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Accounting Department stays on top of the numbers

Think about how much time you spend on basic household bookkeeping like paying your bills and balancing your checkbook. Add to that computing taxes and monitoring investments, and you have a few hours tied up each month in keeping the families finances in order.

Now imagine doing that for a multi-million dollar utility. That's what Bobby Morrison and Shelly Weaver do every day. Morrison is the Accountant and Weaver is the Accounts Payable Coordinator for New Hope Telephone Cooperative.

"Basically, anything that is bought or sold comes through this department," says Morrison. For example, when NHTC extends phone and cable service to a new residence, the Accounting Department tracks the costs associated with performing that project.



CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS—Bobby Morrison and Shelly Weaver keep NHTC's Accounting Department in order.

"All costs go into work orders," explains Morrison. "When the job is complete, we close out the work order and make sure everything gets expensed to the right category."

The department handles all financial matters that pertain to NHTC employees. "We're responsible for payroll, health insurance, W-2's and employee's 401(k)," Weaver says. "We also take care of the retiree insurance."

One of the few sure things in life is taxes, and it is Weaver's job to see that the government gets its share. "I prepare all the federal excise tax payments, state taxes and payroll taxes," she says.

Morrison has the responsibility of keeping the cooperative's Board of Directors informed regarding NHTC's financial condition. "I close out the month and print reports for the Board," he says. "I keep the expenses and revenue consistent, and show the net profit for the month."

Additionally, Morrison supplies the Board with payroll history and information on the performance of investments the cooperative has made.

As with many other roles at NHTC, Morrison and Weaver must work closely with other departments throughout the company. From customer service representatives to billing agents, the Accounting Department is involved in every facet of NHTC's operation.

Weaver holds an Associates degree from Snead State Community College. Morrison holds a four-year degree in accounting from Athens State University. ▲



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Hendrix receives promotion

Paula Hendrix has assumed the duties of Customer Service Specialist for New Hope Telephone Cooperative. Hendrix was recently promoted to the position following seven years of service to the company.

One of her primary duties involves helping members with capital credit issues. Hendrix is also responsible for coordinating New Hope Long Distance activity.

Other duties include processing bad checks, updating E-911 records, and assisting the General Manager and Office Manager.



NHTC welcomes new CSR

New Hope Telephone Cooperative welcomes **Missy Watson** to the team. She was recently hired as a Customer Service Representative to assist NHTC's members with payments, questions and other service issues.

A 2003 graduate of Woodville High School, Missy is married to Adam Watson. They make their home in Grant, along with their two Boston Terriers (Barkley and Bailey).

When not at work, Missy enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, including deer hunting, riding horses, and riding dirt bikes.



Policy for advertising in *The Communicator* magazine

In an effort to ensure a sound, fair and reasonable execution of our advertising program, the following guidelines will apply to all advertising in *The Communicator*:

1) Ads will be accepted from members of NHTC only. At this time, advertising opportunities are not available to anyone who is not a member of NHTC.

2) All ads submitted for publication must be professionally designed and appealing; NHTC staff and representatives will assist with ad development at no additional cost to members.

3) No ad will be accepted for publication that contains vulgar, lewd, obscene or otherwise inappropriate or objectionable text or images.

4) NHTC reserves the right to refuse to publish any ad for any reason, based on the best interest of the magazine and its service to the public.

5) Advertising in *The Communicator*

will be open to all members as space is available, on a first-come first-serve basis. Each issue of the magazine will feature a limited amount of advertising space; as a result, there is a possibility that some advertisers may not be able to place their ads in the desired issue. NHTC will make every reasonable effort to accommodate all appropriate ads.

6) Types of advertising accepted for publication in *The Communicator* (provided they meet the guidelines mentioned above) include, but are not limited to:

- A) Promotions
- B) Product and service sales
- C) General business information
- D) Political (with proper disclaimers as required by law)

7) At this time, advertising opportunities are not open to classified ads and personal listings, or to anyone who is not a member of NHTC.

8) In regard to advertising opportunities, NHTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin.

9) While requests will be considered, NHTC cannot guarantee that ads will be placed on a particular page or in a particular order. Placement is at the sole discretion of NHTC staff and representatives.

