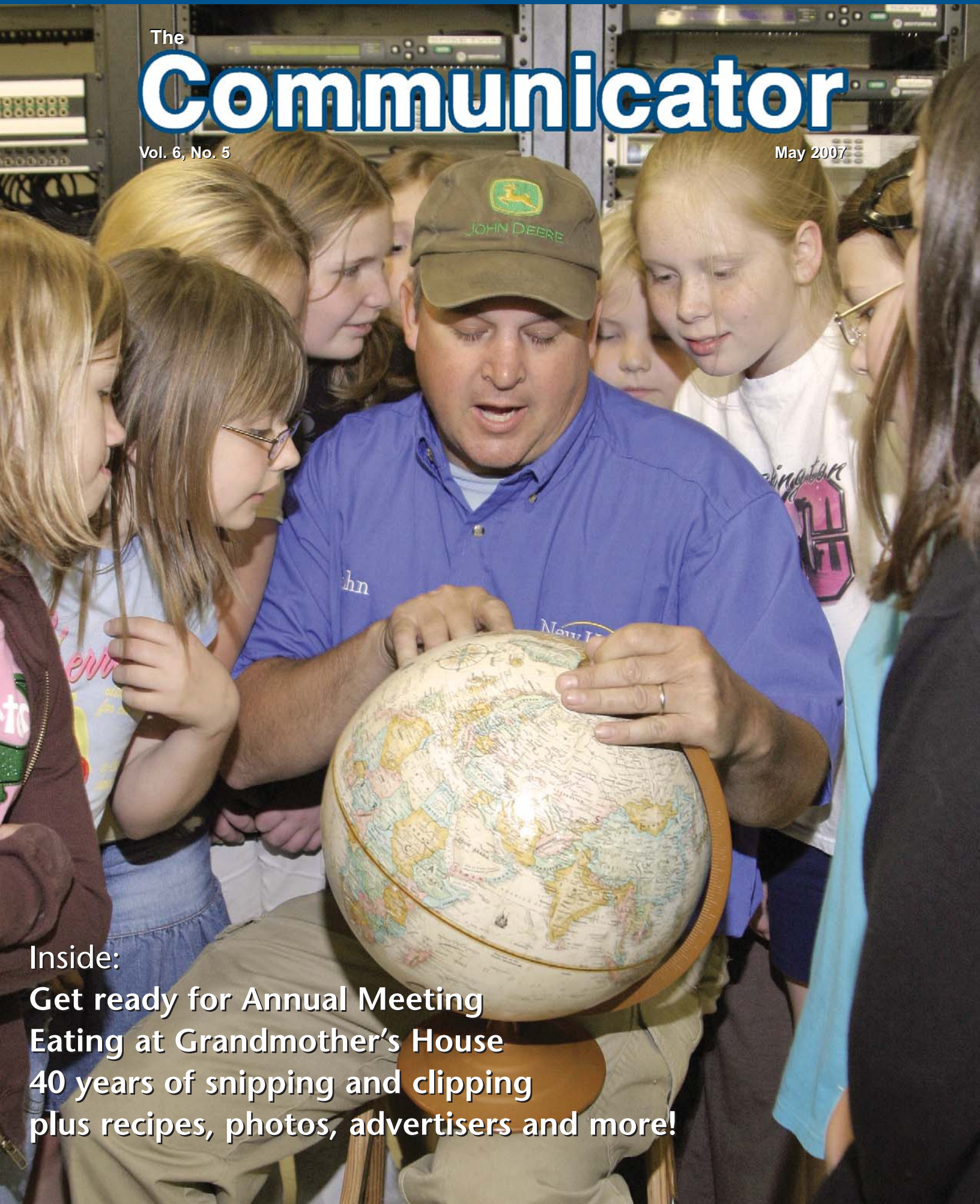


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Manager's Comments

On the job and excited about the future

Greetings to the good people of New Hope, Owens Cross Roads and Grant. My name is Tom Wing, and it is my pleasure to serve you as general manager of New Hope Telephone Cooperative.

I would like to thank your Board of Directors for the trust and confidence they have placed in me. In return, I promise to give this company and the communities it serves my very best as I apply my experience toward building tomorrow's NHTC.

I would also like to thank the employees of this cooperative who, along with several people in the community, have welcomed me and helped me find my way around the area.

As a newcomer, two things really stand out to me about this area. First, the beauty and natural resources are amazing. From the water to the mountains, north Alabama is not only a gorgeous place but it also offers exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities. I can't wait until hunting season.

The other thing that has impressed me is the activity in the home-building arena. As I've driven around the NHTC service area, I've been amazed at the number of new homes being built.

It is no wonder, with the resources and infrastructure available here, that people continue moving to (and staying in) this region. We can expect that trend to not only continue, but to increase con-

siderably in the years ahead.

It is therefore very exciting to me to become part of what is happening here. The growth I experienced while working in telecommunications in South Carolina is similar to the growth you are experiencing in north Alabama.

