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There are many advantages to being a member of a cooperative. There is also a certain level of responsibility that goes along with that membership.

Members of New Hope Telephone Cooperative take that responsibility seriously. We saw that earlier this year through the level of participation at the Annual Meeting. We saw it again with the July issue of *The Communicator*.

In working to enhance the selections that are part of our cable service, we used the pages of this magazine to ask for your input. On Page 8 of the past issue, we presented a form and asked you to check the channels you were interested in.

The response was incredible. We received hundreds of submissions, many of which included helpful comments. The returns were entered into a computer and we were able to see what channels most interested our customers.

These results played a major role in helping us develop the new lineup of cable channels (see Page 7). Thank you for the interest you showed and for your help in this process (and congratulations to the television prize drawing winners).

This was another example of the influence members can have on their local cooperative. October is National Cooperative Month, and New Hope Telephone joins hundreds of other cooperatives throughout the country in celebrating this unique and powerfully effective form of business.

We continue to make progress on our new building. I have updated you on the project before, and work seems to be moving slow. However, borrowing money from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a long and involved process.

I am happy to report that the plans and specifications for the building have at last been approved by the RUS. This clears the way for us to move forward with construction. We hope to see crews busy preparing the site before the end of this year.

You will notice a new feature in this month's magazine. We're excited about the *Upcoming Events* section, where members can share news from their communities. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to promote the good things happening around the area.

To help you get ready for the holiday season, we've offered a few good recipe ideas in the *Living* section. If you want to make someone you love happy (and yourself, too), be sure to try "Lucille Maples' Melt in Your Mouth Pound Cake."

We need your recipes, home improvement tips, family projects, and other information for the *Living* page. And don't forget to send us your upcoming events. This magazine — your magazine — is another great part about being a cooperative member. ■



Tom Butler
General Manager

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Keeping it local with New Hope Long Distance

How many times has it happened to you Just as you sit down to dinner with your family, the phone rings. On the other end of the line is a fast-talking person explaining how you can save lots of money by signing up with their long distance company. They have plans to fit your lifestyle, and they want your business now.

If you're like most people, this scenario is played out several times each month. Coupled with the slick advertising you see on television, it is difficult to decide what long distance company to choose.

New Hope Telephone Cooperative has made that choice easy for you. We launched New Hope Long Distance last year, and have been making life a little simpler for our members ever since.

With New Hope Long Distance, you pay only one bill each month. Your long distance charges appear on your New Hope Telephone bill.

And with our flat rates, you don't have to worry about when you make your calls. You pay the same low rate during the day as you pay for nights and weekends. Anytime, anywhere in the country.

As a member of New Hope Telephone Cooperative, you are an owner of the company. Therefore, the money you pay for long distance service helps your company to grow, while earning capital credits for you.

Perhaps the best part of New Hope Long Distance is the service



you receive. If you've ever tried to resolve a problem with a company located hundreds of miles away, you know how frustrating the process can be. With long distance service from your telephone cooperative, you'll always receive first-rate customer service from someone right here in New Hope, Alabama.

Join the hundreds of others who have made New Hope Long Distance the number one long distance provider in this area. Sign up today, and start enjoying the many benefits.

Long distance service from a telecommunications company you know and trust. Sign up with New Hope Long Distance for a simple plan with friendly local service!

NEW HOPE TELEPHONE LONG DISTANCE LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

☐ **Yes!** I want to switch from my current long-distance company to New Hope Telephone Long Distance.

PLEASE NOTE: When switching to New Hope Long Distance, you must notify your current long distance carrier about the change. You will continue to be billed by your current carrier until you notify them of the switch.

NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

☐ I would like to sign up for the New Hope Long Distance Basic Plan (14 cents/minute, no monthly fee)

☐ I would like to sign up for the New Hope Long Distance Enhanced Plan (9 cents/minute, \$4.95 monthly fee)

☐ I would like a New Hope Long Distance Calling Card (25 cents/minute. Pay phone surcharges additional if applicable.)

Additional Calling Cards _____

My four-digit Pin Number is

Pin Number should be _____ should not be _____ listed on card.



Custom calling features put your phone to work for you

Have you ever thought about your telephone as a servant? When you sign up for custom calling features from NHTC, your telephone will go to work helping you make life more manageable.

Take a look at the many custom calling features available from New Hope Telephone Cooperative. The inexpensive monthly fees are well worth the convenience they offer.

