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## AMBUSH AT CAVERN COVE

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officers*

Military Hero  
Adam Self





## Manager's Comments

# The Incident on Merrill Mountain

The headline for this column sounds like the working title of a movie wherein a hunting trip goes terribly wrong and bad things happen to good people.

It may not make a winning movie plot, but this incident did involve several innocent people being robbed of their telephone and Internet service at the hands of Bush Hog Terrorists.

On September 19, reports began rolling in regarding service outages on Merrill Mountain. We sent crews to investigate, and soon discovered the scene of the crime. A mowing crew for the Department of Transportation had taken out one of our pedestals. These orange or green columns you see on the roadsides house junctions of wires that are critical to maintaining reliable phone service.

This incident took down two switch sites, which resulted in a loss of service for more than 100 of our members. It took some three hours to repair this issue, which cost your cooperative close to \$2,000 in labor and materials.

Now you have to understand, that pedestal was attached to a six-inch post that measured eight feet in length, more than half of which was underground. Can you imagine the noise that made under a mowing deck? There is no way someone could have not known what had happened. Yet no one bothered to call us. We had to wait until our members found a way to call NHTC and report the service interruption. And that ends up looking like our dependability problem.

Unfortunately, this is not the only incident where neglect and carelessness have cost our members money and robbed them of their service. In one particular subdivision development, contractors have cut into our service five different times, while busting up the conduit we have buried to pull fiber through.

And of course, we continue to deal with the occasional farmer or resident who plows through or digs into our lines.

That costs you money. Plus, it results in service interruptions you must endure.

For these reasons we are planning to: 1) make greater efforts through this magazine to educate members on the 811 Call Before You Dig number, and 2) begin billing those who destroy your system in order to recoup our costs.

As a continuation of my article last month, I want you to know that NHTC is working hard to build a new fiber optic system to serve this region — while at the same time making every effort to maintain our existing system to the highest level of reliability possible. Our efforts will protect your investment in the cooperative while protecting the reliability of the system.▲



*Tom Wing is General Manager of New Hope Telephone Cooperative*

*Our office will be closed November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
for the Thanksgiving holiday.  
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Robbie Cook, also known as Six String, of Grant is the President of the North Alabama Regulators. Read more about their State Shootout on page 8.



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There was a tremendous response to the survey in the September issue of *The Communicator*.

NHTC would like to thank everyone for their participation. The information obtained in this survey will help determine future cable channel offerings.

Cable subscribers can count on NHTC to provide them with the channels they most want to see while keeping prices competitive.

## Community Calendar November 2008

### November 1

New Hope Fall Festival and Dance  
Dinner 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Bingo 6:00 p.m.  
Games 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Dance for 5 & 6th grades 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Dance for 7 & 8th grades 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

### November 7

Fall Festival  
Owens Cross Roads Elementary School will have a Fall Festival with fun games for everyone. Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m.

### November 8

Lion's Club Annual Pancake Breakfast  
You don't want to miss this fundraiser for the New Hope Lion's Club. Get a complete pancake breakfast for only \$5. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Contact Charlie McPeters at 723-4695 for more information.

### November 17

Rec Basketball Season Begins  
Check out the New Hope Recreation Center's Web site at [www.newhoperec.org](http://www.newhoperec.org) for basketball schedules.

## It's a girl!



Celsea Paige Steelman was born on August 3, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 inches long. Celsea is the daughter of NHTC Customer Service Representative Christy Nelson and Jason Steelman. She has two big brothers, Kaleb and Kody.

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# New Hope hires new police officer

The New Hope Police Department has two new members on the force, Officer Celeste Morris and her partner Thor. Officer Morris, a New Hope native, worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural carrier prior to joining the department.

Morris says she felt called to become a police officer.

“When Chief Hoover approached me about joining the force, I didn’t have to ask myself, ‘Why become a police officer?’,” Morris says. “I had to ask myself, ‘Why not become a police officer?’.”

Morris joined the New Hope Police Reserves program in December 2007 and completed her first mission on March 14, 2008. The reserves is a volunteer program that allows potential police officers to train with on-duty officers. Reserve members serve a supportive role to active law enforcement. Although members of the reserves program do not get paid, they do have arrest power. Morris excelled within her reserves group and was quickly voted team leader by her peers.