I was pleased to find that, along with this growth, there is a high level of activity at this company. NHTC is working to deploy fiber throughout its system. We're taking steps to provide service outside our traditional area. And the cable system is getting a new head-end with the promise of better service and HD programming in the future.

If you read the article introducing me in last month's Communicator, you know that I'm no stranger to the cooperative concept. Born and raised in an Iowa farming community, cooperatives were a way of life. The cooperative philosophy is very much a part of who I am. That's why I can say that, even though we are excited about the potential growth of NHTC and delivering service to all the new customers, we will certainly not forget the folks who are already here.▲



Tom Wing is General Manager of New Hope Telephone Cooperative

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in observance of Memorial Day.
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NHTC's John Whitaker uses a globe to explain to fourth-grade students how satellites are used to transmit cable television signals.

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Department Profile

IT department keeps NHTC customers connected

When Rusty Bright came to work for New Hope Telephone Cooperative six years ago, the company was just beginning to explore high speed Internet service. "We had some equipment, but it wasn't working," Bright remembers. "It was my job to make broadband work."



Jim Warren, Internet Technician

As Network Administrator, Bright continues to make it work today — with the help of long-time NHTC employee Jim Warren. This 30-year veteran of the cooperative joined the Internet Technology department two years ago as an Internet Technician.

In addition to finalizing all DSL service orders, Warren also helps keep Internet customers connected. "The problems that Tech Support can't resolve get escalated to me," Warren says. In most instances, a phone call can get the customer back on the Internet; about 20 percent of the time Warren must pay a visit to the residence.

This department is about more than Internet access. Bright is also responsi-

ble for the network of devices that allow NHTC to service its members. From servers and workstations to printers, phones and routers, Bright keeps the NHTC staff connected.

"We're a small-town company that provides big-city services," Bright says.



Rusty Bright, Network Administrator

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As a member of New Hope Telephone Cooperative, you are encouraged to attend the annual meeting and participate in the process of electing Board members.

Cooperative members are part owners in the company. As such, it is important that each member let his voice be heard. One of the most important ways to do that is to cast your ballot in the election for Directors. By doing so, you are taking part in deciding the leadership of the company, and therefore the future direction of NHTC.

There are currently three positions up for election. They are Position #6 (currently held by David Ayers), Position #7 (currently held by Dennis

'Denny' Pence) and Position #9 (currently held by Jeff DeArmond).

The process for voting is quite simple. Just follow these steps:

1) Attend the NHTC Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 15 (Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.). Be sure to bring a photo ID.

2) Present your admittance ticket and ID and register in the Elementary-Middle School Lunchroom.

3) Mark your voting ballot and drop it in the ballot box.


4) If you prefer, you may hold onto your ballot and vote in the auditorium after any nominations from the floor have been made and before final tallying is conducted.

Capital credit checks will be mailed soon

There is good news for members of New Hope Telephone Cooperative. The Board of Directors has approved a two percent (2%) refund of capital credits for all active members. These refunds will represent 2% of the total capital credits each member has accumulated to date, less any refunds already given.

The refund checks are scheduled to be mailed to active members within the first two weeks of May.

This is a great example of a benefit of cooperative membership. Rather than send company profits to out-of-town investors, they are shared with members in the communities they serve. How many other companies do you do business with that can say the same?



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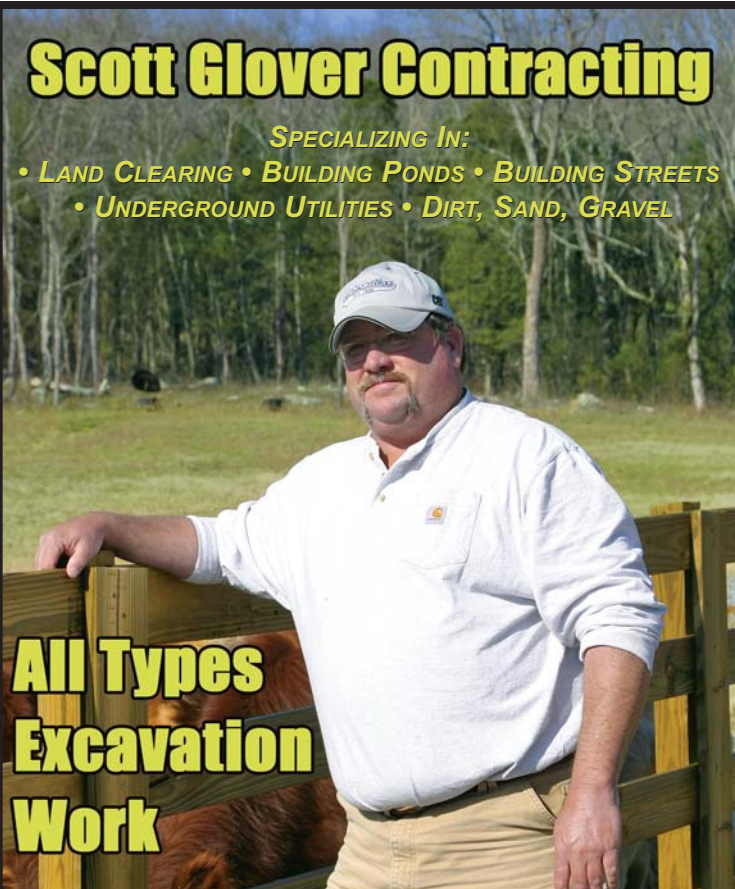
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Coloring Contest winners announced

