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Nothing says spring like flowers. This photo of a Japanese Kerria shrub was taken on the grounds at Grandmother's House Restaurant. It blooms from early spring through summer each year.

Manager's Comments

Your cooperative believes in cooperation



CO•OP•ER•A•TIVE:

involving mutual assistance in working toward a common goal

According to this definition from the New Oxford American Dictionary,

your New Hope Telephone Cooperative is extremely *cooperative*. What I mean is, we are always looking for ways to work with other organizations to move everyone toward a common, beneficial goal.

A perfect example is the joint construction project currently underway involving NHTC and North Marshall Utilities. By working together, we will save everyone money now, and lots of time and effort in the future.

We're coming off the mountain at Simpson Point Road with pipe for optical fiber, and there is a great deal of rock to contend with. At the same time, the water authority is putting water lines in the ground to connect with the new water tank they are building on top of the hill.

By cooperating on this project, there is only one trench being dug that will hold our sectional pipe (through which we will run our fiber) and their water lines (through which they will run their water).

We are taking a similar approach with Owens Cross Roads Water Authority, who is replacing a number of water mains. The right-of-way is so narrow that if we were to come along behind them in the future to bury fiber, we would risk digging into their pipes or damaging private property.

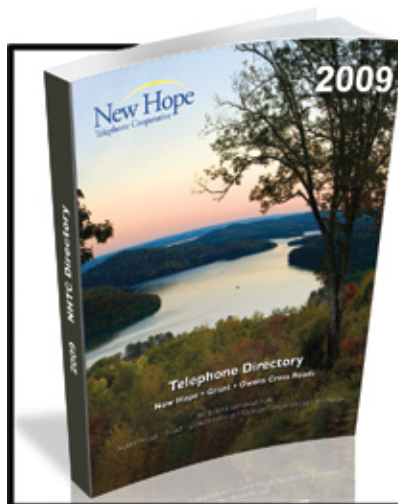
So we are putting the spirit of cooperation to work to bury their pipe and ours at the same time, in the same trench. This will pay off for everyone involved today, and will benefit the water authority in the future when our GIS mapping system is able to help them locate water lines.

These projects stand in stark contrast to the scenario that has been unfolding for the past 10 months involving AT&T. The giant company has moved at a snail's pace as we've worked with them to complete a major upgrade that will increase our Internet broadband capacity. The process is almost finished as I write this column, but only after months of delays. AT&T has definitely not cooperated with your cooperative.

Working together for the benefit of everyone involved — that's the cooperative way.▲

Tom Wing

General Manager,
New Hope Telephone Cooperative



New Directories Have Arrived

Be sure to check out your 2009 Telephone Directory from NHTC. It features updated, easy-to-understand information about phone services. There's also a Newcomers Guide which will even come in handy for those who have always lived here. And don't forget to drop your old phone books in the recycle bin at our office to keep them out of landfills.

Scenes from Customer Appreciation Day



Food, fellowship, and free gifts was the order of the day for NHTC's Fourth Annual Customer Appreciation Day. Members came out in force to visit with cooperative employees and enjoy the great food.

This year, every person who stopped by received a travel mug and drew for a prize from the raffle bin. Prizes varied from NHTC

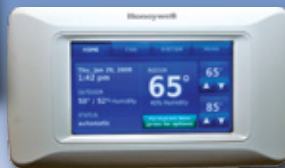
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Should I call Tech Support?

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Similarly, when your Internet is not working there are many issues that could be the culprit. You might be tempted to pick up the phone and call Tech Support immediately, but completing some basic troubleshooting before you call can save you some time and frustration.

If you seem to have no connectivity to the Internet, or the speed is greatly reduced, perform the following steps:

- 1) Turn off the DSL modem. If there is not a power switch on the modem you can simply unplug the unit.
- 2) Shut down your computer (and also your router if you are using one).
- 3) Turn on your router (if you use one) and your computer.
- 4) After 30 seconds, switch on or plug in the DSL modem. After a few minutes you will see three solid green

lights if the modem establishes synchronization. Move on to the next step even if you do not see three solid green lights.

- 5) Make sure you have connectivity (Link) between your DSL modem and your router or PC.

