



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NHTC announces scholarship winners



New Hope High School graduate Melanie Childers, daughter of Obie and Deborah Childers, was presented a \$500 scholarship from NHTC Marketing/Public Relations Director Misty Williams at the school's Senior Awards Day. Childers also received a Presidential Scholarship to the University of

Alabama, where she will begin her studies in Psychology this August.

"In my life, the greatest thing about living in a rural community has been the experience that comes with a sense of familiarity and closeness with fellow citizens," says Childers.

"It is my life-long dream to do anything and everything I can to assist people in bringing their lives up to their fullest potential."

DAR graduate Morgan Morrison, daughter of Joel and Clara Morrison, received a \$500 scholarship from NHTC, which was also presented by Misty Williams.

Morrison has also received several other scholarships, including one from NSDAR for \$2,000 and various amounts from KDS DAR. She also received a scholarship from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, where Morrison plans to attend in the fall. She will major in communications, but says she wants to pursue a career in meteorology.

"The (NHTC) scholarship is a big help," Morrison says. While she is looking forward to UAH Morrison admits she will, "miss the beautiful campus and friendly faces at DAR."



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The Communicator receives top honors again

For the second year in a row, *The Communicator* has been named the best magazine of its kind in the country by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

The Communicator won its second Telechoice Award in as many years in the 5,001 - 10,000 lines, outsourced division.

The Communicator has played a vital role in the New Hope, Grant and Owens Cross Roads communities since it began in January 2002. The publication not only informs the readers of changes taking place at New Hope Telephone Cooperative, but also provides local businesses with the opportunity to advertise in their local markets.

"Our employees and Board members hear comments almost every day from members who enjoy *The Communicator*," says NHTC General



Manager Tom Wing. "There's something in it for everyone."

The Communicator gives its readers a closer look at some of their residents who make the community special. Over the past year readers have been treated

to human interest stories, such as Shannon Hoover's journey from a police officer in Illinois to a peace-keeper in Kosovo to chief of police in New Hope.

In January of 2008, readers saw the death of a New Hope landmark. The Big Tree, which had become a safety hazard, was cut down by road crews in December 2007. Luckily readers will always have memories and pictures of the fallen landmark.

In addition to entertaining and engaging feature articles, readers have also been treated to new recipes on the ever popular Cook of the Month page.

"Through the years *The Communicator* has grown to be an important source of news and information for our members. We are proud of these national awards, but our real reward comes from knowing how much our members love and appreciate *The Communicator*," says Wing.▲

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Members hear future plans for NHTC at the 2008 Annual Meeting

Residents of New Hope, Grant and Owens Cross Roads came together Tuesday, May 20, for the Annual Meeting of their New Hope Telephone Cooperative. Besides casting their votes in the Board of Directors election, members also enjoyed food, fellowship, entertainment and a chance at winning door prizes.

A total of 430 members registered at the meeting, held at the New Hope Middle School. Two



Members of the Grant Senior Center were among those in attendance at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the New Hope Telephone Cooperative.

seats on the Board were up for consideration. Candidates for New Hope

Place 4 were Barry Jones (Incumbent) and Rodney Quick. Candidates for New Hope Place 5 were Barry Mefford (Incumbent), Mike Whitaker and Linda Bevel Childers.

Before the business meeting began, members were treated to the song and

dance stylings of the DAR Show Choir. They also enjoyed a performance by Buckshot, a southern rock group comprised of DAR students.

Following the entertainment, members were ready to get down to the business of counting votes and dispensing door prizes. Board President Greg Glover welcomed the crowd and began the official business meeting.

NHTC General Manager Tom Wing introduced a video highlighting the past year's work to improve service to the members of NHTC. "This past year has been a time of real progress for New Hope Telephone Cooperative," Wing stated in an interview that opened the video. "It's been a year where employees, management staff and directors have worked to improve service and lay the ground work for changes to come."

The video reported on progress in many areas, including cable, customer service, and *The Communicator* magazine. A major focus of the presentation was NHTC's project to deploy fiber optic technology throughout its service area.

"It's hard to overestimate the significance of the fiber-to-home project,"



Registration for the Annual Meeting was held in the New Hope Middle/Elementary lunchroom. A total of 430 members registered to vote.

Wing stated in the video. "The capabilities that will be available are unmatched."

