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Local Medal of Honor recipient

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November Greetings - What a great time to acknowledge our blessings and give expressions of our thankfulness!

To begin, the Co-op is thankful for the safe arrival of a new addition to the family. Brandon Luke Russell was welcomed into this world by parents, Rhonda and Joey, and by big brother Blake on October 2nd. Everyone is doing well and the staff is ready to welcome Rhonda back to work.

Team NHTC agrees that November just wouldn't be November without pausing to be so very thankful for all of our blessings. At the top of the list is this great country and those who are serving and those who have served for our "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness". It is most fitting that Veterans have their own day of honor this month.

I'm proud to live in this great country, but more specifically, I am most proud to live in this region of the country. It is great to live where people are caring and giving in times of need and crisis. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the Hurricane Relief efforts. I also want to recognize the generosity of those who participated in our community collections last year.

As we go into the holiday season and colder months of the year, we want to make helping our neighbors as easy as coming by our office. We will again be the local drop off point for food, coats and toys. The details for these programs are found at the bottom of this page.

I am leaving you with two very important thoughts:

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can."

—Sydney Smith

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

—John Fitzgerald Kennedy



*Teresa Hunkapiller  
General Manager of  
New Hope Telephone  
Cooperative*

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*The Season of Giving*

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Don't forget NHTC is collecting monetary donations to aid in the relief efforts for area's ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. You can help us by making a donation.

Receptacles have been set up at the following locations: Super Dollar, Water Department/City Hall, Williams Service Station in Owens Cross Roads, Coopers Small Engines, Curt & Betty's Grocery, BP Gas Station, Grant Hardware and NHTC's office.

If you would like to make a donation from home visit our website at [www.nehp.net/index](http://www.nehp.net/index) and click on the links for The Salvation Army and American Red Cross.

Remember, no donation is too small. 100% of all donations will go to The Salvation Army and American Red Cross. Your donation can help make a difference.

### *Think About It*

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# Try this 'recipe' for spam

New Hope Telephone Cooperative recently received an e-mail from one of our Internet subscribers expressing concern about e-mails received with inappropriate or illicit content. The subscriber wanted to know what NHTC was



doing to prevent this from occurring.

When asked what could be done to alleviate this situation Rusty Bright,

NHTC Network Administrator, said, "We are blocking as many (inappropriate

e-mails) as we can, and we work really hard to update our filters daily but it is not possible to block all of them. We do everything we can to block viruses, spam, Trojans and worms." Bright added that there are several steps consumers can take to eliminate some of the unwanted materials that may appear on their computers. Try the following steps:

1. Go to [www.nehp.net/spam\\_filter.htm](http://www.nehp.net/spam_filter.htm) and increase the strength of the spam filter. The default setting is 5 and increasing the number increases the strength of the filter.
2. If you receive any spam, forward it as an attachment to New Hope Telephone at [stopspam@nehp.net](mailto:stopspam@nehp.net).

In Outlook Express right click on the email (without opening it) and select the option to forward "as an attachment". If you do not use Outlook Express this must be set up in the 'Options' menu (Tech Support can walk you through this).

3. Never open a spam email, just like a virus the sender will know it's been opened

4. Never reply to a spam

5. Never use the option to be removed from the spam mailing list

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# Bolden received nation's highest honor

In Owens Cross Roads there is a small grave marker bearing the name Paul L. Bolden. While the grave itself is not much different than any other site in



U.S. Army Staff  
Sergeant Paul Bolden

Moons Cemetery, the symbol above Bolden's name puts him in a small class of some of America's greatest heroes.

Bolden was a recipient of the Medal of Honor, the highest award

for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. The Medal is presented by the President of the United States in the name of Congress.

Only 3,442 Americans have been

awarded the Medal of Honor. Of those, only 121 survive today.