10) NHTC reserves the right to revise these guidelines at any time. Members will be notified, either by mail or through the pages of *The Communicator*, in the event such revisions are made.

11) NHTC staff and representatives will develop and maintain a schedule of advertising rates that will apply to all advertising sales. It will include discount incentives for multiple-issue contracts. Special pricing packages may be available on occasion.

ELECTION DAY IS Tuesday, March 6

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Jeff Cooper of New Hope, Owner of Cooper Small Engines



"Butch Taylor has always put children, parents and the community first. He is a **true public servant**, willing to listen and consider issues from all viewpoints. He is a humble person with a good heart. Butch is a hard worker, and would do a good job as our Representative."

Cindy Lancaster of Hampton Cove, Retired Principal of Riverton and Mt. Carmel



"Butch Taylor taught me in high school and later taught my daughter. He coached my basketball team, and now I'm his

pastor. I have always known Butch to be fair and kind, a very moral person. Having been a teacher for so many years, he **knows how to listen to people** and talk with them about their concerns. He is the right kind of person to be a leader, serving in public office because he truly cares about his community. Few people can dedicate their lives to teaching, coaching, and then serving on the Board of Education without caring for people in an utmost way."

Rev. Michael Carpenter of New Hope, Pastor of New Hope United Methodist Church & Oak Bowery United Methodist Church



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Communicator earns national award

NHTC receives national recognition for its member magazine

The spotlight shown on New Hope Telephone Cooperative's member magazine in February as the publication received national recognition.

The Communicator, published by NHTC for its members, was named the Best Subscriber Communications Program for 2006 by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) at the organization's annual meeting and expo. NHTC Board President Jeff Cooper was on hand to accept the award.

"This is an amazing honor for New Hope Telephone," says Cooper. "For our small cooperative to receive this national award is very exciting."

New Hope Telephone's award was one of only six presented at NTCA's annual banquet. Cooper took the stage before thousands of board members, managers and other telecommunications professionals to accept the award. Michael Brunner, NTCA's CEO, presented the impressive plaque to Cooper.

According to the official awards program brochure, "The Best Subscriber Communications Program recognizes a telecommunications company's outstanding achievement in subscriber relations through the development of a well-rounded subscriber information program."

Why the Communicator

New Hope Telephone Cooperative began working on the concept for *The Communicator* in the fall of 2001. Members received the first issue in January of 2002. The goals of the early issues were to:

1. Provide members with information about the cooperative, its services and special promotions;
2. Spotlight interesting people in the service area through human interest stories; and
3. Provide a means of sharing news, events and announcements within the communities served by NHTC.

The Communicator has grown con-

siderably in recent years. The publication has evolved to include more community information. It features more pages, and is published on a monthly basis.

A major change came in early 2005 when the Board decided to offer area businesses the opportunity to advertise in the magazine. Before launching this program, NHTC carefully developed an advertising policy to provide clear guidelines for all advertising decisions and to ensure a fair and consistent advertising program.

"We get calls and hear comments all the time about *The Communicator*," says Cooper. "Our communities aren't served by a local newspaper, so *The Communicator* gives the people a way to stay informed, and they love it."

Not only do NHTC members have a way to share and receive community information, *The Communicator* also provides businesses with a tool to increase their exposure and enhance sales.

Of course, the cornerstone of the magazine is still the direct line of communication it provides between New Hope Telephone and its members. "Our magazine is the primary way we keep our members informed about new services, system upgrades, special promotions and other cooperative news," says Cooper.

"We are excited about this national award," he adds. "But even without that, we're excited about providing a magazine that our members enjoy and that keeps our communities connected. That's what being a cooperative is really all about." ▲



Enter NHTC's Spring Coloring Contest

It's March, and after the cold of winter it's time to put our thoughts toward spring. Flowers will be blooming, grass turning green, temperatures will rise and Easter is just around the corner.

NHTC is sponsoring a coloring contest to celebrate spring and all its beauty.

Students from DAR, Owens Cross Roads and New Hope Elementary Schools who are in Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to participate.

To enter, students should draw and color a picture depicting a spring theme on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper. The

student's name, grade and the name of their school must appear on the back of their entry. When the picture is complete, students should turn it in to his or her teacher. All entries must be submitted no later than March 30th.

