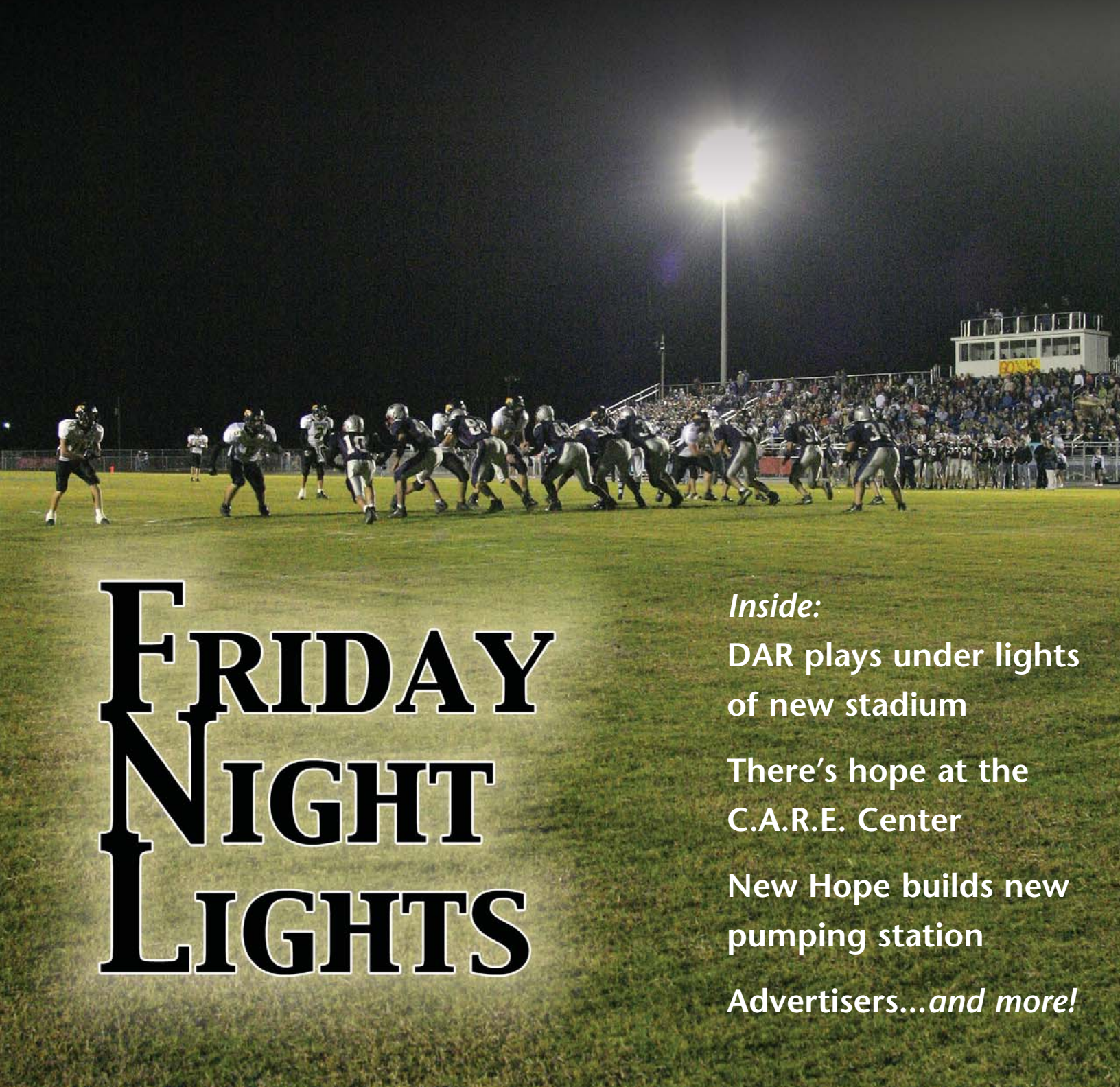


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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

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DAR plays under lights
of new stadium

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pumping station

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Manager's Comments

With approval of RUS loan, we're one step closer to cooperative of the future

For many months you have read in the pages of *The Communicator* about our plans to build a new fiber network throughout our service area. In late September, we received a letter from the federal government that brings us one step closer to making that happen.

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is an agency that works with utilities like ours who serve America's rural areas. RUS assists with the funding necessary to improve services and increase access to technology.

The approval of our loan to pursue the fiber-to-the-home project is a huge vote of confidence in your cooperative and its future. It is another confirmation that we are indeed moving in the right direction.