In the March edition of *The Communicator*, New Hope Telephone Cooperative challenged children in Pre-K through fourth grade to enter a coloring contest. The contest, sponsored by NHTC, was meant to encourage creativity and imagination.

The response was terrific. There were over 300 participants from New Hope, Owens Cross Roads and DAR Elementary Schools.

Each child drew and colored a picture depicting the theme 'Celebrate spring and all its beauty'.

Spring can have so many different interpretations. It was a great way to allow children to be inspired

and imaginative while designing their individual pieces.

After all the artwork was collected, it was divided into nine divisions for judging.

The divisions were separated by grade with Division 1 consisting of Pre-K and Kindergarten, Division 2 consisting of first- and second-grade students, and Division 3 including all children in the third and fourth grades.

An independent panel chosen by NHTC judged each piece of artwork on the following criteria: creativity; coloring skill; how well it met the theme; and individuality.

A grand prize winner was chosen

in each division for each school.

"We were quite pleased with the results," explained Tammy Pritchett, assistant with *The Communicator*. "I'm so glad the New Hope Telephone Cooperative has been able to motivate these children to be creative. We would also like to thank each of the schools for participating."

Every student that participated received a gift from NHTC. Each of the nine grand prize winners received a \$50 savings bond from NHTC.

New Hope Telephone Cooperative congratulates all the winners, whose artwork is featured on the following page. ▲



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DAR Elementary School



Destiny Stokes
Kindergarten
Owens Cross Roads School



Nikki Kimbrough
Kindergarten
New Hope Elementary School

Division 2 winners



Emily Terry
1st Grade
Owens Cross Roads School



Cyrus Bachelder
2nd Grade
New Hope Elementary School



Braxton Troup
2nd Grade
DAR Elementary School

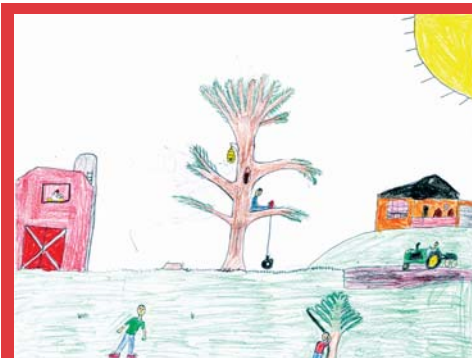
Division 3 winners



Allison Brown
4th Grade
New Hope Elementary School



Logan Jenkins
4th Grade
Owens Cross Roads School



Shane Clark
4th Grade
DAR Elementary School

Fourth-graders learn about telephone, Internet and cable services during tour of NHTC office, facilities



Students get a close look at the unbelievably small strand of fiber, which is capable of carrying enormous amounts of data over great distances.

The fourth-grade students at New Hope Elementary School have been learning all about their community through visits to businesses and government offices. On April 12, they learned something about what keeps their community connected.

Students of Mrs. Muzny, Ms. Neff and Mrs. Craig toured the New Hope Telephone Cooperative facilities, where they received a behind-the-scenes look at how telephone calls, Internet connections and cable channels work.

At the end of the tour,

each student received a goody bag and an NHTC tee shirt. They also received a book of facts about the United States, compliments of Jerry and Mark Craig.



NHTC's Tammy Pritchett leans in to hear an interesting question from a New Hope fourth-grader.

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BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets	\$6,121,059
Non-Current Assets	1,239,274
Telephone Plant (net of depreciation)	13,716,466
CATV Plant (net of depreciation)	3,929,713
Other Non-Regulated Plant	<u>215,721</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$25,222,233</u>
Current Liabilities	\$1,091,344
Long-Term Debt	<u>4,749,224</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$5,840,568</u>
Patronage Capital	\$17,873,705
Contributed Capital - Forfeited	1,867,271
Retained earnings (deficit)	(298,644)
Accumulated other Comprehensive Income - Marketable Securities	<u>(60,667)</u>
Total Capital	<u>\$19,381,665</u>
Total Liabilities and Equities	<u>\$25,222,233</u>