"If you are frustrated at your computer problems, you might want to wait a few minutes before calling Tech Support," NHTC Network Supervisor Rusty Bright reminds us. "After all, the person answering your call did not cause

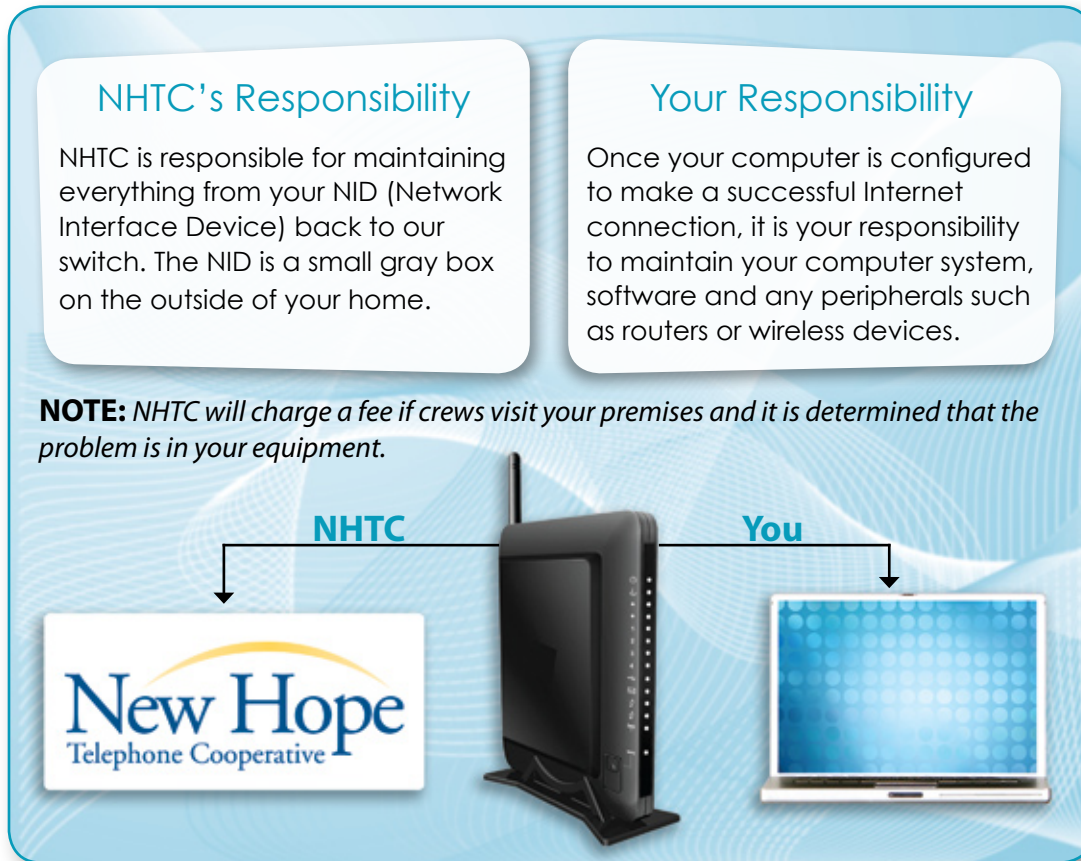
your problem, and is there to do everything they can to help resolve your issue."

Routers are becoming increasingly popular among Internet subscribers. They enable several computers to share one connection on a local area network, and allow gamers to add gaming systems such as Xbox 360 and Wii for online play.

"It's impor-

tant for people to understand that Tech Support does not help with router configuration," says Bright. "However, Tech Support will help you with your modem and DSL connection."

While NHTC does not sell or support routers, they will be happy to assist customers in setting one up at their office. It can usually be done in less than one hour. Simply call NHTC's main phone number, 723-4211, to schedule an appointment. Do not call Tech Support as they do not schedule appointments with NHTC.▲



Also, if you cannot access a particular Web site, try connecting to another. If you are unable to go on any Web site, check to see if you can still download email.

NHTC provides professional technical support around the clock to its Internet customers free of charge. If you cannot successfully connect to the Internet after performing basic troubleshooting, call 723-8940. Have a pen and paper handy to write down any instructions they may give you.

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New Hope High School Teacher of the Month

New Hope High School students recently voted Jim Smith as teacher of the month for March.

"I really enjoy teaching," Smith says. "I have always liked being around young people. The kids keep me young. You never know what to expect because no day is ever the same."

Smith has been a Science, Chemistry and Biology teacher at New Hope High School for almost thirty years.