Securing the funds to change the future of your cooperative did not happen overnight. Practically the entire year of 2005 was spent going through strategic planning activities. This process enabled your board and management to identify goals for the company's future, and to develop action plans to take us there. The final results of all this planning were presented and discussed at the November 2005 board meeting, with the financial data being gathered and ana-

lyzed over the next couple of months.

In January, your board voted to pursue funding for this major project, and I am delighted to report to you that funding has been secured. With the RUS approval, we've taken a big step forward in the direction that the entire telecommunications industry is heading — high speed connections to every home with the capacity to deliver the voice, data and video services our customers will demand in the future.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our board of directors for their foresight and leadership in this matter. Their understanding of the industry and where it is going will ensure that you, our members, will continue to be served by your locally owned cooperative for years to come — and that you can continue to depend on NHTC for the most advanced telecommunications services available today.▲



Teresa Hunkapiller is General Manager of New Hope Telephone Cooperative

The staff of New Hope Telephone Cooperative would like to say farewell and extend our best wishes to Patsy Martin.

*NHTC's office will be Closed
November 23rd & 24th
for Thanksgiving.*

*We hope you and your family
have a wonderful holiday season.*



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The inaugural game was held at DAR's Patriot Stadium on October 6. The lights from the stadium could be seen for miles. Read the article on Page 7.

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Employee Spotlight



Most people know Phillip Cooper as the mild-mannered dispatch coordinator in NHTC's repair/service department. But on Friday nights he becomes the Voice of the Patriots. An avid sports fan and Grant resident all his life, Cooper was the obvious choice when DAR's new football program needed someone to handle the announcer's mic at their new stadium.

A DAR graduate who played baseball and basketball, Cooper coached his daughter Tanya for years in rec league (she's now an eighth-grader on the basketball and softball teams). "I just enjoy being around it," Cooper says of his love for sports.

Cooper has been employed by New Hope Telephone for 17 years. When he's not at work, or in the press box at Patriot Stadium, he enjoys spending time with his wife Sandy and their daughter. He is also an active member of the Hebron Church of Christ.

Think About It

The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said.

-- Peter Drucker

Can You Find It!?

Hidden in this word search puzzle are 11 words that relate to *The Communicator* and New Hope Telephone Cooperative. They could be spelled forward, backward, diagonally, up or down. Find them all and you could win a \$5 credit on your next phone bill. Simply complete the puzzle and return it to NHTC's office.

Be sure to include your name and telephone number for the drawing! We will draw from all correct entries on November 20th and announce the winner in January's magazine. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE! Good luck!

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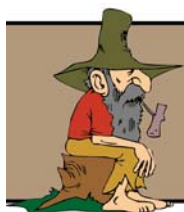
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- The older I get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- I don't know how I got over the hill without ever getting to the top.
- When you wish you could go back to your youth, remember Algebra.
- You know you're getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Scenes from New Hope Founder's Day



Congratulations to the following prize winners from NHTC's booth:

Jenny Meeks, New Hope - \$25.00 Gift Certificate; Steve Light, New Hope - \$25.00 Gift Certificate; Sara Burleson, New Hope - Telephone Set; Ogie Whitaker, New Hope - Caller ID Box; Jessica Wright, New Hope - One month free Voice Mail; Charlene Clark, New Hope - One month free Voice Mail; Ava Cambron, New Hope - One month free Caller ID Deluxe.

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"How Did A Doctor Save The World Series?"

Back in the mid-90's the Atlanta Braves were struggling through a highly contested World Series. You see the Braves were a franchise who had never won a World Series. In fact, no Atlanta franchise had won a title in football, baseball, hockey or basketball. It was rumored that a lady had placed a hex on Atlanta because of where they had built their stadium, therefore cursing them to endless years of futility.

John Smoltz, who is one of Atlanta's Ace pitchers (in fact he's had more success in the post-season than any of the Braves great pitchers) was having problems with his lower back. In game five, during the pregame show, one of the TV commentators said, "If the Braves win the World Series give a lot of the credit to the team Chiropractor." The team doctor adjusted Smoltz's back enabling him to pitch. The Braves were able to win their first World Series.

You may not be a professional athlete, but you do put your body through quite a workout with your daily routine of lifting, bending, sitting at a computer, etc. If chiropractic can help NFL players like Jerry Rice, Joe Montana and Emmett Smith it most likely will help you. In fact, many of the NFL and Division I college football teams have a team Chiropractor because there are millions of dollars riding on their success, and they want the very best care for their world class athletes.