INCOME STATEMENT

Operating revenues	
Regulated	\$6,649,948
Non-Regulated	<u>2,206,200</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>\$8,856,148</u>
Operating Expenses	
Regulated	\$5,361,487
Non-Regulated	<u>2,493,312</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$7,854,799</u>
Total Operating Margins	<u>\$1,001,349</u>
Non-Operating Revenues & Expenses	
Allowance for funds used during construction	\$37,753
Investment Income	241,413
Miscellaneous	<u>3,523</u>
Total Non-Operating Margins	<u>\$282,689</u>
Fixed Charges	
Interest on Long-Term Debt	\$275,988
Other Interest	<u>0</u>
Total Fixed Charges	<u>\$275,988</u>
Net Margins	<u>\$1,008,050</u>

The above information is summarized from the Consolidated Financial Statements of New Hope Telephone Cooperative, Inc. as of December 31, 2006. This statement was audited by the independent accounting firm of Jackson, Thornton and Company PC, Certified Public Accountants and are on file at the cooperative's business office in New Hope.



**We're Working Hard
for our Members!**

There's always something good to eat at Grandmother's House

Growing up, it seemed like the food always tasted better at grandmother's table. It could have been her pan-fried chicken, her perfect meatloaf or maybe a mouth-watering banana pudding that had you counting the days until your next meal in her home.

That special experience of home cooking combined with a family atmosphere is exactly what Wenona Moorer is working hard to create at her new restaurant in Owens Cross Roads.

Located on Old Highway 431, Grandmother's House opened in April in the home where Moorer was born. It was built by her grandparents, George and Vinnie Craft, in 1928.

"I was born in this room," Moorer says as she seats guests in the restaurant's first dining section. There are photos of her grandparents in the entrance, and items with family ties displayed throughout the building.

For instance, one room features a beautiful quilt hung on a rack. "This was my grandmother's room," Moorer says. Entering the space evokes memories for her of a quilting frame suspended from the ceiling and ladies gathered around with needle and thread for a quilting party.

The house sits on the farm that has been in Moorer's family since the

1800's. "My grandparents were living on Hill Road, on the back of the farm," Moorer says. "They were told they would never have electricity there, so they moved out here by the highway."

The idea of converting the home into a restaurant came to Moorer over a year ago. She had been praying about ways to put the farm to profitable use,

and office.

Connecting to the public sewer system was a challenge, but after installing a pump and laying 1,700 feet of pipe the restaurant met regulations. Moorer even transformed a bedroom into two handicapped-accessible restrooms.

It took about a year of steady work to get Grandmother's House to the place

Moorer was most excited about: the food. "I love it," she says. "Now I can cook anything I want to."

And she does.

Lunch specials include such mouth-watering dishes as hamburger steak with gravy, meatloaf, and chicken and dumplings. The lunch menu also features salads and sandwiches.

On Friday and Saturday nights, the menu reads like a song written for the taste buds: "Farm-raised cat-

fish fillets, tossed in a blend of cornmeal and Grandmother's seasonings...tender and juicy ribeye steak...the tenderest grilled chicken breast..."

As is the case with many Southern families, Sunday is a day of culinary excitement at Grandmother's House. This traditional home-cooked Sunday dinner features entree and vegetable choices that are sure to create new memories and bring back a few old ones.

She is training someone to help her, but for now Moorer does all the cooking.



HOME-COOKED MEAL—Proprietor Wenona Moorer visits with lunch guests at Grandmother's House.

and realized the character of the home could provide a unique dining environment.

"We had to take the floor out of the hall, and jack up the house," explains her husband Milton, a retired Redstone Arsenal engineer. In order to accommodate a commercial kitchen, the back porch was removed and a 24-foot addition built across the back of the house.

Besides the sinks, cooking appliances, coolers and eight-foot hood, the new space also created a utility room



Wenona and Milton Moorer enjoy welcoming new friends and familiar faces to the traditional Southern dining experience at Grandmother's House.

"And we do everything from scratch," she says. Moorer also insists on healthy, fresh ingredients that create a delicious meal of consistent quality.

Grandmother's House is a real family affair. Milton works the register. Their son helps cook on the weekends. And their three grandchildren can often be found lending a helping hand.

For now, Grandmother's House can accommodate up to 49 guests at one seating. In the future, Moorer says they may offer seating outdoors

under the trees. The restaurant is also available for private parties.

The glow on Moorer's face tells the story: she is doing something she loves in a home she is strongly connected to, serving a community she cares deeply about. "We have prayer every morning before we start," she says. "We pray for everyone who will come in, and that we will be a blessing to them."

With its traditional Southern atmosphere and great home-cooked meals, Grandmother's House is a blessing indeed.▲

Welcome to Grandmother's House

Grandmother's House is located at 3980 Old Highway 431 in Owens Cross Roads. For information or to ask about private parties, call Wenona or Milton Moorer at 725-7444.

