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Annual Meeting 2005



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Board leads by example

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2005 Annual Meeting in May. With each vote, the true 'cooperative' spirit was displayed. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the entertainment and gained a better understanding of our cooperative. Now that board positions #2 & #3 are filled, it is time for all of us to commit to teamwork for progress.

The board has made significant progress over the past several months. Through education, each director has a better awareness of the responsibilities and liabilities that rest upon their shoulders. I am proud to say that each director is participating in nationally accredited telecommunications board of director courses. Within a short time, we can take pride in the leadership of a board of directors certified by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

The board has a tall task of leading New Hope Telephone forward in the fast-paced industries we are in. To properly execute their fiduciary responsibilities, they have to make their decisions for what is best for the cooperative as a whole. In fulfilling their responsibilities, they will occasionally have to make decisions that are not popular with some. I can assure you, much thought and consideration is given to the short-term and long-term ramifications of all choices. The board's leadership will prove to be very valuable as we move forward.

Following the board's lead, the employees have also committed to education and development. Economical on-site and local training opportunities are being utilized to increase our skill levels. With specific goals and an aggressive timeline, many of you will be randomly chosen to assist us in measuring our progress. Over time, everyone will be able to recognize our improvements, making us a better cooperative.

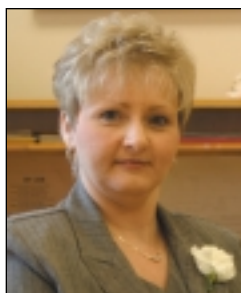
Speaking of accomplishments, we want

to express our sincere "Congratulations and Best Wishes" to the 2005 graduates. As I read the essays of those applying for the Foundation for Rural Services scholarship, I realized the fine young adults that our communities are producing. They are a solid testament to our fine membership. You should give yourselves a pat on the back for having a positive influence on our future leaders. We look forward to announcing the local winners chosen by the local high school guidance counselors. You can find coverage of this in the July *Communicator*.

I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our advertisers who have chosen to be a part of the *Communicator*. We do not need to take for granted the contributions to our communities that are made by local businesses. They are a vital part of the local economy and have a direct effect on our schools, communities and quality of life. I'm sure the subscriber base will join the staff in supporting our local merchants.

Later in this issue you will see pictures of a splendid display of employee teamwork. We ask that all members follow their example and support the directors chosen by the majority to represent us. Keep in mind that the present is our opportunity to wisely use the time allotted us to shape the future.

Until next month, I leave you with these words from Helen Keller: "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us." ♦



*Teresa Hunkapiller
General Manager of
New Hope Telephone
Cooperative*

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is a member-owned corporation dedicated to providing communications technology to the residents and businesses of New Hope, Grant and Owens Cross Roads.

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On the cover:

Scenes from the NHTC Annual Meeting, held Saturday, May 17.

Representatives of NHTC take rural voice to nation's capital

It is important that lawmakers understand how their decisions affect rural America. Each year, NHTC joins other telecommunications cooperatives in Washington, D.C., to represent local concerns to our elected officials. "It is important for Senators and Congressmen to hear from us," says NHTC General Manager Teresa Hunkapiller, "to know we represent thousands of families living in rural America who must be considered when passing legislation."



NHTC representatives joined with board and staff members of Farmers Telecommunications Cooperative (Rainsville, Alabama) to discuss industry issues with Congressman Robert Aderholt. Pictured are, left to right: (seated) NHTC Board Vice President Greg Glover, NHTC General Manager Teresa Hunkapiller, FTC's Chris Townsend and Fred Johnson, (standing) FTC's Randy Tumlin, NHTC's Maria Goodson, FTC's Edd Whitton, Rep. Aderholt, and FTC's Gerald Lacey, Pat Tate and Danny Richey.

CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL



Caller ID works for me!

Julia Stapler of Julia's Hair Design relies on Caller ID from NHTC to keep the tangles out of her business. "When I'm busy with a client and can't stop to answer the phone," says Julia, "I know as soon as I'm free I can return the call just by looking at my Caller ID." And that helps Julia keep her business on the cutting edge.

Building offers easy access to NHTC member services



New Hope Telephone Cooperative's new office building was designed to offer our members convenient service... inside and out! Member parking on the left side of the building provides ample space and a short walking distance to the front door. Those choosing to use the easy drive-thru will find access on the right side of the building. Simply pull in, take care of your NHTC business, and drive around the employee parking lot for easy exit back onto Hayden Street.