Because Morris knew that she wanted to be a K-9 officer, she attended canine academy before attending police academy. It was at Little Rock Canine Academy in Little Rock, Arkansas, that she would

meet her future partner, Thor. Thor is a two-year-old German shepherd trained to seek out narcotics.

After leaving K-9 school, Morris attended police academy at Advanced Alabama Criminal Justice Academy in

Officer Morris searched nationwide for the perfect dog before she met Thor. She performed countless hours of research to learn more about breeds and training. Police dogs are very expensive and previous efforts to raise the funds by others had fallen short.

Morris was instrumental in bringing Thor to the force. She single-handedly secured the \$5,000 in private donations to pay for her canine partner.

New Hope Police Chief Shannon Hoover says Morris deserves the credit for bringing Thor to



Officer Celeste Morris drives a modified police car that has been equipped with special features for carrying her partner, Thor.

Montgomery. Within two weeks, 20 of her 60 classmates had dropped out of the 13-week program. Morris graduated on September 23, 2008 and joined the New Hope Police Department as an official officer the next day.

Morris says her training was difficult and that her family was instrumental in her success.

“My husband Glen has been wonderful through all of this,” Morris says. “He has been extremely patient and has sacrificed a lot to see me reach my goals. My parents and older sister, Christy, were also a tremendous help. It would have been much more difficult to succeed without them.”

New Hope.

“She made this happen,” Hoover says. “When Officer Morris approached me about this matter, she didn’t come to me with a problem, but with a solution from beginning to end. Officer Morris deserves the credit for the addition of Thor to the New Hope Police Department.”

Morris says that while she secured the funds, she does not deserve all of the credit.

“There are individuals in this community that have faith in me and my abilities,” Morris says. “They made these donations because they want to see me succeed.”

Chief Hoover is certainly behind New



Hope's newest crime fighting team.

"Officer Morris and Thor are a great team," Hoover says. "Within the first three days, we made two drug busts with our new canine unit. When Officer Morris got out of the academy, she hit the ground running."

"There were a lot of other applicants for her job," Hoover adds. "She hands down beat out five others. She is going to have a bright career."

Officer Morris and Thor have a great relationship. Morris and her husband Glen are the parents of three girls: Allee, 9; Breanna, 4; and Chloe 3. Morris says that Thor is great with her children and is another member of the family.

"When we go home, Thor is very laid back," Morris says. "We have a lot of fun doing things like playing ball and being together outside. He knows



Officer Morris and Thor take a rare break from fighting crime to answer our questions

when it's time for business though. When I walk out the door wearing black, he

knows it's time to go to work."

Officer Morris is the first female in New Hope history to work as a police officer. She said this has not been a major issue.

"It has not been an issue for me because I don't see myself as a female officer. I see myself as a police officer," she said. "I have seen great support from the community and that's what you take home with you at the end of the day."

Officer Morris says she is excited about her future in law enforcement. Morris plans to stay in the canine field and would eventually like to become a master canine handler. Master canine handlers are not only certified to train canines, but also certified to train the trainers themselves. Morris would also like to get involved in international law enforcement to train canines worldwide.▲

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# COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING

## Ambush at Cavern Cove hosted the 2008 State Championship

Cowboy Action Shooting is the fastest growing outdoor shooting sport in the country. North Alabama Regulators club president Robbie Cook, also-known-as Six String, says he knows why.

"We are a bunch of grown men who dress up like four- and five-year-olds playing cowboy with real guns and real bullets," says the Grant native. "It's the most fun you can have with a gun."

The 140 active members in this club agree. They recently hosted 202 shooters at the 12th Annual Ambush at Cavern Cove for the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Alabama State Championship.

"We had a wonderful turnout this year," says Jean Burgess (also-known-as May Lillie). This year's Ambush was filled with shooters representing 13 states, some as far away as Oregon.

The Ambush is a two-day outdoor shooting match comprised of 10 stages. Shooters fire a variety of single-action revolvers, rifles and shotguns typical of those used during the Old West. They shoot at steel targets in a particular order as specified by each stage. Shooters compete while wearing authentic cowboy and western attire in accordance with the SASS rules and guidelines.