Lunch: Wednesday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hours: Dinner: Friday & Saturday from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Grandmother's Sunday Dinner: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New Hope's Scott Adams to be featured on television reality show "Split Ends"



April 24 was a big day in New Hope, and in the life of resident Scott Adams. A California film crew rolled into town to shoot footage for the television show "Split Ends," which airs on the Style Network. Adams, a stylist at Styles by Beverly on Main Drive in New Hope, was chosen to switch places with a big-city stylist for the reality TV show. On the first day of filming, Adams found out he would be traveling to Petaluma, California, to work in the salon of renown stylist Joe Hamer. Above left, Adams reads the news of his destination surrounded by friends and family. Above right, a camera catches the action as New Hope High School cheerleaders give Adams a big send off. Read next month's *Communicator* for complete coverage of Adams' California adventures and Joe Hamer's experiences in New Hope.

“Myths, Legends, and Crazy Rumors...”

I was watching 20/20 the other day. John Stossel had an interesting segment on myths that just aren't true at all. Here they are – it's very eye opening.

The first myth is polluted air and chemicals are killing us, but cancer is actually on the decline. We're running out of places for our garbage, but due to recycling we really are not. The most shocking was the myth that the rich don't pay their fair share of taxes. According to the IRS the top 1% of Americans pay 1/3 of all income taxes. I'm not going to cover the boring ones, such as the myth that money buys happiness. I think deep down we all already knew that wasn't true – but it sure doesn't hurt any.

Now I want to cover some myths concerning Chiropractic. The first myth is that if you see a Chiropractor you will likely be paralyzed. My malpractice premiums are \$858 per year and recently were only about \$600. How many MDs can say that? “Popping” your knuckles or neck will cause arthritis. Actually, keeping motion in joints helps to reduce the risk, and this was proven by a study at UCLA. The last myth is MD's do not want their patients to be adjusted. A lot of MD's have started referring patients to Chiropractors, and there is a branch of the medical field called Osteopathy. These are MDs who are trained in spinal manipulation similar to Chiropractic.

Now for Emma, who is the little girl in the photo. About a year ago, she was plagued by asthma. Each day as I changed her diaper, I would give her an adjustment. The asthma started to improve immediately, and now she is virtually symptom free.

The other child, my son Nicholas, has recently been having some headaches. He'll come up to me and say, “Daddy, adjust my neck.” And even before he gets up he'll say, “man that feels a lot better, it's all gone.”

It's strange how life is, because now people come to see him with their carpal tunnel syndrome problems. Also they come to him with their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections,

asthma, allergies, numbness in limbs, athletic injuries, just to name a few. Here's what some of my patients had to say:

“Dr. Mike has been helping me with my low back pain, and headaches for over nine years.” (Larry Luttrell)

“Dr. Mike helps with my aching back.” (David Ayers)

“I did have a lot of leg pain due to a pinched nerve. Not any more thanks to Dr. Mike.” (Leonard McPeters)



Dr. Mike, Emma, and Nicholas Ellis

Being a chiropractor can be tough, because there's a host of so-called experts out there. They tell people a lot of things that are just plain ridiculous about my profession. But the studies speak for themselves, like the Virginia study that showed that over 90% of patients who saw a chiropractor were satisfied with their results. That's just incredible!

Forty-eight million Americans no longer have health insurance, and those who do have found that their benefits are reduced. That's where chiropractic comes in. Many people find that they actually save money on their health care expenses by seeing a chiropractor. Another way to save... studies show that chiropractic may double your immune capacity, naturally and without drugs. The immune system fights colds, the flu, and other sicknesses. So you may not be running off to the doctor as much. This is especially important if you are self-employed. And an entire week of care in my office may cost what you could pay for one visit elsewhere.

You benefit from an Amazing Offer - Look, it shouldn't cost you an arm and a

leg to correct your health. You are going to write a check to someone for your health care expenses, you may as well write one for a lesser amount for chiropractic. *When you bring in this article by May 31, 2007, you will receive my entire new patient exam for \$27. That's with x-rays... the whole ball of wax.* And, further care is very affordable. You see, I'm not trying to seduce you to come see me with this low start up fee, then to only make it up with high fees after that. Further care is very important to consider when making your choice of doctor. High costs can add up very quickly. By law, we must state that **ADDITIONAL CHARGES MAY BE INCURRED FOR RELATED SERVICES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED IN INDIVIDUAL CASES.**

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Milestone Anniversary

Annette's Salon of Beauty celebrates 40 years of business in Grant

"One time, I asked a little girl how she wanted her hair fixed," says Annette Randles. "She told me, 'I want it with the creek down the middle.' I wish I'd written down all the things I've heard little children say to me in this chair!" she laughs.

Countless customers have brought many smiles to Annette's Salon of Beauty in Grant over the past 40 years.

Annette's career began after finishing Gaither Beauty School in 1966. The young stylist worked briefly in Huntsville and then Scottsboro before she was met with an opportunity to return to her hometown of Grant.

A local stylist was retiring and ready to sell her equipment. Annette, only 19, needed \$1,000 to start her business. Her dad loaned her the money.