The technology being installed today will replace NHTC's traditional copper system. Once complete, the system will be capable of delivering high quality, reliable services — voice, long distance, Internet access and television programming — to the home or business of a member over one connection.

As the business meeting drew to a

close, the results of the elections were announced. Barry Jones was returned

to Place 4 with 396 votes, while Mike Whitaker was tapped for Place 5 with 256 votes.

A number of door prizes were given away, including items such as a slow cooker, weather radios, iPod shuffles and a 32" flat screen TV.

The 2008 Annual Meeting video will be shown soon on NHTC's Community Channel 3. A schedule will appear in next month's issue of *The Communicator*. The video will also be available to watch online at www.nehp.net.▲



Voting for officers for the Board of Directors is an important responsibility of all members of the Cooperative. Members returned Barry Jones to the Place 4, while Mike Whitaker won the Place 5 position.



NHTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Members of the NHTC Board are, left to right: (seated) Jim Duncan; Greg Glover; Jimmy Segler; Barry Jones; (standing) Jeff Cooper; Sonny Cantrell; Mike Whitaker; Garland Elders; David Ayers; Doug Martinson, NHTC Attorney; and Tom Wing, NHTC General Manager. Following the business meeting the Board held an organization meeting and elected the following officers: President, Greg Glover; Vice President, Jimmy Segler; Secretary, Jim Duncan; and Treasurer, Barry Jones.

Sharing the rewards of literacy

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

—Calvin Coolidge, Thirteenth President of the United States

Without persistence and perseverance, New Hope High School Alumni of the Month Dr. Melvina Phillips would have not written a nationally recognized book. Her love of literature and strong-minded determination was instilled in her as a student at New Hope Elementary.

"I have always had a love for reading," Phillips says. "My first-grade teacher Mrs. Shackelford pulled out this book of Bible stories, and I shall never forget it was *Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors*. She began reading and she took my heart at that moment."

Once finishing her high school education in New Hope, Phillips left the comforts of home and headed to the University of Montevallo where she received a Bachelors degree in Social Science.

Phillips returned home and began teaching Middle School Social Studies and Language Arts in 1970. Over her nine-year stint at her Alma Mater Phillips taught some students who lacked the basic skills. This inspired her to reach out to the students and help them learn.

"I had some students, middle school students, that could not write their name, so what do I do with those students?" she asks. "Because I had students who struggled, and I really didn't know how



Dr. Melvina Phillips shares her love of the written word with students from New Hope Middle School. Dr. Phillips is a NHHS alumnus and former middle school teacher and principal. She is currently working as a consultant for the Alabama State Department of Education as a Secondary Principal Coach for Literacy.

to help them, everything I did was trial and error."

After being exposed to students who were not excelling at the appropriate speed, Phillips had to create new teaching methods to help her students succeed.

"It depended on what level the students were on," she says. "The students who were reading two or three levels below, I used a lot of things like graphic organizers to help them find the main idea of the text. I went through and used text structure, looking at how to turn topics into questions, which is a question we use to help guide us as we read."

She says there were some students who were so far behind it was impossible for her to give them the type of attention they needed to succeed, despite her extensive education.

"Yes I was taught as a teacher, had a

vast background knowledge of content. But how do you help kids when they get to you at the high school and middle school age that can't read or write?"

Once leaving New Hope, Phillips went on to a host of jobs, including working as an assistant principal and principal at Discovery Middle School in Madison, where she retired in 2002.

Afterwards she went to work for the National Association of Secondary School Principals for two years. During her time with the NASSP, Phillips wrote the book, *Creating a Culture For Literacy: A Guide for Middle School and High School Principals*.

"One of the things I discovered along the way is that we (teachers) have done a pretty good job in K-3 teaching students how to read," she says. "But beginning in 4th grade through 12th grade,

there's a pretty large disconnect.

"We are no longer teaching students how to read, but instead this is a critical time for students who are using reading to learn," she continues. "We don't use strategies as much with the content area of the classes that support learning the content."

Phillips' book made its way into national distribution after the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation purchased one copy for every middle and high school in the country.

"It is one of their highest selling books," she says.

Phillips continues to consult with the NASSP part time on other literacy initiatives. Since writing her first book, Phillips has had the opportunity to see the affect of her tenacious drive for literacy first-hand when she visits middle and high schools across the nation.

