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John Lee Howard**

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NHTC will unveil service Bundles at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 19. Make plans now to attend and learn more.

Manager's Comments

A season of new life and New Hope



Spring can be a beautiful time of year. It is a time of change and rebirth – a time when flowers and trees are blooming, birds are singing and the temperature is rising. There is an energy in the air that can only be associated with this season.

But as we have seen in the past few days and weeks, Spring can also bring some hard times. We have seen a little more than the seasonal “April showers” this Spring. Frankly, we have seen some very ugly weather during this beautiful season.

We know many of you have sustained extensive damage and loss and are going through some difficult times right now. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Our cooperative has been working around the clock to maintain and restore the excellent level of service you are accustomed to. I could not be more proud of the NHTC staff. They have worked tirelessly for you and for this cooperative.

We have worked hand-in-hand with our brothers and sisters at other utilities who provide you important services, doing everything we can to help each other — and in turn help you.

At NHTC we are always looking

toward the future. We realize that the decisions we make today will have a great impact on the lives of our members and their children and grandchildren for years to come.

That’s one of the reasons we decided a couple of years ago to bury our lines underground. In the next three to four years, we will have completed the process of burying over 400 miles of hard line and 200 miles of drop wire, making our services much less vulnerable to bad weather. In my 40 years in this industry, I have only seen the weather affect underground lines two times. That’s a pretty good track record if you ask me.

Spring also marks the time of year for your cooperative’s Annual Meeting. We hope you and your family will plan to join us Tuesday, May 19 and celebrate this important day with us. We will be holding board elections and discussing other important issues at our business meeting. There will be entertainment, door prizes and food.

We are also very excited to unveil our service Bundles program. This has been a long time coming. Those in attendance will receive a free gift when signing up.

I’ll see you at your New Hope Telephone Cooperative’s Annual Meeting! ▲

Tom Wing

General Manager,

New Hope Telephone Cooperative

**Our office will be Closed
Monday, May 25
in observance of Memorial Day**

Memorial Day is a day set aside to remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors, and our friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

*Make plans to attend
your cooperative's*

2009 ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 19

**NEW HOPE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Registration begins at 5 p.m.

Business meeting
begins at 7:30 p.m.



Board Elections

**Vote for Board Positions:
Place 2, New Hope and
Place 3, New Hope**

Must have valid photo ID to vote

Door Prizes

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Entertainment

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**Get a \$10 credit on your first bill when you
sign-up for **BUNDLES** at the Annual Meeting!**

Be sure to cast your ballot



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

Cooperative members are part owners in the company. As such, it is important that each member let his or her voice be heard. One of the most important ways to do that is to cast your ballot in the election for members of the Board of Directors. By voting on who represents the leadership of the company, you are helping shape the future of NHTC.

On Tuesday, May 19 there are two Board positions up for election. They are Place #2, New Hope (currently held by Jim Duncan) and Place

#3, New Hope (currently held by Jeff Cooper).

Follow these simple steps to cast your ballot:

1) Attend NHTC's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 19 (Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.). A photo ID is required to register.

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.



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How did a lady from New Hope change her life?

Dear Friend,

A couple of years ago something happened to me that changed my life.

I'm Katie McWhorter. I'm a housewife from New Hope. I had lived in severe pain for about two years until I did something that changed my life. I'll tell you what I did, but first let me start at the beginning.

I was suffering from neck and lower back pain as well as pain shooting down my right leg. An MRI had revealed a bulging disc in my neck and my lower back. I had considered seeing a new doctor that had moved to Grant who specialized in these types of problems, but I was skeptical since I had already seen several other doctors and nothing seemed to help.

Over the next couple of months my pain seemed to become worse. In fact, I was starting to become very concerned about it. So I decided to give this new doctor in Grant a try. He did an exam, took some x-rays, and then adjusted my spine. After just one adjustment I felt a big difference. Oh, did I mention that this doctor is a chiropractor?

After a few more adjustments I was starting to feel like my old self again. In fact, when I came in for only my fifth adjustment I said to Dr. Mike, "I told my mother-in-law last night, I just can't believe I'm going to a chiropractor and he is helping me like you have."