Dr. Mike in Grant has never adjusted the likes of a Joe Montana, but he has adjusted hundreds of hard working people of Marshall County just like you. Many of these people could not have gotten help anywhere except the Chiropractor because Chiropractors are very unique in their approach to treating spinal problems. No pills or shots that just treat the symptoms, just to see them return after it wears off. In fact, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services only recommends exercise and Chiropractic for acute back pain.

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.



Dr. Mike, Emma, and Nicholas Ellis

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)

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 November 30, 2006, you will receive my entire new patient exam for \$17. 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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- Michael Ellis, D.C.

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DAR FOOTBALL PROGRAM IS HOME AT LAST

Friday night, October 6. The sky was so clear you could see the bright new lights atop Gunter Mountain from miles away in the surrounding lowlands. The cool fall air carried a bite as people pulled their jackets close and waited in line at the gate.

A long line, as a matter of fact. Without a doubt, one of the



largest crowds ever assembled at DAR School. They filed in, packed the stands and lined the fence of the new Patriots Stadium, ready to cheer on their second-year football team in its first ever battle on its new field.

Victory did not show up on the scoreboard, as Priceville proved too much to handle for the young Patriot team (the final score was 34-8). Yet it was a victorious night for the DAR football program overall, as players and coaches, teachers and parents, fans and friends celebrated the opening of the gorgeous new stadium.

This close-knit community has plenty of reason to celebrate. An eight-lane paved track encompasses the top-quality field. The stadium will seat 3,500 fans, more if extra bleachers



are brought in from the baseball and softball fields. And the impressive field house features a spacious concession stand, locker room, weight room, storage space and a visitor's locker room (which doubles as the DAR junior varsity locker room).

"This is a showpiece of North Alabama," says Coach Lee Gilliland. "The stadium is big enough to host a playoff game."

"Coach G," as he is known in the community, came into the program late last year after the team had already begun spring training. He quickly began moving the program in a positive direction, teaching the fundamentals of the game to boys who had never played football at the high school level.

"We played a 1A and JV schedule last year," Coach Gilliland says. "The difference now is the speed. 4A is faster."

There has been marked improvement on the young team. "We're a lot bigger, stronger and faster than last year," Coach Gilliland says. "But we're still behind everyone who's been playing 40, 50 years or more. Our eighth-graders have as much experience as our seniors.

"We're getting better," he adds. "It has been a great experience."▲



Those in need see Christ in action at The C.A.R.E. Center

Sometimes life doesn't work out the way we had hoped. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations we did not foresee, facing challenges that seem all but impossible to overcome.

There is a place where help is available, a place where people care. At The C.A.R.E. Center, those in need can find emergency food and supplies, a well-stocked clothing closet, and the hope that life will get better.

The C.A.R.E. Center is a non-profit cooperative operated and funded by eight local churches. Organized in 2000, the center provides a variety of services to the needy and low-income of East Madison County.

Communities in the service area include Big Cove, Brownsboro, Berkely, Gurley, Hampton Cove, Owens Cross Roads and New Hope.

Becca Abercrombie serves as the center's director. "When a client comes in, we do a three-day emergency food supply," she explains. Identification and verification of address are required, and a policy is in place to prevent abuse.

"Our goal is not to keep referring people to other services, but to break the cycle of poverty," she says. To help move people toward this goal, The C.A.R.E. Center also provides financial and resource counseling.

The Center's clothing closet offers a valuable service to the community.

While the clothes are used to help people in emergency situations, the shop is open to everyone in the area.

Abercrombie invites area shoppers to visit the clothing closet, where they will find clean clothing in good condition, not out-of-style, worn out items.



Becca Abercrombie, Director of The C.A.R.E. Center, sorts through clothes at the center's clothing closet. Most items range in price from 25¢ to \$2.

"Everything in here sells in the 25¢ to \$2 price range," she says.

Any profit made from operation of the clothing closet goes towards CARE Center services such as the food pantry, school supplies and emergency financial assistance.

There are many other programs offered by The C.A.R.E. Center, such as its tutoring program in New Hope and Owens Cross Roads Elementary schools, the C.A.R.E. Center bookstore and a home repair ministry.

"C.A.R.E." stands for Community Assistance Resource Effort. "We're doing this because we feel like this is

what Christ would have us do," Abercrombie says. "Beyond meeting their felt needs, we want to help people understand that they have value, to give them hope that this is not how things will always be."