This important element draws as many club members as the live ammo.



L to R: Club vice president Two Ponies (Donald Tusher) and Badlands Drifter observe a practice round with Nebraska Slim (Nicholas Gervais) of Owens Cross Roads.

"In addition to the shooting, we also have a best dressed contest including evening wear for gentlemen and ladies, B-Western, and working cowboys and cowgirls," explains May Lillie. "It's just fun!"

The SASS guidelines also require all members to select an alias representing a character, historical figure or profession from the Old West or western film genre.

"We are so accustomed to using our aliases, that not many of our club members even recognize our real names," she quips.

### *A Club of Winners*

Members from the North Alabama Regulators are being awarded for their areas of excellence and expertise. All shooters compete in the same stages, but are placed into different categories based on gender, age and shooting style.

"Our club had numerous state

champions, and even some world champions as well," says Six String. In June, club member Sidekick (Will Davis) placed fourth at the End of the Trail World Championship in Albuquerque, NM. Since joining the club seven years ago, he has also received three state championship titles and a host of regional awards.

Sawyer (Jerry McDaniel) is the club's Territorial Governor. He has watched many

great shooters polish their skills at their



Club member Sidekick (Will Davis) of Springville placed fourth at the world championship in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



monthly matches. "Sidekick has been shooting at the same speed since he started," says Sawyer. "Now he just hits more targets!"

Sidekick likes to recognize Sawyer as a World Champion as well. His category has nothing to do with shooting, but Sawyer has been named Best Dressed World Champion for three years in a row. Club vice president Two Ponies (Donald Tusher) has also received world recognition for his authentic Indian attire and attention to detail.

Club secretary Drake Robey (Mark Dement) has finished the Southeast Regional Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting, known as Mule Camp, 'clean' for eight years in a row.

"A 'clean' match," explains Sawyer, "is when a shooter finishes an entire competition without missing a single target."

Even in this competitive sport, speed and accuracy are second only to one thing.

## *Safety is a priority*

Safety is of the utmost importance for all members, no matter how long they've been competing.

May Lillie has been a part of the North Alabama Regulators for 12 years. She and her husband Montana Ray (Ray Burgess) joined as founding members of the club. They proudly show their North Alabama Regulators badge numbers as #9 and #10.

During one state championship three years ago, May Lillie fell from a mock horse at one of the stages.

"She slipped off of the horse with a loaded gun, which is a match disqualification," remembers Sawyer. Even though no one was injured and no gun was fired, she still had to forfeit the competition. "She took her guns to the car, and came right back to the match," he says. "She helped



Costuming is also an important part of Cowboy Action Shooting. L to R: Loco Lobo, (Victoria McLain) and Huckleberry Moonshine (Angie McLain) model their period dresses.

coach others, spotted, and assisted the officers during the rest of the weekend."

May Lillie was awarded the Spirit of the Game for her exemplary attitude and actions. "That's the kind of sportsmanship, self-discipline, and team play we are trying to promote," says Six String. "But it also demonstrates how serious we are about gun safety."

Sawyer agrees, "Every member is a safety officer." As the club's Territorial Governor, it is his responsibility to update the club on any SASS rules or policy changes. Territorial Governors are also required to be life members of SASS and safety certified as Range Officer II. Sawyer has even gone beyond this qualification and is certified as a Range Officer Instructor.

"We are very safety conscious here at Ambush," he says. Stages are set-up and tested. Then Posse Marshals walk through

each scenario for another exam. To date, the club has never had a serious accident.

Sawyer grew up out West the son of a war veteran. He followed his father's example and served his country as well. Today, he enjoys serving in an organization that so openly promotes patriotism. "We are practicing our 2nd amendment right, and preserving the Spirit of the West," he says.

## *A Community Club*

As club president, Six String says supporting the community will always be a part of the North Alabama Regulators. Since 2004, the club has raised money for the Grant Boy Scout troop during the Ambush. "Each year we advertise the event as a lost brass match," he explains.

The Boy Scouts pick up the spent cartridges (the brass) and sort them by caliber. Then at the end of the event, the brass is auctioned off to the members. "Since almost all of the shooters reload, this has been a very good fundraiser for the scouts," he says.

Last year the troop received over \$2,000 for their efforts.