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 me with their carpal tunnel syndrome problems. Also they come to me 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)

"My sciatica stays in check thanks to Dr. Mike." (Leonard McPeters)

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 30, 2009, 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.

Great care at a great fee... Please, I hope that there's no misunderstanding about **quality of care** just because I have a lower exam fee. You'll get great care at a great fee. My qualifications... I'm a 1991 graduate of Life University. I'm certified by the National Boards as well as the states of Alabama and Tennessee. I've practiced in Marshall County for 16 years after a one-year associateship in Huntsville. I just have that low exam fee to help more people who need care. Results may vary in individual cases.

My assistant is Sandy and she is a really great person. Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home. We have a wonderful service, at an exceptional fee. Our office is called **ELLIS CHIROPRACTIC CENTER** and it is at 4664 Main Street in Grant. Our number is **256-728-2044**. Call Sandy or me today for an appointment. We can help you. Thank you.

- Michael Ellis, D.C.

P.S. When accompanied by the first, I am also offering the second family member this same examination for only \$10.

P.P.S. Can you imagine not having to wait at a doctor's office? Well, your time is as valuable as mine. That's why we have a no-wait policy. You will be seen within minutes of your appointment.

Watch the Atlanta Braves on the Community Channel

Good news, baseball fans! Thanks to NHTC, you can experience Atlanta Braves baseball from the comfort of your own home, without spending a penny on tickets, gas money, or ballpark franks.

New Hope Telephone Cooperative has partnered with Peachtree TV, a local station in Atlanta, Georgia, to broadcast the Braves games on our local Community Channel. The baseball games will preempt what is currently playing on Channel 3.

Check out the schedule on the right to see all the Braves games that will be aired on our Community Channel.

Watch Chipper Jones and the rest of the Braves as they battle it out with teams from across the nation.

May

5/1	Astros	Fri	7:30p
5/4	Mets	Mon	7:00p
5/5	Mets	Tue	7:00p
5/8	@Phillies	Fri	7:00p
5/11	@Mets	Mon	7:00p
5/15	Diamondbacks	Fri	7:30p
5/16	Diamondbacks	Sat	7:00p
5/18	Rockies	Mon	7:00p
5/19	Rockies	Tue	7:00p
5/22	Blue Jays	Fri	7:30p
5/23	Blue Jays	Sat	7:00p

June

6/2	Cubs	Tue	7:00p
6/3	Cubs	Wed	7:00p
6/5	Brewers	Fri	7:30p
6/6	Brewers	Sat	7:00p
6/9	Pirates	Tue	7:00p
6/10	Pirates	Wed	7:00p
6/19	@ Red Sox	Fri	7:00p
6/20	@ Red Sox	Sat	7:00p
6/23	Yankees	Tue	7:00p

6/24	Yankees	Wed	7:00p
6/25	Yankees	Thu	7:00p
6/26	Red Sox	Fri	7:30p
6/30	Phillies	Tue	7:00p

July

7/1	Phillies	Wed	7:00p
7/17	Mets	Fri	7:30p
7/21	Giants	Tue	7:00p
7/22	Giants	Wed	7:00p
7/31	Dodgers	Fri	7:30p

August

8/11	Nationals	Tue	7:00p
8/14	Phillies	Fri	7:30p
8/21	Marlins	Fri	7:30p
8/22	Marlins	Sat	7:00p

September

9/15	Mets	Tue	7:00p
9/16	Mets	Wed	7:00p
9/18	Phillies	Fri	7:30p
9/19	Phillies	Sat	7:00p

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New Hope mayor reports on first six months in office

Born and raised in New Hope, Mayor John Lee Howard has spent his entire life living in the town that he loves.

A two-term city councilman, Howard became mayor of New Hope last October.

“I love this little city and I am proud to live here,” Howard says. “I want everyone to be proud of it. I want to make New Hope a better place to live in every aspect. I believe that by working together with the council for the greater good of New Hope, we can accomplish just that.”

Howard, 53, and his father owned Howard’s General Merchandise for 20

years. In 1997, Howard’s father retired from the family business. After being in business for more than 50 years, the family decided to close the store.