"New Hope is a great town," Smith says. "It's a great place to bring up kids. We're far enough away from the city without being too far away. The people here are great."

Smith graduated high school in Picayune, Mississippi and received a degree in Biology from Ole Miss. His wife, Cathy teaches Physics and Anatomy at NHHS. Jim and Cathy have two children, son Austin, 25 and daughter Mallory, 21.



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DAR Girls continue tradition of excellence

The Kate Duncan Smith DAR School has a Girl's basketball program that knows how to win. Coach Jimmy Jones and Coach Robbie Rice have been a part of that winning tradition for almost ten years.

Before coaching the Lady Patriots, Jones coached the 7th, 8th and 9th grade DAR Boys basketball teams for four years and then put in five years as DAR Junior Varsity Boys basketball coach.

In 1999, after a five-year break from coaching, Jones decided to return to the game he loves and coach again. He originally planned to coach Varsity Boys, but when he was asked to coach the DAR Varsity Girls team, he agreed.

"I was a little hesitant at first," Jones says. "I guess what convinced me was that I'd had this particular group of girls in class and I knew they had a very good work ethic. They showed it too. We went to the Final Four (of the State Championship) my first year as head coach."

Jones and his teams have put together some impressive stats through the past

nine and a half seasons.

In his tenure as DAR Varsity Girls head coach, Jones has led the Lady Patriots to an overall record of 245-73, a career winning percentage of 78%, an average of almost 25 wins per season, six Marshall County Championship Finals, one Marshall County Championship, eight Area 14 Championships, seven Region 7 Championship Finals, four Region 7 Championships and four State Championship Final Four appearances. But, he is not finished yet. Jones hopes, as he does every year, to return to Birmingham and compete in the 4A State Championship.

Jones says there are many factors that have contributed to the success of the DAR Girls basketball program.

"This is a basketball community," Jones says. "It is our first love. We have good kids here, parents who care, and the support of an entire community. It is the ideal atmosphere for a program to thrive and become excellent."

Jones says the DAR Girls Basketball

team has a reputation of winning.

"Our school and community are accustomed to winning," Jones says. "That puts pressure on our program to succeed. Expectations could not be any higher, but I wouldn't have it any other way."

Assistant Coach Robbie Rice agrees. "Our girls and our community expect to win," Rice says. "We have goals and expectations to live up to. Every year, there is a target on our backs. That is a good thing. It only helps us focus and makes us more determined to be champions."

Jones and Rice say that top-notch athletes and community support are not the only important factors in having a successful program.

"There is a tradition here not only associated with winning," Jones says. "Our girls are also good students and members of our community. They have outstanding character. In my ten years of coaching here, I have never had a discipline problem on or off the court with any of my girls."

Jones says that while his goal as a coach is to win state tournaments, other

2008-2009 DAR LADY PATRIOTS BASKETBALL TEAM - Coach Jimmy Jones, Payton Crowder, Kayla Duvall, Tanya Cooper, Autumn Largen, Bailey Gamble, Jessica Stevenson, Jessica Rice, Mallory Kirkland, Amanda Drury, Meghan Turner and Coach Robbie Rice.



things are more important to the DAR program.

“Our top priority as a program is to represent this school and community to the best of our abilities and to provide a positive example for the younger kids,” Jones says. “If we do this, I can be proud of our girls regardless of how many games we win or lose.”

Jones says he and Coach Rice make the goals of their team very clear.

“We set our goals very high,” Jones says. “We want a state championship. We have been very close in years past and due to some injuries were not able to pull it off. From the first day of practice, we begin to talk about and prepare for the state tournament. It is clear from day one that we will strive for nothing less than a Final Four appearance.”

Recently the DAR Girls won the Marshall County Championship and Jones was honored as Marshall County Coach of the Year.

“This is a county that is as competitive year in and year out as it is rich in basketball history and tradition,” Jones says. “It is an honor to be County Champions and to be selected as Coach of the Year in Marshall County.”

Coach Jones and Coach Rice say part of the advantage that their girls have is experience in tournament play.

“Most of these girls have been here before,” Rice says. “When tournament time comes, they know exactly what we will do. We have a routine — from the restaurant where we eat, to the schedule of our practices. We keep it the same every year and that works to our girls’ advantage.”