The Ambush also brings friends and families together. "Each year we look forward to seeing friends we have grown so close to, but only see once a year," says May Lillie. "This event is more like a reunion than a competition."

"We are really a big family," says Six String, who met his wife on a cowboy shoot. "If one of the members is sick or hurting, we all hurt."

Heavy on the hearts of all of the members this year was the recent passing of Bobcat Sparks (Bobby Sparks). "He was a real, true cowboy in every sense of the word," says Six String. "We all miss him so much."

For results of the 2008 Alabama State Championship visit [www.northalabama-regulators.com](http://www.northalabama-regulators.com).▲



# Scenes from New Hope Founder's Day



**Congratulations to the winners from the New Hope Telephone Cooperative booth!**

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Carolyn Sims - \$25 • Pat O'Neal - \$25

## ✝ Inspiration Corner

I love Thanksgiving: The smells, the family, the joy of the holiday. Thanksgiving, however, is not what it used to be. Remember the Blue Law, when businesses were closed on Sunday? Remember Sunday visits with family and friends? Makes one wonder how people ever made it with only six workable days in a week. One day! Just one day a week, God asks us to take it easy, spend time with Him, and rest. Now we struggle to set aside one day a year, offering God thanks for our blessings.

I realize we feel there's no time to honor God, but have you ever wondered why anxiety is our number one killer? Sadly, the dangers of worldliness were discussed two thousand years ago (I John 2); "The love of the world is not of God and passes away ...but he that does the will of God will live forever". Since we feel there is more to do than time allowed, let me offer a proposal to that way of thinking. If you patronize a business on Sunday or Thanksgiving, give the clerk a big tip. They would probably be home with their loved ones if not for us. Life is hectic, and ever the more reason to stop one day and honor God. I pray you have a wonderfully blessed Thanksgiving, with memories made and family bonds strengthened. Should those memories not be good, I pray you find comfort, in a church near you, with the One who loved you with His life.



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





# HOMETOWN HERO: ADAM SELF

After graduating from New Hope High School in 1999, Adam Self made a decision that would change the rest of his life. He courageously chose to dedicate his life to serving our country. In February 2000, Self enlisted in the United States Air Force.

Self says he had many reasons to join the military.

"I felt called to serve my country," Self says. "Also, I wanted something new and different, and I knew that the Air Force would give me that opportunity. I also knew that I would get the chance to get an education and travel."

Self attended basic training and security forces tech school at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Upon graduation, he was stationed at Altus Air Force Base in Altus, Oklahoma.

In 2002 Self was reassigned to the 31st munitions security squadron at Ghedi Air Base in Ghedi, Italy.

He enjoyed his time in Italy and was able to travel a great deal while stationed there.

"Italy was great," Self says. "I got to see a lot while I was there. I went to Rome and saw the historic sites, learned

to ski in the Alps and took a cruise to the Grecian islands. I even got to work some golf into my schedule."

Eighteen months later Self was sent to the 790th Missile Security Squadron at F E Warren Air Base in Cheyenne, Wyo. He enjoyed Wyoming but says the weather was a bit cold and windy for a Southern boy from Alabama.

In March of 2005, while home on leave, Self met his future wife, Amber. They were married a month later. Self and Amber had their first daughter, Gracelynn in September 2006.

Self was promoted to Staff Sergeant in 2006, at the same time the Air Force began to deploy groups of highly trained Security Forces to Iraq. These troops were sent to help in the training of Iraqi Police forces.

Self bravely volunteered to go to Iraq with these troops. After training in Mississippi, he was deployed to Iraq in October 2007. He was stationed in Baghdad with the 732 Expeditionary Security Forces. After more than a year of service in Iraq, Self returned in October 2008.

The experience was difficult, but Self

explained his motivation for serving.

"I love this country," he says. "We are the greatest nation in the world and there's a reason for that. When you go to other countries and see the way other people live, it reminds you of just how great we have it here. I'm willing to fight to protect that."

While in Baghdad, Self missed the birth of his second daughter, Eden.

"It's tough having a family and being in the military, especially when you're deployed," Self says. "You miss a lot, like birthdays and babies being born. It's hard, but I'm lucky to have a great family to come home to. A lot of people don't have that, and that's what you have to remember. You have to be thankful."