And now the value is even better. For a limited time, New Hope Telephone will waive the installation fee on any of our custom calling features. You'll save even more money, while enjoying all the benefits!

To subscribe, call New Hope Telephone today at 723-4211.

Remember: sign up in October and pay no installation fees on calling features.

Free Installation on Custom Calling Features during the month of October!	
Automatic Call Back	Three Way Calling
\$2/month	\$1/month
Automatic Recall	Toll Restriction
\$2/month	\$1.50/month
Call Forwarding	Toll Restriction w/PIN
\$1/month	\$1.50/month
Call Waiting	900/500 Restriction
\$1/month	N/C
Caller ID Name Only	International Restrict
\$3/month	N/C
Caller ID Number Only	Selected Caller Rejection
\$3/month	\$1/month
Caller ID Deluxe	Unidentified Caller Rejection
\$6/month	\$1/month
Caller ID - Call Waiting	Inside Wire Maintenance
\$2/month	\$2/month
Voice Mail	Non-Published Number
\$4/month	\$1/month
Wake Up Voice Mail	Unlisted Number
\$1/month	\$1/month
Speed Calling	Teen Line/Distinctive Ring
\$1/month	\$1/month

Bill Payment Notice

Many of our Grant members choose to pay their NHTC bills at People's Bank or First Bank of the South. In doing so, please remember that payments must be in our office by the last day of the month. Your payment is not posted to your account until it is received at the NHTC office in New Hope. If you make your payment at one of the banks, please allow several days for it to arrive at our office and be posted to your account.

Founders Day offers fun for all ages

New Hope is the place to be October 11th and 12th as the town celebrates its Annual New Hope Founder's Day Festival.

This is the 13th year for the event, and it just keeps getting better. A variety of music will fill the air Friday and Saturday, with arts and crafts, games, attractions for the children, and other 'family friendly' activities.

Friday, October 11th, kicks off the festival with great Gospel and bluegrass music:

- Worley Family 3:30 p.m.
- Calvary Road 5:45 p.m.
- Opening Ceremony 6:00 p.m.
- Purpose 6:30 p.m.
- Glory Echoes 7:00 p.m.
- Calvary Singers 8:00 p.m.
- Happy Melody Boys 9:15 p.m.

Music continues throughout the day on Saturday, October 12th. Entertainment includes:

- Classic Rock 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
- Karaoke and Open Mike 1:00 p.m.
- Tremble Creek Bluegrass Boys 3:45 p.m.
- Buckwheat Turner & Dixie Dew 5:00 p.m.
- Mitchell Brothers Band w/
Alabama Dirt Band 8:15 p.m.
- Teen Band 9:30 p.m. – closing

The parade will highlight Saturday's activities. Beginning at 1:00 p.m., the parade will travel down Main Drive from the New Hope School to Johnson Avenue.

Horses, wagons and buggies should line up at the City Park at 12:00 noon, while floats, cars and other such entries should line up at New Hope High School at 12:00 noon.

There are many other activities planned for Saturday, including:

- Horse Shoe Tournament 9:00 a.m.
- St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon 9 a.m. – 12 noon
- Parade 1:00 p.m.
- Political Speeches 1:30 p.m.
- Chili Cook-off (judging) 5:00 p.m.
- Ugly Walk 7:00 p.m.
- Raffle Drawing following Ugly Walk

There are some great items in this year's raffle, including a yard swing, a set of four passenger car tires (mounted and balanced), a guitar, and a horse and buggy silhouette. All proceeds from the raffle go to support the festival.

Don't miss out on a minute of the fun. Make plans now to be part of the New Hope Founders Day Festival.



There are plenty of games and activities for the kids to enjoy at the Founders Day Festival:

- Pony Rides 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Airborne Adventure/Parachute .. 12 – 10 p.m.
- Cameron Caterpillar 12 – 10 p.m.
- Moonwalk 12 – 10 p.m.
- Inflated Slide 12 – 10 p.m.
- Spider Web/Velcro Wall 12 – 10 p.m.



NEW HOPE Football Schedules

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 7	Madison County	Home	6:30
Oct. 14	Guntersville	Away	6:00
Oct. 21	Madison Academy	Home	6:30

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 4	Good Hope*	Home
Oct. 11	Dora*	Away
Oct. 18	Locust Fork* (HC)	Home
Oct. 25	Madison Academy*	Home
Nov. 1	Fyffe	Home

*Regional Game (3A Region 6)

Send us your recipes and home tips. If we publish them, we'll send you a free gift!