Abercrombie became the center

director after reading about the need in her church's newsletter. "I had been in sales since college," she says. "I was praying for a way to help people, to give something back. I felt underqualified for the job, but by the grace of God it has been a good fit."

Volunteers are needed for tutoring programs, the Clothes Closet, food pantry and for the home repair ministry. In addition to financial contributions, the center needs

peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, tooth paste, and shampoo, along with household items such as sheets, towels, pots and pans.

There are also service opportunities for youth groups, bridge clubs and Sunday School classes. "I can find a project for a small group to do together," she adds.

The C.A.R.E. Center is housed in the same building as the Boys and Girls Club at 1617 Old Highway 431 in Owens Cross Roads. For more information, phone 256-776-3448, or visit www.thecarecenter.us. ▲

New pumping station put into service

When it comes to public health, no service is more important than public sewer. With almost 1,000 homes, two dozen businesses and an elementary, middle and high school to serve, New Hope's sewer department is upgrading and expanding the system's capacity to meet the city's growing needs.

Work was recently completed on a new sewage pumping station. This state-of-the-art facility replaces the old station located at New Hope's treatment plant.

The new station has a 10-foot diameter concrete wetwell, as well as four pumps with 7.5 horsepower motors. According to project engineers, the station has a pumping capacity of some 1,500 gallons per minute.

As part of the project, a new 10-inch

iron pipe was installed from the station to the lagoon. Additionally, some 1,500 feet of 12-inch clay sewer line was replaced with 18-inch iron pipe.

The project was funded in part by a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant. The city had to match the grant with \$163,655.

"This was a big step," says Sherrie Davis, Water and Sewer Department Superintendent for the City of New Hope. The system is

20 to 25 years old, she says, and was in need of repair.

The city has also been awarded a \$100,000 EPA grant for lining pipes.▲



Shown here at New Hope's new pumping station are, left to right: Russell Grider, crew leader; Sherrie Davis, system superintendent; and water techs Jeremy Crabtree and Rusty Hyatt. Not shown is Betty Cobb, Water Clerk.



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Community News

☛ Cookbooks on sale - daily

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☛ Fall Festival - November 4th

New Hope Elementary is having their annual fall festival. Dinner will start at 4 p.m. (early pick-up will be available for pre-sales), Games from 5 - 9 p.m., Bingo begins at 6 p.m. The 5th & 6th grade dance is from 7 - 9 p.m. and the 7th & 8th grade dance is from 9 - 11 p.m. Purchase your armbands in advance and save. They are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. (The armband is good for all activities except the Cake Walk and Libby Lou room.) Children can participate as many times as they wish with armbands. This includes inflatables! Tickets will also be available for \$5 per bundle.

☛ Pancake Breakfast - November 11th

From 7 until 11 a.m. enjoy pancakes from the Lion's Club in the New Hope Elementary School Cafeteria.

☛ New Hope Elementary PTO Meeting - November 14th

Begins at 6:30 p.m. Different classes will perform at each month's PTO meeting.

☛ Life South Blood Drive - November 18th

New Hope United Methodist Church will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call the church office for more information, 723-4812.

☛ Breakfast with Santa - November 25th

Children will enjoy this special treat held from 7 to 11 a.m. and sponsored by NHHS Lady Indians Softball Team. Call 256-656-9580 for information.

☛ Christmas on the Mountain - December 1st

Food and entertainment at the Grant Fire Department from 5 until 9 p.m.

☛ Parent's Morning Out - each Thursday

Owens Cross Roads United Methodist Church offers parents a respite on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There are 10 spots available for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years. There is a small fee of \$5 per child each day. There will be a late pick-up fee of \$1 per minute after noon. The deadline for reservations is each Wednesday before noon. Call 725-4385 for reservations. Jesus said: "Let the children come to me." --Mark 10:13-16

☛ Contemporary Worship Service - Sundays

Owens Cross Roads United Methodist Church invites everyone to 'Come as you are to worship'. Traditional worship service is held at 9 a.m. followed by Sunday School then a contemporary worship service is held at 11 a.m. For more information call 725-4422.



SOUTHERN REGIONAL 4-H HORSE CHAMPION Shane Glover and his horse 'Jimmie' competed in the State 4-H Horse Show in Montgomery. There Glover won his class and went on to stand grand, becoming the State Champion and go on to the regional competition. During the Southern Regionals Horse Show in Raleigh, North Carolina, Glover and his horse won first place for stock type mares. Glover was honored to represent his state and region. He is the 15 year old son of Greg and Harriet Glover. "I'm grateful to everyone that has helped make this possible."