Howard went to work for the Department of Transportation (DOT) as an equipment operator in 1993. Because University of Alabama Huntsville (UAH) offers a significant tuition break

for children of employees, Howard took a job at UAH while his two children attended college there. From 1993 until 2007 Howard worked as a painter

“A priority goal for my first term in office is to get a new senior citizen building for New Hope,” Howard says. “I feel like it is a real need in this com-

munity. Our seniors have taken care of us and of this city for all of our lives. It is time now for us to return that favor and show our appreciation by helping take care of them.”

Other goals Howard has for the city include cracking down on crystal meth and other drugs, relinquishing other crimes, slowing down traffic, addressing flood issues and bringing new businesses and jobs to New Hope.

“I’m not a

member of any clique,” Howard says. “I’m not tied to the goals and agendas of any certain group. I’m tied to the people of New Hope and I will work with the council to do what is best for all of our citizens. I’m just an honest individual who wants to preserve rights and laws for everyone and make New Hope a better place to live for all.”



First term mayor of New Hope John Lee Howard reflects on his hopes for city.

and equipment operator for the DOT, Madison County and UAH.

Howard currently works in the trophy and award business. He has owned a trophy shop for almost 10 years, and has worked full-time with his business for the last three years.

Howard says he has many goals for the city of New Hope.

Howard says the city, like the rest of the nation, is facing some difficult times.

"We are at a difficult time in this nation," Howard says. "I am aware of that and we are doing everything that we can to tighten the belt without creating neglect. Cities of all sizes are struggling financially and New Hope is no different. That's why I am hoping to bring some new industry to New Hope, to create some new jobs and help jump-start our local economy. It all starts there and I believe we can do it."

Howard is also hoping to save city money by gaining a better grasp on flooding issues. He was able to set up a much-needed flood plain stage analysis with the Corps of Engineers at no cost, possibly saving the city hundreds or even thousands of dollars by arranging the work for free.

"This will benefit our city

tremendously. We need an accurate assessment of this situation so that we can get a handle on our flooding issues," Howard says. "This will provide the city with a blueprint of what we need to do to solve our drainage and flooding problems. Also, if we can more accurately report our city's problems based on a professional assessment, we would have a much better chance at getting state and federal grants for future projects."

Howard says he has enjoyed his first few months in office.

"I have really enjoyed being the Mayor of New Hope," Howard says. "Every day, I get to meet with people and talk to them and try to help them to the best of my ability. That is very fulfilling.

"We have to look forward in New Hope," Howard adds. "We can't accomplish all of these things in one term, but

we can do our best every day to make this a better place to live. I am fortunate to have a wonderful city council. We work as teammates to try to solve problems. We share the same vision for the future of this city."

Howard has two children. His son, John Thomas Howard, graduated from UAH then attended law school at Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham. He received his law degree and license to practice in 2007. John Thomas is currently a corporate attorney with Cabaniss Johnston in Birmingham. Mayor Howard's daughter, Jennifer Lee Howard, graduated from UAH and is working toward a master's in psychology and sociology.

He and his wife, Kay have been happily married for 30 years and work together at their trophy store, Howard's Trophy Shop.▲

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Achieving goals and finding purpose

*Adrienne Booth shares
her story of hope and
encourages others to
realize their dreams*

Adrienne Booth graduated from New Hope High School in 1989. An A+ student, Booth took advantage of her education at NHHS, earning a full scholarship to the University of Alabama Huntsville (UAH) where she earned a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

Booth was also accepted to Dartmouth College, an Ivy League school in Hanover, N.H.

"Getting accepted to an Ivy League school was a very big deal at the time, both for me and for New Hope," Booth says. "It was quite an honor. They flew me up to see the campus. It was a great experience."

Because of the financial strain it would have put on her family, Booth chose to accept the full ride to UAH.

"I believe that everything happens for a reason and I am the person I am supposed to be, in the place I am supposed to be, but sometimes I wonder, 'what if?'," Booth reflects. "Regardless, it has worked out well. I could not be any

happier with my life and I was able to get a great education on full scholarship at UAH."