Bolden was raised in the Hobbs Island area, where he worked the family farm. Following his Army training, he left for Europe in early 1944. His brother recalls the day the news came informing the family of Bolden's injury. "We



PRESIDENTIAL PRESENTATION—Paul Bolden receives the Medal of Honor from President Harry S. Truman, who once said, "I would rather have the blue band of the Medal of Honor around my neck than be President."

got a telegram that said he got slightly wounded," recalls Loyd Bolden. "We didn't know he was bad off."

The events which earned Paul Bolden his life-threatening wounds also earned him a soldier's highest commendation. A parade was held in Huntsville in August of 1945 to honor Alabama's hero. "We had a big celebration," says Loyd Bolden. "It was a big day."

Loyd Bolden speculates that his brother, who he described as a nervous and bashful person, likely acted with such heroism because "all his men were pinned down in that cold snow." Like many war heroes Paul Bolden "never did talk about it much."

Paul Bolden returned to Madison County and continued farming. He went to work at Redstone Arsenal in the early 1960's. The war hero died of a brain tumor on May 21, 1979.

## *Paul Bolden's Medal of Honor Citation*

He voluntarily attacked a formidable enemy strong point in Petit-Coo, Belgium, on 23 December, 1944, when his company was pinned down by extremely heavy automatic and small-arms fire coming from a house 200 yards to the front. Mortar and tank artillery shells pounded the unit, when S/Sgt. Bolden and a comrade, on their own initiative, moved forward into a hail of bullets to eliminate the ever-increasing fire from the German position. Crawling ahead to close with what they knew was a powerfully armed, vastly superior force, the pair reached the house and took up assault positions, S/Sgt. Bolden under a window, his

comrade across the street where he could deliver covering fire. In rapid succession, S/Sgt. Bolden hurled a fragmentation grenade and a white phosphorous grenade into the building; and then, fully realizing that he faced tremendous odds, rushed to the door, threw it open and fired into 35 SS troopers who were trying to reorganize themselves after the havoc wrought by the grenades. Twenty Germans died under fire of his submachinegun before he was struck in the shoulder, chest, and stomach by part of a burst which killed his comrade across the street. He withdrew from the house, waiting for the surviving

Germans to come out and surrender. When none appeared in the doorway, he summoned his ebbing strength, overcame the extreme pain he suffered and boldly walked back into the house, firing as he went. He had killed the remaining 15 enemy soldiers when his ammunition ran out. S/Sgt. Bolden's heroic advance against great odds, his fearless assault, and his magnificent display of courage in reentering the building where he had been severely wounded cleared the path for his company and insured the success of its mission.

[www.homeofheroes.com](http://www.homeofheroes.com)



# 'Sears Home' part of American culture

The Sears catalog is an American icon. Not only did the book usher in the era of home shopping, it also changed the rural landscape by bringing thousands of items as close as the mailbox.

Perhaps the most substantial purchase available from the catalog in the early 1900's was the Sears Modern Home. Between 1908 and 1940, Sears sold more than 100,000 homes across America in 447 different designs.

The company shipped everything needed for a home — from lumber and shingles to door-knobs and nails — by rail. The unique precut, mass-produced approach saved customers money in building material while decreasing construction time by up to 40 percent.

A fine example of the Sears Modern Home program can be found in the Bug's Chapel community. This 'Blue Ribbon' model was built in 1915 by Hugh Craft, a Madison County sheriff's deputy (Craft was killed in the line of duty in 1929). The material arrived at the Hobbs Island railroad depot, where it was loaded onto wagons

and moved to the construction site.

The Victorian style home with its expansive porches features four bedrooms, five fireplaces, a kitchen, dining room, parlor and reception hall.

The home was purchased from the Craft family in 1920 by Walter and Della Branum. They lived there until their deaths, whereupon their son Ed and his wife Lillie May became owners of

1990 took their toll, but the house survived. The front door had to be replaced, but the glass was salvaged and used in the new door; the home's other doors are original.