Think About It

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

-- Robert Brault

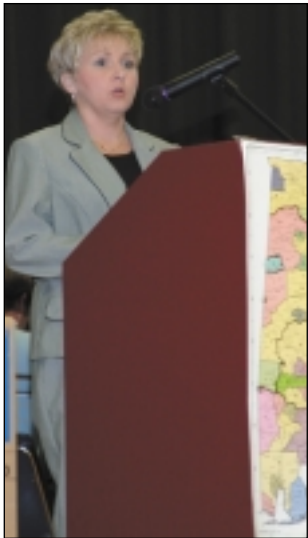
NHTC ANNUAL

Company offers strong financial report despite investment loss

It was a full house at the New Hope School Auditorium on May 17 as New Hope Telephone Cooperative hosted its annual membership meeting.

A total of 622 members registered at the meeting, many of whom stayed to enjoy the entertainment and to participate in the business meeting.

Place Two and Place Three on the



Teresa Hunkapiller

Board of Directors were up for election. Members overwhelmingly returned Jeff Cooper and Jim Duncan to the Board.

NHTC General Manager Teresa

Hunkapiller presented a detailed report of the company's financial performance and activities. At the top of her list was discussion of an investment loss suffered this year by NHTC.

"In 1998, the Board made the decision to invest in a company called Capital Resource Funding, Incorporated," Hunkapiller explained. The investment was thoroughly researched, she said, which included approval by the Rural Utilities Service (then known as the Rural Electrification Administration) and examination by auditors. NHTC was one of 130 other small and large utilities and businesses across the country that

invested in the company.

Hunkapiller said NHTC invested \$1.5 million in an effort to earn a better rate of return for members. "Over the next five years, we had good returns," she said. "Over the life of the loan, it brought in more than \$700,000." NHTC has reported a \$1.2 million loss this year due to the bankruptcy of Capital Resource Funding, but the return since the initial investment brings the actual loss to less than \$500,000.

"In spite of that loss, we made over \$800,000 this year," Hunkapiller said. She went on to share figures from the



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company's balance sheet (which shows liabilities down and capital up) and income statement (which shows operating revenues up and expenses down).

Hunkapiller shared several ratios which indicate that NHTC is on solid financial ground, especially when compared to industry standards. She said she was very pleased with the strength shown by the company through its ability to survive an investment loss and still remain financially sound.

In other news, Hunkapiller discussed the training and development being undertaken by employees and the Board. She also explained capital credits and the billing system.

Hunkapiller presented figures regarding Board travel, which she said is necessary for Board members to stay informed about the industry and to conduct cooperative business. Total travel expenses, including lodging, meals, training and registration fees, totaled less than one-half of one percent of the



Voting for the Board of Directors is an important part of the cooperative form of business.

MEETING 2005

cooperative's annual budget.

Members in attendance heard about a new rate plan that should be available by the end of the year. For less than \$23, the plan will make available the entire Huntsville LATA.

The Alabama Legislature, Hunkapiller reported, recently passed a bill that will remove everything except basic telephone service from under the regulatory control of the Alabama Public Service Commission. It remains to be seen, she said, how that will affect rural consumers. In other legislative news, she reported that Congress could begin exploring a rewrite of the national Telecommunications Act this year, and that NHTC would follow the issue to ensure local voices are heard.

Board President Barry Mefford offered a report from the cooperative's Board of Directors. The Board activities he listed included:

- hired new manager

- held open house for members to visit the new office
- adopted a privacy policy protecting members' personal information
- doubled the Internet bandwidth
- implemented a Board certification program
- participated in the Foundation for Rural Services scholarship program
- provided two local scholarships
- increased the size and frequency of *The Communicator*
- supported local volunteer fire departments

Several door prizes were given away at the end of the meeting, including a Sharp 27" television, won by Franklin Anderson of Grant, and a Sharp 32" television, won by Barbara Swafford of New Hope. ♦



NHTC Board of Directors—Following the Annual Meeting, NHTC's Board met in a regular meeting and elected new officers for the year. Pictured are, left to right: (seated) Greg Glover, Vice President; Jeff Cooper, President; Jimmy Segler, Secretary; David Ayers, Treasurer; (standing) Barry Mefford; Dennis Pence; Jim Duncan; Barry Jones; and Jeff DeArmond.

Can you find it?