During her senior year at UAH, only a semester away from graduation, Booth began to question her calling in life.

"I was at a crossroads in my life," Booth says. "I was beginning to have doubts about becoming an engineer. I just felt like I did not want that to be my legacy in life."

Although Booth was fairly certain she did not want to be an engineer, she was unsure what other career she wanted to pursue.

"I had a very wise aunt," Booth says. "She asked me to pray for a sign; to pray that I would be satisfied with whatever I decided to do; to pray for peace with my decision."

During the time Booth was deciding what direction to take her life, she was approached by a deacon in her church who requested her to teach a youth Sunday School class.

"I took to teaching that Sunday School class like a fish to water," Booth says. "And that was my sign. I knew that this was divine intervention. I just felt the Lord saying, 'this is what I want you to do with your life.' I can remember sitting in my engineering classes after that working on things for my next Sunday School lesson. I have never had a second thought."

After graduation Booth immediately went back to school and earned a teaching certificate. She taught high school math for 11 years at Butler High School until the birth of her daughter, Samantha Booth. She is now a full time mother.

Booth reflects fondly upon her time at New Hope.

"I loved going to New Hope," Booth says. "Attending a smaller school gives you a real sense of pride and belonging. I loved the whole community."

Booth says her natural abilities and guidance from family were the reasons she excelled in school.

“School always came naturally to me,” Booth says. “I never had to study much in high school and didn’t really learn how until college. My family was also very influential in my education. Everybody did well. Everybody went to college. That was already in place for me. There wasn’t a question whether or not I was going to go to college.”

Booth says she believes education is not only a benefit for a student’s future, but a necessity.

“People don’t realize that there are places in this world where people don’t get to go to school,” Booth says. “Here you get to go to school for free! You have the right to a quality public education. That is something that is gold. Quitting school is like flushing money down the toilet.”

Booth is equally emphatic about continuing education after high school.

“Nowadays, to succeed, it is almost a necessity to further your education after high school,” Booth says. “I am a big proponent of post secondary education. That doesn’t mean you have to go to college. You just have to get educated.

“If you don’t want to get a Bachelors degree, go to a technical school to learn a trade or skill,” she adds. “There are a lot of skilled labor jobs that should not be overlooked in this area – machinists, computer-

aided drafting, electricians, welders. But those jobs still take knowledge. It still takes education to make yourself marketable.”

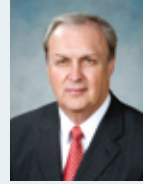
“That’s how we’re going to rebuild our country as a whole,” she added enthusiastically. “A-B-C and Dick and Jane just won’t cut it alone anymore. You need more from education. You need to always increase your knowledge. Get all that you can get. If you can get a bachelor’s, why not get a master’s? Why not go out and get a Ph.D.? If you can do it, then do it. Its that simple.

“You must always be vigilant,” she adds. “You’ve got to always keep your game face on. You’ve got to always keep your edge. And that comes from getting an education. Learning is a journey not a destination. It is a lifelong destination. Knowledge is forever. Knowledge is eternal.”▲

Legislative Update

By Rep. Butch Taylor

Alabama House of Representatives, Dist. 22



It’s mid-April as I work on this column. The General Fund Budget will be reviewed in the next few days in the House, while

the Education Fund Budget will be reviewed in the Senate.


As a member of the House Education Appropriations Committee, I have the responsibility and privilege to ensure that education dollars are spent wisely. I take that job very seriously and will be working diligently to make sure that our Education Fund Budget is in line with the important needs of our educators and schools.

I have also been working on two important local bills that will benefit our district.

HB 449 will prevent any company from building a rock quarry within two miles of an existing school in Madison County. HB 779 will give the Madison County License Director the authority to void licenses that are paid for with invalid personal checks. I am proud to report that both of these bills have passed the House and have been sent to the Senate.

There has been a lot of disagreement and filibustering in both houses lately. With only a few meeting days remaining in the session and a lot of legislation to consider, we will certainly have our work cut out for us.