New Hope Telephone Cooperative will pick up the entries from each school. An independent panel chosen by NHTC will judge for 1st place in three divisions for each school.

Division One includes Pre-K and Kindergarten. Division Two is all First and Second graders. Division Three will consist of all Third and Fourth graders.

Every participant will receive a gift. All 1st place winners will receive a \$50 savings bond *and* their artwork will appear in an upcoming issue of *The Communicator*.

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Real life angels among us

Angel Food program feeds body and soul in New Hope area

Food nourishes a person's physical nature. Through the Angel Food Ministries, New Hope United Methodist Church is also nourishing the spiritual nature.

For the past year, volunteers have helped the church pick up, package and distribute hundreds of boxes of food through the Angel Food program. Church members say the food has not only helped them feed the community, it has helped them reach out to hurting people from all walks of life.

"Our goal is not to sell food," says church pastor Michael Carpenter. "It's to meet the people in the community."

The Angel Food program is a monthly distribution of food that provides participants with \$50 worth or more of food for only \$25. Although anyone can purchase a unit of food, the program is particularly helpful to those on a fixed income or facing an emer-

gency situation in their life. In addition to low-cost food, participants are exposed to the love of God through the members of New Hope United Methodist Church.

"We've met people who have never been exposed to the church before," says Carpenter. "They ask us to pray for their families, and discuss their problems with us. Relationships are being made."

In addition to prayer and counseling, people in the community have also learned about the church's food pantry through Angel Food. "It's been one of the greatest ministries we've entered into," Carpenter says. "It has spawned other ministry opportunities, exposing the church to people who need other help."

A tearful beginning

The story of how New Hope United Methodist Church became involved in

Angel Food is a sad one. It begins at the H.E.A.L.S. Clinic in New Hope, where Ellen Rozell is the administrator.

"A mother with two young children stopped by my office telling me she had food stamp money for an Angel Food Ministries order, but she didn't have the gas to get to Huntsville," recalls Rozell.

Rozell knew the woman well, and had built a relationship with her over time as she assisted

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What is Angel Food?

Angel Food Ministries is a national organization that helps people enjoy quality food for less money. For \$25, participants receive a large box filled with name brand foods in perfect condition (no dented cans or out-of-date packages).

One \$25 unit of meat, fresh and frozen vegetables, eggs and dairy products has a retail value of \$50 to \$65, allowing people to double the buying power of their food budget. There are no eligibility requirements; anyone can purchase food through the program regardless of their income level.

To find out how to purchase your box of Angel Food, contact Jean Mann at New Hope United Methodist Church: 723-



Members of New Hope United Methodist Church must get an early start in order to load the Angel Food in Huntsville, bring it back to New Hope, package it in individual boxes, and have it ready for people to pick up beginning at 8:30 a.m.



Young people from the community help package Angel Food on distribution day.

continued

the young mother with referrals for help with groceries and utility bills. Rozell reached in her purse and handed the woman \$5 to purchase gas for her car.

A few days later came the awful news. The young woman had died suddenly and unexpectedly on New Year's Day, leaving behind a son and daughter. Rozell thought of the family, and she thought of the food order the woman had placed.

"I called and spoke with Manna House, the food distribution center in Huntsville," she says, "and they said I could come pick up the food to deliver to the family."

Rozell says she was amazed when she picked up the order. "It was a real ministry," she recalls. "I was shocked. I told them I was picking up food for the

woman who had passed away...they prayed for me, and they prayed for her family."

Rozell came back excited and inspired. She spoke with her pastor, Michael Carpenter, about Angel Food Ministries, and the church researched the program.

New Hope United Methodist Church decided to try Angel Food, and the first month placed 30 orders. That number has grown considerably, with one month reaching 174 orders.

An Angel Food truck will come to the church when orders reach 250 per month. Until then, members must travel to Huntsville early on distribution day to off-load food from tractor trailer rigs onto their personal vehicles and bring the food back to New Hope for packaging into individual units. For those volunteers, the morning starts around 4 a.m.

Some people donate money to purchase extra boxes each month. Carpenter loads these into his truck and heads out into the community. "I rotate the direction each month," he says. "North, East, South or West. I find a side road and follow God's lead."