DAR is having a promising season. With a record of 24-5, a Marshall County Championship, a second place finish in the Area 14 Championship and a Sub-Regional Championship, the DAR Patriots have, for the ninth time



DAR Varsity Girls Basketball coach Jimmy Jones was named Coach of the Year at the Marshall County Championship.

in ten years, advanced to the Regional Tournament in Jacksonville. If they win at Regionals, they will advance to the Final Four of the State Championship in Birmingham and move one step closer to their dream of a state title.

Jones says his and Rice’s motivation for winning is not for personal triumph, but because the girls deserve to win.

“We put a lot of time and effort into this program as coaches,” Jones says. “But, so do the girls. Most of these girls grow up through our program. I want to win, not for me, but for them. If they didn’t reach their full potential, I would feel

empty, like I let them down. They have been practicing and preparing all of their lives to get where they are today. This is not one season of preparation. This is years of preparation, for some a lifetime of preparation.”

When Jones is not busy coaching basketball, he spends time with his family. His wife Carol teaches at Asbury High School. They have four children who share their love for athletics. Emily, a freshman in college, plays basketball at Snead State Community College. Riley, a 9th grader at DAR, plays basketball and runs track. Eli, a 6th grader at DAR, also plays basketball. Their youngest son Jay, is a Kindergartner at DAR.▲

An advertisement for G&G PIZZA. The top half shows a close-up of a sandwich filled with pulled pork and coleslaw, served with a side of french fries and a red cup of Dr. Pepper. A graphic overlay on the sandwich says "Best Bar-B-Que in town!". The bottom half of the ad has a brown background. On the left is the G&G PIZZA logo, which features a cartoon chef character. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "By the sandwich, plate or pound, you're sure to love our delicious slow-cooked bar-b-que! TRY SOME TODAY!". Below this, it says "View our complete menu on the Web! www.newhopebiz.com/g&g". At the very bottom, the address "723-4181 • Hwy 431 S. • New Hope" is listed.

1957-58 Basketball Team Honored

Team holds winningest record in school history

In 1957-1958, the New Hope High School Boys Basketball team had a record of 31-4. More than fifty years later, they are still the winningest team in New Hope history.

At a basketball game last month, the community honored these men for their accomplishments.

The team attributes their success to great coaching, hard work and the ability to play well together.

“We liked each other, we respected each other, we enjoyed playing with each other and we knew that everyone on that floor could perform and contribute,” says team member Bill Largen. “That’s what made us a good team. When we went out on that floor we were not nervous. We expected to win, the community expected us to win and that’s what we always tried to do.”

Largen’s teammate Clifton Mann says the team also had a great chemistry that was developed long before high school. “When we were kids, we played ball together after school almost every day,” Mann says. “There wasn’t a whole lot to do other than play ball back then. We didn’t go anywhere because nobody had any money. Playing sports was our lives.”

In addition to growing up playing

backyard ball, some of the 1957 team also played together in middle school.

“We had an outstanding middle school team and coach,” says teammate Jerry Craig. “Coach Ferrell Tabor was the best fundamental coach I’ve ever seen. He gave us a strong foundation, the fundamentals. The rest came naturally. For all of us here, basketball started out fun

without plays.”

Largen agrees. “We played as a team,” Largen says. “You knew who was going to do what, when. I can’t explain it. We just knew.”

Craig says that the team was very unselfish. “We all got along,” Craig says. “We had respect for each other. There wasn’t any squabbling. It didn’t matter

who scored as long as we won the game. We all knew our parts and we did our jobs every game.”

Mann says the team also had an advantage over opponents because of their excellent conditioning.

“We

could have outrun a deer,” Mann says. “We were in great shape. We were determined and we all worked hard and hustled in games and practice.”

“Second place wasn’t an option,” says teammate James Whitaker. “We played just as hard in a scrimmage as we did in a game because we all loved to play. We were in tip-top condition.”

Ogie Whitaker says conditioning was a necessity for their team.

“Our coach had a knack for putting



HONORED—The 1957-58 New Hope basketball team was recently honored for its winning season. Left to right are Clifton Mann, Buddy Clark (brother of Bailey Clark) Bill Largen, Jerry Craig, Faye Brockway (wife of Kenneth Brockway) Ogie Whitaker and James Whitaker.

when we were kids and ended fun when we graduated.”

Team chemistry helped the 1957 Indians run their offense as well. Surprisingly they did not have a single offensive play.