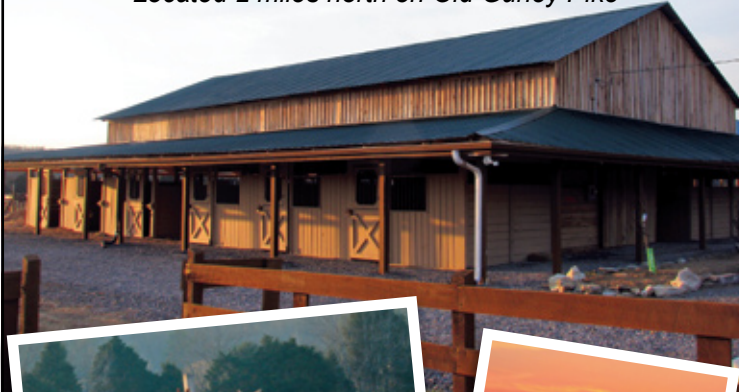
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Charity Bike Ride comes to New Hope

The Huntsville Both Parents program, a department of the Huntsville Family Services Center, has chosen New Hope as the location for its 3rd Annual Spring Fling Metric Century Bike Ride. The charity fundraiser will take place Saturday, May 9, 2009. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. at New Hope United Methodist Church.

"This fundraiser is vital to the continued success of our program and we are excited to be returning to New Hope for the 3rd Annual Spring Fling Metric Century Bike Ride," says Carrie Wilson, Both Parents program executive. "We are extremely thankful to the city of New Hope and are hoping for a good turnout for our ride. We urge residents of this area to show their support and come out and join in on all the fun and festivities."

Cyclists can choose from a variety of routes based on what distance they would like to ride. There are routes that range from a short six mile route for beginners, to a 62 mile + route for the more experienced cyclists. Route distances are: 6 miles, 25 miles, 36 miles, 50 miles and 62 + miles.

There is also a Family Fun Ride that is six miles long and leaves at 10:00 a.m. All routes begin and end at New Hope United Methodist Church.

"This area of North Alabama is absolutely beautiful," Wilson says. "It is ideal for cycling enthusiasts and nature

lovers alike. From scenic rolling hills to gorgeous valleys, this bike ride has it all. Our route will tour around Madison, Marshall and Jackson counties and will include views of the Paint Rock River, Cathedral Caverns and much more."

There will be several well-stocked rest stops and volunteer support personnel along the way to provide assistance to cyclists as needed. There will also be an after-ride Dominoes Pizza lunch at New Hope United Methodist Church.

The cost is \$35 for individuals, \$25 per individual for teams and families of at least three participants and \$5 per individual for the the six-mile Fun Ride. Participants can register at www.active.com. On the home page, under the "Find Things To Do" section, fill in Keyword: Family Services; Location: Huntsville, Ala.; and Activity: cycling. You can also register by mailing a form that can be picked up at NHTC.

Both Parents is a non-profit program of the Huntsville Family Services Center. The program provides supervised visitation for parents who are court-ordered to have supervised visits with their children.

"This program is vital to helping children and parents maintain and strengthen relationships at a time that is stressful and difficult for everyone involved," Wilson says. "This fundraiser will help us to continue to provide this valuable service to children and families at a time when we are needed most." ▲

3rd Annual Spring Fling Metric Century Bike Ride

Saturday, May 9 • Begins at 8 a.m. at New Hope United Methodist Church

Family Fun Ride begins at 10 a.m.
Register online at www.active.com,
keyword: Family Services or call
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May 1 & 2

Grant Founder's Day

Kick-off Friday at 5 p.m.
Saturday beginning at 7 a.m.
Arts & Crafts, Bluegrass Music, Car Show, Games for Kids, Gospel Singing, Country & Western, Contests and an Antique Tractor Show. For more information contact Robert Patterson at 723-8866 or 505-1204, Robert Davis at 728-2698 or 558-0134, or City Hall at 728-2007.

May 2

Mothers Against Methamphetamine

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Mother's Day Luncheon & Flower Show held at the Glover in downtown Guntersville. For more information contact Mary Holley at 256-498-6262.