This month, we've hidden the name of a popular NHTC calling feature somewhere within these pages. Here's a clue: it's typed backward. It could be worth \$5 if you find it! Email what you find, including page number, to communicator@nehp.net.

You may also deliver your handwritten or typed answer to the NHTC office. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE! We'll draw from the correct entries on June 15, and the winner will receive a \$5 credit on their next phone bill.

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NHTC Coloring Contest winners

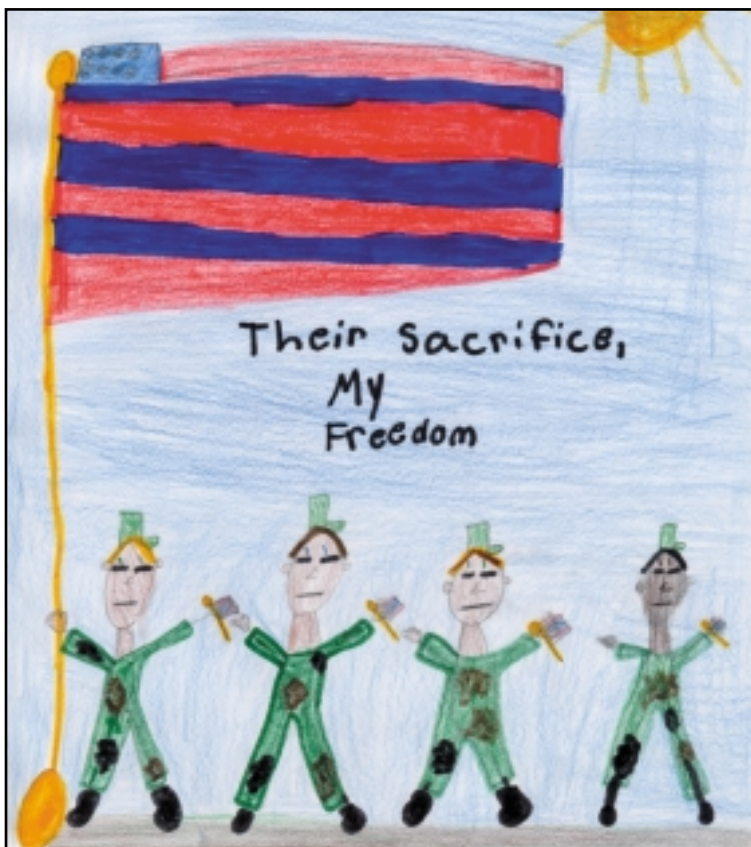
Visit the New Hope Telephone office to see all the great entries on display



First Grade - Micayla Sparkman
New Hope Elementary



Second Grade - Hanna Cobble
New Hope Elementary



Third Grade - Emily Dean
Owens Cross Roads Elementary



Sixth Grade - Morgan Lynch
Owens Cross Roads Elementary

Thank you to the many local students (and their teachers!) who participated in New Hope Telephone Cooperative's recent coloring contest. Our theme

was "Their Sacrifice, Our Freedom," and students did an excellent job with using paper and crayon to commemorate the contributions of our nation's heroes

in uniform. Be sure to stop by the NHTC office during the month of June to view other great submissions on display.



Fourth Grade - Coty Wood
New Hope Elementary



Fifth Grade - Helen Baker
New Hope Elementary

Play it safe in the summer sun

June means summer is just around the corner. And that means longer days and more time in the sun.

Adding a few basic sun safety habits into your daily routine can save your skin not only from short-term damage like sunburn and tanning but also long-term damage like wrinkles and cancer. By taking just a few simple steps, you can look forward to a healthy, happy summer.

Before you head outside for the day, protect your skin from the harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun. Here's how:

- Wear a shirt made of tightly woven material that you can't see through when held up to the light.
- Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Reap-

ply after swimming, sweating or towel-
ing off.

- Wear a hat with a wide brim to protect your face, neck and ears; add sunglasses to protect your eyes and the surrounding skin. (If you choose a baseball cap, don't forget to put sunscreen on your exposed skin.)

Be a clock-watcher! During the middle of the day, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the sun's rays are the strongest. Plan activities in the shade or indoors during those hours.

Research suggests that severe sunburns in childhood increase the risk for skin cancer later in life. If you will be caring for children this summer, make sure they are protected from the sun.

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. Most cases are highly cur-

able; however, the most serious form – melanoma – can be deadly. This year, more than 59,500 people are expected to be diagnosed with melanoma, and an estimated 7,700 people will die from the disease. Individuals with light skin, a personal or family history of melanoma, moles and freckles, or a history of severe sunburn early in life are at the highest risk.