“We just improvised,” says team member Ogie Whitaker. “We never had a set play. I brought the ball up the floor and I knew who could do what, where. We knew everybody’s talent. We knew each other enough to know what to do

five on the floor that could go,” Ogie Whitaker says. “If he had five out there that were playing well together, the rest had better bring a cushion. You had to be in shape to be on our team because there was a chance you weren’t going to get a break.”

Largen says their team was very physical. “We played rough ball,” he says. “We got to our positions and got open. Whoever got the ball was usually going to shoot. We were tough on the boards, too. We would fight for the rebounds. Sometimes we’d even fight each other for them.”

While the team worked hard, they say their success should be credited to Coach Robert Allen Carpenter.

“Coach Carpenter was a great coach. He won almost 90 percent of his games,” Ogie Whitaker remembers. “He was the kind of guy that you would run through a wall for. He coached everything in school — junior high, baseball, B-team and the varsity team, so we were around him all year. We only had one coach and he was it.”

Largen says that Carpenter was more than a coach to him. “Coach was like a second daddy to me,” Largen says. “I lived on his property share cropping. He cared about me a great deal and I don’t know where I would be without him today.”

Jerry Craig says the team and the coach were a good fit. “I think we were glad to have him and he was glad to have us,” Craig says.

“Coach Carpenter was a motivator. He just made you want to win,” James Whitaker added. “We all thought the world of him.”

After a 19-game winning streak, the 1957 Indians suffered their first of only four losses to Fairview. Their other two regular season losses came to Huntsville High School. The 1957 Indians went on

to win the Madison County Tournament and District Tournament, and eventually traveled to Tuscaloosa for the State Championship.

For many of the boys, Tuscaloosa was the farthest they had ever been from home. While playing in the state tournament was an experience like no other for the team, one of the more memorable experiences of their trip happened off of the court.

“While we were in Tuscaloosa, Coach Carpenter took us as a team to Bryce Hospital to visit a local boy from back home,” Mann says. “You should have seen his eyes light up. It meant a lot to that boy and a lot to us. That was the first time we’d ever seen a mental hospital. It was an education for us and an awakening. But that’s just how Coach Carpenter was, always being productive with our time, helping us make a difference.”

The team says that being able to play in the state championship was an unforgettable experience and, while they lost the game to Dothan, they believe they could have won.”

“We could have won the game,” Largen says. “We were ahead by eight points at half-time, but we just didn’t come home with the win. It was a tough loss.”

The members of the 1957-1958 New Hope basketball team agree that playing together was an experience

that impacted their lives forever.

“I often reflect on that season, playing with my teammates,” Largen says. “The most important thing that I think came out of our team is what it made us as individuals. We always had respect for each other and enjoyed playing together. Through the years we have maintained that respect and have remained friends.”

“I played with a good group of guys that turned out to be good citizens,” Ogie Whitaker adds. “I played with a coach that I thought the world of and I was lucky to be in this group. It was an experience that we can all be proud of and we will never forget.”

Members of the 1957-1958 New Hope High School Basketball team were: Bill Largen, O.O. (Ogie) Whitaker, Kenneth Brockway, Jimmy Craig, Atlas Largen, Bailey Clark, Jerry Craig, Clifton Mann and James Whitaker.▲

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Small town values drive one man to help community

Carl Duckett, NHHS Alumni of the Month, and Misty Williams, NHTC's Marketing and Public Relations Director, look over the list of services provided by The CARE Center. Duckett has worked to help support the center's efforts and to increase awareness of opportunities for community involvement. The CARE Center is meeting the physical needs of citizens and creating self-sufficiency while sharing the love of Christ.

Carl Duckett appreciates his roots in New Hope, Alabama. Since he was a young boy, Duckett has been taught how valuable a quality education and upbringing are and continues to advocate these things in his hometown.

Duckett's family moved to New Hope when he was only two years old, in 1976. The following year, Duckett's father opened a small business and decided to permanently call New Hope home.

Duckett attended New Hope High School from Kindergarten until he graduated in 1992. During his high school years, he participated in both football and baseball. "I feel fortunate that I went to New Hope," states Duckett, "It's a good school. I had fun and got a quality education."

Before his Senior year of high school, Duckett set his sights on an engineering degree. "After I graduated, I did exactly what I said I was going to do," he says. Duckett attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville and received a Mechanical Engineering Degree.