In November, Self will be taking his family to Bellows Field, Hawaii for a three-year assignment.

"I'm looking forward to finally being with my family every day," he says. "I need to make up for some lost time."

He is looking forward to spending time with his family and continuing his college education. Self, an avid golfer, is also excited to begin training for the U.S. Air Force Golf team.▲



# Owens Cross Roads plans for new town hall

After months of planning, Owens Cross Roads is building a new Town Hall at the intersection of Highway 431 and Carpenter Road. The town council voted unanimously in favor of this \$500,000 project.

Owens Crossroads City Councilman Larry Furlough is excited about plans for the new town hall.

"This is long overdue," Furlough says. "Our community is growing by leaps and bounds and our town hall needs to grow with it. This decision to move forward could not have come at a better time."

In July 2007 Owens Cross Roads had an estimated population of 1,445. This is a 24.6 percent increase since the last census in 2000. Much of this growth is coming from Huntsville

as the town continues to expand in the Owens Cross Roads direction. Three new subdivisions have been built in Owens Cross Roads in the past two years, each with about 350 homes.

In response to this growth, the town has hired more police officers and expanded the town's administrative support

staff. These new hires have added more congestion to an already crowded town hall.

As the population and size of the police force have grown, more citations have been issued and arrests made. This has resulted in the need of a larger court. The current courtroom seats about 20

a flood zone. The building has flooded numerous times in the past and there are watermarks on the walls as high as 30 inches.

The combination of the current space and flood issues led officials to search for a site to build a new town hall. The town eventually found a

citizen willing to sell property to the town for a reasonable price. The town then secured a loan from a local bank and hired an architect to begin the design process. The new town hall will measure about 4,400 square foot. The plans include a rectangular building with a courtroom and council chamber in the center that will seat 64. On one side, adjacent to the courtroom, will be a wing for administration and town



The current OCR Town Hall sits in a flood zone. FEMA regulations would require the floor of any expansion to be 54 inches from the ground – a full two feet above flood level. For this reason the town has purchased land on Highway 431 for a new Town Hall. Looking over the architect's drawings for the new building are (left to right): Cathy Bounds, Tony Craig, Mayor Curt Craig, Larry Furlough, Charles Furlough, Audie Craig.

people. Sometimes there are as many as 60 or 70 people in attendance, often forcing people to wait outside. This high level of traffic can also be a disruption to town officials and employees working in the shared building.

To add to the problem of limited space, the current town hall stands in

business. On the other side there will be a police department with a lobby, evidence room, interview room and holding cell. The new building will also have a kitchen and break area.

Construction is expected to begin by the end of November 2008 and should be completed by November 2009.▲



# Casserole Recipes

## Hot Chicken Casserole

Sue Wing (wife of Tom Wing)

2 cups rice, cooked  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1 can cream of celery soup  
1-1/2 cups mayonnaise  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup fresh onion, finely chopped  
2 cups celery, finely chopped  
1 (8 oz.) can sliced water chestnuts, drained  
5 tsp. lemon juice, fresh (1-lemon)  
1 (4 oz.) jar pimentos, drained  
8 oz. mushrooms, fresh and thinly sliced  
5 cups chicken, cooked

Cook rice, enough to make 2 cups. Gently warm 2 cans of undiluted soup. Remove from heat and gently fold in mayonnaise, salt, onion, celery, water chestnuts, lemon juice, pimentos, mushrooms and cooked chicken. Put in greased 9" x 13" baking dish.

Top with:

1/4 cup oleo (margarine)  
1 cup cracker meal

Cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

## Pinto Bean Casserole

Stephanie Maples (wife of Darren Maples)

Layer Ingredients in 9" x 13" dish:  
2 cans pinto beans  
1 (8 oz.) can Rotel tomatoes  
8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese  
onions (to your taste)  
mushrooms (to your taste)  
1 lb. brown sausage

Then stir these ingredients together and pour on top:

2 cups milk  
2 cups cornmeal  
Bake at 350° for 40 minutes.