In a recent month, Carpenter was driving along when he received clear direction. "I had already passed the drive way," Carpenter relates, "when God said 'you need to go back.' So I did, and the woman was so grateful. She had tears in her eyes."

Angel Food has not only been a blessing to the community, but to the church as well. "Our volunteers are just as on fire as they were in the beginning," says Jean Mann, the church secretary who coordinates the program. "We would like to help a lot more people in the community."▲



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NHTC employees get 'Street Smart'

As part of New Hope Telephone Cooperative's commitment to safety and training, several employees recently participated in a Street Smart seminar.

Most training revolves around staying safe on the job. While this seminar certainly provided such information, it offered employees much more. The main focus was on the personal safety of each employee and his or her family. Participants learned several invaluable tips and tools for staying safe at home, in the car and while in public places, such as the mall.

During the one-hour seminar, participants received practical, applicable advice to help reduce their risk of



National Crime Prevention Task Force agent Tre Lundquist demonstrates pros and cons of many different weapons and person protection devices.

becoming a victim. Agent Tre Lundquist of the National Crime Prevention Task Force covered many topics, including weapons currently being used and how to recognize them. He also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of different devices for personal protection.

Employees from New Hope's Water and Sewer Department and from City Hall also attended the seminar.

Another Street Smart seminar was held at New Hope United Methodist Church for people in the community to attend.▲

Safety Tips

Crime in rural communities such as ours is increasing at a rate four times faster than the national average. Protect yourself with this practical advice:

- **Be alert.** Always be aware of your surroundings.
- **Don't fight.** If someone tries to take your wallet or purse, give it to them. You increase the risk of being hurt or killed by resisting.
- **Don't open your car door to a stranger.** If your car breaks down and someone stops to help, crack your window and tell them another person called the police about 15 minutes earlier and ask them to please call again. If the person is a Good Samaritan, he will make a call and help will be on the way. If the person is a criminal you've just let them know the police are on the way.

Find more safety tips or schedule your own seminar by visiting the Web site www.ncptforce.com.

Homemakers and Business Leaders Club receives top honors

Thirteen groups that comprise the Madison County Homemakers and Business Leaders Clubs met in January at Owens Cross Roads United Methodist Church.

As part of the meeting several awards were given to the area chapters. The Owens Cross Roads chapter won top honors with the "Club of the Year" award.

In addition to receiving top honors,

the OCR chapter also received first place recognition in

Membership and Marketing, Citizenship and Outreach, Environment, Family Life, Health and Nutrition.

They tied with another chapter for third place in Homemaking Skills.

Debbie O'Neal received special recognition for her tremendous efforts helping sell cook-books.▲



Pictured above (left to right) are: Patsy Keller, Glenda Moody, Debbie O'Neal, Andrea Bridges, Sherry Gray, Glenda Patterson (Last Years President), Phyllis Watson, Tera Wilcox, Lynell Patrick, Barbara Webster, Linda Hill, Babs Bridges, Shirley Bruce (this years President), Donna Finley, and Barbara Cooper. Photo courtesy of Jonnie Aslin.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH 2007

March

Cell phones for Soldiers

Drop-off your old cell phones, batteries, accessories, chargers, PDAs and pagers at the front desk at NHHS or in the foyer at NHTC. They will be exchanged for calling cards for soldiers overseas.

March 5th

New Hope City Council Meeting
New Hope City Hall, 7:00 pm

Grant City Council Meeting
Grant Town Hall, 6:30 pm

March 12th

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

March 15th

OCR City Council Meeting
Owens Cross Roads Town Hall, 7:00 pm

March 19th

New Hope City Council Meeting
New Hope City Hall, 7:00 pm

Grant City Council Meeting
Grant Town Hall, 6:30 pm

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

March 31st

OCR Recreation Dept. Opening Day
Opening day for baseball and softball. Raffles held for prizes including a 52" HDTV! Buy raffle tickets now by calling Keith Wilson, 698-1393 or 824-2551. See you there!

March 30th & 31st

Benefit Yard and Bake Sale
Please attend the benefit at Galilee Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Funds are being raised for Lawrence Cochran who has a bone marrow disease.