Even the weather vane — and the roof it is perched atop — are from the 1915 construction.

For more information on the Sears Modern Homes program, as well as

other interesting facts of nostalgia and history, visit the Internet site [searsarchives.com](http://searsarchives.com).

*Note: A special thank you to Lou Ann Poole and the New Hope Historical Association for assistance with this story.*

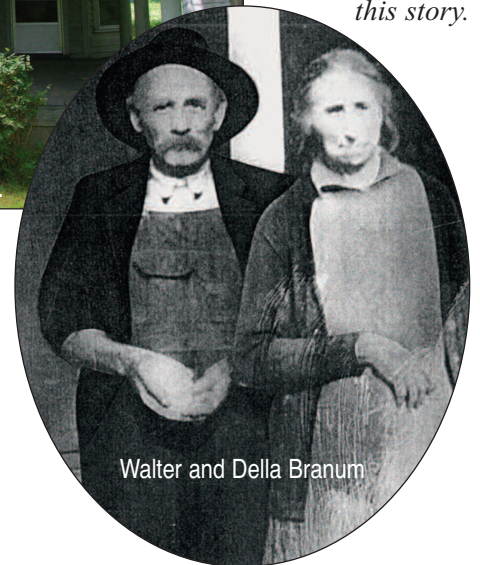


Ruth Branum and Angie Branum Butler on the front porch of the Sears Home.

the home. Their daughter, Ruth Branum, owns the property today.

In fact, five generations of the Branum family have lived on and worked the land surrounding the Sears home.

To be 90 years old, the house is in fine condition. The floods of 1973 and



Walter and Della Branum



The  
Tree Stump  
Philosopher

- Never judge a person by his relatives.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Do not corner something you know is meaner than you.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2005

### November 7th

New Hope City Council meeting\*  
New Hope City Hall  
7:00 p.m.

Grant City Council meeting  
Grant Town Hall  
6:30 p.m.

### November 11th

National Holiday.  
Many offices and businesses closed.

### November 12th

Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast  
New Hope Elementary Cafeteria  
7:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$4 per plate  
Contact: Charley McPeters, 723-4695

### November 14th

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

### November 17th

OCR City Council meeting  
Owens Cross Roads Town Hall  
7:00 p.m.

### November 21st

New Hope City Council meeting\*  
New Hope City Hall  
7:00 p.m.

Grant City Council meeting  
Grant Town Hall  
6:30 p.m.

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

### November 24th & 25th

National Holiday.  
Many offices and businesses closed.

### December 2nd

Christmas on the Mountain  
Grant Town Park  
5:00 p.m.

### December 3rd

New Hope Christmas Parade  
1:00 p.m.

Grant Christmas Parade  
4:00 p.m.

Keep your community informed. If you have an event your group or organization would like to publicize, submit it to the Community Calendar. Contact Maria Goodson at NHTC with the event name, date, time, details and contact person including phone number.

\*Meetings subject to change. Notice of changes would be posted at City Hall, Piggly Wiggly, the Post Office, and Super Dollar.

## Christmas Program shares spirit of giving

The Christmas Share Program was established over 12 years ago to help provide Christmas presents to children who might not otherwise have anything on Christmas morning.

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If you'd like your child to receive a letter from Santa, call 725-7666 or 684-2058 and leave your child's name and address. If you prefer, you can mail your child's letter to Santa. Here's the address: Santa's Helper, 166 Wilson Mann Road, Owen Cross Roads, AL 35763.