Lucille Maple's Melt in Your Mouth Pound Cake

ingredients:

3 sticks margarine (soft)	3-1/2 cups flour
1 box confectioners sugar	1 tsp. vanilla extract
6 eggs	1 tsp. butter extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream margarine and powdered sugar. Add 1 egg at a time; beat well after each. Add flour in small amounts at a time; beat well after all is added. Add extracts. Put in greased and floured tube pan. Place in oven and bake for 1 hour, or until done. Let it set in pan on rack for 1/2 hour after removing it from the oven. Take out of pan. Now let it melt in your mouth! It is just as good when kept in refrigerator.

submitted by: Teresa Hunkapiller

Quick & Easy Chicken Pot Pie

ingredients:

6 chicken breasts, boiled (reserve broth)
2 cans Veg-All®, drained
2 cans Cream of Chicken soup
1 small onion, chopped
salt & pepper to taste
2 pkgs. deep dish pie shells (4 shells)
note: can also use 2 deep dish pie shells for bottom and 2 for top.

Shred chicken and set aside. Mix Veg-All, cream of chicken soup, and 1 cup broth. Stir in shredded chicken. Add salt and pepper to taste. Pour into 2 shells. Top with other shells and crimp edges. Make slits in top. Bake about 1 hour at 350 degrees. Great with an ear of corn and a nice tossed salad. Enjoy!
Yield: 2 pies

submitted by: Patsy Martin

Low-Fat Banana Pudding

custard:

1 cup sugar	1/3 cup flour
4 egg yolks, beaten	3 cups milk
salt to taste	1 tsp. vanilla
12-oz box vanilla wafers	2 or 3 bananas, sliced

topping:

1/4 tsp. salt	6 Tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla	4 egg whites at room temperature

Combine sugar, flour, egg yolks, milk and salt to taste in saucepan. Mix well. Cook until thickened, stirring occasionally until thickened. Stir in 1 tsp. vanilla, stirring constantly. Pour small amount of custard in a dish. Alternate layers of wafers and bananas until all ingredients are used. For the topping, beat egg whites in mixing bowl until foamy. Add salt and beat until soft peaks form. Add 1 Tbsp. sugar at a time beating constantly until stiff peaks form. Beat in vanilla and spread over prepared layers. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

submitted by: Shelly Weaver

Blueberry Crisp

ingredients:

2 cups blueberries (peaches, apples, or other fruit may be substituted)
1/4 cup margarine, softened
1-1/2 cups sugar, divided
1 cup self-rising flour
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 cup boiling water
1/2 cup milk
1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place the blueberries into an 8x8 inch baking dish. In a medium bowl, cream together the margarine and 3/4 cup sugar until smooth. Stir the flour into the creamed mixture alternately with the milk. Spoon batter over blueberries. Mix together the remaining 3/4 cup sugar with the cornstarch and cinnamon. Sprinkle over top. Pour boiling water over whole thing. Bake 1 hour. Cool for at least 10 minutes to set. Serve with whipped topping or vanilla ice cream. Makes 4 servings. A very easy & delicious dessert recipe!

submitted by: Sue Whitaker

NHTC announces new cable package

Hundreds of members responded to a recent survey and, as a result, New Hope Telephone Cooperative is proud to announce its new cable package.

Below is a list of the 33 channels that are now part of the New Hope Telephone cable television package.

The cost of our new basic cable package is \$44 per month.

"We are proud to offer this new lineup of channels to our basic cable customers," says Tom Butler, General Manager of New Hope Telephone. "The new channels will make basic cable service an even greater value for the communities we serve."

Among those channels added are C-Span, C-Span 2, Outdoor Channel, Tech TV, and WB Network.

Members are not charged for the following free channels: HSN, C-Span 2, Tech TV and WB Network.

Your new Cable Lineup

HGTV	Sci-Fi
Hallmark	ESPN-2
Turner South	FOX Sports
Food Network	Oxygen
Travel Channel	PAX
Cartoon Network	MTV
Turner Classic	FOX News
Animal Planet	TV Guide
FX	VH-1
Weather	Bravo
Lifetime	HSN
WE	C-Span
E!	C-Span 2
TV Land	Outdoor Channel
Comedy Central	Tech TV
History	WB Network
Court TV	



A BIG 'THANK YOU' to everyone who participated in the cable channel survey in the July issue of The Communicator. Hundreds of members took a moment to check off the channels they were interested in, and we used this information to plan our new cable package. All submissions were entered in the drawing for a new television. The lucky winners were Len Vokel and Riley Keller (pictured above with the prize) of Grant.