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration Time

If your child will be 4 or 5 years old on or before September 2, 2007, now is the time to register him or her for Pre-K or Kindergarten.

Be prepared to provide proof of residency, your child's birth certificate, social security card and blue immunization card at registration. Your child should also come with you.

It is very important to register your child during the special enrollment period below to ensure placement in Pre-K and keep class sizes manageable for Pre-K and Kindergarten.

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PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW HOPE

You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him d---k. Filling in the blanks of this English proverb is very easy. Who hasn't at one time or another tried to instruct someone while at the same time realizing that you cannot force them to listen and heed your advise?

He grew up under the controls of his godly father. He received firm discipline and generous love. He felt obligated to attend services in the local worship center and it was there he received instructions to conform to the high standard of morality. He cared a great deal about his father and the environment in which he was raised, but the glitter and glamour of a "far country" was very appealing. So strong was his desire that he finally

asserted his independence and left his father's house for what seemed to be a wild exciting life. The complete story of this young man's life can be found in the gospel of Luke chapter 15. The lesson is a fulfillment of that simple English proverb.

When you purchase a new appliance the manufacturer knows how best the product should be used so they include a book of instructions. The product is warranted but only if the purchaser complies with the required instructions.

Our Maker has given us general instructions for a good, long life. The words of God; "they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

Want to know more? See you in church next Sunday.

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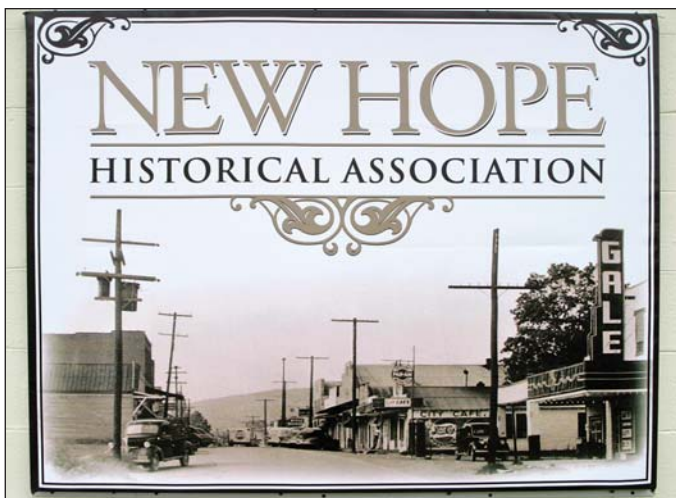
New Hope Historical Association Museum opening

Beginning in April, the NHHA Museum will open the first Saturday of each month. Visitors are welcome to stop in from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and view any exhibits on display, gather information and learn about the past.


If you or a member of your family owned a business in New Hope in the past, the association would especially like to hear from you. They are requesting that families bring photo-

graphs of the past, old hand-written business ledgers, newspaper clippings, advertisements and the like to the museum. The documents can be copied or scanned and possibly be used for display.


The association would like to remind the community that they are a great source of valuable information about genealogy, local cemeteries and local lore. NHHA also allows access of their records to persons doing research on their family tree. Anyone wishing to do so may contact a member of NHHA to make arrangements.▲



This beautiful mural decorates the side of the NHHA Museum.



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Inspiration Corner

Enjoying all types of music I'll sometimes listen to several different radio stations in a single day. My routine is to awake each morning listening to pop music but while getting ready I will listen to Bruce Underwood, of country station WTWX radio in Guntersville. One morning Mr. Underwood was quoting an article from a news magazine regarding George W. Bush wanting to change the world and Bruce added, "The reason he is having such a hard time is because he can't find a big enough diaper." Yes, he got it right.

George W. may not be able to find a big enough diaper, but it doesn't matter. God has already taken care of the situation. As the church begins the yearly season of Lent, we are reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made to clean up our messy lives! God's love is not intended to make us feel under an authoritative rule, but to break us free from rules of sin and death. For a better understanding I challenge you to give up something for Lent, like worldliness. I promise you your life will become a lot less messy and a whole lot more peaceful. The season of Lent has begun so please don't let it pass you by. For more information on this wonderful season of the Christian year I challenge you to find a church near you as it prepares for Easter Celebration. Who knows, you may find where you are able to help change the world through Christ.