May 7,8,9

Big Time Carnival

The New Hope High School PTO is sponsoring this event. All proceeds will benefit the school. For more information contact Dawn Lasater at 725-2585.

May 7

County Shed Day

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Commissioner Jerry Craig invites everyone to celebrate County Government Week at the County Shed in New Hope. Join friends in the New Hope community for great food, local entertainment and a time of fun and fellowship.

May 9

Mother/Child Beauty Pageant

6:00 p.m. at New Hope School
Pageant is open to girls & boys 0 and up. For more information contact Tina Anderton at 655-4102.



THE GRANT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE meets monthly for Early Bird Coffee. On March 5, the Chamber coffee was held at Peoples State Bank of Commerce in Grant. There was a great turnout for the meeting and several businessmen, community leaders and local politicians were in attendance. The 2009 officers for the Chamber Board of Directors are: Joe Powell, President; Josh Barnes, Vice President and Treasurer; Andre' Thomas, Secretary; and Faye Frazier, board member.



PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
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Armed with a lantern and a frog gig we started out for a night of frog gigging. It was a warm muggy "very dark" night. We got into a truck and drove away from a cool well-lit house to a place by a creek.

To this day I still remember wishfully looking over my shoulder toward the truck we had just left behind on the bank of the creek. A few strokes with the oars and our little boat was surrounded by total darkness. The sounds were no longer the laughter within the house we had left, but now the sounds were the crocking of bullfrogs and sounds of other creatures that lived in or near the creek.

Soon I began asking myself why. Why in the world had I agreed to come? Why didn't I stay back with the family? How much further? What if the lantern went

out? The further we moved from the truck the more I thought, what if? Then I asked, does anybody know where we are? It was then that I heard reassuring words, "I know exactly where we are." But what I really wanted to hear was that we have gone far enough and let's turn around.

Then it happened, the light went out! Suddenly I was no longer interested in gigging frogs (story to be continued).

Has there been a sudden change in your life? What options are available for you? Have you considered God's solution (John 3:16)?

See you in church Sunday.

We Have Another Light

My hope was that someone really knew how to get us back to the truck. My anxieties were relieved when someone said, "we have another light." The light was turned on and the beam of the light revealed the truck sitting on the creek bank, right where we left it. It was like a thousand lanterns bring hope to a dark night.

New Hope High School Teacher of the Month



New Hope High School recently selected Mandy Broadhurst as teacher of the month for May.

"I love being a teacher and I love this school," Broadhurst says. "The community shows great support for our program. It is inspiring to see how much the people here truly care about these kids and rally around the school."

Broadhurst has been the band and drama teacher at New Hope High School for almost three years. Before coming to New Hope she taught elementary music at Guntersville Elementary School for two years.

In her free time, Broadhurst is an actress at the Whole Backstage Theatre in Guntersville. Broadhurst grew up in Albertville and graduated from Albertville High School in 1997. She and her husband Nathan and their five-year-old son, Will, live in Albertville.

Grey earned a bachelor's degree in Music Education and a master's degree in Music Education from the University of Alabama in 2002 and 2007.

From the Community



MEXICAN CHICKEN CASSEROLE

(Martha Cooper, Grant)

- 3 cooked chicken breasts, chopped
- 1 can cheddar cheese soup
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes
- 1 cup salsa
- 8 oz. shredded cheese
- 6 - 8 or 10 in. tortillas

Combine cheese soup and milk in bowl. Set aside. Combine Rotel tomatoes and salsa in bowl. In 9" x 13" baking dish, layer 2 tortillas. Spread with part of cheese soup, part of chicken, then part of Rotel mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Repeat layers ending with shredded cheese. Bake in 350° oven until cheese is melted.

PEANUT BUTTER PIE

(Martha Cooper, Grant)

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 8 oz. light cream cheese
- 1 lb. confectioner's sugar
- 16 oz. Lite Cool Whip
- 2 pie shells

Cream peanut butter and cream cheese until smooth. Mix in sugar a little at a time. Fold in Cool Whip. Pour into 2 baked pie shells or Graham cracker crusts. Garnish with Reeses peanut butter

cups if desired. Note: 2 cups Splenda and 2 cups confectioner's sugar can be substituted for 1 pound confectioner's sugar.