Soon after his college graduation, Duckett met his wife, Kasi and began working with Sanmina-SCI, a leading electronic manufacturing service provider.

He has seen much success in his career and has since become the Senior Operations Manager over the Sanmina- SCI Medical Division Plant in Huntsville.

Duckett now resides in the Hampton Cove area with his wife and two-year-old daughter, Claire. The Duckett family attends Cove United Methodist Church where Duckett served at Chairman of the Board for 2008.

"When I moved back here to my hometown, I felt God calling me to step up and do anything in my power to support this great place," he says. While serving as Chairman, Duckett became involved with many of the church's projects, especially the CARE Center.

"The CARE Center is really an amazing outreach program," Duckett comments. "But, a lot of people don't know much about it. They think it's just a place where you can get free food and clothes, but it's much more than that now." The CARE Center now serves as a career counseling center and job bank to assist those in the area without jobs.

"But, it's not just a place to go when you're in trouble," he says. "The CARE Center offers a great tutoring program for children and teens." According to

Duckett, last year's group of forty or fifty volunteer tutors has grown to well over 100. "Tutoring is one of the best things we can offer," Duckett adds. "If we can help these kids get a better education and let them know someone cares about them, that is how we'll make things better in our community."

At the debut of the new CARE Center video at the Monaco Theater last year, Duckett delivered a speech entitled "Why is There New Hope?" In his speech, Duckett expressed his concerns for his hometown, as well as his confidence that New Hope's best days are yet to come. "I know New Hope is currently facing many challenges," he stated in his speech," but through the support of the CARE Center, as well as individuals and businesses in the community, we can bring a new hope back to New Hope."

When asked about his motivation to succeed and to better his community, Duckett praised his parents for installing such a drive in him at a young age. "My dad was very tough on me," says Duckett. "He always pushed me to be the best I could be. And, my mom showed me how important education was. I'm very thankful for that." ▲

JOIN US FOR OPENING DAY AT THE NEW HOPE REC CENTER

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In the fall of 1997, the local chapter of the YMCA closed their New Hope location. But thanks to the generosity of Jerry Craig and the Madison County Commission, the doors were reopened as the New Hope Recreation Center.

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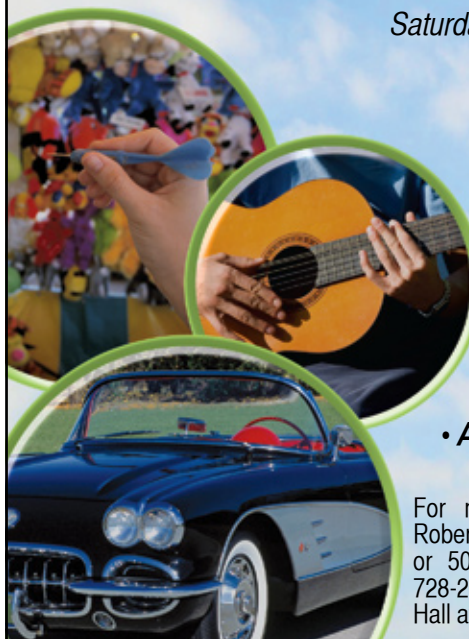
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BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
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Tax time! It can be a very stressful time. There are approximately 138 million taxpayers in America; no doubt you are one of them! Whether an individual, small business, or corporation we are all in the same boat when it comes to paying taxes!

The ancient Babylonian Kings were the first to tax people. They needed help paying for their empires.

In America we are governed by the 16th Amendment, which gives our government the authority to levy an income tax on everyone who has taxable income. Taxes are a way of life for all of us, and it seems there are no exceptions!

During the earthly ministry of

Jesus he also was faced with taxation issues. On one occasion he was asked; "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" His response; "Render. to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

On another occasion Jesus was asked about a temple tax. The question was asked of Peter, one of the followers of Jesus, "Does your teacher not pay the temple tax"? Peter said, "Yes". Then Jesus told Peter, "lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money, take that and give it to them for Me and you."

Peter's act of obedience and faith allowed him to witness a miracle. Seen any miracles lately?

See you in church Sunday!

Legislative Update

By Rep. Butch Taylor

Alabama House of Representatives, Dist. 22



As I work on this column, we have just completed the first week of session in the Alabama Legislature.

The experts who were predicting this would be a difficult session were absolutely right. Just as I wrote in *The Communicator* last month, the slowdown in our economy has forced your elected officials to consider some painful state budget decisions.