"It's a road map, not a solution," she says about her first book. "I have gone to schools that have used the book and done follow up professional development, and have had many principals say this has been life-changing for them because they began to look at it as a total package, not just a student intervention."

One of her main objectives when visiting a school is to make the principal aware that progress for the students starts with them.

"When I work with secondary leaders, we try to look at a school-wide literacy initiative," Phillips says. "But what I focus on normally is the role of the leader supporting the role of the literacy initiative."

Phillips is finishing work on another book with several colleagues in the educational field. The book is tentatively set for an October release.

"We have just completed a manuscript that the International Reading Association is going to publish, and it sort of takes that book to another level," she says. "But this book will cover critical questions and issues middle school and high school principals face and need to address in order to have a successful literacy initiative."

Phillips has a way about her that is unmatched in education. She persevered when some teachers would have seen struggling middle and high school students as too much of a challenge. But instead of getting frustrated and irritated with the students, she found a way to connect with them.

She refused to let her students slide by to the next grade without being prepared. And in the process, she found a way to touch the lives of millions of students across the country.▲



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Community Calendar June 2008

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Summer Reading Program

There will be a kick off party in the city park for New Hope Library's Summer Reading Program. The theme for this summer is "Catch the Reading Bug". Stop by the library to register and to see a complete line-up of events for the summer.

Celebration will be held Sunday, June 8th at 3:00p.m.

June 14

Yard and Bake Sale

The New Hope Public Library is having a yard sale and will be selling home-made goodies from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the library.

June 7

Cruise-In

North Alabama Street Toys Cruise-In. Custom Cars, Street Rods, Trucks and Classic Cars welcome? (No boom boxes) 50/50 drawing, door prizes, awards. No entry fee—just lots of fun! First Saturday of each month April through October 6 - 9 p.m. at Hard-ee's Restaurant in New Hope. Contact Billy Vann at 723-4631 or Donald Roy Pateur at 723-4500.

Yard Sale

Be sure to stop by New Hope Methodist Church for a yard sale hosted by the New Hope Lions Club.

June 16 - 20

Vacation Bible School

Galilee Baptist Church will host "Outrigger Island" VBS for kids in 1st through 6th grade from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. nightly.

June 9-13

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church of New Hope invite children ages 3 years through 6th grade to join them for VBS from 9:00 a.m. until noon daily. A Kick-Off

July 12

Sesquicentennial for Poplar Ridge School

Poplar Ridge Homemakers are making a history for the event. If you have any pictures or stories to share, please call Priscilla Scott at 655-4105.

Guidelines for donating objects to the KDS DAR School Exhibit Hall

The KDS DAR School Board is always happy to consider donations to enhance and enrich its collection of historical objects depicting the period in which the KDS DAR School was built in Grant, its subsequent growth, and the impact of the school on surrounding areas.

The following guidelines explain collection procedures and information required at the time of a donation:

- Name and full description of the article
- Place of origin and date
- Significance to area and/or school history
- Owners name, address and contact information

Please bring donations to the Director during normal business hours to ensure your gift is cared for and identified.

New Hope High School Teacher of the Month



Brenda Lewter is finishing her first year as a New Hope High School special education teacher in style, by being voted Teacher of the Month. Lewter received her bachelors degree from Austin Peay University before going to the University of Alabama in Huntsville to receive her teacher's certification. After U.A.H., Lewter earned her Masters in Supervisory Administration from the University of Phoenix. She is currently enrolled at Auburn University earning her Masters in Special Education.

Lewter says she enjoys working in the classroom, because she says the students tend to gravitate to her.

"I get to have fun with the kids. I get to come up with creative ideas to teach," she says. "I believe the students success is the measure of my success. If the students do well, then I did too."



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Two local New Hope Middle School 7th graders, Peyton Hicks and Dalton Whitaker, were invited to serve as Pages in the Alabama State House of Representatives April 29th through May 1st. Both were sponsored by Representative Butch Taylor, 22nd District of Madison County. Students were responsible for numerous duties for the Alabama Representatives while they were in Regular Session. They both enjoyed their experience and were able to learn a great deal about Alabama State Government. Pictured above: (L to R) Peyton Hicks, Rep. Butch Taylor and Dalton Whitaker.