You can have fun in the sun and still be sun safe! Protect your skin every day, now and year-round. For more tips on sun safety and to find out how to detect skin cancer early, when it's most treatable, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Source: *American Cancer Society, 2005*

Drop-off locations for recycling

So many items you toss into the trash could be recycled. Recycling not only conserves our limited landfill space, but it helps us conserve Earth's precious natural resources.

While most people know why they should recycle, not everyone knows how to recycle properly. Begin by considering the basic items:

Newspapers

Recycle all newspapers and inserts. *Do not include* junk mail, brown paper bags cereal boxes or cardboard.

Magazines

Recycle all magazines printed on slick, glossy paper. Be sure to remove all paper or plastic wrappers. *Do not include* directories or other publications printed on newsprint or other dull paper, such as comic books.

Plastic

Recycle all narrow-neck bottles that have a #1 or #2 on the bottom, such as milk jugs, soft drink bottles, laundry prod-

ucts and shampoo. *Do not include* motor oil containers, poison containers, plastic wrap, or margarine tubs.

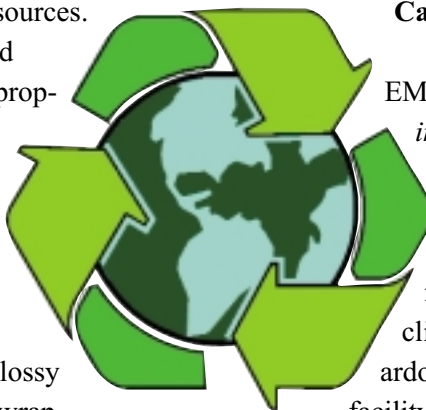
Cans

Recycle all aluminum and steel cans, including EMPTY aerosol cans. Please rinse all cans. *Do not include* aluminum foil or pie plates, or aerosol cans that have contained paint or poison.

Other items you can recycle, when following the correct steps, are batteries and used motor oil. For more information on proper recycling techniques, contact the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, at the Handle With Care facility in Huntsville, by calling 882-0155.

To drop off your recyclable items, visit one of the following locations:

- Madison County Commission District 3 Office in New Hope
- Berkley Senior Center in Owens Cross Roads
- District 2 County Shop in Grant



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Inspiration Corner

During our recent spaghetti supper, little Katelyn Martin loved helping her preacher. While I was at the side door of the church cooking spaghetti Katelyn would escort people to the front door of New Hope Underground, the name we have given our fellowship hall for just such an occasion. Late in the evening the garbage cans out back began to reach their fill. As I was working on compacting the garbage here came little Miss Katelyn. I got an idea. I broke down a cardboard box, laid it over the top of the garbage and after some sweet talking convinced Katelyn to jump up and down on the cardboard while I held her hands. She was so excited that when we finished

she went running in the kitchen proudly proclaiming to anyone who would listen, "I jumped in the garbage, I jumped in the garbage... want to smell?"

Sin is the garbage of humanity in which we jump up and down and then go proudly boasting about our experience, no matter how bad the smell. I



pray for the day I can walk down the street and hear people more proudly proclaim the name of the Lord than boast of jumping in the garbage.

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

Welcome New NHTC Business Customers

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School Calendars

After School Program

There will be an after school program available for students of Owens Cross Roads next year. The hours are from 2:35 to 5:45 daily. Activities include snack time (included in cost), homework time, and structured playtime. The cost is \$6.00 per day per child. There is a discount for additional children in the same family. Those interested should contact the school at 725-4233.

Summer Office Hours

Summer office hours at Owens Cross Roads are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

Did you know electric fences can interfere with Internet access?

While NHTC is working to address this problem, the fact is that electric fences can cause interference on Internet lines, including clicks and slow or unreliable connections.

It can sometimes be hard to find the electric fence that is causing the problem. It could be anywhere along the path of the telephone cable — from where it starts at the telephone exchange to the customer who is the farthest away.

Often the fence owner does not even get interference on their own line, but their neighbors do — and those neighbors could live several miles away.


If your fence is causing the interference, complete this simple electric fence check:

1) Find out where there are telecommunication cables or phone lines on or near your electric fence. This includes both buried and overhead wires and cables. They almost always run along or near the right-of-way or along driveways. A marker post or orange connection pillar should be nearby.