BUMPER CROP. Mr. J. W. Keel, longtime customer of NHTC, is shown kneeling in front of his garden of long-handle dipper gourds. He received the seeds from his neice last year. He planted the seeds in May and the gourds grew to full size in only three months. The longest handle was 53 inches long! Mr. Keel is planning for an even larger crop next year.

The Season of Giving

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Teacher Talk

*by Carolyn Creighton,
NHES Asst. Principal*

Selecting appropriate reading materials with your child can be overwhelming because of the vast number of choices available, but it need not be aggravating or impossible. Look at the Newbery and Caldecott annual winners and begin a reading journey together.

The Newbery Award books are named for eighteenth century British book seller John Newbery and are awarded annually since 1922. It is given by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year.

When books are nominated for this prestigious award, several factors are considered such as interpretation of theme, presentation of story line and plot development, use of characters, setting, and style.

The committee also looks at excellence in presentation for a child audience. The 2006 winner is Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins.

Caldecott winners, begun in 1938, are books labeled as the most distinguished American children's picture book for the year. The 2006 Caldecott winner is The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster and illustrated by Chris Raschka. This award is named to honor nineteenth-century English illustrator, Randolph Caldecott.

Both books have seals on the outside cover to permanently recognize this honor. Both awards have runner-up books each year and are called Newbery Honor books or Caldecott Honor books to recognize high quality children's literature and illustrations.

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What has happened to the “pig”?

Furlough Land Company renovates old Piggly Wiggly building in New Hope

The expansive building on Main Drive in New Hope has served many purposes through the years. From its beginning as the Butler Tire Store in

1969, the building has been the location of the Piggly Wiggly grocery store and at least two different discount stores.

The structure is getting a new life since it was purchased by Furlough Land Company. The building has become the new home to Tara Graphics, Inc. Renovations, plus

the addition of office space to the front of the building, have prepared the way for Larry and Tara Furlough to move the graphics and printing component of their business to New Hope. They are bringing 12 employees with them to the new location. New Hope Telephone Cooperative is working with the company to network the new Tara Graphics location with the Tara Manufacturing site in Owens Cross Roads via a fiber connection.▲



Larry Furlough looks over plans to renovate the building on Main Drive in New Hope to a graphics and printing department for Tara Graphics.

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PASTOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY BISHOP, PASTOR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW HOPE

When faced with a task you always want the one out front to be the one who does not consider quitting as an option. Consider these people as examples:

- Thomas Edison was one of the most ingenious men who ever lived. He said, “Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.”

- Knute Rockne in thirteen years of coaching won 105 games, lost 12 and tied 5. He said, “It isn’t the play that wins, it’s the execution.”

- Martin Luther refused to back down even though the Church discouraged him. His claim was, “the just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:17)

It is refreshing to read about people who began a task and would not give-up.

When Jesus chose his disciples He chose men who would not give up. “And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.” (Matthew 4)

The genius of Jesus’ plan was not immediately seen, but by the end of the first century, no one would fault His selection. Except for the deceiver, they were achievers in their calling. Ultimately responsible for turning the world right side up, because they were connected to the One who did not quit, Jesus. Have you made the connection?

See you in church Sunday.



Inspiration Corner

Our youth group just returned from camping at Fall Creek Falls and boy, did they have stories to tell. The youth had a great time growing closer to one another. The youth leaders however, must have gone on a completely different trip. I am kidding, but one leader did tell about an experience that revealed a better understanding of God's relationship with us: As supper and evening temperature began to wind down the leaders gathered wood, built a warm glowing fire, brought out the makings for s'mores, and discussed how wonderful a campfire setting they had created. The only problem was no kids. The leaders beckoned them to fellowship by the warm fire and eat s'mores – but NOOO, they wanted to do their thing. After a moment it began to sink in, "God must feel like this when He goes to the trouble of making everything

PERFECT and yet we refuse to acknowledge Him".

I don't believe the lessons could have been any better for either group and I praise God for showing us that if we "will acknowledge Him in all our ways He will make our paths straight". Are you getting cold and hungry? Are you ready to sit by the fire? If so, the Spirit is the fire and the church is the campsite. Won't you come and sit awhile? I pray for everyone a most Blessed Thanksgiving and I pray it starts in church with your offerings of Thanksgiving and Praise to our God.