However, our work on the General Fund Budget and Education Fund Budget is basically on hold. We really don't know what we're dealing with until the federal economic stimulus package is finalized.

By the time you read this article, I certainly hope Congress has passed and the President has signed into law a package of bills that will begin to move this economy forward. And I hope it contains the help for state governments that is being discussed. If so, we will avoid the deep, painful cuts to education that would penalize our students and remove thousands of teachers from Alabama classrooms.

I have once again been assigned to the Government Operations Committee, as well as the County & Municipal Governments Committee. I also serve on the Energy Council.

During the session you may reach me in Montgomery at (334) 242-7219, or by email at butch.taylor@alhouse.gov. And keep reading *The Communicator* for regular updates.▲

✝ Inspiration Corner

Driving through downtown New Hope you will see a transformation taking place. Unlike the transformation that took place several years ago when downtown businesses began to close, or move outside to the highway, this transformation is just the opposite. Downtown New Hope is coming back to life. Such life-cycles incorporate most everything.

The life-cycle of faith begins with most of us being carried to church as youngsters. As we grow to make our own decisions about attending church, some drop out. Some are given that choice too soon. I hear parents say, "I don't want to force my child to do something he doesn't want to do." Such is the child who grows up as a "victim" to life's so-called unfairness. Thank God for "unfair" caring parents, but that's another note. As we grow

to young adulthood, society convinces us the outer flesh is more important than faith, so we begin neglecting the inside to serve the outside. Later in life, we finally hear the Holy Spirit calling us back to our faith once again. I Corinthians 13:10-13 alludes to this as putting away "childish things". As New Hope goes through a re-transformation on the inside I hope you get a chance to notice. In the meantime, if you are not attending church, I pray you hear that still small voice of the Holy Spirit calling you back to a church of family and faith. The best part is, God still LOVES YOU no matter what, and you are always welcome in His home!



Michael Carpenter, Pastor
New Hope United Methodist
Church & Oak Bowery
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CROCK POT RECIPES

CROCK POT DRESSING

1 cup butter
 3/4 cup chopped onion
 2 cups chopped celery
 1/4 cup parsley sprigs
 2 (4 oz.) cans mushrooms, drained
 2 (7 oz.) pkgs. seasoned stuffing mix
 3 to 3 1/2 cups chicken broth
 2 eggs, slightly beaten

Melt butter in a skillet and saute onion, celery, parsley and mushrooms. Pour over bread cubes in a large bowl. Pour in broth, add beaten eggs and mix together well. Pack lightly into crock pot. Cover and cook on high 45 minutes; then reduce to low 4 or more hours.

BAR-B-QUE FOR SANDWICHES

2 1/2 to 3 lbs. cubed pork, or use about half beef cubes
 1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste
 1/4 cup vinegar
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1 tsp. salt
 1 Tbsp. chili powder
 1 large chopped onion
 1 chopped green pepper

Mix all ingredients together in slow cooker; cover and cook on LOW for 9 to 11 hours. Shred meat with fork before serving on hamburger buns or hard rolls.

CHEDDAR POTATO SLICES

1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup

1/2 tsp. ground paprika
 1/2 tsp. pepper
 4 medium baking potatoes (about 1 1/2 pounds), sliced 1/4-inch thick
 4 oz. shredded Cheddar cheese

Combine soup, paprika and pepper. In generously greased slow cooker, arrange potatoes in overlapping rows. Sprinkle with the cheese. Spoon soup mixture over cheese. Cover and cook in crock pot on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours, until potatoes are tender. Keep warm for serving.

CONFETTI SCALLOPED CORN

2 eggs, beaten
 1 cup light sour cream
 1/4 cup melted butter
 1 small onion, finely chopped, or 2 Tbsp. dried chopped onion
 1 can (11 oz.) Mexicorn, drained
 1 can (14 oz.) cream-style corn
 2 to 3 Tbsp. green jalapeno salsa, regular salsa, or chopped green chile (optional)
 1 small cornbread mix (Jiffy or similar)

Mix all ingredients together well; pour into a lightly buttered 3 1/2-quart crock pot (or into a baking dish that will fit into a larger crock pot). Cover and cook on high for 2 to 2-1/2 hours.