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

New Hope UMC Angel Food Ministry Deadlines for April:
Orders must be placed by Sat. 3/31
Pick up orders on Sat. 4/14, 8:30 to 10 a.m.



From the kitchen of Debbie O'Neal

For Debbie O'Neal, cooking means family. Sharing meals together has been a tradition for decades, and she plans to keep that tradition alive.

"My Mom and Dad had to work when I was young," she recalls. "I learned to cook and help." As she grew older, O'Neal became responsible for preparing supper and having it ready when her parents arrived home in the evening.

When her mother passed away in April of 2006, O'Neal assumed the role

of main cook for family gatherings.

Every Easter, her family, her husband's family, and friends and neighbors gather at the O'Neal home to eat and fellowship. "We hide over 1,000 Easter eggs," she says. "The kids love it!"

O'Neal and her husband Bobby also celebrate the Christmas holiday with a huge display of lights, which stays up from Thanksgiving to New Years Day.

This month O'Neal shares some family favorites that are quick, easy and delicious.

Broccoli Salad

1 Pkg. broccoli slaw
1 Pkg. green onion
1 cup slivered almonds
1 cup salted sunflower seeds
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
1 cup vegetable oil
1 pkg Chicken Mushroom Ramen Noodles

Cook noodles without seasoning, drain and mix with onion and slaw mix. In another bowl mix sugar, apple cider, vegetable oil and seasoning mix from noodles. Let set at least 2 minutes, then pour over slaw and noodle mixture. Add nuts just before serving.

Chicken Salad

3-13oz. cans chicken breast
Grapes to taste
Salt & Pepper to taste
6 Boiled eggs
Pecan Pieces to taste
Mayonnaise

Use a fork and break up chicken. Then mix all other ingredients

into chicken with mayonnaise to the consistency you prefer.

Hot Dog Bacon Wrap

2 pkgs of hot dogs cut length wise making 3 pieces
1 lb bacon cut length wise making 3 pieces
1 box brown sugar
1 box wooden tooth picks

Take each piece of hot dog and wrap a piece of bacon around it holding it on with wooden tooth picks. Place wrapped hot dogs into crock pot and pour in box of brown sugar. Cook on high until bacon is done. Bacon will never get brown. Take out and eat.

Hominy Casserole

1 stick margarine
1 large jar Cheez Whiz® Salsa
Con Queso (or any other brand of Con Queso)
1 can mushroom soup
3 small cans hominy (drained)
Corn chips (crushed)

Melt margarine in microwave. Add Cheez Whiz and soup and heat thoroughly. Mix in hominy. Add corn chips on top when ready to serve. Bake in 350° oven for 15 minutes.

Sour Cream Coconut Cake

1-18 oz. butter flavored cake mix
2 cups sugar
1 16 oz sour cream
1 12 oz frozen coconut, thawed
1-1/2 cups frozen whipped topping thawed

Prepare cake mix as directed on box (make 2 layers). When cool, split each layer. Combine sugar, sour cream and coconut. Reserve 1 cup of mixer frosting. Spread the rest between layers. Combine reserved sour cream mixture with topping. Frost top and sides. Store in airtight container in refrigerator. Better if prepared 2 to 3 days before eating.

(For more great tastes, contact O'Neal to order "Cooking with Homemakers," a cookbook featuring recipes from kitchens throughout Madison County.)

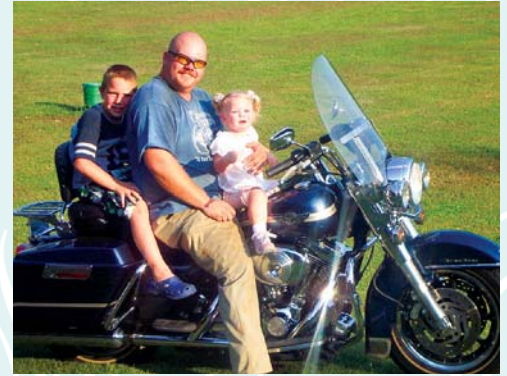
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*Jerry & Janice Franks with grandchildren
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