Michael Carpenter,
Pastor
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School News

New Hope School

• **PTO Cookbook Advance Sale** for \$10. Books should arrive in December. Proceeds will go to the playground project.

• **Fly Top Computer Pen winners** were Andrea Poshua and Rachel Skinner.

• **T-Shirt Contest Winners** - The following students each received a free t-shirt and \$10 for their design:

Norman Thomas - 1st grade;
Kylie Martin - 2nd grade; Thomas Sutton - 3rd grade; Samantha Whitaker - 4th grade; Katelyn Anderson - 5th grade; Brittney McCutchen - 6th grade

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This month's featured cooks are the "Golden Girls" from Owens Cross Roads. Shown here are Mary Lemay, Joanne Fain and Edna Hill.

From the kitchen of "The Golden Girls"

Owens Cross Roads is home to three of the best country cooks in the county – three silver haired sisters – Mary Lemay, Edna Hill and Joanne Fain nicknamed "The Golden Girls" by their loving family.

That same family nominated these ladies to be November's Cooks of the Month. They wanted to share some of their favorite family recipes with readers.

All three women learned to cook at a young age after losing their mother to illness. With a family of seven children and their father to feed, it was a full-time job keeping the family fed.

Even now the girls still get together often and cook a big feast. They share two kitchens, and a lot of ingredients, but the biggest thing they share is their love of family and friends.

Cream Cheese Pound Cake

3 sticks margarine
3 cups sugar
6 eggs
3 cups all-purpose flour
1-8 oz. cream cheese
pinch of salt
1 tsp. vanilla

Allow all ingredients to reach room temperature, then cream butter and cream cheese together. Gradually add sugar, salt and vanilla. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add flour a little at a time. If the mixture is too thick, add milk. Bake at 300° for 1-1/2 hours.

Mama's Peanut Butter Fudge

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup evaporated milk
2 Tbsp. butter
1 cup marshmallow pieces
3/4 cup peanut butter
1 tsp. vanilla

In a heavy saucepan, combine sugars,

milk and butter. Cook until soft ball stage. (235° with a candy thermometer.) Just before removing pan from heat, add remaining ingredients. Stir until marshmallows are almost melted. Remove from heat. Beat until mixture begins to thicken, about one minute. Pour immediately into buttered 8 inch square pan. When cool, cut into pieces. Yields 1-1/2 pounds.

Joanne's Coleslaw

1 large cabbage
1 cup mayonnaise
2 Tbsp. vinegar
2 Tbsp. sugar

Chop cabbage fine with grater or food processor. Mix mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar in a mixing bowl until fluffy. Add cabbage and mix. Chill (if you prefer) until ready to serve.

Caramel Apple Cake

1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
3 eggs
3 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. salt
3-1/2 cups apples, diced and peeled
1 cup walnuts, chopped
2 tsp. vanilla

Icing:

1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
1/3 cup light cream
1/4 cup butter or margarine
dash of salt
1 cup confectioner's sugar
walnuts, chopped (optional)

In large mixing bowl, combine oil and sugars. Add eggs, beating well after each. Combine dry ingredients. Add to batter and stir well. Fold in apples, walnuts and vanilla. Pour into greased and floured 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 325° for 1-1/2 hours, or until cake tests done. Cool in pan 10 minutes, then remove to wire rack to cool completely. In top of double-boiler over simmering water, heat sugar, cream, butter and salt until sugar is dissolved. Cool to room temperature. Beat in confectioner's sugar until smooth. Drizzle over cake. Sprinkle with nuts if desired.

Fall Fun



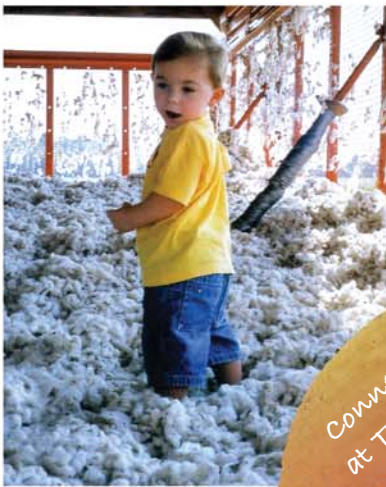
Regan Viera
It's fun to be
young.



Savannah,
Annie, Jacob & Jackson
in a wagon of corn.



Dawson Kane
"Roll Tide"



Conner Key
at Tate's Farm



Lane Pilotte
at Lincoln
County Fair.



Mattaley Mann
in high cotton.



Alyson & Abby
Graham
carving a pumpkin.

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