APPLE BETTY DESSERT

3 lbs. cooking apples, Rome, Granny Smith, Jonathan, etc.
 10 slices of bread, cubed, about 4 cups

of bread cubes
 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
 1/8 tsp. salt
 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
 1/2 cup melted butter

Wash apples, peel, core, cut into eighths. You should have about 7 to 8 cups of sliced apples. Place apple slices in bottom of buttered crock pot. Combine bread cubes with cinnamon, nutmeg, salt, sugar, butter; toss together. Place on top of apples in crock. Cover and cook on LOW for 2 1/2 to 4 hours.

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2 lbs. ground chuck
 1 cup chopped onion
 1 green pepper, chopped
 2 to 3 ribs celery, chopped
 1 (28 oz.) can crushed tomatoes
 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
 2 cans kidney or pinto beans, drained
 1 tsp. pepper
 3 tsp. chili powder
 hot pepper, to taste, cayenne
 1 tsp. garlic salt

In a large skillet, brown the ground beef. Drain well. Combine all ingredients in a slow cooker; cover and cook for 7 to 8 hours on LOW, or until done.

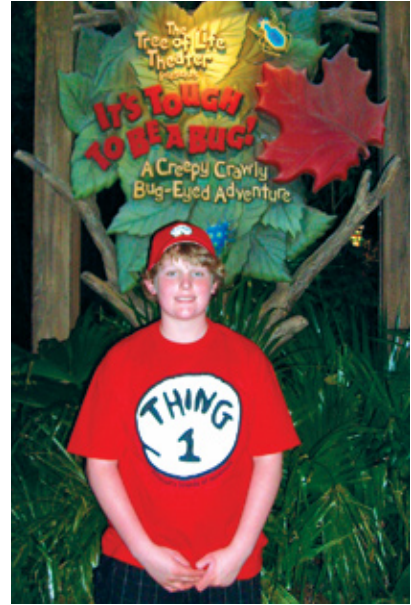
We need your recipes. Do you have a favorite recipe that you'd like to share? Perhaps it's your grandmother's chocolate pie or great grandmother's pound cake recipe. Each month *The Communicator* magazine will feature tried-and-true, kitchen tested recipes submitted by readers. If you'd like to share your recipe send it to: NHTC • The Communicator • PO Box 452 • New Hope, Alabama 35760. You can email your recipe to www.communicator@nehp.net, if you prefer.

May will feature Pasta • The deadline for May is March 20.
June will feature Salads • The deadline for June is April 20.
July will feature Cool Treats • The deadline for July is May 20.



Ruby Davis enjoying the weather. Photo taken by her Pa, William Davis.

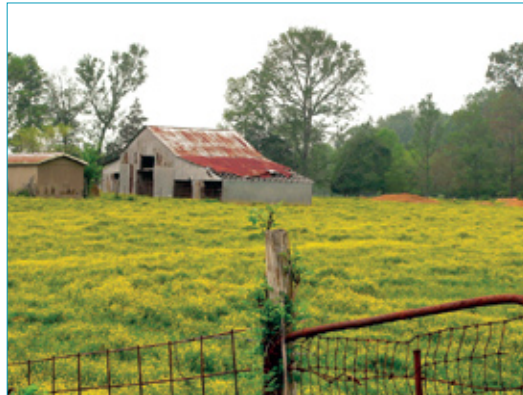
Ryan Furlough on Spring Break at Disney's Animal Kingdom. Picture taken by Teresa Furlough



Ryan Lyle at one-year-old. Photo sent in by his aunt Gina Tunstill.



John Robert Kelly makes a new friend at the Nashville Zoo. Photo submitted by his Nan Nan, Jo Frazier.



Beautiful spring blooming field and rustic barn along Cedar Point Road. Photo by Doug Stainbrook.



Breanna Maples, daughter of Darren & Stephanie Maples of New Hope.

"Mother's Day" is the photo theme for May. Send pictures matching the photo theme to: NHTC • Attn.: Communicator Photos • P.O. Box 452 • New Hope, Alabama 35760. You may prefer to e-mail your photo to communicator@nehp.net. Follow these guidelines for publication: (1) Photos must match theme. (2) **Photos must be high resolution.** The resolution offered by some printers is not high enough for publication. (3) Do not write on the back of photo. Include names of persons in photo, as well as, photographer, address and phone number on paper taped to back. (4) Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your photo returned. (5) The **Deadline for May is March 20th.**

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