Can the sun cause snow on your TV?

It's almost time for outer space to once again interfere with your cable service.

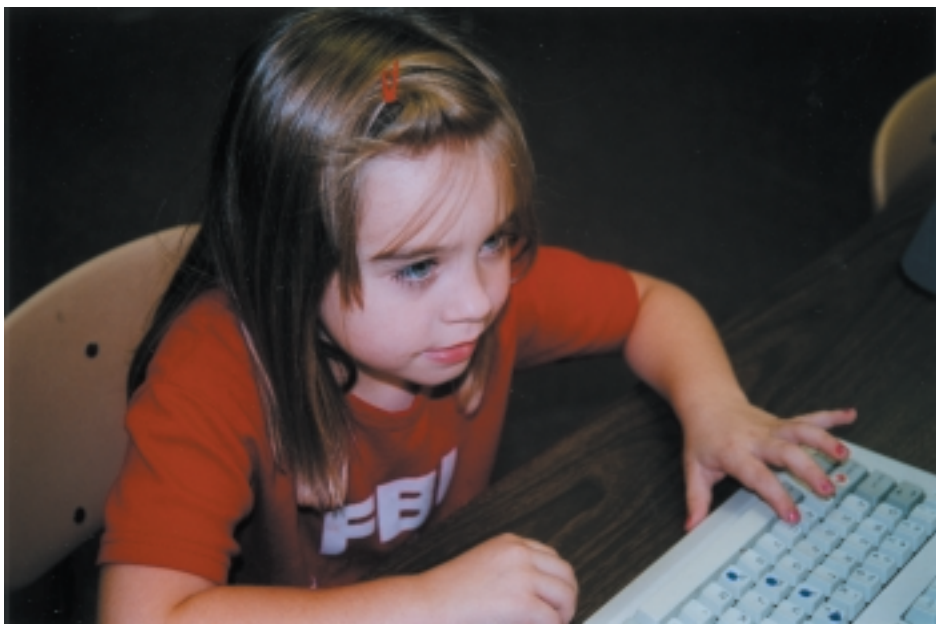
The atmospheric disturbance known as 'sun spots' often causes interference with satellites, many of which are used to transmit cable channels. The result: your TV cable channels become snowy.

This natural phenomenon usually occurs in early October, and again in March. For about one week, it causes cable channels to be snowy for 10 or 15 minutes each mid-afternoon.

Only cable channels are affected. Local channels (7, 8, 9, 10 and 11) should remain clear.

What can you do about sun spots? Absolutely nothing. It is a natural occurrence beyond the control of New Hope Telephone — and all of mankind, for that matter.

So if your cable becomes snowy for a few minutes a day in October, you'll have to blame this one on the sun. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



The Internet opens the door to a world of information

Have you experienced the fascinating world of the Internet. If not, you don't know what you're missing.

Looking for that special recipe for the holiday. You'll find an untold number of recipes on the Internet. How about the lyrics to that song you can't seem to get out of your head. It's most likely just a few clicks away.

Research for homework. Investment information. Tips about your favorite hobby. It's all waiting for you on the Internet.

Millions of Web sites now form a global network, providing access to an untold amount of information. Search engines, like the popular Yahoo.com and Google.com, help people find the types of Web sites they are looking for.

With Internet service from New Hope Telephone Cooperative, you'll experience a fast, dependable connection to the Internet at a reasonable monthly cost. You'll also get an email address that let's you communicate with friends and associates no matter where they are.

To find out more, call New Hope Telephone Cooperative today at 723-4211. Or use this enrollment form to turn your computer into a door that opens up a world of possibilities.

During the month of October, New Hope Telephone will waive the connection fees when you sign up for a Dial Up account!

YOU PAY ONLY \$21.⁹⁵/mth FOR UNLIMITED INTERNET ACCESS!

JUST COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO NHTC TODAY!

☐ Yes! Sign me up for an Internet Dial Up account!

I want my username to be: _____ and password to be: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

☐ Please call me with more information

Signature _____

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