2) Check that the earthing system meets the manufacturer's instructions. Make sure that it is at least ten feet from any building and ten feet from another earthing system. Also check that the energizer, earth electrode connecting lead and output leads to the fence are well clear of phone lines.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR - JUNE 2005

First Saturdays (thru Oct.)

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Hardee's Restaurant, Hwy 431 in New Hope
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Custom cars, street rods, trucks and classic cars welcome
Contact: Billy Vann, 723-4631 or Jerry Russell, 723-4653

Third Saturdays

Card-Making Classes

New Hope United Methodist Church
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Each class will feature several cards with a different theme each month. \$10 per class, with proceeds going to the Mark Partain Playground.

Contact: Cynthia Partain, 723-2917 or Teresa Ballard, 723-2161

June 4

Chamber Shootout at OK Corral

North Alabama Regulators Club

The Grant Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a pancake breakfast and selling refreshments.

This event will serve as a fundraiser for the Chamber.

Contact: Grant Chamber of Commerce, 728-8800

June 8

Fundraiser for New Hope Founder's Day

Wayne's Restaurant, Hwy. 431 in New Hope

4 - 8 p.m. - Fish and chicken fingers - Tickets \$7

Contact: Billy Jones, 723-4241 or Billy Colburn, 603-3182

June 11

Owens Cross Roads Clean Up Day

Volunteers are needed to help pick up trash. Join the Mayor and Town Council members in cleaning up our town.

Contact: Tara, 725-4177 or Cathy, 725-3290.

June 18

Golf Tournament

Twin Lakes Golf Course - Arab

Contact the Grant Chamber of Commerce at

728-8800 to learn how you can help support this fundraising community event.

To learn more, visit the Chamber online at

www.grantchamberofcommerce.com

June 20

New Hope Historical Association Meeting

New Hope City Hall, First Floor - Museum

7:00 p.m. Contact: Lou Ann Poole, 723-2525

July 2

Blood Drive

New Hope Methodist Church

Contact: Church office, 723-4812

Keep your community informed. If you have an event your group or organization would like to publicize, submit it to the Community Calendar. Contact Maria Goodson at NHTC with the event name, date, time, details and contact person with phone number.

Ready to Eat & Run?

Saturday • June 25, 2005
Grant Fire Department

Shrimp, Catfish, Bar-B-Que Chicken - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Eat	Boiled Shrimp Plate	One Pound	\$10.00
	Catfish Plate	Filets	\$10.00
	Bar-B-Que Chicken Plate	One-Half	\$ 7.00

Served with choice of any two of the following: New Potatoes, French Fries, Great Northern Beans, Slaw or Corn

Drink included with meal.

Shrimp Only	By Pound	\$ 7.00
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Poker Run

Start Time:	10:00 AM
Start Place:	Fire Station, Grant
Entry Fee:	\$15.00 Per Rider

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Cramer fights for repeal of 'Death Tax'



U.S. Representative Bud Cramer (D-Ala.) recently announced that the U.S. House of Representatives approved his legislation to permanently repeal the Estate or "Death Tax" by a vote of 272 to 162.

The Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005 was introduced by Rep. Cramer and Rep. Kenny Hulshof (R-Mo.). Cramer, co-founder of the End-the-Death-Tax Caucus, has been an advocate of permanently repealing the death tax since he first came to Congress in 1991.

"The death tax places an unfair and unnecessary burden on hardworking, middle class families during times of grief," said Cramer. "The death tax penalizes people who have worked hard over their lifetime to provide for the financial security of their family. This money would be better spent invested back into their business and providing job growth for our community."

Cramer maintains that small businesses and farms are the most hurt by this tax. "For example, in North Alabama we have some of the most productive farm families of any district in the country," he said. "For generations they have struggled with tax strategies and lawyers to find a way to effectively pass

their farm on to the next generation so that they can continue to engage in their family farm business. But they are overwhelmed by this issue." ❖

The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in 2001. It gradually eliminates the death tax by 2010, but would revive the tax in 2011 at levels established prior to 2001. The Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005 would make the repeal permanent after 2010.