## Squash Casserole

Nikki Dudley

4-5 medium squash, sliced  
1 med. onion, sliced or diced  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1 heaping Tbsp. mayonnaise  
1 egg  
Large handful of sharp cheddar cheese

Boil squash and onion until tender. Mix the remaining ingredients in a bowl. Drain the squash and onions well. Add to mixture with salt and pepper to taste. Put into a casserole dish topped with buttered Ritz crackers. Bake at 400° until crackers are browned.

## Hash Brown Casserole

Misty Williams

1 (2 lb.) package frozen shredded hash browns (thawed)  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1 (8 oz.) container of sour cream  
1 package shredded cheddar cheese  
1 stick of salted butter (melted)  
chopped onion  
salt and pepper to taste  
Ritz crackers

In a large bowl combine hash browns, cream of chicken soup, sour cream, cheddar cheese, onion, melted butter, salt and pepper. Pour into a casserole dish and top with crushed Ritz crackers. Bake at 375° until brown.

## Country Chicken Casserole

Christy Nelson

1 can cream of celery soup  
1 can cream of potato soup  
1 cup milk  
1/4 tsp. dried thyme leaves, crushed  
1/8 tsp. ground black pepper  
4 cups cooked cut-up vegetables  
2 cups cubed cooked chicken or turkey  
4 cups prepared Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing

Stir the soups, milk, thyme, black pepper, vegetables and chicken in a 3-quart shallow baking dish. Top with the stuffing. Bake at 400° for 25 minutes or until the stuffing is golden brown.

## Broccoli-n-Rice Casserole

Lori Whitaker (wife of John Whitaker)

2 (10 oz.) pk. frozen chopped broccoli  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 Tbsp. melted butter  
3 cups cooked rice  
1 (10 oz.) cream of chicken soup  
1/2 cup milk  
8 oz. American cheese, cubed

Cook broccoli according to directions on package. Drain and set aside. Sauté onions in butter until tender. Add soup, milk and cheese. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until cheese melts. Stir in rice and broccoli, pour into 2 quart buttered casserole dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

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# The Great Outdoors



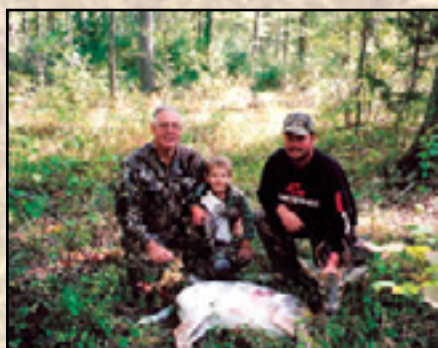
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Lauren Kelly enjoying Nan-Nan's flowers. Photo taken by Jo  
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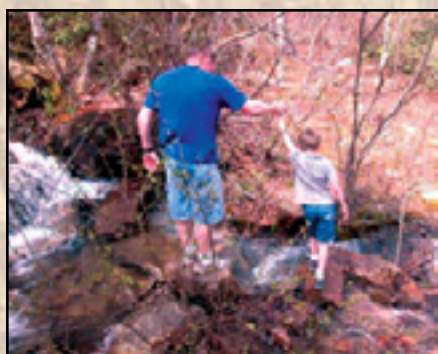
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Joshua Cox with Hank and Belle Williams. Joshua  
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Elizabeth Medlen with her Maw Maw Williams.  
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Brian and Shawn walking over stream at  
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Submitted by Brian & Carla Byrd-Stiefel.



Aiden Green the son of Eric & Heather Green.  
Photo submitted by his Aunt Missy Watson.



Clay, Aubrey and William Maynes.  
Picture sent in by mom, Candice.





Tyler Dean's "Big Fishing Day"  
with Big Pa & Granny Annie Graves at Lake Guntersville.



Olivia, Ella and Ava Whitaker. Daughters of John & Lori Whitaker.  
Photo by Lori Whitaker.



Tyler, Conner, Kelsey, Chelsey and Breanna.  
Photo submitted by Debra Doran.



Elizabeth & Jack Taymon at The Grand Canyon.  
Photo taken by mom Tara Taymon.



Gatlinburg, Tennessee  
Photo submitted by Kim & Harlan Worley.



Shane, Nikki, Garrett & Maggie Dudley at  
the skylift in Gatlinburg.



Betty Guerin's son Mark Gullion rides his  
Harley to enjoy the great outdoors.

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