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If you have any questions regarding the pick up of a particular item or need information as to whether a particular item can be accepted, please contact the Street Department at 723-2616, ext. 15 or 20, between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

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## Inspiration Corner

Glorious Thanksgiving! Besides opening the door for the Christmas season this is one holiday satan has not yet completely sunk his teeth into, but that's another story. Paul writes to the people of Thessalonica to "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks". In everything Give Thanks! That's kind of hard to swallow in the midst of all we face in our world today, don't you think? Our mistake in reading this verse is we consider the creature-comforts of this world rather than comforts brought on by having Christ in our heart. You see, giving thanks helps take our focus off worldliness and puts our hearts in line with God. Sure it's ok to give thanks for immaterial things but it's the "why" we give thanks that changes us. For example I give thanks for our great nation and the small towns in which we live. We can't help but be like family and that's God's nature. I do envy Grant, however, for being more outside the reaches of Huntsville than we are. I give thanks for my church, my friends, my family and especially my wife and two daughters who make my life - LIFE. Can such things be "creature comforts"? Sure they can, but for those who understand the real meaning of Thanksgiving, all things that bring joy to life while providing hope in a God who is preparing so much more for us than this world ever can is why we give Thanks in all circumstances. Give it a try. Give thanks to God and look for the real meaning of Thanksgiving in a church near you.



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



# Teacher Talk

This summer at the National Writing Project at Alabama A&M University, teachers gathered to learn more about writing in the classroom and writing for themselves. Wendy Neff, fourth grade teacher at New Hope Elementary was selected to give her teaching demonstration (about using the senses to generate family stories) on visitor's day. Carolyn Creighton, assistant principal at New Hope Elementary, was present on visitor's day and wrote the following piece:

## Pine Sol

The senses are a powerful human gift with which we interface with the world. The senses also trigger memories -- the kind of memories that should be recorded as a part of your family's heritage.

Pine Sol -- it has its own distinctive scent. Going into any public restroom where its flavor wafts through the ventilation system to my perennially clogged sinuses NEVER once fails to trigger the memories of summer church camp in Hot Springs, Arkansas! I went every summer from ages 11-17 for a week of lifetime experiences that I can still pull out, look at, turn over, and savor as a molding point of my life.

It WAS church camp, so we had morning Bible studies, devotions before lunch, and nightly a full-fledged gospel "camp meeting" style service, complete with hand-clapping, toe tapping, going to heaven music; happy music. I have never written about church camp before. I don't have to because the Pine Sol holds all those wonderful memories right there in those bottles. Now that I am older, what if that smell no longer brings those precious memories to the surface? Writing them during a National Writing Project's summer institute gives me an opportunity to keep them alive in my legacy. Writing about the memories that

Pine Sol draws to mind fills my day with completeness, joy, and a true sense of who I am.

We didn't just go to church! We made new friends -- lots of new friends. We played games, learned to sing, learned a new craft, and we met boys! All kinds of boys! Cute ones, ugly ones, athletes, musicians, regular boys -- just like the kind of girls we were! I did learn from those camp experiences that girls will write letters for longer blocks of time than boys would; but they too, as I, would stop after a few weeks or months; until late May or early June when the addresses mysteriously reappeared from the recesses of my room. I have fond memories of making friends who lived places like Little Rock, Fordyce, Stuttgart, Beebe, Jonesboro, Clarksville, Pine Bluff, Fort Smith, Camden and other Arkansas cities. I also can still smile at those kids who, during recreation time, would gather together to "call the hogs" as they called it. Those Razorback fans are not ashamed of their university!

Why does Pine Sol awaken those cherished pages of my summer? Because--that's how it smelled when we arrived--agitated anticipation for what would be; soul renewing contentment for how we left. We cleaned on Fridays, so that scent would be strong on Monday for the next

group of campers. Church camp was very important to me as a youth; a heritage to carry into adulthood, a faith born of a child and used as a foundation for living as a grown up. Church camp established me as a spiritual being.

But then, this writing is about Pine Sol. There are many products on the market for cleaning today--just like the heaven-marketing I see, hear, and am accosted with regularly. But, there is only one Pine Sol--just like there is only one way to get to heaven. I suspect that when I get to heaven, I will be able to watch angels washing down the pearly gates and mopping those golden streets with Pine Sol.