SPLENDA ICE CREAM

(Martha Cooper, Grant)

- 2 cups Splenda (2-1/2 cups if adding fruit)
- 2 cans fat-free sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (8oz.) Lite Cool Whip
- 1 small pkg. sugar-free pudding, vanilla or chocolate flavored (optional)
- 2 Tbs. vanilla
- 1% milk

Combine all ingredients except milk. Pour into a 1 gallon ice cream maker. Finish filling with 1% milk. Freeze according to the directions on your ice cream maker.

EASY BAR-B-QUE CHICKEN

(Martha Cooper, Grant)

- 1 whole chicken, cut up or assorted chicken pieces
- 20 oz. coke
- 1 cup ketchup

Mix coke and ketchup. Pour over chicken. Cook in an electric skillet or any large skillet for 1 hour if using bone in chicken. Cook for 45 minutes if using boneless chicken. Pork chops can also be substituted for chicken.

BEST BAKED MAC-N-CHEESE

- 1/2 lb. large elbow macaroni
- 3 Tbs. butter
- 3 Tbs. flour
- 1 Tbs. dry mustard
- 3 cups milk
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup finely diced onion
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 12 oz. shredded sharp cheddar cheese (or more if you like it really cheesy)

- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- fresh black pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large pot, cook pasta until done. While pasta is cooking, in a separate pot, melt the butter. Whisk in the flour and mustard, keeping it moving for about five minutes, making sure it is free of lumps. Stir in milk, onion, bay leaf and paprika. Simmer for about 10 minutes then remove the bay leaf. Add the egg, mix thoroughly, and stir in 3/4 of the cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Fold the macaroni into the mix. Pour into a 2 quart casserole dish. Top with remaining cheese.

TOPPING:

- 3 Tbs. butter
- 1 cup bread crumbs

Melt butter in a small sauce pan then add the bread crumbs to coat. Sprinkle the bread crumb mixture on top of casserole. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove and let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

SEND US YOUR RECIPES

NHTC members have been enjoying the recipes they find in the pages of *The Communicator* for years. But in order to continue this feature we need more recipes. If you have one recipe or several that you want to share, please send them to us by mail or email. As long as we continue to receive great recipes from our members, we will continue to feature them here. Send your recipes to: NHTC • *The Communicator* • PO Box 452 • New Hope, Alabama 35760, or email your recipe to communicator@nehp.net.

Mother's Day COMMUNITY



Happy Mother's Day - Andrea Smith and her son, Lucas Smith.



SNAPSHOTS



Five generations posed for this photo last year on Mother's Day. They are: Great- Great Grandmother, Grace Oden; Great Grandmother, Evelyn Morrow; Grandmother, Kedia Page; Mother, Alicia Hardin and Baby, Kolby Hardin. The photo was taken by Mike Page of New Hope.

"Tractors" is the photo theme for July. 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 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.

† Inspiration Corner

In prison - three meals a day. At home, you cook three meals and clean the mess.

In prison - an hour in the yard. At home you get to clean the yard, mow, clean the yard, mow....

In prison - cable TV. At home, you get to listen to your children fight over the same movie they watched a dozen times consecutively.

In prison - read whatever you want and college is free. At home, you get to read Dick and Jane, and never finish paying for college.

In prison - medical care is free. At home, you pawn your mother's silver and hope you don't die in the waiting room.

In prison - free time hanging out in your own space. At home, what the heck is free time and my own space?

In prison - your bathroom. At home, you're lucky to get the bathroom.

In prison - they wash your clothes. At home, you wash everybody's clothes.

In prison - you're carefully watched over. At home...stop me when I get to the downside of prison, will ya?

The author is unknown, but let me share the downside of prison ...

Sorry. Try reading Proverbs 31:10-31 and you will see the idea of motherhood isn't much better for a God-fearing mom. So what's the reward for all this tiresome toil? Heaven of course. If you would like a moment of rest in the meantime, look in a church near you. We'll even watch the kids.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.



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