OCR named 2008 CLAS Banner School

The Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS) is pleased to announce that Owens Cross Roads Elementary School has been selected as a CLAS 2008 Banner School. The CLAS Banner School program was created in 2001 to recognize schools in Alabama that demonstrate outstanding programs and service to students.

OCR School was nominated by Superintendent of Education, Dr. Terry Davis. Dr. Donna Goode, Principal, submitted the application that was judged by a committee of distinguished school leaders. Dr. Goode and her team will present a session at the CLAS Summer Convention in Birmingham, the largest gathering of school administrators in Alabama, and be recognized along with Dr. Davis at the CLAS Awards Luncheon.

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Dads, I pray your Father's Day is filled with rest, joy, peace, and love, even if the world around you seems to be falling apart.

Most dads are builders and tinkerers, whether with a golf ball, a fishing pole, or hammers, saws and screwdrivers. If the results are to bear witness we have some inkling of an idea we know what we're doing, we must what? Use the right tools for the job. If you have broken a wrench using it as a hammer, or a screwdriver using it as a pry-bar, you know what I'm talking about. Dads, using the right tools for building a family are no different. God has given husbands charge over the family, and Teresa told me I could be until I finish this note ☺. To be head of the family means following one grand commandment: "Love your wife as Christ

loved the church...." What you do with this commandment makes all the difference in how well your home stands. Like our idea of church, we either follow One True God or we follow worldly "gods". For some, "god" may be a golf course, a job, a fishing-hole, or even abusive substances, but to put the One True God as head of your house means you have chosen the right tool for the right job. I pray your day of rest, joy, peace and love, begins with the right tools you found in Fellowship with God's word. May your greatest accomplishment be that of your Family.



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

Clean-Up Week Success

In an ongoing effort to keep the city clean, the New Hope City Council passed a proclamation designating a floating "Clean-Up Week". During this week residents will be allowed to place articles too large for regular garbage pick-up near the curb. Residents would simply call city hall and request a pick-up that week.

This year April 7 - 12 was designated as the chosen week. More than 100 volunteers walked over 20 miles of streets in New Hope picking up roadside trash. In one day 291 bags of trash were collected from the roadsides throughout the city. Over the course of a week 566 bags of litter were gathered.

The New Hope Lions Club, City Council, Commissioner Jerry Craig, Madison County government, and Huntsville Green Team collaborated to make the event so successful. Businesses throughout New Hope donated items for the day.

"If you haven't already noticed, take a good look and see the beauty before some unthinking person pitches another soda, beer can or cigarette package from the window of their vehicle," says Ava Cambron, Lion member. ▲

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Recipes from the Heart

The ladies of the Grant Senior Center share some of their tried and true recipes that promise old-fashioned goodness in every bite.

CROCK POT CABBAGE ROLLS

(Louise Carano)

- 12 large cabbage leaves
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp. pepper

Immerse cabbage leaves in large kettle of boiling water until limp; drain. Combine egg, milk, onion, salt pepper, beef and cooked rice. Place about 1/4 cup mixture in center of cabbage leaf. Fold in sides and roll ends over meat. Place in crock pot. Combine tomato sauce with brown sugar, lemon juice and worcestershire sauce. Pour over cabbage rolls, cover and cook on low for 7 to 9 hours.

MEXICAN CASSEROLE

(Erlene Hayes)

- 2 lbs. ground beef

- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- garlic salt to taste
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 2 small cans green chilies
- 1 can hot enchilada sauce
- 1 pkg. tortillas, quartered
- 1 lb. grated cheddar cheese

Brown meat, onion and pepper. Add all other ingredients, except tortillas and cheese. Mix well. In large casserole place half of meat mixture, half of tortillas and half cheese. Repeat. Let set for 24 hours. Cook for 45 minutes at 350°.

NEVER FAIL DIVINITY

(Lila Mae Hardin)

- 2 cups sugar
 - pinch of salt
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1-7 oz. jar marshmallow cream
 - 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- Bring sugar, water and salt to a rolling boil. Boil only 2 minutes. Place marshmallow cream in large bowl. Pour hot mixture over cream and beat with mixer. When mixture becomes dull (this could take several minutes), add pecans and drop by teaspoon onto waxed paper.