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# Mr. Fix It



## From the kitchen of Lucille Maples

Lucille Maples has lived in the New Hope area all of her 94 years. She started cooking when she was a young girl. "Mother taught me to cook," she says. Her mother also taught her the value of work. "She put me up on a gunshell box and I started washing dishes when I was six years old," Maples recalls.

The recipes Maples shares this month are tried and true. "These are the ones I use most of the time," she says. "I still enjoy cooking."

She also enjoys a good joke. When asked her secret for a long happy life, Maples smiles and says, "laughing is the best medicine."

### Mexican Cornbread

3 eggs  
1 large onion, chopped  
2 cups self-rising cornmeal  
1 cup cream style corn  
1 cup sour cream  
1/2 cup oil  
1 large bell pepper, chopped  
1 hot pepper, chopped

Preheat oven to 450°. Grease skillet well and place in oven while preheating. Beat eggs. Combine all ingredients. Mix well. Pour into hot skillet and bake as you would any other cornbread.

### Cherry Crunch

1 stick of butter  
2 cups plain flour  
1 cup pecans, chopped  
1 tsp. vanilla  
8-oz. cream cheese  
3 cups powdered sugar  
1 cup cold milk  
2 envelopes Dream Whip®  
1 can cherry pie filling

Combine butter, flour and pecans. Press into bottom of sheet pan. Bake for 15-20 minutes, (it will not brown) set aside. Beat together vanilla, cream cheese and sugar. Combine milk and Dream Whip® in cold bowl. Whip until stiff. Add to cream cheese mixture, spread over crust. Pour pie filling over top and chill.

### Squash Casserole

1/2 pound squash, sliced  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 cup cheese, grated  
3/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 cup bread crumbs

Combine squash and onions. Cook until tender; drain. Combine squash, onion, cheese, mayonnaise and egg in casserole dish. Add salt and pepper to taste. Mix well. Top with bread crumbs. Bake at 325° for 25 minutes.

### Mixed Vegetable Casserole

1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/3 cup chopped bell pepper  
1 can mixed vegetables, drained  
1 can cream of celery soup  
1/4 cup grated cheese  
1/4 cup margarine  
2 slices bread, toasted and crumbled

Cook celery, peppers and onion until done. Combine with vegetables and soup. Place in casserole dish and cover with combined margarine, cheese and bread crumbs. Bake at 350° until cheese melts and bubbly.

### Bar-B-Que Chicken

1 stick margarine  
2 cups Coke

1 bottle Ketchup  
Chicken, rinsed and skinned

Mix together margarine, coke and ketchup in sauce pan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat, add chicken and cook until tender. About 45 minutes.

## Cook of the Month

Do you know a great local cook? Maybe it's you! We're looking for a few good cooks to be considered for our Cook of the Month feature. We have begun featuring a Cook of the Month in each issue of The Communicator. And we're not just looking for southern fare –gourmet chefs are welcome, too.

To be considered for this feature, please send us four to six recipes, along with the name and contact information for the cook. Feel free to tie recipes to a specific holiday, event or theme. We will feature a Cook of the Month in each issue, so start sending in those recipes! Mail to Maria Goodson at NHTC today!

Note: Submission does not guarantee publication. Please send copies, not originals. Submit only "tried and true" recipes that have been kitchen-tested.



# Fall Fun



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Photo of **Abby Graham.**  
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The January photo theme is **"Winter Wonderland!"** To participate in our Community Photos section, please send your favorite photos, matching the theme, to: NHTC • Attn: Maria Goodson • P.O. Box 452 • New Hope, Alabama 35760. If your entry is selected, you'll see your photo in print.

The deadline for the January entry is November 22nd.

Be sure to include the photographer's name, address and phone number, as well as the name of any people featured in your photos. Do not write on the back of your photos, but rather write your information on a small piece of paper and tape it to the back.

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