"Nanetta Jones sold me all of her equipment," says Annette. "I set up shop in April of 1967 in the house I was raised in. The shop was downstairs, and I lived upstairs."

It didn't take her long to establish her business. Through her hard work, Annette was able to pay back her loan before she married in November of 1967. "It was hectic," she remembers. "I had to answer the phones, do the shampoos and sets, and the haircuts all by myself."

A shampoo and set was only \$2 then. And haircuts were \$1.

She says her mom was a big encour-

agement. "Some days I wanted to quit," says Annette. "But I knew the next day would be different."



Pat Henson, Annette's aunt, gets her hair done up right at Annette's Salon of Beauty.

The first two years, Annette worked solo until she received her manager license. She worked five years in the old house until she was met with another opportunity. The store next to Ofer Frank's Barber Shop became available.

"We moved into this building and then later took in the barber shop to make one big shop," she says. She has had as many as seven employees in the

salon serving the residents of Grant.

The salon has witnessed many changes as styles have come and gone over the years. From razor cuts and ratting to scissor cuts and messy hair, Annette has seen it all.

"I remember in the 1970's when men started coming into the salon," she says. The teenagers were the first to move away from the barber shop cuts. "They were wearing their hair longer and wanted it styled, so they had to come here."

Annette says this job is more than just being able to do hair. Learning how to work with the public is the most important thing for a stylist today. "Listen to what the customer wants, even if you don't like it," explains Annette.

"And never repeat a thing," she warns. "You hear a lot of stuff. Some people just like to talk. And sometimes you just have to let them."

She has seen lots of different personalities over the years. But she claims she has never had a bad customer. "I've had some complainers," she laughs, "but never a bad customer."

This advice has proven itself. "I have a few customers who have been with me from the beginning," she says.

"I enjoy doing hair now as much as when I started," she says remembering her extensive career. "But it wasn't just me. The Lord has blessed me, blessed me tremendously." ▲

Student's art displayed in Huntsville

Tyler Keel is a seventh grader at New Hope Middle School. His artwork was displayed at the Huntsville Museum of Art for the 2007 Youth Art Month. His art showcased with nearly 200 pieces by kindergarten through grade 12 students from Huntsville City, Madison City, Madison County, Athens City, Limestone County, Decatur City and Scottsboro City Schools.



Tyler Keel's artwork was shown in Huntsville during Youth Art Month. He is a seventh grader at New Hope Middle School.



Rhonda Cooper, seventh- and eighth-grade art instructor at New Hope sees talent. "Tyler draws using advanced techniques: shading, proportion and perspective," she says. Cooper has been working with art students for 11 years. "You don't see many students pick up on advanced techniques as fast as Tyler has," she says.

Youth Art Month is a national competition to emphasize the importance of art education and encourage public support.

Regional winners travel to Montgomery for state competition, with a chance to compete nationally.

Cooper receives NWTF Scholarship



Rusty Cooper, a senior at New Hope High School, was presented with a \$500 scholarship from the local National Wild Turkey Federation at their banquet held on March 2nd. He is the son of Glenn Cooper and Anita Sparkman.

Cooper is the President of Future Farmers of America. He is a member of the baseball, basketball and football team and he also umpires at New Hope Recreation Center during the summer. Cooper is now eligible to compete for a NWTF state scholarship.

OCR after-school programs benefit from grant funds

Owens Cross Roads Elementary has started an exciting new endeavor. The school is the recipient of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant.

The goal of the grant is to enhance, encourage, and extend the students' physical, educational, and psychological growth. Clubs currently offered include Drama, Chorus, Foreign Language, Science and Inline Skating.

The Science Club is using the front of the school for gardening and nutrition projects. Thanks to a variety of teachers and coaches, pre-school through sixth-grade students have a good selection of activities.

Another exciting aspect of the grant is the Readiness Class for three-year-olds. The grant provides monies for classroom improvements including murals, playground equipment and restroom facilities.

This class is designed to help prepare children for Pre-Kindergarten by using the Block Academy curriculum. This program concentrates on hands-on experiential learning, sensory motion integration and skill development.

The school also uses money provided by the grant to offer Literacy Night. Each Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the library opens its doors. Here families use the Internet, play board games and work on homework or school projects.

Contact OCR for more information at 725-4233.

Street Walkers clean up New Hope

Have you driven through New Hope lately? If you have, you've no doubt noticed how clean the median and sides of the roads are. These clean streets didn't happen by accident. They are the result of weeks of planning, hours of hard labor and lots of donations from the dedicated citizens of New Hope.

The New Hope Lions Club organized and facilitated the Pre Easter Clean Street campaign. The New Hope City Council, Commissioner Jerry Craig, Madison County government, the Huntsville Green Team and many New



Hope businesses gave donations to help with the clean-up efforts.