MARGARET'S ROLLS

(Margaret Randles)

- 1 pkg. yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water (not hot)
- 3/4 cup sweet milk
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar

- 1 Tsp. salt
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 4 cups plain flour or enough to make a sticky dough

Combine yeast in warm water and set aside. Put sweet milk, shortening, sugar and salt in pot. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and set pan in cold water until cool. Add beaten eggs, yeast mixture and flour. Turn out on board and knead several times. Put in greased bowl, turn over and cover. Let rise until doubled in size, about 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Turn out on board and knead. Cut into 4 balls, roll out like a pizza, spread with soft butter and cut into 8 pieces, like a pizza. Roll up from the big end. Place in a greased pan, brush with butter and let rise for 2 hours. Bake at 300° until lightly browned.

SWEET ALABAMA BREAD

(June Troup)

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1-1/2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups pecans, finely chopped

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease and flour 9" x 13" baking dish. Stir together sugar, brown sugar, eggs and oil with a wooden spoon until smooth. Stir in flour, vanilla and pecans until evenly mixed. Spoon into prepared pan. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes.

summer FUN



Hannah
Caswell



Jacob and Hailey Chaffin



Allison Burleson
& Mason Meadows



Cheyenne Dawson,
Natalie & Gillian
Harding

Whistlestop Festival and Rockey City BBQ
Cookoff - 3rd. Place in Ribs 2007 Professional
Div. Prime Time - Mark and Lou Ann Poole



John Robert Kelly



Carson Deen



Savanna Ginn



Lucas Kelly



Kaye King, Lily Jackson, Dylan King,

Lydia Jackson, & David King



Maegan Kirby

Ashley Hendrix



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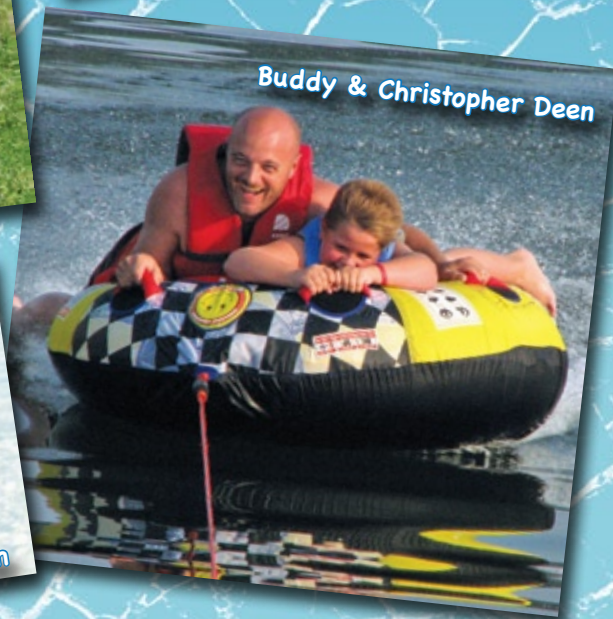
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DTV: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In February 2009, television broadcasts will no longer be transmitted as analog signals. This marks the date that Congress has mandated for a change to digital signals, or DTV.

The signal change will not just improve the quality of programming, but it will also open up valuable parts of the

broadcast spectrum for public safety officials, such as fire, police and emergency personnel. The transition will offer a better quality picture and sound, compared to the old analog system.

If you subscribe to NHTC Cable or satellite service you DO NOT need to purchase any equipment to keep your

television set working. You will continue to receive the same high quality broadcasts as usual.

Only people who receive their TV signal from a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears" will be affected by the change. They may need to purchase a converter to continue to receive television signals.

Do I Need A Converter Box?

If you receive your television signal from a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears" antenna, you may need a converter to continue to view TV programs.

TV sets made after March 2007 have a built-in digital receiver and you DO NOT need an additional converter box.

Cable and satellite customers DO NOT need a converter box.

"Digital Ready" and "HDTV Ready" television sets may need a converter, if you receive your TV signal from an antenna. Cable and satellite customers DO NOT need a converter box.

If you need a converter, Congress has established a coupon program to help offset the expense of the boxes. Until March 31, 2009, each US household can receive up to two coupons worth \$40 each to be used toward the purchase of certain converter boxes. Only request coupons when you are ready to purchase the box as the coupon will expire 90 days after issued. Call 1-888-388-2009 for coupons.



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