Cramer added, "The reality is if we don't permanently repeal the death tax you will need to time your death for the benefit of your family. That's outrageous." ❖

"Hands of God"

I let go of this world and emerge at the gates,
 I hear the voice of Jesus and see his sweet face.
 I cry "Glory!" as tears escape my eyes,
 I have seen the risen Christ, the one who had died.
 My long weary battle I have fought and won,
 as I enter into Heaven, my time on earth is now done.
 I see the majesty that has waited for me,
 the streets of pure gold and crystal sea.
 My body is replinished, praise Jesus I'm healed,
 my spirit now soars, my eternity is sealed.
 He lifts up my face and welcomes me home,
 to join the celestial choir and rejoice in song.
 So weep not my family, Angels' tears wash my soul,
 and the hands of God now hold my very own.

Written by Mallari Warren,
 upon the death of her great-grandfather

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From the kitchen of Lillie Maples

It was a high school home economics class that fueled Lillie Maples' love for cooking. But it was a pot of pintos that really got things started. "When I was ten years old, my mother put pintos on and went to town," she recalls. While under the supervision of her aunt, it was young Lillie's responsibility to finish the job. She's been cooking ever since.

On the 29th day of October, Maples will celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary. Her garden provides many of the vegetables used in her meals, which her entire family enjoys — including her husband Alton, daughter NHTC General Manager Teresa Hunkapiller and her husband Joe, son Lowell and his wife Tina, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Quick & Zesty Vegetable Soup

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 cans (14-1/2 oz.) Italian stewed tomatoes
- 2 cans beef broth (may use bullion cubes)
- 1 cup uncooked medium egg noodles
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1 can niblett corn
- 1 can Ro-tel tomatoes w/ green chilies

Brown beef with onion; drain. Salt & pepper to taste. Stir in remaining ingredients. Bring to boil, then reduce heat. Cover and simmer 15 minutes or until noodles are tender.

White Chocolate Fudge

- 2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 12-oz. white chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 17-oz. jar marshmallow creme
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 3/4 cup chopped dried apricots

Combine sugar, sour cream and margarine in heavy 2-1/2-3 quart saucepan. Bring to full rolling boil, stirring constantly. Continue boiling 7 minutes over medium heat or until candy thermometer reaches 234 degrees, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Remove from heat; stir in chocolate until melted.

Add remaining ingredients. Beat until well blended. Pour into greased 8 or 9 inch square baking pan. Cool and cut into squares.

Fresh Peach Ice Cream

- 6-8 med. peaches, peeled & mashed
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 (13-oz.) cans evaporated milk
- 1 (12-oz.) can apricot nectar

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl, blending well. Pour into freezer container and freeze. Let set at least one hour before serving. Makes 1 gallon.

Lemonade Pie

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 small container Cool Whip®
- 1 small can frozen lemonade
- 1 pie crust, baked

Combine milk, thawed lemonade, and cool whip. Pour into pie crust and chill.

Frozen Orange Cream Pie

- 1-1/2 cups vanilla ice cream, softened
- 1 cup orange juice concentrate
- 3 drops red food coloring, optional
- 1 drop yellow food coloring, optional
- 1 graham cracker crust (9-inch)

In a bowl, combine ice cream & orange juice concentrate. Stir in food coloring. Spoon into crust. Cover & freeze 8 hours or overnight. Remove from freezer 10 minutes before serving. Yield: 6-8 servings.

Mrs. Henry's Coconut Cake

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- (cook as directed in 9x13-inch pan)
- Mix and cook in saucepan:
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 pkg. coconut (14-oz.)

Pour hot mixture over cake. When cake has cooled, frost with Cool Whip. Top with coconut.

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. We have begun featuring a Cook of the Month in each issue of *The Communicator*. And we're not just looking for southern fare — gourmet chefs are welcome, too.

To be considered for this new 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.

“Backyard Fun”



Lilly Paige Brown

Submitted by Grandmother Elaine Ledbetter



Taylor, age 4 and Savana, age 2 with Sam the dog.

Photo by Tara Furlough of Owens Cross Roads



Allison Ruth Burleson

Photo taken by mother, Sara Burleson, at her Grandparents farm (Jim & Jimmie Ruth Richard)



Chris, 4 and Cheyenne, 2

Children of Michael & Bobbie Buck

The August photo theme is **“Funny Face.”** 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. If your entry is selected, you'll see your photo in print.

The deadline for the August entry is June 24.

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.

If you would like your photos returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. 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.



True Cooperative Spirit

A little cooperation goes a long way. Employees of New Hope Telephone Cooperative recently put their efforts together to make improvements around the NHTC office building. They spent much of the day preparing the ground and laying sod. Employees also built sidewalks.

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