A total of 145 volunteers from local churches; Boy, Girl and Cub Scout Troops; Future Business Leaders of America; Fellowship of Christian Students; New Hope Telephone

Cooperative; Founder's Day Committee; Family First Homemakers and individual volunteers walked the streets collecting litter. These groups covered an area of 17.2 miles and removed about 700 thirty gallon bags of litter.

The event was so successful organizers are considering making it a semi-annual event.

Any group or individual interested in helping or the Adopt-a-Block Program can contact Ava Cambron at 723-4695.▲

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Inspiration Corner

"If momma ain't happy, ain't nobody happy!" Amen? During conversations about childrearing I have been asked, "What does it take to be a good mom?" I feel one answer is likened unto another saying, "Behind every good man is a good woman". The opposite is also true if the relationship is Christ-centered and not self-centered. 1st Corinthians 13 tells of the True Love that goes beyond words and feelings. Ephesians 5:22-31 compares a couple's relationship to that of Christ's love for the church. A woman who willingly "submits to her husband in

everything" most likely feels from her husband the kind of love described in this scripture. Does this mean relationships will be perfect? NO! Our relationship with Jesus is not perfect. It can mean, however, that during imperfect times love will still hold the marriage and family together.

Marriage is made complete when both husband and wife choose to follow God's plan for marriage. Why? Because it works!!! God's plan combines both spiritual love and physical intimacy so every aspect of human life is involved, making it complete. Like one's relationship with God, the longer a marriage lasts the richer life becomes.

Therefore, make momma happy by looking for God's plan in a church near you. Marriage is not about beauty, money, sex, convenience, necessity, or status; it is about the love of the One True God who wants the best for you. Need more proof? Happily married people live longer. May God Richly Bless your Mother's Day.



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PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
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Quick Children Run

While reading a book the other day I ran across a delightfully funny story.

Edith, a mother of eight, was coming home from a neighbors' house one Saturday afternoon. Things seemed quiet as she walked across her front yard. Curious, she peered through the screen door and saw five of her youngest children huddled together concentrating on something. As she crept closer, trying to discover the center of attention, she could not believe her eyes. Smack dab in the middle of the circle were five baby skunks.

Edith screamed at the top of her voice, "Quick, children ...run!" Each child grabbed a skunk and ran.

Can't you just see these children huddled around those baby skunks trying to decide which one they wanted? Then came mother's voice and in an instant they made their decision.

Many times in our life we are faced with decisions we make in an instant. Sometimes instead of solving problems they just seem to multiply. It happens to everyone, teachers, students, bosses, secretaries, parents, kids, politicians and preachers. No one is immune regardless of who they are.

We call these decisions mistakes. God calls them sin. Sin is "missing the mark". The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Yes, sometimes our best decisions miss the mark.

Do you know that God can take the worst, ugliest or least successful events in our life and cast them into the depths of the sea?

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 2007

May (entire month)

Cell Phones for Soldiers Drive

Want to know what you can do for our soldiers? Bring your old cell phones, batteries, accessories, chargers, PDAs and pagers to NHTC's office. They will be exchanged for calling cards for soldiers serving overseas.

May 5th

North Alabama Street Toys Cruise-In

Hardee's Restaurant, 6 to 9 p.m.
Custom cars, street rods, trucks and classic cars are welcome. 50/50 drawing, door prizes, awards. No entry fee - just lots of fun! Call 723-4631 for more information.

May 6th

New Hope Historical Assoc. Dedication Ceremony, 2:30 p.m.

The ceremony will acknowledge and thank the Frances Walker Maples family for their generous donation of the Frances Maples Beauty Shop. This is now the New Hope Historical Museum and will be home to numerous displays, articles, and items of interest to all.

May 11th

Spring Football Jamboree

DAR Patriot Stadium, 6 p.m.
DAR Patriots, New Hope Indians and the Columbia Eagles will participate. Come out and show your support!

May 12th

Family First Music Night & Fundraiser

OCR School Gymnasium, 6 to 10 p.m.
Family First Homemakers and Business Leaders will host this event featuring acoustic guitarist James Johnson, Bobby Rodgers and the Hard Times Band and The Classics featuring fiddle player Vernon Derrick who played with Hank Williams, Jr. and has performed at the Grand Ole Opry. Half of all proceeds will benefit Ben Schaaf, a boy in New Hope suffering from leukemia. Admission \$5/family, \$2/person.

May 19th

Fun Day at OCR Rec, noon to 7 p.m.

There will be a moon bounce, obstacle course, giant slide and more! Armbands are \$5. Meal tickets are being pre-sold for \$6 each. This includes chicken, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and drink. To purchase your ticket call Tanya or Keith Wilson at 698-1736 or 698-1393.

May 22nd

Older Americans Festival (Rain date May 24th)

Sharon Johnston Park, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
This annual event for seniors features dancing, singing, horseshoes, buggy rides, musicians, clowns, magicians and cash door prizes. Bring your lawn chairs. Sponsored by Madison County Commission. Order tickets in advance for \$2 by calling 880-7080.



Eighth-grader will compete in National Pageant

Monica Lynn Anderton, an eighth-grader at New Hope Middle School participated in the Miss Alabama Teen U.S. Pageant on March 24. The pageant was held at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She won the title of Miss South Alabama Teen U.S. She must now compete on the national level in the America's Miss Teen U.S. Pageant held in Vicksburg, Mississippi this June.

"I'd like to thank the businesses, my family and friends that supported me in achieving my goals," says Anderton.

Monica is the daughter of Bill and Tina Anderton. She is the granddaughter of Hog and Phyllis Lewis of New Hope, Wonnies and Donna Fisher of New Hope and John L. and Thelma (deceased) Anderton of Grant.

Thank You!

Commissioner Jerry Craig hosts appreciation lunch at county shed



Brandon Pritchett keeps an eye on the barbeque chicken.



Blake Pence, age 1, attended the luncheon with Windy, his mommy.



Madison County License Commissioner Mark Craig (left) meets NHTC's new general manager, Tom Wing.



Hundreds of New Hope residents enjoyed the food and fellowship at Jerry Craig's appreciation luncheon.



Madison County Commissioner Jerry Craig (left) gets a hug from New Hope Senior Center director Mayjorie Blair.

Practically the whole city of New Hope dropped by the county shed on April 12 for a free barbeque chicken lunch. The bays that normally house dump trucks and back hoes were lined with tables and chairs as citizens enjoyed a meal courtesy of Madison County Commissioner Jerry Craig.

"It's County Government Week," Craig explained, "and I personally hosted this lunch to show my appreciation for the people in this district."

Residents of all ages dropped by for the event to enjoy the meal and say 'thank you' to Craig for his service on the Madison County Commission. "I really appreciate all these folks coming to the shed for the food and entertainment," Craig said.

"It does me good to see people enjoy themselves," he added "and to personally show them my appreciation."

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

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



From the kitchen of Sherrie Davis

There is nothing like the smell of a favorite meal to make a kitchen crowded. Country kitchens bring families together. Sherrie Davis' kitchen is a good example.

Davis loves to cook. She participates in New Hope City Hall's Community Cookie Exchange, and is always catering to her family's favorite requests.

One such request comes each year on her husband's birthday. Rouladen, a German dish, is always on the menu.

Davis learned to prepare the dish from a German lady she used to work with.

"I can make it in about two hours," she says. One year Davis was recovering from a broken foot. The family tried to keep the tradition alive. "It took them six hours to make it," she laughs. The family got to experience the effort it takes to prepare their favorite dish.

Davis and her husband, Bobby, live in New Hope. They have three children and one grandchild. This month she shares some recipes selected by members of her family. These are truly family favorites.

Rouladen

12 slices of wafer thin steak (have a roast sliced)

1 small can mushrooms

12 strips of bacon

1 stick of butter

Chopped onions

1 bag of curly noodles

1 jar sweet relish

1 jar of mustard

toothpicks

Spread the steak out on top of your counter. Rub with the mustard and place a strip of bacon on each. Top with chopped onions and a spoonful of relish on each. Roll up and hold together with a toothpick. Melt the stick of butter in large skillet. Brown all sides of each roll in skillet. After all is brown, place back into the skillet and pour the can of mushrooms over the meat. Simmer for about 30 minutes. Serve over cooked noodles.

Cheese Cake

Crust:

1 cup flour

1 stick butter

1 cup nuts, chopped

Mix flour, melted butter, and nuts.

Press into the bottom of a 9-1/2 x 11 inch cake pan and bake at 300° for 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely.

Filling:

1-8 oz. cream cheese

1 box confectioner's sugar

1-12 oz. Cool Whip®

1 can pie filling

Mix cream cheese, sugar, and Cool Whip until smooth. Spread over cooled pie crust. Top with pie filling. Chill.

Chuck Wagon Steak

1-1/2 lb. Hamburger Meat

1 can cream of Chicken Soup

2 eggs

5 slice of bread, crumbled

1 pkg. Lipton Onion Soup mix

1 cup flour (add extra if needed)

Worcestershire Sauce

1 cup water

1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup

Mix meat, soup mix, breadcrumbs, and eggs together. Add flour and Worcestershire sauce. Make into pat-

ties and brown in skillet. Place browned patties in crock-pot and cover with both cans of soup. Add 1 cup of water and cover pot. Cook on LOW heat about 12 hours.

Hot Cheese Dip

1 lb. Velveeta Cheese

1 block of Cheddar Cheese

1 lb. Hamburger meat (browned and drained)

1 lb. sausage (browned and drained)

1 can Campbell's Nacho Cheese Soup

1 jar Picante Sauce

1 can Jalapeno Relish

1 can Rotel

1 stick of butter

Place all ingredients in a crock-pot. Turn on low heat until all ingredients are melted. Serve over chips.

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

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